

### 6.3. Normal subgroups & Quotient groups

Corollary. If  $N \triangleleft G$ , then the natural map

$$\phi: G \longrightarrow G/N$$

$$g \longmapsto gN$$

is a surjective homomorphism. ker  $\phi = N$

$$\phi(g_1)\phi(g_2) = g_1N \cdot g_2N = g_1g_2N = \phi(g_1g_2)$$

$$g \in \ker \phi \quad \phi(g) = \underline{gN} = N \iff g \in N$$

Every normal subgroup is the kernel of some homomorphism.

Example.

$$1 \quad n\mathbb{Z} := \langle n \rangle \triangleleft \mathbb{Z}$$

$$= \{ \dots, -2n, -n, 0, n, 2n, \dots \}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} := \{ i+n\mathbb{Z}, 0 \leq i \leq n-1 \}$$

$$\phi: \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$$

$$i \longmapsto i+n\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\ker \phi = n\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$$

quotient groups are not subgroups

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{special cases, e.g.} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 \triangleleft \mathbb{Z}_4 \\ \mathbb{Z}_4 / \mathbb{Z}_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \end{array} \right)$$

2.  $A_3 \triangleleft S_3$        $\phi: S_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$        $\ker(\phi) = A_3$

[HW]  $H \triangleleft G$ .  $[G : H] = 2 \Rightarrow H \triangleleft G$

3.  $D_4 = \langle a, b \mid a^4 = b^2 = (ab)^2 = 1 \rangle$        $|D_4| = 8 = 2^3$

$$D_4 = \langle e, a, a^2, a^3, b, ab, a^2b, a^3b \rangle$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \underline{ba^n} = b^{-1}a^n = (ab)^{-1}a^{n+1} = ab^{-1}a^{n+1} \\ \phantom{\underline{ba^n}} = a^2ba^{n+2} \end{array} \right)$$

non-trivial normal subgroups:

①  $\{e, b, a^2b, a^2\} = N_1$

$$\underline{aba^{-1}} = a \cdot ab = a^2b$$

②  $\{e, ab, a^3b, a^2\} = N_2$

$$a(ab)a^{-1} = a^3b$$

③  $\{e, a, a^2, a^3\} = N_3$

④  $\{e, a^2\} = N_4 = Z(G)$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^2b = ba^2$$

other subgroups:

$$\{e, b\}$$

$$\{e, ab\}$$

$$\{e, a^2b\}$$

$$\{e, a^3b\}$$

$\cong \mathbb{Z}_2$

not normal.

For ①. ②. ③.  $|N_i| = 4$   $|G/N| = 2$   $G/N \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$

$$\textcircled{1} N_1 = \{ e, b, a^2b, a^2 \} \cong \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}_4 \\ V \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \cong D_2 \end{cases}$$

$$N_1 \cong D_2 \cong V$$

$$(A = a^2, B = b \quad \langle A, B \mid A^2 = B^2 = (AB)^2 = 1 \rangle)$$

$$D_4/N_1 = \{ N_1, aN_1 \} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 = \{ \pm 1 \}$$

$$N_1 \cdot N_1 = N_1 \quad N_1 \rightarrow 1$$

$$N_1 \cdot (aN_1) = aN_1 \quad aN_1 \rightarrow -1$$

$$(aN_1) \cdot (aN_1) = a^2N_1 = N_1$$

	$N_1$	$aN_1$
$N_1$	$N_1$	$aN_1$
$aN_1$	$aN_1$	$N_1$

$$\textcircled{2} N_2 = \{ e, ab, a^2, a^3b \} \cong D_2 \quad (A = a^2, B = a^3b)$$

$$\textcircled{3} N_3 = \{ e, a, a^2, a^3 \} \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$$

$$D_4/N_3 = \{ N_3, bN_3 \} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$\textcircled{4} N_4 = Z(D_4) = \{ e, a^2 \} \quad (aZ)(aZ) = a^2Z = \{ a^2, e \} = Z$$

$$D_4/Z(D_4) = \{ Z(D_4), aZ(D_4), bZ(D_4), abZ(D_4) \}$$

$$\cong D_2$$

$D_4$  is nonabelian.  $\Rightarrow D_4/Z(D_4)$  non cyclic

[HW]:  $G/Z(G)$  cyclic  $\Leftrightarrow G$  is abelian.

