

Homework 1 Solutions

Chapter 0: 4, 11, 13, 31, 46, 47, 48

4. Find all integers s, t such that $1 = 7s + 11t$.

There is a nice method called the *Extended Euclidean Algorithm* that hands you a pair s and t . [Here are some notes on this topic](#).

In general, notice that if $0 < a < b$, then

$$\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b \bmod a, a)$$

From the Euclidean Division Algorithm, we know that $0 \leq b \bmod a < a$, so we set $d_0 = b > d_1 = a > d_2 = b \bmod a > d_3 = d_1 \bmod d_2 > \dots > d_k > d_{k-1} \bmod d_k = 0$. When this happens we have $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(d_k, d_{k-1}) = d_k > 0$ since $d_k \mid d_{k-1}$. This is a very quick method to find the GCD of two numbers. Now, if we look a bit harder, this method actually provides a pair (s_i, t_i) so that $as_i + bt_i = d_i$ for all i and thus $d = \gcd(a, b) = d_k = as_k + bt_k$. We start with $a \cdot 0 + b \cdot 1 = b = d_0$ and $a \cdot 1 + b \cdot 0 = a = d_1$ so $(s_0, t_0) = (0, 1)$ and $(s_1, t_1) = (1, 0)$. Now suppose $d_i = as_i + bt_i$ for $i = 0, \dots, j$ and so $d_{j-1} = d_j q_j + d_{j+1}$ where $q_j = \lfloor \frac{d_{j-1}}{d_j} \rfloor$ and so

$$d_{j+1} = d_{j-1} - d_j q_j = (as_{j-1} + bt_{j-1}) - q_j(as_j + bt_j) = a(s_{j-1} - q_j s_j) + b(t_{j-1} - q_j t_j)$$

So we have $(s_{j+1}, t_{j+1}) = (s_{j-1}, t_{j-1}) - q_j(s_j, t_j)$ where $q_j = \lfloor \frac{as_{j-1} + bt_{j-1}}{as_j + bt_j} \rfloor$. This is a simple recursion. When $d_{j+1} = 0$ we stop and know that $d_j = \gcd(a, b) = as_j + bt_j$.

So with 11 and 7 we have: $d_0 = 11 > d_1 = 7$, $(s_0, t_0) = (0, 1)$, and $(s_1, t_1) = (1, 0)$. Now $11 = 7(1) + 4$ so $d_2 = 4$, $q_1 = 1$, and $(s_2, t_2) = (0, 1) - (1)(1, 0) = (-1, 1)$. Notice $d_2 = 4 = (-1)(7) + (1)(11)$. Now $7 = 4(1) + 3$, so $d_3 = 3$, $q_2 = 1$, and $(s_3, t_3) = (1, 0) - (1)(-1, 1) = (2, -1)$. Again, notice $d_3 = 3 = (2)(7) + (-1)(11) = 3$. Continuing, $4 = (3)(1) + 1$ so $d_4 = 1$, $q_3 = 1$, and $(s_4, t_4) = (-1, 1) - (1)(2, -1) = (-3, 2)$. We have now $1 = (-3)(7) + (2)(11)$. Clearly, this is what we were looking for. So $s = -3$ and $t = 2$ works.

Taking one more step, we get $3 = 1(3) + 0$ and so $d_5 = 0$, $q_4 = 3$, and $(s_5, t_5) = (2, -1) - (3)(-3, 2) = (11, -7)$, and so $(11)(7) + (-7)(11) = 0$, but then $(11k)(7) + (-7k)(11) = 0$ and clearly

$$1 = (11k - 3)(7) + (2 - 7k)(11)$$

for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. So any pair (s, t) of the form $(11k - 3, 2 - 7k)$ works. Is that all pairs (s, k) ?

11. Let $n > 1$ be a fixed integer. Show that if $a = a' \bmod n$ and $b = b' \bmod n$, then $a+b = (a'+b') \bmod n$ and $ab = a'b' \bmod n$. Note that from this we get that $a^k = (a')^k \bmod n$, but it is not true that $c^a = c^{a'} \bmod n$. So, you do have to be cautious.

It is clear that $a = a' \pmod n \iff n \mid a - a'$ so we have $n \mid a = a'$ and $n \mid b - b'$ and we want to see that $n \mid (a + b) - (a' + b')$ and $n \mid ab - a'b'$. The first is trivial since $(a + b) - (a' + b') = (a - a') + (b - b')$. For the second $ab - a'b' = (a - a')(b + b') - ab' + a'b = (a - a')(b + b') - ab' + ab - ab + a'b = (a - a')(b + b') + a(b - b') - b(a - a')$ and since n divides each summand we have that n divides $ab - a'b'$.

13. Let a and n be positive integers and $d = \gcd(a, n)$. Show that there is an integer x such that $ax \pmod n = 1$ iff $d = 1$.

