

Exercise 1. We have

$$l = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad r = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad s = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e = s \circ s = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad t = l \circ s = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad u = s \circ l = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

a) Cayley table.

\circ	e	l	r	s	t	u
e	e	l	r	s	t	u
l	l	r	e	t	u	s
r	r	e	l	u	s	t
s	s	u	t	e	r	l
t	t	s	u	l	e	r
u	u	t	s	r	l	e

b) Not commutative, the table would have to be symmetrical alongside the main diagonal. For example $l \circ s \neq s \circ l$.

There is a neutral element, the identity permutation e .

Each element has an inverse since every row and every column of the table contains e . (Meaning that for each element, there exists another which „turns it“ into e .)

c) Semigroup because function composition is associative. (We have $a \circ (b \circ c) = (a \circ b) \circ c$, see discrete structures notes.)

Monoid because there is a neutral element.

Group because each element has an inverse.

Not an abelian group, ring, etc. because it is not commutative.

Exercise 2. To show that $(\mathcal{P}(X), \Delta)$ is an abelian group we show that it

a) is associative by showing $x \Delta (y \Delta z) = (x \Delta y) \Delta z$.

The expression $a \in x \Delta y$ tells us that a is either in x or y , but not in both of them. The expression $p = u \oplus v$ tells us that p is true if either u or v is true, but not both of them. The truth value of $a \in x \Delta y$ is thus equal to $a \in x \oplus a \in y$.

Assume that $a \in x \Delta (y \Delta z)$. We can transform this to

$$\begin{aligned} a \in x \Delta (y \Delta z) &\iff a \in x \oplus (a \in y \Delta z) \\ &\iff a \in x \oplus (a \in y \oplus a \in z) \iff a \in x \oplus a \in y \oplus a \in z. \end{aligned}$$

Assume that $a \in (x \Delta y) \Delta z$. We can transform this to

$$\begin{aligned} a \in (x \Delta y) \Delta z &\iff (a \in x \Delta y) \oplus a \in z \\ &\iff (a \in x \oplus a \in y) \oplus a \in z \iff a \in x \oplus a \in y \oplus a \in z. \end{aligned}$$

The above transformations depends on \oplus being associative. This is true as shown by the following table

x	y	z	$y \oplus z$	$x \oplus y$	$x \oplus (y \oplus z)$	$(x \oplus y) \oplus z$
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0	1	1
0	1	0	1	1	1	1
0	1	1	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	1	1
1	0	1	1	1	0	0
1	1	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	0	1	1

We have thus shown that $a \in x \Delta (y \Delta z) \iff a \in (x \Delta y) \Delta z$ which is equivalent to $x \Delta (y \Delta z) = (x \Delta y) \Delta z$.

b) contains a neutral element by showing that there exists an $e \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ such that $e \Delta x = x = x \Delta e$ for arbitrary $x \in \mathcal{P}(X)$.

Consider that $x \Delta e = (x \setminus e) \cup (e \setminus x)$. Choose $e = \emptyset$. We now have

$$\begin{aligned} x \Delta e &= (x \setminus \emptyset) \cup (\emptyset \setminus x) = x \quad \text{and} \\ e \Delta x &= (\emptyset \setminus x) \cup (x \setminus \emptyset) = x \end{aligned}$$

since $x \setminus \emptyset = x$, $\emptyset \setminus x = \emptyset$ and $x \cup \emptyset = \emptyset \cup x = x$.

This assertion depends on \cup being commutative. Consider two sets X and Y and an $a \in X \cup Y$. We know that $a \in X$ and/or $a \in Y$. Thus $a \in Y \cup X$. If $a \notin X \cup Y$ then a is neither in X nor Y , it is thus also not in $Y \cup X$.

c) contains an inverse for each element by showing that for each $x \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ there exists an $x^{-1} \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ such that $x \Delta x^{-1} = x^{-1} \Delta x = \emptyset$.

Consider again that $x \Delta e = (x \setminus e) \cup (e \setminus x)$. Choose $x^{-1} = x$. We now have

$$x^{-1} \Delta x = x \Delta x^{-1} = (x \setminus x) \cup (x \setminus x) = \emptyset$$

since $x \setminus x = \emptyset$.

d) is commutative by showing that $x \Delta y = y \Delta x$ holds for arbitrary $x, y \in \mathcal{P}(X)$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} x \Delta y &= y \Delta x \\ (x \setminus y) \cup (y \setminus x) &= (y \setminus x) \cup (x \setminus y) \end{aligned}$$

which holds since \cup is commutative.

