

Exam II

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QUESTION 1. Let $G = (\mathbb{Z}_6, +) \oplus (\mathbb{Z}_9, +)$

(i) (6 points) I claim that G has three distinct subgroups of order 3. Prove it or prove me wrong. Yes!

$\gcd(6,9) = 3$. $\mathbb{Z}_6 = \langle 1 \rangle$. $|1^k| = \frac{6}{\gcd(6,k)} = 3$. $k=2$. So $H_1 = \{1^2, (1^2)^2, (1^2)^3 = 0\}$

1) $\{2, 4, 0\} \oplus \{0\}$. (Note, H is a subgroup and $\{0\}$ is a subgroup so H_1 is a subgroup)
 $H_1 = \{(2,0), (4,0), (0,0)\}$.

$\mathbb{Z}_9 : |1^k| = \frac{9}{\gcd(9,k)} = 3$. $k=3$. $H = \langle 1^3 \rangle = \langle 3 \rangle = \{3, 3^2, 3^3 = 0\}$

2) $\{0\} \oplus \{3, 6, 0\} = \{(0,3), (0,6), (0,0)\} = H_2$

3) $|a,b| = 3 = \text{LCM}(|a|, |b|) = 3$. So we have $|a| = 3$ and $|b| = 3 \Rightarrow a=2, b=3 \Rightarrow H_3 = \{(2,3), (2,3)^2, (2,3)^3 = (0,0)\} = \{(2,3), (4,6), (0,0)\}$

(ii) (2 points) Is G cyclic? explain briefly

No, since $\gcd(6,9) \neq 1$, $\nexists a \in G$ where $|a| = 6 \times 9 = 54$.

QUESTION 2. (i) (3 points) Let $f: (\mathbb{Z}_5, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_5^*, \cdot)$ be a group homomorphism. Find $f(a)$ for every $a \in \mathbb{Z}_5$. Explain briefly.

$|a| \nmid a \neq e = 5$ and $|f(a)| \mid 5$. Also, by Lagrange, since $f(a) \in (\mathbb{Z}_5^*, \cdot)$, then $|f(a)| \mid 4$. Hence $|f(a)| \mid \gcd(4,5) \Rightarrow |f(a)| = 1$. $\therefore f(a) = 1$

(ii) (6 points) Let $f: (\mathbb{Z}_6, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_9, +)$ be a group homomorphism such that $f(1) \neq 0$. Find the range of f and the Kernel of f .

Since $\frac{|\mathbb{Z}_6|}{|\ker(f)|} = |\text{Range}(f)|$, and $|\text{Range}(f)| \mid |\mathbb{Z}_9|$, then $|\text{Range}(f)| \mid \gcd(6,9)$

$|\text{Range}(f)| \mid 3$. Hence $|\text{Range}(f)| = 1$ or 3 . if $|\text{Range}(f)| = 1$,

$|\ker(f)| = 6 \Rightarrow \ker(f) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \Rightarrow f(1) = 0$

Hence, $|\text{Range}(f)| = 3 \therefore \text{Range}(f) = \{3, 3^2, 3^3 = 0\} = \{3, 6, 9\}$

and $|\ker(f)| = 2, \therefore \ker(f) = \{3, 3^2 = 0\} = \{3, 0\}$

QUESTION 3. (i) (4 points) I claim that $G = (\mathbb{Z}_7, +) \oplus (\mathbb{Z}_{11}^*, \cdot)$ is group-isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$ for some integer n . If I am right, then find n and justify my claim. If I am wrong, then tell me why?

Since $\gcd(7, 10) = 1$ then G is a finite cyclic group of size 70. and since $(\mathbb{Z}_7, +)$ and $(\mathbb{Z}_{11}^*, \cdot)$ are both cyclic, Hence, we know that G is group isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}_{70}, +)$ ($n=70$) (Any finite cyclic group is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$)

(ii) (4 points) Let $(G, *)$ be a group and $C(G)$ be the center of G . Prove that $C(G)$ is a normal subgroup of G .

1) First we show $C(G) \leq G$. Let $x, y \in C(G)$, we show $x * y^{-1} \in C(G)$. let $a \in G$. $x * a = a * x \Rightarrow a = x^{-1} * a * x$ and $y * a = a * y$

$\Rightarrow y * a = y * x^{-1} * a * x = a * y \Rightarrow (y * x^{-1}) * a = a * (y * x^{-1})$. Hence, $y * x^{-1} \in C(G)$, $C(G) \leq G$

2) We show $C(G) \triangleleft G$. let $a \in G$, then $a * C(G) * a^{-1} = a * a^{-1} * C(G) = e * C(G) = C(G)$.

