

1. Find the order of $(3, 15)$ in $\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_{18}$.

$$\text{In } \mathbb{Z}_4, |3| = 4; \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_{18}, |15| = 6.$$

Therefore we take $\text{lcm}(4, 6) = 12$ so that both 3 and 15 can get to their identity.

$$|(3, 15)| = 12.$$

2. An equivalence relation on the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ creates the partition $\{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}\}$. Give the relation matrix.

	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	1	1	0	0
2	1	1	1	0	0
3	1	1	1	0	0
4	0	0	0	1	0
5	0	0	0	0	1

$$v - e + f = 2$$

3. For each of the following either explain why the graph cannot exist or draw a graph with the given property.

- (a) A tree with seven vertices and seven edges.

A tree satisfies the Euler's formula as it's simple, connected and planar.

$$v - e + f = 2. \quad 7 - 7 + 1 = 1 \neq 2. \quad \rightarrow \text{faces of trees are 1 as there're no cycles present.}$$

Therefore, it doesn't exist.

- (b) A simple bipartite graph on six vertices with an Eulerian circuit and a Hamiltonian cycle.

In order for a simple bipartite graph with m, n vertices on the two parts to have Hamiltonian cycle, m must equal n .

In fact, the graph below satisfies the given property.



4. Prove that every cyclic group is Abelian.

$$\text{Let } G = \langle a \rangle.$$

$$\text{For } a^i, a^j \in G,$$

$$a^i \circ a^j = a^{i+j} = a^{j+i} = a^j \circ a^i.$$

Therefore all cyclic groups are abelian. ✓

5. Prove that the function $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ with rule $f(n) = n + 1$ is injective but not surjective.

$$\bullet \text{ let } n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N}, n_1 \neq n_2, f(n_1) = f(n_2).$$

$$\text{then } n_1 + 1 = n_2 + 1, n_1 = n_2.$$

The contradiction proves the injectivity. ✓

$$\bullet 0 \in \mathbb{N}. \text{ But when } f(n) = n + 1 = 0, n = -1.$$

$-1 \notin \mathbb{N}$. So 0 is in the codomain but not in the range. ✓

Therefore there's no surjectivity.

6. Determine the null space, nullity and rank of the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\text{rref}(A) = S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{For } A \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ let } x_2 = m, x_3 = n.$$

$$\bullet \text{ null space: } \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = m \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + n \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad \checkmark$$

$$\bullet \text{ nullity} = 2. \quad \checkmark$$

$$\bullet \text{ basis for row space} = \{ (1 \ 2 \ 3) \}.$$

$$\bullet \text{ basis for column space} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

$$\bullet \text{ rank}(A) = 1. \quad \checkmark$$

7. The relation \sim is defined on \mathbb{Z}^+ by $x \sim y$ if $x + y$ is even. Prove that \sim is an equivalence relation and give the equivalence classes.

- For an odd $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $a + a = 2a$ is even, $a \sim a$;
For an even $b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $b + b = 2b$ is even, $b \sim b$. reflexive \checkmark .
- For $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $m+n, m+n$ is even. since addition is commutative, $n+m$ is even. therefore $n \sim m$. symmetric \checkmark .
- For $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $x \sim y, y \sim z$. so $x+y$ and $y+z$ are both even. we know that x & y have the same parity, y & z have the same parity, therefore x & z have the same parity, thus $x \sim z$. transitive \checkmark

Equivalence classes are odd numbers and even numbers.

8. Use the mean value theorem to find $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ so that $a < \sqrt[3]{10} < b$.

$f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$ is continuous on $[8, 10]$ and differentiable on $]8, 10[$.

Apply the MVT so that there's a $c \in]8, 10[$ that satisfies:

$$f(10) = f(8) + f'(c)(10-8). \text{ so } \sqrt[3]{10} = 2 + 2f'(c).$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2}}. \text{ so } \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{8^2}} > f'(c) > \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{10^2}} > \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{27}} = \frac{1}{27}$$

$$\text{Therefore } \frac{1}{27} < f'(c) < \frac{1}{12}, \quad 2\frac{2}{27} < 2 + 2f'(c) < 2\frac{1}{6}.$$

$$\text{So } 2\frac{2}{27} < \sqrt[3]{10} < 2\frac{1}{6}. \quad a = 2\frac{2}{27}, \quad b = 2\frac{1}{6}.$$

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9. Let G be the group of 2×2 matrices under addition and $H = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid a+d=0 \right\}$. Prove that $H < G$.

• $H = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{pmatrix} \right\}$. For $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ z & -x \end{pmatrix} \in H$.

$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ z & -x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a+x & b+y \\ c+z & -a-x \end{pmatrix}$. since $a+x-a-x=0$, closure ✓

• identity of G is $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. since all entries are 0, $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in H$. identity ✓.

• $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -a & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$. since $(-a)+a=0$, inverse $\in H$ ✓.

According to the 3-step subgroup test, $H \leq G$.

Since $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in G$ but $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \notin H$, $H \neq G$.

Therefore $H < G$.

