

## Abstract Algebra Day 17 Class Work

Below, we will look at the following functions:

- $\varphi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_5$  where  $\varphi(a) = a \pmod{5}$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- $\gamma : \mathbb{Z}_{12} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{18}$  where  $\gamma(a) = 6a$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{12}$ .
- $\lambda : U_{13} \rightarrow U_{13}$  where  $\lambda(a) = a^3$  for all  $a \in U_{13}$ .
- $\delta : G(\mathbb{Z}_{10}) \rightarrow U_{10}$  where  $\delta(\alpha) = \det \alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in G(\mathbb{Z}_{10})$ .

**Recall:**  $G(\mathbb{Z}_{10})$  contains matrices with mult. inverses.

1. Consider the function  $\gamma$ .

- (a) Compute  $\gamma(7 + 10)$  and  $\gamma(7) + \gamma(10)$  and verify that they're equal.
- (b) Show that  $\gamma(a + b) = \gamma(a) + \gamma(b)$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_{12}$ . (Thus,  $\gamma$  is a homomorphism.)

**Ans:** 12 for both.

2. Now consider the function  $\lambda$ .

- (a) Compute  $\lambda(5 \cdot 2)$  and  $\lambda(5) \cdot \lambda(2)$  and verify that they're equal.
- (b) Show that  $\lambda(a \cdot b) = \lambda(a) \cdot \lambda(b)$  for all  $a, b \in U_{13}$ . (Thus,  $\lambda$  is a homomorphism.)

**Ans:** 12 for both again!

3. Which familiar determinant property tells us that  $\delta$  is also a homomorphism?

**Hint:**  $\det(\alpha \cdot \beta) = ?$

**Note:** Recall that  $G(\mathbb{Z}_{10})$  is a multiplicative group. What about  $U_{10}$ ?

4. (a) Anita says, "There's no way  $\varphi$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\delta$  are isomorphisms, because the elements don't match up." What might she mean?

- (b) How about the function  $\lambda$ ? Is it an isomorphism? Why or why not?

**Ans:** It's not. (Why not?)

5. Note that  $\varphi(0) = 0 \pmod{5}$ , i.e.,  $\varphi$  maps the identity of  $\mathbb{Z}$  to the identity of  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ .

- (a) Verify that  $\gamma$  maps the identity of  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  to the identity of  $\mathbb{Z}_{18}$ .
- (b) Verify that  $\lambda$  maps the identity of  $U_{13}$  to the identity of  $U_{13}$ .
- (c) Verify that  $\delta$  does the same.
- (d) Any conjectures?

6. Consider the function  $\varphi$ .

- (a) How are 16 and  $-16$  related in the domain  $\mathbb{Z}$ ?
- (b) Compute  $\varphi(16)$  and  $\varphi(-16)$ . How are they related in the codomain  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ ?

7. Consider the function  $\delta$  and the following elements of  $G(\mathbb{Z}_{10})$ :

$$\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \beta = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) How are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  related in the domain  $G(\mathbb{Z}_{10})$ ?
- (b) Compute  $\delta(\alpha)$  and  $\delta(\beta)$ . How are they related in the codomain  $U_{10}$ ?
- (c) Any conjectures?

**Hint:** Compute  $\alpha \cdot \beta$ .

← Think multiplicatively.

8. Recall the function  $\gamma : \mathbb{Z}_{12} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{18}$  where  $\gamma(a) = 6a$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{12}$ . For order computations below, note that  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_{18}$  are *additive* groups.

- (a) Find  $\text{ord}(10)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  and  $\text{ord}(\gamma(10))$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{18}$ .
- (b) Find  $\text{ord}(7)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  and  $\text{ord}(\gamma(7))$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{18}$ .
- (c) Find  $\text{ord}(8)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  and  $\text{ord}(\gamma(8))$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{18}$ .
- (d) Find  $\text{ord}(6)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  and  $\text{ord}(\gamma(6))$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{18}$ .
- (e) Any conjectures?

**Ans for (a):** 6 and 3.

9. Consider  $\delta : G(\mathbb{Z}_{10}) \rightarrow U_{10}$  where  $\delta(\alpha) = \det \alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in G(\mathbb{Z}_{10})$ . Let  $\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \in G(\mathbb{Z}_{10})$ .

- (a) Compute  $\alpha^{-2}$  in two ways: via the interpretations  $\alpha^{-2} = (\alpha^{-1})^2$  and  $\alpha^{-2} = (\alpha^2)^{-1}$ .
- (b) Use the result in part (a) to compute  $\delta(\alpha^{-2})$ .
- (c) Compute  $\delta(\alpha)$  and use that to compute  $\delta(\alpha)^{-2}$ .
- (d) Compare  $\delta(\alpha^{-2})$  with  $\delta(\alpha)^{-2}$ . Is the outcome surprising?

10. Let  $\theta : G \rightarrow H$  a group homomorphism. Prove each of the following.

← i.e.,  $G$  and  $H$  are groups.

- (a)  $\theta(\varepsilon_G) = \varepsilon_H$ .

**Note:** Here,  $\varepsilon_G$  and  $\varepsilon_H$  are identity elements of  $G$  and  $H$ , respectively.

- (b)  $\theta(g^{-1}) = \theta(g)^{-1}$  for all  $g \in G$ .
- (c)  $\theta(g^k) = \theta(g)^k$  for all  $g \in G$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (d)  $\text{ord}(\theta(g))$  is a divisor of  $\text{ord}(g)$ .