

# Tutorial 10

## Solution

# Q.1 Group or Not?

Is each of the following cases a group?

- a) Integers under addition
- b) Even numbers under addition
- c) Odd numbers under addition
- d) Integers under multiplication
- e) Multiples of 7 under addition
- f) Complex numbers under addition
- g) Complex numbers under multiplication
- h)  $2 \times 2$  real matrices under addition
- i)  $2 \times 2$  real matrices under multiplication

Pause and think:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvx9TnK85bw&list=PLi01XoE8jYoi3SgnnGorR\\_XOW3IcK-TP6&index=10](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvx9TnK85bw&list=PLi01XoE8jYoi3SgnnGorR_XOW3IcK-TP6&index=10)

## Q.1(Solution)

- a) Yes.
- b) Yes.
- c) No.
  - It violates the Closure property and there is no identity.
- d) No.
  - There are no inverses for elements other than 1 or  $-1$ .
- e) Yes.
- f) Yes.
- g) No.
  - 0 has no inverse.
- h) Yes.
- i) No.
  - There are no inverses for matrices with zero determinant.

## Q.2 Abelian or not?

□ Let  $G$  be the set of  $2 \times 2$  real matrices with non-zero determinant.

a) Is  $\langle G, + \rangle$  a group? If so, is it an Abelian group?

b) Is  $\langle G, \times \rangle$  a group? If so, is it an Abelian group?

## Q.2(Solution)

a) Not a group.

- It does not satisfy the closure property. For example,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  has zero determinant, thus not belonging to  $G$ .

b) Yes. Non-Abelian.

- For matrices,  $AB \neq BA$  in general.

## Q.3 Unit Circle on Complex Plane

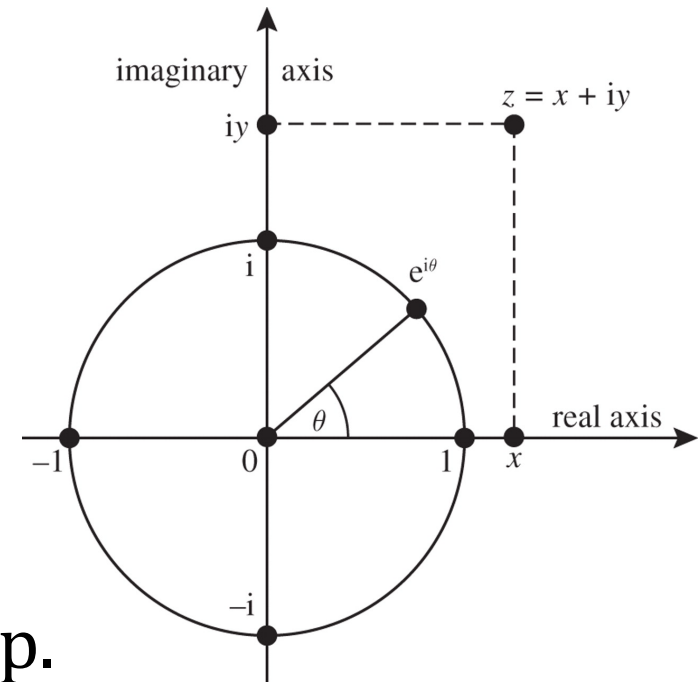
- Consider the set of complex numbers on the unit circle:

$$H = \{z \in \mathbb{C}: |z| = 1\}.$$

- Denote multiplication by  $\times$ .

- e.g.  $(1 + 2i)(3 - i)$   
 $= (3 + 2) + (6 - 1)i$   
 $= 5 + 5i.$

- Show that  $\langle H, \times \rangle$  forms a group.
- Does it have a subgroup of order 3? Why?



## Q.3 (Solution a)

Each element in  $H$  can be represented as  $e^{i\theta}$ .

We need to check that the four properties hold:

i. Closure:

- $e^{i\alpha}e^{i\beta} = e^{i(\alpha+\beta)} \in H$

ii. Identity: 1 is the identity element

- $e^{i\alpha}1 = 1e^{i\alpha} = e^{i\alpha}$

iii. Inverse:  $e^{-i\alpha}$  is the inverse of  $e^{i\alpha}$ .

