

I. Structure theorem for finitely generated abelian groups.

Thm. Let G be a finitely generated abelian group. Then

$$G \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{d_1\mathbb{Z}} \times \cdots \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{d_k\mathbb{Z}} \times \mathbb{Z}^t$$

for some positive integers $d_1 | d_2 | \cdots | d_k$ and t . The d_i and t are uniquely determined.

this means $d_i | d_{i+1}$ for each $i=1, \dots, k-1$

Def. With G as above, the elements of G with finite order form a subgroup isomorphic to $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{d_1\mathbb{Z}} \times \cdots \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{d_k\mathbb{Z}}$. This subgroup is called the **torsion part** of G . The elements of infinite order along with the identity element form a subgroup isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}^t . This subgroup is called the **free part** of G , and the number t is the **rank** of G .

The d_i are called the **elementary divisors** of G .

Lisurately sketch of proof: Let g_1, \dots, g_m be generators for G .

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Step 1

Define a mapping of groups

$$\begin{aligned} \phi: \mathbb{Z}^m &\longrightarrow G \\ e_i &\longmapsto g_i \end{aligned} \quad \text{where } e_i \text{ is the } i^{\text{th}} \text{ standard basis vector.}$$

We get a short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \ker \phi \xrightarrow{z} \mathbb{Z}^m \xrightarrow{\phi} G \longrightarrow 0.$$

We will prove a theorem later that says any subgroup of \mathbb{Z}^m is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}^n for some n . So $\exists \psi: \mathbb{Z}^n \xrightarrow{\sim} \ker \phi$ for some n , and using this isomorphism, we have a short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^n \xrightarrow{L} \mathbb{Z}^m \xrightarrow{\phi} G \longrightarrow 0$$

where $L = z \circ \psi$. We can think of L as the $m \times n$ integer matrix with j^{th} column Le_j , and $G \cong \mathbb{Z}^m / \text{im}(L)$.

Step 2 Multiplying L on the left by an element of $GL_n(\mathbb{Z})$ is the same as performing invertible integer row operations on L .
 Multiplying on the right by an element of $GL_m(\mathbb{Z})$ corresponds to invertible integer column operations.

Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ 2a+d & 2b+e & 2c+f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiplying causes the same thing to happen to $\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$.

Start with identity matrix and add $2 \times$ (first row) to the second.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a-3g & b-3h & c-3i \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$$

Start with the identity matrix and add $-3 \times$ (third row) to the first.

Performing these row and column operations corresponds to a change of " \mathbb{Z} -basis".

Step 3 Claim $\exists U \in GL_m(\mathbb{Z}), V \in GL_n(\mathbb{Z})$ such that $ULV = D$ (4)

where $D = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_n)$ with $d_1 | d_2 | \dots | d_k$.
diagonal matrix

In terms of mappings we have

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^n & \xrightarrow{L} & \mathbb{Z}^m & \longrightarrow & G \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow V^{-1} & & \downarrow U & & \downarrow \text{??} \quad \star \text{ see proposition below} \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{Z}^n & \xrightarrow{D} & \mathbb{Z}^m & \longrightarrow & \text{cok}(D) \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

Def. If $\phi: A \rightarrow B$ is a mapping of abelian groups, then the **cokernel** of ϕ is $\text{cok } \phi := B / \text{im } \phi$

Prop. \star Given a commutative diagram of abelian groups

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\phi} & B \\
 \alpha \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \beta \\
 C & \longrightarrow & D
 \end{array}$$

(i) \exists a mapping $\gamma: \text{cok } \phi \rightarrow \text{cok } \psi$ such that the

following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 B & \longrightarrow & \text{cok } \phi \\
 \beta \downarrow & & \downarrow \gamma \\
 C & \longrightarrow & \text{cok } \psi
 \end{array}$$

projection to quotient (pointing to β)
projection to quotient (pointing to γ)

(ii) If α and β are isomorphisms, so is γ .

