# Fall 2017 Algebra Review

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## 1 List of Topics

Chapters 1-9 of Dummit and Foote

- Left and right cosets
- Lagrange's theorem
- Isomorphism theorems
- Group generated by a subset
- Structure of cyclic groups
- Composite groups
  - -HK is a subgroup iff HK = KH
- Normalizer
  - $-HK \le H \text{ if } H \le N_G(K)$
- Symmetric groups
  - Conjugacy classes are determined by cycle types
- Group actions
  - Actions of G on X are equivalent to homomorphisms from G into Sym(X)
- Cayley's theorem
- Orbits of an action
- Orbit stabilizer theorem
- Orbits act on left cosets of subgroups
- Subgroups of index p, the smallest prime dividing |G|, are normal
- Action of G on itself by conjugation
- Class equation
- p-groups
  - Have non trivial center
- $p^2$  groups are abelian
- Automorphisms, the automorphism group
  - Inner automorphisms
  - $Inn(G) \cong Z/Z(G)$
  - $Aut(S_n) = Inn(S_n)$  unless n = 6
  - Aut(G) for cyclic groups
  - $-G \cong \mathbb{Z}_p^n$ , then  $Aut(G) \cong GL_n(\mathbb{Z}_p)$
- Proof of Sylow theorems
- $A_n$  is simple for  $n \geq 5$

- Recognition of internal direct product
- Recognition of semi-direct product
- Classifications:
  - -pq
- Free group & presentations
- Commutator subgroup
- Solvable groups
  - $-S_n$  is solvable for  $n \leq 4$
- Derived series
  - Solvable iff derived series reaches e
- Nilpotent groups
  - Nilpotent iff all sylow-p subgroups are normal
  - Nilpotent iff all maximal subgroups are normal
- Upper central series
  - Nilpotent iff series reaches G
- Lower central series
  - Nilpotent iff series reaches e
- Fratini's argument
- Rings
  - I maximal iff R/I is a field
  - Zorn's lemma
  - Chinese remainer theorem
  - Localization of a domain
  - Field of fractions
  - Factorization in domains
  - Euclidean algorithm
  - Gaussian integers
  - Primes and irreducibles
  - Domains
    - \* Primes are irreducible
  - UFDs
    - \* Have GCDs
    - \* Sometimes PIDs
  - PIDs
    - \* Noetherian
    - \* Irreducibles are prime
    - \* Are UFDs
    - \* Have GCDs
  - Euclidean domains
    - \* Are PIDs
  - Factorization in Z[i]
  - Polynomial rings
  - Gauss' lemma
  - Remainder and factor theorem
  - Polynomials
  - Reducibility
  - Rational root test
  - Eisenstein's criterion

## 2 Groups

#### 2.1 Definitions

#### **2.1.1** Subgroup Generated by a set A

- $\langle A \rangle = \{a_1^{\pm 1}, a_2^{\pm 1}, \cdots a_2^{\pm 1} : a_i \in A, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  Equivalently, the intersection of all H such that  $A \subseteq H \leq G$

## **2.1.2** Free Group on a set X

 $\bullet$  Equivalently, words over the alphabet X made into a group via concatenation

### 2.1.3 Centralizer of an element or a subgroup

- $C_G(a) = \{g \in G : ga = ag\}$ 
  - $C_G(H) = \{g \in G : \forall h \in H, gh = hg\} = \bigcap_{h \in H} C_G(h)$
  - Note requires the same g on both sides!
- Facts:

$$-C_G(H) \leq G$$

$$-C_G(H) \leq N_G(H)$$

$$- C_G(G) = Z(G)$$

$$-C_H(a) = H \cap C_G(a)$$

#### 2.1.4 Center of a group

- $Z(G) = \{g \in G : \forall x \in G, gx = xg\}$
- Facts

$$Z(G) = \bigcap_{a \in G} C_G(a)$$

#### 2.1.5 Normalizer of a subgroup

$$N_G(H) = \{ g \in G : gHg^{-1} = H \}$$

- Equivalently,  $\bigcup \{K : H \subseteq K \subseteq G\}$  (the largest  $K \subseteq G$  for which  $H \subseteq K$ )
- Equivalently, the stabilizer of H under G acting on its subgroups via conjugation
- Differs from centralizer; can have gh = h'g
- Facts:

