

The background of the entire page is a dense, repeating geometric pattern. It consists of interlocking shapes in three colors: red, blue, and gold. The red shapes are triangles with internal patterns, the blue shapes are hexagons with internal patterns, and the gold shapes are star-like or floral motifs. The shapes are arranged in a grid-like fashion, creating a complex, tessellated effect.

Math 3500

# Algebra I: Group Theory

Book 3

Eg.  $F = \mathbb{F}_p = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$  where  $p$  is a prime  
(finite field of order  $p$ ).

Take  $n=2$  and consider the vector space  $V = F^2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} : a, b \in F \right\}$ ,  
an additive abelian group of order  $p^2$ .

Every homomorphism  $V \rightarrow V$  is a linear transformation over the field  $F$ .

If  $T: V \rightarrow V$  is a homomorphism then  $T(v+w) = T(v) + T(w)$ .

$$T(2v) = T(v+v) = T(v) + T(v) = 2T(v)$$

$$T(3v) = T(2v+v) = T(2v) + T(v) = 2T(v) + T(v) = 3T(v)$$

In fact  $T(kv) = kT(v)$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{F}_p$ .

So  $Tv = Av$  for some  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  over  $F$ .

There are exactly  $p^4$  homomorphisms  $V \rightarrow V$ .

How many of these  $p^4$  homomorphisms are automorphisms of  $V$ ?

$$(p^2-1)(p^2-p) = |GL_2(F)|.$$

The Klein four-group (any group of order 4 which is not cyclic)

	1	3	5	7
1	1	3	5	7
3	3	1	7	5
5	5	7	1	3
7	7	5	3	1

eg.  $G \cong \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$  under multiplication mod 8

or  $\langle (12)(34), (13)(24) \rangle < S_4$

$$= \{(), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)\}$$

	1	a	b	c
1	1	a	b	c
a	a	1	c	b
b	b	c	1	a
c	c	b	a	1

$$F = \mathbb{F}_2 = \{0, 1\} \quad (\text{integers mod } 2)$$

$G \cong F^2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} : x, y \in F \right\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is an additive abelian group

This is another way to look at the Klein four-group.

It has 6 automorphisms i.e. isomorphisms from the group to itself.

The group  $G$  (Klein four-group) has 16 endomorphisms

(homomorphisms  $G \rightarrow G$ )

Why? To define an endomorphism  $T$  of  $G = \{1, a, b, c\}$   
 $= \langle a, b \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} ab &= c \\ |a| &= |b| = |c| = 2 \end{aligned}$$

	1	a	b	c
1	1	a	b	c
a	a	1	c	b
b	b	c	1	a
c	c	b	a	1

think of  $T$  as a linear transformation  $T: G \rightarrow G$

there are four choices of  $T(a) \in G$  i.e.  $T(a) \in \{1, a, b, c\}$

... ..  $T(b) \in G$

Then  $T(c) = T(ab) = T(a)T(b)$

Only 6 of these 16 homomorphisms are invertible.

How many endomorphisms does a finite cyclic group have?

Take  $G = C_n = \{1, g, g^2, \dots, g^{n-1}\}$ ,  $|g| = n$ .

How many homomorphisms are there from this group to itself? Exactly  $n$ .

They are the maps  $\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_{n-1}$  where  $\phi_j: G \rightarrow G$ ,  $\phi_j(g^i) = g^{ij}$ .

Note that  $\phi_j(xy) = (xy)^j = x^j y^j = \phi_j(x) \phi_j(y)$  so  $\phi_j$  is a homomorphism.

Note that  $\phi_j \neq \phi_k$  for  $j \neq k$  in  $\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$

Since  $\phi_j(g) = g^j \neq g^k = \phi_k(g)$  so we have at least  $n$  different homomorphisms  $C_n \rightarrow C_n$ .

Conversely, suppose  $\phi: C_n \rightarrow C_n$  is any homomorphism. Then  $\phi(g) = g^i \in G$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ . In this case we claim  $\phi = \phi_i$ .

$$\phi(g^2) = \phi(gg) = \phi(g)\phi(g) = g^i g^i = g^{2i} = (g^2)^i = \phi_i(g^2)$$

$$\phi(g^3) = \phi(g^2g) = \phi(g^2)\phi(g) = g^{2i} g^i = g^{3i} = (g^3)^i = \phi_i(g^3)$$

Inductively we get  $\phi(x) = \phi_i(x)$  for all  $x \in G$  i.e.  $\phi = \phi_i$ .  $\square$

eg.  $G = C_4 = \{1, g, g^2, g^3\}$  has four endomorphisms  $\phi_0, \phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3$  defined by

$$\phi_j(g^i) = g^{ij}$$

$x$	$\phi_0(x)$	$\phi_1(x)$	$\phi_2(x)$	$\phi_3(x)$
1	1	1	1	1
$g$	1	$g$	$g^2$	$g^3$
$g^2$	1	$g^2$	1	$g^2$
$g^3$	1	$g^3$	$g^2$	$g$

$$\phi_0(g^i) = g^{0i} = g^0 = 1$$

trivial homomorphism

$$\phi_0(ab) = \phi_0(a)\phi_0(b)$$

$$\phi_1(g^i) = g^{1i} = g^i \text{ is the identity}$$

$$\phi_2(g^i) = g^{2i}, \quad \phi_2(x) = x^2$$

$$\phi_3(x) = x^3$$

$$\text{If } \psi(g^i) = g \text{ then } g = \psi(g^2) = \psi(gg) \neq \underbrace{\psi(g)}_g \underbrace{\psi(g)}_g = g^2 \quad \phi_j(xy) = (xy)^j = x^j y^j = \phi_j(x)\phi_j(y)$$

