

Exercise

Let G be a group and let $\text{Aut}(G) = \{\text{automorphisms of } G\}$.

For $b \in G$, let $\text{ad}_b \in \text{Aut}(G)$, $\text{ad}_b(c) = bcb^{-1}$ ($\forall c \in G$)

Show that:

1) $\text{Aut}(G)$ is a group.

2) $\{\text{ad}_b \mid b \in G\} \triangleleft \text{Aut}(G)$

3) $\phi: G \rightarrow \{\text{ad}_b \mid b \in G\}$, $b \mapsto \text{ad}_b$ is a homomorphism.

1) Let $x, y \in G$ and $f, g \in \text{Aut}(G)$. If $x \neq y$, then $g(x) \neq g(y)$
 $f(g(x)) \neq f(g(y))$ i.e. $(f \circ g)(x) \neq (f \circ g)(y)$ because f, g are injective.

Let $a \in G$. f is surjective so there exists $\alpha \in G$ s.t. $f(\alpha) = a$. Furthermore, g is also surjective so there exists $\beta \in G$ s.t. $g(\beta) = \alpha$. Thus $a = f(\alpha) = f(g(\beta)) = (f \circ g)(\beta)$.
 Therefore $f \circ g: G \rightarrow G$ is bijective.

Indeed for all $x, y \in G$

$$(f \circ g)(xy) = f(g(xy)) = f(g(x)g(y)) = f(g(x))f(g(y)) = (f \circ g)(x)(f \circ g)(y)$$

$\therefore f \circ g \in \text{Aut}(G)$.

Let $(f_1, g_1), (f_2, g_2) \in \text{Aut}(G) \times \text{Aut}(G)$ with $(f_1, g_1) = (f_2, g_2)$

Then for all $x \in G$, $(f_1 \circ g_1)(x) = (f_2 \circ g_2)(x)$ $\iff f_1 = f_2$ and $g_1 = g_2$

Hence, $\rho: \text{Aut}(G) \times \text{Aut}(G) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(G)$ is well-defined.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (f, g) & \longmapsto & f \circ g \end{array}$$

Now I will show that $\text{Aut}(G)$ is a group with the operation \circ .

(i) Associativity

Let $f, g, h \in \text{Aut}(G)$. For all $x \in G$.

$$\begin{aligned} (f \circ (g \circ h))(x) &= f((g \circ h)(x)) = f(g(h(x))) = (f \circ g)(h(x)) \\ &= ((f \circ g) \circ h)(x) \quad \therefore \underline{f \circ (g \circ h) = (f \circ g) \circ h} \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Identity

The identity element of $\text{Aut}(G)$ is the identity map

$$\text{id}: G \rightarrow G \quad \text{Indeed, for all } x \in G, f \in \text{Aut}(G)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & \\ x & \mapsto & x \end{array}$$

$$(f \circ \text{id})(x) = f(\text{id}(x)) = f(x) = \text{id}(f(x)) = (\text{id} \circ f)(x) \quad \therefore \underline{f \circ \text{id} = \text{id} \circ f = f}$$

(iii) Inverse

The inverse element of $f \in \text{Aut}(G)$ is $f^{-1} \in \text{Aut}(G)$

(There is the inverse map f^{-1} of f because f is bijective and f^{-1} is also bijective)

$$\text{Indeed, for all } x \in G \quad (f \circ f^{-1})(x) = f(f^{-1}(x)) = x = \text{id}(x) \quad \therefore \underline{f \circ f^{-1} = \text{id}}$$

Therefore $\text{Aut}(G)$ is a group. \square

2) (i) $\{ad_b \mid b \in G\}$ is a subgroup of $\text{Aut}(G)$

$$\begin{aligned} (ad_a \circ ad_b)(x) &= ad_a(ad_b(x)) = ad_a(bxb^{-1}) = a(bxb^{-1})a^{-1} \\ &= (ab)x(ab)^{-1} = \underline{ad_{ab}(x)} \in \{ad_c \mid c \in G\} \quad (x \in G) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Indeed, } \underline{ad_a \circ ad_b \in \{ad_c \mid c \in G\}}$$

The identity element is ad_e (e : the identity of G)

Indeed, for all $x \in G$, $ad_b \in \{ad_b \mid b \in G\}$

$$(ad_b \circ ad_e)(x) = ad_b(ad_e(x)) = ad_b(exe^{-1}) = ad_b(x) = e(ad_b(x))e^{-1}$$

$$(\because e^{-1} = e, exe^{-1} = x) \quad = (ad_e \circ ad_b)(x)$$

$$\therefore \text{ad}_b \circ \text{ad}_e = \text{ad}_e \circ \text{ad}_b = \text{ad}_b$$

The inverse element of ad_b is $\text{ad}_{b^{-1}}$

Indeed for all $x \in G$.

$$(\text{ad}_b \circ \text{ad}_{b^{-1}})(x) = \text{ad}_b(b^{-1}xb) = b(b^{-1}xb)b^{-1} = x = \text{ad}_e(x) \quad ((b^{-1})^{-1} = b)$$

(ii) $\{\text{ad}_b \mid b \in G\}$ is a normal subgroup of $\text{Aut}(G)$

Let $\sigma \in \{\text{ad}_b \mid b \in G\}$, $\tau \in \text{Aut}(G)$. Then there exists $g \in G$.

s.t. $\sigma = \text{ad}_g$. For all $x \in G$.

$$\begin{aligned} (\tau \circ \text{ad}_g \circ \tau^{-1})(x) &= \tau(\text{ad}_g(\tau^{-1}(x))) = \tau(g\tau^{-1}(x)g^{-1}) \\ &= \tau(g)x \cdot \tau(g^{-1}) = \tau(g)x(\tau(g))^{-1} = \text{ad}_{\tau(g)}(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\tau \circ \text{ad}_g \circ \tau^{-1} = \text{ad}_{\tau(g)} \in \{\text{ad}_b \mid b \in G\}$$

$\therefore \{\text{ad}_b \mid b \in G\} \triangleleft \text{Aut}(G)$

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3) Let $x, y \in G$. For all $z \in G$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ad}_{xy}(z) &= (xy)z(xy)^{-1} = (xy)z(y^{-1}x^{-1}) = x(yzy^{-1})x^{-1} \\ &= x(\text{ad}_y(z))x^{-1} = \text{ad}_x(\text{ad}_y(z)) = (\text{ad}_x \circ \text{ad}_y)(z) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{ad}_{xy} = \text{ad}_x \circ \text{ad}_y$$

Then. $\phi(xy) = \text{ad}_{xy} = \text{ad}_x \circ \text{ad}_y = \phi(x) \circ \phi(y)$. Indeed.

ϕ is a homomorphism.

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