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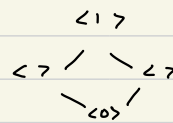
## STRATEGIES

- Show uniqueness: let  $x_1, x_2$  both be the  $\_\_\_\_\_\_$ , and show  $x_1 = x_2$ .
- Show inverse: manipulate equation to get  $e$
- Show  $O(xy) \mid O(x)O(y)$ : show  $xy^{O(x)O(y)} = e$
- Find order of element  $(x, y, z)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_a \times \mathbb{Z}_b \times \mathbb{Z}_c$ :  $O((x, y, z)) = \text{lcm}(O(x), O(y), O(z))$  where  $O(x) = \frac{a}{(a, x)}$
- Prove set equality: show  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ 
  - ↳ let  $x \in A$ .
  - show  $x \in B$ . Thus,  $B \subseteq A$

• Prove iff:  $\Rightarrow$  and  $\Leftarrow$  direction

- Prove subgroup: 1) nonempty
  - 2) closed under  $*$
  - 3) closed under inverses

• Find subgroups of  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +) \rightarrow$  divisors of  $n \rightarrow$



## Section 0: Sets + Induction

### • Thm 0.1

Let  $S, T$  be sets.  $S \subseteq T$  iff  $S \cap T = S$

## Section 1: Binary Operations

- **symmetric difference of  $A$  and  $B$  ( $A \Delta B$ ):** the set of elements that belong to either  $A$  or  $B$ , but not both;  
 $A \Delta B = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$  or  $(A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$

- $A \Delta A = \emptyset$

- $A \Delta \emptyset = A$

## Section 2: Groups

- **group**:
  - ①  $G$  is a set, and  $*$  is a binary operation on  $G$ .
  - ②  $*$  is associative [ie,  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$ ]
  - ③  $\exists e \in G$  s.t.  $\forall g \in G, ge = eg = g \rightarrow$  **identity element**
  - ④  $\forall g \in G, \exists g^{-1} \in G$ , s.t.  $gg^{-1} = g^{-1}g = e \rightarrow$  **inverse**

Then,  $(G, *)$  is a group.

- **abelian group**: if the group is commutative (ie,  $ab = ba$ )

## Section 3: Thms

### • Thm 3.1

If  $G$  is a group, then  $e$  is unique.

### • Thm 3.2

If  $G$  is a group and  $g \in G$ , then  $g$  has a unique inverse.

### • Thm 3.3

If  $G$  is a group and  $g \in G$ , then  $(g^{-1})^{-1} = g$ .

### • Thm 3.4

If  $G$  is a group and  $x, y \in G$ , then  $(xy)^{-1} = y^{-1} * x^{-1}$ .

### • Thm 3.5

Let  $G$  be a group and  $x, y \in G$ . Suppose that either  $xy = e$  or  $yx = e$ . Then,  $y = x^{-1}$ .

• Thm 3.6

Let  $G$  be a group, and  $x, y, z \in G$ . Then,

left cancellation: if  $xy = xz$ ,  $y = z$ .

right cancellation: if  $yx = zx$ ,  $y = z$ .

Section 4: Powers of an Element

•  $x^0 = e$

•  $x^n = \underbrace{(x)(x)\dots(x)}_{n \text{ times}}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

•  $x^{-n} = (x^{-1})(x^{-1})\dots(x^{-1})$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$   
 $= (x^{-1})^n$

• Thm 4.1

Let  $G$  be a group, and  $x \in G$ . Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then:

1.  $x^m \cdot x^n = x^{m+n}$

2.  $(x^n)^{-1} = x^{-n}$

3.  $(x^m)^n = x^{mn}$

• If  $G$  is a group and  $x \in G$ , then  $x$  is of **finite order** if  $\exists$  a positive integer  $n$  s.t.  $x^n = e$ .  
If such an integer exists, then the smallest such integer is the **order** of  $x \rightarrow O(x) = n$ .

• If  $x$  is not of finite order, then  $x$  is of **infinite order**  $\rightarrow O(x) = \infty$

• If  $O(x) = 1$ ,  $x = e$ .

• **Cor 4.6**: If  $G = \langle x \rangle$ ,  $|G| = O(x)$

• **gcd(m, n)**: greatest common divisor

• Euclidean Algo

Ex. Compute  $(1071, 462)$ .

①  $1071 = 2 \cdot 462 + 147$

②  $462 = 3 \cdot 147 + 21$

③  $147 = 7 \cdot 21 + 0$

$(m, n) = 21$

• Thm 4.2

If  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , not both 0, there  $\exists$  ints  $x, y$  s.t.  $mx + ny = \text{gcd}(m, n)$

• Thm 4.3

If  $r, s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $r \mid st$  and  $\text{gcd}(r, s) = 1$ . Then,  $r \mid t$ .

$\rightarrow$  relatively prime



PROBLEM: Fix  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ .

$$\text{Then, } O(m) = \frac{n}{\gcd(m, n)}$$

#### Thm 4.4

Let  $G$  be a group and  $x \in G$ . Then,

①  $O(x) = O(x^{-1})$

② If  $O(x) = n$  and  $x^m = e$ , then  $n \mid m$ .

③ If  $O(x) = n$  and  $(m, n) = d$ , then  $O(x^m) = \frac{n}{d}$ .

• a group is **cyclic** if  $\exists$  an element  $x \in G$  s.t.  $G = \{x^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \langle x \rangle$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  generator

• For any  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $x \equiv y \pmod{n}$  if  $x$  and  $y$  have same remainder mod  $n$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  congruent

#### • Thm 4.5

Let  $G = \langle x \rangle$ . If  $O(x) = \infty$ , then  $x^i = x^j$  iff  $i = j$ .

