

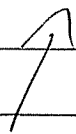
MATH 561 H (561/562) Fall 2011
Abstract Algebra I
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Look at Syllabus

What is this course about?
What is "algebra"?

prehistory	~~~~~>	1830	~~~~~>	today
		MTH 461		MTH 561/562
		- solving polynomial equations		- study of abstract structures



NOT a prerequisite

Notes still on my webpage

- eg
- group
 - ring
 - field
 - vector space
 - module
 - algebra
 - category
 - !

SYMMETRY

① Algebra before ~1830:
(a sketch of MTH 461)

Goal: Solve 1 polynomial equation
in 1 unknown

eg $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$.

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Quadratic Formula. (prehistory)

eg. the equation $x^3 + px + q = 0$
has at least one solution given by

$$x = \sqrt[3]{\frac{-q}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{4} + \frac{p^3}{27}}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{-q}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{4} + \frac{p^3}{27}}}$$

"Cardano's Formula" (1545).

Cubic & Quartic polynomials

- completely solved
- Italy, 1500's
- led to discovery/invention of complex numbers.

$$\mathbb{C} = \left\{ a + ib : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, i^2 = -1 \right\}$$

↑
real numbers.

Q: Is there (\exists ?) a formula to solve the quintic

$$ax^5 + bx^4 + cx^3 + dx^2 + ex + f = 0.$$

A: Theorem (Abel, 1824).

There is no (\nexists) formula for x in terms of

a, b, c, d, e, f
coefficients

and algebraic operations $+, -, \times, \div, \sqrt[n]{}$.

However, some quintics can be "solved"

eg $x^5 - 5x^3 + 4x = 0$

has complete solution

$$x \in \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$$

Because

$$x^5 - 5x^3 + 4x = (x+2)(x+1)x(x-1)(x-2) //$$

Q: Which (quintic) polynomials can be "solved"?

A: (Galois, 1830)

Given polynomial $f(x)$, let G be the "group" of symmetries of the roots of $f(x)$.

Then

TECHNICAL
TERMS

$f(x)$ is "solvable" $\Leftrightarrow G$ is a "solvable group"

Idea: Everything we want to know about $f(x)$ is encoded by its "group" of symmetries.

Paradigm Shift



(2) Algebra after ~ 1830 .

Idea: Study collections of symmetries and their structure.

What structure?

Example: Let $D =$ regular dodecahedron

Def: a "symmetry" of $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ is a distance-preserving map $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ that sends D to itself.

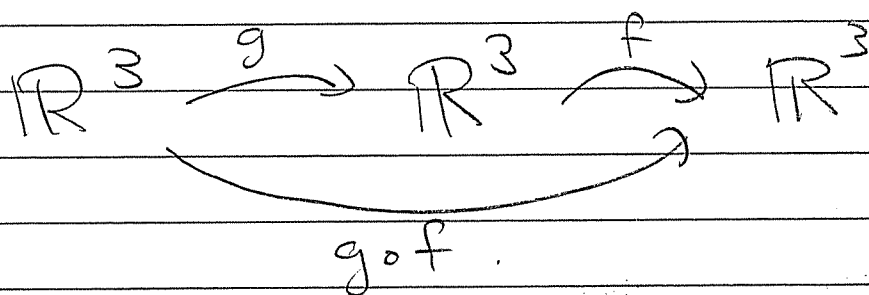
eg: let $f =$ rotation by $2\pi/3$ around line through two opposite vertices.

Let $G =$ the set of symmetries of D

Note: If $f, g \in G$ then

$f \circ g \in G$
functional
composition

"do g then do f "



We say G is closed under composition.
The pair (G, \circ) is called a group.

