

## Exercise II.6.1

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The group of invertible  $n \times n$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{R}$  is denoted  $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Similarly,  $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$  denotes the group of  $n \times n$  invertible matrices with complex entries. Consider the following sets of matrices:

- $SL_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{M \in GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid \det(M) = 1\}$ ;
- $SL_n(\mathbb{C}) = \{M \in GL_n(\mathbb{C}) \mid \det(M) = 1\}$ ;
- $O_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{M \in GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid MM^t = M^t M = I_n\}$ ;
- $SO_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{M \in O_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid \det(M) = 1\}$ ;
- $U(n) = \{M \in GL_n(\mathbb{C}) \mid MM^\dagger = M^\dagger M = I_n\}$ ;
- $SU(n) = \{M \in U(n) \mid \det(M) = 1\}$ ;

Here  $I_n$  stands for the  $n \times n$  identity matrix,  $M^t$  is the transpose of  $M$ ,  $M^\dagger$  is the conjugate transpose of  $M$ , and  $\det(M)$  denotes the determinant of  $M$ . Find all possible inclusions among these sets, and prove that in every case the smaller set is a subgroup of the larger one.

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We are dealing with three different properties:

1. The matrix has entries in  $\mathbb{C}$ .
2. The matrix has its conjugate transpose as its inverse,  $MM^\dagger = I_n$ .
3. The matrix has determinant 1,  $\det(M) = 1$ .

None of them implies the others. The three properties give rise to this three-dimensional cube

