

## Lecture 27:

Last time:

- $H \subseteq G$  is normal if  $\forall g \in G, gHg^{-1} \subseteq H$ .

(equivalently,  $gHg^{-1} = H$   
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- Quotient groups:

coset-multiplication  $(g_1H)(g_2H) = g_1g_2H$

is well-defined if and only if  $H$  is normal

(key part of proof: assume  $H$  is normal,

and  $g_1H = g_1'H$  (which implies  $g_1' = g_1h$  for some  $h \in H$ )

then  $g_1'Hg_2H = g_1'g_2H = g_1hg_2H = g_1g_2g_2^{-1}hg_2H$

$$\begin{aligned} &= g_1g_2 \overset{h \in H}{g_2^{-1}hg_2} H \\ &= g_1g_2 h_3 H \\ &= g_1g_2H = g_1H \cdot g_2H \end{aligned}$$

so choice of  $g_1' \in g_1H$   
doesn't change  
the answer.

- $G/H = \text{set of cosets} = \{gH \mid g \in G\}$

with coset multiplication is a group if  $H$  is normal.

Examples: (1)  $G = \mathbb{Z}, H = 5\mathbb{Z}$ .

$$G/H = \{a + 5\mathbb{Z} \mid a \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{0 + 5\mathbb{Z}, 1 + 5\mathbb{Z}, \dots, 4 + 5\mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$a + 5\mathbb{Z} + b + 5\mathbb{Z} = a + b + 5\mathbb{Z}$$

(this is automatically well-defined because  $5\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  is normal)

(2)  $G = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $H = \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{R}$ .

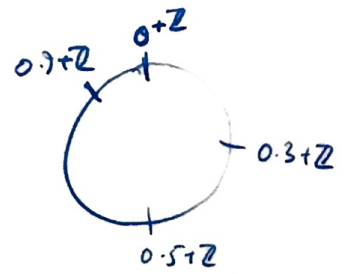
Cosets are  $\alpha + \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} = \{ \alpha + \mathbb{Z} \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

$$\alpha + \mathbb{Z} = \beta + \mathbb{Z} \Leftrightarrow \alpha - \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$$

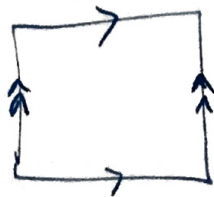
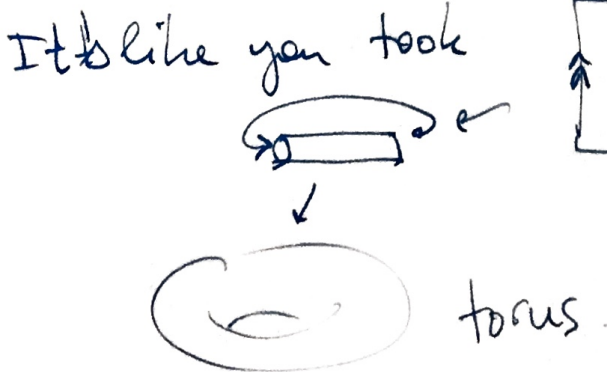
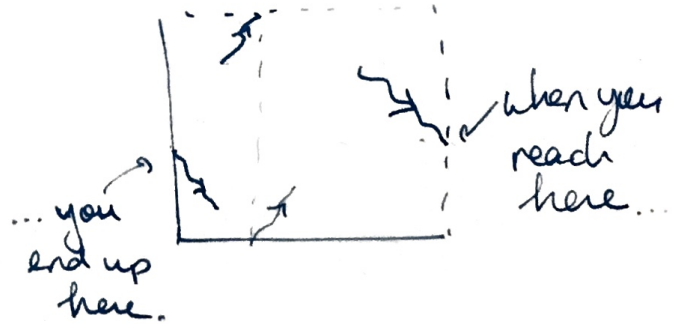
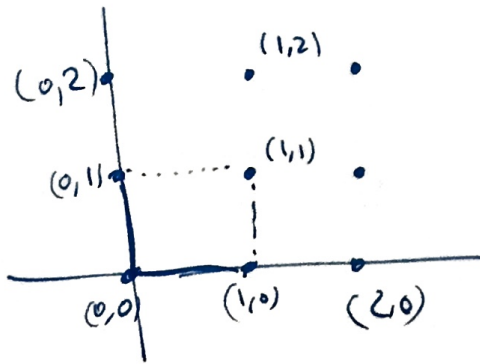
So each coset can be represented by a unique element  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ .

