

SOLUTION TO LECTURE 15 PROBLEMS 57-60

P57 Let $\phi: \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_k$ be a surjective homomorphism.

The first isomorphism theorem provides that

$$|\mathbb{Z}_n| \quad \mathbb{Z}_n / \ker \phi \approx \mathbb{Z}_k$$

Thus, using $|\mathbb{Z}_n| = n$, $|\mathbb{Z}_k| = k$ we obtain

$$\text{from } |G/H| = \frac{|G|}{|H|} \text{ that } \frac{n}{|\ker \phi|} = k \Rightarrow n = k |\ker \phi| \therefore k | n.$$

Remark: my apologies once more for the original statement here...

P58 Let $m\mathbb{Z}_n = \{mx \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}$. Show that

$\mathbb{Z}_n / m\mathbb{Z}_n \approx \mathbb{Z}_m$ given an appropriate condition.

Consider $\psi([x]_n) = [x]_m$ since we want a surjection it is clear we need $m|n$ (by **P57**). I'll show ψ is well-defined, if $[x]_n = [x']_n$ then $x' = x + nk$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi([x']_n) &= [x + nk]_m && \text{since } m|n \Rightarrow n = ml \\ &= [x + mlk]_m \\ &= [x]_m \quad \therefore \psi \text{ is well-defined.} \end{aligned}$$

Next, ψ is clearly a homomorphism,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi([x]_n + [y]_n) &= \psi([x+y]_n) \\ &= [x+y]_m \\ &= [x]_m + [y]_m \\ &= \psi([x]_n) + \psi([y]_n). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, $\ker \psi = \{[x]_n \mid [x]_m = 0\} = \{[x]_n \mid x = mk, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

then $\ker \psi = \{[mk]_n \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = m\mathbb{Z}_n$. The 1st isomorphism

$$\text{Th}^m \quad \mathbb{Z}_n / m\mathbb{Z}_n \approx \mathbb{Z}_m.$$

PS9 Let $\phi(\theta) = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$.

Notice $\cos\theta$ and $\sin\theta$ are never both zero for the same θ ,
thus $\phi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$. It remains to show ϕ is a
homomorphism,

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(\theta+\beta) &= \cos(\theta+\beta) + i\sin(\theta+\beta) \\ &= \cos\theta\cos\beta - \sin\theta\sin\beta + i(\sin\theta\cos\beta + \sin\beta\cos\theta) \\ &= (\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)(\cos\beta + i\sin\beta) \\ &= \phi(\theta)\phi(\beta).\end{aligned}$$

Finally, observe $\text{Im}(\phi) = \{\phi(\theta) \mid \theta \in \mathbb{R}\} = \{\cos\theta + i\sin\theta \mid \theta \in \mathbb{R}\}$.
thus $S' = \{\cos\theta + i\sin\theta \mid \theta \in \mathbb{R}\} \leq \mathbb{C}^\times$ as we have
shown the image of a homomorphism is a subgroup.

P60 Gallian #7 on page 169

$$HK = \{xy \mid x \in H, y \in K\}$$

To count the # of objects in HK we must
determine when $xy = x'y'$ for $x, x' \in H$ and $y, y' \in K$.

If $\exists x, x' \in H$ and $y, y' \in K$ for which $xy = x'y'$
then $(x')^{-1}x = y'y^{-1} \in H \cap K$ (since $(x')^{-1}x \in H$ and $y'y^{-1} \in K$)

Therefore, when distinct $(x, y), (x', y')$ yield $xy = x'y'$ it must
be $xy = x'y' \in H \cap K$. Furthermore,

for each $z \in H \cap K$ and $xy \in HK$ ($x \in H, y \in K$) we
calculate $xy = (xz)(z^{-1}y)$ thus every element

in HK can be represented by at least $|H \cap K|$ products.

It follows by counting,

$$|HK| = \frac{|H||K|}{|H \cap K|}$$

PGO (this proof from Dummit & Foote, pg. 93, Prop 13)

We note $HK = \bigcup_{h \in H} hK$. Each coset hK has $|K|$ -elements.

Thus, to count the number of elements in HK we need to determine the # of distinct K -cosets in HK . Suppose $h_1, h_2 \in H$ and

$$h_1K = h_2K \iff h_1h_2^{-1} \in K \text{ where } h_1, h_2 \in H$$

$$\iff h_1h_2^{-1} \in H \cap K$$

$$\iff h_1(H \cap K) = h_2(H \cap K)$$

Thus, the # of distinct cosets of form hK is same as # of distinct $H \cap K$ cosets in H . We know $H \cap K \leq H$

hence by Lagrange's Th^m $[H : H \cap K] = \frac{|H|}{|H \cap K|}$.

Hence HK has $\frac{|H|}{|H \cap K|}$ - cosets of the form hK each

of which contains $|K|$ -elements $\therefore |HK| = \frac{|H||K|}{|H \cap K|}$

Example: Let $G = S_3$, $H = \langle (12) \rangle$, $K = \langle (23) \rangle$.
Then $H \cap K = \{1\}$ and $|H| = |K| = 2$.

Remark: HK need not be a group. Dummit & Foote provide $G = S_3$, $H = \langle (12) \rangle$, $K = \langle (23) \rangle$ as an example. Note $H \cap K = \{1\}$ and $|H| = |K| = 2$

So, $|HK| = \frac{2(2)}{1} = 4 \neq 6 \therefore H \not\leq G$.