

## Chapter 3

### *Exercise 1.*

- (a)  $x = 7k + 3$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (b)  $x = 23k + 7$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (c)  $x = 26k + 18$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (d)  $x = 5k + 2$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (e)  $x = 6k + 5$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (f) There are no  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfying this equivalence.

### *Exercise 2.*

- (a) Not a group, there is no identity element.
- (b) Is a group, identity is  $a$ , every element is its own inverse, table is associative and closed.
- (c) Is a group, identity is  $a$ ,  $a^{-1} = a$ ,  $b^{-1} = d$ ,  $c^{-1} = c$ ,  $d^{-1} = b$ , associative and commutative.
- (d) Not a group, identity is  $a$  but  $d$  has no inverse.

### *Exercise 3.*

Symmetries of a rectangle:

- $e$ : do nothing
- $\rho$ : rotate  $180^\circ$
- $\mu_1$ : flip horizontally
- $\mu_2$ : flip vertically

Cayley table for symmetries of a rectangle:

$\circ$	$e$	$\rho$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$
$e$	$e$	$\rho$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$
$\rho$	$\rho$	$e$	$\mu_2$	$\mu_1$
$\mu_1$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$	$e$	$\rho$
$\mu_2$	$\mu_2$	$\mu_1$	$\rho$	$e$

Cayley table for  $(\mathbb{Z}_4, +)$ :

$+$	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	3	0
2	2	3	0	1
3	3	0	1	2

These two groups are not the same. There is only 1 nontrivial proper subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}_4, +)$ , consisting of the elements 0 and 2, while there are 3 nontrivial proper subgroups of the symmetries of a rectangle,  $H_1 = \{e, \rho\}$ ,  $H_2 = \{e, \mu_1\}$ , and  $H_3 = \{e, \mu_3\}$ .

**Exercise 4.**

Symmetries of a rhombus:

- $e$ : do nothing
- $\rho$ : rotate  $180^\circ$
- $\mu_1$ : flip about the long diagonal
- $\mu_2$ : flip about the short diagonal

Cayley table for symmetries of a rhombus:

$\circ$	$e$	$\rho$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$
$e$	$e$	$\rho$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$
$\rho$	$\rho$	$e$	$\mu_2$	$\mu_1$
$\mu_1$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$	$e$	$\rho$
$\mu_2$	$\mu_2$	$\mu_1$	$\rho$	$e$

Comparing with the Cayley table for symmetries of a rectangle from above, we can see that the two groups are the same.

**Exercise 5.**

Symmetries of a square:

- $e$ : do nothing
- $\rho_1$ : rotate clockwise  $90^\circ$
- $\rho_2$ : rotate clockwise  $180^\circ$
- $\rho_3$ : rotate clockwise  $270^\circ$
- $\mu_1$ : flip horizontally
- $\mu_2$ : flip vertically
- $\delta_1$ : flip along diagonal  $y = x$
- $\delta_2$ : flip along diagonal  $y = -x$

Cayley table for symmetries of a square:

$\circ$	$e$	$\rho_1$	$\rho_2$	$\rho_3$	$\mu_1$	$\delta_1$	$\mu_2$	$\delta_2$
$e$	$e$	$\rho_1$	$\rho_2$	$\rho_3$	$\mu_1$	$\delta_1$	$\mu_2$	$\delta_2$
$\rho_1$	$\rho_1$	$\rho_2$	$\rho_3$	$e$	$\delta_1$	$\mu_2$	$\delta_2$	$\mu_1$
$\rho_2$	$\rho_2$	$\rho_3$	$e$	$\rho_1$	$\mu_2$	$\delta_2$	$\mu_1$	$\delta_1$
$\rho_3$	$\rho_3$	$e$	$\rho_1$	$\rho_2$	$\delta_2$	$\mu_1$	$\delta_1$	$\mu_2$
$\mu_1$	$\mu_1$	$\delta_2$	$\mu_2$	$\delta_1$	$e$	$\rho_3$	$\rho_2$	$\rho_1$
$\delta_1$	$\delta_1$	$\mu_1$	$\delta_2$	$\mu_2$	$\rho_1$	$e$	$\rho_3$	$\rho_2$
$\mu_2$	$\mu_2$	$\delta_1$	$\mu_1$	$\delta_2$	$\rho_2$	$\rho_1$	$e$	$\rho_3$
$\delta_2$	$\delta_2$	$\mu_2$	$\delta_1$	$\mu_1$	$\rho_3$	$\rho_2$	$\rho_1$	$e$

