

Last time

- finitely generated torsion-free abelian groups are

$$G \cong \mathbb{Z}^r$$

$$ng=0 \text{ for } n>0 \Rightarrow g=0$$

- finitely generated abelian groups are

$$G \cong \mathbb{Z}^r * \text{Tors}(G)$$

$$\{g \in G \mid ng=0 \text{ for some } n>0\}$$

- today, we will show that any finitely generated abelian

$$\text{group is } \cong \mathbb{Z}^r * \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}/_{p_1}^{d_1} \mathbb{Z} * \dots * \mathbb{Z}/_{p_k}^{d_k} \mathbb{Z}}_{\text{finite group}}$$

finite group

- key lemma from last time: any s.e.s.

$$0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow G \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^l \rightarrow 0 \text{ splits}$$

Today: understanding torsion abelian groups

- G_1, G_2 abelian groups $\rightsquigarrow G_1 * G_2$ component-wise addition

- $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n, \dots$ abelian groups

direct product $\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} G_k = \{ (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n, \dots) \mid g_i \in G_i \}$ component-wise addition
direct sum $\bigoplus_{k=1}^{\infty} G_k = \{ (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n, \dots) \mid g_i \in G_i \text{ s.t. } g_i = 0 \forall i \text{ large enough} \}$

if $\exists N$ s.t. $G_{N+1} = G_{N+2} = \dots = \{0\}$, then $\prod = \bigoplus = G_1 \times \dots \times G_N$

Example $G_1 = G_2 = \dots = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$

$$\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} = \{ (g_0, g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4, \dots) \} \xrightarrow{\sim} [0, 2]$$

$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} g_i \cdot \frac{1}{2^i}$

$$\bigoplus_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} = \{ (g_0, g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4, \dots) \} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{N}$$

$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} g_i \cdot 2^i$

Def: G be a abelian group ; p prime number

Last time: $\text{Tors}_n(G) \subseteq G$ (n -th torsion subgroup)

Today: $A_p(G) = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \text{Tors}_{p^k}(G)$ (p -torsion subgroup)

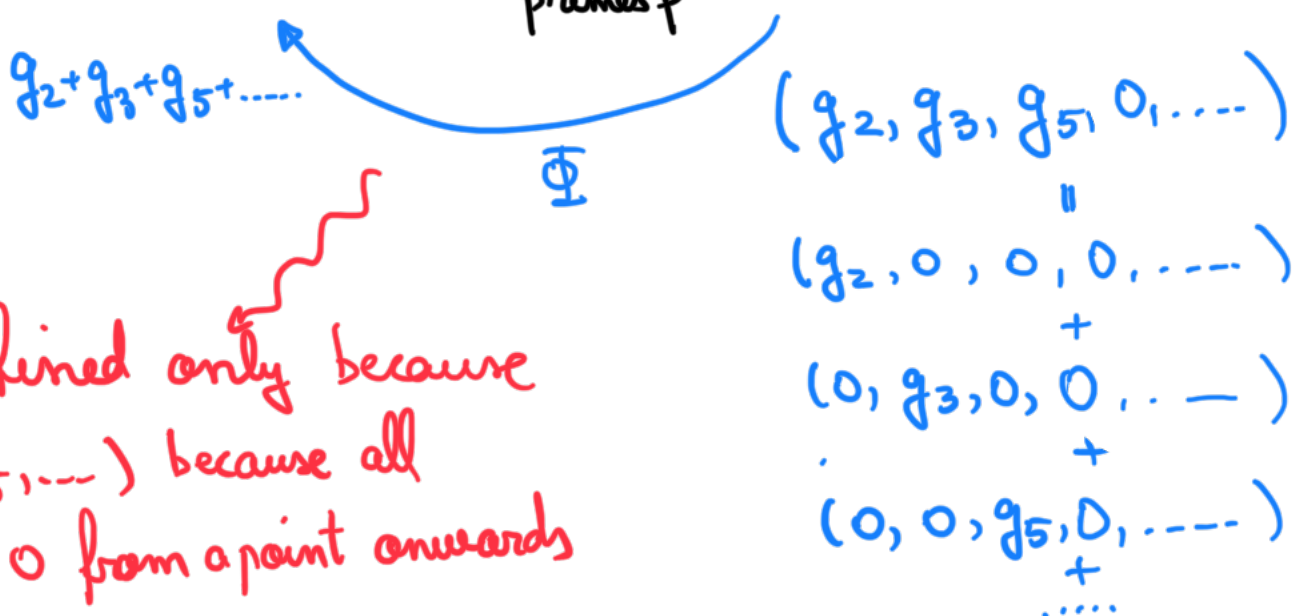
$$= \{ g \in G \mid \text{order of } g \text{ is a power of } p \}$$