If x exists, then we have $ax = bd + 1$, so $ax - bn = 1$. But now if $d \mid a, n$, then $d \mid 1$, so $d = 1$. Conversely, if $\gcd(a, n) = 1$, then we know there are integers x and y such that $ax + ny = 1$ and so $ax = -ny + 1$ so $ax \pmod n = 1$.

31. Use the Generalized Euclidean Lemma to establish the uniqueness of the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic.

Suppose uniqueness fails. Let n be the least positive failure. So $n = p_1 \cdots p_k = q_1 \cdots q_l$ do primes p_i and q_j . Since p_1 is prime, we know $p_1 \mid q_j$ for some j . By rearranging, we may assume $j = 1$. This means that $p_1 = q_1$ and thus we have $m = p_2 \cdots p_k = q_2 \cdots q_l$. But $0 < m < n$, and now m has a non-unique factorization into primes. This is a contradiction, so no such n could exist in the first place.

46. Suppose that an ISBN-10 has a smudged entry where the question mark appears in the number 0-716?-2841-9. Determine the missing digit.

You have to look at (45) where the ISBN-10 is defined as a_1, \dots, a_9 can be any number 0-9 with a_{10} can be any of 0-10 with 'X' used when the number is 10 and $a_1 0$ is a check digit and is chosen so that

$$\text{ISBN-10} = \langle (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{10}), (10, 9, 8, \dots, 1) \rangle \pmod{11} = \sum_{i=1}^{10} (11-i)a_i \pmod{11} = 0$$

So here we have

$$(10)(0) + (9)(7) + (8)(1) + (7)(6) + (6)(?) + (5)(2) + (4)(8) + (3)(4) + (2)(1) + 9 \pmod{11} = 0$$

This reduces to $178 + 6? = 0 \pmod{11}$ which is the same as $6? = -178 \pmod{11}$. Now $178 \pmod{11} = 2$ and so $-178 \pmod{11} = 11 - 2 = 9$, thus we are solving $6? = 9 \pmod{11}$ which is the same as $2? = 3 \pmod{11}$. So we are looking for $?$ so that $11 \mid 2? - 3$ and we see 7 works, $(2)(7) - 3 = 11$, so $? = 7$. So we need

47. Suppose three consecutive digits abc of an ISBN-10 are scrambled as bca. Which such errors will go undetected?

Here what we know is that $N + (m)(a) + (m-1)b + (m-2)c + s = 0 \pmod{11}$ or that $N + (m)(a) + (m-1)b + (m-2)c = -s \pmod{11} = 11 - s$. Since $-k = n - k \pmod n$. Now what we compute from the scrambled code is $N + (m)b + (m-1)c + (m-2)a - (N + (m)(a) + (m-1)b + (m-2)c) = b - 2a + c$. If $N + (m)b + (m-1)c + (m-2)a = s \pmod{11}$, then we will not detect an error. Otherwise, we know there is some error, but we don't know how to fix it. So if $b - 2a + c = 0 \pmod{11}$ we will **not** detect an error.

48. Here we define a relation $s \sim t$ on \mathbb{R} by $s \sim t \iff s - t \in \mathbb{Z}$. We need to show that this is an equivalence relation. There are three things to show

Symmetry $s \sim t \iff s - t \in \mathbb{Z} \iff t - s \in \mathbb{Z} \iff t \sim s$.

Transitivity Assume $s \sim t \wedge t \sim r$, so $s - t, t - r \in \mathbb{Z}$ and from this $s - r = (s - t) - (t - r) \in \mathbb{Z}$, and so we have $s \sim r$.

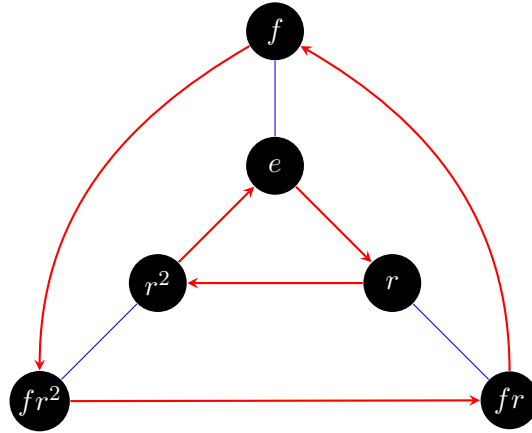
Reflexive $s - s \in \mathbb{Z}$, so $s \sim s$.

