Abstract Algebra Learning Objectives

Chapter 0

(Judson)

Functions

- 1. Be familiar with the terminology and symbols of functions.
- 2. Determine if a proposed function is well-defined or not.
- 3. Know how to take the composition of functions.
- 4. Given a defined function, determine its domain, codomain, and image.
- 5. Given a subset S of the domain, find its image set, f(S).
- 6. Given a subset T of the image, find its preimage set, $f^{-1}(T)$.
- 7. Prove whether or not a function is injective or surjective.
- 8. If a defined function is bijective, determine its inverse.

Relations

- 1. Know definitions: relation, equivalence relation, equivalence class, congruence mod n, divides, divisor, multiple.
- 2. List elements in a relation; list elements not in a relation.
- 3. Determine if a relation satisfies the reflexive property.
- 4. Determine if a relation satisfies the symmetric property.
- 5. Determine if a relation satisfies the transitive property.
- 6. Determine if a relation is an equivalence relation.
- 7. Determine equivalence classes of a given relation.

Congruence

- 1. Memorize the proof that congruence mod n is an equivalence relation.
- 2. Compute modulus operations.
 - 16 mod $2 \equiv ?$
 - 31 $\mod 4 \equiv ?$
 - 50 mod $19 \equiv ?$
- 3. Understand the equivalence classes for the congruence mod n relation.
 - In \mathbb{Z}_7 , define $\overline{3}$.
 - In \mathbb{Z}_{10} , is $30 \in \overline{2}$? Is $32 \in \overline{2}$?
 - List all the distinct equivalence classes for \mathbb{Z}_8 .
 - In \mathbb{Z}_9 , is $\overline{-10} = \overline{80}$?
- 4. Know the elements of \mathbb{Z}_n , the integers modulo n. Perform operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication) in \mathbb{Z}_n .

The following chapter references are from the Pinter textbook. Remember that some notes are in my slides. For more references, Judson covers some of these same topics.

Chapter 2: Operations

- 1. Be familiar with the terminology and symbols in this section. Know the definitions.
- 2. Given an operation and a set, determine if it has closure and associativity, and if it satisfies the identity and inverse properties.
- 3. Know how to complete an operation table.
- 4. Be able to determine certain facts about closure, the identity and inverses by looking at an operation table.
- 5. Favorite sets: All the common sets of numbers and the common sets without 0, \mathbb{Z}_n , U(n), $\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m$, $M_2(\mathbb{R})$.
- 6. Know when two numbers are relatively prime. Use that to find elements of U(n).
- 7. Evaluate the Euler totient function $\phi(n)$ for $n \geq 2$.

8. Solve linear congruence equations of the form $\overline{a}x = \overline{b}$ using the inverse of \overline{a} . Solve this linear congruence mod 10.

$$\overline{7}x = \overline{9}$$

$$\overline{7}^{-1}\overline{7}x = \overline{7}^{-1}\overline{9}$$

$$\overline{3} \cdot \overline{7}x = \overline{3}^{-1} \cdot \overline{9}$$

$$\overline{21}x = \overline{27}$$

$$\overline{1}x = \overline{7}$$

$$x = \overline{7}$$

Chapter 3: Groups

- 1. Be familiar with the terminology and symbols in this section.
- 2. Determine if a given set with an operation is a group.
- 3. Determine if a given set with an operation is an abelian group.
- 4. Know how to complete an Cayley table (i.e. the operation table for a group.)
- 5. Be able to determine certain facts about the identity and inverses and commutativity looking at a Cayley table.
- 6. Know about permutations (see slides on Top Hat.)

Chapter 4: Elementary Properties of Groups

- 1. Be familiar with the terminology and symbols in this section.
- 2. Know how to prove the identity of a group is unique.
- 3. Know how to prove the inverse for a given element is unique.
- 4. Know and understand Theorems 1, 2, and 3 in Chapter 4.
- 5. Know what is meant by multiplicative notation versus additive notation. Know the exponential laws of multiplying elements in a group.
- 6. Know how to show a group is abelian.
- 7. Understand the following as groups with their respective operations: \mathbb{Z}_n , U(n), $\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m$, $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$, $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$, S_n .
- 8. Understand the structure of $\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m$ where $n, m \geq 2$.

Chapter 5: Subgroups

- 1. Be familiar with the terminology and symbols in this section.
- 2. Know how to determine whether a given subset is a subgroup or not.

Matrices

- 1. Know how to do matrix operations: addition, multiplication by a scalar, multiply two matrices.
- 2. Find the determinant and inverse of a 2×2 matrix.
- 3. Understand when matrix multiplication is valid.
- 4. Know the identity matrix for matrix addition. Know the identity matrix for matrix multiplication.