is a subgroup of G
proof like last time

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{ord}(g) = p^k \\ \text{ord}(h) = p^L \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} p^{\max(k,L)} \cdot g = 0 \\ p^{\max(k,L)} \cdot h = 0 \end{array} \Rightarrow p^{\max(k,L)} \cdot (g+h) = 0 \right)$$

Lemma: G an abelian group

$$\text{Tors}(G) \cong \bigoplus_{\text{primes } p} A_p(G)$$



Proof: injectivity: suppose $\bigoplus (0, \dots, 0, g_{p_1}, 0, g_{p_2}, 0, \dots, 0, g_{p_k}, 0, \dots) = 0$

for (p_1, \dots, p_k) distinct primes,

$$g_{p_1} + g_{p_2} + \dots + g_{p_k} = 0 \quad | \cdot p_2^{d_2} \dots p_k^{d_k}$$

where

$$p_1^{d_1} g_{p_1} = 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$p_k^{d_k} g_{p_k} = 0$$

$$p_2^{d_2} \dots p_k^{d_k} g_{p_1} = 0 \quad (b^*)$$

$$\text{but } p_1^{d_1} g_{p_1} = 0 \quad (a^*)$$

$$1 \cdot g_{p_1} = 0 \quad (\Downarrow)$$

$$\exists a \cdot p_1^{d_1} + b \cdot p_2^{d_2} \dots p_k^{d_k} = 1$$

Similarly, $g_{p_2}, \dots, g_{p_k} = 0 \implies \bigoplus$ is injective

surjectivity: $g \in \text{Tors}(G) \implies \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $ng = 0$

$$n = p_1^{d_1} \dots p_k^{d_k}, \quad p_1, \dots, p_k \text{ distinct primes}$$

$$n_1 = \frac{n}{d_1}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} p_1 \\ \vdots \\ n_k = \frac{n}{p_k^{d_k}} \end{array} \right\} \text{coprime} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \exists a_1, \dots, a_k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \text{s.t. } a_1 n_1 + \dots + a_k n_k = 1 \end{array}$$

$$g_1 = n_1 g \rightsquigarrow p_1^{d_1} g_1 = p_1^{d_1} n_1 g = n g = 0 \Rightarrow g_1 \in A_{p_1}(G)$$

$$g_k = n_k g \rightsquigarrow p_k^{d_k} g_k = p_k^{d_k} n_k g = n g = 0 \Rightarrow g_k \in A_{p_k}(G)$$

$$\rightarrow a_1 g_1 + \dots + a_k g_k = (a_1 n_1 + \dots + a_k n_k) g = 1 \cdot g = g$$

$$g = \bigoplus \left(\underbrace{(0, \dots, 0, g_1, 0, \dots, 0)}_{A_{p_1}(G)} \oplus \underbrace{(0, \dots, 0, g_k, 0, \dots)}_{A_{p_k}(G)} \right)$$

Def: a group is called a **p-group** if all of its elements have order p^k , for arbitrary k

Ex: $A_p(G)$ is a p-group, \forall abelian group G

$\mathbb{Z}/p^{k_1}\mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/p^{k_d}\mathbb{Z}$ is also a p-group

$\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \dots = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ is a p-group.

