

*Krull – Schmidt Theorem*

Suppose that  $G$  satisfies both *ACCN*, *DCCN*, and

$$G = G_1 \times G_2 \times \cdots \times G_s = H_1 \times H_2 \times \cdots \times H_t$$

, where  $G_i, H_i$  are indecomposable.

Then (1)  $s = t$  (2) there exists  $\sigma \in S_t$  such that for each  $r \leq t$ ,

$$G = G_{\sigma(1)} \times G_{\sigma(2)} \times \cdots \times G_{\sigma(r)} \times H_{r+1} \times H_{r+2} \times \cdots \times H_t$$

and  $G_{\sigma(i)} \cong H_i$  for  $i \leq r$ .

ex:  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 (= \{(a, b, c) | a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_2\})$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \langle (0, 1, 1) \rangle \times \langle (1, 0, 1) \rangle \times \langle (1, 1, 0) \rangle \\ &= \langle (1, 0, 0) \rangle \times \langle (0, 1, 0) \rangle \times \langle (0, 0, 1) \rangle \\ &= \langle (1, 0, 1) \rangle \times \langle (0, 1, 0) \rangle \times \langle (0, 0, 1) \rangle \\ &= \langle (1, 0, 1) \rangle \times \langle (1, 1, 0) \rangle \times \langle (0, 0, 1) \rangle \\ &= \langle (1, 0, 1) \rangle \times \langle (1, 1, 0) \rangle \times \langle (0, 1, 1) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Prove: Suppose that there exists  $1 \leq r \leq \min(s, t)$  and an injection

$$\sigma : \{1, 2, \dots, r-1\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, s\}$$

such that

$$G = G_{\sigma(1)} \times G_{\sigma(2)} \times \cdots \times G_{\sigma(r-1)} \times H_r \times H_{r+1} \times \cdots \times H_t$$

and  $G_{\sigma(i)} \cong H_i$  for  $i \leq r-1$ .

For example,  $r = 1$  then  $G = H_1 \times H_2 \times \cdots \times H_t$ .

Reordering  $G_i$  s.t.  $G = G'_1 \times G'_2 \times \cdots \times G'_s$  where  $G'_i = G_{\sigma(i)}$  for  $i \leq r-1$ .

Write  $G = G''_1 \times G''_2 \times \cdots \times G''_{r-1} \times \cdots \times G''_t$  where  $G''_i = G'_i = G_{\sigma(i)}$

if  $i \leq r-1$  and  $G''_j = H_j$  if  $j \geq r$ .

Let  $\Pi'_i = G \rightarrow G'_i \subseteq G$  be the projections. ( viewed as in  $End(G)$  )

Note

$$\Pi_r'' \cdot 1_G = \Pi_r''(\Pi_1' + \Pi_2' + \cdots + \Pi_s') = 0 + 0 + \cdots + \Pi_r''\Pi_r' + \Pi_r''\Pi_{r+1}' + \cdots + \Pi_r''\Pi_s'$$

Since  $\Pi_r'' \upharpoonright_1 H_r = I_{H_r}$  is not a nilpotent in  $End(H_r)$ ,  $\Pi_r''\Pi_j' \upharpoonright_{H_r}$  is not nilpotent for some  $j \geq r$ .

Note  $\Pi_r''\Pi_j' \upharpoonright_{H_r} \in Aut(H_r)$ .

Hence  $\Pi_j' \upharpoonright_{H_r}: H_r \rightarrow G_j'$  is one to one and  $\Pi_r'' \upharpoonright_{G_j'}: G_j' \rightarrow H_r$  is onto.

Note for  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\Pi_r''(\Pi_j'\Pi_r'')^n\Pi_j' \upharpoonright_{H_r} = (\Pi_r''\Pi_j')^{n+1} \upharpoonright_{H_r} \in Aut(H_r)$ .

Hence  $\Pi_j'\Pi_r'' \upharpoonright_{G_j'} \in End(G_j')$  is not nilpotent.

Thus  $\Pi_j'\Pi_r'' \upharpoonright_{G_j'} \in Aut(G_j')$

Hence  $\Pi_r'' \upharpoonright_{G_j'}: G_j' \rightarrow H_r$  is one to one and  $\Pi_j' \upharpoonright_{H_r}: H_r \rightarrow G_j'$  is onto.

We show  $H_j \cong G_j' = G_{u_j}$  for some

$$u_j \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\} - \{\sigma(1), \sigma(2), \dots, \sigma(r-1)\}.$$

Extend the definition of  $\sigma$  to  $\{1, 2, \dots, r\}$  with  $\sigma(r) = u_j$ . Then  $H_r \cong G_{\sigma(r)}$ .

claim:  $(G_{\sigma(1)} \times G_{\sigma(2)} \times \cdots \times G_{\sigma(r-1)} \times H_{r+1} \times \cdots \times H_t) \cap G_{\sigma(r)} = \{e\}$

If  $a \in (G_{\sigma(1)} \times G_{\sigma(2)} \times \cdots \times G_{\sigma(r-1)} \times H_{r+1} \times \cdots \times H_t) \cap G_{\sigma(r)}$ , then  $\Pi_r''(a) = e$  and  $a = e$  since  $\Pi_r'' \upharpoonright_{G_{\sigma(r)}}: G_{\sigma(r)} \rightarrow H_r$  is isomorphism.

Set  $G^* = G_{\sigma(1)} \times G_{\sigma(2)} \times \cdots \times G_{\sigma(r)} \times H_{r+1} \times \cdots \times H_t$ .

claim :  $G^* = G$

Define a function  $\theta : G \rightarrow G$  by  $\theta = \Pi_1'' + \Pi_2'' + \cdots + \Pi_{r-1}'' + \Pi_j'\Pi_r'' + \Pi_{r+1}'' + \cdots + \Pi_t''$ .

Note:

(1)  $\theta \in End(G)$ .

(2)  $Img(G) = G^*$ .

(3)  $\theta$  is one to one.

(4)  $\theta \in Aut(G)$ .

(5)  $G = G^*$ .

To the end,

if  $s \leq t$ ,

$$G = G_{\sigma(1)} \times G_{\sigma(2)} \times \cdots \times G_{\sigma(s)} \times H_{s+1} \times \cdots \times H_t = G_{\sigma(1)} \times G_{\sigma(2)} \times \cdots \times G_{\sigma(s)}$$

and  $s = t$ .

if  $t \leq s$ ,

$$G = G_{\sigma(1)} \times G_{\sigma(2)} \times \cdots \times G_{\sigma(t)} = G_1 \times G_2 \times \cdots \times G_s$$

and  $s = t$ .  $\square$