If  $O(x) = n$ , then  $x^i = x^j$  iff  $i = j \pmod{n}$

• the **order** of group  $G$  is the number of elements  $\in G = |G|$

#### • Thm 4.7

Every cyclic group is abelian.

cor 4.6 : if  $G = \langle x \rangle$ ,  $|G| = O(x)$

### Section 5: Subgroups

• a subset  $H$  of a group  $G$  is called a **subgroup** of  $G$  if  $H$  is a group wrt  $G$

#### • Thm 5.1

Let  $H$  be a **nonempty** subset of  $G$ . Then,  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  if:

①  $\forall a, b \in H, ab \in H$

closed under multiplication

②  $\forall a \in H, a^{-1} \in H$

closed under inverse

• **FACT**: If  $G$  is a group and  $g \in G$ , then  $\langle g \rangle = \{g^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a subgroup of  $G$

#### • Thm 5.2

Let  $G$  be a cyclic group. Then, every subgroup of  $G$  is cyclic.

• if  $G$  is a group, then the **center** of  $G$  is  $Z(G) = \{g \in G \mid \forall x \in G, gx = xg\}$

$\downarrow$

elements  $\in G$  that commute w/ everything

•  $G$  is abelian iff  $Z(G) = G$ .

•  $Z(G)$  always has  $e$ ,  $\neq \emptyset$

#### • Thm

Let  $G$  be a group. Then,  $Z(G)$  is a sg of  $G$ .

• Thm 5.3

Let  $G$  be a group,  $H$  be a finite, nonempty subset. Then if  $H$  is closed under  $*$ ,  $H$  is a sg of  $G$ .

• Thm 5.4

Let  $H$  and  $K$  be sgs of group  $G$ . Then :

①  $H \cap K$  is always a sg.

②  $H \cup K$  is a sg iff  $H \subseteq K$  or  $K \subseteq H$ .  $\rightarrow$  get back  $H, K$

• Thm 5.5

Let  $G = \langle x \rangle$  be a cyclic group of order  $n$ .

① Then,  $\forall m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $G$  has a sg of order  $m$  iff  $m | n$ .

② If  $m | n$ , then  $G$  has a unique sg of order  $m$ .

③ 2 powers  $x^r, x^s$  generate the same sg of  $G$  iff  $\gcd(n, r) = \gcd(n, s)$

• Cor 5.6

If  $G = \langle x \rangle$ ,  $o(x) = n$ , and  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_r$  is a complete list of the divisors of  $n$ , then  $\langle x^{d_1} \rangle, \langle x^{d_2} \rangle, \dots, \langle x^{d_r} \rangle$  is a complete list of the sgs of  $G$ .

• Thm 5.7

Let  $G = \langle x \rangle$  be an infinite cyclic group. Then,  $\langle e \rangle, \langle x \rangle, \langle x^2 \rangle, \langle x^3 \rangle, \dots$  are all the distinct sgs of  $G$ .

Section 6 : Direct Powers of Groups

Let  $G \times H$  denote the set of ordered pairs  $(g, h)$  with  $g \in G$  and  $h \in H$ .

So  $G \times H = \{(g, h) \mid g \in G \text{ and } h \in H\}$ .

Remaining step: find binary operation  $\rightarrow (g_1, h_1)(g_2, h_2) = (g_1 g_2, h_1 h_2)$

$\downarrow$   
using bin op from  $G$   $\rightarrow$  from  $H$

Since  $G, H$  are group,  $G \neq \emptyset, H \neq \emptyset$ . So,  $G \times H \neq \emptyset$ .  $(e_G, e_H) \in G \times H$

- PROVE ONTO:**
1. Let  $t \in T$ .
  2. Solve  $f(s) = t$  for  $s$ .  $\rightarrow$  **scratchwork**
  3. Let  $s \in S$ .
  4. Show  $f(s) = t$ .

### Thm 6.1

Let  $G = G_1 \times G_2 \times \dots \times G_n$

① If  $g_i \in G_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , and each  $g_i$  has finite order, then  $O((g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)) = \text{lcm}(O(g_1), O(g_2), \dots, O(g_n))$

② If each  $G_i$  is cyclic of finite order, then  $G$  is cyclic iff  $\forall i \neq j, \text{gcd}(|G_i|, |G_j|) = 1$   
 $\downarrow$   
 size of group is relatively prime

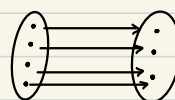
### Section 7: Functions

• **Def:** if  $S$  and  $T$  are sets, then a **function  $f$**  from  $S$  to  $T$ ,  $f: S \rightarrow T$ , is a rule to assign to each  $s \in S$  a unique  $f(s) = t \in T$

$\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   
 domain codomain

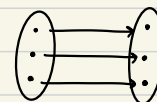
**surjective**

•  $f$  is **onto** if  $\forall t \in T, \exists s \in S$  s.t.  $f(s) = t$   
 • i.e., every  $t \in T$  is reached



**injective**

•  $f$  is **one-to-one** if whenever  $s_1, s_2 \in S$ , s.t.  $s_1 \neq s_2$ , then  $f(s_1) \neq f(s_2)$   
 • i.e., every  $t \in T$  is only reached once



• **image of  $f$ :**  $\text{Im}(f) = \{f(s) \mid s \in S\} \subseteq T$   
 •  $f$  is onto when  $\text{Im}(f) = T$

• **bijection:** if  $f: S \rightarrow T$  is onto and 1-1

• **identity function** of  $f: S \rightarrow S$ : given by  $f(s) = s$

•  $g \circ f = f \circ g$

•  $\forall s \in S, (g \circ f)(s) = g(f(s)) = g(s)$ . Similarly,  $(f \circ g)(s) = f(g(s)) = f(s)$ . **check this!**

• **inverse:** Assume that  $f$  is 1-1 and onto. Then,  $f^{-1}(t) = s \iff f(s) = t$

$\hookrightarrow$  defined on all of  $T$ , since onto

• Let  $X$  be any nonempty set and  $S_X = \{f: X \rightarrow X \mid f \text{ is 1-1, onto}\}$

$\downarrow$  invertible

Then,  $(S_X, \circ)$  is a group.

