

1. commutative: yes

$$(a.b)(c.d) = (ac, ad+bc) = (ca, cb+da) = (c.d)(a.b)$$

associative: yes

$$((a.b)(c.d))(e.f) = (ac, ad+bc)(e.f) = (ace, acf + (ad+bc)e) = (ace, acf + ade + bce)$$

$$(a.b)((c.d)(e.f)) = (a.b)(ce, cf+de) = (ace, bce + a(cf+de)) = (ace, bce + acf + ade)$$

identity: yes

$$(x.y)(a.b) = (a.b)$$

$$(ax, bx+ay) = (a.b)$$

$$\begin{cases} ax = a \\ bx+ay = b \end{cases}$$

$$ax = a \quad \because a \neq 0 \quad x = 1$$

$$bx+ay = b \quad ay = 0 \quad \because a \neq 0 \quad y = 0$$

$$\therefore \forall (a.b) \in G, (1.0)(a.b) = (a.b)$$

$$\because \text{it is commutative, } (a.b)(1.0) = (a.b)$$

inverse: yes

$$(x.y)(a.b) = (1.0)$$

$$(ax, bx+ay) = (1.0)$$

$$\begin{cases} ax = 1 \\ bx+ay = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\because a \neq 0, x = \frac{1}{a}$$

$$\frac{b}{a} + ay = 0 \quad ay = -\frac{b}{a} \quad \because a \neq 0, y = -\frac{b}{a^2}$$

thus  $G$  is an abelian group.

if  $a$  could be 0, for identity

$$(x.y)(0.b) = (0.b)$$

$$(0x, bx+0y) = (0.b)$$

$$\begin{cases} 0x = 0 \\ bx+0y = b \end{cases}$$

$(1.0)$  still works for identity

for inverse:

$$(x.y)(0.b) = (1.0)$$

$$(0x, bx+0y) = (1.0)$$

$$(0, bx) = (1.0)$$

where  $1 = 0$ , which is impossible. inverse does not work,  $G$  is not a group.

$$2. x^2a = b \quad x^5 = a$$

$$x^2 = ba^{-1}$$

$$x^5 = a$$

$$x^2x^2x = a$$

$$ba^{-1}ba^{-1}x = a$$

$$x = (ba^{-1}ba^{-1})^{-1}a$$

$$= ab^{-1}ab^{-1}a$$

$$x^2 a = b \quad x^5 = a \quad ab \neq ba$$

$$x^2 a a^{-1} = b a^{-1}$$

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$$x^2 x^2 = b a^{-1} b a^{-1} = x^4$$

$$x^{-4} = (b a^{-1} b a^{-1})^{-1}$$

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$$x^5 (x^{-4}) = a (b a^{-1} b a^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$x = a (a b^{-1} a b^{-1})$$

$$= a^2 b^{-1} a b^{-1}$$

2.  $x^2 a = b$ . ①

$x^5 = a$ . ②.

$a, b \in G$ .

Solve  $x$ .

from ①.  $x^2 = b a^{-1}$

$$x^6 = b a^{-1} b a^{-1} b a^{-1}$$

from ②  $x \cdot a = b a^{-1} b a^{-1} b a^{-1}$

$$x = b a^{-1} b a^{-1} b a^{-1} a^{-1}$$