$$-C_G(H) \subseteq N_G(H) \le G$$

$$-N_G(H)/C_G(H) \cong A \leq Aut(H)$$

- Given  $H \subseteq G$ , let

$$S(H) = \bigcup_{g \in G} gHg^{-1}$$

, so |S(H)| is the number of conjugates to H. Then

$$|S(H)| = [G:N_G(H)]$$

\* i.e. the number of subgroups conjugate to H equals the index of the normalizer of H.

#### 2.1.6 Normal Core of a subgroup

•

$$H_G = \bigcap_{g \in G} gHg^{-1}$$

• Equivalently,  $H_G = \langle N : N \leq G \& N \leq H \rangle$ 

- Largest normal subgroup that contains H

• Equivalently,  $H_G = \ker \psi$  where  $\psi: G \to Sym(G/H); \ g \sim (xH) = (gx)H$ 

• Facts:

 $-H_G \subseteq G$  and is an idempotent operation

#### 2.1.7 Normal Closure of a subgroup

 $\bullet \ H^G=\{gHg^{-1}:g\in G\}$ 

• Equivalently,

$$H^G = \bigcap \{N : H \le N \le G\}$$

- (The smallest normal subgroup of G containing H)

### 2.1.8 Group Action of a group on a set

• Given as a function

$$\phi: G \times X \to X(g,x) \mapsto g \sim x$$

which gives rise to a function

$$\phi_q: X \to Xx \mapsto g \sim x$$

(which is a bijection) where  $\sim$  denotes a group element acting on a set element, and  $\forall x \in X$ ,

$$-e \sim x = x$$

$$-(gh) \sim x = g \sim (h \sim x)$$

• Equivalently, a function

$$\psi: G \to Sym(X)g \mapsto \phi_q$$

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$$\ker \psi = \bigcap_{x \in X} G_x$$

(intersection of all stabilizers)

• Interesting actions:

- Left multiplication of G on G:

$$\phi: G \to G \to G \qquad g \mapsto \phi_q: G \to G \qquad h \mapsto gh$$

- \*  $\mathcal{O}_x = G$  (transitive)
- $* G_x = e$
- G acting via conjugation on itself:

$$\phi: G \to G \to G \qquad g \mapsto \psi_g: G \to G \qquad \qquad h \mapsto ghg^{-1}$$

- \* A common notation is  $x^g = g^{-1}xg$  which obeys  $(x^g)^h = x^{gh}$
- \*  $\mathcal{O}_x = [x]$  (Conjugacy classes, so not generally transitive)
- $* G_x = \{g \in G : gxg^{-1} = g\} = C_G(x)$
- G acting on  $S = \{H : H \leq G\}$  via conjugation:

$$\phi: G \to S \to S$$
  $g \mapsto \psi_g: S \to S$   $H \mapsto gHg^{-1}$ 

- \*  $\mathcal{O}_H=[H]=\{gHg^{-1}:g\in G\}$ , conjugate subgroups of H \*  $G_x=N_G(H)=\{g\in G:gHg^{-1}=H\}$

#### 2.1.9 Transitive group actions

- $\forall x, y \in X, \exists g \in G : g \sim x = y$
- Equivalent, actions with a single orbit

#### 2.1.10 Orbit of a set element

$$\mathcal{O}_x = \{g \sim x : x \in X \} = \bigcup_{g \in G} \{g \sim x\}$$

- The set of all orbits is denoted X/G or  $X_G = \{\mathcal{O}_x : x \in X\}$
- Partitions X according to the equivalence relation  $x \cong y \iff \exists g \in G : g \sim x = y$
- G acts transitively on X when restricted to any single orbit