$\hookrightarrow$  composition of functions

### Section 8: Symmetric Groups

• **Def:** If  $X$  is a nonempty set and  $f: X \rightarrow X$  is 1-1 and onto, then  $f$  is a **permutation**

• **Def:** The group  $(S_X, \circ)$  is the **symmetric group** on  $X$ .

• Thm (Cayley)

Every group is a subgroup of a symmetric group.

• Assume  $X$  is finite  $\rightarrow$  it's okay

• if  $|X| = n$ , we can assume that  $X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ . In this case, we write  $S_n$  for  $S_X$ .

• Given a  $f \in S_n$ , we represent  $f$  by an array  $\rightarrow f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n \\ f(1) & f(2) & f(3) & \dots & f(n) \end{pmatrix}$  domain  
codomain

Ex.  $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \in S_4$

$g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \in S_4$

composition:  $f \circ g = f(g(x)) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

Ex.  $g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow$  just swaps 1 and 2  $= (1, 2)$

cycle notation:  $(1, 2) (3) (4)$

Ex. Let  $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1, 2, 3)$  "ghost arrows", not actually written down

Ex.  $f \circ g = (1, 2) \circ (3, 4)$

Ex. Compute  $(1, 2, 3) \circ (7, 3, 2) \circ (1, 5)$  Assume  $n$  is the highest value.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 5 & 7 & 3 & 4 & 2 & 6 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1, 5, 2, 7)$$

• **Def:** Two cycles,  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r)$  and  $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_s)$  are **disjoint** if  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r\} \cap \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_s\} = \emptyset$   
 $\rightarrow$  Then, they commute.

• Thm 8.1

Let  $f \in S_n$ . Then,  $\exists$  disjoint cycles  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m$  s.t.  $f = f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_m$ .

• Thm 8.2

If  $n \geq 2$ , then any cycle in  $S_n$  can be written as the product of transpositions (2-cycles)

• Proof:  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r) = (x_1, x_r) \circ (x_1, x_{r-1}) \circ \dots \circ (x_1, x_2)$  → textbook  
 $= (x_1, x_2) \circ (x_2, x_3) \circ \dots \circ (x_{r-2}, x_{r-1}) \circ (x_{r-1}, x_r)$  → Prof's way

• cycles are not disjoint + not unique!

• Ex.  $f = (1, 3, 7, 9) = (1, 9) \circ (1, 7) \circ (1, 3)$  →  $r-1$  transpositions to represent  $r$ -cycle  
 $= (1, 3) \circ (3, 7) \circ (7, 9)$

• Thm 8.3

If  $n \geq 2$ , then any element of  $S_n$  can be written as a product of transpositions.

• Proof: follows from Thm 8.1 + 8.2.

• Def: A permutation is even if it can be written as a product of an even # of transpositions.  
 ↳ odd, product of an odd # of transpositions

• Thm 8.4

No permutation is BOTH odd and even.

• Alternating Subgroup of  $S_n$

• For  $n \geq 2$ , let  $A_n = \{f \in S_n \mid f \text{ is even}\}$

• Thm 8.5

Let  $n \geq 2$ , then  $A_n$  is a subgroup of  $S_n$ , s.t.  $|S_n| = n!$  and  $|A_n| = \frac{n!}{2}$ .

• FACTS

- Let  $f \in S_n$  be an  $r$ -cycle. Then,  $o(f) = r$ .
- If  $f$  and  $g$  are disjoint cycles, then  $fg = gf$ .
- If  $f = f_1 f_2 \dots f_m$  is a product of disjoint cycles, then  $o(f) = \text{lcm}(o(f_1), o(f_2), \dots, o(f_m))$ .
- The identity is  $f$ , or  $(a, b, c) \circ (c, b, a)$
- inverse if  $f = (abc) \rightarrow (cba)$   
 $f = (ab)(cd) \rightarrow (dc)(ba)$

•  $P_n$ , if  $n \geq 3$ :  $f = (1, 2, \dots, n)$

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & \dots & n-2 & n-1 & n \\ 1 & n & n-1 & n-2 & & 4 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

•  $Z(D_n) = \begin{cases} \{e\} & n = \text{odd} \\ \{e, f^{\frac{n}{2}}\} & n = \text{even} \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{for any } D_n, f^n = e, g^2 = e, f^i g = g f^{-i}$

→ extend idea of equality

## Section 9: Sets (Equivalence Relations + Cosets)

• Def: A relation  $R$  on set  $S$  is a set of ordered pairs of elements in  $S$ .

If  $s_1, s_2 \in S$ , and  $(s_1, s_2) \in R$ , then  $s_1 R s_2$  or  $s_1 \sim s_2$

↪ related to ↪

• Def: A relation  $R$  on set  $S$  is an equivalence relation if

① Reflexive:  $\forall s \in S, s R s$ .

$a = a$

② Symmetric: If  $s_1 R s_2$ , then  $s_2 R s_1$ .

if  $a = b$ , then  $b = a$

③ Transitive: If  $s_1 R s_2$  and  $s_2 R s_3$ , then  $s_1 R s_3$ .

if  $a = b$  and  $b = c$ , then  $a = c$

• Def: Let  $S$  be a set, and  $R$  be an ER on  $S$ . Then, for any  $s \in S$ ,  $\bar{s} = \{x \in S \mid x R s\}$ .

$\bar{s}$  is the equivalence class of  $s$  under  $R$ .

### • Thm 9.1

Let  $R$  be an ER on  $S$ . Then every element in  $S$  is in exactly 1 equivalence class under  $R$ .

The equi. classes under  $R$  partition  $S$  into a family of mutually disjoint nonempty sets.