$G = \{1, g, g^2, \dots, g^{n-1}\}$  has  $n$  homomorphisms  $G \rightarrow G$ , namely  $\phi_k(x) = x^k$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq n-1$  or  $1 \leq k \leq n$ .

How many of these are isomorphisms? (bijective)

$\phi_k: G \rightarrow G$ ,  $x \mapsto x^k$  is one-to-one iff it's onto iff it's bijective iff  $\gcd(k, n) = 1$

For  $n=12$ ,  $\phi_k: C_{12} \rightarrow C_{12}$  is bijective iff  $k \in \{1, 5, 7, 11\}$ . ( $k$  is relatively prime to  $n$ ).

$\phi_3: C_{12} \rightarrow C_{12}$  has image  $\phi_3(C_{12}) = \{1, g^3, g^6, g^9\}$   $\phi_3$  is neither one-to-one nor onto.

$$\phi_3(1) = \phi_3(g^4) = 1$$

The image of  $f: G \rightarrow H$  is  $f(G) = \{f(g) : g \in G\}$ .

$$g \notin \phi_3(C_{12}) \quad \text{"}g^2\text{"} \quad \text{"}g^7\text{"}$$

$\phi_5: C_{12} \rightarrow C_{12}$  is onto; its image is  $\{1, g^5, g^{10}, g^{15}, g^{20}, g^{25}, g^{30}, g^{35}, g^{40}, g^{45}, g^{50}, g^{55}\}$

$\phi_9: C_{12} \rightarrow C_{12}$  is not onto;  $\phi_9(C_{12}) = \{1, g^9, g^6, g^3, g^0\}$   $g^{60} = (g^{12})^5 = 1^5 = 1$

Euclid's Algorithm (extended form):

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , not both zero, and let  $d = \gcd(a, b)$ . Then there exist integers  $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $d = ra + sb$ . (That is,  $d$  is an integer linear combination of  $a, b$ ).

Ex.  $a=369$ ,  $b=126$ . We will compute  $d = \gcd(a,b)$  and write  $d$  as an integer linear combination of  $a, b$ .

$$369 = 2 \times 126 + 117$$

$$126 = 1 \times 117 + \boxed{9} \leftarrow d=9 = \gcd(a,b)$$

$$117 = 13 \times 9 + 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 369 \\ 252 \\ \hline 117 \end{array}$$

$$9 = 126 - 117$$

$$= 126 - (369 - 2 \times 126)$$

$$= 3 \times 126 - 369$$

$$12 = 2 \times 5 + 2$$

$$5 = 2 \times 2 + \boxed{1} = \gcd(12,5) =$$

$$2 = 2 \times 1 + 0$$

$$1 = 5 - 2 \times 2$$

$$= 5 - 2(12 - 2 \times 5)$$

$$= 5 \times 5 - 2 \times 12$$

$$k = 5k \times 5 - 2k \times 12$$

We want to show every element of  $C_{12}$  is the 5<sup>th</sup> power of some element.

$$g^k = g^{5k \times 5 - 2k \times 12} = (g^{5k})^5 \underbrace{(g^{12})^{-2k}}_1 = (g^{5k})^5$$

$(k \in \mathbb{Z})$

$$a = 369 = 3 \times 123 = 3^2 \times 41$$

$$b = 126 = 3 \times 42 = 2 \times 3 \times 21 = 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 7 = 2 \times 3^2 \times 7.$$

There are  $n$  homomorphisms  $\phi_k: C_n \rightarrow C_n$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$   $\phi_k(x) = x^k$ .

There are  $\phi(n)$  isomorphisms  $C_n \rightarrow C_n$ , namely  $\phi_k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ ,  $\gcd(k, n) = 1$ .  
Euler's totient function  $\phi(n) =$  number of integers  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that  $\gcd(k, n) = 1$ .

$$\phi(12) = 4.$$

Sorry I'm using " $\phi$ " more than once.

There are exactly  $\phi(n)$  elements  $x \in C_n$  such that  $\langle x \rangle = C_n$ .

For  $n=12$ ,  $\phi(12) = 4$  since  $1, 5, 7, 11$  are the only elements  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, 12\}$  such that  $\gcd(k, 12) = 1$ .

In  $C_{12} = \{1, g, g^2, \dots, g^{11}\}$ ,  $\langle g \rangle = C_{12} = \langle g^5 \rangle = \langle g^7 \rangle = \langle g^{11} \rangle$

Suppose  $f: G \rightarrow H$  is a group homomorphism.

