

## 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  $n$ .

$G$  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

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

similarly

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

- $\varphi$  is a homomorphism.

We want to see that  $\varphi(g) \circ \varphi(h) = \varphi(g \cdot h)$

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

- $\varphi$  is injective.

Assume  $\varphi(g) = \varphi(h)$ , 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.

•  $\varphi(e) = e \in \varphi(H)$

•  $\varphi(H)$  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  $\varphi(h^{-1}) = \varphi(h)^{-1}$   
 $e \in \varphi(H)$

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

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

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

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

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

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

similarly fill it.

(note this is different from our embedding into  $S_3$ ; this works for any group!)

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

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



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

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

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

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