

Also, do the assigned HW problems. This is just in addition to HW.

ALWAYS JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWER!

Computations

1. Let $G = S_6$. Let $\alpha = (12)(46)$.

(a) Find a conjugate of α .

Answer: Any permutation in S_6 which is a product of two disjoint 2-cycles is conjugate to α .

$$\beta = (12)(45), \gamma = (26)(31) = (26)(13) = (13)(26), \delta = (34)(16), \text{etc.}$$

(b) How many elements are there in the conjugacy class of α ?

Answer: $|\{conj.class(\alpha)\}| = \binom{6}{2} \frac{2!}{2} \binom{4}{2} \frac{2!}{2} \frac{1}{2!} = 45$

2. Let $G = \mathbb{Z}_6$. Let $x = 2$.

(a) Find a conjugate of x .

Answer: First notice operation is $+_6$ or $+$ for short.

Some conjugates of $x = 2$ are: $5 + 2 + (-5) = 2$, $3 + 2 + (-3) = 2$, $1 + 2 + (-1) = 2$.

Since $G = \mathbb{Z}_6$ is abelian, all conjugates of x are equal to x .

(b) How many elements are there in the conjugacy class of x ?

Answer: Since $G = \mathbb{Z}_6$ is abelian, all conjugates of x are equal to x .

$$|\{conj.class(x)\}| = |\{x\}| = 1$$

3. Let $G = \mathbb{Z}_6^\times$. Let $x = 5$.

(a) Find a conjugate of x .

Answer: First notice operation is \cdot_6 or \cdot for short.

Some conjugates of $x = 5$ are: $5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5^{-1} = 5$, $3 \cdot 5 \cdot 3^{-1} = 5$, $1 \cdot 5 \cdot 1^{-1} = 5$.

Since $G = \mathbb{Z}_6^\times$ is abelian, all conjugates of x are equal to x .

(b) How many elements are there in the conjugacy class of x ?

$$|\{conj.class(x)\}| = |\{x\}| = 1$$

4. Let $G = \mathbb{D}_6 = \langle s, r \mid |s| = 2, |r| = 6, srs = r^5 \rangle$.

(a) Find a conjugate of s .

Answer: First notice that the elements of G are $G = \mathbb{D}_6 = \{e, r, r^2, r^3, r^4, r^5, s, sr, r^2s, sr^3, r^4s, sr^5\}$.

Fact 1: $r^{-1} = r^5$

Reason: $rr^5 = r^6 = e$, so by definition and uniqueness of inverses it follows that the inverse of r is r^5 , i.e. $r^{-1} = r^5$.

Fact 2: $rs = sr^5$

Reason: $(srs = r^5) \Rightarrow (ssrs = sr^5) \Rightarrow (s^2rs = sr^5) \Rightarrow (ers = sr^5) \Rightarrow (rs = sr^5)$

Some conjugates of s : $sss^{-1} = s$

$$rsr^{-1} \stackrel{\text{Fact1}}{=} rsr^5 \stackrel{\text{Fact2}}{=} sr^5r^5 = sr^{10} = sr^4$$

$$r^2sr^{-2} \stackrel{\text{Fact1}}{=} rrsr^4 \stackrel{\text{Fact2}}{=} rsr^5r^4 = sr^5r^5r^4 = sr^2$$

$$r^3sr^{-3} \stackrel{\text{Fact1}}{=} rrrsr^3 \stackrel{\text{Fact2}}{=} rrsr^5r^3 = sr^5r^5r^5r^3 = s$$

$$r^4sr^{-4} = rsr^{-1} = sr^4$$

$$r^5sr^{-5} = r^2sr^{-2} = sr^2$$

$$(sr)s(sr)^{-1} = srsr^{-1}s^{-1} = ssr^4s^{-1} = r^4s = sr^5r^5r^5r^5 = sr^2$$

$$(sr^2)s(sr^2)^{-1} = sr^2sr^{-2}s^{-1} = ssr^2s = sr^5r^5 = sr^4$$

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- (b) How many elements are there in the conjugacy class of s ?

Answer: $|conj.class(s)| = |\{s, sr^2, sr^4\}| = 3$

5. Let $G = \mathbb{D}_6 = \langle s, r \mid |s| = 2, |r| = 6, srs = r^5 \rangle$.

- (a) Find a conjugate of r .

- (b) How many elements are there in the conjugacy class of r ?

6. Let $G = \mathbb{D}_6 = \langle s, r \mid |s| = 2, |r| = 6, srs = r^5 \rangle$.

- (a) Find a conjugate of sr .

- (b) How many elements are there in the conjugacy class of sr ?

7. Let $G = M_2(\mathbb{R})$ be the group of 2×2 matrices with entries in \mathbb{R} .

Find the conjugate of matrix $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ by $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

8. Let $G = GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ be the group of 2×2 (multiplicatively) invertible matrices with entries in \mathbb{R} .

