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1 Introduction to Groups

1.1 Basic Axioms and Examples

1.1.1

(a) No: $a - (b - c) = a - b + c \neq (a - b) - c$

(b) Yes. Note:

$$(a \star b) \star c = (a + b + ab) \star c \quad (1)$$

$$= (a + b + ab) + c + (a + b + ab)c \quad (2)$$

$$= a + b + ab + c + ac + bc + abc \quad (3)$$

And

$$a \star (b \star c) = a \star (b + c + bc) \quad (4)$$

$$= a + (b + c + bc) + a(b + c + bc) \quad (5)$$

$$= a + b + c + bc + ab + ac + abc \quad (6)$$

Equations (3) and (6) are clearly equal from commutativity of addition in \mathbb{R} .

(c) No. Note:

$$a \star (b \star c) = \left(\frac{a+b}{5}\right) \star c \quad (7)$$

$$= \frac{\frac{a+b}{5} + c}{5} \quad (8)$$

$$= \frac{a+b}{25} + \frac{c}{5} \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{a+b+5c}{25} \quad (10)$$

But

$$a \star (b \star c) = a \star \left(\frac{b+c}{5}\right) \quad (11)$$

$$= \frac{a + \frac{b+c}{5}}{5} \quad (12)$$

$$= \frac{a}{5} + \frac{b+c}{25} \quad (13)$$

$$= \frac{5a + b + c}{25} \quad (14)$$

Equations (10) and (14) are clearly not equal in general (e.g. set $a = 0, b = 0, c = 1$)

(d) Yes, this is associative. It is just unreduced addition in \mathbb{Q}

(e) No:

$$\begin{aligned}(a \star b) \star c &= \left(\frac{a}{b}\right) \star c \\ &= \frac{\frac{a}{b}}{c} \\ &= \frac{a}{bc}\end{aligned}$$

But

$$\begin{aligned}a \star (b \star c) &= a \star \frac{b}{c} \\ &= \frac{a}{\frac{b}{c}} \\ &= \frac{ac}{b}\end{aligned}$$

Set $a = 1, b = 1, c = 2$ to see they are not equal

1.1.2

(a) No. As mentioned in the text, subtraction on \mathbb{Z} is not commutative

(b) Yes:

$$\begin{aligned}a \star b &= a + b + ab \\ &= b + a + ba \\ &= b \star a\end{aligned}$$

(c) Yes:

$$\begin{aligned}a \star b &= \frac{a + b}{5} \\ &= \frac{b + a}{5} \\ &= b \star a\end{aligned}$$

(d) Yes. Again, this is just unreduced addition in \mathbb{Q} .

(e) No. $a \star b = \frac{a}{b}$ but $b \star a = \frac{b}{a}$.

1.1.3

$$\begin{aligned}(\overline{k} + \overline{l}) + \overline{m} &= \overline{k + l + m} \\ &= \overline{(k + l) + m} \\ &= \overline{k + (l + m)} \\ &= \overline{k} + \overline{l + m} \\ &= \overline{k} + (\overline{l} + \overline{m})\end{aligned}$$

1.1.4

$$\begin{aligned}(\overline{k} \cdot \overline{l})\overline{m} &= \overline{kl} \cdot \overline{m} \\ &= \overline{(kl)m} \\ &= \overline{k(lm)} \\ &= \overline{k} \cdot \overline{lm} \\ &= \overline{k} \cdot (\overline{l}\overline{m})\end{aligned}$$

1.1.5

The element $\bar{0}$ doesn't have an inverse.

1.1.6

In each of these, I will denote the set in question by G

- (a) Yes. The three group properties are all inherited from \mathbb{Q} (the identity and the inverses are clearly in G), so we just have to verify that G is closed under addition. Given $\frac{a}{b}, \frac{c}{d} \in G$, we have

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad + bc}{bd}$$

Since b, d are odd, bd is also odd. And since bd is odd, no even number divides it. Hence, reducing the fraction maintains oddness of the denominator, and the result is still in G

- (b) No. This set isn't closed under addition: $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{4}{2} = \frac{2}{1}$

- (c) No: $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$ and $|\frac{4}{3}| > 1$

- (d) No: $\frac{5}{3} - \frac{4}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$ and $|\frac{1}{3}| < 1$

- (e) Yes. This is the set

$$G = \mathbb{Z} \cup \{\frac{r}{2} | r \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

This set is clearly closed under addition. Associativity is inherited from \mathbb{Q} . The identity $\frac{0}{2}$ is in G . The inverse $\frac{-r}{2}$ of $\frac{r}{2}$ is in G .

- (f) No. The set isn't closed under addition. $\frac{3}{2} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{9}{6} + \frac{4}{6} = \frac{13}{6}$ which is not under G .

1.1.7

- The set G is clearly closed under the operation, since we always cut off the ones place and use nonnegative numbers.
- The operation is associative. Adding two real numbers and cutting off the ones place, then adding another one and cutting off the ones place, is the same as adding them all and THEN cutting off the ones place
- The identity is 0
- The inverse of x is $1 - x$

1.1.8

- (a) If $z, c \in \mathbb{C}$, then $\exists n, m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ s.t. $z^n, c^m = 1$. And

$$\begin{aligned} (zc)^{nm} &= z^{nm} c^{nm} \\ &= (z^n)^m (c^m)^n \\ &= 1^m 1^n \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $zc \in \mathbb{C}$, so G is closed under complex multiplication. Associativity is inherited from associativity of complex multiplication. The identity 1^1 is in G . And given $z \in G$ with $z^n = 1$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, we have $(\frac{1}{z})^n = \frac{1^n}{z^n} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$, so the inverse of z is in G .

- (b) No identity element. $0 \notin G$

1.1.9

- (a) Note $(a + b\sqrt{2}) + (c + d\sqrt{2}) = (a + c) + (b + d)\sqrt{2} \in G$. So G is closed under the operation. Associativity follows from associativity of addition in \mathbb{R} . The identity is $0 = 0 + 0\sqrt{2}$. And the inverse of $a + b\sqrt{2}$ is $-a - b\sqrt{2}$.
- (b) Set $G' = G - \{0\}$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned}(a + b\sqrt{2})(c + d\sqrt{2}) &= ac + (ad + bc)\sqrt{2} + 2bd \\ &= (ac + 2bd) + (ad + bc)\sqrt{2} \\ &\in G\end{aligned}$$

And since in \mathbb{R} , $xy = 0 \implies x = 0$ or $y = 0$, the result is in fact in $G - \{0\} = G'$. Hence, G' is closed under multiplication. Associativity is inherited from the reals, the identity is $1 + 0\sqrt{2} = 1$, and the following demonstrates that the inverse is in G' :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{a + b\sqrt{2}} &= \frac{a - b\sqrt{2}}{(a + b\sqrt{2})(a - b\sqrt{2})} \\ &= \frac{a - b\sqrt{2}}{a^2 - 2b^2} \\ &= \frac{a}{a^2 - 2b^2} + \frac{-b}{a^2 - 2b^2}\sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

1.1.10

NO SHIT. Transposing the matrix is equivalent to reversing the order of operations, and the upper triangle remains the same since the matrix is symmetric.