Pf/ This will be HW, eventually. \square

Example

ops. I need to fix this matrix.

clear out first row using first column

row clear out first column using the first row

clear 2nd row

clear 2nd column

$$L: \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 14 & 21 \\ 35 & 73 & 117 \\ 7 & 20 & 66 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 35 & 73 & 117 \\ 7 & 20 & 66 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 12 \\ 0 & 6 & 45 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 21 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 21 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U: \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \\ 9 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V: \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So far: $ULV = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 21 \end{bmatrix}$. This shows $\text{col}(L) \approx \frac{\mathbb{Z}^3}{\text{span}_{\mathbb{Z}} \langle \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 21 \end{pmatrix} \rangle}$ $\text{im}(L)$

$$\approx \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{7\mathbb{Z}} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{3\mathbb{Z}} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{21\mathbb{Z}}$$

To put this in standard form, $d_1 | d_2 | d_3$ requires more row & column operations.

Note that $\mathbb{Z}_{7\mathbb{Z}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{3\mathbb{Z}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{21\mathbb{Z}} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{1\cdot 7} \times \mathbb{Z}_{(3\cdot 7)\mathbb{Z}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{21\mathbb{Z}}$ by the Chinese remainder theorem. (6)

So we can see the final form: $\text{col}(L) = \mathbb{Z}_{1\mathbb{Z}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{21\mathbb{Z}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{21\mathbb{Z}}$

and $d_1 = 1, d_2 = 21, d_3 = 21, t = 0$.

$$\cong \left(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{21\mathbb{Z}}\right)^2.$$

Shuffle To algorithmically rearrange the diagonal...

input: $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$

(i) Let $d = \gcd(a, b)$, and find u, v s.t. $d = ua + bv$.

d divides a

d divides b

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(ii) $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{row ops}} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ vb & b \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{row ops}} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ ua + vb & b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ d & b \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{row ops}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{a}{d} \cdot b \\ d & b \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{row ops}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{a}{d} \cdot b \\ d & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{row ops}}$

row operations: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{row ops}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ u & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{row ops}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{a}{d} \cdot u & -\frac{a}{d} \\ u & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

column operations: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{column ops}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ v & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{column ops}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{b}{d} \\ v & 1 - \frac{b}{d}v \end{bmatrix}$

swap rows, the negate 2nd row

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{a}{d} \cdot b \\ d & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} d & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{a}{d} b \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: d divides $\frac{a}{d} \cdot b$ since $d|b$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{a}{d} \cdot u & -\frac{a}{d} \\ u & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u & 1 \\ \frac{a}{d} \cdot u - 1 & \frac{a}{d} \end{bmatrix}$$

Final result:

$$\begin{bmatrix} u & 1 \\ \frac{a}{d} \cdot u - 1 & \frac{a}{d} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{b}{d} \\ v & 1 - \frac{b}{d} v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{a}{d} b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{b}{d} \\ v & 1 - \frac{b}{d} v \end{bmatrix}$$

Continuing our earlier example:

$$\begin{matrix} U' & L & V' & D' \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \\ 9 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 14 & 21 \\ 35 & 73 & 117 \\ 7 & 20 & 66 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 21 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rearrange

$$1 \cdot 7 + (-2) \cdot 3 = 1 \quad \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a}{d} u - 1 & 1 \\ u & \frac{a}{d} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{b}{d} \\ v & 1 - \frac{b}{d} v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 6 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 21 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 21 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 21 \end{bmatrix}$$

$U' L V'$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 6 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \\ 9 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & 0 \\ -29 & 7 & 0 \\ 9 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad V = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -17 & 5 \\ -2 & 7 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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U

