

continued from last time....

● **Theorem:** Let  $G$  be a cyclic group and  $H \leq G$ , then  $H$  is cyclic.

**proof:** If  $H = \{e\}$ , then  $H = \langle e \rangle$ , so  $H$  is cyclic in this case

• Suppose  $H \neq \{e\}$

since  $G$  is cyclic then  $\exists g \in G$  s.t.  $G = \langle g \rangle$

since  $H \neq \{e\}$  then there must exist some  $g^k \in H$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$

if  $k < 0$  then  $(g^k)^{-1} = g^{-k} \in H$  since  $H$  is a subgroup.

so there must exist a positive power of  $g$  in  $H$ .

let  $m > 0$  be the smallest integer w/  $g^m \in H$

**claim:**  $H = \langle g^m \rangle$

Let's first show  $\langle g^m \rangle \leq H$

since  $g^m \in H$  and  $H$  is a subgroup we must have that

●  $(g^m)^l \in H \forall l \in \mathbb{Z}$  (because  $H$  is closed under the group operation and taking inverses.)

Now let's show  $H \leq \langle g^m \rangle$

Let  $h \in H$ , then since  $H \leq G$  and  $G = \langle g \rangle$

we know that  $h = g^w$  where  $w \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

By the division algorithm  $\exists q$  and  $r$  where  $w = qm + r$  and  $0 \leq r < m$

Note that:  $g^w = g^{qm+r} = (g^m)^q (g^r)$  so,  $g^r = (g^m)^{-q} (g^w) \in H$ , since  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$

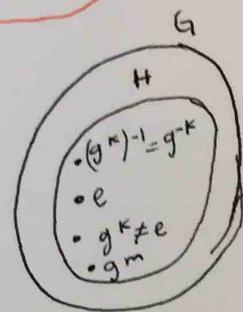
so  $g^r \in H$  and  $0 \leq r < m$

since  $m$  is the smallest positive integer with  $g^m \in H$

we must have that  $r = 0$ .

● Thus  $w = qm$  and  $h = g^w = (g^m)^q \in \langle g^m \rangle$

so,  $H \leq \langle g^m \rangle$



**Example:** Consider the cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}$   
all the subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}$  are of the form

$$n\mathbb{Z} = \langle n \rangle = \{nk \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, -2n, -n, 0, n, 2n, \dots\}$$

where  $n \geq 0$  [this is because  $\langle n \rangle = \langle -n \rangle$ ]

**Subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}$ :**

$$n=0 \rightarrow \{0\}$$

$$n=1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$n=2 \rightarrow 2\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -6, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, 6, \dots\}$$

$$n=3 \rightarrow 3\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -9, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, 9, \dots\}$$

$\vdots$   
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 $\vdots$  (forever and ever and ever and ever)

**Lemma from homework:** Let  $G$  be a group and  $x \in G$ , then  $\langle x \rangle = \langle x^{-1} \rangle$

**Example:** Find all the subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}_{12} = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}, \bar{6}, \bar{7}, \bar{8}, \bar{9}, \bar{10}, \bar{11}\}$

since  $\mathbb{Z}_{12} = \langle \bar{1} \rangle$  we know that  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  is cyclic.

so all its subgroups are cyclic.

All subgroups

$$\langle \bar{0} \rangle = \{\bar{0}\}$$

$$\langle \bar{1} \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_{12} = \langle \bar{11} \rangle \text{ since } \bar{1} \text{ and } \bar{11} \text{ are inverses.}$$

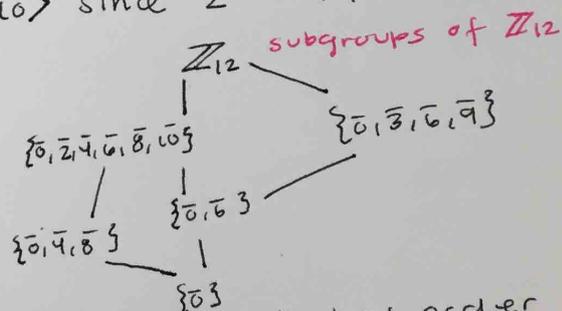
$$\langle \bar{2} \rangle = \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}, \bar{4}, \bar{6}, \bar{8}, \bar{10}\} = \langle \bar{10} \rangle \text{ since } \bar{2} \text{ and } \bar{10} \text{ are inverses}$$

$$\langle \bar{3} \rangle = \{\bar{0}, \bar{3}, \bar{6}, \bar{9}\} = \langle \bar{9} \rangle$$

$$\langle \bar{4} \rangle = \langle \bar{8} \rangle = \{\bar{0}, \bar{4}, \bar{8}\}$$

$$\langle \bar{5} \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_{12} = \langle \bar{7} \rangle$$

$$\langle \bar{6} \rangle = \{\bar{0}, \bar{6}\}$$



**Lemma:** Let  $G$  be a group. Suppose  $x \in G$  and  $x$  has order  $n$ .  
If  $x^k = e$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  then  $n$  divides  $k$