1.1.11

Process: $|\bar{r}| = \frac{l}{r}$ where $l = \text{lcm}(r, 12)$. l itself can be calculated by $gl = 12r$, where $g = \text{gcd}(r, 12)$. Given that, we have,

$$\begin{aligned}|\bar{0}| &= 1 \\ |\bar{1}| &= 12 \\ |\bar{2}| &= 6 \\ |\bar{3}| &= 4 \\ |\bar{4}| &= 3 \\ |\bar{5}| &= 12 \\ |\bar{6}| &= 2 \\ |\bar{7}| &= 12 \\ |\bar{8}| &= 3 \\ |\bar{9}| &= 4 \\ |\bar{10}| &= 6 \\ |\bar{11}| &= 12\end{aligned}$$

1.1.12

Noting that $5^2 = 12 \cdot 2 + 1$, $7^2 = 12 \cdot 4 + 1$, $13 = 12 + 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\overline{1}| &= 1 \\ |\overline{-1}| &= 2 \\ |\overline{5}| &= 2 \\ |\overline{7}| &= 2 \\ |\overline{-7}| &= 2 \\ |\overline{13}| &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

1.1.13

Same process as in 1.1.11, yielding

$$\begin{aligned} |\overline{1}| &= 36 \\ |\overline{2}| &= 18 \\ |\overline{6}| &= 6 \\ |\overline{9}| &= 4 \\ |\overline{10}| &= 18 \\ |\overline{12}| &= 3 \\ |\overline{-1}| &= 36 \\ |\overline{-10}| &= 18 \\ |\overline{-18}| &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

1.1.14

Note that $5^3 = 36 \cdot 4 + 1$, $13^3 = 36 \cdot 61 + 1$, $17^2 = 36 \cdot 8 + 1$, $(-13)^6 = (13^3)^2$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |\overline{1}| &= 1 \\ |\overline{-1}| &= 2 \\ |\overline{5}| &= 3 \\ |\overline{13}| &= 3 \\ |\overline{-13}| &= 6 \\ |\overline{17}| &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

1.1.15

Using generalized associativity,

$$\begin{aligned} (a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{n-1} a_n) (a_n^{-1} a_{n-1}^{-1} \cdots a_1^{-1}) &= a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{n-1} (a_n a_n^{-1}) a_{n-1}^{-1} \cdots a_1^{-1} \\ &= a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{n-1} (1) a_{n-1}^{-1} \cdots a_1^{-1} \\ &= a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{n-1} a_{n-1}^{-1} \cdots a_1^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Et cetera. You could make this an "inductive" proof but it's not necessary.

1.1.16

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1.1.17

$$\begin{aligned}
 |x| &= n \\
 \implies x^n &= 1 \\
 \implies x^n x^{-1} &= 1 \cdot x^{-1} \\
 \implies x^{n-1} x x^{-1} &= x^{-1} \\
 \implies x^{n-1} \cdot 1 &= x^{-1} \\
 \implies x^{n-1} &= x^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

1.1.18

The proof is in the very formulation of the exercise lololololol

1.1.19

(a) and (b) are trivial. For (c),

- Case: $a \geq 0, b \leq 0$.

We treat $-b$ as a nonnegative number, and $x^a x^b = x^a (x^{-b})^{-1} = x^a (x^{-1})^{-b} = x^{a-(-b)} = x^{a+b}$.

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

The case $a \leq 0, b \geq 0$ is analgous to this one.

- Case: $a, b \leq 0$

We treat both $-a, -b$ as nonnegative numbers, and $x^a x^b = (x^{-a})^{-1} (x^{-b})^{-1} = (x^{-b} x^{-a})^{-1} = (x^{-b+a})^{-1} = (x^{-(a+b)})^{-1} = x^{a+b}$.

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

1.1.20

I'm going to prove a Lemma that will be useful for these exercises

Lemma 1.1. *Let $|x| = n$. If $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $x^m = x^r$ for $0 \leq r < n$, $r \equiv m \pmod{n}$.*

Proof. This follows directly from the division algorithm. We can write $m = dn + r$ where r satisfies the inequalities and congruence above. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^m &= x^{dn+r} \\
 &= x^{dn} x^r \\
 &= (x^n)^d x^r \\
 &= 1^d x^r \\
 &= x^r
 \end{aligned}$$

□

From this we immediately obtain two corollaries:

Corollary 1.1.1. $x^m = 1 \implies m$ is a multiple of $|x|$.

Corollary 1.1.2. If $|x| = n$, then $1, x, x^2, \dots, x^{n-1}$ are distinct

Nowe we finish the exercise:

Let $|x| = n$. Then $(x^{-1})^n = x^{-n} = (x^n)^{-1} = 1^{-1} = 1$. Hence, $|x^{-1}| \leq n$.

Now suppose $|x^{-1}| = m$. Then $0 < m \leq n$. But

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^m &= ((x^{-1})^{-1})^m \\
 &= (x^{-1})^{-m} \\
 &= ((x^{-1})^m)^{-1} \\
 &= 1^{-1} \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Corollary 1.1.1, m is a multiple of n , but $0 < m \leq n$ means that $m = n$.

1.1.21

Let $n = 2l + 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^n &= 1 \\
 \implies x^{2l+1} &= 1 \\
 \implies x^{2l}x &= 1 \\
 \implies x^{2l} &= x^{-1} \\
 \implies (x^2)^l &= x^{-1} \\
 \implies (x^2)^lx^2 &= x^{-1}x^2 \\
 \implies (x^2)^{l+1} &= x
 \end{aligned}$$

Why did we need G to be finite? Lol

1.1.22

Let $|x| = n$. Then $(g^{-1}xg)^n = g^{-n}x^ng^n = g^{-n}g^n = 1$, so $|g^{-1}xg| \leq n$. Suppose $|g^{-1}xg| = m$, with $0 < m \leq n$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (g^{-1}xg)^m &= 1 \\
 \implies g^{-m}x^mg^m &= 1 \\
 \implies x^mg^m &= g^m \\
 \implies x^m &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

So m must be a multiple of $|x| = n$, but $0 < m \leq n$ so $m = n$.

Now let $|ab| = n$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (ab)^n &= 1 \\
 \iff a^nb^n &= 1 \\
 \iff a^n &= b^{-n} \\
 \iff 1 &= a^{-n}b^{-n} \\
 \iff 1 &= (a^n)^{-1}(b^n)^{-1} \\
 \iff 1 &= b^na^{n-1} \\
 \iff 1 &= (ba)^{n-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

So $|(ba)^{-1}| \leq n$. But if we follow the proof above backwards with arbitrary n , we see that since $|ab| = n$, $|(ba)^{-1}| = n$. But by 1.1.20, we get that in fact $|ba| = n$.

1.1.23

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^n &= 1 \\
 \iff x^{st} &= 1 \\
 \iff (x^s)^t &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

So $|x^s| \leq t$. Follow the proof backwards to establish that $|x^s| = t$.

1.1.24

Clearly $(ab)^1 = a^1b^1$.

Now suppose for $n > 0$, $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}(ab)^{n+1} &= (ab)^n ab \\ &= a^n b^n ab \\ &= a^n ab^n b \\ &= a^{n+1} b^{n+1}\end{aligned}$$

so $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$ for $n \geq 1$. The case $n = 0$ is obvious. And also if $n \geq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}(ab)^{-n} &= ((ab)^n)^{-1} \\ &= (a^n b^n)^{-1} \\ &= (b^n)^{-1} (a^n)^{-1} \\ &= b^{-n} a^{-n} \\ &= a^{-n} b^{-n}\end{aligned}$$

So $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$ for negative n as well.

1.1.25

Given $x, y \in G$,

$$\begin{aligned}xy &= xy1 \\ &= xy(yx)^2 \\ &= xy y x y x \\ &= xy^2 x y x \\ &= x1 x y x \\ &= x x y x \\ &= x^2 y x \\ &= 1 y x \\ &= y x\end{aligned}$$

1.1.26

Trivial. Associativity and identity are inherited from G . Closure and inverses are given in the definition.

1.1.27

Let $H = \{x^n | n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. Then $x^n x^m = x^{n+m} \in H$, satisfying closure. And given $x^n \in H$, x^{-n} is also clearly in H .

1.1.28

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}(a, b)((c, d), (e, f)) &= (a, b)(ce, df) \\ &= (a(ce), b(df)) \\ &= ((ac)e, (bd)f) \\ &= (ac, bd)(e, f) \\ &= ((a, b), (c, d))(e, f)\end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \text{ Le } (a, b)(1, 1) = (a \cdot 1, b \cdot 1) = (a, b) = (1 \cdot a, 1 \cdot b) = (1, 1)(a, b)$$

$$(c) \text{ Le } (a, b)(a^{-1}, b^{-1}) = (aa^{-1}, bb^{-1}) = (1, 1) = (a^{-1}a, b^{-1}b) = (a^{-1}, b^{-1})(a, b)$$

1.1.29

- \implies :
Suppose A, B are abelian. Then given $(a, b), (c, d) \in A \times B$, we have $(a, b)(c, d) = (ac, bd) = (ca, db) = (c, d)(a, b)$. Hence $A \times B$ is abelian.
- \impliedby :
Suppose $A \times B$ is abelian. Then given $a, c \in A$,

$$\begin{aligned}(a, 1)(c, 1) &= (c, 1)(a, 1) \\ \implies (ac, 1) &= (ca, 1) \\ \implies ac &= ca\end{aligned}$$

Hence, A is abelian. An analogous proof shows that B is also abelian.