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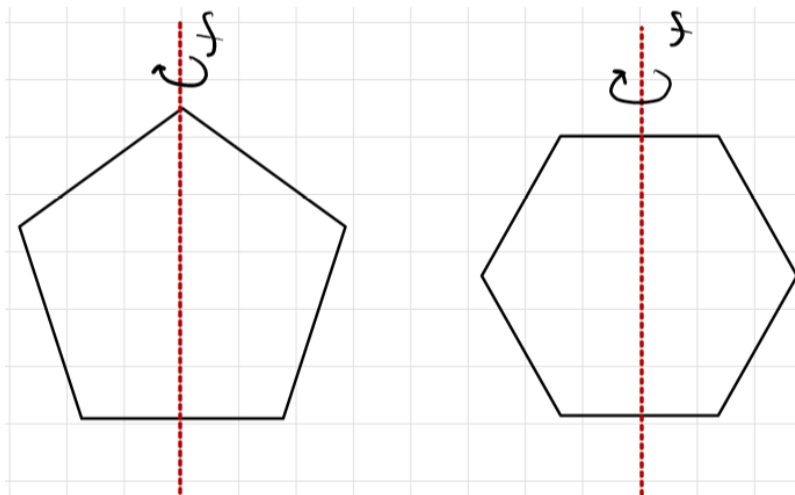
2. Give the multiplication table for D_3 .

\cdot	e	r	r^2	f	rf	r^2f
e	e	r	r^2	f	rf	r^2f
r	r	r^2	e	r^2f	f	rf
r^2	r^2	e	r	rf	r^2f	f
f	f	rf	r^2f	e	r	r^2
rf	rf	r^2f	f	r^2	e	r
r^2f	r^2f	f	rf	r	r^2	e

To complete this table, it is useful to use the following Cayley Diagram for D_3 .

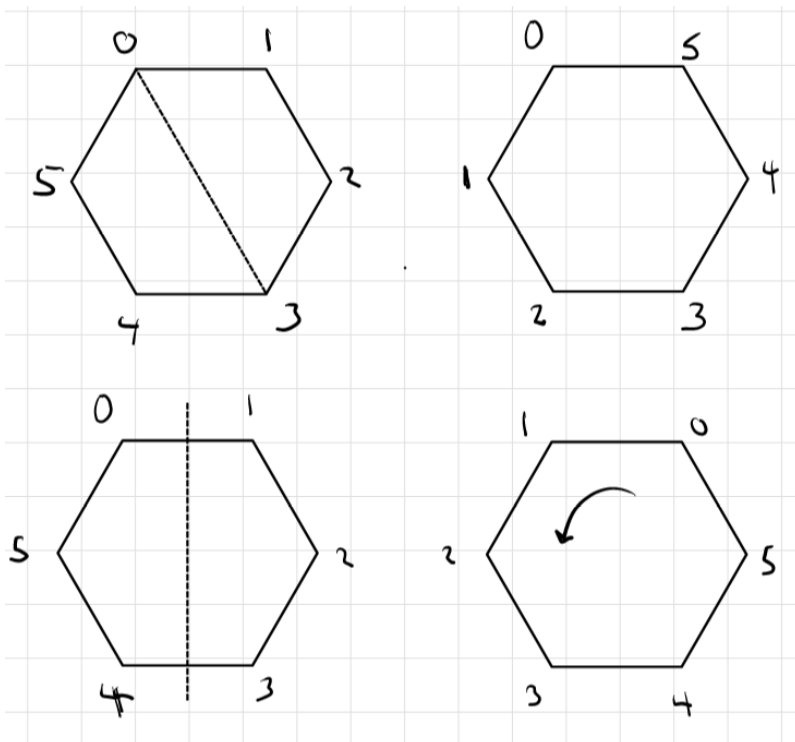


5. For n odd or even, there are the n rotations of $k \cdot \frac{2\pi}{n} = r^k$ for $k = 0, \dots, n - 1$. $r^0 = e$. Then there are the **flips** or **reflections**. For n odd, reflect about the line passing through a vertex and the midpoint of the side opposite that vertex. If n is even, then the reflections are through the midpoints of opposite sides as well as through opposite sides.