This group has a special name

$$G = A_5$$

Fact: $|A_5| = 60$

\uparrow
 D has 60 symmetries

... to break the suspense

Definition: (G, f)

A group is a set G together with a binary operation $f: G \times G \rightarrow G$

$[G \times G := \{ (g, h) : g, h \in G \}$
ordered pairs from G]

satisfying 3 AXIOMS:

(G1) $\forall a, b, c \in G$ we have

$$f(f(a, b), c) = f(a, f(b, c))$$

" f is ASSOCIATIVE"

(G2) \exists special element $e \in G$ such that

$$\forall g \in G, f(e, g) = g$$

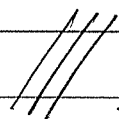
" e is called the IDENTITY ELEMENT"

(G3) $\forall g \in G \exists h \in G$ such that

$$f(g, h) = e$$

" h is the INVERSE of g "

What!?



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Exams

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HW 1 - ?

Review:

Definition: A group is a set G together
with a binary operation $G \times G \rightarrow G$

$(a, b) \mapsto ab$

juxtaposition

satisfying:

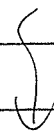
Assoc. $(G1) \forall a, b, c \in G, (ab)c = a(bc)$

Ident. $(G2) \exists e \in G, \forall a \in G, ae = ea = a$

Inverse. $(G3) \forall a \in G \exists a^{-1} \in G, aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a = e$

Loose ends ...

What does "=" mean?



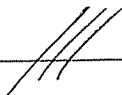
Def: Let S be a set. An equivalence relation is a subset $R \subseteq S \times S$

(For $x, y \in S$ we say $x \sim y \Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in R$)

satisfying

Trans (ER1) $x \sim y$ AND $y \sim z \Rightarrow x \sim z$

Symm. (ER2) $x \sim y \Rightarrow y \sim x$

Reflexive (ER3) $x \sim x \quad \forall x \in S$ 

So ... a group is a triple $(G, =, (a, b) \mapsto ab)$
satisfying ER1, ER2, ER3, G1, G2, G3.
"="

Prop: Given $a \in G$, its inverse is unique.

Proof: Suppose $\exists b, c \in G$,
 $ab = ba = e$ & $ac = ca = e$

Then

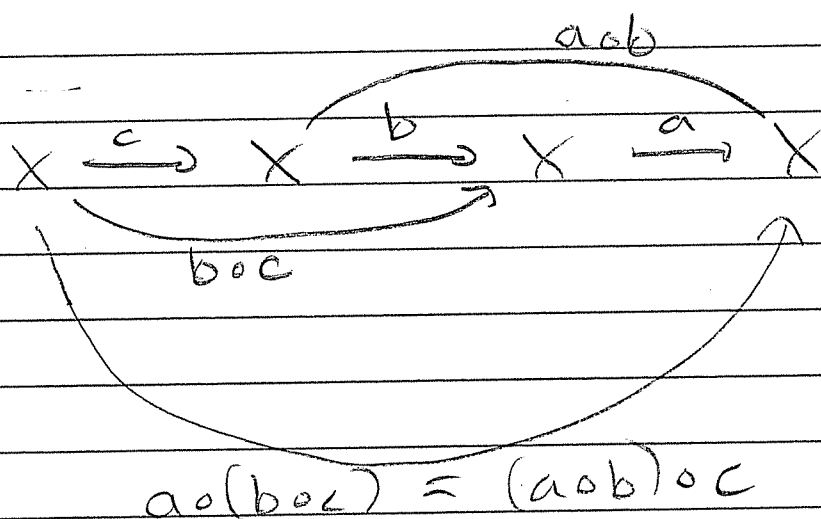
$$b = be = b(ac) = (ba)c = ec = c$$



Cor: We can call it "the" inverse of a
and give it a name " a^{-1} ".

Think $ab = a + b$ $(a+b)+c = a+(b+c)$
 $= a \times b$ $(a \times b) \times c = a \times (b \times c)$
 $= a \circ b$ $(a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ (b \circ c)$

Let $a, b, c : X \rightarrow X$ be functions



Automatic!

