

8a) IF $G = \langle S \rangle$ then the homomorphism ϕ is completely determined by $\{\phi(s) : s \in S\}$. In other words, if $\tilde{\phi} : G \rightarrow H$ is any homomorphism with $\tilde{\phi}(s) = \phi(s), \forall s \in S$, then $\tilde{\phi} = \phi$.

Pf: Suppose $\tilde{\phi} : G \rightarrow H$ is a hom. with $\tilde{\phi}(s) = \phi(s), \forall s \in S$.

Then $\forall g \in G, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, g_1, \dots, g_n \in S$, and $u_1, \dots, u_n \in \{\pm 1\}$

s.t. $g = g_1^{u_1} g_2^{u_2} \dots g_n^{u_n}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\phi}(g) &= \tilde{\phi}(g_1)^{u_1} \tilde{\phi}(g_2)^{u_2} \dots \tilde{\phi}(g_n)^{u_n} \\ &= \phi(g_1)^{u_1} \phi(g_2)^{u_2} \dots \phi(g_n)^{u_n} = \phi(g). \quad \square\end{aligned}$$

Important: When defining a hom. $\phi : G \rightarrow H$, just choosing values for $\phi(s)$, for $s \in S$, doesn't guarantee that ϕ will actually extend to a hom. on all of G . (see examples below)

Exs:

1) Find all homomorphisms $\phi : \mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow C_6$.

Write $C_6 = \langle x \rangle = \{e, x, x^2, x^3, x^4, x^5\}$.

Since $\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z} = \langle 1 \rangle$, any hom. $\phi : \mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow C_6$

is determined $\phi(1)$. There are six choices to consider:

• If $\phi(1) = e$ then for ϕ to be a hom. we must have,

$$\forall 0 \leq k \leq 7, \quad \phi(k) = \phi(\underbrace{1+1+\dots+1}_{k\text{-times}}) = \underbrace{\phi(1) \cdot \phi(1) \dots \phi(1)}_{k\text{-times}} = e^k = e.$$

This does define a hom., the trivial hom.

• Can't have $\phi(1) = x$:

• If ϕ is a hom. then $|\phi(1)| \mid |1|$. (property 5a)

But $|1| = 8$, $|x| = 6$, and $6 \nmid 8$.

• Another way to see this: If ϕ were a hom.

w/ $\phi(1) = x$ then $\phi(k) = \phi(1)^k = x^k$, $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

But $1 = 9 \pmod{8}$, so $\phi(9) = \phi(1) = x \neq x^9$.

• Similarly, can't have $\phi(1) = x^2, x^4$, or x^5

$$|x^2| = \frac{6}{(2,6)} = 3, \quad |x^4| = \frac{6}{(4,6)} = 3, \quad |x^5| = \frac{6}{(5,6)} = 6.$$

(video on cyclic groups)

• If ϕ were a hom. with $\phi(1) = x^3$ then it would force

$$\phi(k) = \phi(1)^k = x^{3k}, \quad 0 \leq k \leq 7:$$

k	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$\phi(k)$	e	x^3	e	x^3	e	x^3	e	x^3

This does define a (non-trivial) hom.

So, there are 2 homs. from $\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}$ to C_6 : the trivial hom.,

and the hom. determined by the rule $1 \mapsto x^3$.

2) Find all homs. $\phi: S_3 \rightarrow C_6$.

Write $S_3 = \langle (12), (123) \rangle$, $C_6 = \langle x \rangle = \{e, x, x^2, x^3, x^4, x^5\}$.

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Any hom. $\phi: S_3 \rightarrow C_6$ is determined by $\phi((12))$ and $\phi((123))$

Since $|\phi(g)| \mid |g|$, must have:

$\phi((12)) = e$ or x^3 and $\phi((123)) = e, x^2,$ or x^4 . (6 possibilities)

• Can't have $|\phi((12))| = 2$ and $|\phi((123))| = 3$:

Since $\phi(S_3) \leq C_6$, by Lagrange's thm. $|\phi(S_3)| = 1, 2, 3,$ or 6 .

