Brilliant: Group Theory

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1 Chapter 1.2

1.1 Page 1

$R(R_1(x)) = A \to B, B \to A, C \to C$. So reflection about CE.

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$R_2(R_1(x)) = A \to B, B \to C, C \to A$. So rotation clockwise 120°

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$R \star R = H \star H = V \star V = I$ on the letter "I".

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Cayley table for rotating letter "I":

	I	H	V	R
I	I	H	V	R
H	H	I	R	V
V	V	R	I	H
R	R	V	H	I

Note: check out https://www.tablesgenerator.com/ here.

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- Klein four group: $(+, [0,1] \times [0,1])$ is equivalent to the "I" rotation.
- First coord could be: Does it rotate?

- Second coord could be: Does it flip?

2 Chapter 1.3

Group Properties

- Some binary operation ($\cdot$)
- Identity (not e.g., even integers)
- Inverse (not e.g. multiplication modulo non-prime p)
- Associativity (not e.g. an average $f(x, y) = (x + y)/2$)?

3 Chapter 1.4

Cube symmetries

One way to think about it:

- Corner A maps to one of eight new corners
- Each mapping has three orientations of that corner spin (0 degrees, 120, 240)
- Therefore 24

Another way:

- One identity = 1
- Type I: Rotate around line joining two opposite face centers: 3 pairs * 3 non-identity spins = 9
- Type II: Spin around line joining two opposite corners. 4 pairs * 2 non-identiy spins = 8
- Type III: Spin 180 degrees around line from front upper edge to back lower edge. Combo of a spin and a rotate. 6 pairs = 6.
- Sum to 24.

Another way:

- There are four diagonals to a cube.
- Their permutations are in 1:1 correspondence with the transformations possible. (24)
- Type I keeps none fixed. 90 degrees: Chain = $4!/4 = 6$. 180 degrees: two pairs. Select who A matches = 3.

- Type II rotates three, keeps one fixed = 8
- Type III does one swap, keeps two fixed = $\binom{4}{2} = 6$

Note also: There are 24 reflection symmetries as well. (1:1 correspondence with rotations via "swap top center labels?")

4 Chapter 2.1

4.1 Page 2-3

The integers under multiplication are not a group, as they have no inverse. The set of rationals with multiplication as the group operation is not a group as 0 has no inverse

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- Dihedral group D_n has $2n$ elements, is not commutative, not cyclical.
- If n is even, there is exactly one rotational symmetry $R \neq I$ =I which commutes with all the other elements of D_n (the 180 degree rotation)

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- Symmetric group S_n is the set of permutations on n elements.
- "in-shuffle" of a deck of four cards is "split in half, interleave top half with bottom half, top card second", or $\phi = (1, 2, 4, 3)$. $\phi^4 = I$

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- Cyclic group Z_n is the set of integers modulo n under addition.
- Note that usually multiplication is the group operation, it usually uses "+".
- Every element in Z_n is its own inverse iff n is even.

5 Chapter 2.2: More Group Examples

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- Order of an element g is smallest k such that $g^k = e$. Otherwise *infinite order*

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Quaternion group Q_8 rules:

- $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk = -1$
- Implies $ij = k, jk = i, ki = j$
- implies $ji = -k, kj = -i, ik = -j$
- So this is not only *non-commutative* but *anti-commutative*
- $Q = \pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k$
- So one element of order 1, one of order 2 (element -1), remaining six of these elements have order 4

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Note that musical notes (Z_{12}) has only generators 1, 5, 7, 11. These corresponding to chromatic, circle of fourths (anti-fifths), circle of fifths, downwards chromatic scales!

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- $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ is invertible n x n matrices in R.
- $SL_n(\mathbb{R})$ is determinant 1 n x n matrices in R.
- $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ has order 2, $B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ has order 2, but $AB = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ has infinite order! Non-commutativity strikes.

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- *isomorphism* is a bjiection preserving group operations.
- Can think of it as a relabeling of the Cayley table.
- Example given is Klein-four and symmetries of tall serif letter "I", or of a diamond/non-square rhombus.
- Z_{12} is isomorphic to rotational symmetries of a 12-gon.
- Q_8 is isomorphic under matrix multiplication to $\left\{ \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \subset GL_2(\mathbb{R})$

- D_3 is isomorphic to S_3 since any permutation is possible and no more.

