

4. (15 Points) If G is a group and X a finite symmetric generating set of G , the *growth function* of G with respect to X is the function $f_{(G,X)} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined by

$$f_{(G,X)}(n) = |\{g \in G \mid |g|_X \leq n\}|$$

Let G be a group and X a finite symmetric generating set of G . Show that G is infinite if and only if $f_{(G,X)}$ is monotone increasing.

($\Leftarrow$) If $f_{(G,X)}$ is monotone increasing,

$$\forall n \geq 1 \quad \exists g_n \in G \text{ s.t. } |g_n|_X = n.$$

So, $\{g_i \mid i \geq 1\}$ is an infinite subset of G .

($\Rightarrow$) Let $B(n) = \{g \in G \mid |g|_X \leq n\}$ so that $f_{(G,X)}(n) = |B(n)|$.

$$B(0) \subseteq B(1) \subseteq \dots \subseteq B(n) \subseteq B(n+1) \subseteq \dots \text{ with } G = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} B(n).$$

if $f_{(G,X)}$ is not monotone increasing, $\exists N$ s.t.

$$f_{(G,X)}(N) = f_{(G,X)}(N+i) \quad \forall i=1, 2, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow B(N) = B(N+i) \quad \forall i=1, 2, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow G = \bigcup_{n=0}^N B(n) \Rightarrow G \text{ is finite.}$$

5. (15 Points) Show that $\mathbb{Z} \times D_{\infty} \cong \langle a, b, c, \mid c^2, (cb)^2, aba^{-1}b^{-1}, aca^{-1}c^{-1} \rangle = G$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } f: F(a, b, c) &\rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times D_{\infty} & , & \quad f(c^2) = (0, s^2) = (0, e) \\ a &\mapsto (1, e) & f((cb)^2) &= (0, (sr)^2) = (0, e) \\ b &\mapsto (0, r) & f(aba^{-1}b^{-1}) &= (0, e) \\ c &\mapsto (0, s) & f(aca^{-1}c^{-1}) &= (0, e) \end{aligned}$$

Note in G :

$$ab = ba$$

$$ac = ca$$

$$cb = b^s c$$

$$\text{So, } \exists \text{ gp hom } \bar{f}: G \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times D_{\infty}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &\mapsto (1, e) \\ b &\mapsto (0, r) \\ c &\mapsto (0, s) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Define } g: \mathbb{Z} \times D_{\infty} \rightarrow G$$

$$(n, r^i s^j) \mapsto a^n b^i c^j$$

Claim: g is a hom.

if $j=0$

$$\begin{aligned} g(xy) &= g(n+m, r^{i+k} s^t) \\ &= a^{n+m} b^{i+k} c^t = a^n b^i a^m b^k c^t \\ &= g(x)g(y) \end{aligned}$$

if $j=1$

$$\begin{aligned} g(xy) &= g(n+m, r^{i-k} s^{t+1}) \\ &= a^{n+m} b^{i-k} c^{t+1} = a^n b^i c^t a^m b^k c \\ &= g(x)g(y) \end{aligned}$$

Clear $\bar{f}$ and g are inverses of each other.

So $\bar{f}$ is an isom.

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1. (20 Points) Let G be a group and $X \subseteq G$.

(a) Let $\langle X \rangle = \bigcap_{X \subseteq H \leq G} H$. Show that $\langle X \rangle = \underbrace{\left\{ g \in G \mid g = x_1^{n_1} x_2^{n_2} \cdots x_k^{n_k}, x_i \in X, n_i \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{N} \right\}}_{=K}$

(c) Claim $K \leq G$.

Clearly $e \in K$. If $a = x_1^{n_1} \cdots x_k^{n_k}$, $b = y_1^{m_1} \cdots y_t^{m_t} \in K$ $\left(\begin{matrix} n_i \in \mathbb{Z} \\ m_j \in \mathbb{Z} \\ k, t \in \mathbb{N} \end{matrix}, x_i, y_j \in X \right)$

$$ab^{-1} = x_1^{n_1} \cdots x_k^{n_k} y_1^{-m_1} \cdots y_t^{-m_t} \in K.$$

Also, clearly $X \subseteq K$. So, $\langle X \rangle \subseteq K$.

(c) Let $H \leq G$ with $X \subseteq H$. Then, since H is a subgroup, $K \subseteq H$

$$\text{Thus } K \subseteq \bigcap_{X \subseteq H \leq G} H = \langle X \rangle$$

(b) Let $\langle\langle X \rangle\rangle = \bigcap_{X \subseteq H \leq G} H$. Show that $\langle\langle X \rangle\rangle = \underbrace{\langle X^G \rangle}_{=K}$ where $X^G = \{g^{-1}xg \mid x \in X, g \in G\}$.

