

Lecture 22:

Last time: Cayley's theorem:

Theorem: Every finite group G embeds into
is isomorphic to a subgroup of an S_n
for some n . \checkmark G as a set here
not a group.

Proof: Let $\varphi: G \rightarrow S_G$ be defined by

$$\varphi(g): G \rightarrow G$$

$$\varphi(g)(g_i) = gg_i$$

• $\varphi(g)$ is a permutation since it has an

inverse: $\varphi(g)^{-1} = \varphi(g^{-1})$ since

$$(\varphi(g^{-1}) \circ \varphi(g))(h) = g^{-1}gh = h \text{ for all } h.$$

similarly

$$\varphi(g) \circ \varphi(g^{-1}) = \text{id}_G$$

• φ is a homomorphism.

$$\text{We want to see that } \varphi(g) \circ \varphi(h) = \varphi(g \circ h)$$

$$(\varphi(g) \circ \varphi(h))(g_i) = \varphi(g)(hg_i) = ghg_i = \varphi(gh)(g_i) \quad \checkmark$$

• φ is injective.

$$\text{Assume } \varphi(g) = \varphi(h), \text{ then } \varphi(g)(e) = \varphi(h)(e)$$
$$g = h.$$

We are done by the following lemma.

Lemma: If $\varphi: G \rightarrow K$ is a group homomorphism.
 then, for every subgroup H of G ,
 $\varphi(H)$ is a subgroup of K .

proof: We have.

$$\therefore \varphi(e) = e \in \varphi(H)$$

- $\varphi(H)$ is closed under the group operation
 since $\varphi(h_1) \cdot \varphi(h_2) = \varphi(h_1 h_2) \in \varphi(H)$
- $\varphi(H)$ is closed under taking inverses
 since $\varphi(h^{-1}) = \varphi(h)^{-1}$
 $c \in \varphi(H)$.

Hence $\varphi(H)$ is a subgroup. \square

Example: $D_6 = \{1, r, r^2, s, sr, sr^2\}$

$$\varphi: D_6 \hookrightarrow S_{D_6}$$

$$\varphi(1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & r & r^2 & s & sr & sr^2 \\ 1 & r & r^2 & s & sr & sr^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\varphi(r) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & r & r^2 & s & sr & sr^2 \\ r & r^2 & 1 & rs & rsr & rsr^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\varphi(s) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & r & \dots & sr^2 & s & sr \\ . & . & . & \downarrow_6 & \downarrow_4 & \downarrow_5 \end{pmatrix}$$

similarly fill it.

(note this is different from our embeddability into S_3 , this works for any group!)

In terms of numbers. $S_{D_6} \cong S_6$

$$\varphi(r) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 6 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Cosets:

- * Let G be a group and let H be a subgroup. Define an (equivalence) relation on G by: $\forall a, b \in G$
- $$a \sim_H b \Leftrightarrow \exists h \in H \text{ s.t. } ah = b$$

- * Let's check that it's an equivalence relation.

• reflexivity: $\forall a \in G$, $a \cdot \overset{\nearrow}{1} = a$. ✓.
 $\overset{\nearrow}{\in H}$ so $a \sim_H a$.

• symmetry: Assume $a \sim_H b$, then $\exists h \in H$ s.t. $ah = b$.

Then $ah^{-1} = b h^{-1}$, so $a = b h^{-1}$.

So $\exists h' \in H$ s.t. $bh^{-1} = a$, so $b \sim_H a$.

• transitivity: Assume $a \sim_H b$ and $b \sim_H c$

so: $ah_1 = b$ and $bh_2 = c$.

then $\underset{\sim}{ah_1h_2} = c$ so $a \sim_H c$.

- * What are the equivalence classes:

$$[e] = \{a \in G \mid \exists h \in H \text{ s.t. } eh = a\} = H$$

equivalence class of e

$$[a] = \{b \in G \mid \exists h \in H \text{ s.t. } ah = b\} =: aH$$

definition

"set of
all multiples
 ah ".

Def: aH is called the left coset
of H containing a .

Ha " " right coset
of H containing a .

Rmk: Ha is the equivalence class of a
under a similar relation

$$a \sim_H b \Leftrightarrow \exists h \in H \text{ s.t. } ha = b.$$

Ex: $G = \mathbb{Z}$. $H = 3\mathbb{Z}$.

$$0 + 3\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, \dots\}$$

$$1 + 3\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -5, -2, 1, 4, \dots\}$$

$$2 + 3\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -4, -1, 2, 5, \dots\}$$