Prop: a finite abelian group G is a p-group

$$|G| = p^k \text{ for some } k$$

Proof: \Uparrow Lagrange's theorem

\Downarrow immediately from Lemma below
(if $\exists g \neq e$ which divides $|G| \Rightarrow \exists$ an element order of order g)

Lemma: if a prime p divides $|G|$, finite abelian group
then G has an element of order p .

Proof: induction on $|G|$; base case is trivial, let's do induction step

take $h \in G$, $d = \text{ord}(h)$

• $p \mid d \Rightarrow \frac{d}{p} \cdot h$ has order p and we are done

• $p \nmid d \rightarrow G$ is generated by H

$G \cong \mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z}$ ($|G| = d$ is not divisible by p , contradiction)
 $h \mapsto 1$

$\rightarrow H =$ subgroup of G generated by h ;
 $\cong \mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z}$

$H \subsetneq G \rightsquigarrow |G/H| = \frac{|G|}{d}$ p divides is a multiple of p
 p does not divide

Induction hypothesis $\Rightarrow G/H$ has an element $[g]$ of order p

$$p \nmid \text{ord}(g) \Rightarrow d \cdot p \nmid \text{ord}(g) \Rightarrow \text{ord}(g) \mid d \cdot p$$

• $p \mid \text{ord}(g) \Rightarrow \frac{\text{ord}(g)}{p} \cdot g$ will have order p ✓

• $p \nmid \text{ord}(g) \Rightarrow \text{ord}(g) \mid d \Rightarrow dg = 0 \in H$
 $pg = 0 \in H$

 $1 \cdot g = 0 \in H$ (+)

contradiction, because $[g]$ has order p in G/H , not order 1. □

Thm: any finite abelian p -group G is

$$G \cong \mathbb{Z}/p^{d_1}\mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/p^{d_k}\mathbb{Z}$$

for some $d_1, \dots, d_k \in \mathbb{N}$ (which are unique up to permutation).



Cor: any finite abelian group G is

$$G \cong \underbrace{A_{p_1}(G) \times \dots \times A_{p_k}(G)}_{\text{first half of dbrs}} \stackrel{\text{Thm above}}{\cong} \mathbb{Z}/p_1^{d_1}\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p_2^{e_2}\mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/p_k^{f_k}\mathbb{Z}$$

for p_1, \dots, p_k distinct primes

$G = \text{Tor}(G)$ because G is finite

product is finite because $A_p(G) = \{0\}$ for p large enough

Proof of Thm: by induction on $|G|$

let p^{d_1} be the maximal order of an element of G
 pick $h \in G$ of order p^{d_1}

$\mathbb{Z}/p^{d_1}\mathbb{Z} \cong H = \text{subgroup generated by } h \subseteq G$

$$0 \rightarrow H \rightarrow G \rightarrow G/H \rightarrow 0$$

$\cong \mathbb{Z}/p^{d_1}\mathbb{Z}$

$\mathbb{Z}/p^{d_2}\mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/p^{d_k}\mathbb{Z}$ by induction hypothesis

order divides power of p , by Lemma above

$d_1 \geq d_2, \dots, d_k$ because $\text{ord}_{G/H}([g]) \leq \text{ord}_G(g) \leq p^{d_1}$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p^{d_1}\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{f} G \xrightarrow{g} \mathbb{Z}/p^{d_2}\mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/p^{d_k}\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

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It suffices to show that s.e.s. above will split

pick $x_2, \dots, x_k \in G$, s.t. $x_i \in g^{-1}(0, \dots, 0, \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ i\text{-th position}}}{1}, 0, \dots, 0)$

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$$p^{d_i} x_i \in \text{Ker } g = \text{Im } f$$

$$P^{d_i} x_i = P^{s_i} t_i h \quad \text{where } P \nmid t_i, s_i \in \mathbb{N}$$

but $d_1 \geq d_2, \dots, d_k$

$$0 = P^{d_1} x_i = P^{d_1 - d_i + s_i} t_i h$$

$$P^{d_1} = \text{order}(h) \equiv \text{order of } (t_i h) \mid P^{d_1 - d_i + s_i}$$

prove it yourself
(it's because G is
a p -group)

$$d_1 \leq d_1 - d_i + s_i$$

$$d_i \leq s_i$$

$$\text{So } P^{d_i} x_i = P^{s_i} t_i h = P^{d_i} (P^{s_i - d_i} t_i h)$$

$$\text{Define } x_i' = x_i - P^{s_i - d_i} t_i h \implies P^{d_i} x_i' = 0$$

$$G \xrightarrow{g} \mathbb{Z}/P^{d_2}\mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/P^{d_k}\mathbb{Z}$$

