

## Internal Direct product

As we have seen, the external direct product provides a method of putting groups together to get a larger group in such a way that we can determine many properties of the larger group from the properties of the component pieces. That means

(i) Let  $G = H \oplus K$  then we get

$$|G| = |H||K|$$

(ii) every element of  $G$  is of the form  $(h, k)$  where  $h \in H, k \in K$ .

(iii) if  $|H|$  and  $|K|$  are finite, then  $|(h, k)| = \text{l.c.m}(|H|, |K|)$ .

(iv) if  $H$  and  $K$  are abelian then  $G$  is abelian.

(v) if  $H$  and  $K$  are cyclic and  $\text{g.c.d}(|H|, |K|) = 1$  then  $G = H \oplus K$  is cyclic.

It would be quite useful to be able to reverse this process, i.e., to be able to start with a large group  $G$  and break it down into a product of subgroups in such a way that we easily study many properties of  $G$  from each component  $H$  and  $K$ . Now we define internal Direct product.

Defn: (IDP).

Let  $H$  and  $K$  are two normal subgroup of  $G$  and

$$(i) G = HK$$

$$(ii) H \cap K = \{e\}$$

Then  $G$  is the internal direct product of  $H$  and  $K$ . which is denoted by  $G = H \times K$ .

Note: In IDP we starting with a large group  $G$  and we want to find two normal subgroup  $H$  and  $K$  of  $G$  s.t  $G$  is external direct product of  $H$  and  $K$ . where  $H$  and  $K$  are related or not.

(ii) Difference between IDP and EDP is that the IDP can be formed within  $G$  itself, using groups of  $G$  and the operation of  $G$ , but the external direct product can be formed with totally unrelated groups by creating a new set and a new operation

Defn (general defn of IDP).

Let  $\{H_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}_n\}$  be a finite collection of normal subgroup of  $G$ . we say that  $G$  is IDP of  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n$  and we write

$$G = H_1 \times H_2 \times \dots \times H_n, \text{ if } (i) G = H_1 H_2 \dots H_n$$

$$(ii) H_i \cap (H_1 H_2 \dots H_{i-1} H_{i+1} \dots H_n) = \{e\} \forall i$$

Example ① Let  $G = K_4 = \{e, a, b, ab = ba\}$ , let  $H_1 = \{e, a\}$

$H_2 = \{e, b\}$ . Now  $[G:H_1] = \frac{4}{2} = 2 \Rightarrow H_1 \triangleleft G$ .

Also  $[G:H_2] = \frac{4}{2} = 2 \Rightarrow H_2 \triangleleft G$ .

Now  $H_1 \cap H_2 = \{e\}$ . So  $G = H_1 \times H_2$  i.e.

$G$  is internal direct product of its normal subgroup  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ .

② Let  $G = D_6 = \{R_0, R_{60}, R_{120}, R_{180}, R_{240}, R_{300}, F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4, F_5, F_6\}$

$H_1 = \{R_0, R_{120}, R_{240}, F_1, R_{120}F_1, R_{240}F_1\}$

$H_2 = \{R_0, R_{180}\}$ .

Then  $H_1 \triangleleft G$  and  $H_2 \triangleleft G$ .

Also  $H_1 \cap H_2 = \{R_0\}$ .

$\therefore G$  is IDP of  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  i.e.  $G = H_1 \times H_2$ .

③ Let  $H_1 = \{e, (12)\}$ ,  $H_2 = \{e, (123), (132)\}$  are two subgroups of  $S_3$ . Is  $S_3 = H_1 \times H_2$ ?

Soln) clearly  $H_1 H_2 = \{e, (123), (132), (12), (12)(123), (12)(132)\}$   
 $= \{e, (123), (132), (12), (23), (13)\}$   
 $= S_3$

$S_3 = H_1 H_2$  also  $H_1 \cap H_2 = \{e\}$ .

