

## cyclic groups

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Def. Let  $(G, *)$  be a gp. and  $a \in G$ , the cyclic subgroup of  $G$  generated by  $a$  is denoted by  $\langle a \rangle$  and defined as

$$\langle a \rangle = \{ a^k : k \in \mathbb{Z} \} = \{ \dots, a^{-1}, a^0, a^1, \dots \}.$$

then  $G$

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if  $G = \langle a \rangle$  is called cyclic gp. generated by  $a$ .  
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Def. A group  $(G, *)$  is called cyclic gp. generated by  $a$  iff  $\exists a \in G$  such that  $G = \langle a \rangle = \{ a^k : k \in \mathbb{Z} \}$ .

ex. ① In  $(\mathbb{Z}_9, +_9)$ , find the cyclic subgp. generated by  $\bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{7}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \bar{2} \rangle &= \{ \bar{2}^k : k \in \mathbb{Z} \} = \{ \dots, \bar{2}^{-3}, \bar{2}^{-2}, \bar{2}^{-1}, \bar{2}^0, \bar{2}^1, \bar{2}^2, \bar{2}^3, \dots \} \\ &= \{ \dots, \bar{5}, \bar{7}, \bar{8}, \bar{0}, \bar{2}, \bar{4}, \bar{6}, \dots \} \\ &= \{ \bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \dots, \bar{8} \} = \mathbb{Z}_9 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}_9$  is cyclic gp. generated by  $\bar{2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \bar{3} \rangle &= \{ \dots, \bar{3}^{-3}, \bar{3}^{-2}, \bar{3}^{-1}, \bar{3}^0, \bar{3}^1, \bar{3}^2, \bar{3}^3, \dots \} \\ &= \{ \dots, \bar{6}, \bar{0}, \bar{3}, \bar{6}, \bar{0}, \dots \} \\ &= \{ \bar{0}, \bar{3}, \bar{6} \} \text{ is cyclic subgp. of } \mathbb{Z}_9. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \bar{7} \rangle &= \{ \dots, \bar{7}^{-3}, \bar{7}^{-2}, \bar{7}^{-1}, \bar{7}^0, \bar{7}^1, \bar{7}^2, \bar{7}^3, \dots \} \\ &= \{ \dots, \bar{8}, \bar{7}, \bar{8}, \bar{0}, \bar{7}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \dots \} = \mathbb{Z}_9 \text{ is generated by } \bar{7}. \end{aligned}$$

ex. ② In  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ , find cyclic gp. generated by  $\bar{1}, \bar{2}, -1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 1 \rangle &= \{1^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, 1^{-3}, 1^{-2}, 1^{-1}, 1^0, 1^1, 1^2, 1^3, \dots\} \\ &= \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\} \\ &= \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \bar{2} \rangle &= \{2^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, 2^{-3}, 2^{-2}, 2^{-1}, 2^0, 2^1, 2^2, 2^3, \dots\} \\ &= \{\dots, -6, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, 6, \dots\} = 2\mathbb{Z} \\ &\neq \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle -1 \rangle &= \{(-1)^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, (-1)^{-2}, (-1)^{-1}, (-1)^0, (-1)^1, (-1)^2, \dots\} \\ &= \{\dots, 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, \dots\} \\ &= \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore (\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is cyclic gp. generated by 1 and -1

ex. ③ Is  $(S_3, \circ)$  cyclic gp.?

$$= \{f_i^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{f_i, f_i^2, f_i, f_i, f_i, \dots\}$$

$$\langle f_1 \rangle = \{f_1\} \neq S_3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f_2 \rangle &= \{f_2^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, f_2^{-2}, f_2^{-1}, f_2^0, f_2^1, f_2^2, \dots\} \\ &= \{\dots, f_2, f_3, f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots\} \\ &= \{f_1, f_2, f_3\} \neq S_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle f_3 \rangle = \{f_1, f_2, f_3\} \neq S_3$$

$$\langle f_4 \rangle = \{f_1, f_4\} \neq S_3$$

$$\langle f_5 \rangle = \{f_1, f_5\} \neq S_3$$

$$\langle f_6 \rangle = \{f_1, f_6\} \neq S_3$$

$\therefore (S_3, \circ)$  is not cyclic gp.

ex 4 In  $(\mathbb{Z}_6, +_6)$ . Find cyclic subgp.  
generated by  $\bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{5}$ . (H.W)

Theorem 1: Every cyclic group is commutative.

