

- Recall that every subgroup A of \mathbf{Z} contains a unique generator $n \in \mathbf{N}$, which if $A \neq \{0\}$, is a basis of A . This gives a “classification” of the subgroups of \mathbf{Z} . Generalize this to find a classification of subgroups of \mathbf{Z}^n for $n > 1$. For example, if $n = 2$, show that every such A has a unique basis of one of the following types:

(a) $\beta = ((a, b), (0, d))$, where $a, d > 0$ and $0 \leq b < d$.

(b) $\beta = ((a, b))$, where $a > 0$.

(c) $\beta = ((0, b))$, where $b > 0$.

- Let A and be an $m \times n$ matrix with coefficients in \mathbf{Z} . Left multiplication A defines a homomorphism of groups $T_A: \mathbf{Z}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}^m$. Let G_A be the cokernel of this map. Thus A gives a presentation of the group G_A . Note that if there exist invertible matrices B and C such that $A' = BAC$. then $G_{A'}$ is isomorphic to G_A . As we saw in class, one can find B and C which are products of elementary matrices such that A' is a diagonal matrix, with entries (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_r) , where d_i divides d_{i+1} for all i . Then G_A is isomorphic to $\oplus_i \mathbf{Z}/d_i \mathbf{Z}$.

Prove that if $G = \oplus \mathbf{Z}/d_i \mathbf{Z}$ and G' is a quotient of G , then G' is isomorphic to $\oplus_i \mathbf{Z}/d'_i \mathbf{Z}$, where each d'_i divides d_i . Hint: It suffices to treat the case in which G' is the quotient of G by a cyclic subgroup generated by some g . In terms of a presentation, this means taking a diagonal matrix (d_1, \dots) as above, sticking on one additional column, and then doing elementary row and column operations to compute the new sequence (d'_1, \dots) .

You can use this to solve problem 43.