

1. The permutation $a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$. Find a^{10} giving your answer in cycle notation.

$$a = (1243) \quad \text{we found that } a^4 = e = (1234)$$

$$a^{10} = \underbrace{(1243)(1243) \dots (1243)}_{10 \text{ } (1243)}$$

$$= e \cdot e (1243)^2 = (14)(23) \quad \checkmark$$

2. Use the inverse matrix method without the aid of the calculator to solve the system $\begin{cases} x + 2y = 19 \\ 3x - y = 15 \end{cases}$

~~The system has~~

~~the system has augmented matrix~~

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 19 \\ 3 & -1 & 15 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|A| = 1(-1) - (2)(3) = -1 - 6 = -7 \neq 0, \text{ so } A^{-1} \text{ exists.}$$

pre-multiply by A^{-1} , we get

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} -49 \\ -42 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

\therefore the solution is $\begin{cases} x = 7 \\ y = 6 \end{cases} \quad \checkmark$

3. The group isomorphism $f: \mathbb{Z}_4 \rightarrow G$ is defined by $f(0) = a$, $f(1) = b$, $f(2) = c$ and $f(3) = d$. Construct the operation table for G .

The operation table for \mathbb{Z}_4 is:

	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	3	0
2	2	3	0	1
3	3	0	1	2

Because of isomorphism,

we know that the operation table for G is:

	a	b	c	d
a	a	b	c	d
b	b	c	d	a
c	c	d	a	b
d	d	a	b	c

4. The three complex numbers 1, w and z form a cyclic group under multiplication. Find w and z .

Since it is a cyclic group under multiplication.

and $1a = a \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{C}$, 1 must be the identity.

and thus either w or z or both must be a generator

WLOG, w is the generator and

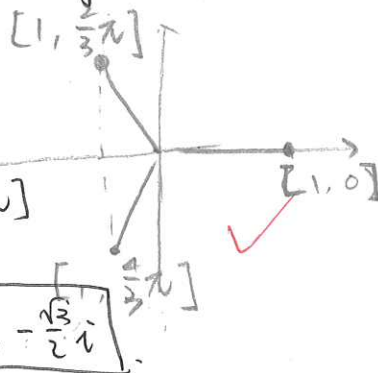
$$w^2 = z, \quad w^3 = 1.$$

by using the complex plane,

$$w = \left[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}\pi\right], \quad z = \left[-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{2}{3}\pi\right]$$

and thus w and z should be

$$w = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i, \quad z = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$



5. Calculate the values of x for which the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & x \\ 1 & 4 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$$

is zero.

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & 5 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & x \\ 1 & 4 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = x \begin{vmatrix} 3 & x \\ 4 & 7 \end{vmatrix} - 5 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x \\ 1 & 7 \end{vmatrix} + -1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= x(21 - 4x) - 5(7 - x) - 1(4 - 3)$$

$$= 21x - 4x^2 - 35 + 5x - 1$$

$$= -4x^2 + 26x - 36 = 0$$

$$2x^2 - 13x + 18 = 0$$

$$(x-2)(2x-9) = 0$$

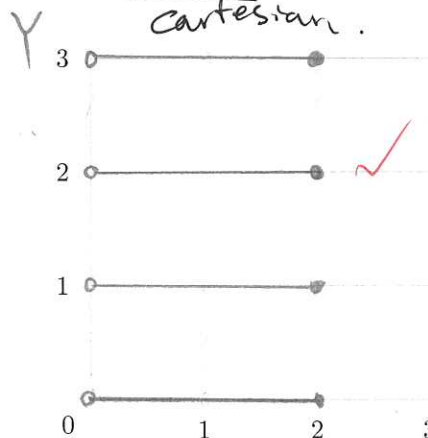
thus, when

$$x = 2 \text{ or } \frac{9}{2},$$

the determinant is zero.