1.1.30

$$(a, 1)(1, b) = (a1, 1b) = (a, b) = (1a, b1) = (1, b)(a, 1).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}(a, b)^n &= (1, 1) \\ \iff ((a, 1)(1, b))^n &= (1, 1) \\ \iff (a, 1)^n(1, b^n) &= (1, 1) && \text{(Since they commute)} \\ \iff (a^n, 1)(1, b^n) &= (1, 1) \\ \iff (a^n, b^n) &= (1, 1) \\ \iff a^n = 1, b^n &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Suppose n satisfies both these equations. Then n must be a multiple of both $|a|$ and $|b|$, by Corollary 1.1.1. But n is an order, so it in fact must be the LEAST common multiple of $|a|$ and $|b|$.

1.1.31

$g \in t(G) \implies g^{-1} \in t(G)$, where these elements are distinct. Hence, the elements of $t(G)$ appear in pairs, and $|t(G)|$ is even.

Suppose $x \in G - t(G)$. Then $x = x^{-1} \implies x^2 = 1$. So $|x| \leq 2$. But $|x| = 1 \implies x = 1$, so if $x \neq 1$ and $x \in G - t(G)$, then $|x| = 2$. But since $|t(G)|$ is even and $1 \in G - t(G)$, then $G - t(G)$ must have at least one other element for $|G|$ to be even, and this element has order 2.

1.1.32

This is Corollary 1.1.2

1.1.33

Assume $i > 0$ wlg. Note

$$x^i = x^{-i} \tag{15}$$

$$\implies x^{2i} = 1 \tag{16}$$

Since the order of x is n , we must have by Corollary 1.1.1 that $2i$ is a multiple of n . There is some positive d such that

$$nd = 2i$$

(a) If $d = 1$, then n is not odd, a contradiction. If $d \geq 2$, then

$$2i = nd$$

$$\geq 2n$$

$$\implies i \geq n$$

contradicting the assumption that $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$. Hence, (15) is impossible.

(b) Let $n = 2k$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} nd &= 2i \\ \implies 2kd &= 2i \\ \implies i &= kd \end{aligned}$$

- Case: $d = 2l + 1$ is odd. Then

$$\begin{aligned} nd &= 2i \\ \implies nd - n &= 2i - n \\ \implies n(d - 1) &= 2i - 2k \\ \implies n(2l + 1 - 1) &= 2(i - k) \\ \implies 2nl &= 2(i - k) \\ \implies nl &= i - k \\ \implies i &\equiv k \pmod{n} \end{aligned}$$

- Case: $d = 2l$ is even. Then

$$\begin{aligned} nd &= 2i \\ \implies n2l &= 2i \\ \implies nl &= i \\ \implies i &\equiv 0 \pmod{n} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, this exercise is WRONG, because we can't have $k = 0$. For a trivial counterexample, take $i = n$ (or any multiple of n). Then the exercise would tell us that $n \equiv k \pmod{n}$. But $n = 2k$, so $0 < k < n$, so this is ridiculous.

1.1.34

Let $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$, with $n \neq m$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} x^n &= x^m \\ \implies x^{n-m} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

- Case: $n - m > 0$
Then $|x| \leq n - m < \infty$, a contradiction
- Case: $n - m < 0$
Then $(x^{n-m})^{-1} = 1 \implies x^{m-n} = 1$, and $|x| \leq m - n \leq \infty$, a contradiction.

1.1.35

This is Corollary 1.1.2.

1.1.36

We cannot have $|x| = 1$ for $x \neq 1$. So let's consider the case $|a| = 3$. We can't have $a^2 = 1$, since this contradicts that. We can't have $a^2 = a$, or else cancellation gives $a = 1$. So assume wlg $a^2 = b$. Then $b^2 = a^2a^2 = a^3a = a$. So $|b| \neq 2$, i.e. $|b| = 3$. If $b^2 = a$. Then $a^2 = b \implies a^3 = ab \implies 1 = ab$, and right multiplication instead gives $1 = ba$. I.e. $b = a^{-1}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} c &= 1 \cdot c \\ &= abc \\ \implies ac &= a^2bc \\ \implies ac &= bbc \\ \implies ac &= b^2c \\ \implies a &= ac \\ \implies c &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

But this reduces the order of the group. So this is a contradiction, and we cannot have $|a| = 3$. Setting $|b| = 3$, $|c| = 3$ of course also yields contradictions

In which case, we must have $|a| = 2$, so $a^2 = 1$. We can't have $ab = a$ or $ab = b$, else we'd get $b = 1$ or $a = 1$. We can't have $ab = 1$ or $ba = 1$, else we'd get $b = a^{-1}$. But $a^2 = 1 \implies a^{-1} = a \implies b = a$, reducing the order of the group. So we must have $ab = c$ and $ba = c$. Similarly, we are forced to set $|b| = 2, |c| = 2$, which forces $bc = cb = a$ and $ca = ac = b$, respectively.

1.2 Dihedral Groups

1.2.1

Note that for any k ,

$$\begin{aligned}(sr^k)^2 &= sr^k sr^k \\ &= s sr^{-k} r^k \\ &= s^2 \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

So $|sr^k| = 2$. On the other hand, the elements r^k form a cyclic subgroup of order n which can be identified with the group $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$. Hence, to compute the order of each of the elements, we follow the same method as in exercises 1.1.11, 1.1.13. Hence...

(a) $n = 3$

$$\begin{aligned}|1| &= 1 \\ |r| &= 3 \\ |r^2| &= 3 \\ |sr^k| &= 2\end{aligned}$$

(b) $n = 4$

$$\begin{aligned}|1| &= 1 \\ |r| &= 4 \\ |r^2| &= 2 \\ |r^3| &= 4 \\ |sr^k| &= 2\end{aligned}$$

(c) $n = 5$

$$\begin{aligned}|1| &= 1 \\ |r| &= 5 \\ |r^2| &= 5 \\ |r^3| &= 5 \\ |r^4| &= 5 \\ |sr^k| &= 2\end{aligned}$$

1.2.2

$x = sr^k$. So $rx = r sr^k = sr^{-1} r^k = sr^{k-1} = sr^k r^{-1} = xr^{-1}$

1.2.3

$|sr^k| = 2$ was shown in 1.2.1. And note that $r^k = 1r^k = 1^k r^k = (1r)^k = (s^2 r)^k = (s(sr))^k$, and $sr^k = s(s(sr))^k$

1.2.4

Using the method of 1.1.11 again, $\text{lcm}(k, 2k) = 2k$, so $|z| = |r^k| = \frac{2k}{k} = 2$. z obviously commutes with the r^i . And

$$\begin{aligned} z(sr^i) &= r^k sr^i \\ &= sr^{-k} r^i \\ &= (sr^i) r^{-k} \\ &= (sr^i) r^{n-k} \\ &= (sr^i) r^{2k-k} \\ &= (sr^i) r^k \\ &= (sr^i) z \end{aligned}$$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} (sr^i)(sr^j) &= sr^i sr^j \\ &= ssr^{-i} r^j \\ &= s^2 r^{j-i} \\ &= r^{j-i} \end{aligned}$$

Whereas $(sr^j)(sr^i) = r^{i-j} = r^{-(j-i)}$, which according to (b) is equal to r^{i-j} iff $i - j = k$, which is not the case for arbitrary i, j . Hence, the elements sr^i do not commute in general.

On the other hand, the r^i commute with each other. And

$$\begin{aligned} (r^i)(sr^j) &= r^i sr^j \\ &= sr^{-i} r^j \\ &= sr^{j-i} \end{aligned}$$

Whereas $(sr^j)r^i = sr^{j+i}$. And

$$\begin{aligned} sr^{j+i} &= sr^{j-i} \\ \implies r^{j+i} &= r^{j-i} \end{aligned}$$

In particular, the above equality has to apply to $j = n$. The only possible setting of $0 \leq i < n$ that fulfills this (other than $i = 0$, which gives the identity) is $i = k$

1.2.5

Follow the previous exercise and note that we can't set $i = n/2$

1.2.6

Note: $t(yx) = (xy)(yx) = x(yy)x = xx = 1$, so $t^{-1} = yx$, and $tx = xyx = xt^{-1}$.

