

# Jordan-Hölder

## X-Groups

let  $X$  be a set,

Def an  $X$ -group is a group  $G$ , together with  
a map of sets  $X \xrightarrow{\varphi} \text{End } G = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(G, G)$   
notation  $x \cdot g \equiv \varphi(x)(g)$

Associativity

$$x \cdot (gh) = (x \cdot g)(x \cdot h)$$

$$G \text{ abelian } \quad x \cdot (g+h) = x \cdot g + x \cdot h$$

Def  $G, H$  are  $X$ -gps,  $\varphi$   $X$ -gp hom  $f: G \rightarrow H$   
is a group hom s.t.  $f(x \cdot g) = x \cdot f(g) \quad \forall x \in X, g \in G.$

Def sub  $X$ -gp, normal sub  $X$ -gps  
 $\uparrow$   $X$ -closed subgroup.      "kr of  $X$ -gp hom

Standard gp isom thus hold

Ex

•  $R$  ring,  $M$  an  $R$ -mod then  $M$  is a  $R$ -gp

• If  $G$  is a group, it is an  $\phi$ -gp

$M, N$   $R$ -mods, then  $R$ -mod Hom from  $M$  to  $N$   
=  $R$ -gp " — "

$$f: M \rightarrow N$$

$$f(rm) = r f(m)$$

$$f(m+m') = f(m) + f(m')$$

Def a  $\downarrow$   $X$ -gp  $G$  is simple if no nontrivial normal sub  $X$ -gps.

Def An  $X$ -gp  $G$  has finite length if  $\exists$   
a sequence of sub- $X$ -gps "composition sequence"  
 $\longrightarrow (e) = G_0 \subset G_1 \subset \dots \subset G_n = G$

with  $G_{i-1} \triangleleft G_i$  and  $G_i/G_{i-1}$  simple.

given sequence as above, the gps  $G_i/G_{i-1}$  are the "composition factors",  $n = \text{length}$

Thm (Jordan-Hölder Theorem)  $G$  an  $X$ -group

If  $G$  has finite length, then any two composition series have same length, and composition factors are same up to reordering.

Pf:

Pf by induction on min'l length of a comp. series for  $G$   
if length = 1 done ✓

consider two comp. series, with first minimal.

$$(e) \quad C G_0 \subset \dots \subset G_n = G$$

$$(e) \quad C H_0 \subset \dots \subset H_m = G$$

considers  $K = G_{n-1} \cap H_{m-1} \triangleleft G$

case 1:  $G_{n-1} = H_{m-1}$  done by induction via  $G_{n-1}$   
( $\Rightarrow n-1 = m-1$ , same facts  
up to  $G_{n-1} = H_{m-1}$ ,  
...)

Since  $G_{n-1} \triangleleft G$   $H_{m-1} \triangleleft G$

consider images of  $G_{n-1}$  &  $H_{m-1}$  in  $G/K$   
images both normal

$$G_{n-1}/K = G_{n-1} / H_{m-1} \cap G_{n-1} \cong G_{n-1} H_{m-1} / H_{m-1}$$

$$\cong G / H_{m-1}$$

simple

since

$$G_{n-1} \neq H_{m-1}$$

both maximal normal

$H_{m-1}/K$  simple

Choose a comp series for  $K$

$$(e) = K_0 \subset K_1 \subset \dots \subset K_s = K$$

$$K_0 \subset K_1 \subset \dots \subset K_s \stackrel{K}{=} \subset G_{n-1} \subset G$$

also a comp series.

$\Rightarrow k_0 \subset \dots \subset k_s \subset G_{n-1}$  comp series

by inductive hyp since  $G_{n-1}$  has a shorter series than  $G$

this series has length  $n-1$

[ $\star$  need to justify:  $k$  has finite length]

