

1. Show that the order of $(1, 1) \in \mathbb{Z}_m \oplus \mathbb{Z}_n$ is $\text{lcm}(m, n)$.

$$(1, 1)^{tk} = (0, 0) \iff \underbrace{(1+\dots+1)}_{\substack{m \\ \text{times}}} = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_m \text{ and } \underbrace{(1+\dots+1)}_{\substack{n \\ \text{times}}} = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_n.$$

So tk is a multiple of m & tk is a multiple of n .

To find the smallest tk satisfying the above condition,

we have $tk = \text{lcm}(m, n)$.

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2. Suppose $G = H \oplus K$. Show that $H \oplus \{e\} = \{(x, e) : x \in H\}$ is a normal subgroup of G .

[Hint: Prove that $(h, k)(x, e)(h, k)^{-1} \in H \oplus \{e\}$ for every $(h, k) \in G$.]

$$(e_H, e_K) = H \oplus K.$$

To prove $H \oplus \{e\} = \{(x, e) : x \in H\}$ is a normal subgroup of G .

Let $(h, k) \in G$. Then for any $(x, e) \in H \oplus \{e\}$,

$$(h, k)(x, e)(h, k)^{-1} = (h x h^{-1}, k e k^{-1}) = (h x h^{-1}, e) \in H \oplus \{e\}$$

because $h x h^{-1} \in H$.

$\therefore H \oplus \{e\}$ is a normal subgroup of G .

One may check subgroup property of $H \oplus \{e\}$ for

Completeness: ① $(e_H, e) \in H \oplus \{e\}$ is non-empty

② if $(h_1, e), (h_2, e) \in H \oplus \{e\}$

then $(h_1, e)(h_2, e)^{-1} = (h_1 h_2^{-1}, e) \in H \oplus \{e\}$
because $h_1 h_2^{-1} \in H$.

$$\mathbb{Z}_{p_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_2} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_3} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_k} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p_1 p_2 \dots p_k}$$

$$H, K \leq G$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_{10} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \quad \mathbb{Z}_{36} \cong \mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_9$$

$$H \oplus K \cong G$$

$$H \cap \{e\} \triangleleft H \cap K \triangleleft G$$

$$\{e\} \cap K \triangleleft H \cap K \triangleleft G$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_{36} \not\cong \mathbb{Z}_6 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_6$$

Additional results

Definition If H, K are normal subgroups of G such that $H \cap K = \{e\}$ and $HK = G$, then G is the internal product of H and K . For more than 2 groups, we need $G = H_1 \dots H_k$ and $(H_1 \dots H_j) \cap H_{j+1} = \{e\}$.

Theorem 9.6 Internal direct product $G_1 \dots G_k$, sometimes denoted by $G_1 \times \dots \times G_k$, is isomorphic to $G_1 \oplus \dots \oplus G_k$.

Proof. Consider $\phi: H \oplus K \rightarrow H \times K$ by $\phi(h, k) = hk$.

$$(h_1, k_1) \quad (e, e) \quad e \in G$$

ϕ is one-one: If $\phi(h_1, k_1) = \phi(h_2, k_2)$ then $h_1 k_1 = h_2 k_2 \in G$

Thus, $h_1^{-1} h_2 = k_1 k_2^{-1} \in H \cap K = \{e\}$, and $\therefore h_1^{-1} h_2 = e \Rightarrow h_1 = h_2$ Also $k_1 k_2^{-1} = e \Rightarrow k_1 = k_2$

ϕ is onto: If $g \in G$, then $g = hk$ for some $h \in H, k \in K$. So, $(h, k) \in H \oplus K$ and $\phi(h, k) = hk = g$.

Finally to show that $\phi((h_1, k_1)(h_2, k_2)) = \phi(h_1 h_2, k_1 k_2) = h_1 h_2 k_1 k_2$ equals $\phi(h_1, k_1)\phi(h_2, k_2) = h_1 k_1 h_2 k_2$,

we need to show that $h_2 k_1 = k_1 h_2$.

This is true because

$$(k_1^{-1} h_2 k_1) h_1^{-1} h_2 = h_1^{-1} h_2 = k_1^{-1} k_1 \in H \cap K = \{e\}.$$

$$k_1^{-1} (h_2 k_1) h_1^{-1} h_2 \in H$$

$$k_1^{-1} (h_2 k_1) h_1^{-1} h_2 = (k_1^{-1} h_2) h_1^{-1} h_2$$

$$k_1^{-1} h_2 h_1^{-1} h_2$$

We can extend the proof to $G = H_1 \times \dots \times H_k$. □

Remark Note that if $G \cong H_1 \times \dots \times H_k$, then $G \cong H_1 \oplus \dots \oplus H_k$. However, the converse is not true. For example, if $G = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$, then $H_1 = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \{0\}$ and $H_2 = \{0\} \oplus 2\mathbb{Z}$ are normal subgroups of G such that $H_1 \oplus H_2 \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} = G$, but $G \not\cong H_1 \times H_2$.

Theorem 9.7 A group of order p^2 for a prime p is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} or $\mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p$. In either case, G is Abelian.

Proof. Suppose there is $a \in G$ of order p^2 . Then we are done.

Assume that every nonidentity element $a \in G$ has order p .

We can find $a \in G$ such that $H = \langle a \rangle$ has order p .

We show that H is normal. If not, there is $b \in G - H$ such that $bHb^{-1} \not\subseteq H$. So, $bab^{-1} \notin H$; otherwise $\langle a \rangle = \langle bab^{-1} \rangle = \tilde{H}$. Now, $b^{-1} \in \cup_{j=0}^{p-1} a^j \tilde{H} = G$. So, $b^{-1} = a^i (bab^{-1})^j$ for some i, j , and hence $e = a^i b a^j$ implying that $b = a^{-i-j}$, which is a contradiction. $= a^i b a^j b^{-1}$

Now, let $b \in G - H$ and $\tilde{H} = bHb^{-1}$. One sees that H, \tilde{H} are normal subgroups of G such that $H \cap \tilde{H} = \{e\}$. Hence, $G = H \times \tilde{H} \cong \mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p$.

Note that $bHb^{-1} = \{ba^j b^{-1} : 0 \leq j \leq p-1\}$ is a subgroup. If $ba^j b^{-1} \notin H$ □

~~$h_2 k_1 = k_1 h_2$??~~

~~$h_2^{-1} k_1^{-1} (h_2 k_1)$~~

$= h_2^{-1} (k_1^{-1} h_2 k_1) h_2 = h_2^{-1} h_2 = e \in H$

and $(h_2^{-1} k_1^{-1} h_2) k_1 = k_1 \in K$