

LECTURE 10
(Friday Oct. 18, 2019)

PROOF. Looking for the smallest integer $m > 0$ s.t.

$(a^n)^m = e$. Know (by previous theorem) this amounts to: $\text{GCD} := \text{GCD}(\text{ord}, n)$

$$\text{ord}(a) \mid mn \iff \frac{\text{ord}(a)}{\text{GCD}} \mid m \frac{n}{\text{GCD}}$$

[remember: "Euclid's Lemma"
 $u \mid vw$ and $\text{GCD}(u, v) = 1$,
then $u \mid w$.]

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coprime (integers).

$$\iff \frac{\text{ord}(a)}{\text{GCD}} \mid m \quad \square$$

smallest such $m > 0$.

Corollary

$\langle a^n \rangle = \langle a \rangle$ when n is coprime to $\text{ord}(a)$.

(always have \subseteq and if $\text{GCD} = 1$ they have same size)

Corollary If $(G, *)$ is finite cyclic generated by a .

Then a^n is another generator precisely when $\text{GCD}(n, |G|) = 1$.

Ex $(G, *)$ cyclic of size $|G| = 21 = 3 \cdot 7$

Pick a generator $a \in G$, i.e. $G = \langle a \rangle$

consists of all its powers:

$$e \quad a \quad a^2 \quad a^3 \quad \dots \quad a^{20}$$

Order of a^n is:

$$\text{(note } \text{ord}(a) = |G| = 21 \text{)}$$

$$\text{ord}(a^n) = \frac{21}{\text{GCD}(n, 21)}$$

In particular a^n generates G precisely when n and 21 are coprime (i.e., $3 \nmid n$ and $7 \nmid n$):

$$n = 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20$$

$$(12 = \varphi(21) = \varphi(3)\varphi(7) = 2 \cdot 6 \text{ of them})$$

Also,

$$\text{ord}(a^3) = \frac{21}{\text{GCD}(3, 21)} = \frac{21}{3} = 7$$

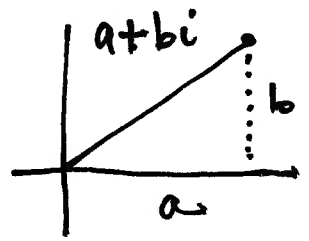
$$\text{ord}(a^7) = \frac{21}{\text{GCD}(7, 21)} = \frac{21}{7} = 3$$

$$\text{e.g., } \langle a^7 \rangle = \{e, a^7, a^{14}\}$$

Roots of unity:

Complex numbers: $\mathbb{C} = \{a+bi : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$, $i^2 = -1$.

— has addition & multiplication.



EX:

$(\mathbb{C}, +)$ groups

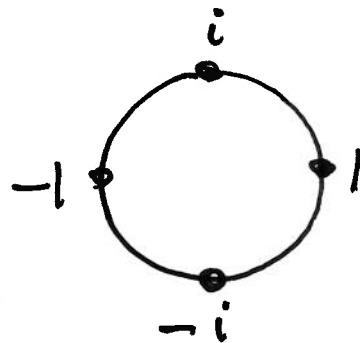
$(\mathbb{C}^\times, \cdot)$

— Inside \mathbb{C}^\times :

[recall $\mathbb{C}^\times = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$]
"punctured complex plane".

$$G = \{\pm 1, \pm i\}$$

(all solutions $z \in \mathbb{C}$
to eqn. $z^4 = 1$)



(G, \cdot) is a group w. composition table:

↖ cyclic:

$$\langle -1 \rangle = \{\pm 1\}$$

$$\langle i \rangle = \{1, i, i^2, i^3\}$$

$$= \{1, i, -1, -i\} = G.$$

\cdot	1	-1	i	-i
1	1	-1	i	-i
-1	-1	1	-i	i
i	i	-i	-1	1
-i	-i	i	1	-1

(HW)

Exc For any given $N > 0$,

$$U_N = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : z^N = 1\}$$

is a group under multiplication.

(“subgroup” of \mathbb{C}^\times)

— name:
“ N^{th} roots of
unity in \mathbb{C} ”.

$$U_4 = \{\pm 1, \pm i\}$$

How to solve $z^N = 1$?

in "Polar form" $z = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)$

$$\Rightarrow z^N = r^N (\cos N\theta + i\sin N\theta)$$

so must have $r=1$ and $N\theta = 2\pi \cdot (\text{integer})$
(so z on complex unit circle)

i.e.) $z = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}n\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}n\right)$

where $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$. (N solutions)

Letting

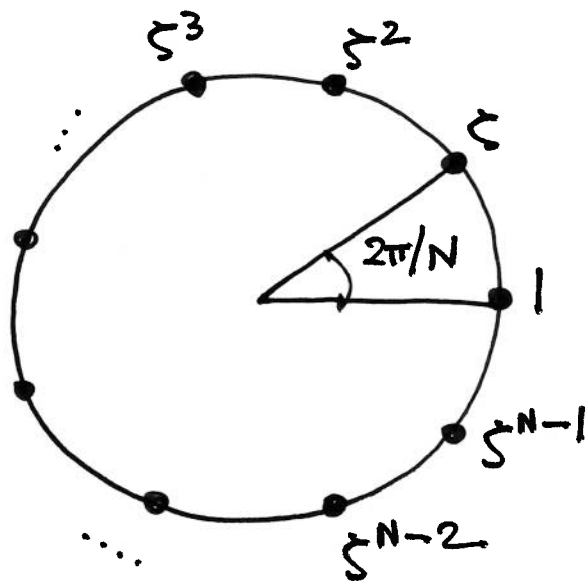
$$\zeta := \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}\right)$$

"primitive N^{th} root of 1"

find that $z = \zeta^n$ for
some $0 \leq n < N$.

in other words:

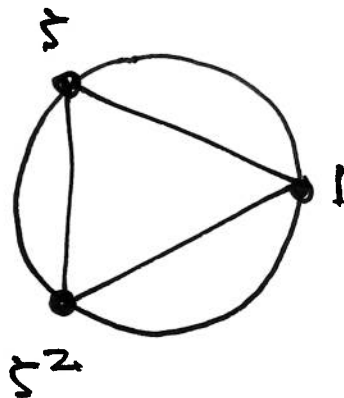
$U_N = \langle \zeta \rangle = \{1, \zeta, \zeta^2, \dots, \zeta^{N-1}\}$
is cyclic of size N .



a regular polygon.
(N -gon)

Ex ($N=3$) Solutions to $z^3=1$?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Here } \zeta &= \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{aligned}$$



$$U_3 = \{1, \zeta, \zeta^2\}$$

w. composition table

\bullet	1	ζ	ζ^2
1	1	ζ	ζ^2
ζ	ζ	ζ^2	1
ζ^2	ζ^2	1	ζ

Compare this to $(\mathbb{Z}_3, +)$:

$+$	[0]	[1]	[2]
[0]	[0]	[1]	[2]
[1]	[1]	[2]	[0]
[2]	[2]	[0]	[1]

- via the "Dictionary"

$$1 \mapsto [0]$$

$$\zeta \mapsto [1]$$

$$\zeta^2 \mapsto [2]$$

get same "pattern"

— works for any N .

\sim an example of an "isomorphism"

$$U_3 \cong \mathbb{Z}_3$$

\nearrow multiplicative, \nwarrow additive