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# Proof of the Classification of Finitely Generated Abelian Groups

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finite Abelian groups.

$G = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$  - finitely generated group

$N \trianglelefteq G \rightarrow G/N = \langle a_1N, \dots, a_nN \rangle \rightarrow$  write as words

$\Rightarrow$  quotients of f.gen groups are finitely generated.

Fact: If  $\underbrace{a_n \in N}_{\downarrow}$ , then  $G/N = \langle a_1N, \dots, a_{n-1}N \rangle$

throw away the identity

$$a_nN = eN$$

can be generated  
by other elements.

# Proof of the Classification of Finitely Generated Abelian Groups

If  $H \leq G$ -f.gen

is  $H$  also f.gen?

**NO** it does not have to be f.gen.

Prop: <sup>Thm.</sup> = If  $G$  is f.gen and abelian, then every subgroup  $H \leq G$  is also f.gen.

Thm

# Proof of the Classification of Finitely Generated Abelian Groups

Lemma: If  $H$ - (abelian) group,  
 $N \trianglelefteq H$  (normal) subgroup

If  $N$  and  $H/N$  are f.gen  $\Rightarrow H$  is f.gen.

$\langle \{x_1, \dots, x_m\} \rangle$  (just a notation)  
Suppose  $N = \mathbb{Z}\{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$

$$H/N = \mathbb{Z}\{\bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_n\}$$

$\downarrow$   
cosets of  $N$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \pi : H &\rightarrow H/N \\ \pi(y_i) &= \bar{y}_i \end{aligned}$$

Pick. For each  $\bar{y}_i$  pick  $y_i \in H$  such that  $\bar{y}_i = y_i + N$

# Proof of the Classification of Finitely Generated Abelian Groups

Claim:  $H = \mathbb{Z}\{x_1, \dots, x_m, y_1, \dots, y_n\}$   $\rightarrow$  is finite generated

Suppose:  $u \in H$

Consider  $v := \pi(u) = b_1\bar{y}_1 + \dots + b_n\bar{y}_n \in H/N$  for some  $b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$

Define:  $\hat{v} := 1y_1 + \dots + b_n y_n \in H$ ;  $\pi(\hat{v}) = v \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{a(b_1 y_1) + \dots + a(b_n y_n)}{b_1 \bar{y}_1 + \dots + b_n \bar{y}_n} = v$  (hom)

Have:  $\pi(u) = v = \pi(\hat{v}) \Rightarrow \pi(u - \hat{v}) = 0 \Rightarrow u - \hat{v} \in N$

so  $u - \hat{v} = a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_m x_m$  for some  $a_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow u = \sum a_i x_i + \sum b_j y_j \Rightarrow \underline{\text{done}}$

$H$  is a generating set!

# Proving The Subgroup $H$ Is Finitely Generated

Pf. of thm:  $G = \mathbb{Z}\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}, H \leq G$

Use induction on  $n = \text{size of a generating set of } G$

Base case:  $n = 0, G = \mathbb{Z}\{\} = \{0\}$

$n = 1, G = \mathbb{Z}\{a\}$

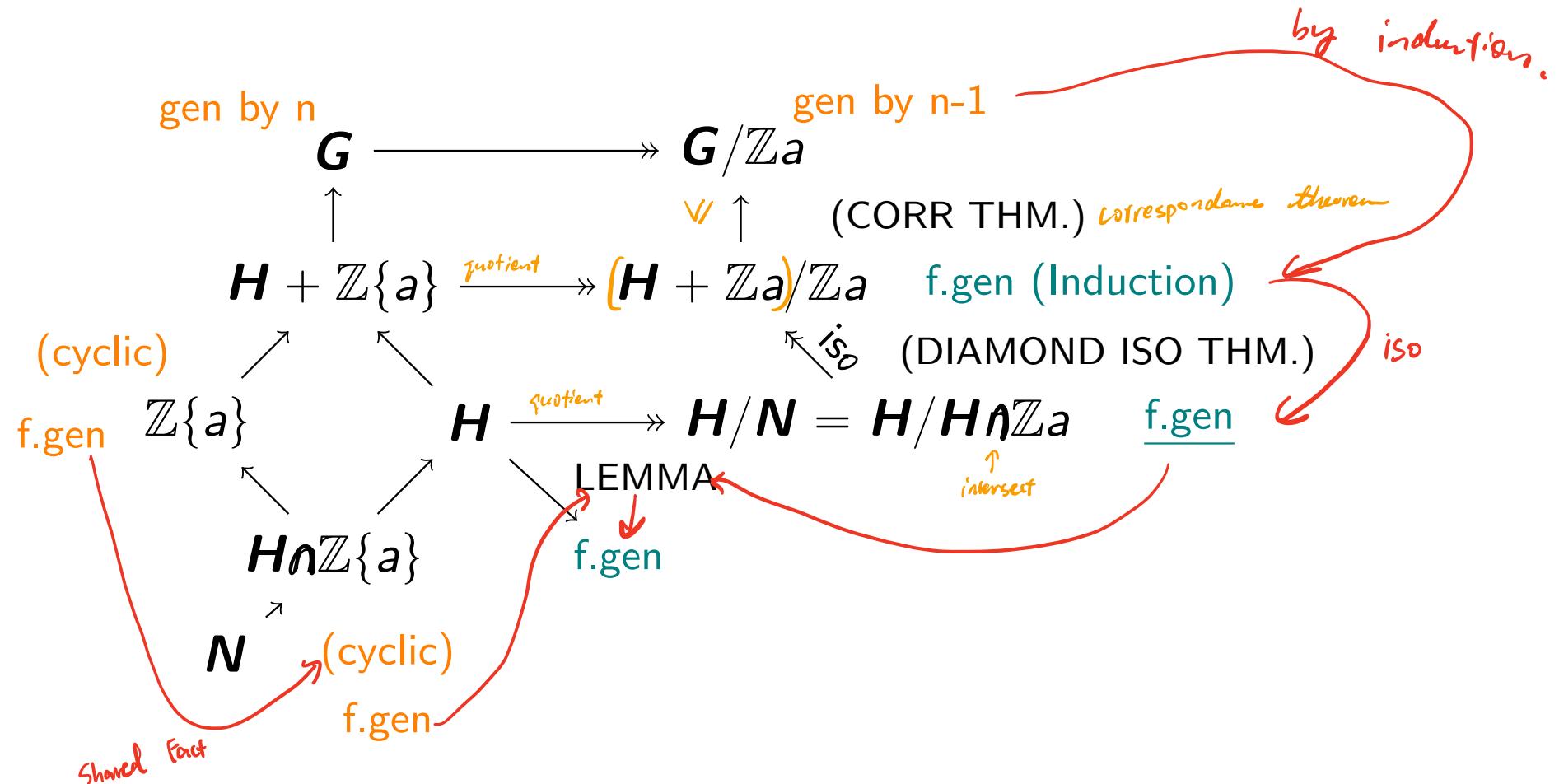
we showed  $\Rightarrow H$  is cyclic (proved)