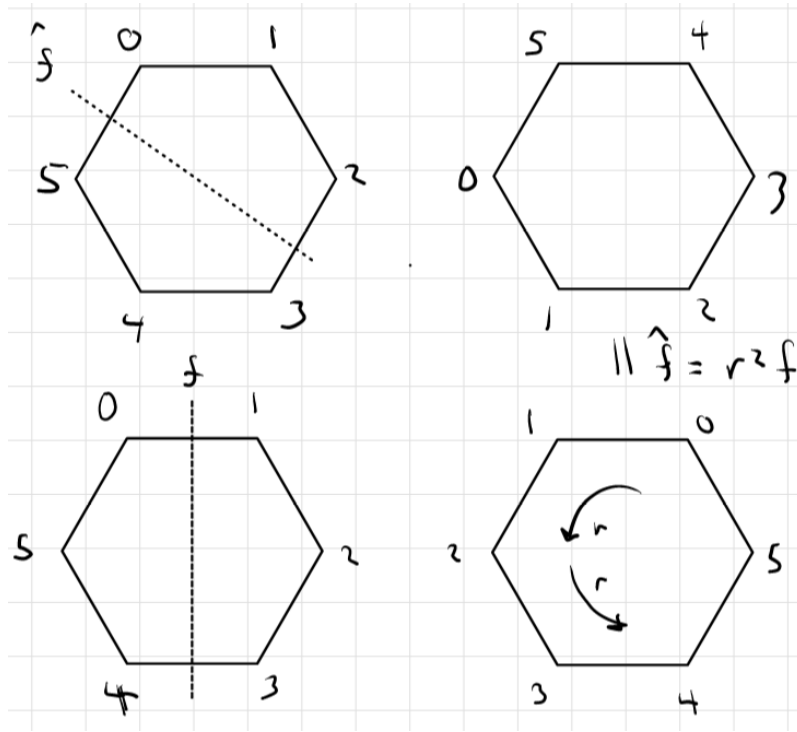


Pick any one of the reflections and call it f , then all other reflections can be achieved using just r and f .

The following shows how a reflection across the line adjoining opposite vertices can be written as a combination of a rotation and horizontal flip.



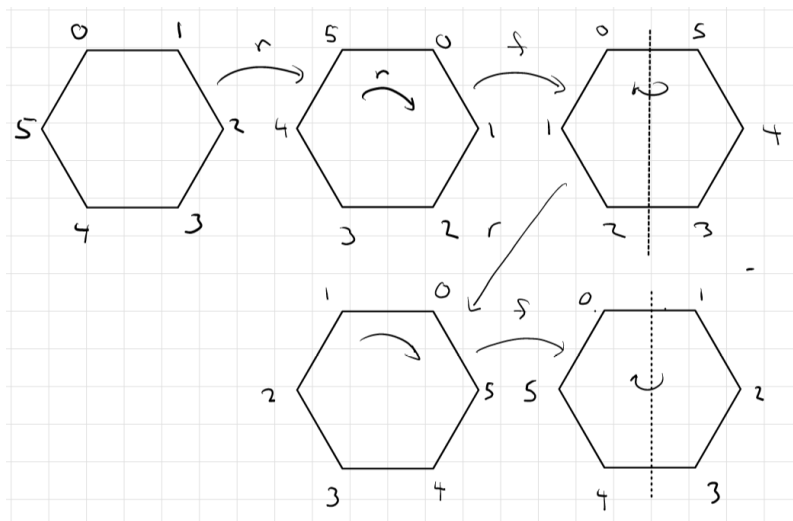
The following shows how a flip across a line adjoining two opposite sides can be achieved with a horizontal flip and rotations.



Thus all you need to describe all of the actions is r^k ($k < n$) and f . It is also clear that $r^n = e$, $f^2 = e$, and $rfrf = e$. From these three **relations**, we can deduce all other relations. For example, $rf = fr^{-1}$ and since $r^{-1} = r^{n-1}$, $rf = fr^{n-1}$ as can be seen by

$$rf = (rf)^{-1} = f^{-1}r^{-1} = fr^{-1}.$$

The following illustrates $rfrf = e$.



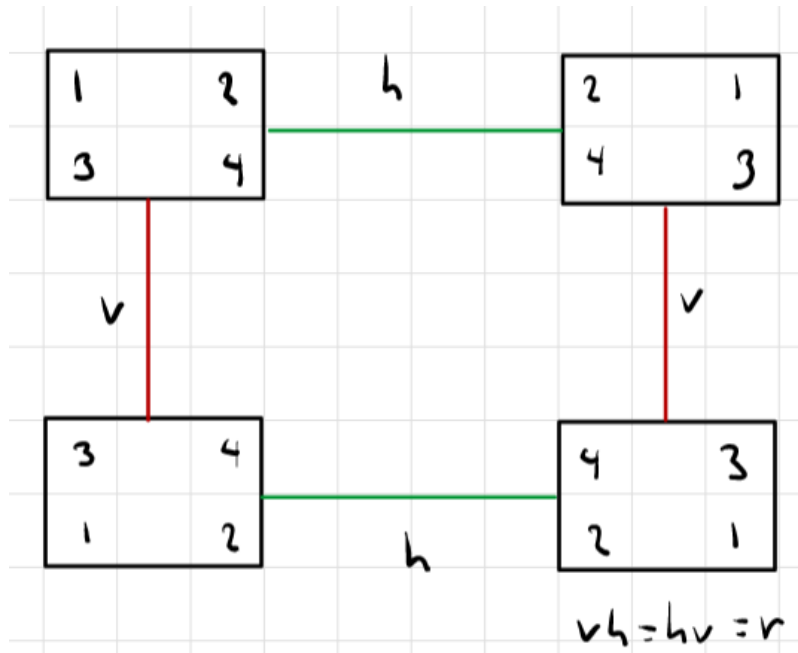
6. It is clear that all actions that preserve positive orientation (labels increasing clockwise) are just rotations. A flip changes the orientation, so two flips restore orientation and hence must just be a rotation.