6 Chapter 2.3: Subgroups

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- Subgroups are closure-bound subsets of groups.
- Easy test: $H \subset G$ if for every $h_1, h_2 \in H, h_1h_2 \in H$, and for any $h \in H, h^{-1} \in H$.

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- Cartesian product of groups G, H is also a group: $G \times H = (g, h) \cdot (g', h') = (gg', hh'), g \in G, h \in H$

6.3 Lagrange's theorem

Lemma: $H \subset G.r, s \in G.Hr = Hs \iff rs^{-1} \in H$. Otherwise, Hr, Hs have no element in common.

One direction: $rs^{-1} \in H \rightarrow Hr = Hs$

- $rs^{-1} = h \in H$ by supposition
- $Hh = Hrs^{-1} = H$
- $Hr = Hs$

Other direction: $Hr = Hs \rightarrow rs^{-1} \in H$

- $Hr = Hs$ by supposition
- $Hrs^{-1} = H, soh_1rs^{-1} = h_2$ for some h_1, h_2.
- $rs^{-1} = h_1^{-1}h_2 \in H$

Therefore, if Hr and Hs have some element in common, meaning $h_1r = h_2s$, then $rs^{-1} = h_1^{-1}h_2 \in H$. So, by the first direction above, $Hr = Hs$.

Lagrange construction:

- Take $r_1 \in G$, so $Hr_1 = H$.
- If $H \neq G$, take $r_2 \in G - Hr_1$ to create Hr_2.
- Repeat. We wiil thus create disjoint $Hr_1, Hr_2, ...$ of the same size.

6.4 My take on Lagrange

- If $t \in Hrsincet = h_1 r$ and $t \in Hssincet = h_2 s$, then $r = h_1^{-1} h_2 s \in Hs$ and likewise for s, so $Hr = Hs$. So every element is in both or neither.
- Therefore "H" is a partition relation on the elements of G.
- Size of Hr equals size of H for obvious group reasons.
- Every element g of G is in some coset Hg.
- Therefore G is partitioned into cosets of equal size, which is size of H.
- Therefore size of subgroup H divides size of group G

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- Note that if H and K are subgroups, so is $H \cap K$.
- Z_6 has subgroups $Z_6, 0, 2, 4, 0, 3, 0$, all divisors of 6 in this case.
- Z_p, p prime, has only subgroups $Z_p, 0$
- $Z_p \times Z_p$ has p + 3 subgroups
  - $Z_p \times Z_p$
  - Generator (0,0)
  - Generator (0,1)
  - All generators $(1, n), n \in [0, p-1]$. p of those.
- Another way to think about $Z_p \times Z_p$: Outside of (0,0), the remaining $p^2 - 1$ elements each have order p. They are generate a group of size p, minus the identity. So $(p^2 - 1)/(p - 1) + 2 = p + 3$.
- Subgroup count of $Z_4 \times Z_2$: a counting exercise, based on generators.
  - Look at all cyclic groups of each of the elements.
  - (0,0) generates 1 group
  - Order 2: Three elements, which generate three distinct cyclic subgroups
  - Order 4: Four elements, which generate two distinct subgroups
  - Order 8: $Z_4 \times Z_2$, non-cyclic
  - And there's one distict $Z_2 \times Z_2$ group.
  - *Note: Is there a good (even recursive) formula for this?*

7 Chapter 2.4: Abelian Groups

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- Theorem: $Z_a \times Z_b$ is isomorphic to Z_{ab} iff a and b are relatively prime.
- DF Proof: If a and b are relatively prime, (1,1) is of order ab. If a and b share factor c, then Z_{ab} has an element of order ab, but $Z_a \times Z_b$ will have cycled by $a * b/c$.
- So decompose e.g. Z_{12} into $Z_4 \times Z_3$, for example.

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- Theorem: Every finite abelian group is isomorphic to a direct product of cyclic groups.
- Therefore, the number of these groups of order n is the product of the partitions of each of its prime factors' powers.
- Therefore, the number of abelian groups of size $24 = 3 * 2^3 = p(3) * p(1) = 3 * 1 = 3, Z_3 \times Z_8, Z_3 \times Z_4 \times Z_2, Z_3 \times Z_2 \times Z_2 \; times Z_2$
- Therefore, the number of abelian groups of size $2310 = 2 * 3 * 5 * 7 * 11$ is one.