Proof. Let  $(G, *)$  be a cyclic gp.

$$\therefore \exists a \in G \text{ s.t. } G = \langle a \rangle = \{a^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

T.P.  $G$  is comm. gp.

Let  $x, y \in G$  T.P.  $x * y = y * x \quad \forall x, y \in G$

$$\because x \in G = \langle a \rangle \Rightarrow x = a^m \quad \exists m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{and } y \in G = \langle a \rangle \Rightarrow y = a^n \quad \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$x * y = a^m * a^n = a^{m+n} = a^{n+m} = a^n * a^m = y * x$$

$\therefore G$  is comm. gp.

The convers of this Theorem is not true.

for example:

Klein-gp.

$$(G = \{e, a, b, c\}, *) \text{ s.t. } a^2 = b^2 = c^2 = e$$

$$a^2 = e \Rightarrow a * a = e \Rightarrow \bar{a} = a$$

$$b^2 = e \Rightarrow b * b = e \Rightarrow \bar{b} = b$$

$$c^2 = e \Rightarrow c * c = e \Rightarrow \bar{c} = c$$

$$\bar{e} = e \Rightarrow \bar{x} = x \quad \forall x \in G$$

$\therefore (G, *)$  is comm. gp.

but  $(G, *)$  is not cyclic gp. Since:

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$$\langle e \rangle = \{e\} \neq G$$

$$\langle a \rangle = \{a^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{e, a\} \neq G$$

$$\langle b \rangle = \{b^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{e, b\} \neq G$$

$$\langle c \rangle = \{c^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{e, c\} \neq G$$

$\therefore (G, *)$  is not cyclic

Theorem 2:  $\langle a \rangle = \langle a^{-1} \rangle \quad \forall a \in G$

proof:  $\langle a \rangle = \{a^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{(a^{-1})^{-k} : -k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$   
 $= \{(a^{-1})^m : m = -k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$   
 $= \langle a^{-1} \rangle$

Theorem 3: IF  $(G, *)$  is a finite gp. of order  $n$  generated by  $a$ , then  $G = \langle a \rangle = \{a^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{a, a^2, \dots, a^n = e\}$  such that  $n$  is the least positive integer  $\exists a^n = e$  (i.e.)

$$o(a) = n = o(G)$$

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ex. show that  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +_n)$  is cyclic gp.

$$\mathbb{Z}_n = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \dots, \overline{n-1}\}$$

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$$o(\mathbb{Z}_n) = n \quad \text{T.P.} \quad \mathbb{Z}_n = \langle \bar{1} \rangle$$

$$\langle \bar{1} \rangle = \{\bar{1}^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\bar{1}, \bar{1}^2, \bar{1}^3, \dots, \bar{1}^n = \bar{0}\}$$

$$= \{\bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \dots, \overline{n-1}, \bar{0}\} = \mathbb{Z}_n$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_n = \langle \bar{1} \rangle \text{ and } o(\mathbb{Z}_n) = o(\bar{1}) = n$$

Def. (Division Algorithm for  $\mathbb{Z}$ ) خوارزمية القسمة

If  $a$  and  $b$  are integers, with  $b > 0$ . Then there is a unique pair of integers  $q$  and  $r$  such that

$$a = bq + r \quad \text{where } 0 \leq r < b$$

The number  $q$  is called the quotient and  $r$  is called the remainder, when  $a$  is divided by  $b$ .

ex. ① Find the quotient  $q$  and remainder  $r$ , when 38 is divided by 7 according to the division Algorithm.

