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6. $|\{x \in G \mid x^k = b\}| = |\{x \in \bar{G} \mid x^k = \phi(b)\}|$.

Proof of 1.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} e &= ee && \text{by identity in } G \\ \phi(e) &= \phi(ee) = \phi(e)\phi(e) && \text{by operation preservation} \\ \bar{e}\phi(e) &= \phi(e)\phi(e) && \text{by identity in } \bar{G} \\ \bar{e} &= \phi(e) && \text{by right cancelation. } \square \end{aligned}$$

Proof of 2. (Induction)

For $n = 0$, $\phi(a^0) = \phi(e) = \bar{e} = [\phi(a)]^0$.

For $n = 1$, $\phi(a^1) = \phi(a) = [\phi(a)]^1$.

For $n = -1$, $\phi(a^{-1})\phi(a) = \phi(a^{-1}a) = \phi(e) = \bar{e}$, and therefore $\phi(a^{-1}) = [\phi(a)]^{-1}$.

Now assume $\phi(a^n) = [\phi(a)]^n$ for some positive integer n and consider $\phi(a^{n+1})$:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(a^{n+1}) &= \phi(a^n a) = \phi(a^n)\phi(a) && \text{by operation preservation} \\ &= [\phi(a)]^n \phi(a) && \text{by inductive assumption} \\ &= [\phi(a)]^{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore by induction $\phi(a^n) = [\phi(a)]^n$ for all positive integers n .

Now assume $\phi(a^n) = [\phi(a)]^n$ for some negative integer n and consider $\phi(a^{n-1})$:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(a^{n-1}) &= \phi(a^n a^{-1}) = \phi(a^n)\phi(a^{-1}) && \text{by operation preservation} \\ &= [\phi(a)]^n [\phi(a)]^{-1} && \text{by inductive assumption and base case } n = -1 \\ &= [\phi(a)]^{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the statement holds for negative integers n , and thus for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. \square

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Proof of 3. We have that

$$ab = ba \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \phi(ab) = \phi(ba) \quad \text{since } \phi \text{ is a bijective function}$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \phi(a)\phi(b) = \phi(b)\phi(a) \quad \text{since } \phi \text{ is operation preserving. } \square$$

Proof of 4. (\Rightarrow)

Assume that $G = \langle a \rangle$. We must show $\bar{G} = \langle \phi(a) \rangle$.

(\supseteq) By definition $\phi(a) \in \bar{G}$, so by closure $\langle \phi(a) \rangle \subseteq \bar{G}$.

(\subseteq) Let $b \in \bar{G}$.

Since ϕ is onto and $G = \langle a \rangle$, there exists some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $\phi(a^k) = b$.

By **2**, $[\phi(a)]^k = b$, and so $b \in \langle \phi(a) \rangle$.

(\Leftarrow)

Assume that $\bar{G} = \langle \phi(a) \rangle$. We must show $G = \langle a \rangle$.

(\supseteq) Since $a \in G$, by closure $\langle a \rangle \subseteq G$.

(\subseteq) Let $b \in G$.

Since $\bar{G} = \langle \phi(a) \rangle$, there exists some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\phi(b) = [\phi(a)]^k$.

By **2**, $\phi(b) = \phi(a^k)$. But ϕ is 1-1, so $b = a^k$.

Therefore $G = \langle a \rangle$. \square

Proof of 5. (Sketch)

Note that when $\phi : G \rightarrow \bar{G}$ is restricted in domain to $\langle a \rangle$, it is an isomorphism from $\langle a \rangle$ to $\langle \phi(a) \rangle$.

Then apply **4**. \square

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Proof of 6.

Without loss of generality, we show that $x \in G$ is a solution of $x^k = b$ in G iff $\phi(x) \in \bar{G}$ is a solution of $x^k = \phi(b)$ in \bar{G} .

This is because ϕ is a bijection.

Let $x, b \in G$, and let $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} x^k = b \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \phi(x^k) = \phi(b) \quad & \text{since } \phi \text{ is a bijective function} \\ \text{if and only if} \quad [\phi(x)]^k = \phi(b) \quad & \text{by 2.} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Proof of 7.

Let \mathcal{O} be the set of orders of elements of G , and fix an order $o \in \mathcal{O}$.

(Note that \mathcal{O} might include ∞ . when $|G| = \infty$.)

Define $S = \{x \in G \mid |x| = o\}$ and $T = \{y \in \bar{G} \mid |y| = o\}$.

