

Section 4

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- Determine if the given set + operation form a group.

- All  $n \times n$  diagonal matrices under addition:

- Yes! We must show that the group axioms hold: (we do this for  $2 \times 2$  matrices)

- Associativity:  $(M+N)+L \stackrel{?}{=} M+(N+L)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left[ \underset{M}{\begin{pmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{pmatrix}} + \underset{N}{\begin{pmatrix} n_1 & 0 \\ 0 & n_2 \end{pmatrix}} \right] + \underset{L}{\begin{pmatrix} l_1 & 0 \\ 0 & l_2 \end{pmatrix}} \\
 &= \left[ \begin{pmatrix} m_1+n_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2+n_2 \end{pmatrix} \right] + \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & 0 \\ 0 & l_2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} m_1+n_1+l_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2+n_2+l_2 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

We see that we get the same answer for the right hand side, hence associativity holds.

In fact, we could have seen this immediately, since the operation is inherited from  $\mathbb{R}$ , associativity holds automatically.

②

- Identity element We must find an element  $O$  such that  $M + O = M = O + M$ .  
But this is trivial. We let  $O = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  be the zero matrix.

- Inverses Again, these are inherited from  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
Explicitly, if  $M = \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  
 $-M = \begin{pmatrix} -m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & -m_2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Hence the set of  $2 \times 2$  diagonal matrices is a group under matrix addition. The exact same proofs work for the  $n \times n$  case - there's just more notation.

4.13 • All  $n \times n$  diagonal matrices <sup>w/ no zeros on the diagonal</sup> under matrix multiplication

This is again a group. The identity element is

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ the matrix w/ only 1's on the diagonal.}$$

4.12 • All  $n \times n$  diagonal matrices under matrix multiplication.

This is not a group. The zero matrix have no inverse!



4.14 • All  $n \times n$  diagonal matrices w/ only  $\pm 1$  on the diagonals. (3)

✓ Yeah, it's a group. (isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}/2)^n$ )

4.15 • All  $n \times n$  upper-triangular matrices under multiplication.

✓ Not a group! (not all inverses exist)

4.16 •  $n \times n$  <sup>upper triangular</sup> matrices under matrix addition.

✓ It's a group! (isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{R}^{\frac{(n+1)n}{2}}, +)$ )

4.17 •  $n \times n$ , upper triangular matrices w/ det 1 under multiplication.

✓ It's a group! This is matrix multiplication, so we know that associativity holds. The identity element is the identity matrix, so the only thing we need to show is that

① It's closed under multiplication.

② The inverses are also <sup>upper</sup> triangular.

We do ① first. Note that if we multiply a matrix  $M$  by  $e_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , the answer is the  $i$ th column of  $M$ .

Hence:

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$$MN e_i = M \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & m_{ii} & \\ 0 & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since  $N$  is upper triangular

$$= \begin{pmatrix} m_{11} \\ \vdots \\ m_{ii} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \text{check yourself why!}$$

② The inverses are also upper triangular.

This is a little trickier to see. Recall that to find the inverse of a matrix you can use Gaussian elimination on the augmented matrix

$$(M | I_n).$$

If  $M$  is upper-triangular, we are in the following situation:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} m_{11} & m_{12} & \dots & & 1 & 0 & & \\ 0 & m_{22} & & & 0 & 1 & & \\ 0 & 0 & m_{33} & & \vdots & & \ddots & \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \ddots & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & & & 0 & & & 1 \end{array} \right)$$



The next step is to divide the first row by  $m_{11}$ . Then we can get  $m_{21}$  away by subtracting a multiple of the first row:

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$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & m_{31}' & \dots & 0 & m_{11}^{-1} & -\frac{m_{21}}{m_{22}} & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & m_{22} & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots \\ & & m_{33} & \ddots & & 0 & & \ddots & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

Now we can divide the second row by  $m_{22}$  to get a 1 there as well. Continuing this way, from top to bottom, we find the inverse of  $M$  without introducing any elements below the diagonal. Hence the inverse is also diagonal.

