

# The Isomorphism Theorems

Images of Hom  $\iff$  Factor Groups  
 $\phi: G \rightarrow H$  a hom.

Recall

$$\ker(\phi) = \{ g \in G \mid \phi(g) = e_H \}$$

• Canonical homomorphisms ( $H$  is a normal subgroup)

$$\begin{aligned} \phi: G &\longrightarrow G/H \\ g &\longmapsto gH \end{aligned}$$

Note  $\ker(\phi) = H$

$$\phi(g_1 g_2) = g_1 g_2 H = g_1 H g_2 H = \phi(g_1) \phi(g_2)$$

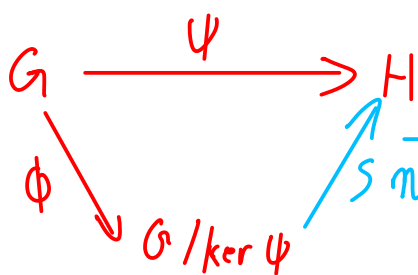
Thm: (First isomorphism Thm.)

Let  $G, H$  be groups,  $\psi: G \rightarrow H$  a homomorphism,

$K = \ker \psi$ . Let  $\phi: G \rightarrow G/\ker \psi$  be the

canonical Hom. (for  $K$ ).  $\exists$  a unique isomorphism  $\eta$

$$\eta: G/\ker \psi \rightarrow \psi(G) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \psi = \eta \circ \phi$$



$$\begin{aligned} \updownarrow \\ \psi(G) = \eta \circ \phi(G) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\psi(G) \cong G/\ker \psi}$$

$$\eta: G/\ker \psi \rightarrow \psi(G)$$

Proof:  $K = \ker(\psi)$  is normal in  $G$

Define  $\pi: G/K \rightarrow \psi(G)$   
 $gK \mapsto \psi(g)$

Show  $\pi$  is well defined, i.e. doesn't depend on coset representative

If  $g_1K = g_2K$

$$\begin{aligned}\pi(g_1K) &= \psi(g_1) \cdot \psi(\bar{k}) \stackrel{= e_H \text{ since } \bar{k} \in \ker \psi}{=} \psi(g_1 \bar{k}) \\ &= \psi(g_2) = \pi(g_2K)\end{aligned}$$

If  $g_1K = g_2K$   $K = \ker \psi$   
s.t.  $\exists k_1, k_2 \in K$   
 $g_1 k_1 = g_2 k_2$   
 $g_1 \underbrace{k_1 k_2^{-1}}_{\substack{= e_H \\ \in K}} = g_2 \dots$

$\therefore$  well defined  $\smile$

Show  $\pi$  is a homomorphism:

$$\begin{aligned}\pi(g_1K g_2K) &= \pi(g_1 g_2 K) = \psi(g_1 g_2) \\ &= \psi(g_1) \psi(g_2) = \pi(g_1K) \pi(g_2K)\end{aligned}$$

$\pi$  is onto since  $\pi: G/\ker \psi \rightarrow \psi(G)$   
 $gK \mapsto \psi(g)$

Show  $\pi$  is 1-1: Say  $\pi(g_1K) = \pi(g_2K)$

$$\Rightarrow \psi(g_1) = \psi(g_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}e_H &= (\psi(g_1))^{-1} \psi(g_2) \\ &= \psi(g_1^{-1}) \psi(g_2) = \psi(g_1^{-1} g_2)\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore g_1^{-1} g_2 \in \ker(\psi)$

$$g_1^{-1} g_2 K = K$$

$$g_2 K = g_1 K$$

$\therefore \pi$  is 1-1

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Ex)

$$G = \langle g \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi: \mathbb{Z} &\longrightarrow G \\ n &\longmapsto g^n \end{aligned}$$

This is a surjective hom.

$$\phi(\mathbb{Z}) = \langle g \rangle = G$$

$$\text{If } |g| = m \quad \Rightarrow \quad g^m = e$$

$$\therefore \ker(\phi) = m\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\therefore \text{By 1st iso. thm.} \quad \mathbb{Z} / \ker(\phi) = \mathbb{Z} / m\mathbb{Z} \stackrel{\cong}{=} \mathbb{Z}_m \cong G$$

$\therefore$  a cyclic group of order  $m$  is  $\cong$  to  $\mathbb{Z}_m$

$$\text{If } |g| = \infty \quad \Rightarrow \quad \ker \phi = \{0\}$$

$$\therefore \mathbb{Z} / \ker(\phi) \stackrel{\cong}{=} \phi(G) = G$$

$$\parallel \\ \mathbb{Z} / \{0\} \cong \mathbb{Z} \quad \therefore G \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$\therefore$  an infinite cyclic group  $\cong \mathbb{Z}$ .

