

# Comments to Practice Problems

① straight forward:

- calculate  $\text{ord}(10)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{12} = \frac{12}{\text{gcd}(10,12)} = \frac{12}{2} = 6$
- "  $\text{ord}(12)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{16} = \frac{16}{\text{gcd}(12,16)} = \frac{16}{4} = 4$

$$\text{ord}(10,12) = \text{lcm}(6,4) = 12$$

② (a)  $\underline{\Phi}: X \rightarrow nX$  homom.!

$$\underline{\Phi}(x+y) = n(x+y) = nx + ny = \underline{\Phi}(x) + \underline{\Phi}(y)$$

$\Rightarrow$  homom.

(b) For which  $n$  is it an isom?  
Recall. isom. = homom. which is one-to-one and onto.

group operation is preserved! (we checked this in part (a)!)  
one-to-one:  $\phi(nx) = 0$  must imply

$$x = 0 \pmod{10}$$

Try:  $n=2$ :

$$\phi(5) = 2 \cdot 5 = 10 = 0 \pmod{10}$$

$$5 \neq 0 \pmod{10}$$

conclusion: <sup>isomorphism</sup> not **hom.** for  $n=2$ .

Try:  $n=3$ :

$$1 \rightarrow 3$$

$$2 \rightarrow 6$$

$$3 \rightarrow 9$$

$$4 \rightarrow 12 = 2 \pmod{10}$$

$$5 \rightarrow 15 = 5 \pmod{10}$$

$$6 \rightarrow 18 = 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$7 \rightarrow 21 = 1 \pmod{10}$$

$$8 \rightarrow 24 = 4 \pmod{10}$$

$$9 \rightarrow 27 = 7 \pmod{10}$$

$\Rightarrow$  for  $n=3$  map is 1-1.

not efficient method!

observation:  $n=2: \gcd(2, 10) = 2 > 1$

$n=3: \gcd(3, 10) = 1$

claim: The map:  $\phi: x \rightarrow nx \pmod{10}$   
is an isom.  $\Leftrightarrow \gcd(n, 10) = 1$

proof  $\gcd(n, 10) = d > 1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{10}{d} \not\equiv 0 \pmod{10} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{n \cdot 10}{d} = 10 \cdot \frac{n}{d} \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$$

$\uparrow$   
integer  
because  $d|n$

$\Rightarrow \Phi$  not  $\cong \mathbb{Z}_{10}$

if  $\gcd(m, 10) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \exists s, t \text{ s.t. } sm + t \cdot 10 = 1$$

hence if  $\Phi(x) = 0 \pmod{10}$

$$mx = 0 \pmod{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow smx = 0 \pmod{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow smx + t \cdot 10 \cdot x = 0 \pmod{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{(sm + t \cdot 10)}_{=1} x = 0 \pmod{10}$$

$$x = 0 \pmod{10}.$$

elementary solution.

More elegant solution:

$$\text{If } \gcd(n, 10) = 1 \Rightarrow n \in U(10)$$

$\Rightarrow$  there exists inverse  $s \in U(10)$

i.e.  $sn = 1 \pmod{10}$

hence:

$$\text{If } nx = 0 \pmod{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{sn}x = s0 = 0 \pmod{10}$$
$$= 1 \pmod{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \pmod{10}$$

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a

true:  $|\mathbb{Z}_n| = n$  for any  $n$

b

true: have shown:  $|G| = p$

$\Rightarrow G \cong \mathbb{Z}_p$  abelian

c

not true:  $G = D_p$  dihedral group

$|D_p| = 2p$

not abelian

d

not true:

if  $a \in G \Rightarrow \text{ord}(a) \mid |G|$

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similar to

midterm

8 X 44  
problem.

⑤ similar to midterm problems

⑥ homework problem:

$$\langle \text{ker } \Phi = \{(e, k), k \in K\}$$

⑦ a)  $2a = 2(2, 1) = (4, 2) = (0, 0)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$

$$\Rightarrow |\langle a \rangle| = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow |G/\langle a \rangle| = \frac{|G|}{|\langle a \rangle|} = \frac{4 \cdot 2}{2} = 4$$

$|\mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2| = 4 \cdot 2$

⑧ have seen:  $|G| = 4 \Rightarrow G = \mathbb{Z}_4$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$   
need to calculate  $\text{ord}(g/\langle a \rangle)$  in  $G/\langle a \rangle$ .

quickest method:

check whether  $2b \in \langle a \rangle$  for all  $b \in G$  !

$$\text{proof: } 2b = 2(i, j) = (2i, 2j) = (2j, 0)$$

$$i \in \mathcal{D}_4$$

$$j \in \mathcal{D}_2$$

$$\uparrow \\ \mathcal{D}_2$$

$$\text{result: if } b = (1, 0) \Rightarrow 2(1, 0) = (2, 0) \notin \langle a \rangle$$

$$3(1, 0) = (3, 0) \notin \langle a \rangle$$

$$4(1, 0) = (0, 0) \in \langle a \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow b^j \langle a \rangle = \langle a \rangle \Leftrightarrow 4 \mid j$$

$$\Rightarrow b \langle a \rangle \text{ has order } 4 \text{ in } G/\langle a \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow G/\langle a \rangle \cong \mathcal{D}_4.$$

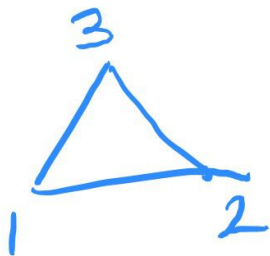


⑧ Sol.  $U(8) \neq U(5)$

Question: Is  $S_3 \stackrel{?}{=} D_3$   
 $\uparrow$  symmetric group
 $\uparrow$  dihedral group
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$|S_3| = 6 = |D_3|$

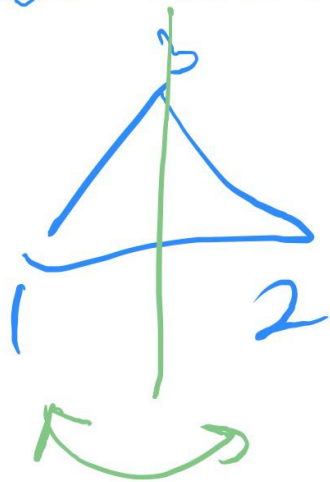
try to find an isom.



if  $a \in D_3 \rightarrow \pi_a \in S_3$  permutations of corners

e.g.

$a =$  reflection at vertical axis



permutation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{array} = (12)$$

observe:

$$\Phi: a \rightarrow \pi a \quad \text{is } 1-1$$

and  $\Phi$  is a hom.



$\Phi$  is an isom.



$$S_3 \cong D_3$$