

1. Prove, without recourse to Venn diagrams, that $A \setminus B$ and $B \setminus A$ are disjoint sets.

Proof by contradiction:

Suppose $(A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A) \neq \emptyset$.

then $\exists x$ st. $x \in (A \setminus B)$ and $x \in (B \setminus A)$.

Since $x \in (A \setminus B)$,

$x \in A, x \notin B$.

Since $x \in (B \setminus A)$,

$x \in B, x \notin A$,

and there is a contradiction.

Therefore, $(A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A) = \emptyset$.

~~and~~ i.e. $A \setminus B$ and $B \setminus A$ are disjoint sets. \square .

2. Suppose that K is a proper subgroup of H and H is a proper subgroup of G . If $|K| = 42$ and $|G| = 420$, what are the possible orders of H ?

$$K \leq H \leq G.$$

according to Lagrange's thm,

$$|K| \mid |H|, \quad |H| \mid |G|.$$

$$42 \mid |H|, \quad |H| \mid 420.$$

But since they are all proper subgroups,

The only possible orders of H are 84 and 210. \checkmark

So $|H|$ can only be

$$42, 42 \times 2, 42 \times 5, 42 \times 10.$$

3. Suppose G is a finite group of order n and m is relatively prime to n . If $g \in G$ and $g^m = e$, prove that $g = e$.

proof. Since G is of order n ,
according to Lagrange's thm,

$$|a| \mid |G|, \quad \forall a \in G.$$

and since $g^m = e$, $|G| = n$,

$$|g| \mid m, \quad |g| \mid n.$$

~~So $m \mid n$.~~

and because $\gcd(m, n) = 1$.

$$\cancel{m=1}. \quad \gcd(\cancel{m}, n) = 1.$$

Therefore, ~~$g^2 = e$~~ $|g| = 1$.

and thus $g = e$. \square .

4. Determine the null space, nullity and rank of the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$.

Let $Ax = 0$.

It has AM:

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sim \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

{using technology}

let $x_3 = s, x_4 = t$.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + (-1)x_3 + (-2)x_4 = 0 \\ x_2 + 2x_3 + 3x_4 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = s + 2t \\ x_2 = -2s - 3t \end{cases}$$

\therefore Null A is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \checkmark \text{ s.t. } t \in \mathbb{R}$$

which is the subspace spanned by

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad \checkmark$$

\therefore nullity $(A) = 2$.

Since ~~the~~ a basis for column space is

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

rank $(A) = \text{column rank of } A = 2$.

5. Let T be a tree with $n > 1$ vertices. Use the handshaking lemma to prove that T has at least two leaves.

! proof by contradiction:

Suppose there are ~~n~~ ⁿ vertices, ~~n > 1~~ ^{n > 1}.

and it has less than two leaves,

i.e. there are at least $(n-1)$ vertices w/ ~~deg(v) > 1~~ ^{degree more than 1}.

According to handshaking lemma,

$$\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 2e.$$

where V is the vertices in T . and e is the # of edges.

$$\therefore \sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) \geq (n-1)(2) + 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow e \geq \frac{2n-1}{2} = n - \frac{1}{2}.$$

and since for a tree w/ n vertices, there are exactly $n-1$ edges.

yet $n-1 < n - \frac{1}{2}$. which is a contradiction

Thus T has at least 2 leaves. \square

1. Suppose $f: G \rightarrow G'$ is a group homomorphism with identities e and e' respectively. Prove that $f(e) = e'$.

Proof: Since $f: G \rightarrow G'$

$$f(e \cdot a) = f(e) \cdot f(a)$$

$$= f(a).$$

where $a \in G$.
post multiply by $f(a)^{-1}$, we get

$$f(e) = f(e) \cdot f(a) \cdot f(a)^{-1} = f(a) \cdot f(a)^{-1} = e'.$$

Thus,

$$f(e) = e' \quad \square.$$

2. Show that the improper integral $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$ converges and find its value.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{2} - 0$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [\arctan x]_0^b$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [\arctan b - \arctan 0]$$

3. Suppose $\phi: \mathbb{Z}_{30} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{30}$ is a homomorphism with $\ker(\phi) = \{0, 10, 20\}$. If $\phi(23) = 9$ find all elements that map to 9.