There are 24 ways to permute 4 objects. However, not each permutation is a valid symmetry of the square, e.g. (A, C, B, D).

**Exercise 6.**

.	1	5	7	11
1	1	5	7	11
5	5	1	11	7
7	7	11	1	5
11	11	7	5	1

Multiplication table for  $U(12)$ :

**Exercise 7.**

Let  $S = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$  and define  $*$  on  $S$  by  $a * b = a + b + ab$ .

*Proof.*  $(S, *)$  is an abelian group.

(Closed) Addition and multiplication are closed under the reals. We will show that there are no elements  $a, b \in S$  such that  $a * b = -1$ .

Suppose for the sake of contradiction that  $a, b \in S$  with  $a * b = -1$ . Then  $a * b = a + b + ab = -1$ , and rearranging and factoring gives  $(a+1)(b+1) = 0$ . This implies that either  $a$  or  $b$  is  $-1$ , which is a contradiction, since  $a$  and  $b$  are in  $S$ . Thus  $S$  is closed under  $*$ .

(Associative) Let  $a, b, c \in S$ . Then

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

(Identity) The identity element is 0. Let  $a \in S$ . Then  $0 * a = 0 + a + 0 = a$ , and  $a * 0 = a + 0 + 0 = a$ .

(Inverse) Let  $a \in S$ . Then the inverse  $a^{-1}$  is given by  $a^{-1} = -\frac{a}{a+1}$ . We can see this because  $a * a^{-1} = a - \frac{a}{a+1} - \frac{a^2}{a+1} = 0$ .

(Commutative) Let  $a, b \in S$ . Then  $a * b = a + b + ab = b + a + ba = b * a$ .

Since  $(S, *)$  is closed, associative, has an identity and inverses, and is commutative, it is an abelian group.  $\square$

**Exercise 8.**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 3 \\ 13 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  but  $BA = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 \\ 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Exercise 9.**

*Proof.* The product of two matrices in  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  has determinant one. Let  $A, B \in SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  with  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21} & a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22} \\ a_{21}b_{11} + a_{22}b_{21} & a_{21}b_{12} + a_{22}b_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \det(AB) &= (a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21})(a_{21}b_{12} + a_{22}b_{22}) - (a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22})(a_{21}b_{11} + a_{22}b_{21}) \\ &= (a_{11}a_{21}b_{11}b_{12} + a_{11}a_{22}b_{11}b_{22} + a_{12}a_{21}b_{12}b_{21} + a_{12}a_{22}b_{21}b_{22}) \\ &\quad - (a_{11}a_{21}b_{11}b_{12} + a_{11}a_{22}b_{12}b_{21} + a_{12}a_{21}b_{11}b_{22} + a_{12}a_{22}b_{21}b_{22}) \\ &= a_{11}a_{22}b_{11}b_{22} + a_{12}a_{21}b_{12}b_{21} - a_{11}a_{22}b_{12}b_{21} - a_{12}a_{21}b_{11}b_{22} \\ &= (a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21})(b_{11}b_{22} - b_{12}b_{21}) \\ &= \det(A)\det(B) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $A$  and  $B$  were arbitrary, the product of two matrices in  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  has determinant one.  $\square$

**Exercise 10.**

Let  $H$  be the set of matrices of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 0 & 1 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

*Proof.*  $H$  is a group under matrix multiplication.