7. There is really nothing to say here; if we rotate and then rotate again, the end result is just a rotation.

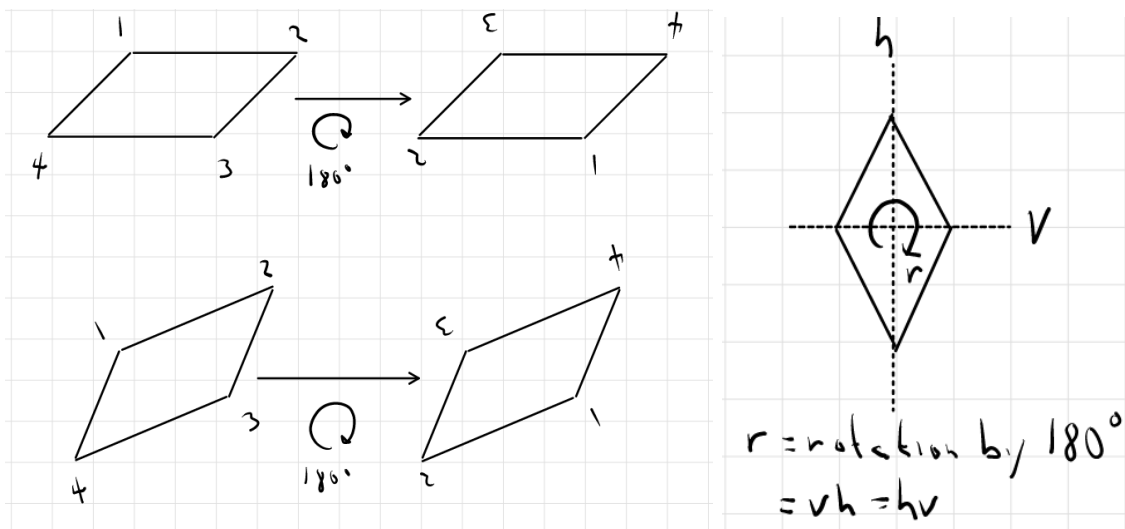
8. This is like 6. A flip corresponds to changing orientation, so a flip then a rotation changes the orientation once and hence is just a flip.

15. There is h (horizontal reflection), v (vertical reflection), r (rotation by π), and of course e (do nothing).

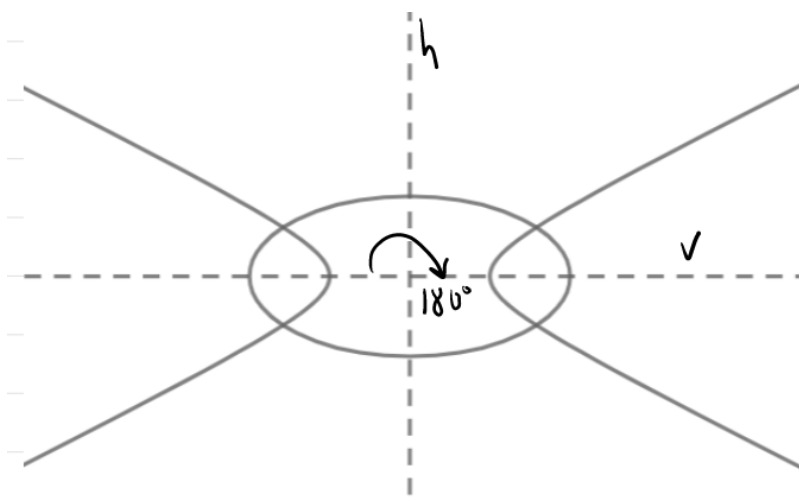
\cdot	e	r	v	h
e	e	r	v	h
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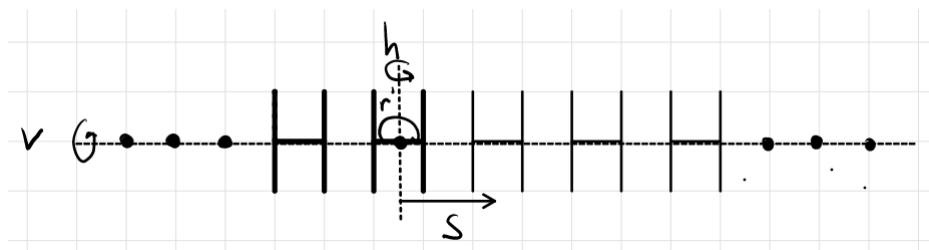
16. A non-rhombus parallelogram has only e (do nothing) and r (rotate 180°) as actions. The non-rectangular rhombus has the same groups as the non-square rectangle.