4. determinants of  $A$  in  $GL(n, K)$

$$GL(n, K) \xrightarrow{\det} K$$

$$A \mapsto \det(A)$$

$$[\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)]$$

$$\ker(\det) = SL(n, K)$$

$$\Rightarrow SL(n, K) \triangleleft GL(n, K)$$

$$[\det(\alpha A \alpha^{-1}) = \det(A)]$$

$$\textcircled{1} GL(n, K)/SL(n, K) \cong K^\times \quad \mu \in GL$$

$$\det \mu = z = re^{i\theta}$$

$$\mu = (r^{1/n} e^{i\theta/n}) \cdot A \quad A \in SL$$

$$\textcircled{2} U(n)/SU(n) \cong U(1) \quad U(n): AA^* = 1$$

$$|\det A| = 1$$

$$SU: \det = 1$$

$$\textcircled{3} O(n)/SO(n) = \{SO(n), PSO(n)\} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$(\det P = -1)$$

5. Euclidean group  $E^3$

$$g = \{ R_\alpha \mid \vec{\tau} \} \quad g \cdot \vec{r} = R_\alpha \cdot \vec{r} + \vec{\tau}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{ e \mid \vec{0} \} &= \underbrace{\{ R_\alpha \mid \tau \}}_g \underbrace{\{ R_\beta \mid \tau' \}}_{g^{-1}} = \underbrace{\{ R_\alpha R_\beta \mid R_\alpha \tau' + \tau \}}_{e \quad \vec{0}} \\ &\Rightarrow g^{-1} = \{ R_\alpha^{-1} \mid -R_\alpha^{-1} \tau \} \end{aligned}$$

Consider the translation subgroup  $T := \langle \vec{t}_1, \vec{t}_2, \vec{t}_3 \rangle$

( $\vec{t}_i$ : primitive lattice vectors)  $\{ e \mid t \} \in T$

$$\begin{aligned} \{ R_\alpha \mid \tau \} \{ e \mid t \} \{ R_\alpha^{-1} \mid -R_\alpha^{-1} \tau \} \\ &= \{ R_\alpha \mid \tau \} \{ R_\alpha^{-1} \mid -R_\alpha^{-1} \tau + t \} \\ &= \{ e \mid R_\alpha (-R_\alpha^{-1} \tau + t) + \tau \} \\ &= \{ e \mid R_\alpha t \} \in T^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow g T^3 g^{-1} = T^3 \quad \forall g \in G.$$

$$\Rightarrow T^3 \triangleleft E^3$$

6  $\{ 1 \} \triangleleft G$ ,  $G \triangleleft G$  trivial normal subgroups

(Def) A group with no nontrivial normal subgroups is called a simple group.

$$\textcircled{1} \mathbb{Z}_p \cong \mu_p \quad \text{with } p \text{ prime} \quad H \subset \mathbb{Z}_p \quad |H| = 1 \text{ or } p \\ H = \{ 1 \} \text{ or } \mathbb{Z}_p$$

② Alternating groups  $A_n$

$$A_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$A_3$  is simple

$$D_4 \cong V \triangleleft A_4$$

$A_4$  is not simple

$A_{n \geq 5}$  are simple

## 6.4 Quotient groups and short exact sequences

Theorem (1st isomorphism theorem) Rosenman

$$\mu: G \rightarrow G' \text{ homomorphism, with kernel } K \\ \Rightarrow K \triangleleft G, \text{ and } G/K \cong \text{im}(\mu)$$

Proof.  $\varphi: G/K \rightarrow \text{im } \mu$   
 $gK \mapsto \mu(g)$

$$\varphi(g_1 K) = \varphi(g_2 K)$$

①  $\varphi$  is well-defined. ( $g_1 K = g_2 K \Rightarrow \mu(g_1) = \mu(g_2)$ )

$$g_1 K = g_2 K \Rightarrow \exists k \in K \quad g_1 = g_2 k$$

$$\Rightarrow g_2^{-1} g_1 = k \in K$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(g_2^{-1} g_1) = \mu(g_2^{-1}) \mu(g_1) = 1_{G'}$$

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

②  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism.

