

1.(a) Solution:

If G is the general linear group $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$, H is the special linear group $SL_2(\mathbb{R}) = \{A \in GL_2(\mathbb{R}) : \det(A) = 1\}$, $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ and $h = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbb{R})$,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } \alpha h \alpha^{-1} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = h \end{aligned}$$

and $\forall \alpha' \in GL_2(\mathbb{R}), \forall h \in GL_2(\mathbb{R})$:

$$h \in \alpha' H \alpha'^{-1} \Rightarrow \exists h' \in H, h = \alpha' h' \alpha'^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(\alpha' h' \alpha'^{-1}) = \det(\alpha') \det(h') \det(\alpha'^{-1}) = \det(\alpha') / \det(\alpha') = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \alpha' h' \alpha'^{-1} \in H$$

$$h' \in H \Rightarrow \det(h') = 1 \Rightarrow \det(\alpha'^{-1} h \alpha') = \det(\alpha'^{-1}) \det(h) \det(\alpha')$$

$$= \det(\alpha')^{-1} \det(\alpha') = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha'^{-1} h \alpha' \in H \Rightarrow h = \alpha' (\alpha'^{-1} h \alpha') \alpha'^{-1} \in \alpha' H \alpha'^{-1}$$

This implies $\alpha' H \alpha'^{-1} = H$, so $H = SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ is normal in $G = GL_2(\mathbb{R})$.

(b) Proof: We may divide our proof into two parts.

Part I: Assume that H is normal in G , i.e., $\forall \alpha \in G, \alpha H \alpha^{-1} = H$.For all $\alpha \in G$, for all $h \in G$:

$$\begin{aligned} h \in \alpha H &\Rightarrow \exists h' \in H, h = \alpha h' \Rightarrow \exists \alpha h' \alpha^{-1} \in \alpha H \alpha^{-1} = H, h = (\alpha h' \alpha^{-1}) \alpha \\ &\Rightarrow h \in H \alpha \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h \in H \alpha &\Rightarrow \exists h' \in H, h = h' \alpha \Rightarrow \exists \alpha^{-1} h' (\alpha^{-1})^{-1} \in \alpha^{-1} H (\alpha^{-1})^{-1} = H, h = \alpha [\alpha^{-1} h' (\alpha^{-1})^{-1}] \\ &\Rightarrow h \in \alpha H. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\alpha H = H \alpha$.

Part 2: Assume that $\forall x \in G, xH = Hx$.

For all $x \in G$, for all $h \in G$:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} h \in xHx^{-1} &\Rightarrow \exists h' \in H, h = xh'x^{-1} \\ xH = Hx &\Rightarrow \exists h'' \in H, xh' = h''x \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow h = xh'x^{-1} = h''xx^{-1} = h''e = h'' \in H$$

$$h \in H \Rightarrow xh \in xH = Hx \Rightarrow \exists h' \in H, xh = h'x \Rightarrow h = xh'x^{-1} \in xHx^{-1}$$

Hence, $xHx^{-1} = H$, so H is normal in G .

Combine the two parts above, we've proven the biconditional.

(c) Proof: Assume that $H \leq G$ and $\forall x \in G, xHx^{-1} \subseteq H$.

For all $x \in G$, as $xHx^{-1} \subseteq H$ is provided, it remains to show $xH \subseteq Hx$.

For all $h \in G$,

$$\begin{aligned} h \in H &\Rightarrow x^{-1}h(x^{-1})^{-1} \in x^{-1}H(x^{-1})^{-1} \subseteq H \Rightarrow x^{-1}h(x^{-1})^{-1} \in H \\ &\Rightarrow h = x[x^{-1}h(x^{-1})^{-1}]x^{-1} \in xHx^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $xHx^{-1} = H$, so H is normal in G .

(d) Proof: Assume that $H \leq G$ and $[G:H] = 2$.

On one hand, $[G:H] = 2$ implies $\{e, x\}$ partitions G for some $x \in G \setminus H$;

On the other hand, $[G:H] = 2$ implies $\{H, Hx\}$ partitions G for some $x \in G \setminus H$;

For all $x \in G$:

If $x \in H$, then $xH = H = Hx$;

If $x \in G \setminus H$, then $xH = G \setminus H = Hx$.

In both cases, $xH = Hx$, so H is a normal subgroup of G .