7.3 Page 7-11: Z_n^* or $U(n)$

- Group Z_n^*: elements of Z_n relatively prime to n, under multiplication.
- $|Z_n^*| = \phi(n)$, the totient function.
- This is a group even if n not prime because there is $ax + bn = 1$ if x, n are relatively prime.
- $Z_8^* = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ is isomorphic to $Z_2 \times Z_2$ since every element squared is 1.
- $Z_10^* = \{1, 3, 7, 9\}$ is isomorphic to Z_4 since it is generated by 3.
- $Z_15^* = \{1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14\}$ is isomorphic to $Z_4 x Z_2$ by counting element orders.
- Note: Primitive roots of n are those that generate Z_n^*. There are primitive roots mod n if and only if $n = 1, 2, 4, p^k, 2p^k$.
- TODO: read https://brilliant.org/wiki/primitive-roots/ and why these are the only solutions. Also, look up *Legendre symbol*

8 Chapter 2.5: Homomorphisms

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- Homomorphism $\phi : \phi(a) *' \phi(b) = \phi(a * b)$. Note that * and *' are different operations.
- This means, "translate each via the function, then combine" yields the same result as "combine first, then translate". So structure is preserved.
- Note this is like isomorphism, except homeomorphism can squash some items to zero.
- Also, this can change to an entirely separate domain, e.g. $det(AB) = det(A)det(B)$
- Easy to prove homomorphism preserves identities and inverses.
- Order of transformed element $\phi(g)$ divides order of g, since $g^k = eand\phi(g)^k = \phi(e)$, but consider - we could map everything to the identity!
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8.4 Page 7- 10: Counting homomorphisms

- Main idea: Knowing where we send identity determines entire homomorphism for a cyclic group.
- Homomorphism count for $Z_4 \to Z_{10}$: There are 10 places to send identity, but recall that $\phi(1)$ has to have order 4 since $\phi(1+1+1+1) = \phi(0) = 0$. Therefore, $\phi(1)$ has to be 0 or 5. So 2 possibilities.
- Homomorphism count for $Z_{99} \to Z_{100}$: Since $\phi(99) = 0and\phi(1) \times 100$, it must divide both. Therefore, $\phi(1) = 1$, and only one possibility.
- Homomorphism count for $Z_{99} \to Z_{99}$: 99, since $99 \cdot \phi(1) = 0$, so $\phi(1)$ can go anywhere.
- Homomorphism count for $D_3 \to Z_3$: 1, since D_3 has 3 elements of order 2, 2 of order 3, 1 of order 1. Only mapping everything to 0 works.

8.5 Page 11: Counting automorphisms

- Automorphism is isomorphism from group to itself.
- Count of automorphisms of Z_8: If 1 maps to an order-8 element, we're isomorphic. There are four: $1, 3, 5, 7$

- $Aut(Z_8)$ is isomorphic to $Z_2 \times Z_2$, since $\phi_3(1)^2 = \phi_5(1)^2 = \phi_7(1)^2 = 1$, where ϕ_a maps a to 1. Three elements of order 2 means it's the Klein 4 group.
- Count of *automorphisms* (meaning, we need all the elements in the codomain) of $Z_2 \times Z_2 \times Z_2$: Think of $\phi((1,0,0)), \phi((0,1,0)), \phi((0,0,1))$ as the basis for the group. There are seven choices for the first, six for the next, and *four* for the third.
- The above group is $(\phi(e_1)|\phi(e_2)|\phi(e_3)) = GL(\mathbb{F}_2)$, invertible matrices of 3x3.

9 Chapter 2.6: Quotient Groups

9.1 Aside: Complex multiplication

- Complex modulus (size) of $a + bi$ is defined as $root(a^2 + b^2)$
- Complex multiplication: Angles add, moduli multiply
- One proof of moduli: $(a+bi)(c+di) = (ac-bd)+(ad+bc)i$ and $\sqrt{a^2+b^2}\sqrt{c^2+d^2} = \sqrt{a^2c^2 + b^2d^2 - 2abcd + ad^2 + bc^2 + 2adbc}$
- One proof of angles: Convert to $r_1(cos(a) + sin(a))r_2(cos(b) + sin(b))$ and multiply
- More visual proof: Think of $c_1(a + bi) = c_1a + i(c_1b)$. a scales original vector, and bi rotates by 90 degrees and scales.