1.2.7

- The old relations come from the new. Note that $b^{-1} = r^{-1}s^{-1}$, and $b^2 = 1 \implies b = b^{-1}$. So we have
 $s^2 = a^2 = 1$
 $rs = 1rs = s^2rs = ssrs = aba = ab^{-1}a = sr^{-1}s^{-1}s = sr^{-1}$
 $r^n = (1r)^n = (s^2r)^n = (s(sr))^n = (ab)^n = 1$
- The new relations come from the old. We have
 $a^2 = s^2 = 1$
 $b^2 = (sr)^2 = sr sr = ssr^{-1}r = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$
 $(ab)^n = (s(sr))^n = (s^2r)^n = (1r)^n = r^n = 1$

1.2.8

n . lol

1.2.9

For these next 5 exercises, we note that the order is the amount of rotations a face can undergo, times the number of faces the face can be sent to. I.e. the formula is

$$\text{Num vertices on a face} \times \text{Num faces}$$

So for a tetrahedron, it's $3 \cdot 4 = 12$

1.2.10

$$4 \cdot 6 = 24$$

1.2.11

$$3 \cdot 8 = 24$$

1.2.12

$$5 \cdot 12 = 60$$

1.2.13

$$3 \cdot 20 = 60$$

1.2.14

$$\mathbb{Z} = \langle 1 \rangle$$

1.2.15

$$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \langle \bar{1} | \bar{n} = \bar{1} \rangle$$

1.2.16

$x_1^2 = y_1^2 = 1$ directly corresponds to $r^n = s^2 = 1$. And

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1 y_1)^2 &= 1 \\ \iff x_1 y_1 x_1 y_1 &= 1 \\ \iff x_1 y_1 &= y_1^{-1} x_1^{-1} \\ \iff x_1 y_1 &= y_1 x_1^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

1.2.17

$X_{2n} = \langle x, y | x^n = y^2 = 1, xy = yx^2 \rangle$ Recall from the text that $x^3 = 1$

- (a) $x^3 = 1 \implies x^2 x = 1 \implies x^{-1} = x^2$. So $xy = yx^2 \iff xy = yx^{-1}$ corresponds to $rs = sr^{-1}$. Also, $x^n = y^2 = 1$ corresponds to $r^n = s^2 = 1$, and thus in this case $X_{2n} = D_6$, so the order of course is 6.
- (b) Use 1.1.2 and note that both 3 and n have to share a divisor which is the order of x . But $(3, n) = 1$ implies the order is 1.

1.2.18

$$Y = \langle u, v | u^4 = v^3 = 1, uv = v^2u^2 \rangle$$

$$(a) \ v^3 = 1 \implies v^{-1} = v^2$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} v^2u^3v &= (v^2u^2)(uv) \\ &= (uv)(v^2u^2) \\ &= uv^3u^2 \\ &= u1u^2 \\ &= u^3 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} v^2u^3v &= u^3 \\ \implies v^{-1}u^3v &= u^3 \\ \implies u^3v &= vu^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$(c) \ u^9 = u^4u^4u = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot u = u.$$

$$vu = vu^9 = u^9v = u^8uv = 1uv = uv$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned} uv &= v^2u^2 \\ \implies uv &= (uv)^2 \\ \implies 1 &= uv \end{aligned} \quad \text{Commutativity of } u, v$$

(e)

$$\begin{aligned} u^4v^3 &= 1 \\ \implies uu^3v^3 &= 1 \\ \implies u(uv)^3 &= 1 \\ \implies u1 &= 1 \\ \implies u &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad \text{Commutativity}$$

And thus also $uv = 1 \implies v = 1$

1.3 Symmetric Groups

In these exercises, I will use exercises 10, 13-15 throughout without explicit reference

1.3.1

- $\sigma = (1\ 3\ 5)(2\ 4)$
- $\tau = (1\ 5)(2\ 3)$
- $\sigma^2 = (1\ 5\ 3)$
- $\sigma\tau = (2\ 5\ 3\ 4)$
- $\tau\sigma = (1\ 2\ 4\ 3)$
- $\tau^2\sigma = 1\sigma = \sigma$

1.3.2

No thanks

1.3.3

Only doing it for exercise 1, using exercise [1.3.15](#).

- $|\sigma| = 6$
- $|\tau| = 2$
- $|\sigma^2| = 3$
- $|\sigma\tau| = 4$
- $|\tau\sigma| = 4$
- $|\tau^2\sigma| = 6$

1.3.4

- (a) $S_3 = \{1, (1\ 2), (2\ 3), (1\ 3), (1\ 2\ 3), (1\ 3\ 2)\}$

The orders are, respectively, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3

- (b) $S_4 = \{1, (1\ 2), (2\ 3), (1\ 3), (1\ 4), (2\ 4), (3\ 4),$
 $(1\ 2)(3\ 4), (1\ 3)(2\ 4), (1\ 4)(2\ 3),$
 $(1\ 2\ 3), (1\ 3\ 2), (1\ 3\ 4), (1\ 4\ 3), (2\ 3\ 4), (2\ 4\ 3), (1\ 2\ 4), (1\ 4\ 2),$
 $(1\ 2\ 3\ 4), (1\ 3\ 2\ 4), (1\ 4\ 2\ 3), (1\ 2\ 4\ 3), (1\ 3\ 4\ 2), (1\ 4\ 3\ 2)\}$

The order of 1 is 1, the order of the elements with 2-cycles are 2, the order of the 3 and 4 cycles are 3 and 4 respectively.

1.3.5

Using [1.3.15](#), $|\sigma| = \text{lcm}(2, 3, 5) = 30$

1.3.6

Done in [1.3.4](#)

1.3.7

Done in [1.3.4](#)

1.3.8

$\infty! = \infty\ jk$. Consider the permutation σ that shifts each element to the right by one: $1 \mapsto 2, 2 \mapsto 3$, etc. Then σ^n is distinct for all $n \geq 0$

1.3.9

We use [1.3.11](#).

- (a) 1, 5, 7, 11
- (b) 1, 3, 5, 7
- (c) 1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 13

1.3.10

Of course, $\sigma^0(a_k) = \mathbf{1}(a_k) = a_k = a_{k+0}$

Now suppose $\sigma^i(a_k) = a_{k+i}$.

Then $\sigma^{i+1}(a_k) = \sigma\sigma^i(a_k) = \sigma(a_{k+i}) = a_{k+i+1}$, where we implicitly replace the subscripts with their residues.

Hence, $\sigma^i(a_k) = a_{k+i}$ holds in general.

For $1 \leq i < m$,

$\sigma^i(a_k) = a_{k+i} \neq a_k = \mathbf{1}(a_k)$, so $\sigma^i \neq \mathbf{1}$.

But $\sigma^m(a_k) = a_{k+m} = a_k = \mathbf{1}(a_k)$, hence $\sigma^m = \mathbf{1}$ and $|\sigma| = m$

1.3.11

For convenience, relabel the elements $0, \dots, m-1$, so

$$\sigma = (0 \ 1 \ 2 \ \dots \ m-1)$$

and by the previous exercise [1.3.10](#),

$$\sigma^i(n) = n + i \pmod{m}$$

Then

$$\sigma^i \text{ an } m\text{-cycle} \tag{17}$$

$$\iff m = \underset{k}{\operatorname{argmin}} (\sigma^i)^k(0) = 0 \tag{18}$$

$$\iff m = \underset{k}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sigma^{ik}(0) = 0 \tag{19}$$

$$\iff m = \underset{k}{\operatorname{argmin}} 0 + ik \pmod{m} = 0 \tag{20}$$

$$\iff m = \underset{k}{\operatorname{argmin}} 0 + ik = 0 \pmod{m} \tag{21}$$

$$\iff m = \underset{k}{\operatorname{argmin}} m |ik| \tag{22}$$

$$\iff m = \operatorname{lcm}(i, m)/i \tag{23}$$

$$\iff mi = \operatorname{lcm}(i, m) \tag{24}$$

$$\iff \operatorname{gcd}(i, m) = 1 \tag{25}$$

1.3.12

(a) Set $\sigma = (1 \ 3 \ 5 \ 7 \ 9 \ 2 \ 4 \ 6 \ 8 \ 10)$.

Using [1.3.10](#), I placed each elem 5 spaces away.