**Proof:**  $x$  has order  $n$  means that  $n$  is the smallest positive integer with  $x^n = e$ . By the division algorithm  $\exists q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $k = nq + r$  and  $0 \leq r < n$ . Then

$$e = x^k = x^{nq+r} = \underbrace{(x^n)^q}_{e^q=e} (x^r) = x^r$$

so  $x^r = e$  and  $0 \leq r < n$  with  $n$  being the order of  $x$ .

so  $r=0$ , so  $k=nq$

Thus  $n$  divides  $k$   $\square$

Proposition: (Homomorphism out of cyclic groups)

Let  $G = \langle x \rangle$  be a cyclic group where  $x \in G$   
 Let  $H$  be any other group

$\Psi: \psi_i$

Case 1 Suppose  $x$  has finite order  $n$   
 Let  $y \in H$  with order  $m$ . If  $m$  divides  $n$ , then  $\Psi: G \rightarrow H$   
 defined by  $\Psi(x^k) = y^k$  is a homomorphism.

Furthermore, any homomorphism  $\Psi: G \rightarrow H$  must be of  
 this form. [That is, there is a  $y \in H$  with order dividing  
 $n$  and  $\Psi(x^k) = y^k \forall k$ ]

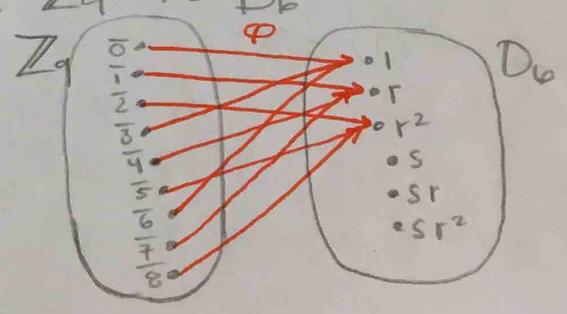
Case 2 Suppose  $x$  has infinite order  
 Let  $y \in H$ . Then  $\Psi: G \rightarrow H$  defined by  $\Psi(x^k) = y^k$  is a  
 homomorphism. All homomorphism from  $G$  to  $H$  are of  
 this form  $\Psi$

[That is, if  $\Psi: G \rightarrow H$  is a homomorphism then  
 there exists  $y \in H$  where  $\Psi(x^k) = y^k$  for all  $k$ ]

Example:  $G = \mathbb{Z}_9 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$   
 $H = D_6 = \{1, r, r^2, s, sr, sr^2\}$

Find all homomorphisms from  $\mathbb{Z}_9$  to  $D_6$

	Possible $y$ 's					
$D_6$	1	r	r <sup>2</sup>	s	sr	sr <sup>2</sup>
order	1	3	3	2	2	2
	divide 9			do not divide 9		



Case 1: Let  $y=r$  (case 1)

- Send 1 to r
- Everything else is forced.
- $\Psi(2) = \Psi(1+1) = \Psi(1)\Psi(1) = r \cdot r = r^2$
- $\Psi(3) = \Psi(1+1+1) = \Psi(1)\Psi(1)\Psi(1) = r \cdot r \cdot r = r^3 = 1$

$\mathbb{Z}_9 = \langle 1 \rangle$   
 $x = 1$   
 has order 9

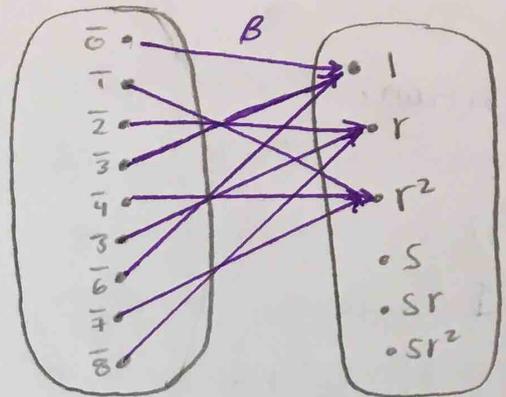
Case 2: Let  $y = r^2$

$$\beta(\bar{1}) = r^2$$

$$\beta(\bar{2}) = \beta(\bar{1} + \bar{1}) = \beta(\bar{1})\beta(\bar{1}) = r^2 r^2 = r^4 = r^3 r = r$$

$$\beta(\bar{3}) = \beta(\bar{1} + \bar{1} + \bar{1}) = \beta(\bar{1})\beta(\bar{1})\beta(\bar{1}) = r^2 r^2 r^2 = r^3 r^3 = 1$$

$$\beta(\bar{4}) = \beta(\bar{3} + \bar{1}) = \beta(\bar{3})\beta(\bar{1}) = 1 \cdot r^2 = r^2$$