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- S^1, is defined as the group of complex numbers with modulus 1.
- The coset zS^1 is any complex number multiplied by S^1 , which is a circle about the origin. $z = 2$ and $z = 2i$ would be in the same coset. These cosets are members of C^* with the same modulus (length).
- These are disjoint cosets that fill out $\mathbb{C}^*$ (don't include the zero, since no inverse).
- If you consider $H = x + iy$, $x > 0, y = 0$ (positive reals) then the cosets are rays from the origin. Any zH is just the different sizes of that (say, unit) vector. These cosets are members of C^* with the same angle.
- **quotient group** of $\mathbb{C}^*$ by S^1:
  - Members are cosets
  - Multiplying is defined as $aH \times bH = abH, H \in S^1, a, b \in \mathbb{C}^*$
  - S^1 is therefore the identity.
  - This group is isomorphic to R^+ under multiplication (or really, like H).

- "A ray of angle A and a ray of angle B multiply to a ray of angle AB, forget about the size".
- This is like collapsing out the divisor, in this case, S^1.
- size $|G/H| = |G|/|H|$ since cosets are equally sized.
- **Gotcha**: Only works (meaning, $g_1, g_1' \in C_1, g_2, g_2' \in C_2$ implies $g_1 g_2$ in same coset as $g_1' g_2'$) if H is **normal** in G.
- Note: Normal means $xH = Hx$, so that makes sense that $g_1 C g_2 C = g_1 g_2 C * C = g_1 g_2 C$

- So $\mathbb{C}^*/H$ is all the rays with the same modulus, or S^1.
- "A ray of size X and a ray of size Y multuply to a ray of size XY, and forget about the angles".
- So $\mathbb{C}^*/S^1 = H, mathbbC^*\ H = S^1$!

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- Another example: $\mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}_{\not 10\not \mathbb{Z}}$ under addition. Forget about the non-unit digits!
- Another example: $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ is $\overline{q} = q + \mathbb{Z}$, so $\overline{1/2} + \overline{2/3} = \overline{1/6}$
- Another example: if N is the **center** (omni-commuter subgroup) of D_4, then N is two elements I, R_{180}. Forgetting about those we have cosets $(I, R_{180})N, (R_{90}, R_{270})N, (D_1, D_2)N, (V, H)N$. All non-identity are degree 2, so isomorphic to $Z_2 \times Z_2$
- Another example: Z_{13}^* with multiplication mod 13. $N = 1, 12$ is a normal subgroup. Z_{13}^*/N is "forget about the +/- 1 of it and think of these as 1 through 6.
- Another example: **commutator subgroup** [a,b] is generated by all $aba^{-1}b^{-1}$ for all $a, b \in G$. So, group members are products of these guys, not necessarily all of that form.
- This is just e for an Abelian group. Its size measures "how far" the group is from being Abelian.
- **Main idea** of quotients: "what do we force to the identity?" If we say every $\overline{aba^{-1}b^{-1}} = \overline{1}$, then you can multiby by ba to get $\overline{ab} = \overline{ba}$. So $G/[G, G]$ is necessarily Abelian.

10 Chapter 3.1: Number Theory

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- A Fermat's little theorem proof
  - Take prime p, and a not divisible by p.
  - $a, 2a, 3a..., (p-1)a \equiv 1, 2, 3, ...(p-1) mod p$ since they're the same elements mod p.
  - Take the product of each: $a^{p-1}(p-1)! \equiv (p-1)! mod p$
  - Divide $(p-1)!$ out (there's an inverse mod p) and you get $a^{p-1} \equiv 1$ mod p
- Another: Since the order of a in $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$ is $p-1$, $a^{p-1} \equiv 1$ mod p.
- Note: Generalization of Fermat's little theorem using same group argument: $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1$ if a and n relatively prime.