- $e^{i\alpha}e^{-i\alpha} = e^{-i\alpha}e^{i\alpha} = 1$

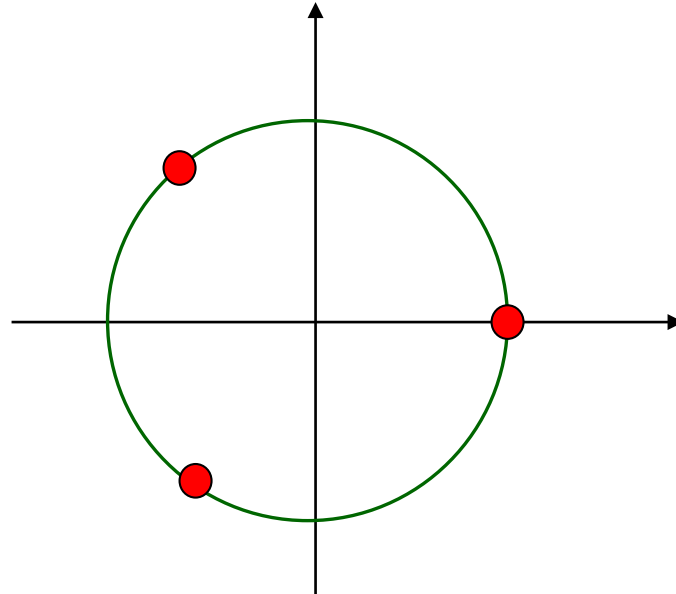
iv. Associativity:

- $(e^{i\alpha}e^{i\beta})e^{i\gamma} = e^{i\alpha}(e^{i\beta}e^{i\gamma}) = e^{i(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)}$

## Q.3 (Solution b)

□ Does it have a subgroup of order 3? Why?

- Yes.
- $\{1, e^{j2\pi/3}, e^{j4\pi/3}\}$



➤ Think: how about a subgroup of order 8?



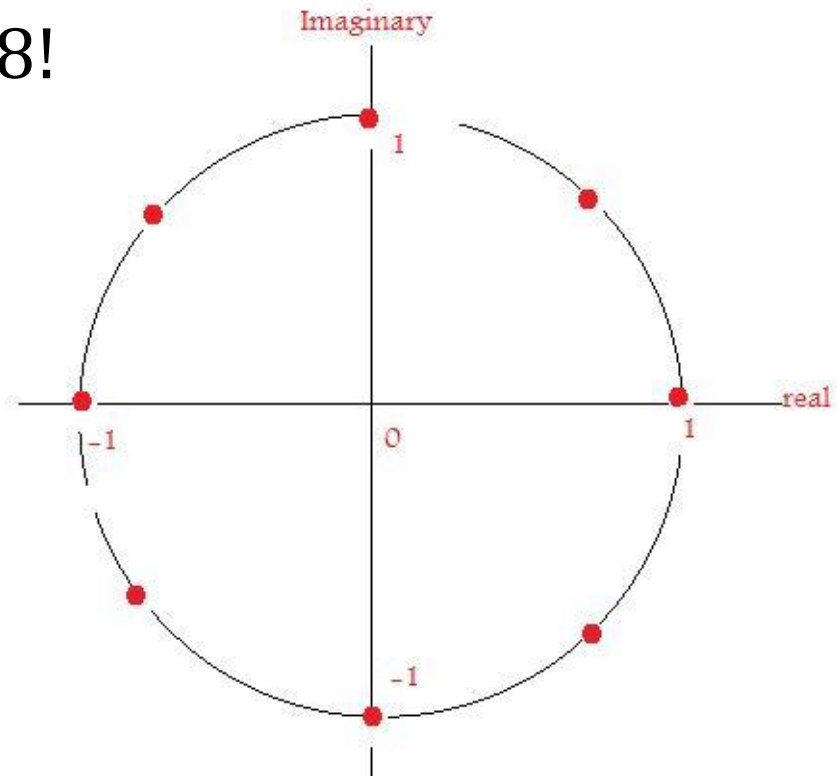
## Q.3 (Solution b)

➤ It has a subgroup of order 8!

➤ The elements are :

$$\{e^{jk2\pi/8} = e^{jk\pi/4}\},$$

where  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 7$ .



## Q.4 Binary Linear Code

- Recall that a binary linear code  $C$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{B}^n$ .
- It is defined by the encoding function  $f: \mathbb{B}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{B}^n$ , where  $f(u) = uG$  and  $G$  is the generator matrix.
- Is  $C$  a subgroup of  $\mathbb{B}^n$ ?

## Q.4 (Solution)

□ Yes, it is a subgroup.

a) Closure

- Consider two codewords,  $c_u$  and  $c_v$ .
- $c_u + c_v = uG + vG = (u + v)G$ , which is a codeword.

b) Identity

- 0 is a codeword, since  $u = 0$  implies  $f(u) = uG = 0$ .
- 0 is the identity, since  $c + 0 = c$  for any codeword  $c$ .

c) Inverse

- The inverse of  $c$  is  $c$  itself, since  $c + c = 0$ .

d) Associativity

- $(c_u + c_v) + c_w = c_u + (c_v + c_w)$