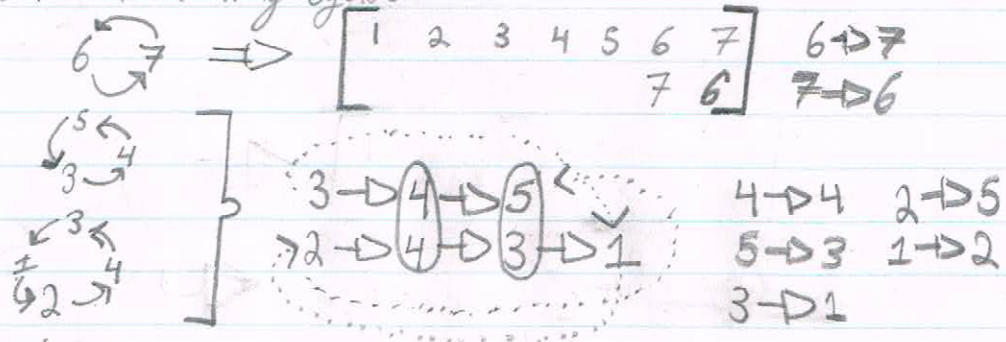


MATH 3101 Assignment 8:

- ① Consider the Permutation  $\alpha = (2, 4, 3, 1)(3, 4, 5)(6, 7)$  of  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ :  
a) Explicitly determine where  $\alpha$  maps each of the elements of  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ :  
We note the following cycles:



thus:

$$f = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 & 4 & 3 & 7 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

the mapping is as follows, for all  $\alpha_i \rightarrow f(\alpha_i)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\rightarrow 2 \\ 2 &\rightarrow 5 \\ 3 &\rightarrow 1 \\ 4 &\rightarrow 4 \\ 5 &\rightarrow 3 \\ 6 &\rightarrow 7 \\ 7 &\rightarrow 6 \end{aligned}$$

- b) Write  $\alpha$  as a product of disjoint cycles:

We note the following patterns in  $f$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1 &\Rightarrow (1, 2, 3) \\ 5 \rightarrow 3 &\Rightarrow (5, 3) \\ 6 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 6 &\Rightarrow (6, 7) \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow (1, 2, 3)(5, 3)(6, 7)(4)$$

Alternatively: (Simplified)

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1 \\ 2 &\rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow (1, 2, 5, 3)(6, 7)(4)$$

- c) Compute  $|\alpha|$ :

$|\alpha|$  is the order of element  $\alpha$ , with each cycles order being its length:

$$\therefore \text{lcm}(4, 2) = 4 \quad \text{as} \quad (4)(1) = (2)(2)$$

$$\text{thus, } |\alpha| = 4$$

d) Find  $a^{-1}$ :

Since  $a = (1, 2, 5, 3)(6, 7)(4)$ , we know  $f^{-1}(i_{k+1}) = i_k$

$$a^{-1} = (1, 3, 5, 2)(6, 7)(4)$$

$$\hookrightarrow (3, 5, 2, 1)(7, 6) = (1, 3, 5, 2)(6, 7) \rightarrow (1, 3, 5, 2)(6, 7)(4)$$

e) Write  $a$  as a product of transpositions, and determine whether  $a$  is even or odd:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (1, 2, 5, 3) \rightarrow (1, 2)(1, 5)(1, 3) \\ (6, 7) \rightarrow (6, 7) \end{array} \right\} (1, 2)(1, 5)(1, 3)(6, 7)$$

thus, the transpositions are:

$$(1, 2)(1, 5)(1, 3)(6, 7)$$

there's an even number of transpositions  $\therefore$  even permutation

② Consider the permutation  $B = (1, 5)(2, 4)(3, 7)(6, 8)(9, 10)$  of  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$ .

Explain why  $B^{-1} = B$ :

Since  $f(i_k) = i_{k+1}$  implies  $f^{-1}(i_{k+1}) = i_k$ , we need to reverse the order of the cycle & move each element up by one index value:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{if } f = (1, 2, 3, 4) \text{ then } f^{-1} \text{ is:} \\ \text{reverse order } \hookrightarrow (4, 3, 2, 1) \xrightarrow[\text{unit forward}]{\text{move index one}} (-1, 4, 3, 2, 1) \xrightarrow[\text{the black circle index}]{\text{modulo 4, move fifth index to}} (1, 4, 3, 2) \end{array}$$

