

1. The functions $i: x \rightarrow x$, $f: x \rightarrow 1/x$, $g: x \rightarrow -x$, $h: x \rightarrow -1/x$, form a group under composition. Construct the Cayley table for this group and state to which well-known group the given group is isomorphic.

\circ	i	f	g	h
i	i	f	g	h
f	f	i	h	g
g	g	h	i	f
h	h	g	f	i

$\cong V_4$.



2. Consider the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} |x-2|+1, & x < 2 \\ ax^2+bx, & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$. If f and f' are both continuous at $x=2$, find a and b .

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3-x, & x < 2 \\ ax^2+bx, & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow f'(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & x < 2 \\ 2ax+b, & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = f(\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} x) = 3-2 = 1.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f'(x) = f'(\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} x) = -1.$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 4a+2b = 1.$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f'(x) = 4a+b = -1$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} a = -\frac{3}{4} \\ b = 2 \end{cases}$$



3. Suppose $f: G \rightarrow G'$ and $g: G' \rightarrow G''$ are group homomorphisms. Prove $g \circ f$ is a homomorphism from G to G'' .

$$\text{Let } a, b \in (G, *), a', b' \in (G', \circ).$$

$$f(a * b) = f(a) \circ f(b) = a' \circ b'$$

$$g(a' \circ b') = g(a') \circ g(b')$$

$$\text{Therefore, } g \circ f(a * b) = g(f(a * b)) = g(a' \circ b') = g(a') \circ g(b')$$

$g \circ f$ is the homomorphism.



4. Suppose $f: G \rightarrow G'$ is a group homomorphism. Prove $\text{ran}(f) \leq G'$.

- let $a, b \in G$, $f(a) = a'$, $f(b) = b' \in G'$.
since $f(a) = a'$, $f(b) = b'$, $a', b' \in \text{ran}(f)$. ✓
 $\therefore a * b \in G$, $\therefore f(a * b) = f(a) \circ f(b) = a' \circ b' \in \text{ran}(f)$. closure ✓
- $f(e) = e'$. $\therefore e' \in \text{ran}(f)$. identity ✓
- let $x' \in \text{ran}(f)$, $f(x) = x'$. since there's an inverse for x , $(x^{-1} \in G)$,
we have $f(x^{-1}) = (x')^{-1} \in \text{ran}(f)$. inverse ✓

According to the 3-step subgroup test, $\text{ran}(f) \leq G'$. ✓

5. The relation \sim on \mathbb{R}^2 is defined by $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$ if $d - b = 2(c - a)$. Show that \sim is an equivalence relation and describe the equivalence classes geometrically.

- $(a, b) \sim (a, b)$, reflexive: $b - b = 2(a - a) = 0$.
- $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$ then $d - b = 2(c - a)$, $(-1)(d - b) = (-2)(c - a)$, $b - d = 2(a - c)$.
 $\therefore (c, d) \sim (a, b)$. symmetric.
- $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$, $(c, d) \sim (e, f)$, then $d - b = 2(c - a)$, $f - d = 2(e - c)$.
 $\therefore (f - d) + (d - b) = 2(e - c) + 2(c - a)$, $f - b = 2(e - a)$.
 $\therefore (a, b) \sim (e, f)$. transitive.

For every c in \mathbb{R} , there's an equivalence class of the set of all points that lie on $y = 2x + c$ in the cartesian plane. ✓

lines of gradient 2 !