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## CHAPTER 0

### Preliminaries

- 1.  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ;  $\{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ ;  $\{1, 5, 7, 11\}$ ;  $\{1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 13, 17, 19\}$ ;  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24\}$
- 2. a. 2; 10 b. 4; 40 c. 4: 120; d. 1; 1050 e.  $pq^2; p^2q^3$
- 3. 12, 2, 2, 10, 1, 0, 4, 5.
- 4. s = -3, t = 2; s = 8, t = -5
- 5. By using 0 as an exponent if necessary, we may write  $a = p_1^{m_1} \cdots p_k^{m_k}$  and  $b = p_1^{n_1} \cdots p_k^{n_k}$ , where the *p*'s are distinct primes and the *m*'s and *n*'s are nonnegative. Then  $\operatorname{lcm}(a,b) = p_1^{s_1} \cdots p_k^{s_k}$ , where  $s_i = \max(m_i, n_i)$  and  $\operatorname{gcd}(a,b) = p_1^{t_1} \cdots p_k^{t_k}$ , where  $t_i = \min(m_i, n_i)$  Then  $\operatorname{lcm}(a,b) \cdot \operatorname{gcd}(a,b) = p_1^{m_1+n_1} \cdots p_k^{m_k+n_k} = ab$ .
- 6. The first part follows from the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic; for the second part, take a = 4, b = 6, c = 12.
- 7. Write  $a = nq_1 + r_1$  and  $b = nq_2 + r_2$ , where  $0 \le r_1, r_2 < n$ . We may assume that  $r_1 \ge r_2$ . Then  $a - b = n(q_1 - q_2) + (r_1 - r_2)$ , where  $r_1 - r_2 \ge 0$ . If  $a \mod n = b \mod n$ , then  $r_1 = r_2$  and n divides a - b. If ndivides a - b, then by the uniqueness of the remainder, we then have  $r_1 - r_2 = 0$ . Thus,  $r_1 = r_2$  and therefore  $a \mod n = b \mod n$ .
- 8. Write as + bt = d. Then a's + b't = (a/d)s + (b/d)t = 1.
- 9. By Exercise 7, to prove that  $(a + b) \mod n = (a' + b') \mod n$  and  $(ab) \mod n = (a'b') \mod n$  it suffices to show that n divides (a + b) (a' + b') and ab a'b'. Since n divides both a a' and n divides b b', it divides their difference. Because  $a = a' \mod n$  and  $b = b' \mod n$  there are integers s and t such that a = a' + ns and b = b' + nt. Thus ab = (a' + ns)(b' + nt) = a'b' + nsb' + a'nt + nsnt. Thus, ab a'b' is divisible by n.
- 10. Write d = au + bv. Since t divides both a and b, it divides d. Write s = mq + r where  $0 \le r < m$ . Then r = s mq is a common multiple of both a and b so r = 0.
- 11. Suppose that there is an integer n such that  $ab \mod n = 1$ . Then there is an integer q such that ab nq = 1. Since d divides both a and n, d also divides 1. So, d = 1. On the other hand, if d = 1, then by the corollary of Theorem 0.2, there are integers s and t such that as + nt = 1. Thus, modulo n, as = 1.

## CHAPTER 8 External Direct Products

- 1. Closure and associativity in the product follows from the closure and associativity in each component. The identity in the product is the *n*-tuple with the identity in each component. The inverse of  $(g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_n)$  is  $(g_1^{-1}, g_2^{-1}, \ldots, g_n^{-1})$ .
- 2. In general, (1, 1, ..., 1) is an element of largest order in  $Z_{n_1} \oplus Z_{n_2} \oplus \cdots \oplus Z_{n_t}$ . To see this note that because the order of the 1 in each component is the order of the group in that component,  $|(1, 1, ..., 1)| = \operatorname{lcm}(n_1, n_2, ..., n_t)$  and the order of every element in the product must divide  $\operatorname{lcm}(n_1, n_2, ..., n_t)$ .
- 3. The mapping  $\phi(g) = (g, e_H)$  is an isomorphism from G to  $G \oplus \{e_H\}$ . To verify that  $\phi$  is one-to-one, we note that  $\phi(g) = \phi(g')$  implies  $(g, e_H) = (g', e_H)$  which means that g = g'. The element  $(g, e_H) \in G \oplus \{e_H\}$  is the image of g. Finally,  $\phi((g, e_H)(g', e_H)) = \phi((gg', e_H e_H)) = \phi((gg', e_H)) = gg' = \phi((g, e_H))\phi((g', e_H))$ . A similar argument shows that  $\phi(h) = (e_G, h)$  is an isomorphism from H onto  $\{e_G\} \oplus H$ .
- 4. (g,h)(g',h') = (g',h')(g,h) for all g,g',h,h' if and only if gg' = g'g and hh' = h'h, that is, if and only if G and H are Abelian. A corresponding statement holds for the external direct product of any number of groups.
- 5. If  $Z \oplus Z = \langle (a, b) \rangle$  then neither a nor b is 0. But then  $(1, 0) \notin \langle (a, b) \rangle$ .  $Z \oplus G$  is not cycle when |G| > 1.
- 6.  $Z_8 \oplus Z_2$  contains elements of order 8, while  $Z_4 \oplus Z_4$  does not.
- 7. Define a mapping from  $G_1 \oplus G_2$  to  $G_2 \oplus G_1$  by  $\phi(g_1, g_2) = (g_2, g_1)$ . To verify that  $\phi$  is one-to-one, we note that  $\phi((g_1, g_2)) = \phi((g'_1, g'_2))$  implies  $(g_2, g_1) = (g'_2, g'_1)$ . From this we obtain that  $g_1 = g'_1$  and  $g_2 = g'_2$ . The element  $(g_2, g_1)$  is the image on  $(g_1, g_2)$  so  $\phi$  is onto. Finally,  $\phi((g_1, g_2)(g'_1, g'_2)) = \phi((g_1g'_1, g_2g'_2)) = (g_2g'_2, g_1g'_1) = (g_2, g_1)(g'_2, g'_1) =$  $\phi((g_1, g_2))\phi((g'_1, g'_2))$ . In general, the external direct product of any number of groups is isomorphic to the external direct product of any rearrangement of those groups.
- 8. No,  $Z_3 \oplus Z_9$  does not have an element of order 27. See also Theorem 8.2.
- 9. In  $Z_6 \oplus Z_2$ ,  $|\langle (1,0) \rangle| = 6$  and  $|\langle (1,1) \rangle| = 6$ .

