

last time (1) Let N be a normal subgroup of a group G . Then

$$* : G/N \times G/N \rightarrow G/N, \quad (aN) * (bN) = (ab)N$$

is a well-defined binary operation, and $(G/N, *, N = eN)$ is a group

(2) [1st isomorphism thm] Let $f: G \rightarrow H$ be a homomorphism. Then

$$\bar{f}: G/\ker f \rightarrow \text{im } f, \quad \bar{f}(a \ker f) = f(a)$$

is a well-defined isomorphism. Moreover

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{f} & H \\ \pi \downarrow & & \uparrow i \\ G/\ker f & \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} & \text{im } f \end{array} \quad \text{commutes, where } \pi(g) = g \ker f \text{ and } i(x) = x \forall x \in \text{im } f.$$

Remark 1 Suppose $N \triangleleft G$, $a, b \in G$. One can (but shouldn't)

define $* : G/N \times G/N \rightarrow G/N$ by $(aN) * (bN) = (a \times b) \times (c \in aN, d \in bN)$

(It's equivalent to: $(aN) * (bN) = (ab)N$.)

However, with the alternative definition it's much harder to prove

that (1) $*$ is associative (2) N is the identity and (3) G/N is

a group and that (4) $\pi: G \rightarrow G/N$, $\pi(a) = aN$ is

a homomorphism.

Remark 2 If $N \triangleleft G$ then $\pi: G \rightarrow G/N$, $\pi(a) = aN$ is surjective

Then $\ker \pi = N$ and 1st iso theorem says

$$\bar{\pi}: G/N \rightarrow G/N, \quad \bar{\pi}(aN) = aN \text{ is an iso.}$$

Third isomorphism theorem Let $K \leq H$ be two normal subgroups

of a group G . Then $H/K \triangleleft G/K$ and

$(G/K)/(H/K)$ is isomorphic to G/H .

To prove 3rd iso theorem we first prove:

Lemma 15.1 Suppose $f: G \rightarrow L$ is a homomorphism, $N \triangleleft G$ and $N \subseteq \ker f$. Then $\tilde{f}: G/N \rightarrow L$, $\tilde{f}(aN) = f(a)$ is a well-defined homomorphism.

Proof Suppose $a_1 N = a_2 N$. Then $a_1 = a_2 n$ for some $n \in N$
 $\Rightarrow f(a_1) = f(a_2 n) = f(a_2) f(n) = f(a_2)$ since $n \in N \subseteq \ker f$.
 $\therefore \tilde{f}$ is well-defined.

Proof (of 3^d iso thm) Consider $f: G \rightarrow G/H$, $f(g) = gH$.

Then $H = \ker f$. Since $K \subseteq H$, $\tilde{f}: G/K \rightarrow G/H$, $\tilde{f}(aK) = aH$ is a well-defined homomorphism by 15.1. Since f is onto, so is \tilde{f} . $\ker \tilde{f} = \{aK \mid aH = H\} = \{aK \mid a \in H\} \cong H/K$.

Hence H/K is a normal subgroup of G/K and, by 1st iso theorem

$$\bar{f}: (G/K)/(H/K) \rightarrow G/H$$

$$\bar{f}((aK)(H/K)) = aH$$

is an isomorphism.

Ex $G = \mathbb{Z}$, $H = 3\mathbb{Z}$, $K = 6\mathbb{Z}$. 3^d iso theorem \Rightarrow

$$\mathbb{Z}_3 = \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \cong (\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}) / (3\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}_6 / \langle [0], [3] \rangle$$

$$= \mathbb{Z}_6 / \langle [3] \rangle.$$

2nd isomorphism theorem Let G be a group, $H < G$ a subgroup, $N \triangleleft G$ a normal subgroup. Then

$$\langle H \cup N \rangle = \{hn \mid h \in H, n \in N\} =: HN$$

Furthermore $H \cap N \triangleleft N$ and

$$H/H \cap N \cong HN/N \quad (\text{isomorphic groups})$$

(1) If K is any subgroup of G with $H \cup N \subseteq K$, Then $\forall h \in H, \forall n \in N$
 $hn \in K$. Hence $HN \subseteq \langle H \cup N \rangle$.