### • Thm 9.2

For any group  $G$  and subgroup  $H$ , the relation  $\equiv_H$  is an equi. relation on  $G$ .

$$\downarrow \\ x \equiv_H y \iff xy^{-1} \in H$$

• Def: if  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , then by right coset of  $H$  in  $G$ , we mean a subset of the form

$$Ha, \text{ where } a \in G \text{ and } Ha = \{ha \mid h \in H\}$$

↪ fix an  $a$

### • Thm 9.3

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . For  $a \in G$ , let  $\bar{a}$  denote the equi. class of  $a$  under  $\equiv_H$  relation. Then,  $\bar{a} = Ha$  (right coset is equi. class).

$$\downarrow \\ = \{g \in G \mid g \equiv_H a\}$$

### • Cor. 9.4

Let  $H$  be a sg of  $G$ , and  $a, b \in G$ . Then,  $Ha = Hb \iff ab^{-1} \in H$  ← coset criterion

### • Cor

$$\text{Notice that } H = He = Ha \iff ea^{-1} \in H \iff a^{-1} \in H. \quad \boxed{Ha = He \iff a \in H}$$

## Section 10: Counting Elements in a Finite Group

### Thm 10.1 (Lagrange)

Let  $G$  be a finite group. Let  $H$  be a sg of  $G$ . Then,  $|H| \mid |G|$

### Lem 10.2

Let  $H_a$  and  $H_b$  be right cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ . Then, there is a 1-1 correspondence btwn elements of  $H_a$  and  $H_b$ .  $\rightarrow H_a$  and  $H_b$  have the same size.

**Def:** If  $S$  and  $T$  are sets and  $\exists f: S \rightarrow T$ ,  $f$  is 1-1 and onto, then  $|S| = |T|$  and  $S$  and  $T$  have the same cardinality.

### Thm 10.3

Let  $H$  be a sg of  $G$ . The number of <sup>left and right</sup> cosets of  $H$  in  $G$  is  $[G:H]$ , called the INDEX  
"  $\frac{|G|}{|H|}$

### Thm 10.4

Let  $G$  be a finite group, and  $x \in G$ . Then  $o(x) \mid |G|$ . Consequently,  $x^{|G|} = e \quad \forall x \in G$ .

### Thm 10.5

Let  $G$  be a group. Suppose  $|G|$  is prime. Then,  $G$  is cyclic. Moreover, any element of  $G$ , other than  $e$ , is a generator of  $G$ .

### Thm

If  $G$  is a group s.t.  $|G| \leq 5$ , then  $G$  is abelian.

### Thm 10.6 (Fermat's)

Let  $p$  be a prime + suppose  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $p \nmid a$ . Then,  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .

Proof:  $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\}$ .  $o(\bar{a}) \mid p-1 = |\mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\}| \Rightarrow (\bar{a})^{p-1} = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

**Def:** the eq. class  $\bar{a}$  of  $a \in G$  under  $R$  is the **conjugacy class** of  $a$ , and consists of all the conjugates of  $a$ . Thus,  
 $\bar{a} = \{xax^{-1} \mid x \in G\}$

### Thm 10.7

Let  $G$  be a group and define a relation on  $G$  by  $aRb$  iff  $\exists x \in G$  s.t.  $a = xbx^{-1}$ .

Then,  $R$  is an ER.  $\rightarrow$  must be reflexive, symmetric, transitive

### Lem 10.8

Let  $G$  be a finite group. Let  $a \in G$ . Then, the num of distinct conjugates of  $a$ , ie  $|\bar{a}|$ , in  $G$  is exactly the index of the centralizer in  $G$ , ie  $[G:Z(a)]$ .

### Thm 10.9 (Class Eq)

Let  $G$  be a finite group, and  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$  consist of 1 element from each conjugacy class containing at least 2 elements.  
Then,  $|G| = |Z(G)| + [G:Z(a_1)] + [G:Z(a_2)] + \dots + [G:Z(a_k)]$

$\downarrow$

centralizer of  $a_1$

## Section 11: Normal Subgroups

- **Def:** Let  $H$  be a sg of  $G$ . Then,  $H$  is a normal sg in  $G$  if  $\forall h \in H$  and  $g \in G$ ,  $ghg^{-1} \in H$ . (i.e.,  $gHg^{-1} \subseteq H$ ). Note: it does not have to be that  $ghg^{-1} = h$ .

### Thm 11.1

Let  $H$  be a sg of  $G$ . Then, the following are equivalent:

- ①  $H$  is normal in  $G$ .  $\rightarrow$  show this!
  - ②  $\forall g \in G$ ,  $gHg^{-1} = H$
  - ③  $\forall g \in G$ ,  $gH = Hg$ .
- } know this.

### Thm 11.2

Let  $G$  be a group. Any sg of  $Z(G)$  is normal in  $G$ .

### Notation

- If  $H$  is normal in  $G$ , write  $H \triangleleft G$ .

### Thm 11.3

Let  $H$  be a sg of  $G$  s.t.  $[G:H] = 2$ . Then,  $H$  is normal in  $G$ .

### Thm 11.4

Let  $G$  be a group,  $H$  a sg of  $G$ , and  $g \in G$ . Then,  $gHg^{-1}$  is a sg of  $G$  w/ the same cardinality as  $H$ .

### Cor. 11.5

If  $H$  is a sg of  $G$  and there is no other sg of  $G$  w/ the same size as  $H$ , then  $H$  is normal in  $G$ .

### Thm 11.6 $\rightarrow$ denotes the set of right cosets of $H$ in $G$

Let  $H \triangleleft G$ . Then,  $G/H$  is a group under the bin. op.  $Ha * Hb = H(ab)$

- **Def:** The group  $\underbrace{G/H}$  is called the quotient group of  $G$  by  $H$ .  
read " $G \bmod H$ "

### Thm 11.7

Let  $G$  be a finite, abelian group and suppose  $p \mid |G|$  and  $p$  is prime. Then,  $G$  has a sg of order  $p$ .



Are these groups isomorphic?