## Thm / (2<sup>nd</sup> iso Theorem)

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $N$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $HN = \{ hn \mid h \in H, n \in N \}$  is a subgroup of  $G$ ,  $HN$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  and

$$H/(H \cap N) \cong HN/N.$$

Proof:

Show  $HN$  is a subgroup.

•  $e \in HN$  since  $e \in H, e \in N$

Closure: Let  $h_1 n_1, h_2 n_2 \in HN$

$$(h_1 n_1)(h_2 n_2) = \underbrace{h_1}_{\in H} \underbrace{h_2^{-1} n_1}_{\in N} \underbrace{h_2}_{\in H} n_2$$

$$= \tilde{h} \tilde{n} n_2 = \tilde{h} \tilde{n} \in HN$$

$$(hn)^{-1} = n^{-1} h^{-1} = \underbrace{h^{-1} h n^{-1} h^{-1}}_{\in N \text{ since } N \text{ is normal}}$$

$$= h^{-1} \tilde{n} \in HN$$

$\therefore HN$  is a subgroup

Now prove  $HN$  is normal in  $H$ ,  $h \in H$ ,  $n \in HN$

Show  $h^{-1} n h \in HN$   $\forall n \in HN, h \in H$

$\Rightarrow$

$$h^{-1} n h \in H, \quad h^{-1} n h \in N \text{ since } N \text{ is normal in } G, h \in G$$

$$\therefore h^{-1} n h \in HN$$

Since  $N$  is normal

$$h^{-1} N h = N$$

$$\Rightarrow h^{-1} n h \in N \quad \forall n \in N$$

Since  $N$  is normal

$\in N$  since  $N$  is normal

$$\therefore h^{-1}(H \cap N)h \subseteq H \cap N \quad \therefore H \cap N \text{ is normal in } H$$

Show  $H/(H \cap N) \cong HN/N$ .

Define  $\phi : H \longrightarrow HN/N$   
 $h \longmapsto hN \quad (h \in H, n \in N)$

- $\phi$  is onto since  $hnN = hN = \phi(h) \therefore \phi(H) = HN/N$
  - $\phi(h_1 h_2) = h_1 h_2 N = h_1 N h_2 N = \phi(h_1) \phi(h_2)$
- $\therefore \phi$  is a hom and  $\phi(H) = HN/N$

By the first iso morphism theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(H) &\cong H/\ker(\phi) \\ \Downarrow & \\ HN/N &\cong H/\ker(\phi) \end{aligned}$$

$$\ker(\phi) = \{ h \in H \mid \phi(h) = N \}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$hN = N$$

$$\therefore \ker(\phi) = \{ h \in H \mid h \in N \} = H \cap N$$

$$\therefore HN/N \cong H/(H \cap N) \quad . \quad \square$$

Thm: | (Third Isom Thm)

Let  $G$  be a group,  $N, H$  be normal subgroups,  $N \subseteq H$ .

Then

$$G/H \cong (G/N)/(H/N)$$

Thm | (Correspondence Thm) Let  $N$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ . There is a 1-1 correspondence (bijective map) between

$$\left\{ \text{Subgroups } H \mid N \subseteq H \right\} \xleftrightarrow{1-1} \left\{ \text{Subgroups of } G/N \right\}$$

map is given by  $\gamma: H \mapsto H/N$

Further

$$\left\{ \text{normal subgroups } H \mid N \subseteq H \right\} \xleftrightarrow{1-1} \left\{ \text{normal subgroups of } G/N \right\}$$

Proof:

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ ,  $N \subseteq H$

$N$  is normal in  $G \therefore N$  is normal in  $H$ , i.e.  $H/N$  makes sense

