

Fundamental theorem of finite Abelian group

Theorem: Every finite Abelian group is direct product of cyclic groups of prime-power order. Moreover, the factorization is unique except for rearrangements of the factors.

In other words, Every finite abelian group is direct product of cyclic groups of prime-power order. Moreover, the number of terms in the product & the orders of the cyclic groups are uniquely determined by the group.

The above theorem says, that

$$G \cong Z_{p_1^{n_1}} \oplus Z_{p_2^{n_2}} \oplus \dots \oplus Z_{p_k^{n_k}} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where p_i 's are not necessarily distinct primes and the prime powers $p_1^{n_1}, p_2^{n_2}, \dots, p_k^{n_k}$ are uniquely determined by G .

where G is finite abelian group

* Representation of group in above form (1) is called determining the isomorphism class of G .

(How it comes)

(1) Using every cyclic group of order n is $\cong Z_n$
So, cyclic group of prime-power order
say $p_i^{k_i} \cong Z_{p_i^{k_i}}$

In above theorem, then every cyclic group of prime power order is $\cong Z_{p_i^{k_i}}$

The Isomorphism classes of Abelian group of order p^k , where p is prime, ~~order~~ $1 \leq k \leq 4$

Let $|G| = p^k$, where p is prime
 $1 \leq k \leq 4$

and G be finite abelian group.

There is one group of order p^k for each set of positive integers whose ~~order~~ sum is k (such a set is called a partition of k) i.e

$k = n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_t$
 where each n_i is a positive integer, then

$$\mathbb{Z}_{p^{n_1}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{n_2}} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{n_t}}$$

is an Abelian group of order p^k .

Order of G

Partitions of k

Possible direct products for G

p^1
 p^2

1

2

$1+1$

$\mathbb{Z}_p$

$\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$

$\mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p$

p^3

3

$2+1$

$1+1+1$

$\mathbb{Z}_{p^3}$

$\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p$

$\mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p$

p^4

4

$3+1$

$2+2$

$2+1+1$

$1+1+1+1$

$\mathbb{Z}_{p^4}$

$\mathbb{Z}_{p^3} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p$

$\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$

$\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p$

$\mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p$

Example
 $p^4 = 5^4$

Order

partitions of k

Possible direct products for G .

5^1

1

Z_5

5^2

2

Z_{5^2}

$1+1$

$Z_5 \oplus Z_5$

5^3

3

Z_{5^3}

$2+1$

$Z_{5^2} \oplus Z_5$

$1+1+1$

$Z_5 \oplus Z_5 \oplus Z_5$

5^4

4

Z_{5^4}

$3+1$

$Z_{5^3} \oplus Z_5$

$2+2$

$Z_{5^2} \oplus Z_{5^2}$

$2+1+1$

$Z_{5^2} \oplus Z_5 \oplus Z_5$

$1+1+1+1$

$Z_5 \oplus Z_5 \oplus Z_5 \oplus Z_5$

Remark:

The uniqueness portion of fundamental theorem guarantees that distinct partitions of k yield distinct isomorphism classes.

example: In above example

~~say order~~ order say 5^3

has distinct partition of k has distinct isomorphism classes

$Z_{5^2} \oplus Z_5 \not\cong Z_5 \oplus Z_5 \oplus Z_5$ (for partition of 3)
 $2+1$
 $1+1+1$

because $Z_{5^2} \not\cong Z_5 \oplus Z_5$

(using result: ① If A is finite
 $A \oplus B \cong A \oplus C \Leftrightarrow B \cong C$)
 ② Two Abelian groups are isomorphic
 $\Leftrightarrow$ they have same number of elements of each order.)

The Isomorphism classes of Abelian group of order n

Constructing all Abelian groups of certain order n where n has two or more distinct prime divisors.
i.e. $n = p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \dots p_k^{n_k}$, n is prime-power decomposition.

Take $n = 1176$
 $= 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 7^2$

Now consider 2^3 , it is of form p^k
corresponding to 2^3 , the isomorphism classes, we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 2^3 & \rightarrow & \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 2+1 \\ 1+1+1 \end{array} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} Z_8 & \xrightarrow{\text{(written as)}} & Z_8 \\ Z_4 \oplus Z_2 & \xrightarrow{\text{(written as)}} & Z_4 \oplus Z_2 \\ Z_2 \oplus Z_2 \oplus Z_2 & & \end{array}$$

Now,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 3^1 & \rightarrow & 1 \\ 7^2 & \rightarrow & \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 1+1 \end{array} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} Z_3 & & \\ Z_7^2 & \xrightarrow{\text{(written as)}} & Z_{49} \\ Z_7 \oplus Z_7 & & \end{array}$$

∴ Complete list of distinct isomorphism classes of Abelian groups of order 1176 is

$$\begin{aligned} & Z_8 \oplus Z_3 \oplus Z_{49} \\ & Z_8 \oplus Z_3 \oplus Z_7 \oplus Z_7 \\ & Z_4 \oplus Z_2 \oplus Z_3 \oplus Z_{49} \\ & Z_4 \oplus Z_2 \oplus Z_3 \oplus Z_7 \oplus Z_7 \\ & Z_2 \oplus Z_2 \oplus Z_2 \oplus Z_3 \oplus Z_{49} \\ & Z_2 \oplus Z_2 \oplus Z_2 \oplus Z_3 \oplus Z_7 \oplus Z_7 \end{aligned}$$