

## Examples of Groups

- Reminders:
  - HW1 due today 5pm
  - Office Hours today 2-3pm
- Announcement: Mathematistas (regular meetings on Wednesdays at 3pm, Happy Hour this Friday at 3pm)
- Video: More examples of groups  
( $\mathbb{Z}_n$ ,  $D_4$ ,  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ ) and the Cancellation Property

# Worksheet 5: Examples and Non-Examples of Groups

## Math 335

**Recorder** (person whose first name comes alphabetically first): \_\_\_\_\_

**Equity manager** (person whose first name comes alphabetically second): \_\_\_\_\_

**Reporter** (person whose first name comes alphabetically third): \_\_\_\_\_

*Get to know each other:* Have you seen any good movies or TV shows recently?

1. For each of the following, decide whether  $G$  is a group. If it is, try to prove that it's a group (assuming associativity). If it's not, try to figure out which of the group axioms fail.

(a)  $G = \{1, 2, 3\}$  under the operation of multiplication modulo 4

• Closed? No:  $2 \cdot 2 \equiv 0 \notin G$

• Associative? ✓

• Identity?  $1 \in G$  ✓

• Inverses? No: 2 has no inverse

	1	2	3
1	1	2	3
2	2	0	2
3	3	2	1

Not a group

(b)  $G = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  under the operation of multiplication modulo 5

• Closed? Yes (see table) ✓

• Associative? ✓

• Identity?  $1 \in G$  ✓

• Inverses? Yes (see table) ✓

	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4
2	2	4	1	3
3	3	1	4	2
4	4	3	2	1

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(c)  $G = \{\text{odd integers}\}$  under the operation of addition

Not a group

- Closed? No (e.g.  $5 + 3 = 8 \notin G$ )
- Associative? ✓
- Identity? No (0 isn't odd)
- Inverses? Yes (if  $a$  is odd, then  $-a$  is odd) ✓

(d)  $G = \{\text{even integers}\}$  under the operation of addition

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- Closed? Yes (even + even = even) ✓  
Proof:  $2k + 2l = 2(k + l)$
- Associative? ✓
- Identity? Yes (0 is even) ✓  
Proof:  $0 = 2 \cdot 0$
- Inverses? Yes (if  $a$  even, then  $-a$  even) ✓  
Proof:  $a = 2k \Rightarrow -a = -2k = 2(-k)$