#### 2.1.11 Stabilizer of a set element

- $G_x = \{g \in G : g \sim x = x\}$
- - $-G_x \leq G$ , not usually normal
  - $-x, y \in \mathcal{O}_x \Rightarrow G_x$  is conjugate to  $G_y$

#### 2.1.12 Automorphisms of a group

•  $Aut(G) = \{ \phi : G \to G : \phi \text{ is an isomorphism} \}$ 

#### 2.1.13 Inner Automorphisms of a group

- $Inn(G) = \{ \phi_g \in Aut(G) : \phi_g(x) = gxg^{-1} \}$
- Also consider the map

$$\psi: G \to Aut(G)g \mapsto (\lambda: x \mapsto gxg^{-1})$$

Then  $\operatorname{im} \psi = Inn(G), \ker \psi = Z(G)$ 

- Facts:
  - $-Inn(G) \leq Aut(G)$
  - $-Inn(G) \cong G/Z(G)$

## 2.1.14 Outer Automorphisms of a group

• Out(G) = Aut(G)/Inn(G)

## 2.1.15 Conjugacy Class of an element

•

$$[a] = \{gag^{-1} : g \in G\} = \bigcup_{g \in G} \{gag^{-1}\}$$

- Equivalently,  $[a] = \mathcal{O}_a$  under G acting on itself via conjugation
- Facts:
  - Equivalence relation, partitions the group
  - |[a]| divides |G|
  - $-a \in Z(G) \Rightarrow [a] = \{a\}$

#### 2.1.16 Characteristic subgroup

- $H \operatorname{char} G \iff \forall \phi \in Aut(G), \phi(H) = H$ 
  - i.e., H is fixed by all automorphisms of G.

#### 2.1.17 Simple group

- G is simple  $\iff H \subseteq G \Rightarrow H = e$  or G
  - No non-trivial normal subgroups

#### 2.1.18 Commutator of an element, or of subgroups

- $[g,h] = ghg^{-1}h^{-1}$
- $[G, H] = \langle [g, h] : g \in G, h \in H \rangle$  (Subgroup generated by commutators)

#### 2.2 Structural Results

- Cyclic  $\Rightarrow$  abelian
- G/Z(G) cyclic  $\Rightarrow G$  is abelian
- Intersections of subgroups are also subgroups

## 2.2.1 Isomorphisms Theorems

- -\*First Isomorphism Theorem\*\*
  - Conditions:
    - $-\phi:G\to G'$  is a homomorphism.
  - Result:
    - $-\ker\phi \trianglelefteq G$
    - $-\operatorname{im}\phi \leq G'$
    - $-G/\ker\phi\cong\operatorname{im}\phi.$
  - Corollaries:

$$-\ker\phi=e\Rightarrow G\cong G'$$

- -\*Second Isomorphism Theorem\*\*
  - Conditions:

$$-N \subseteq G, H \subseteq G$$

- Results:
  - -HN < G
  - $-N\cap H \leq H$

$$\frac{H}{H \cap N} \cong \frac{HN}{N}$$

- Corrolaries:
  - (Weaker) Relaxing  $N \subseteq G$  to  $H \subseteq N(N)$  yields
    - \*  $N \cap H \subseteq G$  (Not normal)
    - $* N \cap H \leq H$
- -\*Third Isomorphism Theorem\*\*
  - Conditions:

$$-N \subseteq G, N \subseteq A \subseteq G$$

- Results:
  - $-A/N \leq G/N$ 
    - \* Every subgroup of G/N is of this form for some such A

 $\frac{G/N}{A/N}\cong \frac{G}{A}$ 

- \* Cancel the N!
- Corrolaries:
  - $-A \trianglelefteq G \Rightarrow A/N \trianglelefteq G/N$ 
    - \* All normal subgroups of G/N are of this form for some A.