For all $x \in G$, by **5** we have $x \in S$ iff $\phi(x) \in T$.

Therefore ϕ with domain restricted to S is a bijection with range T , and $|S| = |T|$. \square

Theorem 6.4 $\text{Aut}(G)$ and $\text{Inn}(G)$ are GroupsProof sketch

Use a subgroup test.

1. show the identity bijection is in both $\text{Aut}(G)$ and $\text{Inn}(G)$.

(Hint: compute φ_e)

2. show closure:

$$(i) f, g \in \text{Aut}(G) \Rightarrow fg \in \text{Aut}(G)$$

$$(ii) \varphi_x, \varphi_y \in \text{Inn}(G) \Rightarrow \varphi_x \varphi_y \in \text{Inn}(G)$$

3. Show inverses are present:

$$(i) f \in \text{Aut}(G) \Rightarrow f^{-1} \in \text{Aut}(G)$$

$$(ii) \varphi_x \in \text{Inn}(G) \Rightarrow \varphi_y \in \text{Inn}(G)$$

$$\text{where } (\varphi_x)^{-1} = \varphi_y$$

Theorem 6.5 When $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_n) \cong U(n)$

Lemma An automorphism $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_n)$ is completely determined by $\alpha(1)$.

Proof \mathbb{Z}_n is cyclic. So for any $x \in \mathbb{Z}_n$,

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(x) &= \alpha(x \cdot 1) \\ &= x \cdot \alpha(1) \quad \text{Theorem 6.2 Part 2.}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\alpha(1) = \beta(1) \Rightarrow \alpha = \beta$.

Proof of Thm 6.5 (sketch)

Define

$$T: \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_n) \rightarrow U(n)$$

by $T(\alpha) = \alpha(1)$

T 1-1: By the lemma.

T onto: if $r \in U(n)$ then

$$\alpha: \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$$

$$\alpha(1) = r$$

$$\alpha(s) = sr \pmod{n}$$

is an automorphism of \mathbb{Z}_n with $T(\alpha) = r$.

T operation preserving:

$$T(\alpha\beta) = (\alpha\beta)(1) = \alpha(\beta(1))$$

fxn composition

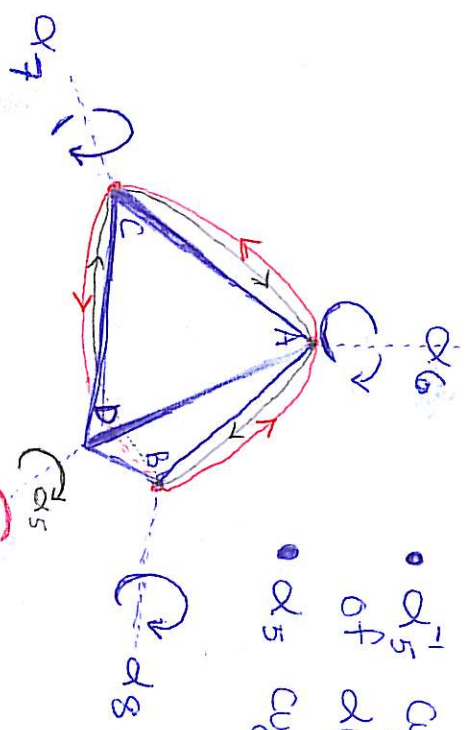
$$= \alpha(\underbrace{1+1+\dots+1}_{\beta(1) \text{ times}})$$

$$= \underbrace{\alpha(1) + \alpha(1) + \dots + \alpha(1)}_{\beta(1) \text{ times}} \quad \text{Thm 6.2 Part 2}$$

$$= \alpha(1)\beta(1) = T(\alpha)T(\beta)$$

□

Inner Automorphism $\psi_{\alpha_5}: X \rightarrow \alpha_5 X \alpha_5^{-1}$ on A_4



- α_5^{-1} cycles the axes of α_6, α_7 , and α_8
- α_5 cycles them back

$$\psi_{\alpha_5} = (\alpha_6 \alpha_8 \alpha_7^{-1}) (\underbrace{\alpha_6^{-1} \alpha_8^{-1} \alpha_7^{-1}}_{(\alpha_{11} \alpha_{10} \alpha_{12})}) (\alpha_2 \alpha_4 \alpha_3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_2 &= (AB)(CD) \\ \alpha_3 &= (AC)(BD) \\ \alpha_4 &= (AD)(BC) \end{aligned}$$