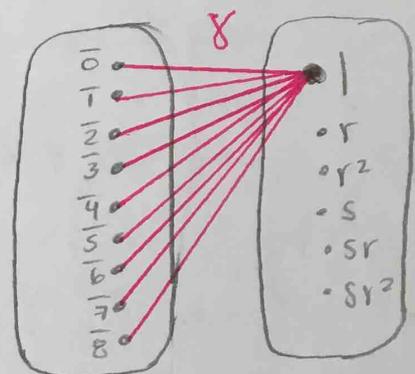


Case 3: The trivial Homomorphism

Let  $y = 1$

$$\gamma(\bar{1}) = 1$$

$$\gamma(\bar{2}) = \gamma(\bar{1} + \bar{1}) = \gamma(\bar{1})\gamma(\bar{1}) = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$



Example:

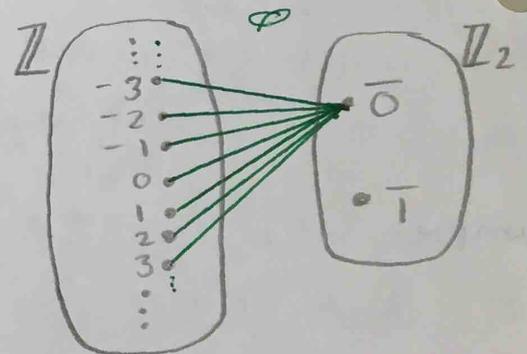
Find all homomorphisms from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}_2$

$$G = \mathbb{Z}, H = \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$\mathbb{Z} = \langle 1 \rangle$  and 1 has infinite order

$$x = 1$$

Since 1 has infinite order we can send it anywhere in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  to create a homomorphism.



Suppose  $\phi(1) = \bar{0}$

$$\phi(2) = \phi(1+1) = \phi(1)\phi(1) = \bar{0} + \bar{0} = \bar{0}$$

$$\phi(3) = \phi(1+1+1) = \phi(1)\phi(1)\phi(1) = \bar{0} + \bar{0} + \bar{0} = \bar{0}$$

$$\phi(0) = \bar{0} \leftarrow \text{identity}$$

$$\phi(-1) = \bar{0}$$

$$\phi(-2) = \phi(-1) + \phi(-1) = \bar{0} + \bar{0} = \bar{0}$$

$$\phi(a^{-1}) = [\phi(a)]^{-1}$$

$$a^{-1} = -1 \quad \phi(1) = \bar{0}$$

$$a = 1 \quad \bar{0}^{-1} = \bar{0}$$

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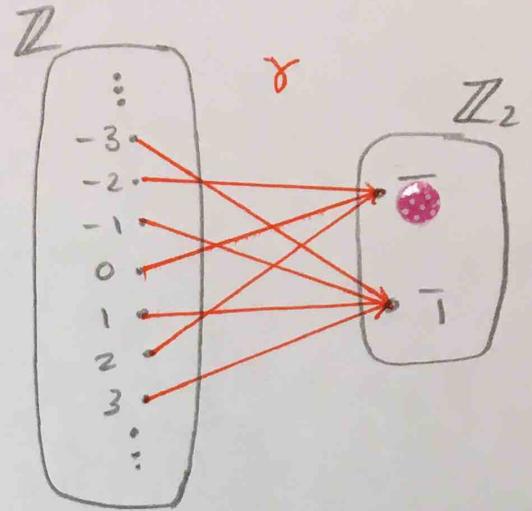
Suppose  $\gamma(1) = \bar{1}$

$$\gamma(2) = \gamma(1+1) = \gamma(1) + \gamma(1) = \bar{1} + \bar{1} = \bar{0}$$

$$\gamma(3) = \bar{1} + \bar{1} + \bar{1} = \bar{1}$$

$$\gamma(-1) = \gamma(1)^{-1} = \bar{1}^{-1} = \bar{1}$$

$$\gamma(-2) = \gamma(-1) + \gamma(-1) = \bar{1} + \bar{1} = \bar{0}$$



- $\varphi$  and  $\gamma$  are the only two homomorphisms

Example:  $D_8 = \{1, r, r^2, r^3, s, sr, sr^2, sr^3\}$

$D_8$  is not cyclic (no element has order 8) and not abelian

$$H = \{1, r^2, sr^2, s\}$$

$H \leq D_8$  and  $H$  is not cyclic but

$H$  is abelian (all elements of  $H$  have order 2, none have order 4)