(Closed) Let  $A, B \in H$  given by  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 0 & 1 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x' & y' \\ 0 & 1 & z' \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Then  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x+x' & y+y'+xz' \\ 0 & 1 & z+z' \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in H$ .

(Associative) Matrix multiplication is associative.

(Identity) The matrix  $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in H$  is the identity element. From matrix multiplication, we know that  $AI = IA = A$  for any  $A \in H$ .

(Inverse) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 0 & 1 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in H$ . The inverse  $A^{-1}$  is given by the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -x & xz-y \\ 0 & 1 & -z \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

We can see that  $AA^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x-x & y+xz-y-xz \\ 0 & 1 & z-z \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$ .

Since  $(H, *)$  is closed, associative, has an identity and inverses, it is a group.  $\square$

**Exercise 11.**

The proof that  $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$  for  $A, B \in GL_2(\mathbb{R})$  is nearly identical to the proof in exercise 9, except that  $\det(A), \det(B) \neq 1$ .

*Proof.*  $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$  is closed.

Let  $A, B \in GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Since  $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$ , and  $\det(A), \det(B) \neq 0$ , then  $\det(AB) \neq 0$ , and  $AB \in GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 12.**

Let  $\mathbb{Z}_2^n = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) : a_i \in \mathbb{Z}_2\}$ , and a binary operation on  $\mathbb{Z}_2^n$  by

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) + (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, \dots, a_n + b_n)$$

*Proof.*  $(\mathbb{Z}_2^n, +)$  is a group.

(Closed) Let  $A, B \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n$ . Then for each  $i \in [n]$ ,  $a_i + b_i \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ , so  $A + B \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n$ .

(Associative) Let  $A, B, C \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (A + B) + C &= (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, \dots, a_n + b_n) + C \\ &= (a_1 + b_1 + c_1, a_2 + b_2 + c_2, \dots, a_n + b_n + c_n) \\ &= A + (b_1 + c_1, b_2 + c_2, \dots, b_n + c_n) \\ &= A + (B + C) \end{aligned}$$

(Identity) The identity  $\mathbf{0}$  is given by  $(0, 0, \dots, 0)$ . We can see that for  $A \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n$ ,  $A + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} + A = A$ .

(Inverse) Let  $A \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n$ . Then  $A^{-1} = (-a_1, -a_2, \dots, -a_n)$ . It is straightforward to compute that  $A + A^{-1} = \mathbf{0}$ .

Since  $(\mathbb{Z}_2^n, +)$  is closed, associative, has an identity and inverses, it is a group.  $\square$

**Exercise 13.**

*Proof.*  $\mathbb{R}^* = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  is a group under multiplication.

The reals are closed under multiplication, and no two nonzero reals multiply to get zero. Multiplication over the reals is associative. 1 is the identity element, since  $1 \cdot x = x \cdot 1 = 1$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^*$ . The inverse of an element  $x \in \mathbb{R}^*$  is given by  $1/x$ , since  $x \cdot 1/x = 1$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 14.**

Given the groups  $\mathbb{R}^*$  and  $\mathbb{Z}$ , let  $G = \mathbb{R}^* \times \mathbb{Z}$ . Define a binary operation  $\circ$  on  $G$  by  $(a, m) \circ (b, n) = (ab, m + n)$ .

*Proof.*  $(G, \circ)$  is a group.

(Closed) Let  $A, B \in G$  with  $A = (a, m)$  and  $B = (b, n)$ . Then  $A \circ B = (ab, m + n)$ . Since  $\mathbb{R}^*$  is closed under multiplication and  $\mathbb{Z}$  is closed under addition,  $G$  is closed.