1. Does it fit a thm?

2. If not, find a map  $\varphi$  that is hom, 1-1, onto

## Section 12: Homomorphisms

- Let  $G$  and  $H$  be groups.  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  is a homomorphism if  $\forall a, b \in G, \varphi(ab) = \varphi(a)\varphi(b)$ .
- A hom. is an isomorphism if it is 1-1 and onto
- Fact:  $G \cong G$ .

### • Thm 12.1

- ① Let  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  and  $\psi: H \rightarrow K$  be homs. Then  $\psi \circ \varphi: G \rightarrow K$  is a hom.
- ② If  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are isomorphisms, then so is  $\psi \circ \varphi: G \rightarrow K$ .
- ③ If  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  is an iso, so is  $\varphi^{-1}: H \rightarrow G$ .

### • Cor

$\cong$  is an equiv. relation on the set of all groups.

### • Thm 12.2

Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and let  $G$  be a cyclic group of order  $n$ . Then,  $G \cong (\mathbb{Z}_n, \oplus)$ . Consequently, any 2 cyclic groups of order  $n$  are isomorphic.

### • Thm 12.3

Let  $G$  be an infinite cyclic group. Then,  $G \cong (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ . Consequently, any 2 infinite cyclic groups are iso

### • Thm 12.4

Let  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  be a homomorphism. Then,

- ①  $\varphi(e_G) = e_H$
- ②  $\forall x \in G$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}, \varphi(x^n) = [\varphi(x)]^n$
- ③ If  $o(x) = n, o(\varphi(x)) \mid o(x)$ .

### • Thm 12.5

Let  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  be an iso. Then,

- ④  $\forall x \in G, o(x) = o(\varphi(x))$
- ⑤  $|G| = |H|$
- ⑥  $G$  is abelian iff  $H$  is abelian

### • Thm 12.6

Let  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  be a hom. Then,

- ① If  $K$  is a sg of  $G$ , then  $\varphi(K) = \{\varphi(k) \mid k \in K\}$  is a sg of  $H$ .
- ② If  $J$  is a sg of  $H$ , then  $\varphi^{-1}(J) = \{g \in G \mid \varphi(g) \in J\}$  is a sg of  $G$ .
- ③ If  $J \triangleleft H \Rightarrow \varphi^{-1}(J) \triangleleft G$ .
- ④ If  $\varphi$  is onto and  $K \triangleleft G, \varphi(K) \triangleleft H$ .

### • Thm 12.7 (Cayley's)

If  $G$  is a group, then  $G$  is isomorphic to a sg of  $S_G = \{f: G \rightarrow G \mid f \text{ is 1-1 and onto}\}$ .

### Section 13: Homomorphisms + Normal Subgroups

• Suppose  $H \triangleleft G$ . There is always a hom.  $P: G \rightarrow G/H$ , given by  $P(g) = Hg$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  "rho"

- like a reduction map  $\rightarrow [P(g, g_2) = H(g, g_2) = Hg, Hg_2 = P(g), P(g_2)]$
- $P$  is surjective (onto), is a function that gives you cosets

• Def: if  $\varphi: G \rightarrow K$  is a hom., then the **kernel** of  $\varphi$  is  $\text{Ker}(\varphi) = \{g \in G \mid \varphi(g) = e_K\}$ .

#### Thm 13.1

For any hom  $\varphi: G \rightarrow K$ ,  $\text{Ker}(\varphi) \triangleleft G$ .

#### Thm 13.2 (Fundamental Thm on Group Homs)

Let  $\varphi: G \rightarrow K$  be a surjective group hom. Then,  $K \cong G/\text{Ker}(\varphi)$ .

#### Thm 13.3

Let  $\varphi: G \rightarrow K$  be a surj hom. There is a 1-1 correspondence btwn sgs of  $K$  and sgs of  $G$  that contain  $\text{Ker}(\varphi)$ .  
I.e., there is a bijective map  $\Psi: \{\text{sgs of } K\} \rightarrow \{H \mid H \text{ is a sg of } G, \text{Ker}(\varphi) \subseteq H\}$ .  
 $\hookrightarrow \Psi(J) = \varphi^{-1}(J)$

#### Thm 13.4 (2<sup>nd</sup> Hom Thm)

Let  $H$  and  $K$  be sgs of  $G$ . Assume  $K \triangleleft G$ . Then,  $H/\text{Ker}(\varphi) \cong HK/\text{Ker}(\varphi)$ , where  $HK = \{hk \mid h \in H, k \in K\}$ .

#### Thm 13.5 (3<sup>rd</sup> Hom Thm)

Suppose  $H \triangleleft K \triangleleft G$  and  $H \triangleleft G$ . Then,  $K/H \triangleleft G/H$  and  $(G/H)/(K/H) \cong G/K$ .

### Section 14: Direct Products + Finite Abelian Groups $\rightarrow$ no HW from this section

#### Thm 14.1

Suppose  $A, B$  are sgs of  $G$  s.t.  $A \triangleleft G, B \triangleleft G$ . Also,  $G = AB = \{ab \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$ . Also,  $A \cap B = \{e\}$ .  
Then,  $G \cong A \times B$ .

#### Thm 14.2 (Fund. Thm on Finite Abelian Groups)

Let  $G$  be a nontrivial finite abelian group. Then,  $G \cong$  direct product of finitely many nontrivial cyclic groups of prime power order. The prime powers that occur are uniquely determined by  $G$ .

#### Cor 14.3

Let  $A, B$  be finite abelian groups. Then  $A \cong B$  iff invariants of  $A =$  invariants of  $B$ .

#### Cor 14.5

Let  $G$  be an abelian group of order  $n$  and  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  s.t.  $m \mid n$ . Then,  $G$  has a sg of order  $m$ .

### Section 15: Sylow Thms $\rightarrow$ no HW

#### Thm 15.1

Let  $G$  be a finite group.  $p$  a prime,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

① If  $p^k \mid |G|$ , then  $G$  has a sg of order  $p^k$ .