Then  $f(1_G) = 1_H$  where  $1_G$  is the identity element of  $G$  and  $1_H$  is the identity element of  $H$ . Eg. if  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation then

$$T(0) = 0$$

↑  
zero vector.

Proof:  $f(1_G) = f(1_G 1_G) = f(1_G) f(1_G)$ . Multiply both sides on the left by  $f(1_G)^{-1} \in H$   
to get  $1_H = f(1_G)^{-1} f(1_G) = \underbrace{f(1_G)^{-1} f(1_G)}_{1_H} f(1_G) = 1_H f(1_G) = f(1_G)$ .  $\square$

$$f(1_G)^{-1} (f(1_G) f(1_G)) = \underbrace{f(1_G)^{-1} f(1_G)}_{1_H} f(1_G)$$

More generally,  $|f(g)|$  divides  $|g|$  for every  $g \in G$  (assuming  $|g| < \infty$ ).

If  $|g| = 6$  then  $|f(g)| = 1, 2, 3$  or  $6$ .

If  $|g| = 1$  then  $|f(g)| = 1$  (which says  $f(1_G) = 1_H$ ).

Proof? Note that  $f(g^k) = \underbrace{f(g \cdot g \cdot g \cdots g)}_{k \text{ times}} = \underbrace{f(g) f(g) \cdots f(g)}_{k \text{ times}}$

$$f(gg) = f(g)f(g)$$

$$f(ggg) = f(g)f(gg) = f(g)f(g)f(g)$$

Now suppose  $|g| = n$  and  $d = |f(g)|$ . We must show that  $d|n$ .

We have  $n = qd + r$  for some integers  $q, r$  with  $0 \leq r < d$ . Then

$$1 = g^n \Rightarrow 1 = f(1) = f(g^n) = f(g)^n = f(g)^{qd+r} = (f(g)^d)^q f(g)^r = 1^q f(g)^r$$

By definition of the order of an element,  $r=0$ , i.e.  $d|n$ .  $\square = f(g)^r$

One way in which group theory is different from linear algebra: If  $V, W$  are vector spaces and you take  $v \in V, w \in W$ . You can always find a linear transformation  $T: V \rightarrow W$  such that  $T(v) = w$  (unless  $v=0$  and  $w \neq 0$ ). Recall  $T(0) = 0$ .

If  $f: C_{12} \rightarrow C_{12}$  is a homomorphism then we cannot have  $f(g^3) = g^9$  since  $|g^3| = 4$  does not divide  $|g^9| = 3$ . Every homomorphism  $f: C_{12} \rightarrow C_{12}$  must take  $f(g^3) \in \{1, g^3, g^6, g^9\}$ . Use  $\phi_0, \phi_1, \phi_2$  to get these.

Careful: In  $S_4$ , there are several homomorphisms  $S_4 \rightarrow S_4$ .

If  $f: S_5 \rightarrow S_5$  is a homomorphism,  $f((12)) \in \{1, (12), (12)(34), \dots\}$   
elements of order 1 or 2

But what is an example of a homomorphism  $f: S_5 \rightarrow S_5$  only.  
such that  $f((12)) = (12)(34)$ ?

You can say  $f(\sigma) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sigma \text{ is even} \\ (12)(34) & \text{if } \sigma \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$  (i.e.  $\sigma \in A_5$ )

This is not an isomorphism.

There is an isomorphism  $\phi: S_5 \rightarrow S_5$  such that  $\phi((12345)) = (12453)$ ?  
Yes.

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More generally if  $G$  is a multiplicative group and  $a \in G$ , then we can define an isomorphism  $\psi_a: G \rightarrow G$ ,  $\psi_a(x) = axa^{-1}$  (conjugation by  $a$ ).

$$\psi_a(xy) = a(xy)a^{-1} = (axa^{-1})(aya^{-1}) = \psi_a(x)\psi_a(y) \text{ for all } xy \in G.$$

This shows that  $\psi_a: G \rightarrow G$  is a homomorphism.

Why is it one-to-one? If  $\psi_a(x) = \psi_a(x')$  then  $axa^{-1} = ax'a^{-1}$  then  $a^{-1}(axa^{-1})a = a^{-1}(ax'a^{-1})a$   
so  $x = x'$ .