Exercise 3

- a) To show $x^{-1^{-1}} = x$ consider that, by definition, $x \circ x^{-1} = e$ and that $x^{-1} \circ x^{-1^{-1}} = e$. Thus we have $x \circ x^{-1} = x^{-1} \circ x^{-1^{-1}}$ and further $x^{-1^{-1}} = x$.
- b) To show that $(x \circ y)^{-1} = y^{-1} \circ x^{-1}$ consider that $x \circ x^{-1} = e$ and $y \circ y^{-1} = e$. We have that

$$\begin{aligned}e &= x \circ x^{-1} \\e &= x \circ e \circ x^{-1} \\e &= x \circ y \circ y^{-1} \circ x^{-1} \\(x \circ y)^{-1} &= y^{-1} \circ x^{-1}.\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 4 Assuming that $(\mathcal{P}(X), \cup, \cap)$ is a ring, $(\mathcal{P}(X), \cup)$ has to be an abelian group and therefore each element $x \in (\mathcal{P}(X))$ has to have an inverse y such that $x \cup y = e$ where e is the neutral element.

The neutral element of $(\mathcal{P}(X), \cup)$ is \emptyset since $\emptyset \cup x = x \cup \emptyset = x$. Consider that, for arbitrary sets X and Y , $|X| \leq |X \cup Y| \geq |Y|$. Since $|\emptyset| = 0$, the cardinality of $x \cup y$ has to be zero if $x \cup y = e$. Thus $(\mathcal{P}(X), \cup)$ only contains an inverse for every $x \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ if $X = \emptyset$. P(S) It now remains to be shown that $(\mathcal{P}(\emptyset), \cup, \cap)$ is a ring. We have $x, y, z \in \mathcal{P}(\emptyset)$, $x = y = z = \emptyset$ and will show that,

a) $(\mathcal{P}(\emptyset), \cup)$ is associative by showing that we have

$$\begin{aligned} x \cup (y \cup z) &= (x \cup y) \cup z \\ \emptyset \cup (\emptyset \cup \emptyset) &= (\emptyset \cup \emptyset) \cup \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

b) $(\mathcal{P}(\emptyset), \cup)$ contains a neutral element. Already shown for arbitrary X .

c) $(\mathcal{P}(\emptyset), \cup)$ is commutative by

$$\begin{aligned} x \cup y &= y \cup x \\ \emptyset \cup \emptyset &= \emptyset \cup \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

d) $(\mathcal{P}(\emptyset), \cap)$ is associative by

$$\begin{aligned} x \cap (y \cap z) &= (x \cap y) \cap z \\ \emptyset \cap (\emptyset \cap \emptyset) &= (\emptyset \cap \emptyset) \cap \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

e) The distributive law,

$$\begin{aligned} x \cap (y \cup z) &= x \cap y \cup x \cap z \\ \emptyset \cap (\emptyset \cup \emptyset) &= \emptyset \cap \emptyset \cup \emptyset \cap \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

holds.

Exercise 5 To show that $(\mathcal{P}(X), \Delta, \cap)$ is a commutative ring we will show that

- a) $(\mathcal{P}(X), \Delta)$ is an abelian group. This was done as part of exercise 2.
- b) $(\mathcal{P}(X), \cap)$ is a monoid. We will assume associativity and thus only show that it contains a neutral element e such that $e \cap x = x = x \cap e$.

Assume $e = x$, we now have $e \cap x = x \cap x = x \cap e = x$.

- c) $(\mathcal{P}(X), \cap)$ is commutative by showing that $x \cap y = y \cap x$.

Consider $a \in x \cap y$, we know $a \in x$ and $a \in y$ thus $a \in y \cap x$.

Consider $a \notin x \cap y$, we know $a \notin x$ and $a \notin y$ thus $a \notin y \cap x$.

- d) the distributive law, $x \cap (y \Delta z) = x \cap y \Delta x \cap z$, holds.

Consider $a \in x \cap (y \Delta z)$. We know that $a \in x$ and a in either z or y but not both. Thus $a \in x \cap y$ or $a \in x \cap z$, but not both. Thus $a \in x \cap y \Delta x \cap z$.

Consider $a \in x \cap y \Delta x \cap z$. We know that a is either in x and y or in x and z . It is thus definitely in x and in either y or z but not in both. Thus $a \in x \cap (y \Delta z)$.

Exercise 6

$+$	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	3	0
2	2	3	0	1
3	3	0	1	2

\cdot	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3
2	0	2	0	2
3	0	3	2	1

We know that $(\mathbb{Z}_4, +, \cdot)$ is a ring. For it to be a commutative ring (\mathbb{Z}_4, \cdot) has to be commutative. This is given since the respective table is symmetrical alongside the main diagonal.

According to axiom 1.20 it is not a field since 4 is not prime. (It states that \mathbb{Z}_p is a field if and only if p is prime.) Concretely, there doesn't exist an inverse for every element $(0, 2)$.

Exercise 7 We have

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} & g &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} & g^{-1} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ h &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} & x &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 8

$$14x + 6^8 = 10$$

$$14x + 18 = 10$$

$$14x = 15$$

$$x = 14^{-1} \cdot 15$$