Let e denote the identity elmt in the first group.
~~Since $\ker(\phi) = \phi(23) =$~~

Because of homomorphism,

$$\phi(e) + \phi(23)$$

$$= \phi(e+23) = \phi(23) = 9.$$

And since

$\phi(0) = \phi(10) = \phi(20) = \phi(e)$,
and they are the only ones
that map to the identity
in the second group,

$$\phi(23) = \phi(0+23) = \phi(23)$$

$$= \phi(10+23) = \phi(13)$$

$$= \phi(20+23) = \phi(13)$$

$$= 9.$$

Therefore,

The elmts 23, 13
in the first group all
map to 9.

4. By considering the permutations $\alpha = (12)$ and $\beta = (123)$ in S_4 , show that $f: S_4 \rightarrow S_4$ defined by $f(p) = p \circ p$ is not a homomorphism.

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha) &= \alpha^2 = (12)(12) = e. \\ f(\beta) &= \beta^2 = (123)(123) = (132). \\ f(\alpha) \cdot f(\beta) &= e(132) = (132) \\ f(\alpha \cdot \beta) &= f((12)(123)) \\ &= (12)(123)(12)(123) \\ &= e. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$f(\alpha \cdot \beta) \neq f(\alpha) \cdot f(\beta)$$

So $f: S_4 \rightarrow S_4$ defined by $f(p) = p \circ p$ is ~~not~~ not a homomorphism.

5. Consider the curve $y = x^3$. The tangent at a point P on the curve meets the curve again at Q . The tangent at Q meets the curve again at R . Denoting the x -coordinates of P, Q, R by x_1, x_2, x_3 respectively where $x_1 \neq 0$, show that x_1, x_2, x_3 form the first three terms of a divergent geometric sequence.

$$P(x_1, x_1^3)$$

$$Q(x_2, x_2^3)$$

$$R(x_3, x_3^3)$$

So the slope of PQ is

$$\frac{x_2^3 - x_1^3}{x_2 - x_1} = x_2^2 + x_2x_1 + x_1^2$$

and since PQ is tangent

to $y = x^3$ at P ,

the slope of PQ also equals to

$$3x_1^2$$

$$\therefore x_2^2 + x_2x_1 + x_1^2 = 3x_1^2$$

$$x_2^2 + x_2x_1 - 2x_1^2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

which means that x_1, x_2, x_3

forms a geometric sequence,

Similarly,

$$x_3^2 + x_3x_2 - 2x_2^2 = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{let } \frac{x_2}{x_1} = a, \frac{x_3}{x_2} = b.$$

Then divide (1) by x_1^2 , we get $\{ 1 + \frac{1}{a} - 2(\frac{1}{a})^2 = 0$

$$\{ b^2 + b - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a^2 + a - 2 = 0 \\ b^2 + b - 2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

so, a, b are solutions to the equation

$$x^2 + x - 2 = 0.$$

$$a_1 = -2, a_2 = 1$$

Since $x_1 \neq x_2 \neq x_3$.

$$a = b = -2.$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{x_2}{x_1} = \frac{x_3}{x_2} = -2.$$

and since $|-2| > 1$, it is divergent.

1. Give an example of a relation that is symmetric and transitive but not reflexive.

The relation R is defined on \mathbb{Z}^+ by xRy if $\overset{\text{the product}}{xy}$ is odd.
 $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

Check:

① Symmetric because if xRy , xy is odd, then yx is odd, yRx .

② transitive because if xRy, yRz , xy, yz are odd.

So x, y, z are all odd. Thus xz is odd, xRz . ✓

③ Not reflexive because xRx is not true when x is even.

2. Evaluate the improper integral $\int_0^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx$.

let $u = \frac{x}{2}$. $du = \frac{dx}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx &= [\sin^{-1} u]_0^1 \\ &= [\sin^{-1} \frac{x}{2}]_0^2 \\ &= [\sin^{-1} 1 - \sin^{-1} 0] \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - 0 = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

3. Determine the kernel of the group homomorphism $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by $f(x, y) = (4x + 2y, 2x + y)$.