Think $a + 0 = 0 + a = a$
 $a \times 1 = 1 \times a = a$
 $a \circ \text{id} = \text{id} \circ a = a$

$$a + (-a) = (-a) + a = 0$$
$$a \times (1/a) = (1/a) \times a = 1$$
$$a \circ a^{-1} = a^{-1} \circ a = \text{id}.$$

↖ inverse function

Examples.

consider $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$.

$\left. \begin{array}{l} (\mathbb{Z}, +) \\ (\mathbb{Q}, +) \\ (\mathbb{R}, +) \\ (\mathbb{C}, +) \end{array} \right\}$ are (additive) groups

$\left. \begin{array}{l} (\mathbb{Q}^\times, \times) \\ (\mathbb{R}^\times, \times) \\ (\mathbb{C}^\times, \times) \end{array} \right\}$ are (multiplicative) groups

Def: $\mathbb{R}^\times = \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

$(\mathbb{Z}^\times, \times)$ is not a group. (Why?)

because $2 \in \mathbb{Z}^\times$ has no inverse.

$\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}^\times$ s.t. $2x = 1$.

" $\frac{1}{2}$ " $\notin \mathbb{Z}$.

we cannot divide.

(\mathbb{R}, \times) is not a group. (Why?)

Suppose $\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $\alpha 0 = 0 \alpha = 1$
($\alpha = 0^{-1}$)

Then for any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$0a = 0 = 0b$$

$$\alpha(0a) = \alpha(0b)$$

$$(\alpha 0)a = (\alpha 0)b$$

$$1a = 1b$$

$$a = b$$

Contradiction. ☹️

∴

Can't Divide by zero

Prop (Cancellation)

Given group G let $a, b, c \in G$.

Then $ab = ac \implies b = c$.

Proof: $ab = ac$ - $a^{-1}(ab) = a^{-1}(ac)$

$$a^{-1}(ab) = a^{-1}(ac)$$

$$(a^{-1}a)b = (a^{-1}a)c$$

$$1b = 1c$$

$$b = c. \quad \square$$

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A group is a set with a binary operation

that is - Closed G

- Associative A

- Identity I

- Inverse N

Theorem: We don't need to write brackets.

eg. $(ab)c = a(bc)$

so just say "abc".

$((ab)c)d$ "Associahedron"

\equiv $(a(bc))d$ \equiv $(ab)(cd)$

\equiv $a((bc)d)$ \equiv $a(b(cd))$

so just say "abcd".

To be precise ...

Prop 1.4 in the book.

Given $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in G$

$\exists!$ way to define the product
(call it $[a_1 a_2 \dots a_n] \in G$) such that

$$i) [a] = a \quad \forall a \in G$$

$$ii) [ab] = ab \quad \forall a, b \in G$$

$$iii) [a_1 a_2 \dots a_n] = [a_1 \dots a_i] [a_{i+1} \dots a_n] \quad \forall 1 < i < n.$$

Proof by induction on n .

True for $n=3$ because

$$[abc] = a(bc) = (ab)c.$$

Suppose $[a_1 \dots a_r]$ exists and is
unique for $r \leq n-1$.

We then define

$$[a_1 a_2 \dots a_n] := [a_1 \dots a_{n-1}] [a_n]$$

Does it satisfy (iii)?

If $i = n-1$, YES by definition.

So let $1 < i < n-1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} [a_1 a_2 \dots a_n] &= [a_1 \dots a_{n-1}] [a_n] && \text{definition} \\ &= ([a_1 \dots a_i] [a_{i+1} \dots a_{n-1}]) [a_n] && \text{by induction} \\ &= [a_1 \dots a_i] ([a_{i+1} \dots a_{n-1}] [a_n]) && G1 \\ &= [a_1 \dots a_i] [a_{i+1} \dots a_n] && \text{by induction.} \end{aligned}$$



... So just say " $[a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n] = a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$ "
and never use brackets again
(unless we need them).

Recall:

If $ab = ba \quad \forall a, b \in G$,
we say G is abelian.

eg $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, +$
 $\mathbb{Q}^\times, \mathbb{R}^\times, \mathbb{C}^\times, \times$

are all abelian.