Find the conjugate of matrix $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ by $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

9. Let $G = S_4$.

- (a) Find the subgroup $H = \langle (1342) \rangle$.

- (b) Find the conjugate of H by $\beta = (14)$.

10. Let $G = S_4$.

- (a) Find the subgroup A_4 of even permutations.

- (b) Find the conjugate of A_4 by $\beta = (14)$ in G .

11. Consider the group \mathbb{Z}_{15} .

- (a) Find the subgroup $H = \langle 3 \rangle$
 (b) Find the conjugate of H by 4.

12. Consider the group \mathbb{Z}_{15}^\times .

- (a) Find the subgroup $H = \langle 2 \rangle$
 (b) Find the conjugate of H by 4.

13. Consider the group $G = \mathbb{D}_6 = \langle s, r \mid |s| = 2, |r| = 6, srs = r^5 \rangle$. Answer: First notice that the elements of G are $G = \mathbb{D}_6 = \{e, r, r^2, r^3, r^4, r^5, s, sr, r^2s, sr^3, sr^4, sr^5\}$.

Fact 1: $r^{-1} = r^5$

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- (a) Find the subgroup $H = \langle s \rangle$

Answer: $H = \langle s \rangle = \{s, s^2 = e\}$, $H = \langle s \rangle = \{s, e\}$

- (b) Find the conjugate of H by the identity e

Answer: $eHe^{-1} = eHe = \{ese, eee\} = \{s, e\} = H$, $eHe^{-1} = \{s, e\}$

- (c) Find the conjugate of H by s

Answer: $sHs^{-1} = sHs = \{sss, ses\} = \{s, e\} = H$, $sHs^{-1} = \{s, e\}$

- (d) Find the conjugate of H by r

Answer: $rHr^{-1} = rHr^5 = \{rsr^5, rer^5\} = \{sr^4, e\} \neq H$, $rHr^{-1} = \{sr^4, e\}$

Use: $rsr^{-1} \stackrel{\text{Fact 1}}{=} rsr^5 \stackrel{\text{Fact 2}}{=} sr^5r^5 = sr^{10} = sr^4$

- (e) Find the conjugate of H by r^2

Answer: $r^2Hr^{-2} = r^2Hr^4 = \{r^2sr^4, r^2er^4\} = \{sr^2, e\} \neq H$, $r^2Hr^{-2} = \{sr^2, e\}$

- (f) Find the conjugate of H by r^3

Answer: $r^3Hr^{-3} = r^3Hr^3 = \{r^3sr^3, r^3er^3\} = \{s, e\} = H$, $r^3Hr^{-3} = \{s, e\}$

- (g) Find the conjugate of H by r^4

Answer: $r^4Hr^{-4} = r^4Hr^2 = \{r^4sr^2, r^2er^4\} = \{sr^4, e\} \neq H$, $r^4Hr^{-4} = \{sr^4, e\}$

- (h) Find the conjugate of H by r^5

Answer: $r^5Hr^{-5} = r^5Hr^1 = \{r^5sr^1, r^5er^1\} = \{sr^2, e\} \neq H$, $r^5Hr^{-5} = \{sr^2, e\}$

- (i) Find the conjugate of H by sr

Answer: $(sr)H(sr)^{-1} = \{sr^2, e\}$

- (j) Find the conjugate of H by sr^2

Answer: $(sr^2)H(sr^2)^{-1} = \{sr^4, e\}$

(k) Find the conjugate of H by sr^3

Answer: $(sr^3)H(sr^3)^{-1} = \{sr^2, e\}$

(l) Find the conjugate of H by sr^4

Answer: $(sr^4)H(sr^4)^{-1} = \{sr^2, e\}$

(m) Find the conjugate of H by sr^5

Answer: $(sr^5)H(sr^5)^{-1} = \{sr^2, e\}$

(n) Find the conjugacy class of H

Answer: Conjugacy class of H is $\{H, \{sr^2, e\}, \{sr^4, e\}\}$

Theoretic Questions

14. Write the definition of *Action of group on a set*.
15. Write the definition of *Orbit of a point*.
16. Write the definition of *Stabilizer*.
17. Write the definition of *Conjugacy class of an element*.
18. Write the definition of *Conjugacy class of a subgroup*.
19. Write the definition of gHg^{-1} .

Proofs

20. Let $H < G$ be a subgroup of G . Let $g \in G$. Prove that gHg^{-1} is a subgroup of G .
21. Let $H < G$ be a subgroup of G . Let $h \in H$. Prove that $hHh^{-1} = H$.
22. Let H be a subgroup of an abelian group G . Prove that H is normal subgroup of G .
23. Prove that the center of a group is normal subgroup, i.e. $Z(G)$ is normal subgroup in G .
24. Let H be a subgroup of a group G . Assume that H is contained in $Z(G)$, the center of G . Prove that H is a normal subgroup of G .
25. Let G be a group with $|G| = 25$ acting on a set X . What are the possible sizes of orbits?
Answer: Let group G acts on set X . Let $x \in X$. Then:
Let $|\text{orbit}(x)| = |o(x)|$. Then $|o(x)| \mid |G|$. Therefore $|o(x)| = 1, 5, 25$.