The identity elmt in both groups are $(0, 0)$

Thus $\ker(f) = \{(x, y) \mid 4x + 2y = 0, 2x + y = 0, x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$.

$= \{(x, y) \mid 2x + y = 0, x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$.

$= \{(x, -2x) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$. ✓

4. The relation \sim is defined on \mathbb{R}^2 by $(x_1, y_1) \sim (x_2, y_2)$ if $x_1 y_1 = x_2 y_2$. Show that \sim is an equivalence relation and graph the equivalence class $[(1, 1)]$.

To check for equivalence relation:

① if $x_1 y_1 = x_2 y_2$.

then $x_2 y_2 = x_1 y_1$.

So \sim is symmetric.

② Since $x_1 y_1 = x_1 y_1$,

\sim is reflexive.

③ If $x_1 y_1 = x_2 y_2$.

$x_2 y_2 = x_3 y_3$.

then $x_1 y_1 = x_2 y_2 = x_3 y_3$.

i.e. $(x_1, y_1) \sim (x_3, y_3)$

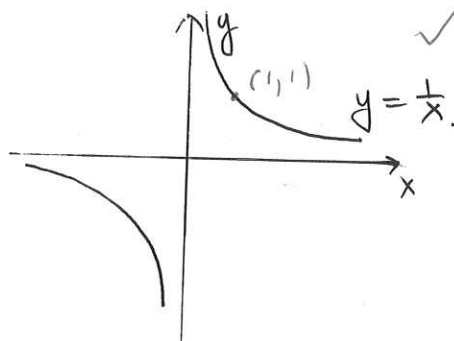
So \sim is transitive.

when $x_1 = y_1 = 1$.

$x_2 y_2 = 1 \times 1 = 1$.

So $[(1, 1)] = \{(x, y) \mid xy = 1, x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Thus, it is the graph of



5. The convergent sequence $u_n = \frac{e^n + 2^n}{2e^n}$ has limit L . Find the smallest value of n for which $|u_n - L| < 0.001$.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^n + 2^n}{2e^n} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$, which is of indeterminate form.

We apply L'Hôpital's rule,

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(e^n + 2^n)'}{(2e^n)'} = \frac{ne^{n-1}}{2ne^{n-1}} = \frac{1}{2}$.

Thus, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^n + 2^n}{2e^n} = \frac{1}{2} = L$.

$\left| \frac{e^n + 2^n}{2e^n} - \frac{1}{2} \right| < 0.001$.

$\left| \frac{2^n}{e^n} \right| < 0.002$.

$n > \log_{\frac{e}{2}} 0.002$.

$n > 20.3$.

So the smallest value of n is 21.

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1. Give two reasons why the set of odd integers under addition is not a group.

① It is not closed.

Because the sum of two odd numbers ~~is~~ is even, which does not belong to odd integers.

② It does not have an identity.

the only possible identity is 0.

yet 0 is even.

2. Construct the Cayley table for $(\mathbb{Z}_{12}^*, \otimes)$.

	1	5	7	11
1	1	5	7	11
5	5	1	11	7
7	7	11	1	5
11	11	7	5	1

3. The space $S = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 . Find a Cartesian equation for S .

$$S = \left\{ c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \mid c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} c_1 + c_2 \\ c_1 + 2c_2 \\ c_1 + 3c_2 \end{pmatrix} \mid c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

Let $x = c_1 + c_2$, $y = c_1 + 2c_2$, $z = c_1 + 3c_2$.

then $x - 2y + z = 0$.

Thus S is the plane in \mathbb{R}^3 $x - 2y + z = 0$

4. A sequence is defined recursively by $u_1 = 1$ and $u_{n+1} = \frac{1}{1+u_n}$. Assuming the sequence is convergent find its limit.

Since it is assumed that the sequence is convergent,

we when n approaches infinity, $u_{n+1} = u_n$.

i.e. $\frac{1}{1+u_n} = u_n$.

$\therefore u_n = \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ or $\frac{-1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$.

Since $u_1 = 1$ and $u_{n+1} = \frac{1}{1+u_n}$,
 u_n can not be negative.

so $u_n = \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ as n approach ∞ .

which means the limit is $\frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$.