6. Let $X = [0, 2]$ and $Y = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. Sketch the set $X \times Y$ in the grid. Hence or otherwise determine $|(X \times Y) \cap (Y \times X)|$.

$$\begin{aligned} &[0, 0] \\ &[0, 2] \\ &[0, 4] \\ &[0, 6] \end{aligned}$$



and $(Y \times X)$ is flipping the graph along $y=x$.

$$\text{thus } (X \times Y) \cap (Y \times X) = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2)\}$$

$$= \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2)\}$$

$$\text{Therefore } |(X \times Y) \cap (Y \times X)| = 4$$

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7. The set $S = \{261x + 126y \mid x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ forms a group under addition. Explain why this group must be cyclic and hence explain why 333 must be in S .

First, we want to show that $S \leq \mathbb{Z}$.

~~Since every subgroup of \mathbb{Z}~~
we use the 3-step subgroup test:

(i) let $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in S$.

$$261x_1 + 126y_1 + 261x_2 + 126y_2$$

$$= 261(x_1 + x_2) + 126(y_1 + y_2)$$

Since $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

So S is closed.

(ii)

$$\text{let } x=0, y=0.$$

$$\text{the } 261x + 126y = 0$$

8. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. identity preserved.

(a) Find a basis for the null space of A .

Let $Ax = 0$. which has AM.

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

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

(b) Find all vectors $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^4$ such that $A\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 10 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix}$.

Since $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is a basis for the null space of A ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 10 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

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This does not work!

x_3 is the free variable. let $x_3 = s$.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 + 2x_3 = 0 \\ x_4 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = s \\ x_2 = -2s \\ x_3 = s \\ x_4 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Thus, Every matrix of form $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix}$

can be expressed as

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad s \in \mathbb{R}$$

Thus, $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is a basis for the null space of A .

Alternatively, you can just solve the AM.

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 10 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 10 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 & 0 & 15 \end{array} \right)$$

and since $9 \mid 333$.

333 is in S .

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

(iii) The inverses of $x, y \in S$

are $-x$ and $-y$ as

$$261x + 126y + 261(-x) + 126(-y) = 0 \quad \forall x, y \in S.$$

Thus, inverse exists.

Therefore, $S \leq \mathbb{Z}$.

Since every subgroup of a cyclic group is also cyclic, and \mathbb{Z} is cyclic,

S is also cyclic. \square

$$\text{Since } 261x + 126y$$

$$= 9(29x + 14y)$$

$$\text{and } \gcd(29, 14) = 1.$$

$$\exists s, t \text{ s.t. } 29s + 14t = 1. \quad \therefore 9 \mid 9(29x + 14y)$$

$$S = \langle 9 \rangle \quad \gcd = 9.$$

9. In $\triangle ABC$, median $[AM]$ has midpoint D . Prove that the cevian $[BN]$ trisects side $[AC]$.

In $\triangle AMC$

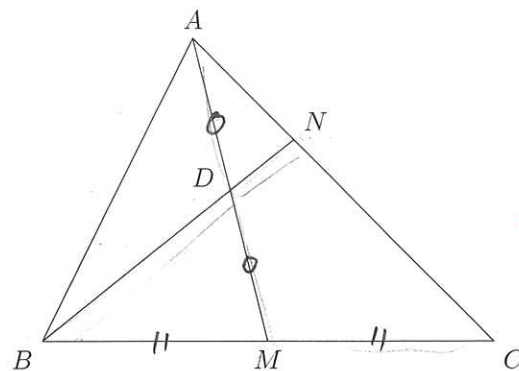
$$\frac{AD}{DM} \cdot \frac{MB}{BC} \cdot \frac{CN}{NA} = -1$$

$$\frac{1}{1} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) \cdot \frac{CN}{NA} = -1$$

$$\frac{CN}{NA} = 2$$

$$\therefore AN = \frac{1}{3} AC$$

and thus $[BN]$ trisects $[AC]$.



10. The centre of a group G , denoted $Z(G)$, is the set of elements in G that commute with every element of G . That is, $Z(G) = \{a \in G \mid ax = xa \text{ for all } x \in G\}$. Prove that $Z(G)$ is a subgroup of G .