(b) idk

1.3.13

The "if" is obvious, so we handle the "only if"

Consider $\sigma \in S_n$ with order 2.

given $s \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

- Case: $\sigma(s) = s$

Then s is in a 1-cycle in σ

- Case: $\sigma(s) = t (t \neq s)$

Then since $|\sigma| = 2$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2(s) &= s \\ \implies \sigma(\sigma(s)) &= s \\ \implies \sigma(t) &= s \end{aligned}$$

So $(s \ t)$ makes a 2-cycle in σ

Hence, σ has only 1 and 2-cycles

1.3.14

The "if" is again obvious, so we handle the "only if"

Consider $\sigma \in S_n$ with order $p > 2$.

given $s \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

- Case: $\sigma(s) = s$

Then s is in a 1-cycle in σ

- Case: $\sigma(s) = t (t \neq s)$

Then we know at least that $\sigma^p(s) = s$.

Suppose s is in an m -cycle with $1 < m < p$.

Then $\sigma^m(s) = s$.

Let $p = mq + r$ by Euclidean division. Note $0 < r < m$ (if $r = 0$, then $m|p$, contradicting primeness of p). Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 s &= \sigma^p(s) \\
 &= \sigma^{mq+r}(s) \\
 &= \sigma^r \sigma^{mq}(s) \\
 &= \sigma^r (\sigma^m)^q(s) \\
 &= \sigma^r (\mathbf{1})^q(s) \\
 &= \sigma^r \mathbf{1}(s) \\
 &= \sigma^r(s) \\
 \implies \sigma^r(s) &= s
 \end{aligned}$$

So s is actually in an r -cycle, a contradiction.

A counterexample is any product of cycles of different length

1.3.15

Exercise 1.3.10 immediately implies that a m -cycle has an order of m , while a combination of Corollary 1.1.1 and exercise 1.1.24 show that it's the lcm when we have a product of cycles

1.3.16

"Count the number of ways of forming an m -cycle and divide by the number of representations of a particular m -cycle" is the solution lol.

1.3.17

Analogue to above, we count the number of ways of ordering 4 elements, then divide by 2 since we don't care about the order of the cycles, then divide by 2 again since we don't care about the order of the elements in the first cycle, then 2 again for the second cycle.

1.3.18

How many ways are there to add up to 5?

- $\text{lcm}(1, 1, 1, 1) = 1$
- $\text{lcm}(2, 1, 1, 1) = 2$
- $\text{lcm}(2, 2, 1) = 2$
- $\text{lcm}(2, 3) = 6$
- $\text{lcm}(3, 1, 1) = 3$
- $\text{lcm}(4, 1) = 4$
- $\text{lcm}(5) = 5$

1.3.19

How many ways are there to add up to 7?

- $\text{lcm}(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1) = 1$
- $\text{lcm}(2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1) = 2$
- $\text{lcm}(2, 2, 1, 1, 1) = 2$
- $\text{lcm}(2, 2, 2, 1) = 2$
- $\text{lcm}(3, 2, 2) = 6$
- $\text{lcm}(3, 1, 1, 1, 1) = 3$
- $\text{lcm}(3, 2, 1, 1) = 6$
- $\text{lcm}(4, 2, 1) = 4$
- $\text{lcm}(4, 1, 1, 1) = 4$
- $\text{lcm}(4, 3) = 12$
- $\text{lcm}(5, 1, 1) = 5$
- $\text{lcm}(5, 2) = 10$
- $\text{lcm}(6, 1) = 6$
- $\text{lcm}(7) = 7$

1.3.20

$S_3 = \langle (1\ 2\ 3), (1\ 2) \rangle$.

Verify:

$$(1\ 2\ 3)^2 = (1\ 3\ 2)$$

$$(1\ 2\ 3)(1\ 3\ 2) = \mathbf{1}$$

$$(1\ 2\ 3)(1\ 2) = (1\ 3)$$

$$(1\ 2\ 3)(1\ 3) = (2\ 3)$$

1.4 The Matrix Group

1.4.1

$|F_2| = |\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}| = 2$, so
 $|GL_2(F_2)| = (2^2 - 2^0)(2^1 - 2^1) = 3 \cdot 2 = 6$

1.4.2

Denote:

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Manual computation yields

$$\begin{aligned}|I| &= 1 \\ |A| &= 2 \\ |B| &= 3 \\ |C| &= 3 \\ |D| &= 2 \\ |E| &= 3\end{aligned}$$

1.4.3

$CD = E$, but $DC = A$

1.4.4

If n is not prime, decompose $n = ab$ with $1 < a, b < n$.

In $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$, $ab = 0$, so $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} - \{0\}$ is not a group under multiplication (because it fails closure)

1.4.5

For the "only if", suppose $GL_n(F)$ is finite. Let D be the subgroup of $GL_n(F)$ of diagonal matrices where each entry of the diagonal is the same. Then we can identify F with D . So $GL_n(F)$ finite means that D is finite, and hence so is F .

For the "if", the following exercise provides an upper bound

1.4.6

For each entry of a matrix, we have at most q choices, and there are n^2 entries, so in total we have $\prod_{i=1}^{n^2} q = q^{n^2}$ choices.

1.4.7

idk

1.4.8

Let A be an upper triangular matrix of 1s. And let B be a lower triangular matrix of 1s. Then

$$\begin{aligned}(AB)_{1,1} &= \sum_{i=1}^n A_{i,1}B_{1,i} = \sum_{i=1}^n 1 = n \\ (BA)_{1,1} &= \sum_{i=1}^n A_{1,i}B_{i,1} = A_{1,1}B_{1,1} + \sum_{i=2}^n 0 = 1\end{aligned}$$

So $AB \neq BA$

1.4.9

No shit. Waste of time.

1.4.10

Denote

$$\begin{aligned}A &= \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ 0 & c_1 \end{pmatrix} \\ B &= \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ 0 & c_2 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

(a)

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} a_1a_2 & a_1b_2 + b_1c_2 \\ 0 & c_1c_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) If $B = A^{-1}$, we must set

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &= \frac{1}{a_1} \\ c_2 &= \frac{1}{c_2} \\ a_1 b_2 + b_1 c_2 &= 0 \\ \implies b_2 &= \frac{-b_1 c_2}{a_1} \end{aligned}$$

All of which is doable in \mathbb{R}

(c) Immediate

(d) In (a), $c_1 = a_1$, and $c_2 = a_2$, so

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 a_2 & a_1 b_2 + b_1 c_2 \\ 0 & a_1 a_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

And using (b), the inverse is

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{a_1} & \frac{-b_1 a_2}{a_1} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{a_1} \end{pmatrix}$$

which is clearly also in the group

1.4.11

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} XY &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a+d & e+af+b \\ 0 & 1 & f+c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ YX &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a+d & e+cd+b \\ 0 & 1 & f+c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So all the entries in XY and YX are the same except the top-right entry. Setting $a, f = 1$, and $c, d = 2$ immediately yields equality

(b) If $Y = X^{-1}$, we must have

$$\begin{aligned} a+d &= 0 \\ e+af+b &= 0 \\ f+c &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

which yield

$$\begin{aligned} d &= -a \\ e &= ca - b \\ f &= -c \end{aligned}$$

(c) I'M ASSUMIN MATRIX MULT IS ASSOCIATIVE. It's $|F|^3$ because we have $|F|$ choices for each entry a, b, c

(d)

(e) It's easy to see that the top middle element of X^n is na . And $na \neq 0$ for any $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

1.5 The Quaternion Group

1.5.1

$|1| = 1, |-1| = 2$ of course. The orders of the rest are 4.

1.5.2

no

1.5.3

idk

1.6 Homomorphisms and Isomorphisms

1.6.1

(a) $\phi(x^1) = \phi(x) = \phi(x)^1$ is the base case. Now supposing things hold for $k = 1, \dots, n$, note that

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi(x^{n+1}) &= \phi(x^n x) \\
&= \phi(x^n) \phi(x) && \text{(homomorphism)} \\
&= \phi(x)^n \phi(x) && \text{(induction)} \\
&= \phi(x)^{n+1}
\end{aligned}$$

(b) We will prove that homomorphisms preserve identity (and use this fact for granted moving forward):

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi(x)\phi(1) &= \phi(x \cdot 1) \\
&= \phi(x) \\
\implies \phi(1) &= 1 && \text{(cancellation property)}
\end{aligned}$$

Note that this also proves the case $n = 0$.

