

Example 5.7

$$(135)(347) = (2)(6)(13475)$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{Composition of the two functions}} = (13475).$$

Composition of the
two functions

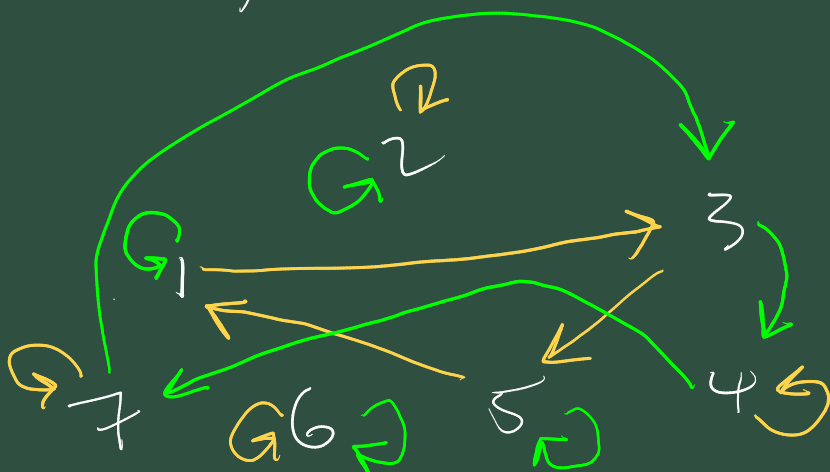
$\sigma \circ \mu$
"σ after μ"

$$(\sigma \circ \mu)(2) = \sigma(\mu(2))$$

$$= 2.$$

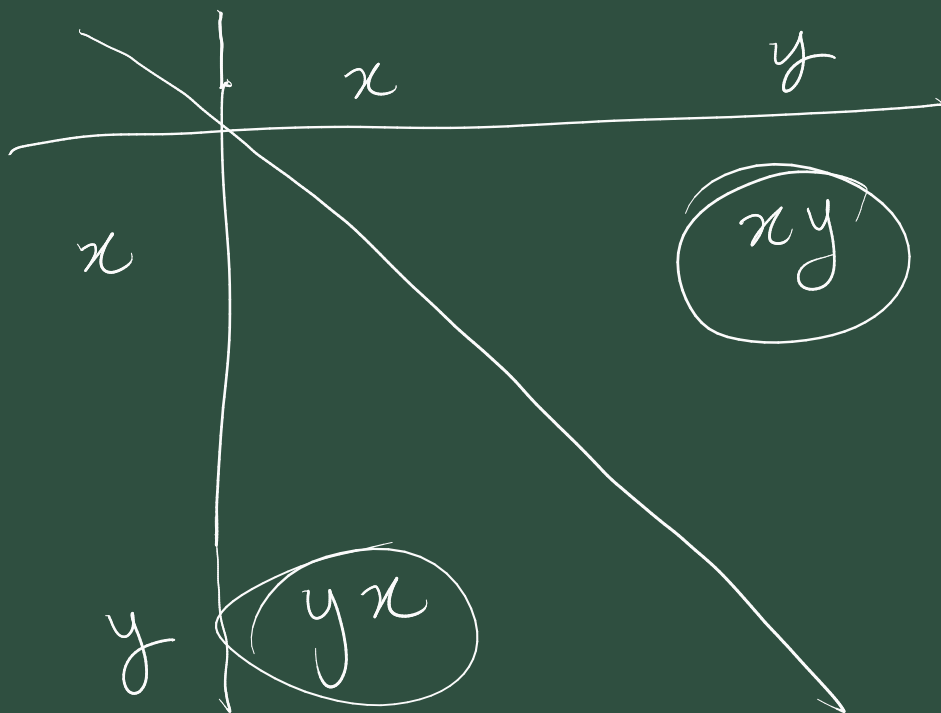


$$(135), (347) \in S_7.$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu\sigma &= (3\ 4\ 7)(1\ 3\ 5) \\
 &= (1\ 4\ 7\ 3\ 5)(2)(6) \\
 &= (1\ 4\ 7\ 3\ 5) \neq \sigma\mu. \\
 &= (7\ 3\ 5\ 1\ 4)
 \end{aligned}$$

If a group is Abelian then its Cayley table is symmetric about the main diagonal.



Mock. Q6.

(a). Let G be a group with element g .

The subgroup of G generated by g is written as $\langle g \rangle$ and is defined

$$\langle g \rangle = \{ g^k : k \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

Where powers are defined

Remember:

For $k > 0$

~~g~~

$$g^k = \overbrace{g * g * \dots * g}^{k \text{ copies of } g}$$

$$g^{-k} = \underbrace{g^{-1} * g^{-1} * \dots * g^{-1}}_{k \text{ copies of } g^{-1}}$$

$$g^0 = e.$$

Well the order of g , written as $|g|$ is defined as.

the least positive integer exponent

k such that $g^k = e$, if such a k exists, and ∞ otherwise.