17. Both these shapes have exactly the same group as the rectangle.

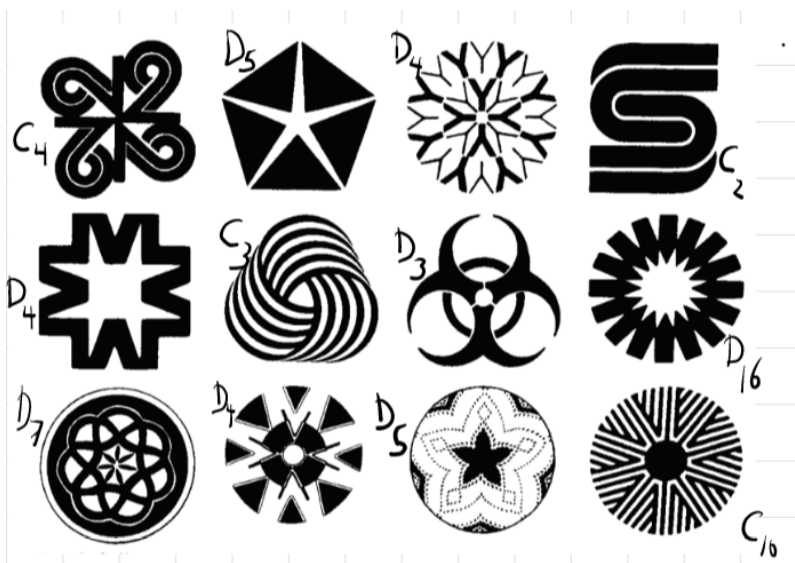


18. Here, we can shift 1 to the right; call this action s . Shifting n to the right is s^n and shifting n to the left is s^{-n} . We can vertically reflect about the horizontal axis (v) and horizontally reflect about the vertical lines through the center of an H (h). Also, a 180° rotation about the point p (r) and p' (r'). Clearly, $r = hv = vh$.



This is an infinite group.

22. Here I have used C_n for the order n cyclic group, the book uses Z_n (which is probably better).



24. If X^2 is a rotation, regardless of what X is so $X^2 = F$ has no solutions. If $X = R^m F$, then $(R^m F)^3 = R^m F R^m F R^m F =$

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4.

a. Closed.

$+_{16}$	0	4	8	12
0	0	4	8	12
4	4	8	12	0
8	8	12	0	4
12	12	0	4	8

b. Not closed. $4 + 12 \equiv 1 \pmod{15}$

c. Closed.

\cdot_{15}	1	4	7	13
1	1	4	7	13
4	4	1	13	7
7	7	13	4	1
13	13	7	1	4

d. Not closed. $4 \cdot 5 \equiv 2 \pmod{9}$.

7. I am going to discuss closure separately. $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$ is true over any ring. We can verify this directly for 2×2 .

$$\begin{aligned}
\det \left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
&= \det \begin{bmatrix} aA + bC & aB + bD \\ cA + dC & cB + dD \end{bmatrix} \\
&= (aA + bC)(cB + dD) - (cA + dC)(aB + bD) \\
&= aAcB + aAdD + bCcB + bCdD - cAaB - cAbD - cAaB - cAbD \\
&= acAB + adAD + bcBC + bdCD - acAD - bcAD - acAB - bdCD \\
&= (adAD + bcBC - adBC - bcAD) + (acAB - acAB) + (bdCD - bdCD) \\
&= adAD + bcBC - adBC - bcAD
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \det \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} &= (ad - bc)(AD - BC) \\
&= adAD - adBC - bcAD + bcBC
\end{aligned}$$

So it is true that mod 4:

$$\det(AB) \equiv \det(A)\det(B) \pmod{4}$$

Now the problem is that $\det(A) \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ and $\det(B) \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ so $A, B \in G_1$, but then $\det(AB) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$. So G_1 is not closed. As a specific example

$$A = B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ so } AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

G_2 and G_3 is closed since $\det(A)\det(B) = 0 \iff \det(A) = 0$ or $\det(B) = 0$ in \mathbb{Z} and in \mathbb{Q}^+ .

Clearly, G_2 does not have inverses, for example $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \in G_2$ would have inverse $\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \notin G_2$.

In terms of being a group, I needs to be included so in G_3 let's assume that we mean non-negative rationals instead of positive rationals. The inverse of a 2×2 is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

This shows that G_3 is not closed under inverse since

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{1 - 8} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/7 & 4/7 \\ 2/7 & -1/7 \end{bmatrix} \notin G_3$$

18. $(ab)^3 = ababab$ and $((ab^{-2}c)^2)^{-1} = (ab^{-2}cab^{-2}c)^{-1} = c^{-1}b^2a^{-1}c^{-1}b^2a^{-1}$