4.18 • All  $n \times n$  matrices w/  $\det M = \pm 1$ .

The only thing we need to check is that the set is closed under multiplication and inverses.

① Multiplication If  $M, N$  have determinant  $\pm 1$ , then  

$$\det(MN) = \det M \cdot \det N = \pm 1 \cdot \pm 1 = \pm 1$$

② Inverses If  $M^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $M$ , then  

$$1 = \det(I) = \det(MN) = \det M \cdot \det M^{-1} = \pm \det M^{-1} \quad \checkmark$$

## Section 5

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5.47 Prove that if  $G$  is an abelian group, then the set of all elements w/  $x^2 = e$  form a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ .  
(this is called the 2-torsion subgroup)

We check the conditions of Theorem 5.14

①  $H$  is closed under multiplication:

$$\text{Let } x^2 = e \text{ and } y^2 = e. \text{ Then } (xy)^2 = xyxy \\ = xx yy = ee = e.$$

Note that we needed to use that  $G$  was abelian.

② The identity element  $e$  of  $G$  is in  $H$ .

$$\text{Clearly } e^2 = e.$$

③ If  $a \in H$ , then  $a^{-1} \in H$  also  
look at  $a^{-1}$ . Then  $(a^{-1})^2 = a^{-2} = (a^2)^{-1} = e^{-1} = e.$   
by definition  $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 $a^2 = e$

since  $a^{-1} a^{-1} a^2 = a^{-1} a^{-1} a a$   
 $= e$ , and  
inverses are unique.

Hence  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .



# Section 8

$$\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{8.1} \quad \tau\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{8.2} \quad \tau^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 5 & 6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{8.3} \quad \mu\tau^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 6 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{8.4} \quad \tau^{-2}\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 1 & 6 & 2 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

must look at  
row 2 instead

$$\boxed{8.5} \quad \tau^{-1}\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 & 5 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

8.46 Show that  $S_n$  is nonabelian for  $n \geq 3$ . (8)

We first show that  $S_3$  is non-abelian.

Consider  $\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $\tau\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , but

$$\sigma\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then we show that  $S_3$  is a subgroup of  $S_n$  for  $n \geq 3$ .

Indeed, let  $\sigma \in S_3$  as given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & \dots & n \\ \sigma(1) & \sigma(2) & \sigma(3) & 4 & 5 & \dots & n \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $S_3$  is realized as the subgroup of  $S_n$  leaving  $(4, 5, \dots, n)$  fixed, but permuting  $(1, 2, 3)$ .

Hence  $S_n$  have a non-abelian subgroup, which is not possible unless  $S_n$  is non-abelian itself.



## Section 6

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- Find the number of elements in the indicated cyclic group.

6.17 The cyclic subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}/30$  generated by 25.

We write the multiples of 25 modulo 30:

$$25, 20, 15, 10, 5, \underset{\substack{\parallel \\ 0}}{30}, \text{ so the order is } 6.$$

We could have used Theorem 6.14 which said that the order is  $\frac{30}{\gcd(25, 30)} = \frac{30}{5} = \underline{6}$ .

6.18  $\langle 30 \rangle \leq \mathbb{Z}/42$ .  $\# \langle 30 \rangle = \frac{42}{\gcd(30, 42)} = \frac{42}{6} = 7$ .

Also  $30, \underset{\substack{\parallel \\ 30 \cdot 2 \\ \text{mod } 42}}{18}, 6, 36, 24, 12, \underline{42=0 \text{ mod } 42}$   
(same star  $\odot$ )

6.19  $i^2 = -1, i^3 = -i, i^4 = -i \cdot i = 1$

so  $\{i\}$  have 4 elements.

6.20  $\alpha = \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} = e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}$ , so  $\alpha^{\overset{\text{order}}{8}} = 1$ .

6.21  $|1+i| > 1$ , so its powers can never be 1. Hence this subgroup is countably infinite. ( $\cong \mathbb{Z}$ )