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$$\psi(\alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k) = \alpha_2 x_2' + \dots + \alpha_k x_k'$$

is well-defined because $P^{d_i} = 0$ in $\mathbb{Z}/P^{d_i}\mathbb{Z}$ and $P^{d_i} x_i' = 0$ in G

$$\begin{aligned} g \circ \psi(\alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k) &= g(\alpha_2 x_2' + \dots + \alpha_k x_k') \\ &= \alpha_2 g(x_2') + \dots + \alpha_k g(x_k') \end{aligned}$$

$$= \alpha_2(1, 0, \dots, 0) + \dots + \alpha_k(0, \dots, 0, 1)$$

$$= (\alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k)$$

□

- G a finitely generated abelian group



$$G \cong \mathbb{Z}^r \times \text{Tors}(G)$$

why? See below

- since $\text{Tors}(G)$ is a finite torsion abelian group,

$$\text{Tors}(G) \cong A_{p_1}(G) \times \dots \times A_{p_k}(G) \cong \mathbb{Z}/p_1^{d_1}\mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/p_k^{d_k}\mathbb{Z}$$

G is fin. gen abelian \implies $\text{Tors}(G)$ is finite

step 1

step 2

does not hold for non-abelian

any subgroup of G is fin. gen

Step 1: $H \subseteq G$ and G is fin. gen. abelian, then H is fin. gen

Step 2: $\text{Tors}(G)$ is fin. gen. abelian

take generators g_1, \dots, g_k of $\text{Tors}(G)$

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$$d_1 g_1 = \dots = d_k g_k = 0$$

$$\text{Tors}(G) = \left\{ a_1 g_1 + \dots + a_k g_k \mid a_i \in \{0, \dots, d_i - 1\}, \dots, a_k \in \{0, \dots, d_k - 1\} \right\}$$

Tors(G) is finite

Prop: $H \subseteq G$ and G is fin.gen. abelian, then H is fin.gen

Proof: induction on $m :=$ the minimal # of generators of G

base case $m=1 \rightsquigarrow G \cong \mathbb{Z}$ or $\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}$ (Exercise)

induction step: G is generated by g_1, \dots, g_n

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 G' is generated by g_1, \dots, g_{n-1}

$$0 \rightarrow G' \xrightarrow{\alpha} G \xrightarrow{\beta} G/G' \rightarrow 0$$

\cup
 H

has only one generator, namely $[g_n]$

define $K = H \cap G'$ and define $L = \beta(H)$

\cap
 G'

\cap
 G/G'

as last time, induces a s.e.s

$$0 \rightarrow K \xrightarrow{\text{inclusion}} H \xrightarrow{\beta} L \rightarrow 0$$

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 dimension

lin. gen
 x_1, \dots, x_k

lin. gen.
 y_1, \dots, y_e

pick $z_1 \in \beta^{-1}(y_1), \dots, z_e \in \beta^{-1}(y_e)$

Show: $x_1, \dots, x_k, z_1, \dots, z_e$ generate H

pick arbitrary $h \in H \rightsquigarrow \beta(h) = a_1 y_1 + \dots + a_e y_e$, where $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\beta(h - a_1 z_1 - \dots - a_e z_e) = \beta(h) - a_1 \beta(z_1) - \dots - a_e \beta(z_e) = 0$$

$$h - a_1 z_1 - \dots - a_e z_e \in \text{inclusion } (K)$$

$$h - a_1 z_1 - \dots - a_e z_e = b_1 x_1 + \dots + b_k x_k, \text{ where } b_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$H \ni h = a_1 z_1 + \dots + a_e z_e + b_1 x_1 + \dots + b_k x_k$$

