

Practice Questions lecture 23-25

TOPIC - 90 to 101

QNO:- 1\*

What is a factor or quotient group. Give examples.

Solution:-

Let  $(H, *)$  be a normal subgroup of the group  $(G, *)$ . Then  $(G/H, \otimes)$  is called a quotient or factor group, where the operation  $\otimes$  is defined on  $G/H$  by:

$$Hg_1 \otimes Hg_2 = H(g_1 * g_2).$$

If  $G$  is a finite group then  $G/H$  is also finite and

$$|G/H| = |G|/|H|.$$

For example:- The cyclic group of addition modulo  $n$  can be obtained from a group of integers under addition by identifying the elements that differ by a multiple of  $n$ .

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Q NO:- 2\*

State and explain first isomorphism theorem.

Solution:-

First isomorphism theorem:-

Let  $K$  be the kernel of a group morphism  $f: G \rightarrow H$ . Then  $G/K$  is isomorphic to the image of  $f$  and the isomorphism  $\psi: G/K \rightarrow \text{Im } f$ , is defined by  $\psi(Kg) = f(g)$ . This result is known as first isomorphism theorem. Now, let's prove this theorem.

Proof:-

The function  $\psi$  is well-defined on a coset by using one particular element in the coset so, we have to check  $\psi$  is well-defined; i.e. it doesn't matter which element we use.

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$$\psi: G/K \rightarrow \text{Im } f, \quad \psi(Kg) = f(g).$$

We have taken the right coset of  $Kg$  in place of  $G/K$  and it maps on the function  $f(g)$ .

If  $Kg' = Kg$  then  $g' \equiv g \pmod{K}$ . So,  $gg^{-1} = k \in K = \text{Ker } f$ .

Hence,  $g' = kg$  and  $f'(g) = f(kg) = f(k)f(g) = e_H f(g) = f(g)$

$$\text{So, } f'(g) = f(g).$$

So, we can say that if  $g'$  and  $g$  are under same modulo classes then they have the same identity element. Thus,

the map  $\psi$  is well-defined.

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$$\begin{aligned}\psi(Kg_1 Kg_2) &= \psi(Kg_1 g_2) = f(g_1 g_2) = f(g_1) f(g_2) \\ &= \psi(Kg_1) \psi(Kg_2).\end{aligned}$$

\* If  $\psi(Kg) = e_H$  then

$$f(g) = e_H \text{ and } g \in K.$$

Hence only one element in the kernel of  $\psi$  is the identity coset  $K$ , and  $\psi$  is injective.

Finally  $\text{Im } \psi = \text{Im } f$ , that is  $\psi^{-1}(f(g)) = Kg$ , by the

definition of  $\psi$ . Therefore,  $\psi$  is the required isomorphism between  $G/K$  and  $\text{Im } f$ .

Q NO:- 3\*

Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a group with subgroup  $H$ .

For  $a, b \in G$  what do you mean by  $a$  congruent to  $b$  modulo  $H$ ?

Solution:-

Define of congruence modulo  $H$ :

Two integers  $a$  and  $b$  are congruent modulo  $H$  iff they have the same remainder when divided by  $H$ .

denoted by  $a \equiv b \pmod{H}$ .

Then according to this definition, we will say that  $a$  is congruent to  $b \pmod{H}$  if  $a \pmod{H} = b \pmod{H}$ . i.e. if divided by the subgroup  $H$ , the both elements  $a, b$  have the same remainder.

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Q No:- 04.

Write down the two normal subgroups of  $\{1, -1, i, -i, j, -j, k, -k\}$ .

Solution:-

1)  $H = \{1, -1, x\}$

2)  $K = \{i, -i, x\}$ .

Q No:- 5.

Define the kernel of homomorphism and give example.

Solution:-

Let  $h: G \rightarrow G'$  be a homomorphism of groups.

The subgroup  $h^{-1}[\{e'\}] = \{x \in G \mid h(x) = e'\}$  is the kernel of  $h$ .

And is denoted by  $\text{Ker}(h)$ .

Q No:- 6\*

Let  $\gamma$  be the natural map of  $\mathbb{Z}$  into  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  given by  $\gamma(m) = r$ , where  $r$  is the remainder given by the division algorithm when  $m$  is divided by  $n$ . Show that  $\gamma$  is a homomorphism. Find  $\text{Ker}(\gamma)$ .