(Associative) Let  $A, B, C \in G$  with  $A = (a, m)$ ,  $B = (b, n)$ , and  $C = (c, p)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (A \circ B) \circ C &= (ab, m + n) \circ C \\ &= (abc, m + n + p) \\ &= A \circ (bc, n + p) \\ &= A \circ (B \circ C) \end{aligned}$$

(Identity) The identity is given by  $(1, 0)$ . We can see that for  $A = (a, m) \in G$ ,  $(1, 0) \circ A = (1 * a, 0 + m) = (a, m) = (a * 1, m + 0) = A \circ (1, 0)$ .

(Inverse) Let  $A = (a, m) \in G$ . The inverse  $A^{-1}$  is given by  $(1/a, -m)$ . We can see that  $A \circ A^{-1} = (a * 1/a, m - m) = (1, 0)$ , and  $A^{-1} \circ A = (1/a * a, -m + m) = (1, 0)$ . Since  $(G, \circ)$  is closed, associative, has an identity and inverses, it is a group.  $\square$

### **Exercise 15.**

This is false; the symmetries of a triangle are nonabelian.

### **Exercise 16.**

Consider the group of the symmetries of a triangle, and elements  $\rho_1$  and  $\mu_1$ . Then  $(\rho_1 \mu_1)^2 = \mu_3^2 = id$ , but  $\rho_1^2 \mu_1^2 = \rho_2 id = \rho_2$ .

### **Exercise 17.**

Three examples of groups with eight elements are:  $(\mathbb{Z}_8, +)$ ,  $D_4$ , and  $Q_8$ . Firstly  $(\mathbb{Z}_8, +)$  is abelian, while  $D_4$  and  $Q_8$  are not. To compare  $D_4$  and  $Q_8$ , we can look at the nontrivial proper subgroups. For  $Q_8$ , we have  $\{1, -1\}$ ,  $\{1, I, -1, -I\}$ ,  $\{1, J, -1, -J\}$ , and  $\{1, K, -1, -K\}$ . For  $D_4$ , we have  $\{1, \rho_2\}$ ,  $\{1, \mu_1\}$ ,  $\{1, \delta_1\}$ ,  $\{1, \mu_2\}$ ,  $\{1, \delta_2\}$ ,  $\{1, \rho_1, \rho_2, \rho_3\}$ ,  $\{1, \rho_2, \mu_1, \mu_2\}$ , and  $\{1, \rho_2, \delta_1, \delta_2\}$ . These subgroups are different, so the groups are different.

### **Exercise 18.**

*Proof.* There are  $n!$  permutations of a set containing  $n$  items.

Let  $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \cdots & n \\ a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_n \end{pmatrix}$ . Then we have  $n$  ways to choose  $a_1$ ,  $n - 1$  ways to choose  $a_2$ ,  $\dots$ , 2 ways to choose  $a_{n-1}$ , and 1 way to choose  $a_n$ . Thus we have  $(n)(n - 1)\dots(2)(1) = n!$  ways to permute  $n$  items.  $\square$

### **Exercise 19.**

Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ . By definition of modular congruence,  $x \equiv y \pmod{n} \iff n \mid (x - y)$ . Since  $n \mid 0$ ,  $n \mid (0 + a - a)$ , so  $0 + a \equiv a \pmod{n}$ . Similarly,  $n \mid (a + 0 - a)$ , so  $a + 0 \equiv a \pmod{n}$ .

### **Exercise 20.**

Similar to above,  $n \mid 0$  so  $n \mid (a \cdot 1 - a) \iff a \cdot 1 \equiv a \pmod{n}$ .

### **Exercise 21.**

Let  $b = n - a$ . Then  $n \mid n \iff n \mid (a + n - a - 0) \iff n \mid (a + b - 0) \iff a + b \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ . A similar argument shows  $b + a \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ .

### **Exercise 22.**

Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ . Then  $(a + b) + c \equiv x \pmod{n} \iff n \mid (a + b) + c - x \iff n \mid a + (b + c) - x \iff a + (b + c) \equiv x \pmod{n}$ . We also have  $(ab)c \equiv x \pmod{n} \iff n \mid (ab)c - x \iff n \mid a(bc) - x \iff a(bc) \equiv x \pmod{n}$ .