$$\varphi(g_1 K \cdot g_2 K) = \varphi(g_1 g_2 K) = \mu(g_1 g_2)$$

$$= \mu(g_1) \mu(g_2) = \varphi(g_1 K) \varphi(g_2 K)$$

③ a.  $\text{im } \varphi = \text{im } \mu$  surjective

b.  $\varphi(g_1 K) = \varphi(g_2 K) \stackrel{!}{\Leftrightarrow} \mu(g_1) = \mu(g_2)$  injective

$$\text{RHS} \Leftrightarrow \mu(g_1 g_1^{-1}) = 1_{G'}$$

$$\Rightarrow g_1 g_1^{-1} \in K$$

a + b:  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism.  $\Rightarrow g_1 K = g_2 K$

Summary:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G & \xrightarrow{\mu} & G' \\
 \searrow \nu & & \nearrow \psi \\
 G/K & & 
 \end{array}
 \quad \mu = \varphi \circ \nu \quad \text{commutative}$$

$\nu: g \mapsto gK$   
 $\nu$  surj.  
 $\psi$  inj.

Now we introduce a sequence of homomorphisms

$$\dots G_{i-1} \xrightarrow{f_{i-1}} G_i \xrightarrow{f_i} G_{i+1} \xrightarrow{f_{i+1}} \dots$$

The sequence is exact at  $G_i$  if

$$\text{im } f_{i-1} = \ker f_i$$

A short exact sequence (SES) is of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 1 & \rightarrow & G_1 & \xrightarrow{f_1} & G_2 & \xrightarrow{f_2} & G_3 \xrightarrow{f_3} 1 \\
 \circ & & & & & & \circ
 \end{array}$$

① 1 represents trivial group.  $\{1\}$

$\circ$ : abelian groups " + " as group multiplications

②  $1 \rightarrow G_1$ : inclusion map.

$G_3 \rightarrow 1$ : trivial homomorphism

} unique

Exactness at  $G_i$ :

1.  $G_1$ :  $\ker f_1 = \{1\}_{G_1} \Rightarrow f_1$  is injective

2.  $G_2$ :  $\ker f_2 = \text{im } f_1$

3.  $G_3$ :  $\ker f_3 = G_3 = \text{im } f_2 \Rightarrow f_2$  is surjective



Now consider a homomorphism  $\mu: G \rightarrow G'$

$$K = \ker \mu.$$

We have

$$1 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{i} G \xrightarrow{\mu} \text{im } \mu \rightarrow 1$$

*inclusion map* (pointing to  $i$ )

$\cong G/K$  (pointing to  $\text{im } \mu$ )

Exactness check:

①  $K$ :  $\ker i = \{1_G\}$  ✓

②  $G$ :  $\ker \mu = \text{im } i = K$  ✓

③  $\text{im } \mu$ :  $\ker(\text{im } \mu \rightarrow 1) = \text{im } \mu$  ✓

1st isomorphism theorem  $\Rightarrow$

$$\boxed{1 \rightarrow K \rightarrow G \rightarrow G/K \rightarrow 1}$$

Remarks

1. If we have SES.

$$1 \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{f_1} G \xrightarrow{f_2} Q \rightarrow 1$$

$$\text{im } f_1 = \ker f_2$$

$$f_2: G \rightarrow Q$$

then  $N \cong \ker f_2$  (it is iso. to the kernel of homomorphism  $G \rightarrow Q$ )

We sometimes write  $Q$  as  $G/f(N)$

where  $f: N \xrightarrow{f} G$  is an injective homomorphism.

" $G$  is an extension of  $Q$  by  $N$ "

Example

$$1 \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow G_1 \times G_2 \rightarrow G_2 \rightarrow 1$$

$(G_2)$   $(G_1)$

$$\mu: G_1 \times G_2 \rightarrow G_2$$

$$(g_1, g_2) \mapsto g_2 \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} g_1 \in G_1 \\ g_2 \in G_2 \end{array} \right)$$

$$2. \quad \varphi: \mu_4 \rightarrow \mu_2 \quad (\mathbb{Z}_4 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2)$$

$$w \mapsto w^2 \quad w = e^{i\frac{2\pi}{4}}$$

$$\ker \varphi = \{ \pm 1 \} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_4 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow 1$$

in general  $1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{n^2} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow 1$

$$(\varphi: \mu_{n^2} \rightarrow \mu_n)$$

$$z \mapsto z^n$$