Clearly $X \subseteq X^G \subseteq K$.

Claim: $K \trianglelefteq G$. Let $k \in K$, $g \in G$.

$$\text{By part (a), } k = (g_1^{-1} x_1 g_1)^{n_1} \cdots (g_t^{-1} x_t g_t)^{n_t} \text{ for some } n_i \in \mathbb{Z} \\ g_i \in G, x_i \in X. \\ = (g_1^{-1} x_1^{n_1} g_1) \cdots (g_t^{-1} x_t^{n_t} g_t)$$

$$\text{Then } g^{-1}kg = ((g_1g)^{-1} x_1 (g_1g))^{n_1} \cdots ((g_tg)^{-1} x_t (g_tg))^{n_t} \in K. \text{ So } K \trianglelefteq G.$$

Thus $\langle\langle X \rangle\rangle \subseteq K$.

Let $H \trianglelefteq G$ with $X \subseteq H$. Then, since H is normal, $X^G \subseteq H$.

and hence $K = \langle X^G \rangle \subseteq H$.

Thus $K \subseteq \langle\langle X \rangle\rangle$.

2. (30 pts) (a) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{u} = (1, 1)$. Describe the isometry $f = T_{\vec{u}} \cdot A$.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\pi}{2} & \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\pi}{2} & -\cos \frac{\pi}{2} \end{bmatrix} \text{ so } A \text{ is reflection wrt } y=x.$$

let $\ell: y=x$

$\vec{u} \not\perp \ell \Rightarrow f$ is a glide reflection.

$(I - A)\vec{u} = 0$. So, f first reflects wrt $y=x$ and then translates by $\vec{u}$.

(b) Describe the isometry given by the matrix $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 & 1/3 & 2/3 \\ -2/3 & 2/3 & 1/3 \\ -1/3 & -2/3 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix} \in SO(3)$.

$$\text{tr}(B) = 2 = 2\cos\alpha + 1 \Rightarrow B \text{ is rotation by } \alpha = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$I - B = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & -1/3 & -2/3 \\ 2/3 & 1/3 & -1/3 \\ 1/3 & 2/3 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\times 3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So, } \text{Null}(I - B) = \langle (1, -1, 1) \rangle = \ell$$

So, B is rotation about the line ℓ by $\frac{\pi}{3}$.

3. (20 Points) Let $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ be an orthonormal basis of $\mathbb{R}^3$ and let A be the matrix formed by taking $\vec{v}_1$ as first column, $\vec{v}_2$ as second column, and $\vec{v}_3$ as third column. Also let

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Show that ABA^{-1} represents reflection with respect to the plane containing $\vec{v}_1$ and $\vec{v}_2$, and that $-ABA^{-1}$ represents rotation by π about the axis determined by $\vec{v}_3$.

Note that A is an orthogonal matrix so $A^{-1} = A^T$. $\det(ABA^{-1}) = -1$
 $A^{-1}\vec{v}_1 = A^T\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1 \\ \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_1 \\ \vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $A^{-1}\vec{v}_2 = A^T\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $A^{-1}\vec{v}_3 = A^T\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

So $(ABA^{-1})(\vec{v}_1) = AB \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = A \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{v}_1$ $(ABA^{-1})(\vec{v}_2) = AB \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{v}_2$
 $(ABA^{-1})(\vec{v}_3) = AB \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = -\vec{v}_3$
 So ABA^{-1} is a reflection wrt $\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle$.

Let $C = -ABA^{-1}$, $\det(C) = 1$.

$C(\vec{v}_3) = \vec{v}_3$ so C is rotation about $\langle \vec{v}_3 \rangle$.

$\text{tr}(C) = -\text{tr}(ABA^{-1}) = -\text{tr}(B) = -1 = 2\cos\alpha + 1$ $\Rightarrow C$ is rot by π wrt $\langle \vec{v}_3 \rangle$.

(b) Find the matrix which represents reflection with respect to the plane $x + \sqrt{3}y = z$.

Let $\vec{v}_1 = (\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0)$ $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$ is an orthonormal basis for the plane.
 $\vec{v}_2 = (\frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{5}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}})$
 $\vec{v}_3 = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}})$ $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ is an orthonormal basis for $\mathbb{R}^3$.

(Pick any unit vector $\vec{v}_1$ on the plane and then find a unit vector $\vec{v}_2$ on the plane $\perp$ to $\vec{v}_1$. Then pick a unit vector $\vec{v}_3$ in $\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle^\perp$).

By (a), if $A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{5}} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5}} \\ 0 & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix}$ then

ABA^{-1} is the reflection wrt $\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle$.