But  $H_1 H_2 \neq H_2 H_1$  i.e.  $H_2$  is not normal in  $G$ .

because  $(12)(132) = (13)$

$(132)(12) = (23)$

$\therefore (12)(132) \neq (132)(12)$

Another way

Let  $S_3 \cong H_1 \times H_2$  then  $|H_1| = 2$ ,  $|H_2| = 3$

$\therefore |H_1 \times H_2| = 6$   $\text{gcd}(|H_1|, |H_2|) = 1$

$\Rightarrow H_1 \times H_2$  is cyclic

but  $S_3$  is not cyclic so  $S_3 \not\cong H_1 \times H_2$



Th Let  $G$  be a group and  $H, K$  are two subgroups of  $G$ . If  $G$  is an internal direct product of  $H$  and  $K$  then (i)  $G \cong H \times K$

(ii)  $G/H \cong K$  and  $G/K \cong H$ .

(H.T.)

Th If a group  $G$  is the internal direct product of a finite number of subgroups  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n$ , then  $G$  is isomorphic to the external direct product of  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n$ .

i.e.  $H_1 \times H_2 \times H_3 \times \dots \times H_n \cong H_1 \oplus H_2 \oplus \dots \oplus H_n$ .

proof: Since  $G = H_1 \times H_2 \times \dots \times H_n$  so  $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $H_i$ 's are normal subgroups of  $G$  and  $G = H_1 H_2 \dots H_n$  and

$$H_i \cap (H_1 H_2 \dots H_{i-1} H_{i+1} \dots H_n) = \{e\}.$$

Then  $\forall g \in G$ ,  $\exists h_i \in H_i \forall i$  s.t.  $g = h_1 h_2 \dots h_n$ . We show

(i)  $\forall h_i \in H_i, \forall h_j \in H_j, h_i h_j = h_j h_i, i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n, (i \neq j)$

(ii)  $g = h_1 h_2 \dots h_n$  in this presentation is unique.

For (i): if  $h_i \in H_i, h_j \in H_j$  with  $i \neq j$

$$(h_i h_j h_i^{-1}) h_j^{-1} \in H_i h_j^{-1} = H_j$$

$$h_i (h_j h_i^{-1} h_j^{-1}) \in h_i H_i = H_i$$

$$\Rightarrow h_i h_j h_i^{-1} h_j^{-1} \in H_i \cap H_j = \{e\}$$

$$\Rightarrow h_i h_j h_i^{-1} h_j^{-1} = e$$

$$\Rightarrow h_i h_j = h_j h_i$$

or (ii): let  $\exists h_i \in H_i \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n, h_i' \in H_i \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$s.t. g = h_1 h_2 \dots h_n = h_1' h_2' \dots h_n'$$

$$\Rightarrow h_n' h_n^{-1} = (h_1')^{-1} h_1 (h_2')^{-1} h_2 \dots (h_{n-1}')^{-1} h_{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow h_n' h_n^{-1} \in H_1 H_2 \dots H_{n-1} \cap H_n = \{e\}$$

$$\Rightarrow h_n' h_n^{-1} = e.$$

$$\Rightarrow h_n' = h_n$$

similarly  $h_i' = h_i \quad \forall i=1, 2, \dots, n.$

So  $g = h_1 h_2 \dots h_n$ ,  $\forall h_i \in H_i \quad i=1, 2, \dots, n.$   
is unique.

For  $H_1 \times H_2 \times \dots \times H_n \cong H_1 \oplus H_2 \oplus \dots \oplus H_n$ . we define a function

$$\varphi: H_1 \times H_2 \times \dots \times H_n \rightarrow H_1 \oplus H_2 \oplus \dots \oplus H_n \text{ by}$$

$$\varphi(h_1 h_2 \dots h_n) = (h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n) \quad \forall g = h_1 h_2 \dots h_n \in G$$

Homomorphism:

$$\text{let } g_1 = h_1 h_2 \dots h_n, \quad g_2 = h_1' h_2' \dots h_n'$$

$$\text{Then } \varphi(g_1 g_2) = \varphi(h_1 h_2 \dots h_n h_1' h_2' \dots h_n').$$

$$= \varphi((h_1 h_1') (h_2 h_2') \dots (h_n h_n')) \text{ by (i).}$$

$$= (h_1 h_1', h_2 h_2', \dots, h_n h_n').$$

$$= (h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n) (h_1', h_2', \dots, h_n').$$

$$= \varphi(g_1) \varphi(g_2).$$

$\therefore \varphi$  is homomorphism.