Ans:  $38 = 7(5) + 3 \quad 0 \leq 3 < 7$   
 $38 = 35 + 3$

$\therefore q = 5$  and  $r = 3$

ex. ②  $a = 23, b = 7$

$23 = 7(3) + 2 \quad 0 \leq 2 < 7$

$q = 3, r = 2$

ex. ③  $a = 15, b = 2$

$15 = (2)(7) + 1 \quad 0 \leq 1 < 2$

$q = 7, r = 1$

ex.  $a = -38, b = 7$   
 $-42 \quad -35 \quad -28 \quad -21 \quad -14 \quad -7$   
 $-38 = -42 + 4 \quad 0 \leq 4 < 7$   
 $= (-7)(6) + 4$   
 $q = -6, r = 4$

$26 \quad 21 \quad 14 \quad 7$   
 $-23 = -28 + 5 \quad 0 \leq 5 < 7$   
 $= (-7)(3) + 5$   
 $q = -3, r = 5$

$-15 = -16 + 1 \quad 0 \leq 1 < 2$   
 $= (-2)(7) + 1$   
 $q = -2, r = 1$

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Theorem 4: A subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic.

Proof: Let  $G$  be a cyclic group generated by  $a$  and let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ .

If  $H = \{e\}$ , then  $H = \langle e \rangle$  is cyclic

If  $H \neq \{e\}$  and  $H \neq G$  ( $H$  is proper subgroup).

Then:

$$x \in H \Rightarrow x = a^m, m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$x^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow x^{-1} = a^{-m}, -m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Let  $m$  be a least positive integer such that

$$a^m \in H. \text{ T.P. } H = \langle a^m \rangle = \{(a^m)^g : g \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

T.P.  $H \subseteq \langle a^m \rangle \wedge \langle a^m \rangle \subseteq H$

$$\text{Let } y \in H \Rightarrow y = a^s, s \in \mathbb{Z}$$

By division alg. of  $s$  and  $m \Rightarrow$

$$s = mg + r \Rightarrow r = s - mg$$

$$\therefore a^r = a^{s - mg} = a^s \cdot (a^{-m})^g \quad 0 \leq r < m$$

$$\therefore a^r \in H \quad \text{but } 0 \leq r < m$$

$$\therefore r = 0 \Rightarrow s = mg$$

$$a^s = (a^m)^g \in \langle a^m \rangle$$

$$\therefore y = a^s \in \langle a^m \rangle \Rightarrow H \subseteq \langle a^m \rangle$$

T.P.  $\langle a^m \rangle \subseteq H$

$$\text{let } x \in \langle a^m \rangle \Rightarrow x = (a^m)^g, g \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a^m \in H \Rightarrow (a^m)^g \in H$$

$$\therefore x \in H \Rightarrow \langle a^m \rangle \subseteq H$$

$\therefore (H, *)$  is cyclic subgp.

Corollary 1: If  $(G, *)$  is a finite cyclic group of order  $n$  generated by  $a$ , then every subgp of  $G$  is cyclic generated by  $a^m \ni m|n$ .

Proof: Suppose  $(G, *)$  is a finite,  $o(G) = n$

$$G = \langle a \rangle = \{a, a^2, \dots, a^n = e\}$$

Let  $(H, *)$  be a subgp. of  $(G, *)$ . Then  $(H, *)$  is a cyclic (by Th. 1) such that  $H = \langle a^m \rangle$

T.P.  $m|n$  ( $n = mg, g \in \mathbb{Z}$ )

$e \in H \Rightarrow a^n \in H$ , by division Alg. of  $n$  and  $m$

$$\Rightarrow n = mg + r \quad 0 \leq r < m$$

$$r = n - mg \Rightarrow a^r = a^n * (a^m)^{-g}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^r = (a^m)^{-g} \in H$$

but  $0 \leq r < m$

$$\Rightarrow \text{if } r = 0 \Rightarrow n = mg$$

$$\therefore m|n$$

ex. Find all subgp. of  $(\mathbb{Z}_{15}, +_{15})$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_{15} = \langle 1 \rangle$