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Basically,  $G = \langle g \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$  has its subgroups to be cyclic.

# Induction Step

Induction Step:  $n \geq 2$



# Consequence of Proof

Consequence.

Step 1 ↴

Fact:  $\mathbf{G}$ -f.gen abelian  $\Rightarrow \exists m \neq 0, \Phi : \mathbb{Z}^m \rightarrow \mathbf{G}$  sury homomorphism

$$N = \ker(\Phi) \trianglelefteq G.$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{G} \cong \mathbb{Z}^m / N,$$

Thm:  $N$  is f.gen, so  $\exists n \neq 0, \bar{\alpha} : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow N$

sury hom.

image is  $N$

Consider  $\mathbb{Z}^n \xrightarrow{\bar{\alpha}} N \xrightarrow{i} \mathbb{Z}^m$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \downarrow \text{so } i \text{ exists} \\ \downarrow & & \uparrow \\ & & \alpha = i \cdot \bar{\alpha} \end{array}$$

$$\alpha(\mathbb{Z}^n) = N$$

$$\bar{\alpha}(\mathbb{Z}^n) = N, \text{ so } \uparrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{G} \cong \mathbb{Z}^m / \alpha(\mathbb{Z}^n) \xrightarrow{L_A(\mathbb{Z}^n)}$$

For some  $A \in \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{Z})$

STEP 3 in the following

STEP 2 DONE!

# Studying the Homomorphism from $\mathbb{Z}^n$ to $\mathbb{Z}^m$

Observe:  $\mathbf{A} \in \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{Z})$ , define

$$L_{\mathbf{A}} : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^m \text{ by } \mathbf{A} = (a_{ij}), a_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$L_{\mathbf{A}}((c_1, \dots, c_n)) := \left( \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j}c_j, \sum_{j=1}^n a_{2j}c_j, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^n a_{mj}c_j \right)$$

i.e.  $L_{\mathbf{A}} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{A} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} \in \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_m \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{Z}^m$

Claim:  $L_{\mathbf{A}}$  is a homomorphism.

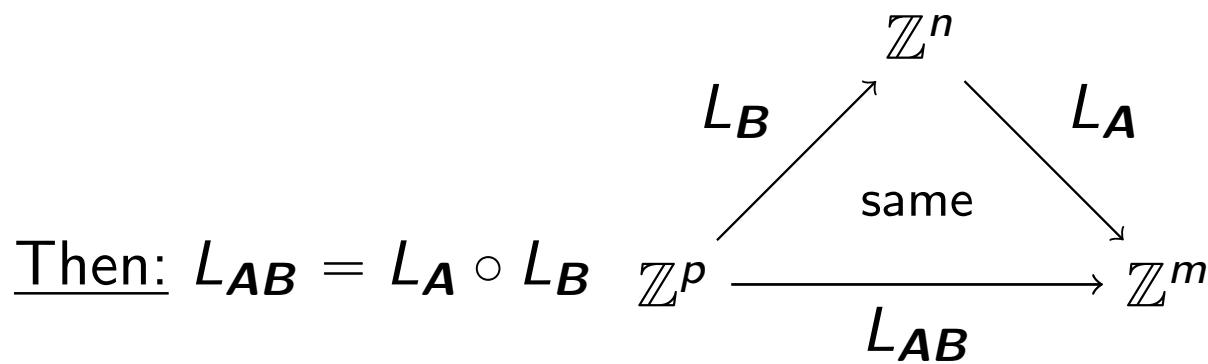
# Studying the Homomorphism from $\mathbb{Z}^n$ to $\mathbb{Z}^m$

To find out what this matrix is, we can plug in some a "standard basis" to  $\alpha$ .