(b). No, a counter-example is provided by Klein Viergruppe V

$$V = \{e, r, h, v\}$$

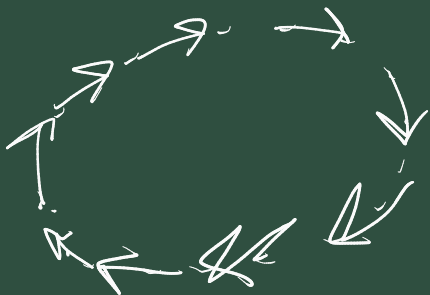
where all non-identity elements, r, h, v , have order 2, i.e.

$$r^2 = h^2 = v^2 = e.$$

so $V \neq \langle r \rangle, \neq \langle h \rangle, \neq \langle v \rangle$

so V is not cyclic.

G is cyclic if $\exists g \in G$
such that $G = \langle g \rangle$. \checkmark



(15)

(c). See before in our discussion on A_n coursework.

S_3 is non-abelian since.

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

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

$$\text{and } (1\ 3\ 2) \neq (1\ 2\ 3)$$

(d) Well any cycle of length m

$$(a_1\ a_2\ \dots\ a_m)$$

can be written as a product of $m-1$ transpositions as.

$$(a_1\ a_2\ \dots\ a_m)$$

$$= (a_1\ a_m) \dots (a_1\ a_4)(a_1\ a_3)(a_1\ a_2)$$

and if $\sigma \in S_n$ and σ is a cycle then σ has length $\leq n$.
and so by above σ can be written as a product of k transpositions where $k \leq n-1$.

$$(a_1 \dots a_m)$$

$$= (a_2 a_1)(a_3 a_2) \dots (a_{m-1} a_{m-2})(a_m a_{m-1})$$

(e). Let σ, μ be two odd permutations. This means.

$$\sigma = \tau_1 \tau_2 \dots \tau_k$$

and

$$\mu = \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_l$$

for transpositions τ_i and α_j

where k, l are both odd

The product $\sigma\mu$ of these
can be written as

$$\sigma\mu = \tau_1 \dots \tau_k \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_l$$

this is a product of $k+l$ transpositions
and clearly $k+l$ is ^{an} even integer
since k, l are both odd.

Hence $\sigma\mu$ is ^{an} even permutation.

(f). Let G be a group with element g .

$\lambda_g : G \rightarrow G$ defined by.

$$\lambda_g(a) = ga, \text{ for } a \in G.$$

Prove λ_g is a permutation of G .

ie. that λ_g is a bijection $G \rightarrow G$.

so 1-1 and onto.

Firstly, since $g, a \in G$ then $ga \in G$.

since groups are closed under their product so λ_g is indeed a function $G \rightarrow G$.

To prove 1), suppose $a, b \in G$
and $\lambda_g(a) = \lambda_g(b)$
 $\Rightarrow ga = gb$

$$\Rightarrow g^{-1}ga = g^{-1}gb.$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b, \text{ as } g^{-1}g = e.$$

Hence λ_g is injective

To prove λ_g is onto, let $y \in G$
we need to show there exists
an $x \in G$ such that

$$\lambda_g(x) = y.$$

this is true for $x = g^{-1}y \in G$.

$$\lambda_g(x) = gx = g^{-1}gy = y.$$

Hence λ_g is onto, and hence λ_g is a permutation of G .

Q7.

(a). If G is a finite group with a subgroup H . then $|H|$ divides $|G|$.

(b) (i). A left coset of H in G with representative $a \in G$ is the subset
 $aH = \{ah : h \in H\} \subseteq G$.

A right coset of H in G with rep. $a \in G$ is the subset.

$$Ha = \{ha : h \in H\} \subseteq G$$

(ii) Remember a disjoint union.

$$(A \text{ or } B) \equiv [(\neg B) \Rightarrow A]$$

We will prove that

$$g_1 H \cap g_2 H \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow g_1 H = g_2 H.$$

So let $g_1, g_2 \in G$, H be a subgroup of G , and assume that

$$g_1 H \cap g_2 H \neq \emptyset.$$

So let $x \in g_1 H \cap g_2 H$.

$$\Rightarrow x = g_1 h_1 = g_2 h_2 \text{ for some elements } h_1, h_2 \in H.$$

$$\Rightarrow g_1 = g_2 h_2 h_1^{-1}$$

and $g_2 = g_1 h_1 h_2^{-1}$

In order to prove that $g_1 H = g_2 H$
we will prove $g_1 H \subseteq g_2 H$ and
 $g_2 H \subseteq g_1 H$.