Q: Is there a natural, non-abelian group?

A: Yes. Matrix Groups.

Let $M_n(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} n \times n \text{ matrices with} \\ \text{elements in } \mathbb{R} \end{array} \right\}$

Remark: $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ is a ring (I.O.U.)
with componentwise addition $+$
and a matrix product \times defined
as follows.

Dot/Inner Product:

for column vectors $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\text{let } \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = (\vec{u}, \vec{v}) = \vec{u}^T \vec{v}$$

$$= (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \dots + u_n v_n \\ = \sum_i u_i v_i$$

Define length/norm $\|\vec{u}\|$ by $\|\vec{u}\|^2 = (\vec{u}, \vec{u})$

$$\|\vec{u}\| = \sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2 + \dots + u_n^2}$$

Pythagoras

Matrix Product: Given $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$

define $AB \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ by

$$(AB)_{ij} := \sum_k (A)_{i,k} (B)_{k,j}$$

i, j - entry

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} -\vec{a}_1^T - \\ -\vec{a}_2^T - \\ \vdots \\ -\vec{a}_n^T - \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} | & | & | \\ \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 & \vec{b}_n \\ | & | & | \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} (\vec{a}_1, \vec{b}_1) & (\vec{a}_1, \vec{b}_2) & \dots \\ (\vec{a}_2, \vec{b}_1) & \dots & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ (\vec{a}_n, \vec{b}_1) & \dots & (\vec{a}_n, \vec{b}_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

Why this? \circ dot products.

★ GOOD REASON ★

Think of $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ as a (linear) function $A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ defined by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \vec{x} & \longmapsto & A\vec{x} \\ \text{col. vector} & & \text{col. vector} \end{array}$$

Then (theorem) we have

$$(A \circ B)\vec{x} \stackrel{\text{DEF}}{=} A(B\vec{x}) \stackrel{\text{THM}}{=} (AB)\vec{x}$$

Big idea

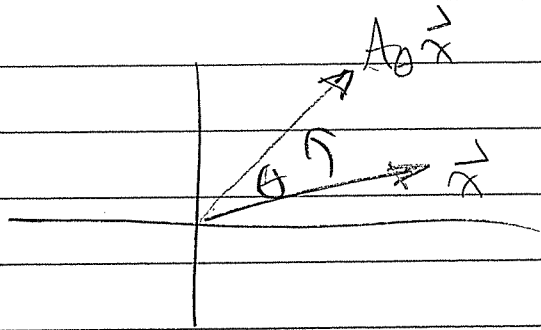
$$\left[M_n(\mathbb{R}) \text{ with matrix product} \right] \longleftrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{linear functions} \\ \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \\ \text{with composition} \end{array} \right]$$

eg. Let $A_\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{So } A_\theta \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} x \cos\theta - y \sin\theta \\ x \sin\theta + y \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Picture:



Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos(\alpha+\beta) & -\sin(\alpha+\beta) \\ \sin(\alpha+\beta) & \cos(\alpha+\beta) \end{pmatrix} = A_{\alpha+\beta} = A_{\alpha} \circ A_{\beta} \\ (= A_{\beta} \circ A_{\alpha})$$

Theorem.

$$= A_{\alpha} A_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & -\sin \beta \\ \sin \beta & \cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \cos(\alpha+\beta) &= \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta. \\ \sin(\alpha+\beta) &= \sin \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \beta \cos \alpha. \end{aligned} \text{ FUN.}$$

eg let $A, B \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ be
 $A = \text{rotate } 90^\circ \text{ in } x, y \text{-plane}$
 $B = \text{rotate } 90^\circ \text{ in } y, z \text{-plane.}$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} & -1 \\ 1 & \end{pmatrix} \quad \& \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

blanks are zeroes.

$$\text{Then } A \circ B = AB = \begin{pmatrix} & 1 \\ 1 & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B \circ A = BA = \begin{pmatrix} & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AB \neq BA.$$

Matrices don't (generally) commute !!

