

## Reading Questions 10

page 59: Definition 2.55

$$A \times B = \{ (a, b) \mid a \in A, b \in B \}$$

page 59: Lemma 2.56 and its proof

1. The direct product of two sets is a set.  $\top$

2. The direct product of two groups is a group.  $\top$   $(g^{-1}, h^{-1}) = (g, h)^{-1}$

3. Let  $G$  and  $H$  be groups with identity elements  $e_G$  and  $e_H$  respectively. What is the identity element in  $G \times H$ ?

$$(e_G, e_H)$$

## Section 2.5 Direct Products (Part 1)

### Direct Products

P 1. Write the multiplication table for  $Z_2 \times Z_2$ .

P 2. Let  $(1, 2) \in Z_2 \times Z_3$ . What is  $o((1, 2))$ ?

P 3. Find a group that is isomorphic to  $Z_2 \times Z_2$ .

P 4. Find groups  $G$  and  $H$  such that  $|G| = |H| = 25$  but  $G$  is not isomorphic to  $H$ .

P 5. Suppose  $G \times H$  is abelian. Prove that  $G$  and  $H$  are abelian.

lem:  $G \times H$  is a group.

Ex:  $Z_2 \times Z_2 = \{ (0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1) \}$  is a group.

Ex:  $Z_m \times Z_n$  is a group where  $(0, 0)$  is the identity.

$(1, 1)$  has order 6.

Let  $a, c \in Z_m$  and  $b, d \in Z_n$ .

$$((Z_m \times Z_n), (+, +))$$

$$(a, b) \cdot (c, d) = (a + c, b + d)$$

$$(a, b) \cdot (0, 0) = (a + 0, b + 0) = (a, b) \Rightarrow (0, 0) \text{ is the true identity.}$$

$$m=2 \quad n=3$$

$$(1,1)^6 = (1,1) + (1,1) + (1,1) + (1,1) + (1,1) + (1,1)$$

$$= (1+1+1+1+1+1, 1+1+1+1+1+1)$$

$$= (6, 6) = (0, 0) \pmod{6}$$

Thm: Let  $(a, b) \in G \times H$ . Then  $o(a, b) = \text{lcm}(o(a), o(b))$ .

Pf: Let  $m = \text{lcm}(o(a), o(b))$ . WTS  $(a, b)^m = (e_G, e_H)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (a, b)^m &= (a^m, b^m) \stackrel{m = \text{lcm}(o(a), o(b))}{=} (a^{o(a) \cdot s}, b^{o(b) \cdot t}) \\ &= ((a^{o(a)})^s, (b^{o(b)})^t) \\ &= (e_G^s, e_H^t) = (e_G, e_H). \end{aligned}$$

WTS if  $(a, b)^k = (e_G, e_H)$  then  $k \geq m$ .

$(a, b)^k = (e_G, e_H)$ . Then  ~~$k \mid m$  by previous results.~~

$(a^k, b^k) = (e_G, e_H) \Rightarrow o(a) \mid k$  and  $o(b) \mid k$  by previous results.

$k$  is a common multiple of  $o(a)$  and  $o(b)$ .

$\therefore k \geq \text{lcm}(o(a), o(b))$ .

Note:  $|G \times H| = |G| \cdot |H|$

Ex: Find two groups of order 99 which are not isomorphic.

$$(\mathbb{Z}_{99}, +)$$

$$1 \in \mathbb{Z}_{99} \quad o(1) = 99$$

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}_{99}$  is cyclic

$$|\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_{33}| = |\mathbb{Z}_3| \cdot |\mathbb{Z}_{33}| = 3 \cdot 33 = 99$$

if  $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_{33}$  is cyclic then

$$\exists (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_{33} \text{ s.t. } o((a, b)) \stackrel{m}{=} 99$$

$$o((a, b)) = \text{lcm}(o(a), o(b))$$

$$= \text{lcm}(1 \text{ or } 3, 1 \text{ or } 3 \text{ or } 11 \text{ or } 33)$$

$$\neq 99$$

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_{33}$  is not cyclic

Since  $\mathbb{Z}_{99}$  is cyclic and  $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_{33}$  is not cyclic

$$\mathbb{Z}_{99} \not\cong \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_{33}.$$