## Section 16: Rings

- **Def:** Suppose  $R$  is a set with 2 bin ops,  $+$  and  $\cdot$ .

Suppose further that 1)  $(R, +)$  is an abelian group

2)  $\cdot$  is associative

3)  $\forall r_1, r_2, r_3 \in R, r_1(r_2 + r_3) = r_1r_2 + r_1r_3$  and  
 $(r_1 + r_2)r_3 = r_1r_3 + r_2r_3$

Then,  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is a ring.

- **commutative ring:** if  $\cdot$  is commutative

- **additive identity** is denoted  $0_R$ .

- If  $\exists$  a mult. identity, we denote it  $1_R$ , which is called the **unity** of  $R$ .  $R$  is a ring w/ unity.

- **Def:** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $a \in R$ . We say that  $a$  is a **zero-divisor** if  $\exists b \in R$  s.t.  $b \neq 0_R$  and either  $ab = 0_R$  or  $ba = 0_R$ . The element  $a$  is said to be **nilpotent** if  $\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  s.t.  $a^n = 0_R$ .

- $0$  can be a zero-divisor

- Every nilpotent element is a zero-divisor

- **Def:** Suppose  $R$  is a ring w/ unity. We say  $a \in R$  is a **unit** if  $\exists b \in R$  s.t.  $ab = ba = 1_R$ .

- **Thm 16.1**

Let  $R$  be a ring,  $a, b \in R$ . Then, 1)  $a \cdot 0_R = 0_R \cdot a = 0_R$

2)  $a(-b) = (-a)(b) = -(ab)$

3)  $(-a)(-b) = ab$

4)  $\forall m \in \mathbb{Z}, m(ab) = (ma)b = a(mb)$

5)  $\forall n, m \in \mathbb{Z}, mn(ab) = (ma)(nb)$

- **Cor 16.2:** Let  $R$  be a nontrivial ring w/ unity. Then,  $0_R \neq 1_R$

- **Cor 16.3:** Let  $R$  be a nontrivial ring w/ unity and  $u \in R$  be a unit. Then,  $u$  is NOT a zero-divisor.

- **Cor 16.4:** If  $b, c \in R, b - c = b + (-c)$ .  $\forall a \in R, a(b - c) = ab - ac$  and  $(b - c)a = ba - ca$ . ★ distributive laws

- **Def:** An **integral domain** is a commutative ring w/ unity in which  $0_R \neq 1_R$  and there are no nontrivial  $0$ -divisors.

- **Thm 16.5**

Let  $R$  be a ring, and  $a, b, c \in R$ . Assume  $a \neq$  zero-divisor. Then, if  $ab = ac, b = c$ .

- **Def:**  $R$  is called a **division ring** if  $R$  has a unity  $1_R \neq 0$  and every nonzero element of  $R$  is a unit.

A commutative division ring is called a **field**.

- **Thm 16.7**

Every finite integral domain is a field. (See Thm 5.3)

## Section 17: Subrings, Ideals (Normal subrings), Quotient Rings

• **Def:** Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be a ring. A subset  $S$  of  $R$  is a subring of  $R$  if  $(S, +, \cdot)$  is a ring.

• Thm 17.1

Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be a ring. Let  $S$  be a subset of  $R$ . Then,  $S$  is a subring of  $R$  iff

- 1)  $(S, +)$  is a sg of  $(R, +)$ .  $\rightarrow$  nonempty is built in
- 2)  $S$  is closed under mult ( $\forall s_1, s_2 \in S, s_1 s_2 \in S$ ).

• Cor 17.2

Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be a ring and let  $S$  be a nonempty subset of  $R$ . Then,  $S$  is a subring of  $R$  iff

- 1)  $\forall s_1, s_2 \in S, s_1 - s_2 \in S$ .
- 2)  $\forall s_1, s_2 \in S, s_1 s_2 \in S$ .

$\rightarrow$  think of it as a normal subring

• **Def:** a subring  $S$  of  $R$  is an **ideal of  $R$**  if  $\forall s \in S, r \in R, rs, sr \in S$ .

• Thm 17.3

Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be a ring and  $S$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then, the set  ${}^R/S$  of right additive cosets of  $S$  in  $R$  is a ring under the op  $(s+a)(s+b) = S + (a+b)$  and  $(s+a)(s+b) = S + ab$ .

• Thm 17.4

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $S$  be a nonempty subset of  $R$ . Then,  $S$  is an ideal of  $R$ , denoted  $I$ , iff

- 1)  $\forall s_1, s_2 \in S, s_1 - s_2 \in S$ .
- 2)  $\forall r \in R, s \in S, rs, sr \in S$ .  $\rightarrow$  sticky property

• **Cor:** If  $F$  is a field, the only ideals of  $F$  are  $\{0\}, F$ .

• **Def:** Let  $R$  be a ring. Then,  $R$  is an **improper ideal** of  $R$ . The **trivial ideal** is  $\{0_R\}$ .

• **Def:** Let  $R$  be a ring,  $I$  an ideal of  $R$ . Then,  $I$  is **prime** if whenever  $a, b \in R$  and  $ab \in I$ , then at least  $a$  or  $b \in I$ .  
(Prime means  $ab \in p\mathbb{Z} \iff a \in p\mathbb{Z}$  or  $b \in p\mathbb{Z}$ .)

• Thm 17.5

Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I$  an ideal. Then,  ${}^R/I$  has no nontrivial  $0$ -divisors iff  $I$  is prime.

• Cor 17.6

Let  $R$  be any comm. ring w/ unity. Then,  ${}^R/I$  is an **integral domain** iff  $I$  is a prime ideal.

• **Def:** An ideal  $I$  in a ring  $R$  is called **maximal** if  $I$  is a proper ideal and  $\nexists!$  other proper ideal  $J$  s.t.  $I \subsetneq J$ .