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- 26. Consider  $(2, x) = \{2f(x) + xg(x) | f(x), g(x) \in Z[x]\}.$
- 27. We start with (x 1/2)(x + 1/3) and clear fractions to obtain (6x 3)(6x + 2) as one possible solution.
- 28. If a had multiplicity greater than 1, then we could write  $f(x) = (x a)^2 g(x)$ . Now use the product rule to calculate f'(x).
- 29. The proof given for Theorem 16.2 with g(x) = x a is valid over any commutative ring with unity. Moreover, the proofs for Corollaries 1 and 2 of Theorem 16.2 are also valid over any commutative ring with unity.
- 30. Notice that the proof of the division algorithm holds for integral domains when g(x) has the form x a. Likewise the proofs of the Factor Theorem and Corollary 3 of Theorem 16.2 hold.
- 31. Observe that  $f(x) \in I$  if and only if f(1) = 0. Then if f and g belong to I and h belongs to F[x], we have (f g)(1) = f(1) g(1) = 0 0 and  $(hf)(1) = h(1)f(1) = h(1) \cdot 0 = 0$ . So, I is an ideal. By Theorem 16.5,  $I = \langle x 1 \rangle$ .
- 32. Use the Factor Theorem.
- 33. This follows directly from Corollary 2 of Theorem 15.5 and Exercise 11 in this chapter.
- 34. Consider the ideal  $\langle x^3 x \rangle$ .
- 35. For any a in U(p),  $a^{p-1} = 1$ , so every member of U(p) is a zero of  $x^{p-1} 1$ . From the Factor Theorem (Corollary 2 of Theorem 16.2) we obtain that  $g(x) = (x-1)(x-2)\cdots(x-(p-1))$  is a factor of  $x^{p-1} 1$ . Since both g(x) and  $x^{p-1} 1$  have lead coefficient 1, the same degree, and their difference has p-1 zeros, their difference must be 0 (for otherwise their difference would be a polynomial of degree less than p-1 that had p-1 zeros).
- 36. By Theorem 16.5 the only possibility for g(x) is  $\pm(x-1)$ . By Theorem 15.3  $Z[x]/\text{Ker }\phi$  is isomorphic Z. The only possibilities for g(x) are a(x-1) where a is any nonzero rational number.  $Q[x]/\text{Ker }\phi$  is isomorphic Q. x in Z. But then g(x) = f(x) a has infinitely many zeros. This contradicts Corollary 3 of Theorem 16.2.
- 37.  $\mathbf{C}(x)$  (field of quotients of  $\mathbf{C}[x]$ ). Since p does not divide (p-1) we know that p divides (p-2)! 1. Thus,  $(p-2)! \mod p = 1$ .
- 38. When n is prime, use Exercise 37. When n is composite and greater than  $4, (n-1)! \mod n = 0.$
- 39. By Exercise 38,  $(p-1)! \mod p = p-1$ . So, p divides (p-1)! (p-1) = (p-1)((p-2)! 1).

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## CHAPTER 28 Frieze Groups and Crystallographic Groups

- 1. The mapping  $\phi(x^m y^n) = (m, n)$  is an isomorphism. Onto is by observation. If  $\phi(x^m y^n) = \phi(x^i y^j)$ , then (m, n) = (i, j) and therefore, m = n and i = j. Also,  $\phi((x^m y^n)(x^i y^j)) = \phi(x^{m+i} y^{n+j}) = (m+i, n+j) = (m, n)(i, j) = \phi(x^m y^n)\phi(x^i y^j)$ .
- 2. 4
- 3. Using Figure 28.9 we obtain  $x^2yzxz = xy$ .
- 4.  $x^{-4}y$
- 5. Use Figure 28.9.
- 6. Use Figure 28.8.
- 7.  $x^2yzxz = x^2yx^{-1} = x^2x^{-1}y = xy$  $x^{-3}zxzy = x^{-3}x^{-1}y = x^{-4}y$
- 8. It suffices to show  $y^{-1}xy = x^i$  and  $z^{-1}xz = x^j$  for some *i* and *j*.
- 9. A subgroup of index 2 is normal.
- 11. a. V, b. I, c. II, d. VI, e. VII, and f. III.
- 12. a. V b. III c. VII d. IV e. V
- 13.~cmm
- 14. Reading down the columns starting on the left we have: pgg, pmm, p2, p1, cmm, pmg, pg, pm, p3, p4, p4m, p4g, cm, p6,p3m1, p31m, p6m.
- 15. a. *p*4*m*, b. *p*3, c. *p*31*m*, and d. *p*6*m*
- 16. The top row

$$\alpha^{-3}\beta^2, \alpha^{-2}\beta^2, \alpha^{-1}\beta^2, \beta^2, \alpha\beta^2.$$

The bottom row is

$$\alpha^{-2}\beta^{-1}, \alpha^{-1}\beta^{-1}, \beta^{-1}, \alpha\beta^{-1}, \alpha^{2}\beta^{-1}, \alpha^{3}\beta^{-1}.$$