20. Here is the table for D_4

MULTIPLICATION TABLE IN D_4

	R_0	R_{180}	R_{90}	R_{270}	H	V	D	D'
R_0	R_0	R_{180}	R_{90}	R_{270}	H	V	D	D'
R_{180}	R_{180}	R_0	R_{270}	R_{90}	V	H	D'	D
R_{90}	R_{90}	R_{270}	R_{180}	R_0	D'	D	H	V
R_{270}	R_{270}	R_{90}	R_0	R_{180}	D	D'	V	H
H	H	V	D	D'	R_0	R_{180}	R_{90}	R_{270}
V	V	H	D'	D	R_{180}	R_0	R_{270}	R_{90}
D	D	D'	V	H	R_{270}	R_{90}	R_0	R_{180}
D'	D'	D	H	V	R_{90}	R_{270}	R_{180}	R_0

$K = \{R_0, R_{180}\}$ (the diagonal elements) and $L = \{R_0, R_{180}, H, V, D, D'\}$

21. We did most of the work for this in (7). $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B) = 1$ so the set is closed under product. $\det(A)\det(A^{-1}) = 1$ so $\det(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\det(A)} = 1$ so the set is closed under inverse, and I is in the set.

26. You put on your socks, then your shoes, but you take off your shoes, then your socks.

For the second item, notice that if $a^{-1}b^{-1} = (ab)^{-1}$ holds, then

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

so a and b must commute. So, for example, using $a = r$ and $b = r^2$ in D_3 would suffice for an example.

For the third thing, we want to see that $(ab)^{-2} \neq b^{-2}a^{-2}$. Now here, a and b must not commute. Again, in D_3 , take $a = r$ and $b = f$, then

$$(rf)^{-2} = ((rf)^2)^{-1} = (rfrrf)^{-1} = e^{-1} = e \neq f^{-2}r^{-2} = (f^2)^{-1}(r^2)^{-1} = r$$

29. This one is easy to see, but formally would require induction:

$$\begin{aligned} (a^{-1}ba)^n &= (a^{-1}ba)(a^{-1}ba) \cdots (a^{-1}ba)(a^{-1}ba) \\ &= a^{-1}b(aa^{-1})b(aa^{-1})b \cdots (aa^{-1})ba = a^{-1}bebeb \cdots eba = a^{-1}b^na \end{aligned}$$

30. $(a_1a_2 \cdots a_n)^{-1} = a_n^{-1}a_{n-1}^{-1} \cdots a_2^{-1}a_1^{-1}$ (again induction is required to formalize this)

41. We know $rfrrf = e$ for any rotation r . This can be written, $rf = f^{-1}r^{-1} = fr^{-1}$, since $f^2 = e$ and hence $f^{-1} = f$. But this is clear. If we rotate and then flip, then to undo this action, flip, and then rotate backward.

This shows that $rfrr = f$ and hence that $r^kfr^k = f$ which is what we wanted.

42. This one also follows from the above, since $e = rfrf$, so $e = (rfrf)^{-1} = fr^{-1}fr^{-1}$. But this holds for any rotation r so it holds for r^{-1} and we have $frfr = e$ and hence $fr^kfr^k = e$ (again as r can be taken as r^k). So $fr^kf = r^{-k}$.

If D_n were abelian, then we would have $frf = f^2r = r = r^{-1}$

43.

$$R^6FRFR^{-3}FRF = R^6(R^{-1})R^{-3}R^{-1}$$

and

$$FR^4FR^5FR^2 = R^{-4}R^5FR^2 = RFRR = FR$$

44. $FR_\alpha FR_\beta = R_{-\alpha}R_\beta = R_{\beta-\alpha}$ and $R_\alpha FR_\beta F = R_\alpha R_{-\beta} = R_{\alpha-\beta}$. So these are inverses of each other.

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4. If $(a^{-1})^n = e$, then $(a^n)^{-1} = e$ so $a^n = e$, thus $|a^{-1}| \leq |a|$. Similarly, $|a| \leq |a^{-1}|$ so the orders are the same.

5. $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ so there are integers x and y so that $xn + ym = 1$ and thus $a^1 = a^{xn+ym} = (a^n)^x(a^m)^y = (a^n)^x = (a^x)^n$.

12. The members of D_4 are r^i and r^if for $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$. So K consists of r^{2i} and $r^ifr^if = e$ (since r^if is a reflection). Thus $K = \{e, r^2\}$, this is a subgroup, isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_2 .

In D_3 , we have e, r, r^2, f, rf, r^2f . The cubes of these are $e, f, rfrfrf = f^2rf = rf$ ($r^2fr^2fr^2f = f^2r^2f = r^2f$). Now $r^2frf = rrrfrf = rf^2 = r$, so not a group.

14. D_4 has three subgroups of order 4, namely, $\langle r \rangle = \{e, r, r^2, r^3\}$ and $\langle h, v \rangle = \{e, h, v, r^2\}$, and $\langle d, d' \rangle = \{e, d, d', r^2\}$. To help see this, notice, $dd' = d'd = hv = vh = r^2$, $hr^2 = r^2h = v$, $vr^2 = d^2v = h$, and $d'r^2 = d = r^2d' = d$, and $dr^2 = r^2d = d'$.