If $x, y \in HN$ then $x = h_1 n_1, y = h_2 n_2$ for some $h_1, h_2 \in H$, some $n_1, n_2 \in N$.
 Hence $xy^{-1} = (h_1 n_1)(h_2 n_2)^{-1} = h_1 n_1 n_2^{-1} h_2^{-1} = h_1 h_2^{-1} h_2 (n_1 n_2^{-1}) h_2^{-1} \in HN$
 since $h_1 h_2^{-1} \in H, n_1 n_2^{-1} \in N$ and $g n g^{-1} \in N \forall g \in G, \forall n \in N$.

$\Rightarrow HN$ is actually a subgroup of G .

Now $\forall h \in H, hn \in HN \forall n \in N \Rightarrow hn \in HN \Rightarrow H, N \subseteq HN$

$\therefore HN$ is the smallest subgroup of G containing H and N ,
 i.e. $HN = \langle H \cup N \rangle$.

(2) Consider the maps $i: H \rightarrow HN, i(h) = hn, \pi: HN \rightarrow HN/N$

$\pi(x) = xN$. The two maps are homomorphisms. \Rightarrow

$$f = \pi \circ i: H \rightarrow HN/N, f(h) = hN$$

is a homomorphism.

$\forall x \in HN, \exists h \in H, n \in N$ s.t. $x = hn$. Then $xN = hnN = (hN)(nN) = (hN) \cdot N = hN$.

$\Rightarrow f: H \rightarrow HN/N$ is onto.

$$\ker f = \{h \in H \mid hN = N\} = \{h \in H \mid h \in N\} = H \cap N.$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{f}: H/H \cap N \rightarrow HN/N$$

$$\bar{f}(h(H \cap N)) = hN$$

is an isomorphism of groups by 1st iso theorem. \square

Example Let $G = GL(2, \mathbb{C}) = \{A \in M_2(\mathbb{C}) \mid \det A \neq 0\}$

Let $N = \ker(\det: GL(2, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times) =: SL(2, \mathbb{C})$.

Let $K = \mathbb{C}^\times \text{id} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} z & 0 \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} \mid z \neq 0 \right\} = \{z \text{id} \mid z \in \mathbb{C}^\times\}$

Note: $\forall A \in GL(2, \mathbb{C}) \quad A \begin{pmatrix} z & 0 \\ 0 & z \end{pmatrix} A^{-1} = \frac{1}{z} A \cdot \text{id} \cdot A^{-1} = z \text{id}$

$\therefore K \triangleleft GL(2, \mathbb{C})$

Also, $\forall A \in GL(2, \mathbb{C}) \quad \exists w \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ s.t. $w^2 = \det A$.

\therefore Then $A = (w \text{id}) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{w} \text{id} A\right)$ and $\det\left(\frac{1}{w} \text{id} A\right) = \frac{1}{w^2} \det A = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda} A \in SL(2, \mathbb{C}). \Rightarrow GL(2, \mathbb{C}) = K \cdot SL(2, \mathbb{C}),$$

3^d iso theorem \rightarrow

$$GL(2, \mathbb{C})/K = K \cdot SL(2, \mathbb{C})/K \simeq SL(2, \mathbb{C})/K \cap SL(2, \mathbb{C})$$

$PGL(2, \mathbb{C}) = GL(2, \mathbb{C})/ \mathbb{C}^* \text{id}$ is called the group of projective linear transformations,

$$\mathbb{C}^* \text{id} \cap SL(2, \mathbb{C}) = \{ z \text{id} \mid z^2 = 1 \} = \{ \pm 1 \} \text{id}$$

Thus

$$PGL(2, \mathbb{C}) \simeq SL(2, \mathbb{C}) / \{ \pm \text{id} \}.$$

□

Definition A representation of a group G on a (real) vector space V is a homomorphism

$$\rho: G \rightarrow GL(V)$$

where $GL(V) = \{ T: V \rightarrow V \mid T \text{ linear isomorphism} \}$

We "represent" an element g of G by the linear transformation

$$\rho(g),$$