

Homomorphisms: Structure preserving mappings of groups

Def: If $G \xrightarrow{\varphi} \bar{G}$ are groups then a homomorphism $\varphi: G \rightarrow \bar{G}$ has the property $\varphi(g_1 \cdot g_2) = \varphi(g_1) \cdot \varphi(g_2)$.

Ex: $G = \mathbb{R}^*$, $\bar{G} = \mathbb{R}^*$
 $\varphi(x) = x^2$ is a hom. ✓
 $\varphi(a \cdot b) = (a \cdot b)^2 = (a \cdot b)(a \cdot b) = a^2 b^2 = \varphi(a) \cdot \varphi(b)$
def'n alg \mathbb{R}^* -abelian def'n

Id in \mathbb{R}^* is 1.
 $\text{Ker}(\varphi) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^* \mid \varphi(x) = 1\}$
 $= \{x \in \mathbb{R}^* \mid x^2 = 1\}$
 solve $x^2 = 1$
 $x = \pm 1$
 $\text{Ker}(\varphi) = \pm 1$

Ex Non-Ex: $G = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$, $\bar{G} = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$
 $\varphi(x) = x^2$ is not a homomorphism
 $\varphi(a+b) \stackrel{\text{def'n}}{=} (a+b)^2 = a^2 + \underbrace{2ab}_{L \neq 0} + b^2 \neq a^2 + b^2 = \varphi(a) + \varphi(b)$
↑ group op

lives in "domain" - not target

Ex MA211: determinant of a matrix is a homomorphism

$\det: \underbrace{GL(n, \mathbb{R})}_{G = \text{general (det} \neq 0)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$
 $L = \text{linear (matrix)}$
 $n = \text{size (square matrix)}$
 $\mathbb{R} = \text{coeffs}$

Fact: $\det(A \cdot B) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$
 ↓
 matrix mult. group op. in $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$
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 real # mult. group op. in \mathbb{R}^*

$\text{Ker}(\varphi) = \{ \text{all matrices w/ det} = 1 \}$
 $= SL_n(\mathbb{R})$.

Ex Calculus: $\frac{d}{dx}$ is a homomorphism $\frac{d}{dx}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$

$\mathcal{C} =$ group space of differentiable functions under addition

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(x) + g(x)) = \frac{d}{dx}(f(x)) + \frac{d}{dx}(g(x))$$

Identity in \mathcal{C} is $f(x) = 0$ (b/c operation is +)

$\text{Ker}(\frac{d}{dx}) = \text{constant functions}$

Properties of homomorphisms

① Preserve identity (send $e \in G$ to $\bar{e} \in \bar{G}$).

↑ proof: let $g \in G$, $g^{-1} \in G$ & $e = g \cdot g^{-1}$ So.

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\underline{\varphi(e)}} &= \underline{\underline{\varphi(g \cdot g^{-1})}} \stackrel{\substack{\text{def'n} \\ \varphi = \text{hom}}}{=} \varphi(g) \cdot \varphi(g^{-1}) \stackrel{[\text{see below}]}{=} \varphi(g) \cdot \varphi(g)^{-1} = \underline{\underline{\bar{e}}} \end{aligned}$$

② Preserve inverses: $\varphi(g^{-1}) = (\varphi(g))^{-1}$.

proof

$$\varphi(g \cdot g^{-1}) = \varphi(g) \cdot \varphi(g^{-1})$$

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$$\varphi(e) = \varphi(g) \cdot \varphi(g^{-1})$$

$$(\varphi(g))^{-1} \cdot \varphi(e) = \underbrace{\varphi(g)^{-1} \cdot \varphi(g)}_{\bar{e}} \cdot \varphi(g^{-1})$$

$$\varphi(g)^{-1} \cdot \varphi(e) \stackrel{[\bar{e}]}{=} \bar{e} \cdot \varphi(g^{-1}) = \varphi(g^{-1})$$

$$\varphi(g)^{-1} = \varphi(g^{-1})$$

Kernel of a homomorphism:

Let $\varphi: G \rightarrow \bar{G}$ be a homomorphism

$$\text{Ker}(\varphi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \in G \mid \varphi(x) = \bar{e}\} = \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Set of elements sent to} \\ \text{the id.} \end{array} \right\}$$

Theorem: Kernel is a normal subgroup:

Proof:

Subgroup: Let $k_1, k_2 \in \text{Ker}(\varphi)$ w/ $\varphi: G \rightarrow \bar{G}$ is a homomorphism.

Fact $\varphi(k_1) = \bar{e} = \varphi(k_2)$.

We show: $k_1 k_2^{-1} \in \text{Ker}(\varphi)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(k_1 k_2^{-1}) &= \varphi(k_1) \cdot \varphi(k_2^{-1}) = \underbrace{\varphi(k_1)}_{\text{homom}} \cdot \underbrace{\varphi(k_2)^{-1}}_{\bar{e}} \\ &= \bar{e} \cdot \bar{e}^{-1} \\ &= \bar{e} \cdot \bar{e} = \bar{e} \end{aligned}$$

So $k_1 k_2^{-1} \in \text{Ker}(\varphi)$
product of
arb. element &
arb element

Step 1
Subgroup
Test

\Rightarrow $\boxed{\text{Ker}(\varphi) \trianglelefteq G}$

Normal: show $a k_1 a^{-1} \in \text{Ker}(\varphi)$ $\forall a \in G$

reminder $k_1 \in \text{Ker}(\varphi)$

$$\varphi(a k_1 a^{-1}) \stackrel{\text{homom.}}{=} \varphi(a) \varphi(k_1) \varphi(a^{-1}) = \varphi(a) \cdot \bar{e} \cdot (\varphi(a))^{-1} = \varphi(a) (\varphi(a))^{-1} = \bar{e}$$

ker = anything sent to $\bar{e} \Rightarrow a k_1 a^{-1} \in \text{Ker}(\varphi) \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Ker}(\varphi) \trianglelefteq G}$

Hom Props:

id/inv.

order: $|g|$ finite $\Rightarrow |f(g)|$ divides $|g|$

let $|g|=n$. So $g^n=e$

then $f(g^n) = f(e) = \bar{e} = f(g)^n \Rightarrow |f(g)|$ divides n \therefore

• $\ker(f) \leq G$

let $k_1, k_2 \in \ker(f)$

$$f(k_1 k_2^{-1}) = f(k_1) \cdot f(k_2)^{-1} = \bar{e} \cdot \bar{e}^{-1} = e$$

on Subgroups

f preserves subgroups
cyclic
abelian
normal

pre-image of subgroups (normal) are subgroups (normal)

1-1, onto, homo = iso.

$|\ker(f)| = n \Rightarrow f$ is $n-1$ mapping

$$f(g) = g' \Rightarrow f^{-1}(g') = g \ker(f), \quad x \in g \ker(f) \Leftrightarrow f(x) = f(gk) = f(g)f(k) = f(g)\bar{e} = f(g) = g'$$

all cosets have same # of elts (that of $\ker(f)$)