Let $y \in g_1 H$

$$\Rightarrow y = g_1 h, \text{ for some } h \in H$$

$$= g_2 \underbrace{h_2 h_1^{-1} h}_{\in H}$$

$$\in g_2 H.$$

Therefore $g_1 H \subseteq g_2 H.$

Secondly, let $y \in g_2 H.$

$$\Rightarrow y = g_2 h, \text{ for some } h \in H.$$

$$= g_1 \underbrace{h_1 h_2^{-1} h}_{\in H}$$

$$\in g_1 H.$$

Therefore $g_2 H \subseteq g_1 H.$

Therefore $\boxed{g_1 H = g_2 H.}$

This proves the required result.

(iii) let $g \in G$.

$H = eH$ is one of the left-cosets of H in G .

we can define a mapping ϕ .

$$\phi: H \longrightarrow gH$$

and prove that ϕ is a bijection.

This will prove that $|H| = |gH|$

and hence all cosets are the
same size.

Define $\phi: H \longrightarrow gH$.

$$\text{by } \phi(h) = gh$$

ϕ is injective: since

$$\phi(h_1) = \phi(h_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow gh_1 = gh_2$$

$$\Rightarrow h_1 = h_2.$$

} similar to Q6 (f).

ϕ is surjective since for $gh \in gH$.

$$\phi(h) = gh.$$

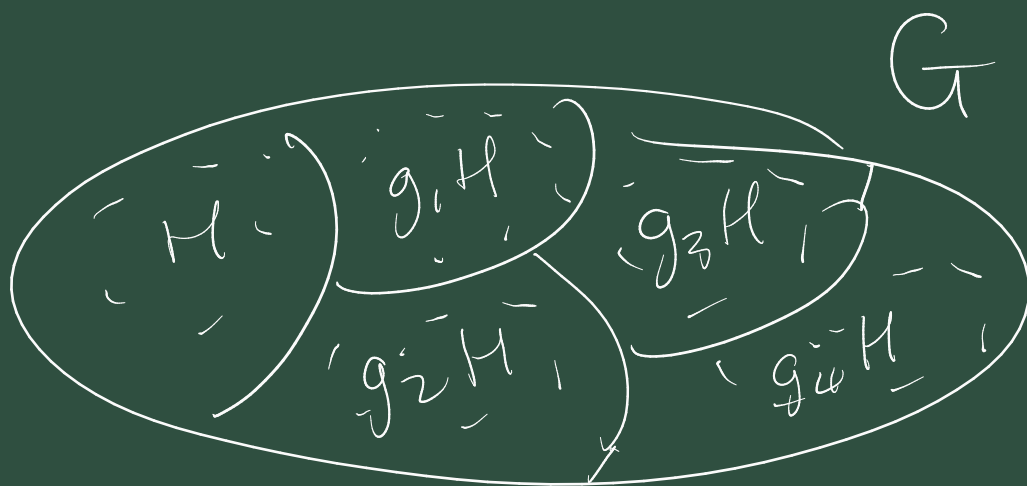
So ϕ is clearly surjective.

So $\phi: H \rightarrow gH$ is a bijection
and hence $|H| = |gH|$.

A very similar argument with g on
the right proves that $|H| = |Hg|$.

(iv) Well the left cosets of H in G ,
these partition G .

(justified by the fact $g \in gH$
as $g = ge$, and the fact that
different cosets are disjoint (ii)).



and all cosets have the same
size, namely $|H|$ (part (iii)).

$$\text{so } |G| = [G:H] |H|$$

where $[G:H]$ is the number of cosets of H in G .

(c) Consider D_6 .

$$D_6 = \{ e, r, r^2, r^3, r^4, r^5, s, \underline{rs}, r^2s, r^3s, r^4s, \underline{r^5s} \}.$$

and these satisfy $r^6 = e, s^2 = e$.

$$sr = r^{-1}s$$

Consider the subgroup $H = \langle r^2 \rangle = \{ e, r^2, r^4 \}$

$$(i). |D_6| = 12, |H| = 3$$

So ~~there~~ there will be four left cosets of H in D_6 , all of size 3.

$$1. H = eH = \{ e, r^2, r^4 \} = r^2H = r^4H.$$

$$2. rH = \{ r, r^3, r^5 \} = r^3H = r^5H.$$

$$3. sH = \{ s, sr^2, sr^4 \} \\ = \{ s, r^{-2}s, r^{-4}s \}$$

$$= \boxed{\{s, r^4s, r^2s\}} = \underbrace{r^4sH}_{= r^2sH}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4: rsH &= \{rs, rsr^2, rsr^4\} \\ &= \{rs, rr^{-2}s, rr^{-4}s\} \\ &= \boxed{\{rs, r^5s, r^3s\}} = r^5sH \\ &= r^3sH. \end{aligned}$$

(ii). Looking for non-normality here.

Consider $K = \langle s \rangle = \{e, s\}$.

Consider $rK = \{r, rs\}$.

but $Kr = \{r, sr\}$

$$= \{r, r^{-1}s\}$$

$$= \{r, r^5s\} \neq rK.$$

since $rs \neq r^5s$.