Why is it onto? For all  $y \in G$ , we must find  $x \in G$  such that  $\psi_a(x) = y$   
 $axa^{-1} = y$

$\psi_a: G \rightarrow G$  is a bijection

and it is a homomorphism

so it is an isomorphism from  $G$  to  $G$  so it is an automorphism of  $G$ .

$$x = a^{-1}(axa^{-1})a = a^{-1}ya$$

ie.  $\psi_a(a^{-1}ya) = y$

If  $G$  is abelian then  $\psi_a(x) = axa^{-1} = a\cancel{a}^{-1}x = x$  i.e.  $\psi_a = \text{identity}$ .  
 The center of  $G$  is  $Z(G) = \{z \in G : z \text{ commutes with every element of } G\}$

$Z(G)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . If  $z_1, z_2 \in Z(G)$  then  $z_1 z_2 \in Z(G)$  since

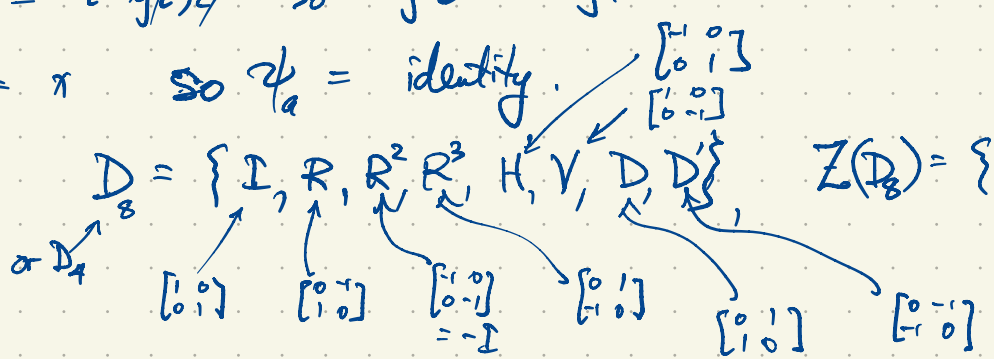
$$z_1 z_2 g = z_1 g z_2 = g z_1 z_2 \text{ for all } g \in G.$$

Clearly  $1 = 1_G$  commutes with every  $g \in G$  since  $1g = g = g1$ ,  $1 \in Z(G)$ .

If  $z \in Z(G)$  then  $z^{-1} \in Z(G)$  since for all  $g \in G$ ,  
 $zg = gz$  so  $z^{-1}(zg)z^{-1} = z^{-1}(gz)z^{-1}$  so  $gz^{-1} = z^{-1}g$ .

If  $a \in Z(G)$  then  $\psi_a(x) = axa^{-1} = x\cancel{a}a^{-1} = x$  so  $\psi_a = \text{identity}$ .

In the dihedral group of order 8,  $D_8 = \{I, R, R^2, R^3, H, V, D, D'\}$ ,  $Z(D_8) = \{I, R^2\}$



We have an nontrivial automorphism of  $D_8$

$$\psi_R(x) = RxR^{-1}$$

$$\psi_R(I) = I$$

$$\psi_R(-I) = -I$$

$$\psi_R(R) = RRR^{-1} = R$$

$$\psi_R(R^3) = RRR^3R^{-1} = R^{-1} = R^3$$

$$\psi_R(D) = D'$$

$$\psi_R(D') = D$$

$$\psi_R(H) = V$$

$$\psi_R(V) = H$$

$$\psi_R(-I) = R(-I)R^{-1} = -IRR^{-1} = -I$$

$$\psi_D(x) = DxD^{-1} = Dx D$$

$$\psi_D(I) = I$$

$$\psi_D(-I) = -I$$

$$\psi_D(R) = R^3$$

$$\psi_D(R^3) = R$$

$$\psi_D(R^2) = R^2$$

$$\psi_D(H) = V$$

$$\psi_D(V) = H$$

$$\psi_D(D) = D$$

$$\psi_D(D') = D'$$

Four automorphisms of  $D_8$ :

$$\psi_I = \psi_{R^2} = \text{identity}$$

Since  $I, R^2 \in Z(D_8)$

$$\psi_R = \psi_{R^3}$$

$$\psi_D = \psi_{D'}$$

$$\psi_H = \psi_V$$

If  $a, x \in G$  then we say  $axa^{-1}$  is the conjugate of  $x$  by  $a$ .

Conjugation in  $G$  is the map  $x \mapsto axa^{-1}$  for fixed  $a \in G$ .

We say two elements  $x, y \in G$  are conjugate if  $y = axa^{-1}$  for some  $a \in G$ .

In this case we often write  $x \sim y$ .

In  $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ , two elements are conjugate iff they are similar.

Conjugacy (the relation  $\sim$ ) is an equivalence relation.

$D_8$  has five conjugacy classes:  $\{I\}$ ,  $\{R^2\}$ ,  $\{R, R^3\}$ ,  $\{H, V\}$ ,  $\{D, D'\}$ .

In any group, the conjugacy classes of size 1 are  $\{z\}$ ,  $z \in Z(G)$ .

$$aza^{-1} = zaa^{-1} = z$$

$Z(G)$  is the union of conjugacy classes of size 1 in  $G$ .

Given  $a, x \in G$ ,  $\varphi_a(x) = axa^{-1}$  (the conjugate of  $x$  by  $a$ ).

$\varphi_a: G \rightarrow G$  which is conjugation by  $a$ .

$\varphi_a$  is an automorphism of  $G$ :  $\varphi_a$  is bijective and  $\varphi_a(xy) = \varphi_a(x)\varphi_a(y)$ .

Eg. Conjugation in  $S_n$  takes permutations to permutations of the same cycle structure (ie. it preserves cycle structure).