Solution:-

We need to show that  $\gamma(s+t) = \gamma(s) + \gamma(t)$  for  $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Using the division algorithm, we suppose

$$s = q_1 n + r_1 \quad \text{--- ①} \quad \text{and} \quad t = q_2 n + r_2 \quad \text{--- ②}$$

where  $0 \leq r_i < n$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

If  $r_1 + r_2 = q_3 n + r_3$  --- ③ for  $0 \leq r_3 < n$  then adding

eq - ① and - ② we see that

$$s+t = (q_1 + q_2 + q_3)n + r_3,$$

such that  $y(s+t) = r_3$ . From eq - (1) and - (2)  
we see that  $y(s) = r_1$  and  $y(t) = r_2$ . Eq - (3)  
shows that the sum  $r_1 + r_2$  in  $Z_n$  is  
equal to  $r_3$  also.

Q<sub>NO</sub>: - 01\*

Let  $D$  be the additive group of all differential functions mapping  $R$  onto  $R$ , and let  $F$  be the additive group of all functions mapping  $R$  into  $R$ , then the map  $h: D \rightarrow F$ , where  $h(f) = f'$ . What is  $\text{Ker}(h)$ ?

Solution:-

We can easily see that 'h' is a homo-morphism for  $h(f+g) = (f+g)' = f' + g' = h(f) + h(g)$ ; the derivative of a sum is the sum of derivatives. Now,

$\text{Ker}(h)$  consists of all those functions  $f$  such that  $f' = 0$ .

Thus  $\text{Ker}(h)$  consists of all constant functions, which form a subgroup  $C$  of  $F$ . Let's find all the functions

whose derivative is  $x^2$  by 'h'. i.e., all those functions whose derivative is  $x^2$ . Now we know that  $x^3/3$  is one of such functions.

By the theorem of Kernel of homomorphism which is stated as:

"Let  $h$  be a homomorphism from a group  $G$  into a group  $G'$ . Let  $K$  be the kernel of  $h$ . Then,

$$aK = \{x \in G \mid h(x) = h(a)\} = h^{-1}[\{h(a)\}] \quad \text{and}$$

$$Ka = \{x \in G \mid h(x) = h(a)\} = h^{-1}[\{h(a)\}].$$

So, by this theorem, all such functions form the coset

$$\frac{x^3}{3} + C.$$

Q NO: - 02

Let  $G = G_1 \times \dots \times G_i \times \dots \times G_n$  be a direct product of groups. The projection map  $\pi_i: G \rightarrow G_i$  where  $\pi_i(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_i, \dots, g_n) = g_i$  is a homomorphism for each  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Solution:-

Let's take any two arbitrary elements say:

$$\pi_1 = g_1, \dots, g_n, \quad \pi_2 = g_1', \dots, g_n'$$

Then their product will be given as:

$$\pi_1 \pi_2 = \{g_1 g_1', \dots, g_n g_n'\}$$

This follows immediately the fact that the binary operation of  $G$  coincides in the  $i$ th component with the binary operation in  $G_i$ .

Q NO:- 03,

We may sometimes write  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}_n$ .

Then how do you read  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

Solution:-

We read  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  as the residue classes of integers under modulo  $n$ .

Q NO:- 04.

Let  $\phi: F \rightarrow R$  be defined by  $\phi_c(f) = f(c)$

for all  $f \in F$ . Show that  $\phi$  is homomorphism.

Solution:-

By definition the sum of two functions  $f$  and  $g$  is the function  $f+g$  whose value at  $x$  is

$f(x) + g(x)$ . Thus, we have

$$\phi_c(f+g) = (f+g)c = f(c) + g(c) = \phi_c(f) + \phi_c(g).$$

So  $\phi$  is a homo-morphism.

Q No: - 5.

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Then show that

$H$  is normal if and only if

$$(aH)(bH) = (ab)H, \forall a, b \in G.$$

Solution: -

The above statement shows that if left and right cosets of  $H$  coincides, then the

above equation  $(aH)(bH) = (ab)H, \forall a, b \in G$

gives a well-defined binary operation on cosets.

Q NO: - 06

Show that the homomorphism  $h: G \rightarrow G'$  is injective if and only if  $\text{Ker}(h) = \{e\}$ .

Solution: -

Suppose  $h$  is injective and let  $x \in \text{Ker}(h)$ .

Then  $h(x) = e' = h(e)$ . Hence  $x = e$ .

Conversely, Suppose that  $\text{Ker}(h) = \{e\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } h(x) &= h(y) \\ \Rightarrow h(xy^{-1}) &= h(x)h(y^{-1}) \\ \Rightarrow h(x)h(y)^{-1} &= e' \\ \Rightarrow xy^{-1} &\in \text{Ker}(h) \\ \Rightarrow xy^{-1} &= e \\ \Rightarrow x &= y \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $h$  is injective.

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Every subgroup  $H$  of an abelian group  $G$  is normal.

