

## Sec 1: 1st Isomorphism Thm

### • 1st Iso Thm:

Let  $f: G \rightarrow H$  is a group homomorphism with  $K = \ker f$   
Note that we've proven that  $\ker f \triangleleft G$ , so  $G/K = \{xK \mid x \in G\}$  is a group  
(called quotient group).

• Let  $i: G/K \rightarrow \text{Im}(f)$  be defined by  
 $gK \mapsto f(g)$  for all  $gK \in G/K$ .

Then  $i$  is an isomorphism.

### • Prove that $i$ is well-defined:

We need to show that if  $aK = bK$  then  $i(aK) = i(bK)$ .

Suppose  $aK = bK$ .

Then for some  $k \in K$ ,  $a \cdot k = b$ .

$$\text{So } i(aK) = f(a)$$

$$= f(a) \cdot e$$

$$= f(a) f(k) \quad \text{since } k \in K = \ker f$$

$$= f(a \cdot k) \quad \text{since } f \text{ is a homomorphism}$$

$$= f(b) \quad \text{by } (*)$$

$$= i(bK) \quad \text{by def of } i.$$

### 1. Prove that $i$ is a homomorphism:

We need to show that  $i(aK \cdot bK) = i(aK) \cdot i(bK)$ .

Recall from the def of quotient groups that  $aK \cdot bK \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} abK$ .

$$i(aK \cdot bK) = i(abK) \quad \text{by def of the binary operation of } G/K.$$

$$= f(ab) \quad \text{by def of } i$$

$$= f(a) f(b) \quad \text{since } f \text{ is a homomorphism}$$

$$= i(aK) i(bK) \quad \text{by def of } i. \quad \square$$

### 2. Prove that $i$ is surjective:

We need to show that for each  $h \in \underbrace{\text{Im}(f)}^{\text{codomain}}$ , there is  $gK \in \underbrace{G/K}_{\text{domain}}$  with  $i(gK) = h$ .

Let  $y \in \text{Im}(f)$ . By def,  $\text{Im}(f) = \{f(g) \mid g \in G\}$ , so there is  $x \in G$  with  $f(x) = y$ .

$$\text{Then } i(xK) = f(x) = y. \quad \square$$

3. Prove that  $\bar{i}$  is injective:

We need to show that  $\bar{i}(aK) = \bar{i}(bK)$  implies  $aK = bK$ .

Suppose  $\bar{i}(aK) = \bar{i}(bK)$ .

Then  $f(a) = f(b)$  by def of  $\bar{i}$

Then  $[f(b)]^{-1} f(a) = e$  by left multiplication on both sides

Then  $f(b^{-1}) f(a) = e$  by Prop 1 of basic homomorphism properties

Then  $f(b^{-1}a) = e$  since  $f$  is a homomorphism

So  $b^{-1}a \in \ker f = K$  by def of  $\ker f$ .

So  $b^{-1}aK = K$  (we've seen that  $x \in H \Rightarrow xH = H$ )

We claim that  $aK = bK$ . To prove this, it's enough to show  $b \in aK$ .

To show  $b \in aK$ , note that there is  $k \in K$  with  $b^{-1}ak = e$ .  
Then  $ak = b$ , so  $b \in aK$ .  $\square$

4. Example: Prove that  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$ .

Recall that  $\mathbb{Z}_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1\}$

$n\mathbb{Z} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\text{integer multiples of } n\}$

$= \{nz \mid z \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

$= \{\dots, -n, 0, n, 2n, 3n, \dots\}$

Define  $f: \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$

by  $z \longmapsto z \pmod{n}$

Let  $K \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \ker f = \{\text{integer multiples of } n\} = n\mathbb{Z}$ .

The elements of  $\mathbb{Z}/K = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  are the cosets  
quotient group

$0+n\mathbb{Z}, 1+n\mathbb{Z}, 2+n\mathbb{Z}, \dots, n+1+n\mathbb{Z}$   
 $K, 1+K, 2+K, \dots, n+1+K$

By the 1st Isomorphism Thm,  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong \text{Im}(f)$ .

But  $\text{Im}(f) = \mathbb{Z}_n$ , so  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$ .  $\square$