

## Seminar 3

- 1. Let M be a non-empty set and let  $S_M = \{f : M \to M \mid f \text{ is bijective}\}$ . Show that  $(S_M, \circ)$  is a group, called the *symmetric group* of M.
- **2.** Let M be a non-empty set and let  $(R,+,\cdot)$  be a ring. Define on  $R^M=\{f\mid f:M\to a\}$ R} two operations by:  $\forall f, g \in R^M$ ,

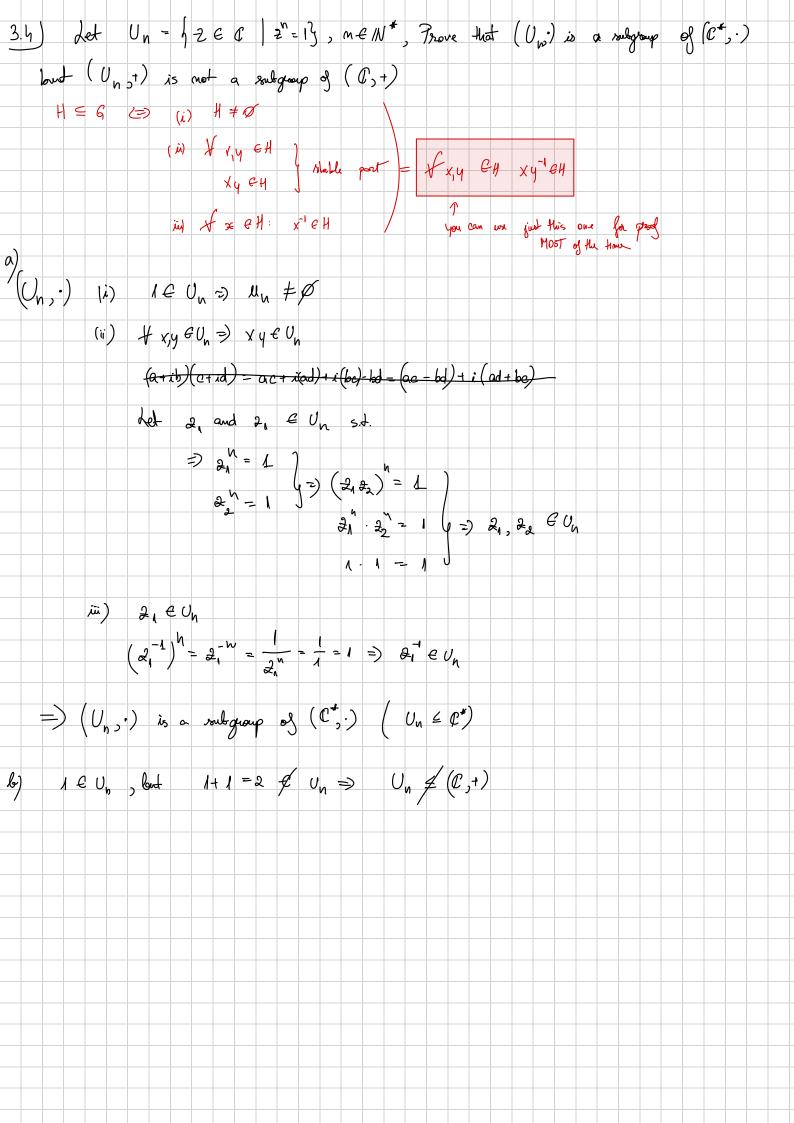
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,  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in M$ ,

$$f \cdot g : M \to R$$
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Show that  $(R^M, +, \cdot)$  is a ring. If R is commutative or has identity, does  $R^M$  have the same property?

- **3.** Prove that  $H = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| = 1\}$  is a subgroup of  $(\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot)$ , but not of  $(\mathbb{C}, +)$ .
- **4.** Let  $U_n = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid z^n = 1\}$   $(n \in \mathbb{N}^*)$  be the set of n-th roots of unity. Prove that  $U_n$  is a subgroup of  $(\mathbb{C}^*,\cdot)$ .
  - **5.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Prove that:
  - (i)  $GL_n(\mathbb{C}) = \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) \mid det(A) \neq 0\}$  is a stable subset of the monoid  $(M_n(\mathbb{C}), \cdot)$ ;
  - (ii)  $(GL_n(\mathbb{C}), \cdot)$  is a group, called the general linear group of rank n;
  - (iii)  $SL_n(\mathbb{C}) = \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) \mid det(A) = 1\}$  is a subgroup of the group  $(GL_n(\mathbb{C}), \cdot)$ .
  - **6.** Show that the following sets are subrings of the corresponding rings:

  - (i)  $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\} \text{ in } (\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot).$ (ii)  $\mathcal{M} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \middle| a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \text{ in } (M_2(\mathbb{R}), +, \cdot).$
- **7.** (i) Let  $f: \mathbb{C}^* \to \mathbb{R}^*$  be defined by f(z) = |z|. Show that f is a group homomorphism between  $(\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot)$  and  $(\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot)$ .
- (ii) Let  $g: \mathbb{C}^* \to GL_2(\mathbb{R})$  be defined by  $g(a+bi) = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix}$ . Show that g is a group homomorphism between  $(\mathbb{C}^*,\cdot)$  and  $(GL_2(\mathbb{R}),\cdot)$ .
- **8.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Prove that the groups  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$  of residue classes modulo n and  $(U_n,\cdot)$  of n-th roots of unity are isomorphic.
  - **9.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Consider the ring  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +, \cdot)$  and let  $\widehat{a} \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ .
  - (i) Prove that  $\hat{a}$  is invertible  $\iff$  (a, n) = 1.
  - (ii) Deduce that  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +, \cdot)$  is a field  $\iff n$  is prime.
- **10.** Let  $\mathcal{M} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} \middle| a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \subseteq M_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Show that  $(\mathcal{M}, +, \cdot)$  is a field isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$ .



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