Show  $H/N$  is a subgroup of  $G/N$

•  $N \in H/N \therefore$  contains identity

• let  $aN, bN \in H/N$

$$aN(bN)^{-1} = ab^{-1}N \in H/N \text{ since } a, b \in H$$

$\therefore H/N$  is a subgroup  $G/N$

Show that  $\gamma: \tilde{H} \mapsto \tilde{H}/N$  is onto:

Let  $S$  be a subgroup of  $G/N$

$$\text{set } H = \{g \in G \mid gN \in S\}$$

check this is a subgroup of  $G$  containing  $N$

$$N \subseteq H \quad \text{since} \quad \text{if } n \in N \quad nN = N \in S$$

If  $h_1, h_2 \in H$ , since  $S$  is a group,

$$h_1 N h_2 N = h_1 h_2 N \in S \quad \text{and} \quad h_i^{-1} N \in S$$

$$\therefore h_1 h_2 \in H \quad \text{and} \quad h_i^{-1} \in H$$

$\therefore H$  is a subgroup and  $\gamma: \tilde{H} \mapsto \tilde{H}/N$  is onto

Show  $\gamma$  is 1-1:

Let  $H_1, H_2$  be subgroups of  $G$ ,  $N \subseteq H_1, N \subseteq H_2$

$$\gamma(H_1) = \gamma(H_2)$$

$$H_1/N = H_2/N$$

[ show  $H_1 \subseteq H_2$   $H_2 \subseteq H_1$   
 $\therefore H_1 = H_2$  ]

$$\text{If } h_1 \in H_1 = H_1/N, \quad h_1 N \in H_1/N, \quad h_1 N = h_2 N \text{ for some } h_2 \in H_2$$

$$\therefore h_1 \in h_1 N = h_2 N \subseteq H_2$$

$$h_1 \in H_2 \Rightarrow H_1 \subseteq H_2$$

Similarly,  $H_2 \subseteq H_1 \therefore H_1 = H_2 \therefore \gamma$  is 1-1.

Suppose -  $H$  is normal in  $G$

-  $N$  is a subgroup of  $H$

$$\phi: G/N \rightarrow G/H$$

$$gN \mapsto gH$$

This is a hom (check)

$$\ker(\phi) = H/N \quad \text{Since } hH = H \quad h \in H$$

$\therefore H/N$  is normal in  $G/N$

and by the 1<sup>st</sup> isomorphism thm

$$\phi(G/N) \cong G/N / \ker(\phi) = G/N / (H/N)$$

$\phi$  is onto Since we take all rep. of each coset  
to all rep. of  $gH$  i.e. if  $\tilde{g}H \in G/H$

$$\tilde{g}H = \phi(\tilde{g}N) \quad \therefore \text{onto}$$

$$G/H \cong G/N / \ker(\phi) = G/N / (H/N)$$

This proves the 3<sup>rd</sup> isomorphism Thm.

Now suppose  $H/N$  is normal in  $G/N$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} G & \xrightarrow{\psi} & G/N & \xrightarrow{\phi} & G/N / H/N \\ & & \downarrow \ker(\psi) = N \subseteq H & \uparrow \ker(\phi) = H/N & \end{array}$$



all together  $G \xrightarrow{p} G/N/H/N$

$$\downarrow \ker(p) = H$$

$\therefore H$  is normal in  $G$

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The 1st isomorphism theorems are needed to prove:

Thm (Fund. Thm. Fin. Gen. Abel. Groups)

Let  $G$  be a finitely generated abelian group,

$$G = \langle g_1, \dots, g_n \rangle = \{ g_1^{a_1} \dots g_n^{a_n} \mid a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{Z} \}. \text{ Then}$$

$$G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{d_1}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_2^{d_2}} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_m^{d_m}} \times \mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}$$

## Rings

Def: A non-empty set  $R$  is a ring if it is closed under 2 binary operations, which we refer to as addition and multiplication, with the following properties

$a, b, c \in R$

- $a + b = b + a$
- $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$
- $0 \in R$  s.t.  $a + 0 = a$
- For all  $a \in R \exists -a \in R$  s.t.  $a + (-a) = 0$

$(R, +)$   
is an abelian  
group

- $(ab) \cdot c = a \cdot (bc)$
- $a \cdot (b+c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$
- $(a+b) \cdot c = a \cdot c + b \cdot c$

End def.