Also, any homomorphism  $\alpha : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^m$  is equal to  $L_A$  for a unique  $A \in \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{Z})$

Furthermore  $A \in \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{Z})$

$B \in \text{Mat}_{m \times p}(\mathbb{Z})$



Then:  $L_{AB} = L_A \circ L_B$

# Studying the Homomorphism from $\mathbb{Z}^n$ to $\mathbb{Z}^m$

previously its just hom.

Rem: Suppose  $L_A : \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^m$  is an isomorphism [ $A \in \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{Z})$ ]

Then  $(L_A)^{-1} : \mathbb{Z}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^n$  is also an isomorphism  
 $\parallel$   
 $L_B$  for some  $B \in \text{Mat}_{n \times m}(\mathbb{Z})$

$$L_{BA} = L_B \circ L_A = id_{\mathbb{Z}^n} \quad L_A \circ L_B = id_{\mathbb{Z}^m}$$
$$\parallel \qquad \qquad \qquad \parallel$$
$$L_I \qquad \qquad \qquad L_I$$

Corr:  $\mathbb{Z}^m \cong \mathbb{Z}^m$   
 $m = n$   
 $\Rightarrow \cancel{m \times n}$

$$\Rightarrow AB = I, I = AB \xrightarrow[\text{(over } \mathbb{R})]{\text{Lin Alg.}} m = n, \text{ so } B = A^{-1}$$

# Smith Normal Form

## Smith Normal Form

[When  $\mathbf{A} \in \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{Z})$ ],  $\mathbf{A}$  is in Smith normal form if

$$\mathbf{A} = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_s), d_1 \leq 0, d_i | d_{i+1}$$

$$S = \min(m, n)$$

eg.  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & 3 & & 0 & \\ & & 12 & & \\ 0 & & & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

# Smith Normal Form

Prop: If  $\mathbf{A} = \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_s) \in \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{Z})$  [Smith Normal Form]

$$\mathbb{Z}^m / L_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbb{Z}^n) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}_{d_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}_{d_s} \times \mathbb{Z}^{m-s} = \mathbf{G}$$

Proof:  $\mathbb{Z}^m \xrightarrow{\varphi} \mathbf{G}$  by

$$(x_1, \dots, x_s, x_{s+1}, \dots, x_m) \mapsto ([x_1]_{d_1}, \dots, [x_s]_{d_s}, \underline{x_{s+1}, \dots, x_m})$$

This is surjective,  $\ker \varphi = L_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbb{Z}^n)$  by iso, is full

means:  $x_{s+1}, \dots, x_m$  are all zero.

and  $x_i \equiv 0 \pmod{d_i}$  for  $i=1, \dots, s$ .

$\therefore \ker(\varphi) = \text{linear comb of } \mathbb{Z}^n = L_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbb{Z}^n)$

# Smith Normal Form

Prop: If  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(\mathbb{Z})$

$\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}$   $\mathbb{Z}$  – invertible

then  $\mathbb{Z}^m / L_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbb{Z}^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}^m / L_{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbb{Z}^n)$ .

Say that  $\mathbf{A} \backsim \mathbf{B}$  "equivalent".

$$\Pi_{\mathbf{A}} : \mathbb{Z}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^m / L_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbb{Z}^n)$$

$$\Pi_{\mathbf{B}} : \mathbb{Z}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^m / L_{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbb{Z}^n)$$

# Smith Normal Form

Pf: Consider

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \varphi = \Pi_{\mathbf{A}} \circ L_{p^{-1}} & & \\ & \nearrow & & \searrow & \\ \mathbb{Z}^m & \xrightarrow[L_{p^{-1}}]{\simeq} & \mathbb{Z}^m & \xrightarrow{\Pi_{\mathbf{A}}} & \mathbb{Z}^m / L_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbb{Z}^n) \\ \downarrow & & \searrow & & \\ \mathbb{Z}^m / \ker \varphi & & & \geqslant \text{Iso. Thm} & \end{array}$$

Claim:  $\ker \varphi = L_{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbb{Z}^n)$

# Smith Normal Form

$$\begin{aligned} x \in \ker \varphi &\iff P_x^{-1} \in \ker \Pi_A \\ &\iff P_x^{-1} = A y \text{ for some } y \in \mathbb{Z}^n \\ &\iff P_x^{-1} = A Q z, \text{ for some } z \in \mathbb{Z}^n [z = Q^{-1}y] \\ &\iff x = PAQz = Bz \text{ for some } z \in \mathbb{Z}^n \\ &\iff x \in L_B(\mathbb{Z}^n) \end{aligned}$$