When we count elements of  $S_n$  according to their cycle structure, we are actually counting group elements by conjugacy classes.

For  $n=8$ ,  $\sigma = (13725)(48)$ ,  $\tau = (14)(2536)$ . Conjugating  $\sigma$  by  $\tau$  gives

$$\varphi_{\tau}(\sigma) = \tau\sigma\tau^{-1} = \underbrace{(14)}_{\tau} \underbrace{(2536)}_{\tau^{-1}} \underbrace{(13725)(48)}_{\sigma} \underbrace{(14)(2635)}_{\tau^{-1}} = (18)(2)(34675) = \underline{(18)(34675)}$$

Observe:  $\sigma$  and  $\tau\sigma\tau^{-1}$  are not only the same order, they have the same cycle structure.

But conversely, if two permutations have the same cycle structure, they must be conjugate. Why?

$$\begin{array}{l} \sigma = (13725)(48) \\ \tau\sigma\tau^{-1} = \begin{array}{c} \downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow \\ (46753)(18) \end{array} \end{array} \quad \tau = (14)(2536) = \underline{(18)(34675)}$$

Eg. Find  $\tau \in S_8$  such that  $\tau(135)(2746)\tau^{-1} = (1823)(457)$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow\downarrow\downarrow \\ (457) \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \downarrow\downarrow\downarrow \\ (1823) \end{array} \quad \tau = (142)(35786) \text{ works.}$$

OR

$$\begin{array}{c} (8) \\ \downarrow \\ (6) \end{array} \tau(135)(2746)\tau^{-1} = (1823)(457)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow\downarrow\downarrow \\ (574) \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \downarrow\downarrow\downarrow \\ (2318) \end{array} \quad \tau = (154)(2)(37)(68) = (154)(37)(68)$$

Given  $g \in G$ , the centralizer of  $g$  is  $C_G(g) = \{ \text{all elements of } G \text{ that commute with } g \}$   
 $= \{ z \in G : zg = gz \}$

Once again,  $C_G(g) \leq G$  ( $C_G(g)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ )

If  $z_1, z_2 \in C_G(g)$  then  $z_1 z_2 \in C_G(g)$  since  $(z_1 z_2)g = z_1 g z_2 = g z_1 z_2$ .

$1_G \in C_G(g)$  since  $1_G g = g = g 1_G$

If  $z \in C_G(g)$  then  $z^{-1} \in C_G(g)$  as before (back 2 pages or so).

If  $x$  and  $y$  are conjugate in  $G$  then the number of elements  $a \in G$  conjugating  $x$  to  $y$  is  $|C_G(x)|$ .

Eg. In  $G = S_8$ , how many elements  $\tau \in S_8$  conjugate  $(13725)(48)$  to

$(46753)(18)$ ? Same as: How many elements commute with

$\sigma = (13725)(48)$ . Answer: 10. in this case.

Why is  $\tau \sigma \tau^{-1}$  the same as  $\sigma$  with all symbols in the cycle structure replaced by  $i \mapsto \tau(i)$ ?

$$\sigma = (\dots, i, \sigma(i), \dots) (\dots) \dots (\dots)$$

$$(\tau \sigma \tau^{-1})(\tau(i)) = \tau \sigma \tau^{-1}(\tau(i)) = \tau(\sigma(i)) \text{ i.e.}$$

$$\tau \sigma \tau^{-1} = (\dots, \tau(i), \tau(\sigma(i)), \dots) \dots (\dots)$$

If  $A \in GL_n(F)$  is diagonalizable (which happens over  $\mathbb{C}$  "most" of the time)

then  $A$  is similar (i.e. conjugate) to a diagonal matrix in  $GL_n(F)$ , i.e.  $A = BDB^{-1}$  for some diagonal matrix  $D$  and  $B \in GL_n(F)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} v & \xrightarrow{A} & Av = BDB^{-1}v \\ B^{-1} \downarrow & & \uparrow B \\ B^{-1}v & \xrightarrow{D} & DB^{-1}v \end{array}$$

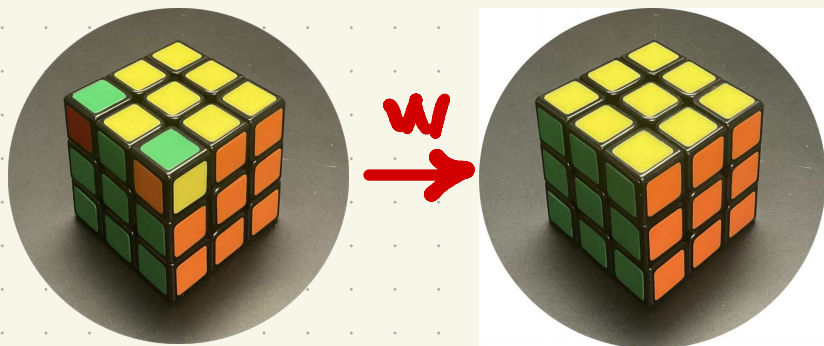
Scale by  $\lambda_i$   $i^{\text{th}}$  coordinate