Solution:-

We need only to note that  $gh = hg$  for all  $g \in G$  and  $h \in H$ , so of course  $ghg^{-1} = h$  where  $h$  belongs to the subgroup  $H$  and  $g \in G$ .

Q No:- 2

The set of all inner automorphisms of  $G$  is a subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(G)$ .

Solution:-

1) let  $i_a, i_b \in \text{Inn}(G)$ . Then,

$$i_a(i_b(x)) = a(i_b(x))a^{-1} = abxb^{-1}a^{-1} = abx(ab)^{-1} = i_{ab} \in \text{Inn}(G)$$

Hence conjugation

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$a' =$

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Thus

QNO:- 03

A factor

Solution:-

Let  $G$

$a$ , and

We claim

group  $G$  is normal.

$gh = hg$  for

$ghg^{-1} = h$  where  $h$

$g \in G$ .

isms of  $G$  is

$\alpha(ab)^{-1} = i_{ab} \in \text{Inn}(G)$

Hence the conjugation by  $a$  is conjugation by  $ab$  composed by conjugation by  $b$ .

2) The inverse of  $i_a$  is conjugation by  $a^{-1}$ .  

$$a^{-1} = a^{-1} \cdot i_a((i_a^{-1})(x)) = i_a(a^{-1}x(a^{-1})) = aa^{-1}x(aa^{-1})^{-1} = x$$

Thus  $\text{Inn}(G)$  is a subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(G)$ .

QNO:- 03\*

A factor group of a group is cyclic.

Solution:-

Let  $G$  be a cyclic group with generator  $a$ , and let  $N$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

We claim that the coset  $aN$  generates  $G/N$ .

We must compute all powers of  $aN$ .  
But this amounts to computing in  $G$ , all  
powers of representative  $a$  and all these powers  
give all the elements in  $G$ . Hence the powers  
of  $aN$  certainly give all cosets of  $N$  and  
 $G/N$  is cyclic.

Q No:- 04.

Prove that  $\text{Aut}(G_n) \cong U_n$ .

Solution:-

An automorphism  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$  is determined by  $\varphi(1)$

as for any integers  $k$ ,  $\varphi(k) = \varphi(\underbrace{1 + \dots + 1}_k) = \varphi(1) + \dots + \varphi(1)$

$= k\varphi(1)$  must be a generator of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

Since isomorphism preserves order,  $\varphi(1)$  must be a generator of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ . We have proved that the generators of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  are those integers  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  for which  $\gcd(k, n) = 1$ . But these  $k$  are precisely

the elements of  $U_n = \{1, \omega, \dots, \omega^{n-1} \mid \omega = e^{2\pi i/n}\}$ .

In this way, each element  $a$  of  $U_n$  gives a distinct automorphism  $\varphi_a$  which is multiplication by  $a$ ,

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and these are the automorphisms of  $Z_n$ .

Furthermore,  $\mu: \text{Aut}(Z) \rightarrow U_n$  given by  $\mu(\varphi_a) = a$  is  
a group isomorphism.

$$\text{i) } \mu(\varphi_{ab}) = ab = \mu(\varphi_a) \mu(\varphi_b).$$

$$\text{ii) } \mu(\varphi_a) = \mu(\varphi_b) \Rightarrow a = b.$$

$$\text{iii) } \mu(\varphi_a) = a.$$

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Q NO:- 5.

Let  $H$ , a subgroup of a group  $G$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ , then  $ghg^{-1} \in H \forall g \in G$  and  $h \in H$ .

Solution:-

Suppose that  $gH = Hg \forall g \in G$ . Then  $gh = h_1g$ , so

$ghg^{-1} \in H \forall g \in G$  and  $h \in H$ . Then:

$gHg^{-1} = \{ghg^{-1} \mid h \in H\} \subseteq H \forall g \in G$ . We claim that actually

$gHg^{-1} = H$ . We must show that  $H \subseteq gHg^{-1} \forall g \in G$ .

Let  $h \in H$ . Replacing  $g$  by  $g^{-1}$  in the relation  $ghg^{-1} \in H$ ,

we obtain:  $g^{-1}h(g^{-1})^{-1} = g^{-1}hg = h_1$  where  $h_1 \in H$ .

Consequently,  $gHg^{-1} = H$  for all  $g \in G$ .

Conversely if  $gHg^{-1} = H$  for all  $g \in G$ , then

$ghg^{-1} = h_1$ , so  $gh = h_1g \in Hg$  and  $gH \subseteq Hg$ .

But also,  $g^{-1}Hg = H$  giving  $g^{-1}Hg = h_2$ , so that

$hg = gh_2$  and  $Hg \subseteq gH$ .