

1. Partition the symmetric group S_3 by left cosets of the cyclic subgroup $\langle(2, 3)\rangle$. Do the same with right cosets.

Let $H = \langle(2, 3)\rangle$. Since $(2, 3)^2 = ()$, $H = \{(), (2, 3)\}$.

Lagrange $\Rightarrow |S_3| = |H| [S_3 : H]$. Since $|S_3| = 3! = 6$ and $|H| = 2$, there are $[S_3 : H] = 3$ cosets.

Left cosets: H ; $(1, 2)H = \{(1, 2), (1, 2, 3)\}$; $(1, 3)H = \{(1, 3), (1, 3, 2)\}$.

Right cosets: H ; $H(1, 2) = \{(1, 2), (1, 3, 2)\}$; $H(1, 3) = \{(1, 3), (1, 2, 3)\}$.

2. Suppose G, G' are commutative multiplicative groups and $\varphi : G \rightarrow G'$ is a surjective homomorphism. For y in G' express its fibre $\varphi^{-1}(y) = \{x \in G : \varphi(x) = y\}$ as a coset of $\ker \varphi$.

Since φ is onto, there exists $x \in G$ such that $\varphi(x) = y$. Then $\varphi^{-1}(y) = x \ker \varphi$.

Proof: Let $z \in \ker \varphi$ (i.e. $xz \in x \ker \varphi$). Then $\varphi(xz) = \varphi(x)\varphi(z) = y \cdot 1 = y$, so $xz \in \varphi^{-1}(y)$.

Conversely, let $x' \in \varphi^{-1}(y)$. Since $x' = xx^{-1}x'$ and $\varphi(x^{-1}x') = \varphi(x)^{-1}\varphi(x') = y^{-1}y = 1$, $x' \in x \ker \varphi$.

3. Find the solution set for the system of congruences

$$35x \equiv 15 \pmod{50}$$

$$x \equiv -2 \pmod{30}$$

The first equation is equivalent to $7x \equiv 3 \pmod{10}$, which is equivalent to $7x \equiv -7 \pmod{10}$, therefore equivalent to $x \equiv -1 \pmod{10}$. Thus, any solution must be odd. On the other hand, the second equation implies x must be even. Thus, the solution set is empty.

4. Use Euclid's algorithm for the polynomial ring $\mathbf{R}[x]$ to find the greatest common divisor and the Bézout coefficients for $x^2 + 3x + 2$ and $x^4 + x^3 + 3x + 3$.

Let $p = x^4 + x^3 + 3x + 3$ and $s = x^2 + 3x + 2$.

Long division gives $p = qs + r$. where $q = x^2 - 2x + 4$ and $r = -5x - 5$.

Since $x = -1$ is a root of s , $r|s$. Thus, $\gcd(p, s) = r = -5(x + 1)$.

NB: Any associate of r (i.e. any nonzero constant multiple of r), such as $x + 1$, is also a valid gcd.

Solving for r we obtain the Bézout relation is $r = p - qs$.

\therefore the Bézout coefficients are 1 and $-q = -x^2 + 2x - 4$.

5. Suppose a is a real number and $\varphi : \mathbf{R}[x] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is the evaluation map $\varphi(p(x)) = p(a)$. Prove that φ is a ring homomorphism. What are its kernel and image?

Let $p, q \in \mathbf{R}[x]$. Then $\varphi(p + q) = (p + q)(a) = p(a) + q(a) = \varphi(p) + \varphi(q)$ and similarly $\varphi(pq) = (pq)(a) = p(a)q(a) = \varphi(p)\varphi(q)$. Also $\varphi(1) = 1$, so φ is a homomorphism.

For any $b \in \mathbf{R}$, $\varphi(b) = b$, so the image of f is \mathbf{R} .

For any $q \in \mathbf{R}[x]$, $\varphi((x - a)q(x)) = (a - a)q(a) = 0$, so $(x - a)q(x) \in \ker \varphi$.

Conversely, if $p \in \ker \varphi$, then $p(a) = 0$, so $x - a$ divides p .

Therefore, $\ker \varphi = \{(x - a)q(x) : q \in \mathbf{R}[x]\} = \langle x - a \rangle$.