

Homework 2

MTH 343

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3.4.7

Define $S = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$. The operation $*$ is such that $a * b = a + b + ab$. Prove that $(S, *)$ is an Abelian group.

We must prove 4 things in order for S to be an Abelian group. Members of S must be associate, there must exist an identity element, for each element in S there must exist an inverse element, and (to be Abelian) $*$ must be commutative.

1) let $a, b, c \in S$ then:

$$\begin{aligned}(a * b) * c &= (a + b + ab) * c \\&= (a + b + ab) + c + c(a + b + ab) \\&= a + b + ab + c + ac + bc + abc \\&= a + b + c + ab + ac + bc + abc \\a * (b * c) &= a * (b + c + bc) \\&= a + (b + c + bc) + a(b + c + bc) \\&= a + b + c + bc + ab + ac + abc \\&= a + b + c + ab + ac + bc + abc \\(a * b) * c &= a * (b * c)\end{aligned}$$

Thus S is associative with $*$.

2) claim: the identity is $e = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}a * 0 &= a + 0 + a0 = a \\0 * a &= 0 + a + 0a = a\end{aligned}$$

Thus there is a unique identity e in S

3) for each a in S there exists a unique inverse a^{-1}

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

Thus there is a unique inverse for each a in S .

4)

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

And thus we have shown that $(S, *)$ is an Abelian group. \square

3.4.27

prove that the inverse of $g_1 g_2 \dots g_n$ is $g_n^{-1} g_{n-1}^{-1} \dots g_1^{-1}$.

We will prove this by mathematical induction. Clearly the base step $n = 1$ is true as g_n are in a group. Now assume that $n = k$ is true we must show that $n = k + 1$ follows.

$$\begin{aligned} (g_1 g_2 \dots g_k g_{k+1})(g_{k+1}^{-1} g_k^{-1} \dots g_1^{-1}) &= (g_1 g_2 \dots g_k) g_{k+1} g_{k+1}^{-1} (g_k^{-1} \dots g_1^{-1}) \\ &= (g_1 g_2 \dots g_k) e (g_k^{-1} \dots g_1^{-1}) \\ &= (g_1 g_2 \dots g_k) (g_k^{-1} \dots g_1^{-1}) \\ &= e \\ (g_{k+1}^{-1} g_k^{-1} \dots g_1^{-1})(g_1 g_2 \dots g_k g_{k+1}) &= g_{k+1}^{-1} (g_k^{-1} \dots g_1^{-1}) (g_1 g_2 \dots g_k) g_{k+1} \\ &= g_{k+1}^{-1} e g_{k+1} \\ &= e \end{aligned}$$

Thus by mathematical induction, the inverse of $g_1 g_2 \dots g_n$ is $g_n^{-1} g_{n-1}^{-1} \dots g_1^{-1}$. \square

3.4.33

Let G be a group. Suppose $(ab)^2 = b^2 a^2$ for any a, b in G . Prove G is an Abelian group. W.T.S.
 $ab = ba$

$$\begin{aligned} (ab)^2 &= a^2 b^2 \\ abab &= aabb \\ a^{-1} abab &= a^{-1} aabb \\ \Rightarrow bab &= abb \\ babb^{-1} &= abbb^{-1} \\ \Rightarrow ba &= ab \end{aligned}$$

And so we have shown G is commutative and therefore G is Abelian. \square

3.4.40

Prove that G is a subgroup of $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$.

We need to show three things:

1. $e \in SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ and $e \in G$
2. if $a, b \in G$ then $ab \in G$
3. if $a \in G$ then $a^{-1} \in G$

1) when $\theta = 0$ we have: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ which is the identity in $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ as well. We have that:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

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2) let $\gamma, \delta \in \mathbb{R}$, then we have that:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \gamma & -\sin \gamma \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \delta & -\sin \delta \\ \sin \delta & \cos \delta \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \gamma \cos \delta - \sin \gamma \sin \delta & -\cos \gamma \sin \delta - \sin \gamma \cos \delta \\ \sin \gamma \cos \delta + \cos \gamma \sin \delta & -\sin \gamma \sin \delta + \cos \gamma \cos \delta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \gamma + \delta & -\sin \gamma + \delta \\ \sin \gamma + \delta & \cos \gamma + \delta \end{pmatrix}$$

And since $\gamma + \delta \in \mathbb{R}$, we have that if a, b are in G , ab is in G .

3) Given a we need to show there exists an inverse in G

$$a = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det[a] = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -\cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus we have found a^{-1} and we can show that it too is in G by the following:

$$\gamma = \theta + \pi$$

$$a^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \gamma & -\sin \gamma \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus since $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$, we have shown $a^{-1} \in G$. Therefore G is a subgroup of $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$. □

3.4.42

let G be 2×2 group of matrices under addition and $H = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$. Prove H is a subgroup of G .

1) The identity element is the zero matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ which is in both H and G .

2)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{let } A &= \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{pmatrix} \\ B &= \begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ c' & -a' \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{then, } A + B &= \begin{pmatrix} a + a' & b + b' \\ c + c' & -a + (-a') \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Since $-a + (-a') = -(a + a')$ we have that $A + B \in H$ as needed.

3) let $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{pmatrix}$. I claim that $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -a & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$ is the inverse to A .

$$\begin{aligned}A + A^{-1} &= \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -a & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = e \\ A^{-1} + A &= \begin{pmatrix} -a & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = e\end{aligned}$$

Thus we have shown that H is a subgroup of G . □

4.4.5

find the order of every element in \mathbb{Z}_{18} .

Recall that if G is a cyclic group of order n and a in G is a generator we have that if $b = a^k$ then the

order of b is $\frac{n}{d}$ where $d = \gcd(k, n)$. Thus we can determine the order of each element as follows:

$$|0| = 1$$

$$|1| = 18$$

$$|2| = 9$$

$$|3| = 6$$

$$|4| = 9$$

$$|5| = 18$$

$$|6| = 3$$

$$|7| = 18$$

$$|8| = 9$$

$$|9| = 2$$

$$|10| = 9$$

$$|11| = 18$$

$$|12| = 3$$

$$|13| = 18$$

$$|14| = 9$$

$$|15| = 6$$

$$|16| = 9$$

$$|17| = 18$$