(e) Proof: In Tutorial 4, we've proven that:

$$\phi \in \text{Hom}(G, G') \text{ and } H \leq G' \Rightarrow \phi^{-1}(H') \leq G$$

It remains to prove $\phi^{-1}(H')$ is normal in G , i.e., $\forall \alpha \in G, \alpha \phi^{-1}(H') \alpha^{-1} \subseteq \phi^{-1}(H')$.

For all $\alpha \in G$, for all $h \in \phi^{-1}(H')$:

$$h \in \alpha \phi^{-1}(H') \alpha^{-1} \Rightarrow \exists h' \in \phi^{-1}(H'), h = \alpha h' \alpha^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(h) = \phi(\alpha h' \alpha^{-1}) = \phi(\alpha) \phi(h') \phi(\alpha^{-1}) = \phi(\alpha) \phi(h') \phi(\alpha)^{-1} \in H'$$

$$\Rightarrow h \in \phi^{-1}(H')$$

Hence, $\alpha \phi^{-1}(H') \alpha^{-1} \subseteq \phi^{-1}(H')$, which implies $\phi^{-1}(H')$ is normal in G .

(f) Proof: In Tutorial 4, we've proven that:

$$\phi \in \text{Hom}(G, G') \text{ and } H \leq G \Rightarrow \phi(H) \leq G' \text{ (we can do better, } \leq \phi(G))$$

It remains to prove $\phi(H)$ is normal in $\phi(G)$, i.e., $\forall \alpha' \in \phi(G), \alpha' \phi(H) \alpha'^{-1} \subseteq \phi(H)$.

For all $\alpha' \in \phi(G)$, for all $h' \in \alpha' \phi(H) \alpha'^{-1}$:

$$\alpha' \in \phi(G) \Rightarrow \exists \alpha \in G, \alpha' = \phi(\alpha)$$

$$h' \in \alpha' \phi(H) \alpha'^{-1} \Rightarrow \exists h \in H, h' = \alpha' \phi(h) \alpha'^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow h' = \alpha' \phi(h) \alpha'^{-1} = \phi(\alpha) \phi(h) \phi(\alpha)^{-1} = \phi(\alpha) \phi(h) \phi(\alpha^{-1})$$

$$= \phi(\alpha h \alpha^{-1}) \in \phi(H)$$

Hence, $\alpha' \phi(H) \alpha'^{-1} \subseteq \phi(H)$, which implies $\phi(H)$ is normal in $\phi(G)$.



2. Solution: $|S_3| = 6$, and we may list all its elements with corresponding orders.

$$e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ord}(e) = 1; r = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ord}(r) = 3; r^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ord}(r^2) = 3;$$

$$s = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ord}(s) = 2; rs = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ord}(rs) = 2; r^2s = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ord}(r^2s) = 2;$$

As all isomorphism $\phi: S_3 \rightarrow S_3$ preserves the order of each element in S_3 , we may pick $\phi(r)$ from $\{r, r^2\}$ and pick $\phi(s)$ from $\{s, rs, r^2s\}$ to construct ϕ .

Case 1: $\phi(r) = r$ and $\phi(s) = s$.

$$\phi(e) = e, \phi(r) = r, \phi(r^2) = \phi(r)^2 = r^2, \phi(s) = s, \phi(rs) = \phi(r)\phi(s) = rs, \phi(r^2s) = \phi(r)^2\phi(s) = r^2s;$$

This gives a unique isomorphism $\phi: S_3 \rightarrow S_3, \lambda \mapsto e\lambda e^{-1}$;

Case 2: $\phi(r) = r^2$ and $\phi(s) = s$.

$$\phi(e) = e, \phi(r) = r^2, \phi(r^2) = \phi(r)^2 = r^4 = r, \phi(s) = s, \phi(rs) = \phi(r)\phi(s) = r^2s, \phi(r^2s) = \phi(r)^2\phi(s) = r^4s = rs;$$

This gives a unique isomorphism $\phi: S_3 \rightarrow S_3, \lambda \mapsto s\lambda s^{-1}$;

Case 3: $\phi(r) = r$ and $\phi(s) = rs$.

$$\phi(e) = e, \phi(r) = r, \phi(r^2) = \phi(r)^2 = r^2, \phi(s) = rs, \phi(rs) = \phi(r)\phi(s) = r^2s, \phi(r^2s) = \phi(r)^2\phi(s) = r^4s = s;$$

This gives a unique isomorphism $\phi: S_3 \rightarrow S_3, \lambda \mapsto r^2\lambda(r^2)^{-1}$;

Case 4: $\phi(r) = r^2$ and $\phi(s) = rs$.