ANS.  $o(\mathbb{Z}_{15}) = 15$ ,  $H = \langle T^m \rangle \ni m|15$

$$H = \langle T^m \rangle \quad m|15$$

$$m = 1, 3, 5, 15$$

If  $m = 1 \Rightarrow H_1 = \langle 1 \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_{15}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } m=3 &\Rightarrow H_2 = \langle T^3 \rangle = \{ \bar{3}, \bar{6}, \bar{9}, \bar{12}, \bar{0} \} \\ \text{If } m=5 &\Rightarrow H_3 = \langle T^5 \rangle = \{ \bar{5}, \bar{10}, \bar{0} \} \\ \text{If } m=15 &\Rightarrow H_4 = \langle T^{15} \rangle = \{ \bar{0} \} = \langle \bar{0} \rangle \\ &\quad \langle \bar{15} \rangle = \{ \bar{0} \} \end{aligned}$$

Corollary ②: If  $(G, *)$  is a finite cyclic group of prime order, then  $G$  has no proper subgp.  
 $H=G$  or  $H=\{e\}$

Proof: Let  $(G, *)$  be a finite gp. Such that

$$o(G) = p \quad (p \text{ prime number})$$

$$G = \langle a \rangle = \{ a^1, a^2, \dots, a^p = e \}$$

Let  $(H, *)$  be cyclic subgp

$$\therefore H = \langle a^m \rangle \cdot \exists m|p$$

$$\therefore m=1 \text{ or } m=p$$

$$\text{If } m=1 \Rightarrow H = \langle a \rangle = G \quad (\text{not proper subgp})$$

$$\text{If } m=p \Rightarrow H = \langle a^p = e \rangle = \{ e \} \quad (\text{not proper subgp})$$

$\therefore G$  has no proper subgp.

Ex: Find all subgp of  $(\mathbb{Z}_7, +_7)$

$$\text{Ans. } o(\mathbb{Z}_7) = 7, \text{ Let } H = \langle T^m \rangle \exists m|7$$

$$\therefore m=1, m=7$$

$$m=1 \Rightarrow H_1 = \langle T \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_7$$

$$m=7 \Rightarrow H_2 = \langle T^7 \rangle = \{ \bar{0} \}$$



Def. [g.c.d(x, y)] القاسم المشترك الأكبر

A positive integer  $c$  is said to be a greatest common divisor of two non-zero number  $x$  and  $y$  iff ①  $c|x \wedge c|y$

② if  $a|x \wedge a|y \Rightarrow a|c$

$$(g.c.d(x, y) = c)$$

ex.

Find (g.c.d(12, 18))

$$18 = 3 \times 3 \times 2$$

$$12 = 6 \times 2$$

Ans. g.c.d(12, 18) = 6 since

قاسم	12	18
1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
6	6	6
12	12	18

①  $6|12 \wedge 6|18$

② if  $3|12 \wedge 3|18 \Rightarrow 3|6$

or  $1|12 \wedge 1|18 \Rightarrow 1|6$

or  $2|12 \wedge 2|18 \Rightarrow 2|6$

Remark: If  $(G, x)$  is finite cyclic gp. of order  $n$  generated by  $a$ , then the generators of  $G$  is  $a^k$  such that  $g.c.d(k, n) = 1$ .  
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ex. Find all generators of  $(Z_6, +)$ .

Ans.  $o(Z_6) = 6$ ,  $Z_6 = \langle \bar{1} \rangle$

$$Z_6 = \langle \bar{1}^k \rangle \text{ s.t. } g.c.d(k, 6) = 1, k = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$$

$$k=1 \Rightarrow \text{g.c.d.}(1,6)=1 \Rightarrow Z_6 = \langle \bar{1} \rangle$$

$$k=2 \Rightarrow \text{g.c.d.}(2,6) \neq 1 \Rightarrow Z_6 \neq \langle \bar{2} \rangle = \langle \bar{3} \rangle$$

$$k=3 \Rightarrow \text{g.c.d.}(3,6) \neq 1 \Rightarrow Z_6 \neq \langle \bar{3} \rangle = \langle \bar{2} \rangle$$

$$k=4 \Rightarrow \text{g.c.d.}(4,6) \neq 1 \Rightarrow Z_6 \neq \langle \bar{4} \rangle = \langle \bar{3} \rangle$$

$$k=5 \Rightarrow \text{g.c.d.}(5,6)=1 \Rightarrow Z_6 = \langle \bar{5} \rangle = \langle \bar{1} \rangle$$