### **Exercise 23.**

We have  $n \mid 0 \iff n \mid (ab + ac - (ab + ac)) \iff n \mid (a(b + c) - (ab + ac)) \iff a(b + c) \equiv ab + ac \pmod{n}$ .

**Exercise 24.** Note: This proof uses the identity in exercise 26.

*Proof.*  $ab^n a^{-1} = (aba^{-1})^n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are elements in a group  $G$ . Let  $a, b \in G$ .

We will first show that the identity holds for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{0\}$  by induction on  $\mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{0\}$ .

(Base Case):  $n = 0$ . Then  $ab^0 a^{-1} = aa^{-1} = e = (aba^{-1})^0$ .

(Inductive Step): Assume  $ab^n a^{-1} = (aba^{-1})^n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{0\}$ . We want to show that  $ab^{n+1} a^{-1} = (aba^{-1})^{n+1}$ .

We have  $(aba^{-1})^{n+1} = (aba^{-1})^n(aba^{-1})$ . Applying the inductive hypothesis, we have  $(aba^{-1})^n(aba^{-1}) = ab^n a^{-1} aba^{-1} = ab^n ba^{-1} = ab^{n+1} a^{-1}$ , as desired.

By the principle of mathematical induction,  $ab^n a^{-1} = (aba^{-1})^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{0\}$ .

Next, we will show that if  $ab^n a^{-1} = (aba^{-1})^n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{0\}$ , then  $ab^{-n} a^{-1} = (aba^{-1})^{-n}$ . We have  $(aba^{-1})^{-n} = ((aba^{-1})^{-1})^n = ((a^{-1})^{-1}b^{-1}a^{-1})^n = (ab^{-1}a^{-1})^n = ab^{-n}a^{-1}$ , as desired.

Thus  $ab^n a^{-1} = (aba^{-1})^n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . □

**Exercise 25.**

*Proof.* For any  $n > 2$ , there exists  $k \in U(n)$  such that  $k^2 = 1$  and  $k \neq 1$ .

Consider  $k = n - 1$ . Since  $\gcd(n, n - 1) \mid (n - (n - 1)) \iff \gcd(n, n - 1) \mid 1$ , we can conclude that  $\gcd(n, n - 1) = 1$ . Since  $k$  is relatively prime to  $n$ ,  $k \in U(n)$ . Then  $k^2 = n^2 - 2n + 1$ , so  $k^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ . If  $k = 1$ , then  $n \mid (n - 2)$ , forcing  $n = 2$ , contradicting  $n > 2$ . Therefore  $k \neq 1$ . □

**Exercise 26.**

*Proof.*  $(g_1 g_2 \dots g_{n-1} g_n)^{-1} = g_n^{-1} g_{n-1}^{-1} \dots g_2^{-1} g_1^{-1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

We prove this by induction on  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ .

(Base Case):  $n = 1$ .  $g_1^{-1} = g_1^{-1}$ .

(Inductive Step): Assume  $(g_1 g_2 \dots g_{n-1} g_n)^{-1} = g_n^{-1} g_{n-1}^{-1} \dots g_2^{-1} g_1^{-1}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . We want to show that  $(g_1 g_2 \dots g_{n-1} g_n g_{n+1})^{-1} = g_{n+1}^{-1} g_n^{-1} g_{n-1}^{-1} \dots g_2^{-1} g_1^{-1}$ . We have  $g_{n+1}^{-1} g_n^{-1} g_{n-1}^{-1} \dots g_2^{-1} g_1^{-1} = g_{n+1}^{-1} (g_1 g_2 \dots g_{n-1} g_n)^{-1} = (g_1 g_2 \dots g_{n-1} g_n g_{n+1})^{-1}$ , from the identity that  $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$ . □

**Exercise 27.**

*Proof.* If  $G$  is a group and  $a, b \in G$ ,  $xa = b$  has unique solutions in  $G$ .

