

Last time:

- Def. of gps and gp homs.
- Working with axioms: e.g. proved uniqueness of inverses in gps.
- E.x. In the def of a gp hom from Lecture 1, condition (1) is implied by condition (2) and is hence redundant.

Today:

- more review:
- gp isomorphism theorems
  - rings and fields
  - vector spaces and linear algebra

common theme: • axiomatic approach • "categorical notions" (e.g. homs)

# 1. Groups

We've defined gps and gp homomorphisms.

Now we recall the four gp isomorphism theorem.

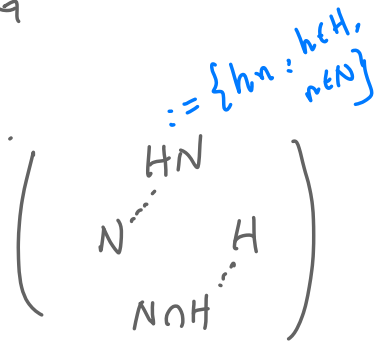
Theorem (1) Let  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  be a gp hom. Then there is a well-defined gp isomorphism  $\bar{\varphi}: G/\ker\varphi \rightarrow \text{Im}\varphi$  given by the formula

$$\bar{\varphi}(g \cdot \ker\varphi) = \varphi(g) \quad \forall g \in G$$

(2) Let  $G$  be a gp,  $H$  a subgp of  $G$ ,  $N$  a normal subgp of  $G$ .

Then  $HN/N \cong H/(N \cap H)$  as gps.

Ex: Prove (2) by using (1). find an iso.



13) Let  $G$  be a gp,  $H$  and  $N$  normal subgps of  $G$  s.t.  $N \subseteq H$ .

(i.e.,  $N$  is a subset of  $H$ ,

which is equivalent to  $N \leq H$   
(subgp)

since  $N$  is a subgp of  $G$ .)

Then

$$\frac{G/N}{H/N} \cong G/H.$$

14) (a.k.a. the Correspondence Thm) Let  $G$  be a gp and  $N$  a normal subgp of  $G$ .

( $N \trianglelefteq G$ )

Then there is a bijection

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{subgps of } G \\ \text{s.t. } N \subseteq H \subseteq G \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \left\{ \text{subgps of } G/N \right\}$$

$$H \longmapsto H/N$$

Ex: Describe/find the inverse of this bijection.

## 2. Rings

Def: A ring is a triple  $(R, +, \cdot)$  where

- $(R, +)$  is an abelian gp.  $\rightarrow$  expands to five axioms. (in particular,  $R$  has a  $+$  identity,  $0$ )
- $\cdot$  is a binary operation on  $R$ .
- $\cdot$  is associative, i.e.,  $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c) \quad \forall a, b, c \in R$ .
- $\cdot$  distributes over  $+$ , i.e.,  $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$ ,  $(a + b) \cdot c = a \cdot c + b \cdot c$   
 $\forall a, b, c \in R$ .
- $R$  contains an elt,  $\textcircled{1}$ , s.t.  $1 \neq 0$  and  $a \cdot 1 = a = 1 \cdot a \quad \forall a \in R$ .  
 $\rightarrow$  the "unit"

## Remarks:

- (a) The last axiom is sometimes not required for rings, but we will always require it, i.e., we'll assume our rings always have a unit, in this course.
- (b) A ring  $R$   $((R, +, \cdot))$  is called commutative if  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a \forall a, b \in R$ .
- (c). **Ex:** Show that if " $1 = 0$ ", then  $R = \{0\}$ . (HW)

Examples:  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$ ,  $(M_n(\mathbb{R}), +, \cdot)$  form rings.

$\downarrow$   
n x n matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$

Ex:  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  is commutative  $\Leftrightarrow n = 1$ .

Def: (ring hom) A map  $f: R \rightarrow S$  between two rings  $R$  and  $S$  is a ring homomorphism if

$$(1) f(0_R) = 0_S$$

$$(2) f(a+b) = f(a) + f(b)$$

$$(3) f(1_R) = 1_S$$

$$(4) f(ab) = f(a)f(b)$$

for all  $a, b \in R$ .

Remark: There are isomorphism / correspondence theorems for rings as well.  
Review their statements.

### 3. Fields.

Def: A field is a commutative ring  $(F, +, \cdot)$  (unital) where every elt  $a \in F \setminus \{0\}$  has a multiplicative inverse  $b$ , i.e., an elt  $b$  st

$$a \cdot b = 1 = b \cdot a.$$

Ex: Expand this to a list of axioms.

#### Examples and nonexamples:

$(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  ?

$(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$ ,  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$  ?

$M_n(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $n \geq 2$  ?

$GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $n \geq 2$  ?

Next time:

- vector spaces and linear algebra