So basically, although the order of $H = \text{order of } G = \infty$, G includes all 2×2 matrices while H is more selective since " $a+d=0$ ". Therefore they can't be isomorphic or the same and H has to be a proper subgroup.

10. Suppose $f: G \rightarrow G'$ is a group homomorphism with $a \in G$. If a has finite order prove $|f(a)|$ divides $|a|$.

Let $|a| = m$, then $a^m = e$.

$f(\underbrace{a \cdot a \cdots a}_{m \text{ times}}) = \underbrace{f(a) \cdot f(a) \cdots f(a)}_{m \text{ times}}$

since $f(\underbrace{a \cdot a \cdots a}_{m \text{ times}}) = f(a^m) = f(e) = e'$

so $[f(a)]^m = e'$.
 let $|f(a)| = m'$, so $[f(a)]^{m'} = e'$.
 $[f(a)]^m = ([f(a)]^{m'})^{\frac{m}{m'}} = (e')^{\frac{m}{m'}} = e'$.
 in order to satisfy the equation, $\frac{m}{m'} \in \mathbb{Z}$.
 therefore $m' \mid m$.

therefore $|f(a)| \mid |a|$.

Since $e^3 = e^{-1}$,
 couldn't we say $e^{\frac{3}{2}} = e$,
 but $\frac{3}{2} \notin \mathbb{Z}$.

Solutions to FM2 Test #2

1. The order of the element in the direct product is the least common multiple of the component orders. Now the order of 3 in \mathbb{Z}_4 is 4 and the order of 15 in \mathbb{Z}_{18} is 6. We conclude that the order of $(3, 15)$ in $\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_{18}$ is $\text{lcm}(4, 6) = 12$.
2. The relation matrix is $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$ where A is the 3×3 matrix of ones, B is the 3×2 zero matrix, C is the 2×3 zero matrix and D is the 2×2 identity matrix.
3. (a) In a tree $|E| = |V| - 1$. Since $7 \neq 7 - 1$, there is no such tree. (b) The cycle graph C_6 satisfies the criteria.
4. See your notes.
5. Suppose $f(n_1) = f(n_2)$. Then $n_1 + 1 = n_2 + 1$ or equivalently $n_1 = n_2$. Hence f is not injective. There is no $n \in \mathbb{N}$ satisfying $f(n) = 0$. Hence f is not surjective.
6. Observe matrix A has only one independent row vector, so $\text{rank}(A) = 1$, and so $\text{nullity}(A) = 3 - 1 = 2$. The null space is the span of the vectors $-2\vec{i} + \vec{j}$ and $-3\vec{j} + \vec{k}$.
7. We wish to show that \sim is reflexive, symmetric and transitive.
 - i For any $x \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $x + x = 2x$, which is even. So \sim is reflexive.
 - ii If $x \sim y$ then $x + y$ is even but then $y + x$ is even, which implies $y \sim x$. So \sim is symmetric.
 - iii Suppose $x \sim y$ and $y \sim z$. Then $x + y$ is even and $y + z$ is even. So their sum $x + 2y + z$ is also even, from which it follows that $x + z$ is even. So \sim is transitive.

We conclude that \sim is an equivalence relation. There are two equivalence classes $[1]$ and $[2]$, namely the odd and even positive integers.

8. Using MVT in the form $f(b) = f(a) + f'(c)(b - a)$ with $a = 8$, $b = 10$ and $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{10}$ gives $\sqrt[3]{10} = 2 + 2f'(c)$ where $c \in]8, 10[$. Next $f'(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^{-2/3}$. Now observe

$$\frac{1}{3} \cdot 27^{-2/3} < \frac{1}{3} \cdot 10^{-2/3} < f'(c) < \frac{1}{3} \cdot 8^{-2/3},$$

whence $1/27 < f'(c) < 1/12$. Hence $56/27 < \sqrt[3]{10} < 13/6$.

9. The *trace* of a matrix is the sum of the elements on the main diagonal. So H is the set of 2×2 matrices with zero trace.

We use the 3-step subgroup test.

- i Since $\text{trace}(A + B) = \text{trace}(A) + \text{trace}(B)$, we conclude H is closed under addition.
- ii The trace of the zero matrix is zero. So H contains the zero matrix, which is the additive identity.
- iii The additive inverse of A is $-A$. Since $\text{trace}(-A) = -\text{trace}(A)$, we conclude $-A \in H$.

Now note that $I \notin H$ since $\text{trace}(I) = 2$. So H is a proper subset of G and $H < G$ as required.

10. Let $f(a) = a'$, $f(e) = e'$ and let the order of a be n . By homomorphism $f(a^n) = (a')^n$. But $f(a^n) = f(e) = e'$ as the image of the identity in G is the identity in G' by a standard homomorphism result. So $f(a')^n = e'$. This means the order of a' in G' is finite, say m . Now by the division algorithm $n = mq + r$ where $0 \leq r < m$. So $(a')^n = [(a')^m]^q (a')^r$, whence $(a')^r = e'$. Since m was the order of a' , it is the least positive integer m for which $(a')^m = e'$, so $r = 0$. Hence m divides n , and we are done.