$\therefore C(G) \triangleleft G$

(iii) (4 points) Let G be as in (ii). Assume that $G/C(G)$ is a cyclic group. Prove that G is abelian.

Since $\frac{G}{C(G)}$ is cyclic, then $\frac{G}{C(G)} = \langle a * C(G) \rangle$ for some $a \in G$.

Note that $(a * C(G))^m = \underbrace{(a * C(G)) *_{C(G)} (a * C(G)) *_{C(G)} \dots *_{C(G)} (a * C(G))}_{m \text{ times}}$
 $= a^m * C(G)$. So we have $\frac{G}{C(G)} = \{ \dots, a^{-1} * C(G), a^0 = C(G), a^1 * C(G), \dots \}$

let $x, y \in G$. Then $x * C(G) = a^m * C(G)$, $y * C(G) = a^k * C(G)$. $m, k \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $\Rightarrow (a^m)^{-1} * x = c_1 \in C(G)$, $(a^k)^{-1} * y = c_2 \in C(G)$.
 $\Rightarrow x = a^m * c_1$, $y = a^k * c_2$. Then

$x * y = a^m * c_1 * a^k * c_2 = a^m * a^k * c_1 * c_2 = a^{m+k} * c_2 * c_1 = a^k * a^m * c_2 * c_1$

(iv) (3 points) Is $(\mathbb{Z}_4, +) \oplus (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ cyclic? Explain briefly.

No. $\exists a \in G$, $a \neq (0, 0)$ s.t $|a|$ is finite

ex: $a = (1, 0)$. $|a| = \text{LCM}(|(1, 0)|, |0|) = 4 < \infty$.

But G is an infinite group. Assuming it is cyclic, we know that $\forall a \in G$, $|a| = \infty$ however, $|(1, 0)| = 4 < \infty$, hence, G cannot be cyclic.

$a * H = b * H \Leftrightarrow a \in b * H \Leftrightarrow a = b * h$, $b^{-1} * a = h \in H$

QUESTION 4. (i) (4 points) Let G be a cyclic group with 27 elements. How many elements of order 27 does G have?

$\phi(27) = \phi(3^3) = 2 \times 3^2 = 18$ elements

(ii) (4 points) Let $f : (G_1, *) \rightarrow (G_2, \Delta)$ be a group homomorphism. Assume that $\text{Ker}(f) = \{e_1\}$. Prove that f is One-to-One.

Let $a, b \in G_1$, s.t. $f(a) = f(b)$. (we show $a = b$)

Then $[f(b)]^{-1} \Delta f(a) = e_2$
 $\Rightarrow f(b^{-1}) \Delta f(a) = e_2$
 $\Rightarrow f(b^{-1} * a) = e_2$
 $\Rightarrow b^{-1} * a \in \text{Ker}(f) = \{e_1\}$
 $\Rightarrow b^{-1} * a = e_1$
 $\Rightarrow a = b$

Hence, f is one to one.



Let $a \in G$. We show $a * H = H * a$.
 It is clear that G has exactly $\frac{|G|}{|H|}$ left cosets $\{g * H\}$, for some $b \notin H$. If $a \in H$, clearly $a * H = H = H * a$.
 Suppose $a \notin H$. Then $a * H = H * a$.
 finite $a * H = H * a$ or $a * H * a^{-1} = H$ $M \subseteq G$.

(iii) (4 points) Let G be a group with $2n$ elements for some integer n . Assume that H is a subgroup of G with exactly n elements. Prove that H is a normal subgroup of G .

$x \in a * H$. $x = a * h$. Show $x \in H * a$. So $x = h_2 * a$.
 $\{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}$. $H = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$. $H \oplus H = \mathbb{Z}_8$.

$a * H * a^{-1} = H$, another subgroup of n elements.
 $G = H \oplus H$

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We know $G = H \cup a * H$
 $= H \cup H * a$

Since $H \cap (a * H) = \emptyset$ and $H \cap (H * a) = \emptyset$, by starring $a * H = H * a$. Thus $H \triangleleft G$.

if $a \notin H$, $a * H = H * a$.
 say if G is cyclic, G is abelian. Hence all subgroups are normal.