17. If $a^n = e$, then $(xax^{-1})^n = xa^n x^{-1} = xx^{-1} = e$ and if $(xax^{-1})^n = xa^n x^{-1} = e$, then $a^n = x^{-1}ex = e$. So clearly, $|xax^{-1}| \leq |a| \leq |xax^{-1}|$.

31. If $H < D_n$ and $|H|$ is odd. Suppose $g \in H$ is a reflection and let $K = \{e, g\} < H$. For $h \in H$ let $hK = \{h, hg\}$, then for any $h, h' \in H$, either $hK = h'K$ or $hK \cap h'K = \emptyset$. This is because if $h \in h'K$, then either $h = h'$ or $h = h'g$ so that $hK = \{h, hg\} = \{h'g, h'gg\} = \{h'g, h'\} = h'K$. So we have partitioned H into a collection of N disjoint two element sets, but then $|H| = 2N$.

45. It is easy to see that if $H_i < H$ for $i \in I$ (any index set), then $H' = \bigcap_{i \in I} H_i < H$. Thus

$$\langle S \rangle = \bigcap \{K \mid K < H \text{ and } S \subset K\}$$

is the smallest subgroup of H containing S . It is clear that $s_1^{m_1}s_2^{m_2}\cdots s_k^{m_k} \in \langle S \rangle$ for $s_i \in S$ and $m_i \in \mathbb{Z}$. $L = \{s_1^{m_1}s_2^{m_2}\cdots s_k^{m_k} \mid s_i \in S \text{ and } m_i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is a subgroup, thus $L = \langle S \rangle$.

53. Check that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & n \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & n+1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

so A has infinite order in $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ and order p in $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}_p)$.

62. If $2\theta = r\pi$ where r is irrational, then $R_\theta^n = R_{nr\pi}$ and the question is is there any n and k so that $nr\pi = 2k\pi$. The answer is no, since then $r = 2k/n$. So $\theta = \sqrt{2}\pi$ would work. So F and F' can intersect at an angle of $\theta = \sqrt{2}\pi$.

64.

a. $U(3) = \{1, 2\}$, $U(4) = \{1, 3\}$, $U(12) = \{1, 5, 7, 11\}$.

b. $U(5) = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $U(7) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$,

$U(35) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34\}$.

c. $U(4) = \{1, 3\}$, $U(5) = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $U(20) = \{1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 13, 17, 19\}$.

d. $U(4) = \{1, 2\}$, $U(10) = \{1, 3, 7, 9\}$, $U(40) = \{1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 13, 17, 19, 21, 23, 27, 29, 31, 33, 37, 39\}$.

A reasonable guess here is that $|U(n \cdot m)| = |U(m)| \cdot |U(n)|$ if $\gcd(m, n) = 1$.

71. xHx^{-1} is a group since $(xh_1x^{-1})(xh_2x^{-1}) = x(h_1h_2)x^{-1}$ and $(xh_1x^{-1})^{-1} = xh_1^{-1}x^{-1}$.

If $H = \langle a \rangle$, then $xHx^{-1} = \langle xax^{-1} \rangle$. (See above Ch 2 problem 29.)

If H is abelian, then $(xax^{-1})(xbx^{-1}) = x(ab)x^{-1} = x(ba)x^{-1} = (xbx^{-1})(xax^{-1})$.

74. $H = \{A \in \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{R}) \mid \det(A) = 2^n \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. Show that H is a subgroup of $\text{GL}(2, \mathbb{R})$.

This is trivial from $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$. There is nothing special about being a power of 2 here.

82. In D_3 consider $K = \langle f \rangle$ and $H = \langle rf \rangle$. Then $HK = \{e, f, rf, r\}$, which is not a group.

87. Let $H < G$, then $HZ(G) = \{hz \mid h \in H \text{ and } z \in Z(G)\}$. Show that $HZ(G) < G$.

- $1 \in HZ(G)$
- $h_1z_1, h_2z_2 \in HZ(G)$, then $(h_1z_1)(h_2z_2) = h_1(z_1h_2)z_2 = h_1(h_2z_1)z_2 = (h_1h_2)(z_1z_2) \in HZ(G)$.
- $(hz)^{-1} = z^{-1}h^{-1} = h^{-1}z^{-1} \in HZ(G)$.

89. Let $H < (\mathbb{Q}, +)$ and $H \neq \{0\}$. Let $q \in H$, then $2\mathbb{Z}q < \mathbb{Z}q \leq H$. Here $\mathbb{Z}q = \{nq \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \langle q \rangle_H$ and $2\mathbb{Z}q = \langle q + q \rangle$.