Remark: $(M_n(\mathbb{R}), +)$ is a group
 $(M_n(\mathbb{R}), \times)$ is NOT.

Some matrices/linear funcs. are

not invertible. eg $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Define:

$$GL_n(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) : A^{-1} \text{ exists} \right\} \\ = \left\{ A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) : \det(A) \neq 0 \right\}.$$

"the general linear group".

Note. $GL_n(\mathbb{R}) = M_n(\mathbb{R})^\times$
 \nearrow = invertible elements of $M_n(\mathbb{R})$

a NATURAL, NON-ABELIAN group.

Other important groups

$$SL_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{ A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) : \det(A) = 1 \}$$

$$O_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{ A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) : AA^T = I \}$$

$$SO_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{ A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) : AA^T = I, \det A = 1 \}$$

What does $AA^T = I$ mean?

$$\text{Let } A^T = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & | \\ \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \dots & \vec{a}_n \\ | & | & | \end{pmatrix}$$

column vectors.

Then

$$AA^T = \begin{pmatrix} -\vec{a}_1^T & - \\ -\vec{a}_2^T & - \\ -\vec{a}_n^T & - \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} | & | & | \\ \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \dots & \vec{a}_n \\ | & | & | \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} (\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_1) & (\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2) & \dots & (\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_n) \\ (\vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_1) & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ (\vec{a}_n, \vec{a}_1) & \dots & \dots & (\vec{a}_n, \vec{a}_n) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

identity matrix.

$$\text{So } (AA^T)_{i,j} = (\vec{a}_i, \vec{a}_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & i=j \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$i \neq j \Rightarrow (\vec{a}_i, \vec{a}_j) = 0 \quad \text{orthogonal}$$

$$i=j \Rightarrow (\vec{a}_i, \vec{a}_i) = 1 \Rightarrow \|\vec{a}_i\| = 1 \quad \text{unit vector.}$$

HW 1 due Monday
- beginning of class

Food for Thought:

① Given $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ we have

$$AB = I \implies BA = I$$

Why?

② In a ^{ANY} (non-abelian) group G ,
we can replace axiom

Inv $\forall a \in G \exists b \in G$ s.t. $ab = ba = e$

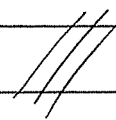
with

Inv' $\forall a \in G \exists b \in G$ s.t. $ab = e$

i.e.

$$\textcircled{\text{Inv}} \iff \textcircled{\text{Inv}'}$$

why?



Today: Subgroups

Def: Let $(G, (a,b) \mapsto ab)$ be a group and let $H \subseteq G$ be a subset of elements. We say H is a subgroup of G (and write $H < G$) if

- $\forall a, b \in H, ab \in H$. (H is "closed")
- $e \in H$.
- $\forall a \in H, a^{-1} \in H$.

i.e. H is itself a group with the same operation, identity, and inverses.

eg. The set

$$H = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : a \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \subseteq GL_2(\mathbb{R})$$

is a subgroup of $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$.

Check:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (1a) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & (1a) \begin{pmatrix} b \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ (01) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & (01) \begin{pmatrix} b \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a+b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in H$$

closed \checkmark .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in H \quad \checkmark \text{ identity}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in H \quad \checkmark \text{ inverse.}$$



eg Cyclic Subgroups

Let $G =$ finite group, $g \in G$.

$\exists!$ way to bracket $g g g \dots g$
n times.

Call it g^n .

Define $g^0 = e$. Define $g^{-n} := (g^{-1})^n$.

The list

$$e, g, g^2, g^3, \dots$$

cannot be infinite since $|G| < \infty$.

Hence $\exists k < l$ such that

$$g^k = g^l$$

Multiply (left or right) by g^{-k}



$$\begin{aligned}
 g^k g^{-k} &= e \\
 g^k g^{-k} &= g^{k-k} \\
 e &= g^0
 \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion: \exists integer $n > 0$ s.t. $g^n = e$.
 The smallest such is called
 the "order" of $g \in G$.