(it's like Real numbers modulo 1)



(3)  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} / \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  cosets are  $(\alpha, \beta) + \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$

every coset has a unique representative in  $[0, 1) \times [0, 1)$



and glued  $\Rightarrow$  together  
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$$(4) \quad G = D_6 \quad H = \{1, r, r^2\}$$

$$G/H = D_6 / \{1, r, r^2\} = \{1.H, s.H\}$$

(note: we can't take  $H = \{1, s\}$  because it's not normal)

$$s.H \cdot s.H = s^2.H = 1.H$$

it's isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

(we knew that already because every group with two elements is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ )

First isomorphism theorem:

recall: that for  $\varphi: G \rightarrow K$  a homomorphism

$\text{Ker } \varphi \subseteq G$  is a subgroup  $\text{Ker } \varphi = \varphi^{-1}(\{e_K\})$

recall:  $\text{Im } \varphi = \varphi(G)$  is a subgroup.  $= \{g \in G \mid \varphi(g) = e_K\}$

Book calls it "fundamental homomorphism theorem")

Theorem: (1st iso theorem) Let  $\varphi: G \rightarrow K$  be a group homomorphism. The map:

$$\tilde{\varphi}: G/\text{Ker } \varphi \rightarrow \text{Im } \varphi$$

given by  $\tilde{\varphi}(g \text{Ker } \varphi) = \varphi(g)$  is an isomorphism.

proof: We need to check that  $\tilde{\varphi}$  is well-defined.

Let  $g_1 \text{Ker } \varphi = g_2 \text{Ker } \varphi$ , then  $\exists k \in \text{Ker } \varphi$  st  $g_1 = g_2 k$

$$\text{Then } \tilde{\varphi}(g_1 \text{Ker } \varphi) = \varphi(g_1) = \varphi(g_2 k) = \varphi(g_2) \varphi(k)$$

$$\varphi(g_2 \text{Ker } \varphi) = \varphi(g_2) \xleftarrow{\text{equal}} \varphi(k) \xrightarrow{e}$$

So  $\tilde{\varphi}$  is well-defined.

- To see that  $\tilde{\varphi}$  is injective (recall that a homomorphism is injective iff its kernel is trivial)

observe that  $\text{Ker } \tilde{\varphi} = \{ g \text{Ker } \varphi \mid \tilde{\varphi}(g \text{Ker } \varphi) = \varphi(g) = e \}$   
 $= \{ 1 \cdot \text{Ker } \varphi \}.$

$\nwarrow$   $g$  must be already in kernel so  $g \text{Ker } \varphi = 1 \cdot \text{Ker } \varphi.$

- $\tilde{\varphi}$  is surjective by definition (since we made it map to  $\text{Im } \varphi$ ).

- $\tilde{\varphi}$  is a homomorphism since

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\varphi}(g_1 \text{Ker } \varphi \cdot g_2 \text{Ker } \varphi) &= \tilde{\varphi}(g_1 g_2 \text{Ker } \varphi) = \varphi(g_1 g_2) \\ &= \varphi(g_1) \varphi(g_2) \\ &= \tilde{\varphi}(g_1 \text{Ker } \varphi) \tilde{\varphi}(g_2 \text{Ker } \varphi) \end{aligned}$$

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Ex:  $\det_n: GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^\times$

Then:  $\text{Ker}(\det_n) = SL_n(\mathbb{R})$

$$GL_n(\mathbb{R}) / SL_n(\mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}^\times$$

$\checkmark$   $\det_n$  is surjective so  $\text{Im}(\det_n) = \mathbb{R}^\times$

- Let  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be given by  $\varphi(a, b) = a - b$   
 $\varphi$  is a homomorphism (+ is the operation), (check it).

$\varphi$  is surjective.  $\text{Ker } \varphi = \{ (a, b) \mid a - b = 0 \}$   
 $= \{ (a, b) \mid a = b \} = \langle (1, 1) \rangle$

So  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} / \langle (1, 1) \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}$





Cool remark: A subgroup  $H$  in  $G$  is normal if and only if it is the kernel of some homomorphism  $\varphi: G \rightarrow K$  (for some group  $K$ ).

proof: We already know that kernels are normal.

If  $H$  is normal, it is the kernel of  $\varphi: G \rightarrow G/H$ .

$$\varphi(g) = gH$$