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## Special types of Rings

- Say  $R$  has unity or identity if  $\exists 1 \in R$  s.t.  $1 \neq 0$  and

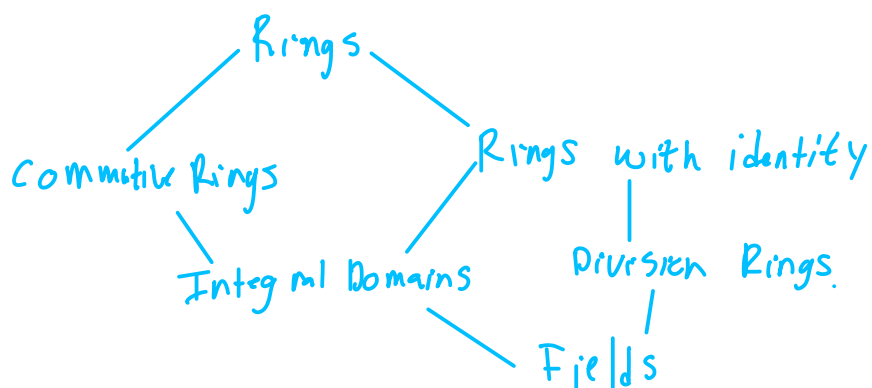
$$1 \cdot a = a \cdot 1 = a \quad \forall a \in R.$$

- Commutative ring  $ab = ba \quad \forall a, b \in R$

- A commutative ring with identity where  $ab=0 \Rightarrow$  either  $a=0$  or  $b=0$  is called an Integral Domain.

- A ring  $R$  is a Division Ring if  $\forall a \in R, a \neq 0 \exists a^{-1} \in R$  s.t.  $a^{-1}a = aa^{-1} = 1$ . we call  $a$  a unit in  $R$ .

- A commutative Division ring is a field.



Ex]  $\mathbb{Z}$  - integral domain, Not a field  
     $\swarrow$   
    1, -1 are only units

Fields:  $\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$

Ex]  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is a commutative ring, but not an integral domain  
Provided  $n$  is not prime

Ex]  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$                        $3 \cdot 4 = 12 \pmod{12} = 0$   
    $\therefore 3 \neq 0$  and  $4 \neq 0$  are zero divisors  
    $\therefore$  Not an integral domain

Def]  $a \in R$  is a zero divisor ( $a \neq 0$ ) if  $\exists b \in R$  ( $b \neq 0$ )  
s.t.  $a \cdot b = 0$ .

Integral domain = commutative ring with 1 and with no  
zero divisors.

Ex]  $C[a, b]$  = continuous real valued functions on  $[a, b]$   
    $\uparrow$   
   commutative ring

$$f, g \in C[a, b]$$

$$(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$$

$$(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x)g(x) \quad \forall x \in [a, b].$$

Ex]  $2 \times 2$  real matrices

$$0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad 1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$AB \neq BA$  a ring, but not commutative

has units =  $A$  s.t.  $\det(A) \neq 0$ , but Not a division ring

Ex] The Quaternions are a non-commutative division ring

$$0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad 1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad K = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}$$

$H = \{ a \cdot 1 + bI + cJ + dK \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \}$  is a ring

Not commutative,  $IJ = K$ ,  $JI = -K$

- Has identity  $1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\therefore (a + bI + cJ + dK)^{-1} = \left( \frac{a - bI - cJ - dK}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2} \right)$$

$\therefore$  Division Ring

Proposition / Let  $R$  be a ring with  $a, b \in R$ . Then

1)  $a \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot a = 0$

2)  $a(-b) = (-a)(b) = -ab$

3)  $(-a)(-b) = ab$

Proof: (1)  $a \cdot 0 = a(0+0) = a0 + a0$

$$\cancel{a \cdot 0} - \cancel{a0} = a0 + \cancel{a0} - \cancel{a0}$$
$$0 = a0$$

By the same argument  $0 \cdot a = 0$ .

2) show  $a(-b) = (-a)b = -ab$ .

$$ab + a(-b) = a(b-b) = a \cdot 0 = 0$$

$\swarrow \quad \nwarrow$   
these are additive inverses

$$\therefore a(-b) = -ab$$

Same argument for  $(-a)b = -ab$

3) show  $(-a)(-b) = ab$

$$(-a)(-b) = -(a(-b)) = -(-ab) = ab$$

$\swarrow \quad \nwarrow$   
By (2)

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