and comp factors of  $k_0 \subset \dots \subset k_s \subset G_{n-1}$

same as in  $G_0 \subset \dots \subset G_{n-2} \subset G_{n-1}$

consider  $k_0 \subset \dots \subset k_s \subset H_{m-1} \subset H_m$

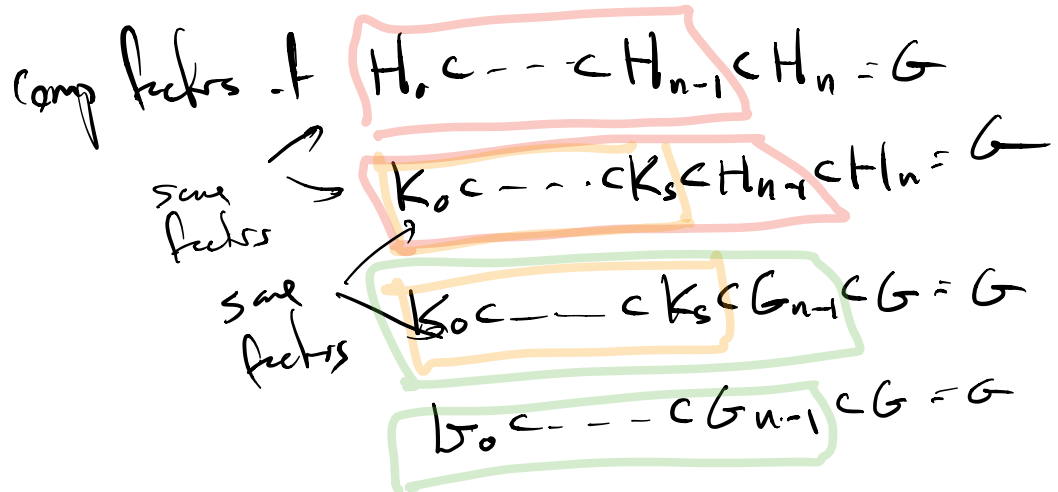
$$s = n-2$$

$\Rightarrow k_0 \subset \dots \subset k_s \subset H_{m-1}$  length  $n-1$

$\Rightarrow H_{m-1}$  has length  $< n$

$\Rightarrow H_{m-1}$  has well defined length & unique factors

$$\Rightarrow m-1 = n-1 \Rightarrow n = m$$



and done since  $H_n/H_{n-1} \cong G_{n-1}/K$

$G_n/G_{n-1} \cong H_{n-1}/K \quad \square$

For unjustified Claim

if  $G$  has finite length,  $K \triangleleft G$

then  $K$  has finite length

Skat w/  $G_0 \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft G_n \rightsquigarrow$  invariant w/  $K$

$(G_0 \cap K) \triangleleft (G_1 \cap K) \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft (G_n \cap K)$

$G_i/G_{i-1} \triangleleft (G_i \cap K)/G_{i-1} \cong G_i \cap K / G_{i-1} \cap K$

simple

$\Rightarrow G_{\text{in}}K / G_{\text{in}}K$  is simple on trivial.

so get a comp cover by erasing extra terms in sequence

Can J-H for finite groups

Can J-H for modules of finite length or a ring  
" Art + Noth.

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And now for something completely different

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Def A category  $\mathcal{C}$  consists of a collection of objects  $\text{ob}(\mathcal{C})$ , and for any pair of objects  $X, Y \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{C})$  a set of morphisms  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)$

together with:

- for each  $X \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{C})$  a distinguished morphism  $1_X \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)$
- a comp rule  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)$

s.t. Axioms:  
 (associativity, identities)

$$\text{Hom}_C(X, Z)$$

Def Opposite Category

Def A functor  $F: C \rightarrow D$  is a rule which associates to each object  $X \in C$  an object  $FX \in D$  & a collection of maps  $\text{Hom}_C(X, Y) \xrightarrow{F} \text{Hom}_D(FX, FY)$

$$f: X \rightarrow Y \quad Ff: FX \rightarrow FY$$

$$\text{s.t. } F(fg) = F(f)F(g)$$

$$F(1_X) = 1_{FX}$$

Def:  $F, G: C \rightarrow D$  functors, a nat has  $\alpha: F \Rightarrow G$  is a rule which associates to each  $X \in C$  a morphism

$$\alpha_X: F(X) \rightarrow G(X)$$

$$\text{i.e. } \alpha_X \in \text{Hom}_D(FX, GX)$$

s.t. if  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ , then the diagram



$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 FX & \xrightarrow{f} & FY \\
 \alpha_x \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha_y \\
 GX & \xrightarrow{g} & GY
 \end{array}$$

commutes.

Ex: Sets, Grps,  $\text{Fun}(C, D)$  are cats

↑  
objects = functors  
morphisms

$\text{Hom}_{\text{Fun}(C, D)}(F, G)$

↳ nat trans  $\alpha: F \Rightarrow G$

Ex:  $C$  a cat,  $X \in C$

$\text{Hom}_C(-, X)$  func  $C^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$

$\text{Hom}_C(X, -)$  func  $C \rightarrow \text{Sets}$

Ex:  $C$  cat

$C^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \text{Fun}(C, \text{Sets})$

$X \longmapsto \text{Hom}_C(X, -)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C} &\longrightarrow \text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \text{Sets}) \\ X &\longmapsto \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, X) = h_X \end{aligned}$$

Thm (Yoneda lemma)

for any cat  $\mathcal{C}$ , the functor  $h: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \text{Sets})$   
 $X \mapsto h_X$

is fully faithful

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_{\text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \text{Set})}(h_X, h_Y)$$