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V

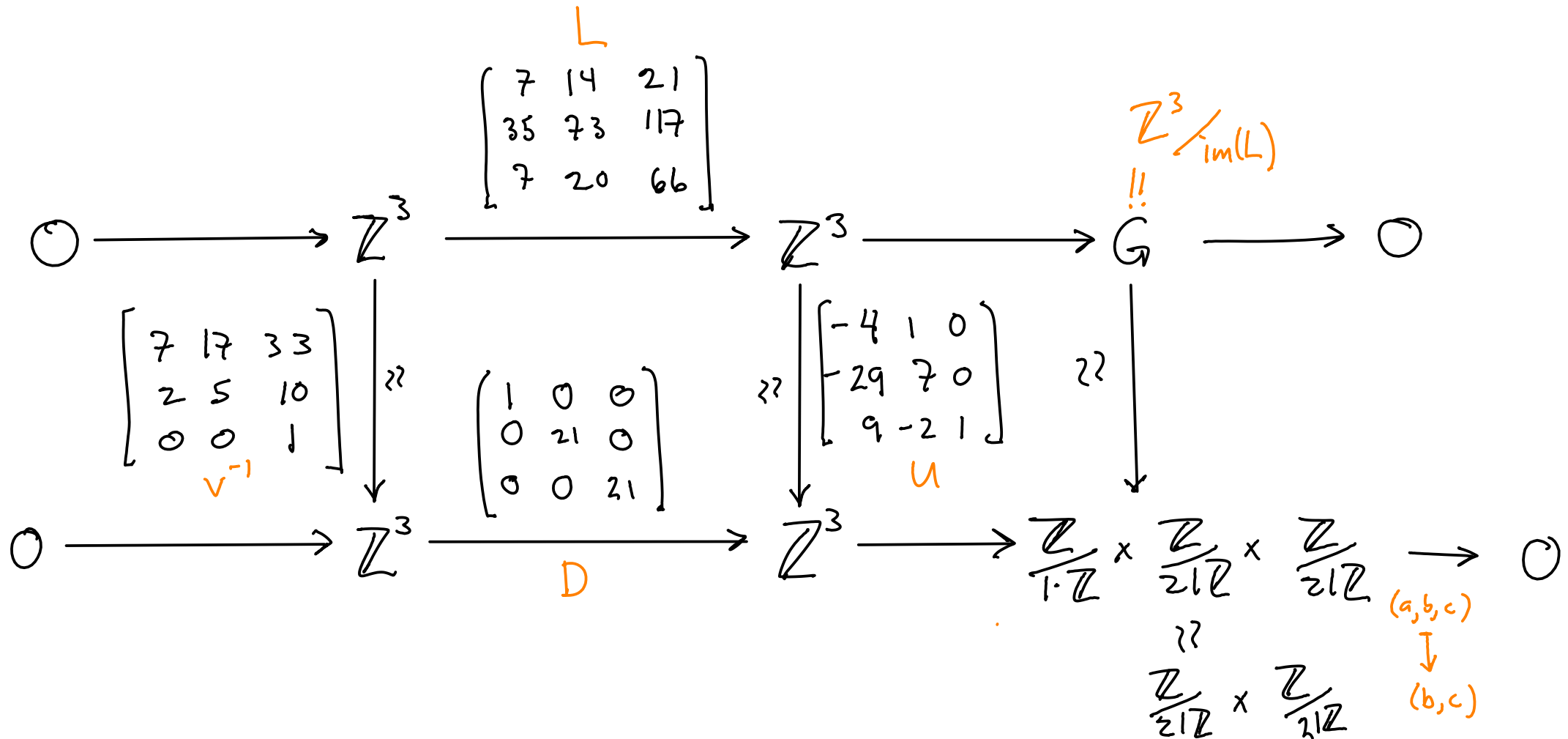
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elementary divisors:

1, 21, 21

rank: 0

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Remarks

* $ULV = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & & & \\ & \dots & & \\ & & d_n & \\ & & & \underbrace{0}_{\pm} \end{bmatrix}$ The rank of G is the dimension of the kernel of L as a matrix over \mathbb{Q} (or \mathbb{R}).
the cokernel of L

