

## Recall

- $\varphi(n) = \# \{ i \in \mathbb{N}, 0 \leq i \leq n, \gcd(i, n) = 1 \}$
- if  $g \in G$  of order  $n$  the generators of  $\langle g \rangle$  are the powers  $g^i$  w/  $\gcd(i, n) = 1$

Thm:

- any subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic
- if  $|\langle g \rangle| = \text{ord}(g) = n$ ,  
then  $\text{ord}(g^i) = \frac{n}{\gcd(n, i)}$   
and in particular if  $i \mid n$  ( $i$  divs.  $n$ )  
then  $\text{ord}(g^i) = \frac{n}{i}$
- the subgroups of  $\langle g \rangle$   
all have size dividing  $n$ .
- if  $k \mid n$  then there is exactly one  
subgroup of size  $k$  (generated by  $g^{(n/k)}$ )

- The number of elements in  $\langle g \rangle$  that have order  $n$ , is exactly  $\varphi(n)$ .

Also, any such  $n$  must divide  $n$ .

- $n = \sum_{d|n} \varphi(d)$

Ex  $\mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z}$

- $\langle \bar{1} \rangle = \langle \bar{11} \rangle = \langle \bar{5} \rangle = \langle \bar{7} \rangle$  size 12
- $\langle \bar{2} \rangle = \langle \bar{10} \rangle$  6
- $\langle \bar{3} \rangle = \langle \bar{9} \rangle$  4
- $\langle \bar{4} \rangle = \langle \bar{8} \rangle$  3
- $\langle \bar{6} \rangle$  2
- $\langle \bar{0} \rangle$  1

$$12 = \underset{12}{4} + \underset{6}{2} + \underset{4}{2} + \underset{3}{2} + \underset{2}{1} + \underset{1}{1} = 12$$

## Products + Cyclicity

Ex:  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  has 6 elements and it is a group.  
 $\bar{0}, \bar{1}$                        $\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}$

is it cyclic?

$$\langle (\bar{0}, \bar{0}) \rangle = \{ (\bar{0}, \bar{0}) \}$$

$$\langle (\bar{1}, \bar{1}) \rangle = \{ (\bar{1}, \bar{1}), (\bar{2}, \bar{2}), (\bar{3}, \bar{3}), (\bar{4}, \bar{4}), (\bar{5}, \bar{5}), (\bar{6}, \bar{6}) \}$$

size 6 (the whole group)

so  $(\bar{1}, \bar{1})$  is a generator of  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ , so this group is cyclic.

if we try  $(\bar{a}, \bar{b})$ , we get

$$(\bar{a}, \bar{b}), (\bar{2a}, \bar{2b}), (\bar{3a}, \bar{3b}), (\bar{4a}, \bar{4b}), (\bar{5a}, \bar{5b}), (\bar{6a}, \bar{6b})$$

In order for the elts. to be different, we need  $\gcd(a, 2) = 1$  &  $\gcd(b, 3) = 1$

$$\bar{a} = \bar{1}$$

$$\bar{b} = \bar{1} \text{ or } \bar{b} = \bar{2}$$



Check:

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} (\bar{1}, \bar{2}), (\bar{2}, \bar{4}), (\bar{3}, \bar{6}), (\bar{4}, \bar{8}), (\bar{5}, \bar{10}), (\bar{6}, \bar{12}) \\ \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ (\bar{0}, \bar{1}) & & (\bar{1}, \bar{0}) & & (\bar{0}, \bar{2}) & & (\bar{1}, \bar{1}) & & (\bar{0}, \bar{0}) \end{array}$$

Ex:  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$   
 $\overline{0}, \overline{1}$                        $\overline{0}, \overline{1}, \overline{2}, \overline{3}$

$(\bar{a}, \bar{b})$  gives,

$(\bar{a}, \bar{b}), (2\bar{a}, 2\bar{b}), \dots, (8\bar{a}, 8\bar{b})$  these are not all  
 $(\bar{0}, \bar{0})$  different because  
 $(4\bar{a}, 4\bar{b}) = (\bar{0}, \bar{0})$

$$\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z} \quad (\bar{a}, \bar{b}) \dots (\bar{12}a, \bar{12}b)$$

Thm:  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is cyclic

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{lcm}(m,n) = m \cdot n \Leftrightarrow \text{gcd}(m,n) = 1$$

Suppose  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$

then  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is a cyclic group,  
with  $m \times n$  elts.

$$\text{so } \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}/mn\mathbb{Z}$$

How does this work?

$$\text{Ex: } \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \stackrel{?}{=} \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$$

$(\bar{0}, \bar{0})$	Preserve addition	$\bar{0}$
$(\bar{1}, \bar{1})$		$\bar{1}$
$(\bar{0}, \bar{2}) = (\bar{2}, \bar{2})$		$\bar{2}$
$(\bar{1}, \bar{0}) = (\bar{3}, \bar{3})$		$\bar{3}$
$(\bar{0}, \bar{1}) = (\bar{4}, \bar{4})$		$\bar{4}$
$(\bar{1}, \bar{2}) = (\bar{5}, \bar{5})$		$\bar{5}$

Could have:  
sent  $(\bar{1})$  to any  
generator of  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$

So, we also could have sent the generator  $T$ ,  
to the generator  $(\bar{1}, \bar{2})$

(This is a generator, because it was watched  
with the generator  $(\bar{5})$ )

$$(\bar{0}, \bar{0}) \longleftrightarrow \bar{0}$$

$$(\bar{1}, \bar{2}) \longleftrightarrow \bar{1}$$

$$(\bar{0}, \bar{1}) = (\bar{2}, \bar{4}) \quad \bar{2}$$

$$(\bar{1}, \bar{0}) = (\bar{3}, \bar{6}) \quad \bar{3}$$

$$(\bar{0}, \bar{2}) = (\bar{4}, \bar{8}) \quad \bar{4}$$

$$(\bar{1}, \bar{1}) = (\bar{5}, \bar{10}) \quad \bar{5}$$