$$\phi(e) = e, \phi(r) = r^2, \phi(r^2) = \phi(r)^2 = r^4 = r, \phi(s) = rs, \phi(rs) = \phi(r)\phi(s) = r^3s = s, \phi(r^2s) = \phi(r)^2\phi(s) = r^4rs = r^2s;$$

This gives a unique isomorphism $\phi: S_3 \rightarrow S_3, \lambda \mapsto r^2s\lambda(r^2s)^{-1}$;

Case 5: $\phi(r) = r$ and $\phi(s) = r^2s$.

$$\phi(e) = e, \phi(r) = r, \phi(r^2) = \phi(r)^2 = r^2, \phi(s) = r^2s, \phi(rs) = \phi(r)\phi(s) = r^3s = s, \phi(r^2s) = \phi(r)^2\phi(s) = r^4r^2s = r^6s = s;$$

This gives a unique isomorphism $\phi: S_3 \rightarrow S_3, \lambda \mapsto r\lambda r^{-1}$;

Case 6: $\phi(r) = r^2$ and $\phi(s) = r^2s$.

$$\phi(e) = e, \phi(r) = r^2, \phi(r^2) = \phi(r)^2 = r^4 = r, \phi(s) = r^2s, \phi(rs) = \phi(r)\phi(s) = r^3s = s, \phi(r^2s) = \phi(r)^2\phi(s) = r^4r^2s = r^6s = s;$$

This gives a unique isomorphism $\phi: S_3 \rightarrow S_3, \lambda \mapsto rs\lambda(rs)^{-1}$;



Collect all isomorphisms above in the following set:

$$X = \text{Aut}(S_3) = \{\phi_0, \phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3, \phi_4, \phi_5, \phi_6\}$$

If we equip this set with \circ , then $\forall \alpha, \beta \in S_3, \phi_{\alpha\beta} = \phi_\alpha \phi_\beta$.

This implies the bijective function $\psi: S_3 \rightarrow \text{Aut}(S_3), \psi(\alpha) = \phi_\alpha$ is an isomorphism.

That is, $\text{Aut}(S_3)$ is not only a group under multiplication, it is isomorphic to S_3 .

3. Proof: Without loss of generality, assume that $\alpha: \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}, \alpha(m) = \begin{cases} m+1, & \text{if } 1 \leq m < k; \\ 1, & \text{if } m = k; \\ m, & \text{if } k < m \leq n; \end{cases}$

For all $\sigma \in S_n$, for all $1 \leq m \leq n$:

Case 1: If $1 \leq m < k$, then $\sigma \alpha \sigma^{-1}(\sigma(m)) = \sigma \alpha(\sigma^{-1}(\sigma(m))) = \sigma \alpha(m) = \sigma(m+1)$;

Case 2: If $m = k$, then $\sigma \alpha \sigma^{-1}(\sigma(k)) = \sigma \alpha(\sigma^{-1}(\sigma(k))) = \sigma \alpha(k) = \sigma(1)$;

Case 3: If $k < m \leq n$, then $\sigma \alpha \sigma^{-1}(\sigma(m)) = \sigma \alpha(\sigma^{-1}(\sigma(m))) = \sigma \alpha(m) = \sigma(m)$.

Combine the three cases above, we've proven that $\sigma \alpha \sigma^{-1} = (\sigma(1), \sigma(2), \dots, \sigma(k))$.

4. Proof: We may divide our proof into two parts:

"if" direction: Assume that $\sigma = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k), \tau = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_k)$ have the same length k .

Construct $\alpha \in S_n$, such that $\alpha(y) = \begin{cases} \alpha_m, & \text{if } y = y_m \text{ for some } 1 \leq m \leq k; \\ \text{arbitrary}, & \text{if } y \neq y_m \text{ for all } 1 \leq m \leq k; \end{cases}$ and α is bijective.

Notice that $\sigma = \alpha \tau \alpha^{-1}$, so σ is conjugate to τ .

"only if" direction: Assume that σ is conjugate to τ , i.e., $\exists \alpha \in S_n, \sigma = \alpha \tau \alpha^{-1}$.

As $|S_n| < +\infty$, both $\text{ord } \sigma$ and $\text{ord } \tau$ exists.