#### 2.3 Misc Results

- G/N is abelian  $\iff$   $[G,G] \leq N$
- $\bullet$  HK is not always a subgroup see conditions in 2nd Isomorphism theorem'
- $H \subseteq G, K \subseteq G$  and  $H \cap K = e \Rightarrow hk = kh \forall h \in H, \in K$ 
  - Normal subgroups with trivial intersection commute
- $H \operatorname{char} G \Rightarrow H \unlhd G$

- Characteristic is a strictly stronger condition than normality
- H char K char  $G \Rightarrow H$  char G
  - Characteristic is transitive
- $H \leq G, K \leq G, H \text{ char } K \Rightarrow H \leq G$ 
  - i.e., normality is **not** transitive, strengthening normality to char gives "weak transitivity"
- Recognizing (Internal) Direct Products: $H \leq G, K \leq G$ 
  - $-H \cap K = e$
  - $\forall g \in G, \exists h \in H, k \in K : g = hk$
  - $-H \subseteq G, K \subseteq G$ 
    - \* **OR** Every element in H commutes with every element in K
- P Groups
  - $-\bigcap P = O_P(G)$  char G. And  $O_P(G) \subseteq G$  as well.
  - $N ext{ } ext{ }$
  - $-P \cap Q = e$

#### 2.4 Numeric Results

#### 2.4.1 Cauchy's Theorem

• For any p dividing |G|, there is a subgroup of order p.

## **2.4.2 Sylow Theorems:** $|G| = p^k m$ where $p \mid /m$

- At least one Sylow-p subgroup always exists:  $\exists P \leq G$  with  $|P| = p^k$
- All such subgroups are conjugate:  $\forall P, P', \exists g \in G : gPg^{-1} = P'$
- $n_p$  satisfies:
  - $-n_p$  divides m = [G:P]
  - $-n_p = 1 \mod p$
  - $-n_p = [G:N_G(P)]$  (Not as useful)
- Every p-subgroup of G is a p-subgroup of P (i.e. P is maximal and contains all subgroups of order  $p^l$  with  $l \leq k$ )

#### 2.4.3 Orbit-stabilizer Theorem

- Given a group action,  $G/G_x \cong \mathcal{O}_x$
- Gives the numeric result  $|\mathcal{O}_x| = |G/G_x| = [G:G_x] = \frac{|G|}{|G_x|}$
- Also useful in the form  $|G| = |\mathcal{O}_x||G_x|$
- Proof:
  - Use the map

$$\phi: G \to Xg \mapsto g \sim x$$

Where  $\operatorname{im} \phi = \mathcal{O}_x$  and  $\ker \phi = G_x$ .

#### 2.4.4 Burnside's Lemma

•

$$|X_G| = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} |X^g|$$

 $-|X_G|$  is the number of orbits

$$-X^g = \{x \in X : g \sim x = x\}$$

#### 2.4.5 The class equation

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$$|G| = |Z(G)| + \sum_{a \in A} [G : C_G(a)]$$

- Where  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n : a_1 \in [a_1], a_2 \in [a_2], \dots \}$  is a set containing one element from each conjugacy class
- $[G:C_G(a)]$  is the number of elements in [a]
- Each element in Z(G) has a singleton conjugacy class

#### 2.4.6 General facts

- $|G| = p \Rightarrow G$  is cyclic
- $|G| = p^e \Rightarrow Z(G) \neq e$
- $|G| = p^e$  (P-groups)
  - $-Z(G) \neq \{e\}$  (Use class equation)
- |G| = p
  - Always cyclic
    - \* Proof: Any nontrivial cyclic subgroup's order is > 1 and divides p, so equals p.
- $|G| = p^2$ 
  - Always abelian
    - \* Proof: |G/Z(G)| = 1, p. If p, it's cyclic, and G is abelian. Otherwise it's 1, so G = Z(G).
  - Two possibilities:
    - \*  $Z_{p^2}$  (cyclic)
    - $* Z_p \times Z_p$
- |G| = pq
  - $-p \mid q-1 \ (q \neq 1 \mod p)$ :
    - \* One possibility:
      - ·  $G \cong Z_{pq}$  (cyclic)
    - \* Facts:
      - $\cdot \exists P \subseteq G \text{ (A Sylow-} P \text{ subgroup)}$
  - -p divides q-1  $(q=1 \mod p)$ :
    - \* Two possibilities:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \cdot & G \cong Z_{pq} \text{ (cyclic)} \\ \cdot & G \cong Z_q \rtimes Z_p \end{array}$$