• Thm 17.7

Let  $R$  be a comm. ring w/ unity. If  $I$  is an ideal in  $R$ , then  ${}^R/I$  is a field iff  $I$  is maximal.

• Cor 17.8

Let  $R$  be a comm. ring w/ unity. Then, every maximal ideal of  $R$  is a prime ideal.

## Section 18: Ring Homomorphisms

• **Def:** Let  $R, S$  be rings, and  $f: R \rightarrow S$  be a function. Then,  $f$  is a (ring) hom. if

$$1) \forall a, b \in R, f(a+b) = f(a) + f(b)$$

$$2) \forall a, b \in R, f(ab) = f(a)f(b)$$

From 1), if  $f: R \rightarrow S$  is a ring hom, then  $f: (R, +) \rightarrow (S, +)$  is a group hom.

Then,  $f(0_R) = 0_S$  and  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $a \in R$ ,  $f(na) = n f(a)$ .

### Thm 18.1

Let  $f: R \rightarrow S$  be a ring hom. Then, 1)  $f(0_R) = 0_S$

$$2) f(na) = n f(a) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, a \in R$$

$$3) f(a^n) = f(a)^n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, a \in R$$

4) If  $R$  and  $S$  have unity and  $f(1_R) = 1_S$ , then  $\forall$  unit  $u \in R$ ,  $f(u)$  is a unit in  $S$  and  $f(u^{-1}) = f(u)^{-1}$ .

### Thm 18.2

Let  $R, S$  be rings w/ unity and  $f: R \rightarrow S$  be a ring hom. Then, 1) if  $f$  is onto, then  $f(1_R) = 1_S$ .

2) if  $S$  is a division ring +  $f(1_R) \neq 0_S$ , then  $f(1_R) = 1_S$ .

3) if  $S$  is an integral domain +  $f(1_R) \neq 0_S$ , then  $f(1_R) = 1_S$ .

### Thm 18.3

Let  $R, S$ , and  $T$  be rings,  $f: R \rightarrow S$  and  $\psi: S \rightarrow T$  be ring homs. Then, 1)  $\psi \circ f: R \rightarrow T$  is a hom

2) if  $f, \psi$  are isos, then so is  $\psi \circ f$ .

3) if  $f$  is an iso, then so is  $f^{-1}$ .

### Thm 18.4

Let  $f: R \rightarrow T$  be a hom. Then, 1) if  $S$  is a subring of  $R$ , then  $f(S) = \{f(s) \mid s \in S\}$  is a subring of  $T$ .

2) if  $U$  is a subring of  $T$ , then  $f^{-1}(U) = \{r \in R \mid f(r) \in U\}$  is a subring of  $R$ .

3) if  $U$  is an ideal of  $T$ , then  $f^{-1}(U)$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

4) if  $f$  is onto and  $S$  is an ideal of  $R$ , then  $f(S)$  is an ideal of  $T$ .

### Thm 18.5

If  $f: R \rightarrow T$  is an onto ring hom, then  $R/\ker(f) \cong T$ . Moreover, if  $P: R \rightarrow R/\ker(f)$ , there is an isomorphism  $\bar{f}: R/\ker(f) \rightarrow T$  s.t.  $\bar{f} \circ P = f$ .

## Section 19: Polynomials

- **Notation:**
  - 1) Variables are  $X, Y, Z, \dots$
  - 2) If  $R$  is a ring, then by a poly. w/ coeffs from  $R$ , we mean an infinite formal symbol  $a_0 + a_1X + a_2X^2 + \dots$ , where each  $a_i \in R$  and  $\exists$  some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{0\}$  s.t.  $\forall i > n, a_i = 0_R$ .
  - 3) The  $a_i$ 's are the coeffs of the poly.
  - 4) If  $a_n \neq 0$  and  $a_i = 0 \forall i > n$ , then we write our poly. as  $a_0 + a_1X + \dots + a_nX^n$ .
  - 5) 2 poly,  $f(X)$  and  $g(X)$ , are equal if  $\forall i, a_i = b_i$  ( $a_i, b_i$  are coeffs)
  - 6) Poly's w/ coeffs from  $R$  are functions from  $R \rightarrow R$ . For any  $r \in R$ , define a function by  $f(r) = a_0 + a_1r + a_2r^2 + \dots + a_nr^n \in R$ .
  - 7) 2 diff poly's can give the same function.

Ex. Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}_3$  (field). Let  $f(X) = 0, g(X) = X^3 - X$ . Recall in  $\mathbb{Z}_p, X^p = X$ .  
 $\forall r \in R, g(r) = r^3 + 2r = 0$ .

Ex.  $R[X] = \{ \text{poly's } \in X \text{ w/ coeffs } \in R \}$ , where  $f(X) = a_0 + a_1X + a_2X^2 + \dots$ ,  
 $g(X) = b_0 + b_1X + b_2X^2 + \dots$

$R[X]$  is a ring under coeff addition, mult, where  $c_n = a_0b_n + a_1b_{n-1} + a_2b_{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}b_1 + a_nb_0 = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i b_{n-i}$

What can we say abt  $R[X]$ , given info abt  $R$ ?

- If  $R$  has a unity, then so does  $R[X]$ :  $1_{R[X]} = 1_R + 0X + 0X^2 + \dots$
- If  $R$  is a domain, so is  $R[X]$ .

↳ comm. ring w/ unity, no nontrivial 0-divisors

Proof: Let  $f(x), g(x) \in R[X]$ . Suppose  $a_n, b_m \neq 0$ . Then,  
 $(fg)(x) = c_0 + c_1x + \dots + c_{m+n}x^{m+n}, c_{m+n} \neq 0$ . So,  
 $(fg)(x) \neq 0_{R[X]}$ .

• **Def:** Let  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n$ , w/  $a_n \neq 0$ . The int  $n$  is the **degree of  $f$**  and denoted  $\deg(f) = n = \deg(f(x))$ .