Similarly in  $GL_n(F)$ :

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \text{ scales } e_i \mapsto \lambda_i e_i \text{ where } e_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{i^{\text{th}}}$$

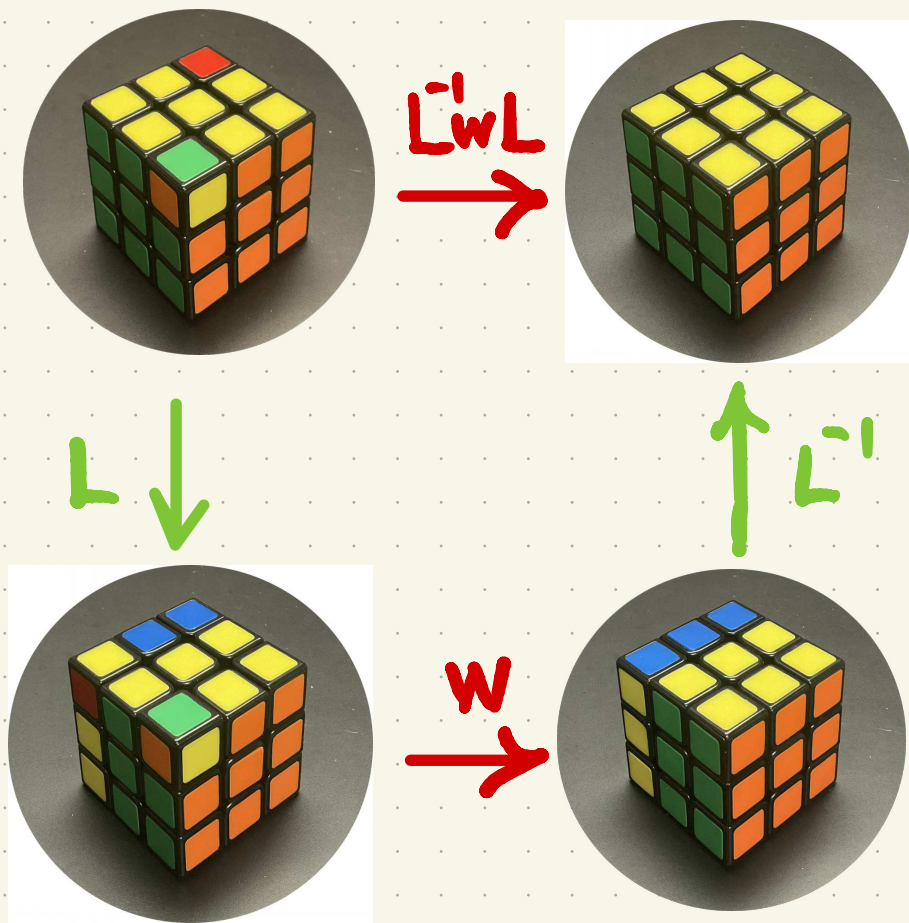
Example: The group  $G$  of legal moves of Rubik's Cube has order  $|G| = 432520032744189856000$  (depending a little on whether or not we count moves that move the six center pieces).