Proof: we use the 3-step subgroup test to show $Z(G) \leq G$.

(i) let $m, n \in Z(G)$.

$$\begin{aligned} (mn)x &= m(nx) \\ &= (mx)n \\ &= x(mn) \quad \forall x \in G. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $mn \in Z(G)$.
and closure is verified.

(ii) Since

$$\begin{aligned} ex &= xe = x \quad \forall x \in G, \\ e &\in Z(G) \end{aligned}$$

and identity axiom is verified.

(iii)

let $m \in Z(G)$.

$$mx = xm \quad \forall x \in G.$$

Since $m \in G$,

$\exists m^{-1} \in G$ as G is a group.

premultiply by m^{-1}
we get

$$\begin{aligned} m^{-1}mx &= m^{-1}xm \\ x &= m^{-1}xm. \end{aligned}$$

postmultiply by m^{-1} we get

$$\begin{aligned} xm^{-1} &= m^{-1}xmm^{-1} \\ &= m^{-1}x \quad \forall x \in G. \end{aligned}$$

and thus $m^{-1} \in Z(G)$.

Thus, inverse exists.

Therefore, by 3-step subgroup test, we conclude that

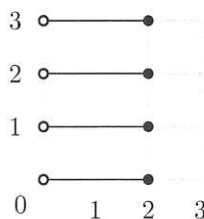
$$Z(G) \leq G. \quad \square$$

Solutions to FM1 Test #1

1. Since a is a 4-cycle, $a^4 = e$. So $a^{10} = a^2 = (14)(23)$.
2. We have $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$. Hence $x = 7, y = 6$.
3. The operation table for G is

	a	b	c	d
a	a	b	c	d
b	b	c	d	a
c	c	d	a	b
d	d	a	b	c

4. The three roots of unity form the required cyclic group. These roots are 1, $[1, 120^\circ]$ and $[1, 240^\circ]$. So $w = [1, 120^\circ]$ and $z = [1, 240^\circ]$ will do.
5. Expanding the determinant across the first row gives $x(21-4x)-5(7-x)-(4-3)$. Hence we solve $2x^2-13x+18=0$, whence $x=2, \frac{9}{2}$.
6. The diagram illustrates $X \times Y$. The diagram for $Y \times X$ will be the reflection of the given diagram in the line $y=x$. We conclude $|(X \times Y) \cap (Y \times X)| = 4$.



7. We are given that $(S, +)$ is a group and clearly S is a proper subset of \mathbb{Z} . So $(S, +) \leq (\mathbb{Z}, +)$. Since $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is cyclic we conclude $(S, +)$ is cyclic since every subgroup of a cyclic group is also cyclic. A generator for $(S, +)$ is $\gcd(261, 126) = 9$. So $S = \langle 9 \rangle$. Since $9 \mid 333$, we conclude $333 \in S$.

8. (a) Using the calculator $\text{rref}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. So a basis for $\text{null}(A)$ is $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

- (b) We spot $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ as a particular solution. Hence the full solution is $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R}$.

9. Menelaus's theorem with unsigned lengths gives

$$\frac{AN}{NC} \times \frac{CB}{BM} \times \frac{MD}{DA} = 1.$$

Solving for $AN : NC$, gives $AN : NC = 1 : 2$, which is to say cevian $[BN]$ trisects side $[AC]$.

10. We use the 3-step subgroup test.

- i. Suppose $a, b \in Z(G)$ and $x \in G$. Then $(ab)x = a(bx) = a(xb) = (ax)b = (xa)b = x(ab)$. Hence $ab \in Z(G)$. So $Z(G)$ is closed under the group operation.
- ii. Since $ex = xe$ for all $x \in G$, we have $e \in Z(G)$.
- iii. Suppose $a \in Z(G)$ and $x \in G$. Then $ax = xa$. So $axa^{-1} = x$, from which it follows that $xa^{-1} = a^{-1}x$. Thus $a^{-1} \in Z(G)$.

Hence $Z(G)$ is a subgroup of G .

