

Thm (Fundamental Theorem of Cyclic Groups) FTCCG

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2. Spss $|a| = n$ and $H \leq \langle a \rangle$.

NTS: $|H| \mid n$.

1. Every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic.
2. If $\langle a \rangle$ has order n , the order of every subgroup of $\langle a \rangle$ is a divisor of n .
3. For each divisor d of n , there exists exactly one subgroup of $\langle a \rangle$ of order d , namely $\langle a^{n/d} \rangle$.

from part 1, $H = \langle a^m \rangle$ where m is the smallest positive integer such that $a^m \in H$. from our previous theorem,

$$|H| = |\langle a^m \rangle| = |a^m| = \frac{n}{\gcd(n, m)}$$

\swarrow a divisor of n .

Thus $|H| \mid \underbrace{\gcd(n, m)}_{\text{integer}} = n$

so, $|H| \mid n$. \checkmark

existence and uniqueness

3. s.t. $|a| = n$ and suppose $d|n$, so $n = ds$ for some s .

$$s = \frac{n}{d}$$

earlier than

$$\text{Then } |\langle a^s \rangle| = |a^s| = \frac{n}{\gcd(n, s)} = \frac{n}{s} = d.$$

So $\langle a \rangle$ has a subgroup of order d . (existence)

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Now, for uniqueness, s.t. $H \leq \langle a \rangle$ has order d . (NTS! $H = \langle a^{\frac{n}{d}} \rangle$.)

We know $H = \langle a^m \rangle$ where m is smallest positive integer such that $a^m \in H$. (want $m = \frac{n}{d}$)

Then, $m|n$ because if $n = mq + r$ with $0 \leq r < m$,
$$e = a^n = a^{mq+r} = (a^m)^q a^r \Rightarrow a^r = (a^m)^{-q}$$

which implies $a^r \in H$ (by closure) so $r = 0$. \rightarrow so $n = mq$ i.e. $m|n$.

Thus $n = mq$ so $\gcd(m, n) = m$. Therefore,

$$d = |H| = |\langle a^m \rangle| = |a^m| = \frac{n}{\gcd(m, n)} = \frac{n}{m} \Rightarrow m = \frac{n}{d}$$

i.e. $H = \langle a^m \rangle = \langle a^{\frac{n}{d}} \rangle$, as desired. \checkmark