- Never simple
- $|G| = p^2q$ 
  - $-\exists P \unlhd G \text{ (A Sylow-}P \text{ subgroup)}$
- $|G| = p_1 p_2 p_3$  (distinct)
  - Not simple

#### 2.5 Common Groups

#### **2.5.1** $S_3$

 $S_3 = \langle (12), (23), (13) \rangle$ 

- $Z(S_3) = e$
- $Aut(S_3) = Inn(S_3)$ , since

$$Z(G) = e = \ker \psi \Rightarrow Out(S_3) = Inn(S_3) \Rightarrow Aut(S_3) \cong S_3$$

#### **2.5.2** $S_n$

 $S_n, n \ge 4$ 

- $Z(S_n) = e$ 
  - Let  $\sigma(a) = b$ , choose  $\tau = (bc)$  so  $\tau \sigma(a) = \tau(b) = c \neq b = \sigma(a0 = \sigma \tau(a))$
- Conjugacy classes are determined entirely by cycle structure
  - There are exactly p(n) of them (partition function)
- Disjoint cycles commute
- $\sigma \circ (a_1 \cdots a_k) \circ \sigma^{-1} = (\sigma(a_1), \cdots \sigma(a_k))$
- Every element is a product of disjoint cycles
- Every element is a product of transpositions
  - A cycle of length k can be written as k-1 transpositions
  - Parity of the cycle equals the parity of k-1.
- The order of an element is the lcm of the size of the cycles.

#### **2.5.3** $A_n$

- Simple for  $n \ge 5$
- Index 2 in  $S_n$ , so  $A_n \subseteq S_n$

## **2.5.4** $D_n$

- $\langle a, b \mid a^n = b^2 = 1, bab^{-1} = a^{-1} \rangle \cong \langle r, s \rangle$
- $D_n/N$  is always another dihedral group for any  $N \leq D_n$
- All subgroups:
  - $-\langle r^{\bar{d}}\rangle \cong Z_{n/d}$  where d divides n (index 2d)
  - $-\langle r^d, r^i s \rangle \stackrel{\cdot}{\cong} D_{\frac{n}{d}}$  where d divides n and  $0 \le i \le d-1$  (index d)

## 3 Rings

#### 3.1 Facts about ideals:

- Intersections, products, and sums of ideals are ideals
- Not necessarily unions
- Every ring has proper maximal ideals
- Apply Z.L. to  $\{I \leq R : I \neq R\}$
- Every proper ideal is contained in a maximal ideal

#### 3.2 Maximal ideals

 $I \triangleleft R \text{ maximal if } \not\exists J \triangleleft R : I \subset J \subset R$ 

- Every nonzero ring has a maximal ideal (Krull's Theorem)
- R commutative  $\implies R/I$  a field
- Union of maximal ideals =  $R R^{\times}$
- $(X a) \le R[X]$  is maximal for  $a \in R$

#### 3.3 Prime ideals

 $I \subseteq R \ prime \ \text{when} \ pq \in I \implies p \in I \lor q \in I$ 

- I prime  $\iff R/I$  an integral domain,
- $(maximal \implies prime)$
- $rad(I^n) = I$

#### 3.4 Radicals

 $I \triangleleft R \ radical \ when \ \forall a \in R, a^n \in I \implies a \in I$ 