Say $g \in G$ has order r . The powers
 of g repeat.

$$e, g, g^2, \dots, g^{r-1}, e, g, g^2, \dots, g^{r-1}, \text{ etc.}$$

$$\text{Let } \langle g \rangle := \{ e, g, g^2, \dots, g^{r-1} \} \subseteq G.$$

Claim: $\langle g \rangle$ is a subgroup called
 the cyclic subgroup generated by g .

$$|\langle g \rangle| = r, \text{ the "order" of } g.$$

HW 1.3.

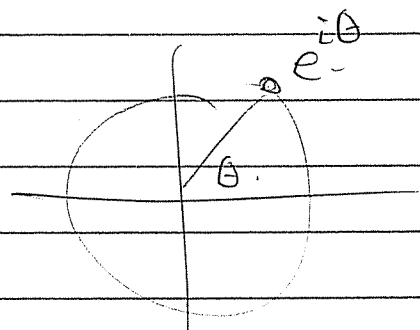
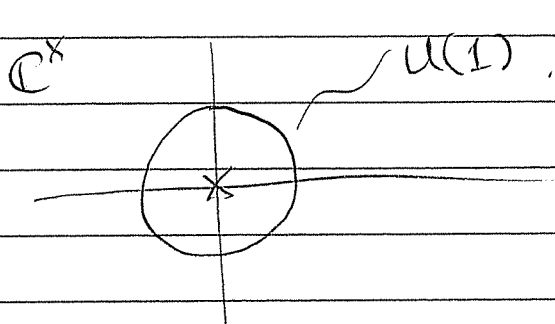
For $a, b \in G$ show that

$$|\langle ab \rangle| = |\langle ba \rangle|.$$

eg $U(1) := \{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1 \}$

is a subgroup of

$$\mathbb{C}^\times := \{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \neq 0 \} = GL_1(\mathbb{C})$$



Note $U(1) = \{ e^{i\theta} : \theta \in \mathbb{R} \}$

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

$$e^{i\alpha} e^{i\beta} = e^{i(\alpha+\beta)}$$

Q: Is $U(1) < GL_1(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}^\times$
a cyclic subgroup? NO

Given $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ $n \geq 1$,

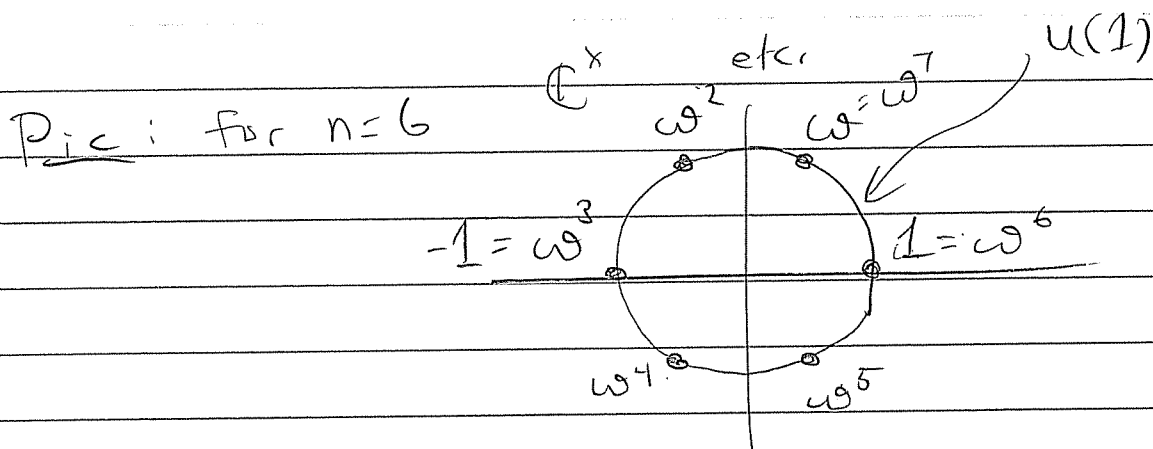
$$\text{let } \omega = e^{2\pi i/n} = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right)$$

$$\text{Then } \omega^k = e^{2\pi i k/n} = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{n}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi k}{n}\right)$$

de Moivre's Theorem.

