

# (十三) 群论: 群的基本概念 (What are Groups?)

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not as to the **truth**, but as to the **importance** of these theorems.”

“Is there a **formula** for the roots of a  $\geq 5$  **degree** polynomial equation in terms of its **coefficients**, using only  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\times$ ,  $\div$ ,  $\sqrt[r]{\phantom{x}}$ ?”



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$$\text{其中 } \omega = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{2}.$$



Girolamo Cardano  
(1501 ~ 21/09/1576)

对于一元四次方程

$$ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e = 0$$

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$$\begin{cases} \Delta_1 = c^2 - 3bd + 12ae \\ \Delta_2 = 2c^3 - 9bcd + 27ad^2 + 27b^2e - 72ace \end{cases}$$

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$$\Delta = \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}\Delta_1}{3a\sqrt[3]{\Delta_2 + \sqrt{-4\Delta_1^3 + \Delta_2^2}}} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{\Delta_2 + \sqrt{-4\Delta_1^3 + \Delta_2^2}}}{3\sqrt[3]{2a}}$$

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Niels Henrik Abel (1802 ~ 1829)

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近世代数

# 群论 (一)

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[https://www.bilibili.com/video/BV1Ex411k7wk?share\\_source=copy\\_web](https://www.bilibili.com/video/BV1Ex411k7wk?share_source=copy_web)

“我看出了 *Galois* 用来证明这个美妙定理的方法是完全正确的。  
在那个瞬间,我体验到一种强烈的愉悦。”

— *J. Liouville* (刘维尔; 1846)

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**The** inverse of  $a$  is denoted  $a^{-1}$ .

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+. a^n \triangleq \underbrace{a * a * \cdots * a}_{\# = n}$$

$$a^0 \triangleq e$$

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## Definition (Commutative Group (交换群); Abelian Group (阿贝尔群))

Let  $(G, *)$  be a group. If  $*$  is commutative,

$$\forall a, b \in G. a * b = b * a,$$

then  $(G, *)$  is a commutative group.

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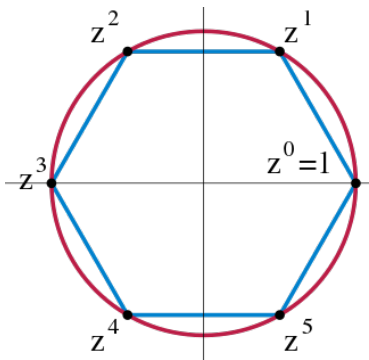
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## Quaternion Group (四元数群)

$$(1, i, j, k, -1, -i, -j, -k)$$

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### Cayley Table

$$i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = 1 \quad ij = k, ji = -k, jk = i, kj = -i, ki = j, ik = -j$$

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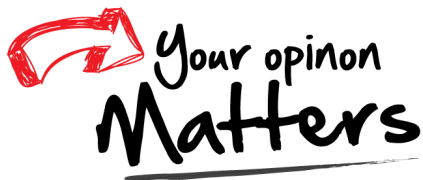
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Generators : 1, 5, 7, 11

## Theorem (Subgroups of Cyclic Groups)

*Every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic.*

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