Hence we have $\phi(x^{-1})\phi(x) = \phi(x^{-1}x) = \phi(1) = 1$

So $\phi(x^{-1})$ is the inverse of $\phi(x)$, i.e.

$$\phi(x^{-1}) = \phi(x)^{-1}.$$

Now suppose

$$\phi(x^{-k}) = \phi(x)^{-k}$$

for $k = 1, \dots, n$ (note we've shown the base case).

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi(x^{-(n+1)}) &= \phi(x^{-n}x^{-1}) \\
&= \phi(x^{-n})\phi(x^{-1}) \\
&= \phi(x)^{-n}\phi(x)^{-1} \\
&= \phi(x)^{-(n+1)}
\end{aligned}$$

1.6.2

Let $|x| = n$. Then

$$\phi(x)^n = \phi(x^n) = \phi(1) = 1$$

So $|\phi(x)| \leq n$.

Suppose $\phi(x)^k = 1$ for $k \leq n$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi(x^k) &= 1 \\
\implies x^k &= 1
\end{aligned}$$

The second equality follows from injectivity of the isomorphism ϕ . Since $k \leq n = |x|$, we have $k = n$. Hence, $|\phi(x)| = n$ as needed.

ϕ and ϕ^{-1} glue together elements from G and H in pairs of the same order. It doesn't work for general homomorphisms. See Example 1 from the text, with $k < n$, and compare the orders of r and its image r_1

1.6.3

For the "only if", suppose G is abelian. Then let $y, z \in H$, with $\phi(a) = y, \phi(b) = z$ (such a, b exists since ϕ is surjective). Then $yz = \phi(a)\phi(b) = \phi(b)\phi(a) = zy$, so H is abelian.

For the "if", repeat the above with ϕ^{-1}

In the case that ϕ is a general homomorphism, note that in the proof of the "only if", we only used surjectivity.

1.6.4

i has order 4 in $\mathbb{C} - \{0\}$, but the only finite order elements in $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ are $|1| = 1, |-1| = 2$

1.6.5

Cantor's diagonalization argument

1.6.6

\mathbb{Z} is generated by a single element 1, but no single element can generate \mathbb{Q} .

1.6.7

Q_8 has a single elem of order 2, which is -1 , but in D_{2n} , both s and r^2 have order 2

1.6.8

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &\equiv S_m \\ \implies |S_n| &= |S_m| \\ \implies n! &= m! \\ \implies n &= m \end{aligned}$$

Take the contrapositive

1.6.9

In D_{24} , $|r| = 12$. But looking back at 1.3.4, we see no elements of order 12 in S_4 .

1.6.10

(a) A composition of bijections is a bijection

(b) Define $\psi : S_\Omega \rightarrow S_{Delta}$ by
 $\delta \mapsto \theta^{-1} \circ \delta \circ \theta$.
 So then

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\phi(\sigma)) &= \psi(\theta \circ \sigma \circ \theta^{-1}) \\ &= \theta^{-1} \circ \theta \circ \sigma \circ \theta^{-1} \circ \theta \\ &= \sigma \end{aligned}$$

and analogously

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(\psi(\delta)) &= \psi(\theta^{-1} \circ \delta \circ \theta) \\ &= \theta \circ \theta^{-1} \circ \delta \circ \theta \circ \theta^{-1} \\ &= \delta \end{aligned}$$

So ψ is a 2 sided inverse for ϕ , and hence ϕ is a bijection i.e. an isomorphism

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(\sigma \circ \tau) &= \theta \circ \sigma \circ \tau \circ \theta^{-1} \\ &= \theta \circ \sigma \circ \mathbf{1} \circ \tau \circ \theta^{-1} \\ &= \theta \circ \sigma \circ \theta^{-1} \circ \theta \circ \tau \circ \theta^{-1} \\ &= \phi(\sigma) \circ \phi(\tau)\end{aligned}$$

1.6.11

Define

$$\begin{aligned}\phi : A \times B &\rightarrow B \times A \\ (a, b) &\mapsto (b, a)\end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}\phi((a, b)(c, d)) &= \phi(ac, bd) \\ &= (bd, ac) \\ &= (b, a)(d, c) \\ &= \phi(a, b)\phi(c, d)\end{aligned}$$

So ϕ is a homomorphism. And it is clearly a bijection with inverse $(b, a) \mapsto (a, b)$

1.6.12

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1.6.13

Let $y, z \in \phi(G)$. Then we must have $\phi(a) = y, \phi(b) = z$ for some $a, b \in G$.
And

$$\begin{aligned}yz &= \phi(a)\phi(b) \\ &= \phi(ab) \\ &\in \phi(G)\end{aligned}$$

So closure is satisfied.

Now, given $y \in \phi(G)$, we have $y = \phi(a)$ for some $a \in G$. Now let $z = \phi(a^{-1})$, so $z \in \phi(G)$. Then from 1.6.1, we have in fact that $z = \phi(a)^{-1}$, i.e. $z = y^{-1}$. So inverses are in $\phi(G)$

1.6.14

- Closure:
If $g, h \in \ker \phi$, then

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(gh) &= \phi(g)\phi(h) \\ &= 1 \cdot 1 \\ &= 1 \\ \implies gh &\in \ker \phi\end{aligned}$$

- Inverses:
Let $g \in \ker \phi$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\implies 1 &= \phi(g)^{-1}\phi(g) \\ \implies 1 &= \phi(g)^{-1} \cdot 1 \\ \implies 1 &= \phi(g)^{-1} \\ \implies 1 &= \phi(g^{-1}) \\ \implies g^{-1} &\in \ker \phi\end{aligned}$$

Now we shall prove a lemma which we will henceforth use without mention:

Lemma 1.2. *A map $\phi : G \rightarrow H$ is injective if and only if*

$$\forall g \in G : \phi(g) = 1 \implies g = 1$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi \text{ injective} \\ \iff & \forall g, h \in G : \phi(g) = \phi(h) \implies g = h \\ \iff & \forall g, h \in G : \phi(g)\phi(h)^{-1} = 1 \implies gh^{-1} = 1 \\ \iff & \forall g, h \in G : \phi(g)\phi(h^{-1}) = 1 \implies gh^{-1} = 1 \\ \iff & \forall g, h \in G : \phi(gh^{-1}) = 1 \implies gh^{-1} = 1 \\ \iff & \forall g \in G : \phi(g) = 1 \implies g = 1 \end{aligned}$$

□

And furthermore, using the lemma above, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi \text{ injective} \\ \iff & \forall g \in G : \phi(g) = 1 \implies g = 1 \\ \iff & \forall g \in G : g \in \ker \phi \implies g = 1 \\ \iff & \ker \phi = 1 \end{aligned}$$

1.6.15

This follows from the next exercise

1.6.16

Denote $\pi = \pi_1$ and note:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi((a, c)(b, d)) &= \pi(ab, cd) \\ &= ab \\ &= \pi(a, c)\pi(b, d) \end{aligned}$$

so π is a homomorphism. Furthermore, since $\pi(a, b) = a$, we have that $\pi(a, b) = 1 \iff a = 1$. So, clearly,

$$\ker \pi = \{(1, b) \in A \times B \mid b \in B\} \tag{26}$$

(in \mathbb{R}^2 , the notation is additive and amounts to the line $x = 0$)

The calculations for π_2 are analagous.

1.6.17

Denote the map in question by ϕ , and recall that $(gh)^{-1} = h^{-1}g^{-1}$. So

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi \text{ is a homomorphism} \\ \iff & \forall g, h \in G : \phi(g^{-1}h^{-1}) = \phi(g^{-1})\phi(h^{-1}) \\ \iff & \forall g, h \in G : (g^{-1}h^{-1})^{-1} = (g^{-1})^{-1}(h^{-1})^{-1} \\ \iff & \forall g, h \in G : hg = gh \end{aligned}$$

1.6.18

ϕ is a homomorphism

$$\iff \forall g, h \in G : \phi(gh) = \phi(g)\phi(h)$$

$$\iff \forall g, h \in G : (gh)^2 = g^2h^2$$

$$\iff \forall g, h \in G : ghgh = gghh$$

$$\iff \forall g, h \in G : hg = gh \quad (\text{left multiply by } g^{-1}, \text{ right multiply by } h^{-1})$$

1.6.19

Denote the morphism by ϕ . We are giving $G \subset \mathbb{C}$ the multiplicative structure (which is ok, because $0 \notin \mathbb{C}$)

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(z)\phi(y) &= z^k y^k \\ &= (zy)^k & (\mathbb{C} \text{ is abelian}) \\ &= \phi(zy) \end{aligned}$$

so ϕ is a morphism.