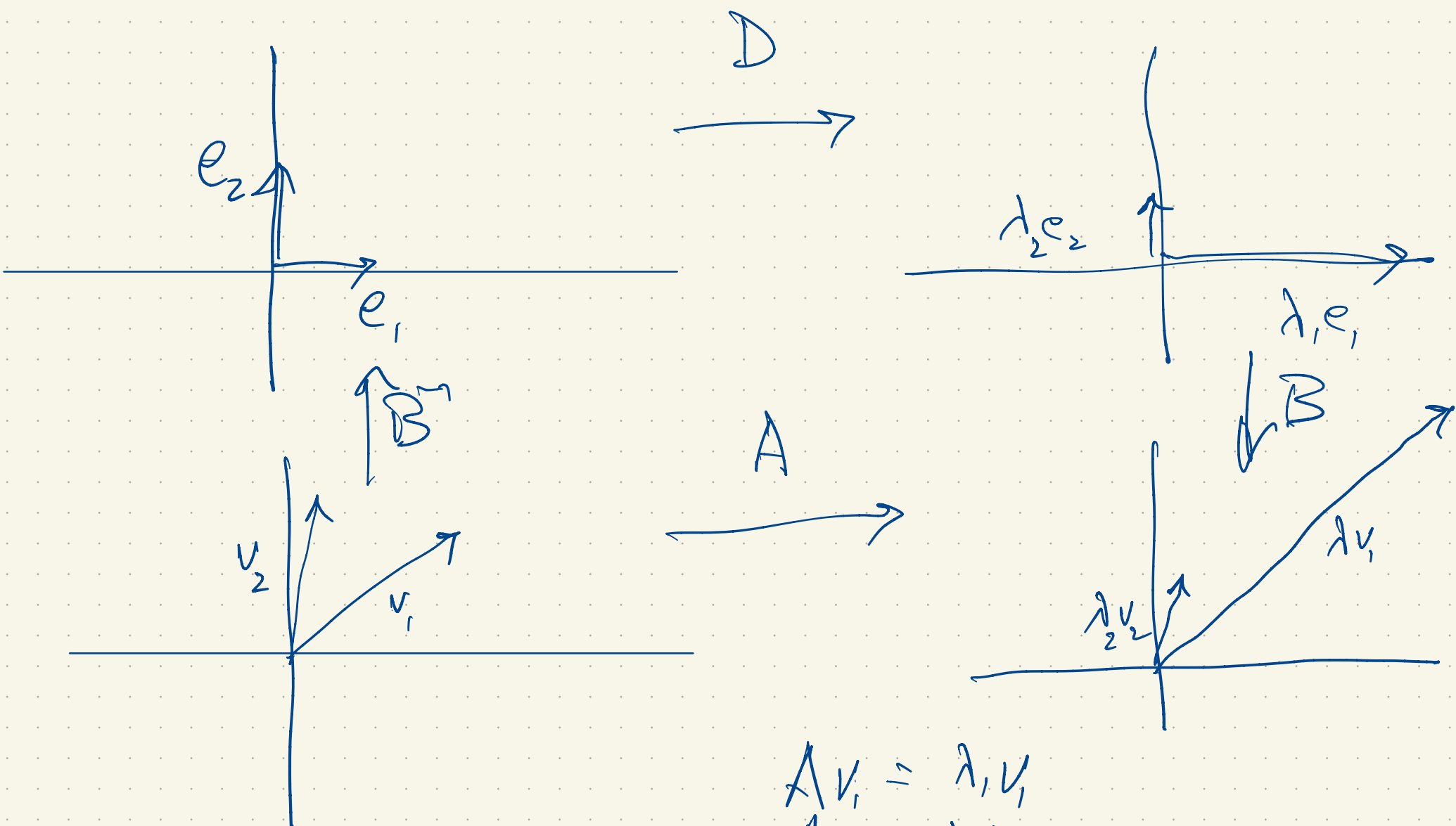
An example of conjugation in  $G$ :



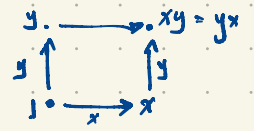
In our class, we might write  

$$W = U^2 B U^2 B U B' U B U^2 B U^2 B U' B U' B'$$
 (right-to-left composition) but the standard guides for cubing would reverse this (using left-to-right composition as mathematicians prefer).





Commutative diagram



$$\begin{aligned}
 Av_1 &= \lambda_1 v_1 \\
 Av_2 &= \lambda_2 v_2
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $G$  is any group then an automorphism of  $G$  is a bijection  $\phi: G \rightarrow G$  such that  $\phi(gh) = \phi(g)\phi(h)$  for all  $g, h \in G$ .

Eg. If  $G = C_n = \langle g \rangle = \{1, g, g^2, \dots, g^{n-1}\}$  <sup>cyclic</sup> of order  $n$ , then there are  $\phi(n)$  automorphisms of  $C_n$  where  $\phi(n) = |\{k : 1 \leq k \leq n, \gcd(k, n) = 1\}|$ .  $\phi$  is Euler's totient function.

$\phi_k(x) = x^k, \phi_k(g^i) = g^{ki}$  is a homomorphism  $C_n \rightarrow C_n$ ; it's an automorphism iff  $\gcd(k, n) = 1$ .

If  $n=6$ , there are 6 homomorphisms  $\phi_k: C_6 \rightarrow C_6, x \mapsto x^k$ .

$\phi_1(x) = x$  identity

$\phi_2(x) = x^2$  is not one-to-one since  $\phi_2(g^3) = (g^3)^2 = g^6 = 1 = \phi_2(1)$

$\phi_3(x) = x^3$  is not one-to-one since  $\phi_3(g^2) = (g^2)^3 = g^6 = 1 = \phi_3(1) = \phi_3(g^4) = g^{12} = 1$

$\phi_4(x) = x^4$  is not one-to-one since  $\phi_4(g^3) = (g^3)^4 = g^{12} = 1 = \phi_4(1)$

$\phi_5(x) = x^5 = x^{-1}$  is one-to-one and onto.

$x$	$\phi_5(x)$
1	1
$g$	$g^5$
$g^2$	$g^4$
$g^3$	$g^3$
$g^4$	$g^2$
$g^5$	$g$

Eg.  $\text{Aut}(G) = \{\text{all automorphisms of } G\}$  is a group (not to be confused with  $G$ ), the automorphism group of  $G$ .

$G = C_n$

$\text{Aut}(C_6) = \{\phi_1, \phi_5\} \cong C_2$

↑  
identity

	$\phi_1$	$\phi_5$
$\phi_1$	$\phi_1$	$\phi_5$
$\phi_5$	$\phi_5$	$\phi_1$

eg.  $\phi_5 \phi_5(x) = (x^5)^5 = x^{25} = x^{24} \cdot x = 1 \cdot x = x = \phi_1(x)$

This is not that!  $G \neq \text{Aut } G$ .