However, when  $f$  is a transposition:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{if } f = (a, b) \text{ we see:} \\ \text{reverse order } \hookrightarrow (b, a) \xrightarrow[\text{index}]{\text{increment}} (-1, b, a) \xrightarrow{\text{modulo 2}} (a, b) \end{array}$$

thus, it is noted that  $f^{-1} = f$  for any  $f = (a, b)$

the permutation  $B$  consists entirely of disjoint cycles which are also transpositions:

$$\text{if } f = (a, b)(c, d) \dots (p, q) \text{ then } f^{-1} = (a, b)^{-1}(c, d)^{-1} \dots (p, q)^{-1}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  As seen above, transpositions are themselves when inverted so:

$$f^{-1} = (a, b)^{-1}(c, d)^{-1} \dots (p, q)^{-1} = (a, b)(c, d) \dots (p, q)$$

So if  $B = (1, 5)(2, 4)(3, 7)(6, 8)(9, 10)$  then  $B^{-1} = B$  as seen above



③ Find a group of permutations that is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ . Explicitly define an isomorphism from  $\mathbb{Z}_5$  to this group of isomorphisms:

Let  $G$  be  $(\mathbb{Z}_5, +)$ :

$$\mathbb{Z}_5 = \{[0], [1], [2], [3], [4]\}$$

$f(a): \mathbb{Z}_5 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_5$  where  $f_g(x) = g+x$  for each  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_5$ :

$$\therefore f_0(0)=0 \quad f_1(0)=1 \quad f_2(0)=2 \quad f_3(0)=3 \quad f_4(0)=4$$

$$f_0(1)=1 \quad f_1(1)=2 \quad f_2(1)=3 \quad f_3(1)=4 \quad f_4(1)=0$$

$$f_0(2)=2 \quad f_1(2)=3 \quad f_2(2)=4 \quad f_3(2)=0 \quad f_4(2)=1$$

$$f_0(3)=3 \quad f_1(3)=4 \quad f_2(3)=0 \quad f_3(3)=1 \quad f_4(3)=2$$

$$f_0(4)=4 \quad f_1(4)=0 \quad f_2(4)=1 \quad f_3(4)=2 \quad f_4(4)=3$$

In a more compact form, we write:

$$f_0 = (0)$$

$$f_1 = (0, 1, 2, 3, 4)$$

$$f_2 = (0, 2, 4, 1, 3)$$

$$f_3 = (0, 3, 1, 4, 2)$$

$$f_4 = (0, 4, 3, 2, 1)$$

$$f_0(x) = 0$$

$$f_1(x) = x$$

$$f_2(x) = 2x$$

$$f_3(x) = 3x$$

$$f_4(x) = 4x$$

} formula for compact forms

Permutation can be defined by:  $G' = \{f_0, f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4\}$

the mapping  $\phi: \mathbb{Z}_5 \rightarrow G'$  defined by  $\phi(i) = f_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$  is an isomorphism from  $\mathbb{Z}_5$  to  $G'$ .

- ④ Recall that in Question 2a from Assignment 6, you proved that  $H = \{[0], [4], [8]\}$  is a Subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$ . Write out all of the distinct cosets of  $H$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$ . Determine  $[\mathbb{Z}_{12} : H]$ :

$H = \{[0], [4], [8]\}$  is a Subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$

the elements of  $H$  are in the form  $aH$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{12}$  modulo 12

$$\mathbb{Z}_{12} = \{[0], [1], \dots, [10], [11]\}$$

There are two types of Cosets, Left Cosets & Right Cosets

the group  $H$  is generated by  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  over  $\langle 4 \rangle$ :

$$H = \{[0], [4], [8]\} = \langle [4] \rangle = C_3 \text{ [Cyclic group of 3]}$$

for  $(\mathbb{Z}_{12}, +)$ , we can write the following cosets (additive):

$$x + [4] = \{x + n : n \in [4]\} = \{x, x + [4], x + [8]\}$$

Left Cosets: let  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{12}$  modulo 4

$$\begin{aligned} \text{four distinct left cosets } [\mathbb{Z}_{12} : H] = 4 & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{let } x=0 : 0 + [4] = \{[0], [4], [8]\} = 4 + [4] = 8 + [4] = H \\ \text{let } x=1 : 1 + [4] = \{[1], [5], [9]\} = 5 + [4] = 9 + [4] = [1] + H \\ \text{let } x=2 : 2 + [4] = \{[2], [6], [10]\} = 6 + [4] = 10 + [4] = [2] + H \\ \text{let } x=3 : 3 + [4] = \{[3], [7], [11]\} = 7 + [4] = 11 + [4] = [3] + H \end{array} \right. \end{aligned}$$

each of the four cosets has the same number of elements as  $H$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{Since: } |\mathbb{Z}_{12}| / |H| = 12/3 = 4 \text{ Cosets}$$