For all $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\text{ord } \sigma \mid m \Rightarrow \sigma^m = e \Rightarrow \tau^m = (\alpha^{-1} \sigma \alpha)^m = \alpha^{-1} \sigma^m \alpha = \alpha^{-1} e \alpha = e \Rightarrow \text{ord } \tau \mid m$

$\text{ord } \tau \mid m \Rightarrow \tau^m = e \Rightarrow \sigma^m = (\alpha \tau \alpha^{-1})^m = \alpha \tau^m \alpha^{-1} = \alpha e \alpha^{-1} = e \Rightarrow \text{ord } \sigma \mid m$

Hence, the two positive integers $\text{ord } \sigma, \text{ord } \tau$ are equal, which implies σ, τ have the same length.

Combine the two parts above, we've proven the biconditional.



5. (a) (i) e

(ii) $(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 4)$

(iii) $(1, 2)(3, 4), (1, 3)(2, 4), (1, 4)(2, 3)$

(iv) $(1, 2, 3), (3, 2, 1), (1, 2, 4), (4, 2, 1), (1, 3, 4), (4, 3, 1), (2, 3, 4), (4, 3, 2)$

(v) $(1, 2, 3, 4), (1, 2, 4, 3), (1, 3, 2, 4), (1, 3, 4, 2), (1, 4, 2, 3), (1, 4, 3, 2)$

We get $1 + 6 + 3 + 8 + 6 = 24 = 4!$ distinct elements in total.

(b) Proof: We may divide our proof into four parts.

Part 1: In this part, we prove that V contains the identity of S_4 .

$$e \in V = \{e, (1, 2)(3, 4), (1, 3)(2, 4), (1, 4)(2, 3)\}$$

Part 2: In this part, we prove that V is closed under the group operation of S_4

$x \circ y \rightarrow$	e	$(1, 2)(3, 4)$	$(1, 3)(2, 4)$	$(1, 4)(2, 3)$
e	e	$(1, 2)(3, 4)$	$(1, 3)(2, 4)$	$(1, 4)(2, 3)$
$(1, 2)(3, 4)$	$(1, 2)(3, 4)$	e	$(1, 4)(2, 3)$	$(1, 3)(2, 4)$
$(1, 3)(2, 4)$	$(1, 3)(2, 4)$	$(1, 4)(2, 3)$	e	$(1, 2)(3, 4)$
$(1, 4)(2, 3)$	$(1, 4)(2, 3)$	$(1, 3)(2, 4)$	$(1, 2)(3, 4)$	e

Part 3: In this part, we prove that V is closed under the group inversion of S_4

$$e^{-1} = e \in V, [(1, 3)(2, 4)]^{-1} = (1, 3)(2, 4) \in V$$

$$[(1, 2)(3, 4)]^{-1} = (1, 2)(3, 4) \in V, [(1, 4)(2, 3)]^{-1} = (1, 4)(2, 3) \in V$$

Part 4: In this part, we prove that V is Abelian.

As its Cayley Table is symmetric about the main diagonal, V is Abelian.

Combine the four parts above, we've proven that V is an Abelian subgroup of S_4 .



(c) Solution:

$$eV = \{e, (1,2)(3,4), (1,3)(2,4), (1,4)(2,3)\}$$

$$(1,2)V = \{(1,2), (3,4), (1,3,2,4), (1,4,2,3)\}$$

$$(1,3)V = \{(1,3), (1,2,3,4), (2,4), (1,4,3,2)\}$$

$$(1,4)V = \{(1,4), (1,2,4,3), (1,3,4,2), (2,3)\}$$

$$(1,2,3)V = \{(1,2,3), (1,3,4), (4,3,2), (4,2,1)\}$$

$$(3,2,1)V = \{(3,2,1), (2,3,4), (1,2,4), (4,3,1)\}$$

$$Ve = \{e, (1,2)(3,4), (1,3)(2,4), (1,4)(2,3)\} = eV$$

$$V(1,2) = \{(1,2), (3,4), (1,4,2,3), (1,3,2,4)\} = (1,2)V$$

$$V(1,3) = \{(1,3), (1,4,3,2), (2,4), (1,2,3,4)\} = (1,3)V$$

$$V(1,4) = \{(1,4), (1,3,4,2), (1,2,4,3), (2,3)\} = (1,4)V$$

$$V(1,2,3) = \{(1,2,3), (4,3,2), (4,2,1), (1,3,4)\} = (1,2,3)V$$

$$V(3,2,1) = \{(3,2,1), (4,3,1), (2,3,4), (1,2,4)\} = (3,2,1)V$$

As $\forall \alpha \in S_4, \alpha V = V\alpha$, V is an abelian normal subgroup of S_4 .