$$\text{and } \langle \omega \rangle = \{ 1, \omega, \omega^2, \dots, \omega^{n-1} \}$$

is a cyclic subgroup of $U(1)$.



Notation:

$\langle \omega \rangle =$ group of n th roots of unity.

If $|G| = \infty$ we can still define cyclic subgroups.

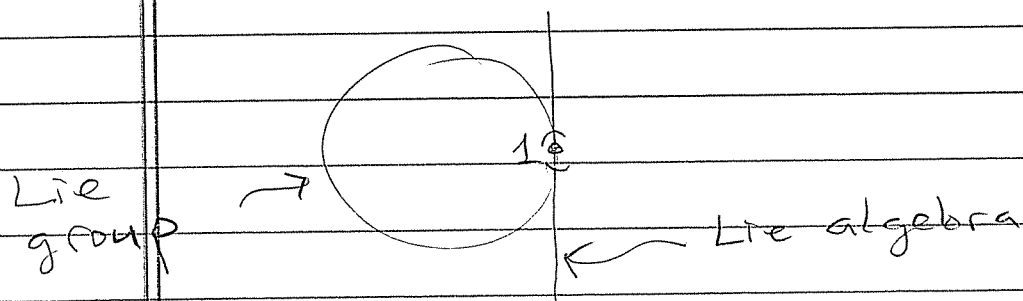
$$\langle g \rangle := \{ \dots, g^{-2}, g^{-1}, e, g, g^2, \dots \}$$

↑
the smallest subgroup of G containing g .

Check: $\langle g \rangle = \bigcap_{\substack{H < G \\ g \in H}} H$

($U(1)$ is still not cyclic.

It's generated by an infinitesimal neighborhood of 1.)



eg Consider $\mathbb{Z}^+ = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$.

Given $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ we have

$$\langle a \rangle = \{ \dots, -2a, -a, 0, a, 2a, 3a, \dots \}$$
$$= a\mathbb{Z}$$

- We say $a\mathbb{Z}$ instead of $\langle a \rangle$.
- In an additive group we say
 $\underbrace{a + a + \dots + a}_{n \text{ times}} = na$
NOT a^n .

In fact, \mathbb{Z}^+ itself is a cyclic group.

$$\mathbb{Z} = 1\mathbb{Z} = \langle 1 \rangle.$$

Fact: Every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic.

Proof: I.O.U.

(Prop 2.4) Special Case: Every subgroup of \mathbb{Z}^+ has the form $a\mathbb{Z}$ for some $a \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof: Let $H \leq \mathbb{Z}^+$ be a subgroup.

If $H = \{0\}$ then $H = 0\mathbb{Z}$ - triv. subgp.

If $H = \mathbb{Z}$ then $H = 1\mathbb{Z}$. full subgp.

In either case, we're done.

So sp. $H \neq \{0\}$ and let a be
smallest positive element of H .

Because H is a group we have

$$a\mathbb{Z} \subseteq H.$$

$$(a \in H \Rightarrow ka \in H \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}).$$

Want to show $H \subseteq a\mathbb{Z}$.

So consider any $n \in H$ and
divide by a to get

$$n = qa + r, \quad 0 \leq r < a.$$

Since $n, qa \in H$ we have
 $r = n - qa \in H$.

But $r \in H$ and $0 \leq r < a \Rightarrow r = 0$.
(because $a \in H$ is smallest)

Hence $n = qa \in a\mathbb{Z}$.

and we conclude that $H \subseteq a\mathbb{Z}$