i.e. L has full rank

* If L is a square matrix and the rank of G is 0 , so $G \approx \mathbb{Z}_{d_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{d_n}$, then $|G| = d_1 \dots d_n = \det(ULV) = \det(U) \det(L) \det(V)$.
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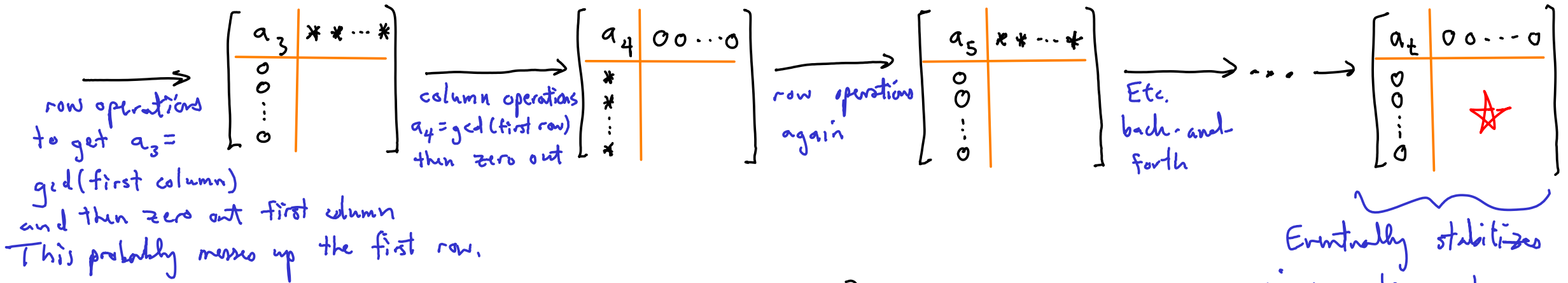
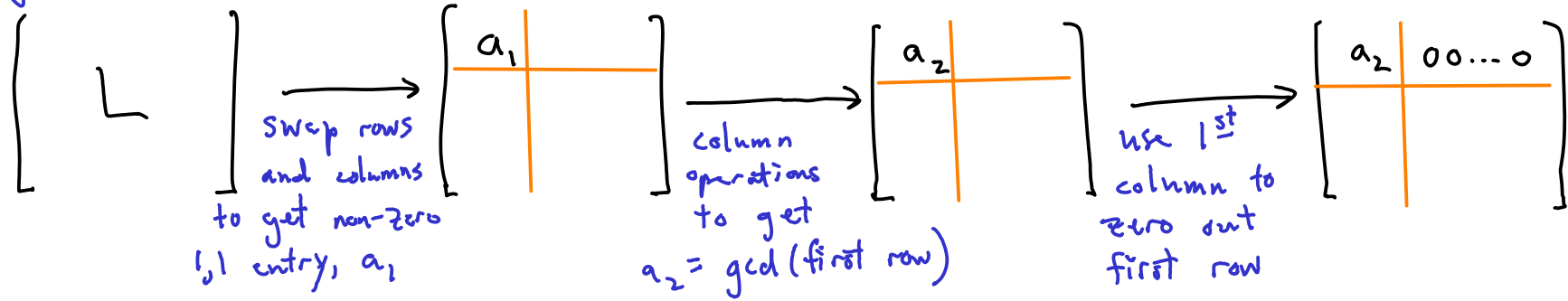
So $|G| = \pm \det L$.

* Over \mathbb{Q} or \mathbb{R} the cokernel is less interesting:

$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 21 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 21 \end{bmatrix}} \mathbb{R} \rightarrow 0$
over \mathbb{Q} or \mathbb{R} , $\text{coker}(L) = 0$, not $\mathbb{Z}_{21} \times \mathbb{Z}_{21}$.

Outline of General Smith Normal Form Algorithm

Step 1: Diagonalize



Eventually stabilizes since $a_2 | a_1, a_3 | a_2, a_4 | a_3, \dots$

Recurse on \star to get $\begin{bmatrix} a & & 0 \\ & b & \\ 0 & & c \\ & & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$, a diagonal matrix.

\star For most applications, you can stop here, having identified G as $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{a\mathbb{Z}} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{b\mathbb{Z}} \times \dots$.
 \star The Chinese remainder theorem lets you rearrange things to get $\prod_{i=1}^k \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{d_i\mathbb{Z}} \times \mathbb{Z}^t$ with $d_1 | \dots | d_k$. But if you're compelled to find the change of basis, read on.

Step 2: Elementary divisors.

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Recall the trick described above. If $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$ is given with $\gcd(a,b) = d$, write $d = au + bv$. Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} u & 1 \\ \frac{a}{d}u-1 & \frac{a}{d} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{b}{d} \\ v & 1-\frac{b}{d}v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{a}{d}b \end{bmatrix}$$

where $d \mid (\frac{a}{d}b)$. Thus,

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} u & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{a}{d}u-1 & \frac{a}{d} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & \vdots \\ & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} a & & 0 \\ & b & 0 \\ \hline 0 & & \vdots \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{b}{d} & 0 \\ v & 1-\frac{b}{d}v & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & \vdots \\ & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$= \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} d & 0 & \\ 0 & \frac{a}{d}b & \\ \hline & & \ddots \end{array} \right].$$

Repeating with pairs of diagonal elements eventually leads to $\begin{bmatrix} d_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & d_k \end{bmatrix}$ with $d_1 \mid d_2 \mid \dots \mid d_k$.