Now let $x \in G$ so $x^n = 1$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. If there exists $z \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $\phi(z) = x$, then note that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= x^n \\ &= \phi(z)^n \\ &= (z^k)^n \\ &= z^{kn} \\ \implies z &\in G \end{aligned}$$

But the equation $z^k - x = 0$ has k solutions in \mathbb{C} , which are all in G by the above argument, so the map ϕ is indeed surjective (but not injective, because of the $k > 1$ solutions)

1.6.20

- Associativity follows from the associativity of function composition
- The identity map is an isomorphism which preserves any map it is composed with, so it forms the identity in $\text{Aut}G$
- By definition, isomorphisms have (unique) inverses, which themselves are isomorphisms, which upon composition yield the very identity established above.
- Closure: The composition of two isomorphisms is an isomorphism

1.6.21

Denote the map as ϕ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(q+r) &= k(q+r) \\ &= kq + kr \\ &= \phi(q) + \phi(r) \end{aligned}$$

so ϕ is a homomorphism

- Injectivity: Let $q \in \mathbb{Q}$, so $q = a/b$ for $a \in \mathbb{Z}, b \in \mathbb{Z}^\times$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(q) &= 0 \\ \implies kq &= 0 \\ \implies k = 0 \text{ or } q = 0 & \quad (\text{by the zero product property}) \end{aligned}$$

But k is nonzero by assumption, so $q = 0$.

- Surjectivity: Let $s \in \mathbb{Q}$, with $s = a/b$. Then define $t = \frac{a}{kb}$ ($k \neq 0$, so this works). Then

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(t) &= kt \\ &= k\left(\frac{a}{kb}\right) \\ &= a/b \\ &= s\end{aligned}$$

1.6.22

Let ϕ denote the map. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(ab) &= (ab)^k \\ &= a^k b^k \\ &= \phi(a)\phi(b)\end{aligned}\quad (A \text{ abelian})$$

so ϕ is a homomorphism.

- Injectivity:
Now let $k = -1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(a) &= 1 \\ \implies a^{-1} &= 1 \\ \implies 1 &= a\end{aligned}$$

- Surjectivity:
Let $b \in A$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(b^{-1}) &= (b^{-1})^{-1} \\ &= b\end{aligned}$$

1.6.23

idk????????

1.6.24

Following 1.2.6, we have that if we set $t = xy$ in G , then

$$\begin{aligned}tx &= xt^{-1} \\ x^2 &= 1 \\ t^n &= 1\end{aligned}$$

and also, $xt = x^2y = y$, so x, t generate G . Now define a homomorphism by

$$\begin{aligned}\phi : G &\rightarrow D_{2n} \\ t &\mapsto r \\ s &\mapsto x\end{aligned}$$

Then we establish

- Injectivity:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(t^m x^l) &= 1 \\ \implies r^m s^l &= 1\end{aligned}$$

which implies that $r^m, s^l = 1$ (they both have to be 1 because rotations can't invert reflections nor vice versa), which in turn implies that $n|m$ or $m = 0$, and $2|l$ or $l = 0$. which due to the relations on t and x implies that $t^m x^l = 1$

- Surjectivity: Let $r^m s^l \in D_{2n}$. Then clearly $t^m x^l \mapsto r^m s^l$

1.6.25

- (a) Basic linear algebra
- (b) This and the next part clearly follows from the fact that rotations and reflections of regular polygons can be identified with rotations and reflections of the xy plane. See the next exercise for what a more "explicit" computation would look like
- (c) See above

1.6.26

To prove that ϕ is a homomorphism, we need to show that it is well-defined on powers of the generators that yield the identity. For convenience, I'll actually compute ϕ for all possible powers of generators

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(i) &= \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{-1} \end{pmatrix} \\ \phi(i^2) &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \phi(i^3) &= \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{-1} \end{pmatrix} \\ \phi(i^4) &= I \\ \phi(j) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \phi(j^2) &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \phi(j^3) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \phi(j^4) &= I\end{aligned}$$

The fact that $i^4, j^4 \mapsto I$ confirms that this map is well defined and therefore a homomorphism. Furthermore, the image of any element under ϕ will be one of the first 4 matrices times one of the last 4 matrices. It's clear that this only amounts to 1 in the case of $\phi(i^2)\phi(j^2)$ or $\phi(i^4)\phi(j^4)$, which means the map is injective since $i^2j^2, i^4j^4 = 1$.

1.7 Group Actions

IN GENERAL, ACTIONS WILL BE DENOTED AS σ AND PERMUTATION REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE DENOTED AS ϕ

1.7.1

Follows directly from multiplicative associativity and identity

1.7.2

This is just the left regular action of \mathbb{Z} on itself

1.7.3

- Associativity

$$\begin{aligned}r(s(x, y)) &= r(x + sy, y) \\ &= (x + sy + ry, y) \\ &= (x + (s + r)y, y) \\ &= (s + r)(x, y)\end{aligned}$$

- Identity: $0(x, y) = (x + 0y, y) = (x, y)$

1.7.4

(a) Kernel:

- Inverses:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & gb \in \ker \sigma \\
 \implies & \forall b \in B : gb = b \\
 \implies & \forall b \in B : b = g^{-1}b \\
 \implies & g^{-1} \in \ker \sigma
 \end{aligned}$$

- Closure:

If $g, h \in \ker \sigma$, then given $b \in A$,
 $(gh)b = g(hb) = gb = b$, so $gh \in \ker \sigma$

(b) Stabilizer

Denote the stabilizer of a by Stab_a .

- Closure: If $g, h \in \text{Stab}_a$, then $(gh)a = g(ha) = ga = a$, so $gh \in \text{Stab}_a$
- Inverses: If $g \in \text{Stab}_a$, then $ga = a \implies a = g^{-1}a \implies g^{-1} \in \text{Stab}_a$

1.7.5

Denote the action as σ and the permutation representation as ϕ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & g \in \ker \sigma \\
 \iff & \forall a \in A : ga = a \\
 \iff & \forall a \in A : \sigma(g, a) = a \\
 \iff & \forall a \in A : \phi(g)(a) = a \\
 \iff & \forall a \in A : \phi(g)(a) = \mathbf{1}(a) \\
 \iff & \phi(g) = \mathbf{1} \\
 \iff & g \in \ker \phi
 \end{aligned}$$

1.7.6

G acts faithfully on A if and only if...

$$\forall g, h \in G : \phi(g) = \phi(h) \implies g = h$$

Definition of faithfulness, contrapos

$$\iff \phi \text{ is injective}$$

Definition of injectivity

$$\iff \ker \phi = \mathbf{1}$$

[1.6.14](#)

$$\iff \ker \sigma = \mathbf{1}$$

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1.7.7

Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and suppose $\phi(\alpha) = \mathbf{1}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \forall (r_1, \dots, r_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : \phi(\alpha)(r_1, \dots, r_n) = \mathbf{1}(r_1, \dots, r_n) \\
 \implies & \forall (r_1, \dots, r_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : (\alpha r_1, \dots, \alpha r_n) = (r_1, \dots, r_n)
 \end{aligned}$$

Which yields the equations

$$\alpha r_i = r_i, i = 1, \dots, n \tag{27}$$

By right cancellation, we obtain $\alpha = 1$. Hence, the permutation representation ϕ is injective, i.e. the action σ is faithful

1.7.8

- (a) • Associativity:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta(\sigma\{a_1, \dots, a_k\}) &= \delta\{\sigma(a_1), \dots, \sigma(a_k)\} \\
 &= \{\delta(\sigma(a_1)), \dots, \delta(\sigma(a_k))\} \\
 &= \{\delta \circ \sigma(a_1), \dots, \delta \circ \sigma(a_k)\} \\
 &= (\delta \circ \sigma)\{a_1, \dots, a_k\}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Identity: $\mathbf{1}\{a_1, \dots, a_k\} = \{\mathbf{1}(a_1), \dots, \mathbf{1}(a_k)\} = \{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1\ 2)\{1, 2\} &= \{1, 2\} \\
 (1\ 2)\{1, 3\} &= \{2, 3\} \\
 (1\ 2)\{1, 4\} &= \{2, 4\} \\
 (1\ 2)\{2, 3\} &= \{1, 3\} \\
 (1\ 2)\{2, 4\} &= \{1, 4\} \\
 (1\ 2)\{3, 4\} &= \{3, 4\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1\ 2\ 3)\{1, 2\} &= \{2, 3\} \\
 (1\ 2\ 3)\{1, 3\} &= \{1, 2\} \\
 (1\ 2\ 3)\{1, 4\} &= \{2, 4\} \\
 (1\ 2\ 3)\{2, 3\} &= \{1, 3\} \\
 (1\ 2\ 3)\{2, 4\} &= \{3, 4\} \\
 (1\ 2\ 3)\{3, 4\} &= \{1, 4\}
 \end{aligned}$$