Note:  $\deg(0_{R[X]}) = \text{DNE}$ .

### • Thm 19.1

If  $R$  is a domain and  $f(x), g(x) \in R[X]$  and  $f(x) \neq 0, g(x) \neq 0$ , then  $\deg(f(x)g(x)) = \deg(f(x)) + \deg(g(x))$ .

### • Thm 19.2

Let  $F$  be a field and  $f(x), g(x) \in F[X]$ . If  $g(x) \neq 0$ , then  $\exists q(x), r(x) \in F[X]$  s.t.  $f(x) = q(x)g(x) + r(x)$  and either  $r(x) = 0$  or  $\deg(r(x)) < \deg(g(x))$ .

Note: the units in  $F[X]$  are the deg 0 poly.

• Def: Let  $R$  be a ring and  $f(x) \in R[x]$ . An element  $r \in R$  is called a **root / zero** of  $f(x)$  if  $f(r) = 0$ .

• Thm 19.3

Let  $F$  be a field,  $a \in F$ ,  $f(x) \in F[x]$ . Then  $f(a) = 0$  iff  $x - a \mid f(x)$ .

• Cor 19.4

Let  $F$  be a field,  $f(x) \in F[x]$  w/  $\deg(f) = n$ . Then,  $f(x)$  has at most  $n$  roots.

• Cor 19.5

Let  $F$  be an infinite field,  $S$  an infinite subset of  $F$ . If  $f(x) \in F[x]$  s.t.  $\forall s \in S, f(s) = 0$ , then  $f(x) = 0$ .

• Cor 19.6

Let  $F$  be an infinite field and  $S \subseteq F$  s.t.  $|S| = \infty$ . Suppose  $f(x), g(x) \in F[x]$  s.t.  $\forall s \in S, f(s) = g(s)$ . Then,  $f(x) = g(x)$  [as polynomials].

• Def: Let  $F$  be a field,  $f(x) \in F[x]$  s.t.  $f(x)$  is a nonconstant poly. The poly.  $f$  is **irreducible** (over  $F$ ) if  $f$  cannot be written as the product of 2 nonconstant poly. I.e,  $f$  is irr. if whenever  $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$ , either  $\deg(g) = 0$  or  $\deg(h) = 0$ .

Ex. In  $\mathbb{R}[x]$ ,  $x^2 + 1$  is irr. (no roots  $\rightarrow$  cannot factor  $\rightarrow$  irr). It is a unit!

Ex in  $\mathbb{C}[x]$ ,  $x^2 + 1$  is NOT irr.

Ex. In  $\mathbb{Z}_5[x]$ ,  $x^2 + 1$  is NOT irr, bc  $f(z) = z^2 + 1 = \overline{5} = 0$ .  $\rightarrow$  we have our root.  
 $\hookrightarrow x^2 + 1 = (x - z)(x - 3)$

• Thm 19.7

Let  $F$  be a field and  $f(x) \in F[x]$  s.t.  $f(x)$  is nonconstant. Then,  $\exists$  irr. poly's  $f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_k(x) \in F[x]$  s.t.  $f(x) = f_1(x)f_2(x)\dots f_k(x)$ .

• Thm 19.8 ★

Let  $F$  be a field and  $f(x) \in F[x]$  s.t.  $\deg(f) = 2$  or  $3$ . Then,  $f$  is reducible iff  $f(x)$  has a root in  $F$ .

• Thm 19.11

Let  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  Suppose  $p$  is a prime in  $\mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $p \mid a_0, p \mid a_1, \dots, p \mid a_{n-1}, p \nmid a_n$  and  $p^2 \nmid a_0$ . Then,  $f(x)$  is irr in  $\mathcal{O}[x]$ . It is Eisenstein at  $p$ .

• Ex:  $f(x) = 2x^5 + 9x^4 + 3x^3 + 15x + 12 \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ .  $f(x)$  is Eisenstein at  $p = 3$ . So,  $f(x)$  is irr over  $\mathcal{O}$ .

• Ex:  $x^2 - 2$  is Eisenstein at  $p = 2$ . So  $x^2 - 2$  is irr in  $\mathcal{O}[x]$ .

• Ex:  $f(x) = x^4 + 1$ .

$\mathcal{O}[x]$

Suppose  $f(x)$  is irr. Then  $f(x) = g_1(x)g_2(x)$  w/  $\deg(g_1), \deg(g_2) > 0$ . Then,  $f(x) + 1 = g_1(x+1)g_2(x+1)$ .  
 $f(x+1) = (x+1)^4 + 1$   
 $= x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 2$  is Eisenstein at 2 and irr in  $\mathcal{O}[x]$ . So,  $f(x)$  must also be irr.

• Thm 19.12 ★ Prof's favorite, might appear on exam

Let  $p$  be a prime. For  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , let  $\bar{m}$  be the remainder of dividing  $m$  by  $p$  (i.e.  $m \bmod p$ ).

Let  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  be a nonconstant poly. Let  $\bar{f}(x) = \bar{a}_0 + \bar{a}_1x + \dots + \bar{a}_nx^n \in \mathbb{Z}_p[x]$ .

Then, if  $\bar{f}(x)$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]$  and  $\deg(f) = \deg(\bar{f})$ , then  $f(x)$  is irr. in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .

↳ stronger than being irr in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$

$$\text{I.e., } f(x) = g_1(x)g_2(x) \iff \bar{f}(x) = \bar{g}_1(x)\bar{g}_2(x).$$



## Section 20: From Poly's to Fields

### • Thm 20.1

If  $F$  is a field, every ideal of  $F[X]$  is principal.

↳  $R$  a comm. ring w/  $1$ . Let  $a \in R$ . Then,  
 $aR = \{ar \mid r \in R\}$ .

### • Thm 20.2

Let  $F$  be a field,  $f(x) \in F[X]$ . Then,  $(f(x))$  is maximal iff  $f(x)$  is irreducible.