If $|\phi(S_3)| = 6$ then ϕ would be an isomorphism. However,

C_6 is Abelian and S_3 is not, so this can't happen,

which means that $|\phi(S_3)| = 1, 2,$ or 3 .

Finally, $\forall g \in S_3$, we have $|\phi(g)| \mid |\phi(S_3)|$.

Therefore we can't have $|\phi((12))| = 2$ and $|\phi((123))| = 3$.

• Suppose $\phi((12)) = \phi((123)) = e$.

Then ϕ extends to the trivial hom. from S_3 to C_6 .

• Suppose $\phi((12)) = x^3$, $\phi((123)) = e$.

If ϕ extends to a hom. then it must be given by:

σ	e	(123)	(132)	(12)	(23)	(13)
$\phi(\sigma)$	e	e	e	x^3	x^3	x^3

Scratch work: $(123)^2 = (132) \Rightarrow \phi((132)) = \phi((123))^2 = e^2 = e$

$(12)(123) = (23) \Rightarrow \phi((23)) = \phi((12))\phi((123)) = x^3 \cdot e = x^3$

$(12)(123)^2 = (12)(132) = (13) \Rightarrow \phi((13)) = \phi((12))\phi((123))^2 = x^3 \cdot e^2 = x^3$

Note: This map can also be defined by

$$\phi(\sigma) = \begin{cases} x^3 & \text{if } \sigma \text{ is odd,} \\ e & \text{if } \sigma \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

From this, it is easy to see that it is a homomorphism.

• Suppose $\phi((12)) = e$, $\phi((123)) = x^2$.

If ϕ extends to a hom. then it must be given by:

σ	e	(123)	(132)	(12)	(23)	(13)
$\phi(\sigma)$	e	x^2	x^4	e	x^2	x^4

Scratch work: $\phi((132)) = \phi((123))^2 = x^4$

$\phi((23)) = \phi((12))\phi((123)) = x^2$

$\phi((13)) = \phi((12))\phi((123))^2 = x^4$

Problem: $(23)^2 = e$, so $e = \phi((23)^2) \neq \phi((23))^2 = x^4$.

So this choice does not extend to a hom.

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σ	e	(123)	(132)	(12)	(23)	(13)
$\phi(\sigma)$	e	x^4	x^2	e	x^4	x^2

But $e = \phi((23)^2) \neq \phi((23))^2 = x^8 = x^2$.

So this choice does not extend to a hom.

So, there are 2 homs. from S_3 to C_6 : the trivial hom.,

and the hom. determined by the rule $(12) \mapsto x^3$, $(123) \mapsto e$.

8b) Suppose that $G = \langle S \rangle$, that $\phi: S \rightarrow H$, and that any relation satisfied by elements $s_1, \dots, s_n \in S$ is also satisfied with these replaced by $\phi(s_1), \dots, \phi(s_n)$.

Then ϕ extends uniquely to a homomorphism from G to H .

Note: When a presentation for G is given (i.e. using generators and relations), you only need to check the above condition for the relations in the presentation.

3) $D_6 \cong S_3$:

$$D_6 = \langle r, s \mid r^3 = s^2 = e, rs = sr^{-1} \rangle$$

Let $\phi(r) = (1\ 2\ 3)$, $\phi(s) = (12)$. Then:

$$\bullet r^3 = e \quad \text{and} \quad (1\ 2\ 3)^3 = e$$

$$\bullet s^2 = e \quad \text{and} \quad (12)^2 = e$$

$$\bullet rs = sr^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \underbrace{(1\ 2\ 3)}_{(1\ 3)} (12) = (12) \underbrace{(1\ 2\ 3)^{-1}}_{(3\ 2\ 1)}$$

Therefore, ϕ extends to a hom. $\phi: D_6 \rightarrow S_3$.

$$\text{But } 3 = |\phi(r)| \mid |\phi(D_6)| \quad \text{and} \quad 2 = |\phi(s)| \mid |\phi(D_6)|$$

$$\Rightarrow |\phi(D_6)| = 6 \Rightarrow \phi \text{ is bijective, therefore it}$$

is an isomorphism.