1.7.9

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1\ 2)(1, 2) &= (2, 1) \\
 (1\ 2)(1, 3) &= (2, 3) \\
 (1\ 2)(1, 4) &= (2, 4) \\
 (1\ 2)(2, 3) &= (1, 3) \\
 (1\ 2)(2, 4) &= (1, 4) \\
 (1\ 2)(3, 4) &= (3, 4) \\
 (1\ 2)(2, 1) &= (1, 2) \\
 (1\ 2)(3, 1) &= (3, 2) \\
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 (1\ 2)(4, 3) &= (4, 3) \\
 (1\ 2)(1, 1) &= (2, 2) \\
 (1\ 2)(2, 2) &= (1, 1) \\
 (1\ 2)(3, 3) &= (3, 3) \\
 (1\ 2)(4, 4) &= (4, 4)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(1\ 2\ 3)(1, 2) &= (2, 3) \\
(1\ 2\ 3)(1, 3) &= (2, 1) \\
(1\ 2\ 3)(1, 4) &= (2, 4) \\
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(1\ 2\ 3)(1, 1) &= (2, 2) \\
(1\ 2\ 3)(2, 2) &= (3, 3) \\
(1\ 2\ 3)(3, 3) &= (1, 1) \\
(1\ 2\ 3)(4, 4) &= (4, 4)
\end{aligned}$$

1.7.10

- (a) • The action is faithful when $k < n$. Here's the proof:
 Suppose $\sigma b = b$ for all $b \in B$. We wish to show that σ is trivial.
 Suppose σ is NON-trivial. Fix $C = \{a_1, \dots, a_k\} \in B$ where the action nontrivially shuffles the set (i.e. we don't have $\sigma(a_i) = a_i$ for all $1 \leq i \leq k$). Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma\{a_1, \dots, a_k\} &= \{a_1, \dots, a_k\} \\
\implies \{\sigma a_1, \dots, \sigma a_k\} &= \{a_1, \dots, a_k\} \\
\implies \sigma a_i &\in C & i = 1, \dots, k
\end{aligned}$$

Since $k < n$, let $b \in B - C$, and assume without loss of generality (since σ nontrivially shuffles the set) that

$$\sigma\{a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}\} = \{a_2, \dots, a_k\} \quad (28)$$

Then we have

$$\sigma\{a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}, b\} = \{a_2, \dots, a_k, \sigma(b)\} \quad (29)$$

In order for σ to preserve the set, we must have $\sigma(b) = a_1$. Then b and a_1 begin a cycle in σ like so:

$$(b, a_1, \dots) \quad (30)$$

Now proceed iteratively. Suppose we have filled a cycle in σ as such:

$$(b, a_1, \dots, a_i, \dots) \quad (31)$$

In the case that the cycle ends here (at a_i), we have that $\sigma(a_i) = b$, contradicting that $\sigma(a_i) \in C$. If $i = k$, then we can go no further. Otherwise, we have $\sigma(a_i) \in C$, and we can assume without loss of generality that $\sigma(a_i) = a_{i+1}$, thus expanding the cycle again.

$$(b, a_1, \dots, a_i, a_{i+1}, \dots) \quad (32)$$

Iterate again. We must terminate at $i = k$, forcing a contradiction

Hence, σ maps an element in C to an element outside of C . It cannot simply shuffle C when it is nontrivial. So σ must be trivial, and the action is faithful.

- When $k = n$, the action is not faithful. $\sigma = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ is a nontrivial permutation that merely shuffles every set. (the exception is the case $n = 1$, which is the trivial group).

(b) Given a permutation on tuples σ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(a_1, \dots, a_k) &= (a_1, \dots, a_k) \\ \implies (\sigma(a_1), \dots, \sigma(a_k)) &= (a_1, \dots, a_k) \\ \implies \sigma(a_1) &= a_1\end{aligned}$$

Assign each element in A to a_1 in the above equality and we obtain that σ is trivial. So the action is always faithful on tuples.

1.7.11

$$\begin{aligned}i &= 1 && \text{the identity} \\ r &= (1\ 2\ 3\ 4) \\ r^2 &= (1\ 3)(2\ 4) \\ r^3 &= (1\ 4\ 3\ 2) \\ s &= (2\ 4) \\ rs &= (1\ 2)(3\ 4) \\ r^2s &= (1\ 3)(2\ 4) \\ r^3s &= (1\ 4)(2\ 3)\end{aligned}$$

1.7.12

We take D_{2n} to be a subgroup of S_n . Let O denote the set of pairs of opposite vertices. Then by 1.7.8, we have an action σ on the set A of doubletons. We just have to show that the action is closed on $O \subset A$. We have $\sigma\{a, b\} = \{\sigma(a), \sigma(b)\}$. But note that any rotation or reflection preserves opposite vertices, and thus any sequence of rotations and reflections do as well, so $\sigma(a), \sigma(b)$ are guaranteed to be opposite to each other. Thus the action is closed.

It's clear that the kernel consists of symmetries that maintain opposite vertices in their original positions, except possibly swapped. The symmetries that do this are the trivial symmetry, the reflection, the halfway rotation, and the composition of the latter two, so $\ker \sigma = \{r^{\frac{n}{2}}, s, r^{\frac{n}{2}}s, i\}$

1.7.13

Given $g \in G$,

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(g) &= \mathbf{1} \\ \implies a \in G : \phi(g)(a) &= \mathbf{1}(a) \\ \implies a \in G : ga &= a \\ \implies a \in G : g &= 1 \\ \implies g &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Hence ϕ is injective (the action is faithful), and so the kernel is trivial.

1.7.14

Since G is non-abelian, let $a, b \in G$ such that $ab \neq ba$. Then

$$a \cdot (b \cdot 1) = a \cdot (1b) = 1ba = ba, \text{ but}$$

$$(ab) \cdot 1 = 1ab = ab$$

So associativity isn't satisfied.

1.7.15

- Identity: $1 \cdot a = a1^{-1} = a1 = a$
- Associativity: $g \cdot (h \cdot a) = g \cdot (ah^{-1}) = ah^{-1}g^{-1} = agh^{-1} = (gh) \cdot a$

1.7.16

- Identity: $1 \cdot a = 1a1^{-1} = a$
- Associativity: $h \cdot (g \cdot a) = h \cdot (gag^{-1}) = hgag^{-1}h^{-1} = hgahg^{-1} = (hg) \cdot a$

1.7.17

Denote the conjugation by g map as ϕ . Then

$$\phi(xy) = gxyg^{-1} = gxg^{-1}gyg^{-1} = \phi(x)\phi(y)$$

so ϕ is a homomorphism. It also has the obvious two-sided inverse $x \mapsto g^{-1}xg$, so ϕ is an isomorphism. The deductions are trivial.

1.7.18

- Reflexivity: $a = 1a \implies a \sim a$
- Symmetry: If $a \sim b$, there is $h \in H$ such that $a = hb$, but then $b = h^{-1}a$, so $b \sim a$
- Transitivity: Suppose $a \sim b$ and $b \sim c$, so there are $g, h \in H$ such that $a = gb$ and $b = hc$. Then $a = (gh)c$, so $a \sim c$

1.7.19

Denote this map by ϕ .

- Injectivity $\phi(g) = \phi(h) \implies gx = hx \implies g = h$
- Surjectivity Let $o \in \mathcal{O}$. Then $o = hx$ for some $h \in H$. But then clearly $\phi(h) = hx = o$.

Lagrange's theorem follows from the fact that the orbits partition G (last exercise), so their orders must add up to $|G|$, and then noting that they are all the same order (this exercise)

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