Suppose that  $xa = b$ . We must show that such an  $x$  exists. Multiplying both sides of  $xa = b$  by  $a^{-1}$ , we have  $x = xe = xaa^{-1} = ba^{-1}$ . To show uniqueness, suppose that  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are both solutions of  $xa = b$ ; then  $x_1 a = b = x_2 a$ . So  $x_1 = x_1 a a^{-1} = x_2 a a^{-1} = x_2$ . □

**Exercise 28.**

*Note:* I really don't want to do this proof because it's straightforward and boring, sorry :)

**Exercise 29.**

*Proof.*  $ab = ac \implies b = c$  and  $ba = ca \implies b = c$  for  $a, b, c \in G$  in a group  $G$ .

Start with  $ab = ac$ . Multiply the left sides by  $a^{-1}$ , giving  $a^{-1}ab = a^{-1}ac \implies b = c$ . A similar argument follows for the other case. □

**Exercise 30.**

*Proof.* For a group  $G$ , if  $a^2 = e$  for all  $a \in G$ , then  $G$  is abelian.

Assume  $a^2 = e$  for all  $a \in G$ . Let  $a, b \in G$ . Since  $(ab)^2 = e$ , it follows that  $(ab)(ab) = e$ . Then  $baba = e$ . Multiplying by  $b$  on the left and  $a$  on the right, we get that  $ab = ba$ . Since  $a$  and  $b$  commute, then  $G$  is abelian.  $\square$

**Exercise 31.**

*Proof.* If  $G$  is a finite group of even order, then there exists an  $a \in G$  such that  $a \neq e$  and  $a^2 = e$ . Assume for the sake of contradiction that no  $a \in G$  satisfies  $a \neq e$  and  $a^2 = e$ . Partition  $G \setminus \{e\}$  into sets of  $a$  and its inverse. Since  $a \neq a^{-1}$ , these sets all have two elements. However, the number of elements in  $G \setminus \{e\}$  is odd, so there is no way we were able to partition all elements into sets. Therefore there must exist an element  $a \in G$  such that  $a^2 = e$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 32.**

*Proof.* If  $G$  is a group, and  $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$  for all  $a, b \in G$ , then  $G$  is abelian.

Let  $a, b \in G$ . Since  $(ab)^2 = abab = aabb$ , we can multiply the left side by  $a^{-1}$  and the right side by  $b^{-1}$  to get that  $ba = ab$ , so  $G$  is abelian.  $\square$

**Exercise 33.**

The subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$  are  $\{(0, 0)\}$ ,  $\{(0, 0), (0, 1), (0, 2)\}$ ,  $\{(0, 0), (1, 0), (2, 0)\}$ ,  $\{(0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 2)\}$ ,  $\{(0, 0), (1, 2), (2, 1)\}$ , and  $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ .

The subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}_9$  are  $\{0\}$ ,  $\{0, 3, 6\}$ , and  $\mathbb{Z}_9$ .

**Exercise 34.**

The subgroups of the symmetry group of an equilateral triangle are  $\{id\}$ ,  $\{id, \mu_1\}$ ,  $\{id, \mu_2\}$ ,  $\{id, \mu_3\}$ ,  $\{id, \rho_1, \rho_2\}$ , and the whole group.

**Exercise 35.**

Just like in exercise 17, we have  $\{1\}$ ,  $\{1, \rho_2\}$ ,  $\{1, \mu_1\}$ ,  $\{1, \delta_1\}$ ,  $\{1, \mu_2\}$ ,  $\{1, \delta_2\}$ ,  $\{1, \rho_1, \rho_2, \rho_3\}$ ,  $\{1, \rho_2, \mu_1, \mu_2\}$ ,  $\{1, \rho_2, \delta_1, \delta_2\}$ , and the whole group.