Better to write
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = L$ say.

5. Prove that the set of 3×3 matrices with real entries of the form $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is a group under matrix multiplication.

proof: ① Matrix Multiplication is associative.

② The set is closed

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a_1 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & c_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a_2 & b_2 \\ 0 & 1 & c_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a_1+a_2 & b_2+a_1c_2+b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & c_1+c_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since $a_1+a_2, b_2+a_1c_2+b_1, c_1+c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

The set is closed.

③ Since $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

the set has identity $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

which belongs to the set taking $a=b=c=0$

④ Using Linear Row Reduction:

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & a & b & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & c & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -a & -b+ac \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

We find the inverse $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a & -b+ac \\ 0 & 1 & -c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ belongs to the set.

Therefore, we've verified that the set $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ is a group under multiplication. \square

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.

	i	f	g	h
i	i	f	g	h
f	f	i	h	g
g	g	h	i	f
h	h	g	f	i

the group is isomorphic to V_4 (or $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$).

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 .

$$f(2) = 4a + 2b = |2-2|+1 = 1.$$

$$f'(2) = 2a(2) + b = 4a + b = (2-x+1)' = -1$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} 4a + 2b = 1 \\ 4a + b = -1 \end{cases}$$

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

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'' .

Proof. since f, g are homomorphisms,

$$f(ab) = f(a)f(b), \quad a, b \in G.$$

since g is a homomorphism,

$$g(f(a)f(b)) = g(f(a))g(f(b))$$

$$= g(f(a)) \cdot g(f(b)), \quad f(a)f(b) \in G'$$

on the other hand.

$$g(f(a)f(b)) = g(f(ab))$$

$$= g(f(ab)).$$

$$g(f(a)) \cdot g(f(b)) \in G''.$$

Therefore,

$$g \circ f(ab) = g \circ f(a) \cdot g \circ f(b)$$

which means,

$g \circ f$ is a homomorphism from G to G'' . \square

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

and $f(e) = e'$. where e is the identity in G , e' is in G' .
so $\text{ran}(f)$ is non-empty

proof: since $f: G \rightarrow G'$, $\text{ran}(f) \subseteq G'$.

we use the 3-step subgroup test to show $\text{ran}(f) \leq G'$.

① let $a', b' \in \text{ran}(f)$.

~~$a'b' \in \text{ran}(f)$~~ $\exists a, b \in G$, s.t.

$f(a) = a', f(b) = b'$.

thus $f(ab) = f(a)f(b) = a'b'$.

Therefore, $a'b' \in G'$. ✓

and $\text{ran}(f)$ is closed.

② Since $f(e) = e'$.

$e' \in \text{ran}(f)$ ✓

identity axiom is verified.

③ $f(a^{-1}) = f(a)^{-1} = (a')^{-1}$

where a^{-1} is the inverse of $a \in G$.

thus, $\exists (a')^{-1} \forall a' \in G'$.

and inverse axiom is verified.

Therefore, we conclude that $\text{ran}(f) \leq G'$. \square .

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.

To show that \sim is an equiv. relation

① since ~~a~~

$$b - b = 2(a - a) = 0.$$

$$(a, b) \sim (a, b).$$

and \sim is reflexive.

② If $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$

$$(d - b) = 2(c - a)$$

then

$$(b - d) = -2(c - a)$$

$$= 2(a - c)$$

$$\text{thus } (c, d) \sim (a, b)$$

and \sim is symmetric.

③ If $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$

$$(c, d) \sim (e, f)$$

$$\begin{cases} d - b = 2(c - a) & \textcircled{1} \\ f - d = 2(e - c) & \textcircled{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} d - b = 2(c - a) & \textcircled{1} \\ f - d = 2(e - c) & \textcircled{2} \end{cases}$$

① + ②, we get

$$f - b = 2(e - a)$$

which means

$$(a, b) \sim (e, f).$$

and thus \sim is transitive.

Therefore, \sim is an equiv. relation.

Geometrically speaking,
the equiv. classes are the sets
of points on the lines of
slope 2 in \mathbb{R}^2
on the Cartesian
plane. ✓

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