	1	$g$	$g^2$	$g^3$	$g^4$	$g^5$
1	1	$g$	$g^2$	$g^3$	$g^4$	$g^5$
$g$	$g$	$g^2$	$g^3$	$g^4$	$g^5$	1
$g^2$	$g^2$	$g^3$	$g^4$	$g^5$	1	$g$
$g^3$	$g^3$	$g^4$	$g^5$	1	$g$	$g^2$
$g^4$	$g^4$	$g^5$	1	$g$	$g^2$	$g^3$
$g^5$	$g^5$	1	$g$	$g^2$	$g^3$	$g^4$

If  $a \in G$  then  $\phi_a(x) = axa^{-1}$  (conjugation by  $a \in G$ ) is an inner automorphism of  $G$ .

This gives lots of examples of automorphisms of  $G$  if  $G$  is nonabelian.

Abelian groups tend to have lots of automorphisms but they're not inner (except for the identity  $\text{id}: G \rightarrow G$ ,  $\text{id}(g) = g$ ,  $\text{id}(gh) = gh = \text{id}(g)\text{id}(h)$ ,  $\text{id} \in \text{Aut } G$  (not  $1_G$ )).

If  $F$  is any field then  $V = F^n$  is usually thought of as a vector space of dimension  $n$  over  $F$ . Ignoring scalar multiplication, this is a group under  $+$  with identity element the zero vector.

If  $F = \mathbb{F}_p = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$ . In this case  $F$  is a cyclic group under addition and automorphisms of this group are scalar multiplication by nonzero elements of  $F$ .

$\text{Aut}(F^n) \cong GL_n(F)$

Each  $A \in GL_n(F)$  gives an automorphism of  $F^n$ ,  $A: v \rightarrow Av$

This is a homomorphism  $F^n \rightarrow F^n$  since  $A(v+w) = Av + Aw$

Since  $A$  is invertible,  $A: F^n \rightarrow F^n$  is bijective. The inverse of  $A: v \rightarrow Av$  is  $A^{-1}: v \rightarrow A^{-1}v$ .

Sometimes  $F^n$  has more automorphisms than these but often not.

An inner automorphism of  $F^n$  is a function of the form  $\phi_a: v \rightarrow a + v + (-a) = v$ ,  $a, v \in F^n$

$\phi_a(v) = v$  i.e.  $\phi_a = \text{id}$  for all  $a \in V$ .

Ex.  $\text{Aut}(S_n) \cong S_n$  if  $n \neq 6$ .  $S_6$  has outer automorphisms (automorphisms that are not inner)

There is  $f \in \text{Aut}(S_6)$  such that  $f((12)) = (12)(34)(56)$  and this cannot be an inner automorphism.

Theorem There is a homomorphism  $G \rightarrow \text{Aut } G$  defined by  $a \mapsto \phi_a$ . Shoer-Sock Theorem

Proof  $\phi_{ab} = \phi_a \phi_b$  because  $(\phi_a \circ \phi_b)(g) = \phi_a(\phi_b(g)) = a(bg b^{-1})a^{-1} = (ab)g(ba^{-1}) = (ab)g(aba^{-1}) = \phi_{ab}(g)$

for all  $a, b, g \in G$ .

$GL_4(\mathbb{F}_2) \cong A_8$  of order 20160

$\text{Aut}(GL_4(\mathbb{F}_2)) \cong S_8$  of order 40320.

All automorphisms of  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  are inner. (I think)

For  $n > 2$ , there are outer automorphisms of  $SL_n(\mathbb{R})$ .

Let's explain starting with  $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ .

Aut  $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$  includes inner automorphisms.  $\phi_B(A) = BAB^{-1}$

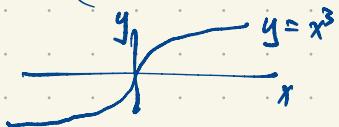
$GL_2(\mathbb{R})$  has an automorphism  $\phi(A) = (\det A)A$ .

$$\phi(AB) = \det(AB)AB = (\det A)(\det B)AB = (\det A)A \cdot (\det B)B = \phi(A)\phi(B).$$

Why is  $\phi: GL_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow GL_2(\mathbb{R})$  bijective?

Suppose  $\phi(A) = \phi(B)$  i.e.  $(\det A)A = (\det B)B$ .

$$(\det A)^3 = (\det B)^3 \Rightarrow \det A = \det B \Rightarrow A = B.$$



Why is  $\phi$  onto?

Given  $A \in GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ , find  $X \in GL_2(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $\phi(X) = A$

$$(\det X)X = A$$

$$(\det X)^3 = \det A$$

$$\det X = (\det A)^{1/3}$$

$$\det(cA) = c^2 \det A$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{bmatrix} &= \det \begin{bmatrix} cx & cy \\ cz & cw \end{bmatrix} \\ &= c^2(xw - yz) \\ &= c^2 \det A \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Try } X = (\det A)^k A$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(X) &= (\det X)X \\ &= (\det A)^{2k+1} (\det A)A \\ &= (\det A)^{2k+2} A \end{aligned}$$