$\therefore$  the generator of  $Z_6$  is  $\{\bar{1}, \bar{5}\} = Z_6$

Theorem: If  $(G, *)$  is an infinite cyclic gp generated by  $a$ , then:

- ①  $a$  and  $a^{-1}$  are only generators of  $G$ .
- ② Every subgroup of  $G$  except  $\{e\}$  is an infinite subgp.

Proof: ① suppose  $G = \langle a \rangle$  T.P.  $G = \langle a^{-1} \rangle$

$$\text{Let } a \in G \Rightarrow G = \langle a \rangle = \{\dots, a^{-2}, a^{-1}, a^0, a^1, a^2, \dots\}$$

$$\text{Let } b \in G \Rightarrow G = \langle b \rangle = \{\dots, b^{-2}, b^{-1}, b^0, b^1, b^2, \dots\}$$

$$a \in G = \langle b \rangle \Rightarrow a = b^r, r \in \mathbb{Z} \dots \text{①}$$

$$b \in G = \langle a \rangle \Rightarrow b = a^s, s \in \mathbb{Z} \dots \text{②}$$

$$\text{Put ① in ②} \Rightarrow b = (b^r)^s \Rightarrow b^1 = b^{rs}$$

$$1 = rs \Rightarrow r = s = 1 \text{ or } r = s = -1$$

$$\text{if } r = s = 1 \Rightarrow a = b \Rightarrow G = \langle a \rangle$$

$$\text{if } r = s = -1 \Rightarrow b = a^{-1} \Rightarrow G = \langle a^{-1} \rangle$$

- ② Let  $(H, *)$  be a subgp. of  $(G, *) \ni H \neq \{e\}$   
T.P.  $(H, *)$  is infinite

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Suppose that  $(H, *)$  is finite  $\exists o(H) = k$

$(H, *)$  is cyclic subgp.

$$H = \langle a^m \rangle = \{(a^m)^1, (a^m)^2, \dots, (a^m)^k = e\}$$

$$a^{mk} = e \Rightarrow o(a) = mk$$

$\therefore o(a) = o(G) \in \mathbb{N}$  (تعلق  $(G = \langle a \rangle, G$  is finite)

$\therefore (H, *)$  is infinite.

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Def. Let  $(H, *)$  be a subgp. of a group  $(G, *)$ . The

set  $a * H = \{a * h : h \in H\}$  of  $G$  is the left coset

of  $H$  containing  $a$ , while the subset  $H * a = \{h * a :$

$h \in H\}$  is the right coset of  $H$  containing  $a$ .

ex. If  $(\mathbb{Z}_6, +_6)$ ,  $\bar{a} = \bar{1}$ ,  $H = \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}, \bar{4}\}$ , then

$$\bar{1} +_6 H = \{\bar{1}, \bar{3}, \bar{5}\}, H +_6 \bar{1} = \{\bar{1}, \bar{3}, \bar{5}\}$$

$$\bar{3} +_6 H = \{\bar{3}, \bar{5}, \bar{1}\}, H +_6 \bar{3} = \{\bar{3}, \bar{5}, \bar{1}\}$$

Note: ①  $a * H$  is not subgp. (in general)

give an example (H.W)

②  $a * H \neq H * a$  (in general)

$$(S_3, \circ), H = \{f_1, f_4\}, a = f_2$$

$$f_2 \circ H = \{f_2, f_5\}, H \circ f_2 = \{f_2, f_6\}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_2 \circ H \neq H \circ f_2$$