- The nilradical: nilrad $(I) = \bigcap P$  such that  $P \subseteq R$  is prime
- $rad(I) = \{x \in | \exists n : x^n \in I\}$
- rad(0) = nilrad(R)
- $rad(IJ) = rad(I) \cap rad(J)$
- $rad(I) = \bigcap J$  such that  $I \subset J, J$  prime (i.e. intersection of all prime ideals containing I)

#### 3.5 Other ideals

- $I \subseteq R$  primary when  $pq \in I \implies a \in I \vee \exists n \in \mathbb{N} : b^n \in I$
- Prime  $\Longrightarrow$  primary
- $I \subseteq R$  principal when  $\exists a \in R : I = \langle a \rangle$
- $I \subseteq R$  irreducible when  $\not\exists \{J \subseteq R : I \subset J\} : I = \bigcap J$

- $I \subset R \iff 1, u \notin I \ (u \in R^{\times})$
- $\{I: I \leq R\}$  is a poset
- Zorn's lemma can be applied to  $\{I \leq R : 1 \notin I\}$
- Every proper ideal is contained in a maximal ideal.
- Facts about units
- $R^{\times}$  is closed under multiplication, but not under addition.
- $R R^{\times}$  an additive group  $\iff R$  is a local ring
- Integral Domain
- Principal Ideal Domain
- (Prime  $\implies$  maximal)  $\implies$  UFD
- Unique Factorization Domain
- Field
- When (0) is the only proper ideal
- R/M a field  $\iff$  M maximal
- Localization
- Zorn's Lemma: For every poset P, every chain in P has an upper bound  $\implies P$  has a maximal element.
- Noetherian: Every ideal is finitely generated
- iff the ascending chain condition for ideals holds

#### 3.6 Orders less than 16:

(Normal: Diamond, grouped by conjugacy class)

• 1 (The trivial group)

$$- Z_1 = \{e\}$$

• 2 (One group)

$$-Z_2 \cong Z_3^{\times} \cong Z_4^{\times} \cong Z_6^{\times}$$
$$= \{e, a\}$$
$$* Cyclic$$

- \* One element of order 2
- 3 (One group)

$$-Z_3 \cong A_3$$
  
 $\cong \{(), (123), 132)\}$   
\* Cyclic

\* One element of order 3



Figure 1: img

- 4 (Two groups, both abelian)
  - $\begin{array}{ccc} \ Z_4 \cong Z_5^{\times} \cong Z_8^{\times} \cong Z_{10}^{\times} \cong Z_{12}^{\times} \\ * \ \mathrm{Cyclic} \end{array}$ 

    - \* One element of order 4
  - $-Z_2 \times Z_2 \cong V_4 \cong D_2 \cong Z_8^{\times}$ , which are all isomorphic to  $\langle a, b \mid a^2 = b^2 = (ab)^2 = e \rangle \cong \langle (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23) \rangle$ 
    - \* Not cyclic, but abelian
    - \* All elements have order 2
    - \*  $V_4 \subseteq A_4 \le S_4$
- 5 (One group)

  - $-Z_5$  \* Cyclic, one element of order 5
- 6 (Two groups)
  - $Z_6 \cong Z_7^{\times} \cong Z_9^{\times} \cong Z_{14}^{\times}$ 
    - \* Cyclic, one element of order 6
  - $-S_3 \cong D_6$

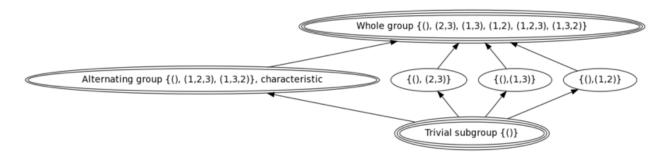


Figure 2: File:S3latticeofsubgroups.png

$$\cong \langle a, b, c \mid a^2 = b^2 = c^3 = abc = e \rangle$$

- \* Non-abelian (smallest one)
- 7 (One group)
  - $-Z_7$ 
    - \* Cyclic, one element of order 7
- 8 (Five groups)



$$\begin{array}{l} -\ Z_8 \cong Z_{15}^\times \cong Z_{16}^\times \ (\text{cyclic}) \\ -\ Z_2 \times Z_4 \end{array}$$