**Exercise 36.**

*Proof.*  $H = \{2^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Q}^*$ .

We have  $k = 0$  gives  $2^0 = 1 \in H$ . Let  $a, b \in H$ , with  $a = 2^m$  and  $b = 2^n$  for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $ab^{-1} = 2^m 2^{-n} = 2^{m-n} \in H$ . Thus  $H$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Q}^*$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 37.**

Let  $n \geq 0$  and  $n\mathbb{Z} = \{nk : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

*Proof.*  $n\mathbb{Z}$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , and these subgroups are the only subgroups.

We have  $k = 0$  gives  $n \cdot 0 = 0 \in n\mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $a, b \in n\mathbb{Z}$  with  $a = nk$  and  $b = nl$  for some  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $a - b = nk - nl = n(k - l) \in n\mathbb{Z}$ .

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . We will show that  $H = n\mathbb{Z}$  for some  $n \geq 0$ . If  $H = \{0\}$  then  $H = 0\mathbb{Z}$ . Otherwise,  $H$  contains some positive integer. Since  $H$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , by the well-ordering principle,  $H$  contains a smallest positive integer. Call this integer  $n$ .

We will show that  $H = n\mathbb{Z}$ .

( $\supseteq$ ) Since  $H$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , it is closed under addition. Since  $n \in H$ ,  $nk \in H$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  
( $\subseteq$ ) Let  $m \in H$ . Then we can use the division algorithm to write  $m = qn + r$  with  $0 \leq r < n$ . Since  $H$  is closed under subtraction,  $r = m - qn \in H$ . Since  $n$  was the smallest positive integer of  $H$ ,  $r$  must be 0. Therefore  $m \in n\mathbb{Z}$ .

Therefore,  $H = n\mathbb{Z}$ , and since  $H$  was an arbitrary subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , all subgroups are in the form  $n\mathbb{Z}$ .  $\square$

### Exercise 38.

*Proof.*  $\mathbb{T} = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^* : |z| = 1\}$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{C}^*$ .

The identity  $z = 1 + 0i \in \mathbb{T}$ . Let  $z, w \in \mathbb{T}$  with  $z = a + bi$  and  $w = c + di$ . Then  $zw^{-1} = \frac{(a + bi)(c - di)}{c^2 + d^2} = (a + bi)(c - di) = (ac + bd) + (bc - ad)i$ .

We can see that  $|zw^{-1}| = \sqrt{(ac + bd)^2 + (bc - ad)^2} = \sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)} = 1$ , so  $zw^{-1} \in \mathbb{T}$ .  $\square$

### Exercise 39.

Let  $G$  consist of the  $2 \times 2$  matrices of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.*  $G$  is a subgroup of  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

We have  $\theta = 0$  gives  $I \in G$ . Let  $A, B \in G$  with  $A$  given by  $\theta$  and  $B$  given by  $\phi$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} AB^{-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \cos \phi + \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi - \sin \theta \cos \phi \\ \sin \theta \cos \phi - \cos \theta \sin \phi & \sin \theta \sin \phi + \cos \theta \cos \phi \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta - \phi) & -\sin(\theta - \phi) \\ \sin(\theta - \phi) & \cos(\theta - \phi) \end{bmatrix} \in G \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

### Exercise 40.

*Proof.*  $G = \{a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ and } a, b \neq 0\}$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}^*$  under multiplication.

We have  $a = 1, b = 0$  is the identity and is in  $G$ . Let  $A, B \in G$  with  $A = a + q\sqrt{2}$  and  $B = b + r\sqrt{2}$ .

Then  $AB^{-1} = \frac{(a + q\sqrt{2})(b - r\sqrt{2})}{b^2 - 2r^2} = \frac{ab - 2rq}{b^2 - 2r^2} + \frac{bq - ar}{b^2 - 2r^2}\sqrt{2} \in G$ .  $\square$