one-one: let  $g_1, g_2 \in G$  s.t.  $\varphi(g_1) = \varphi(g_2)$

$$\Rightarrow (h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n) = (h_1', h_2', \dots, h_n')$$

$$\Rightarrow h_i = h_i' \quad \forall i=1, 2, \dots, n.$$

$$\Rightarrow g_1 = g_2 \quad [\because \text{presentation of } g_1 \text{ \& } g_2 \text{ is unique}]$$

onto: let  $(h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n) \in H_1 \oplus H_2 \oplus \dots \oplus H_n$   
then by the defn  $\exists (h_1 h_2 \dots h_n) \in G$  s.t.

$$\varphi(g) = (h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n)$$

$\varphi$  is isomorphism

$$\therefore H_1 \times H_2 \times \dots \times H_n \cong H_1 \oplus H_2 \oplus \dots \oplus H_n$$



Th: Every group of order  $p^2$  (where  $p$  is prime), is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p$ .

Proof: Let  $|G| = p^2$  where  $p$  is prime. Let  $a \in G$  be a non-identity element of  $G$ . Then possible order of  $a$  are  $1, p, p^2$  [ $\because o(a) \mid o(G)$ ].

if  $o(a) = 1$  then  $a = e$  but we take  $a \neq e$ .  
 $\therefore o(a) \neq 1$ .

if  $o(a) = p^2$  then  $G$  has an element of order  $p^2 = |G|$  so  $G$  is cyclic. Therefore  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$ .

if  $o(a) = p$ . Let  $H = \langle a \rangle$ . which is cyclic subgroup of  $G$ .  
 then  $H \cong \mathbb{Z}_p$ .

We show that  $H$  is normal in  $G$ .

Let  $H$  is not normal in  $G$ . Then  $\exists b \in G$  s.t.

$bab^{-1} \notin H$ .  $\therefore \langle bab^{-1} \rangle = K$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

if  $o(bab^{-1}) = 1, p, p^2$  if  $o(bab^{-1}) = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow bab^{-1} = e$   
 $\Rightarrow ba = b$   
 $\Rightarrow a = e$ . which is impossible.

$\therefore o(bab^{-1}) = p^2 \Rightarrow G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$

if  $o(bab^{-1}) = p$ .

Since  $H$  and  $K$  are subgroup so  $H \cap K$  is a subgroup of  $G, H$  and  $K$ .

$\Rightarrow H \cap K = \{e\}$ . [ $\because H \cap K$  is subgroup of  $H$  and  $K$ ]

$\therefore$  distinct left cosets of  $H$  are  $H, aH, a^2H, \dots, a^{p-1}H$ .

Since  $b^{-1}$  must lie in one of these cosets so

$$b^{-1} = a^i (bab^{-1})^j = a^i (ba)^j b^{-1} \text{ for some } i, j$$

$\Rightarrow e = a^i (ba)^j \Rightarrow b = a^{i-j} \in H$ . which is contradiction

$H$  is normal in  $G$ . Let  $b \in G$  and  $b (\neq e) \neq e$ .

$C(b) = \{e\}$  and  $\langle a \rangle \cap \langle b \rangle = \{e\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } G &= \langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle \cong \langle a \rangle \oplus \langle b \rangle \\ &\cong \mathbb{Z}/p \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p. \end{aligned}$$

Corollary: If  $G$  is a group of order  $p^2$ , where  $p$  is prime then  $G$  is abelian. (HT).

prob 1 Show that  $G/H \not\cong G/K$  when  $G = \mathbb{Z}/4 \oplus U(4)$ .

$$H = \langle (2, 3) \rangle, K = \langle (2, 1) \rangle.$$

② Suppose that  $G$  is non-abelian group of order  $p^3$  where  $p$  is a prime, and  $Z(G) \neq e$ . Prove that  $|Z(G)| = p$ .

③  $G/Z(G) \cong \text{Inn}(G)$ .