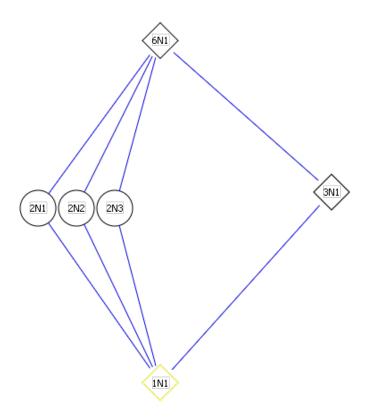
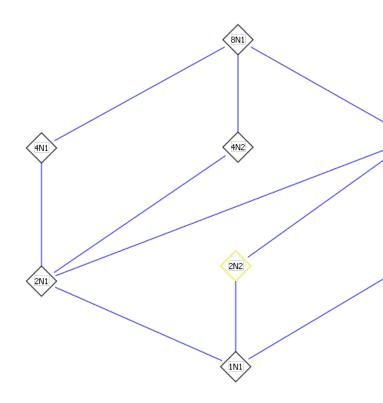
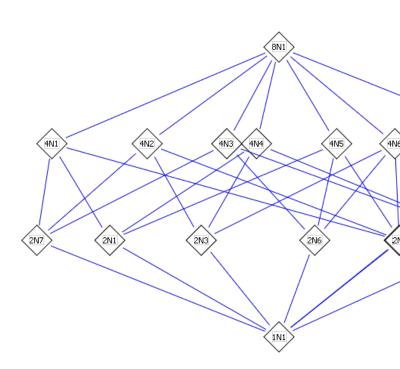


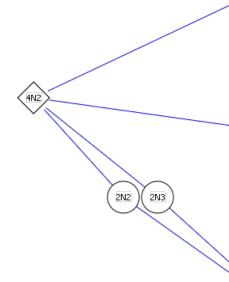
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\* Abelian, one element of order 4 –  $Z_2 \times Z_2 \times Z_2$ 



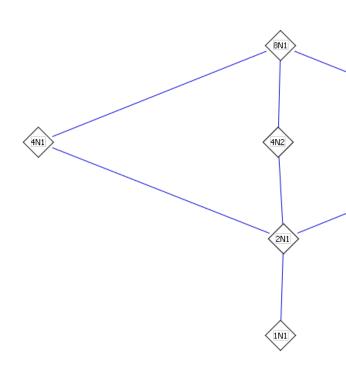
\* Abelian, every element has order 2 -  $D_8 \cong \langle r, s \mid r^4 = s^2 = e, srs^{-1} = r^{-1} \rangle$ 



$$\cong \{(), (1234), (13)(24), (1432), (13)(24), (14)(23), (12)(34)\} \leq S_4$$

$$- Q_8 \cong \langle i, j, k \mid i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk \rangle$$

$$\cong \langle a, b, c \mid a^4 = b^4 = e, a^2 = b^2, ba = a^3b \rangle$$
\* Every element has order 4



- \* All subgroups are normal, but not abelian
- 9 (Two groups)

$$-Z_9$$

- $-Z_9$   $-Z_3 \times Z_3$  10 (Two groups)
  - $-Z_{10} \cong Z_{11}^{\times} D_{10}$
- 11 (One group)
  - $Z_{11}$
- 12 (Five groups)

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$$Z_{12}\cong Z_{13}^{ imes}$$

- $-Z_{12} \cong Z_{13}^{\times}$  13 (One group)
  - $-Z_{13}$
- 14 (Two groups)
  - $-Z_{14}$
- 15 (One group)
  - $Z_{15}$
- 16 (Fourteen groups!)