26. Let G be a group with $|G| = 25$ acting on a set X with $|X| = 91$. Prove that there must be a fixed point. Answer: Let group G acts on set X . Let $x \in X$. Then:

(1) Let $|\text{orbit}(x)| = |o(x)|$. Then $|o(x)| \mid |G|$. Therefore $|o(x)| = 1, 5, 25$.

(2) $|X| = \sum |o(x)|$ where sum is over all distinct orbits.

From (2) it follows that $91 = a \cdot 1 + b \cdot 5 + c \cdot 25$, where

$a = \#$ of orbits of size 1,

$b = \#$ of orbits of size 5,

$c = \#$ of orbits of size 25.

If $a = 0$ then $91 = b \cdot 5 + c \cdot 25 = 5(b + c \cdot 5)$. This gives a contradiction since 5 does not divide 91, but 5 divides right side. Therefore $a \neq 0$. Therefore there exist at least one orbit with $|o(x)| = 1$.

From proposition in class: $(|o(x)| = 1) \iff (o(x) = \{x\}) \iff (x \text{ is a fixed point})$

Therefore there is at least one fixed point.

Another solution: Try to write 91 as a sum of 25, 5 and 1 and you will see that in every possibility you have to use 1, which will imply that there is always an orbit of size 1. And then: Therefore there exist at least one orbit with $|o(x)| = 1$.

From proposition in class: $(|o(x)| = 1) \iff (o(x) = \{x\}) \iff (x \text{ is a fixed point})$

Therefore there is at least one fixed point.

27. Let G be a group with $|G| = 15$ acting on a set X with $|X| = 9$. Prove that there must be at least 3 orbits.

28. Suppose x is conjugate to y and y is conjugate to z . Prove that x is conjugate to z .

29. Prove that a factor group of a cyclic group is cyclic.

30. Prove that any subgroup of an Abelian group is normal subgroup.

True -False - Sometimes

31. True -False - Sometimes

T F \boxed{S} - Let H be a subgroup of G . Then H is normal subgroup.

\boxed{T} F S - Let $G = (\mathbb{Z}_n, +_n)$, let H be a subgroup of G . Then H is normal subgroup.

\boxed{T} F S - Let H be a subgroup of G . Then $|H| = |gHg^{-1}|$ for all $g \in G$.

T F \boxed{S} - Let H be a subgroup of G . Then $H = gHg^{-1}$ for all $g \in G$.

\boxed{T} F S - Let H be a subgroup of an abelian group G . Then $H = gHg^{-1}$ for all $g \in G$.

T F \boxed{S} - Let G be a group of order $|G| = 5$ acting on a set X with $|X| = 10$. Then there is a fixed point.

\boxed{T} F S - Let G be a group of order $|G| = 5$. Let $H < G$. Then $|H| = 1$ or $|H| = 5$.

- T F \boxed{S} - Let G be a group of order $|G| = 10$. Let $C(x)$ be a conjugacy class. Then $|C(x)| = 2$.
- T \boxed{F} S - Let G be a cyclic group of order $|G| = 15$. Let $C(x)$ be a conjugacy class. Then $|C(x)| = 2$.
- T \boxed{F} S - Let G be a group of order $|G| = 15$. Let $C(x)$ be a conjugacy class. Then $|C(x)| = 2$.
- \boxed{T} F S - Let G be a cyclic group of order $|G| = 15$. Let $C(x)$ be a conjugacy class. Then $|C(x)| = 1$.
- T F \boxed{S} - Let G be a group of order $|G| = 150$. Let $C(x)$ be a conjugacy class. Then $|C(x)| = 1$.
- T F \boxed{S} - Let G be a group. Let $g \in G$. Then $\langle g \rangle$ is normal subgroup.
- T F \boxed{S} - Let $G = D_5$. Let $g \in G$. Then $\langle g \rangle$ is normal subgroup.
- T F \boxed{S} - Let $G = S_5$. Let $g \in G$. Then $\langle g \rangle$ is normal subgroup.
- \boxed{T} F S - Let $G = \mathbb{Z}_5$. Let $g \in G$. Then $\langle g \rangle$ is normal subgroup.

Examples

32. Give an example of a group and an element x such that its conjugacy class $C(x)$ has exactly one element. Prove your statement.
33. Give an example of a group and an element x such that its conjugacy class $C(x)$ has more than one element. Prove your statement.
34. Give an example of a group G and a subgroup H which is not isomorphic to all of its conjugates.
35. Give an example of a group G and a subgroup H which is isomorphic to all of its conjugates.
36. Describe all conjugacy classes in D_5 .
37. Describe all conjugacy classes in D_6 .