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- Wilson's theorem: $1 * 2 * ... * (p-1) \equiv -1$ mod p.
- One proof: These all have inverses, except 1 and -1 mod p, which are self-inverting ($x^2 = 1$ solutions).
- This also proves that the product of all elements of a finite Abelian group *which has a single element g of order 2* is that element, g.
- A hard proof TODO. The powers of a **primitive root of p** yield all elements $amodp$. So $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$ is cyclical for any prime p.
- One more proof: if k relatively prime to p-1, where p a prime ¿ 2, then $1^k + 2^k + ... + (p-1)^k \equiv 0$ mod p, since each of these summands is a different member of the group, summing to $\frac{p(p-1)}{2}$

11 Chapter 3.2: Games

11.1 15 puzzle

I think this will go: - The board is a permutation of (1, 2, ... 15), read like a book, with a blank somewhere in there ,immaterial. - Sliding the blank left or right doesn't change the order. - Sliding it up or down skips three backward or forward.

Their proof: Think of this as a series of swaps with $(j, 16)$, 16 being the blank tile. To return to the bottom right corner, 16 must make an even number of moves. So only

even permutations allowed. So (14,15) is not a viable swap, nor any of the odd permutations.

12 Chapter 3.3: Peg solitaire

- Consider Klein four group: $xy = yx = z, yz = zy = x, xz = zx = y$.
- Label all pegs such that three consecutive are always, in some order: x, y, z
- Invariant: product of all occupied spaces. If x jumps over y to get to z, eliminating jumped peg, xy = z.
- 11 x's, 11 z's, 10 y's yield xz = y as the product.

13 Chapter 3.4: Rubix's Cube

- Each element is the state $(S_{12}, S_8, (Z_2)^{12}, (Z_3)^8)$, representing around a fixed set of centers: (middle selections, corner sleections, middle orientation, corner orientation).
- Invariant: First and second perms for all F,B,D,U,L,R are odd, so first two args need same permutation parit
- Invariant: (Not proven here): Sum of edge orientations (0,1) is zero, sum of corner orientations (0, 1, 2) is zero.
- **Commutator**: $ghg^{-1}h^{-1}$ measure how entangled g and h are. If they're commutatitive, it is e.
- For Rubix's cube, commutators $ghg^{-1}h^{-1}$ are great for only moving pieces where effects of g and h overlap.
- g and h are **conjugates** if some x such that $h = x^{-1}gx$. "h is same as g, just in a different location".
- Conjugate interpretation: "h is move via x, operate with g, move back via x. "
- For Rubix's cube - you can use conjugates to make whatever change to a different part of the cube (move it to the operating table, operate, move it back).

14 Chapter 4.1: Normal Subgroups

- Think: Every conjugacy $g^{-1}Hg$ moves a group to another subgroup. Normal subgroups $g^{-1}Ng = N$ are the ones *that don't move*
- Example of non-normal: Any one of the n sets of S_{n-1} among conjugates of S_n.

- Normal definition: Group N is normal if and only if
  - $gN = Ng$ for all $g \in G$
  - $gNg^{-1} = N$ for all $g \in G$ (equiv to above)
  - $gng^{-1} \in N$ for all $g \in G$
- Trivial: Any subgroup of index 2 is normal. G has two distinct cosets N, gN, but also N and Ng so $gN = Ng$.
- Normal doesn't recursively nest.
  - If G has normal subgroup H and H has normal subgroup K, K is normal in H too (those elements also "pass through K"
  - However, H can be normal in G (e.g. I, R_{180}, F_v, F_h in D_4, K can be normal in H (e.g. I, V, but K is not normal in $G : VR_{90} = D_{ul}, R_{90}V = D_{ur}$
- Normal examples in $GL_2(\mathbb{C})$: $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ (determinant 1) and non-zero diags zI_2.
- Non-normal examples in $GL_2(\mathbb{C})$: $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ and non-zero diags with different entries. Easy to throw some arbitrary ones in Wolfram Alpha and see messed up after conjugation.
- G's Center $Z(G)$ are the omni-commuters. Always normal.
- G's Commutator group $[G, G]$: Product of any $aba^{-1}b^{-1}$ for $a, b \in G$. is normal, since $g[a, b]g^{-1} = [gag^{-1}, gbg^{-1}]$.