Each of the four cosets are equal sized portions of  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$

which is necessary by Lagrange's theorem (Theorem 4.15)

$$\mathbb{Z}_{12} = H \cup ([1] + H) \cup ([2] + H) \cup ([3] + H); [\mathbb{Z}_{12} : H] = 4$$

Right Cosets:

We note  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  is abelian  $\therefore$  the left & right cosets are the same

Thus:

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \text{Cosets: } \mathbb{Z}_{12} &= H \cup ([1] + H) \cup ([2] + H) \cup ([3] + H) \\ [\mathbb{Z}_{12} : H] &= 4 \end{aligned}}$$



⑤ Determine whether the following statements are true or false. Justify your responses:

a) let  $G$  be a group, & let  $H$  be a Subgroup of  $G$ . Then each left Coset of  $H$  is a Subgroup of  $G$ :

We can use the following example: (See Example 3 on pg. 225)

let  $H = \{(1), (1,2)\}$  be a Subgroup of  $G = S_3 = \{(1), (1,2), (2,3), (1,3), (1,2,3), (1,3,2)\}$

For  $a = (1,2,3)$ , we have:

$$aH = \{(1,2,3)(1), (1,2,3)(1,2)\} = \{(1,2,3), (1,3)\}$$

thus, the left coset  $aH$  is  $\{(1,2,3), (1,3)\}$

We can see that the above left coset  $aH$  cannot be a Subgroup of  $G$  since it does not contain the identity of  $G$ .

$\hookrightarrow (1)$  is identity of  $S_3 = G$

$\hookrightarrow (1) \notin aH$

$\hookrightarrow \therefore aH$  is not a Subset of  $S_3 = G$

therefore, we cannot say that each left coset of  $H$  is a Subgroup of  $G$ , since we now have the Counterexample above.

$\therefore$  False

b) The Set of all odd permutations in  $S_n$  is a Subgroup of  $S_n$ :

[ the identity element  $e \in S_n$  is even, so the Set of all odd identities has no identity, which violates the properties of groups/subgroups.

Also, the product of two odd permutations is even, meaning the Set isn't Closed, which also violates the properties of groups/subgroups.

↳ Thus, the Set of odd permutations in  $S_n$  violates the properties of groups/subgroups

∴ False

c) Let  $G$  be a group of order  $n$ , & let  $K|n$ . Then there exists  $a \in G$  such that  $|a| = K$ :

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} G \text{ is of order } n \text{ so } |G| = n \\ K|n \text{ so } n = KC, C \in \mathbb{Z} \end{array} \right\} |G| = n = KC$$

By Corollary 4.16 on pg. 227:

The order of an element of a finite group must divide the order of the group thus, it follows that:  $|a| |G| \rightarrow |G| = |a|d, d \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{For } G = S_3 = \{(1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,3), (1,2,3), (1,3,2)\}$$

$$|G| = n = 6$$

$$n = KC \rightarrow 6 = KC \text{ thus let } K=6 \text{ \& } C=1 \text{ then } 6|6 \text{ is valid}$$

However,  $|a|$  ranges from 1 to 3 for all  $a \in G$

∴ False by Contradiction, as  $|a| \neq 6$  in this case

Note:

If this is asking if the order of an element of a finite group divides the order of the group, then the solution is:

$$|G| = KC \text{ \& } |G| = |a|d \text{ so } KC = |a|d$$

if  $c=d$  then  $K=|a|$  so  $|a|$  can be  $K$ , however  $K$  need not correspond to any  $|a|$  in  $G$  to satisfy  $K|n$ .

So, the problems true is: Given  $|G|=n$  &  $|a|=K \rightarrow K|n$ , but not true given:  $|G|=n$  &  $K|n \rightarrow |a|=K$

∴ False

d) Every finite cyclic group is isomorphic to a group of permutations:

By Cayley's Theorem, we know that every group is isomorphic to a group of permutations. The set of all finite cyclic groups belongs to the set of all groups.

↳ thus, we can infer that the set of all cyclic groups is isomorphic to a group of permutations since all groups are in general.

↳ This makes sense, since for any finite group, every row of its Cayley table is just a permutation of the elements of  $G$ .

i.e.:

finite group  $G' = \{e, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}, e_n\}$

group  $G = \{g_a g_b\}$  such that  $g_a g_b \in \{e, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}, e_n\}$

thus, this is clearly shown to be valid

(i) True