

Exercise 6.30: Suppose that $\phi : Z_{50} \rightarrow Z_{50}$ is an automorphism with $\phi(11) = 13$. Determine a formula for $\phi(x)$.

Let us first determine $\phi(1)$. Note that:

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1 >> x=[1:50];
2 >> [x;mod(11.*x, 50)]
3 ans =
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5 Columns 1 through 12:
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7      1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9     10     11     12
8     11     22     33     44      5     16     27     38     49     10     21     32
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10 Columns 13 through 24:
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12     13     14     15     16     17     18     19     20     21     22     23     24
13     43      4     15     26     37     48      9     20     31     42      3     14
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15 Columns 25 through 36:
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17     25     26     27     28     29     30     31     32     33     34     35     36
18     25     36     47      8     19     30     41      2     13     24     35     46
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20 Columns 37 through 48:
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22     37     38     39     40     41     42     43     44     45     46     47     48
23      7     18     29     40      1     12     23     34     45      6     17     28
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25 Columns 49 and 50:
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27     49     50
28     39      0
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30 >> diary off

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Now we can see that $11^{41} = 1$ and thus $\phi(1) = \phi(11^{41}) = 13^{41} = 33$. And now $\phi(x) = \phi(1^x) = \phi(1)^x = 33 * x \mod 50$.

Exercise 6.37: Prove that \mathbb{Z} under addition is not isomorphic to \mathbb{Q} under addition.

Suppose $q = \frac{i}{j}$ is a generator of \mathbb{Q} . Note that 0 cannot be the generator of \mathbb{Q} and thus $i \neq 0$. Consider $q' = \frac{i}{2j} \in \mathbb{Q}$. Note that there must be some integer k such that $q * k = q'$, since q is a generator. Now we see that $k = j/i * q * k = j/i * q' = 1/2 \notin \mathbb{Z}$, a contradiction to k being an integer. We now conclude that \mathbb{Q} has no generator, and thus is not cyclic. Since \mathbb{Z} is cyclic we can conclude $\mathbb{Q} \not\cong \mathbb{Z}$.

Exercise 6.42: Suppose that G is a finite Abelian group and G has no element of order 2. Show that the mapping $\phi : g \rightarrow g^2$ is an automorphism of G . Show, by example, that there is an infinite Abelian group for which the mapping $g \rightarrow g^2$ is one-to-one and operation-preserving but not an automorphism.

Suppose $a \in G$ and $2 \mid n = |a|$. Note that $a^{n/2} \in G$ and $|a^{n/2}| = 2$, a contradiction conclude that no elements have order divisible by 2.

Suppose $|a| = n$ and $|a^2| = m$. Note that $(a^2)^n = (a^n)^2 = e$ thus $m \leq n$. Note that $a^{2m} = e$ thus $n \mid 2m$ and since n and 2 are relatively prime we see $n \mid m$ thus $m \geq n$ or $n = m$. We now know $|a| = |a^2|$ for all $a \in G$.

Suppose $a^2 = b^2$ where $a, b \in G$. Note that $|a| = |b| = 2k + 1$ for some integer k . Note that $a^{2k}a = e = b^{2k}b$ and that $a^{2k} = (a^2)^k = (b^2)^k = b^{2k}$ thus by cancellation we see that $a = b$.

We now conclude that ϕ is one-to-one, thus since G is finite ϕ is also onto. Note that $\phi(ab) = (ab)^2 = a^2b^2 = \phi(a)\phi(b)$, thus ϕ is an automorphism of G .

Let $G = \mathbb{Z}$ under addition. Note that $\phi : g \rightarrow g^2$ is one-to-one, since $2a = 2b \Rightarrow a = b$. And note that $\phi(ab) = 2 * (a + b) = 2 * a + 2 * b = \phi(a)\phi(b)$. Note that there is no element of \mathbb{Z} that maps to 1 under ϕ , thus ϕ is not an automorphism.

Exercise 6.48: Let ϕ be an isomorphism from a group G to a group \bar{G} and let a belong to G . Prove that $\phi(C(a)) = C(\phi(a))$.

Choose $\bar{x} \in \phi(C(a))$. Note that there exists a $x \in C(a)$ such that $\phi(x) = \bar{x}$. Note that $ax = xa$ since $x \in C(a)$ thus $\phi(a)\bar{x} = \phi(ax) = \phi(xa) = \bar{x}\phi(a)$, thus $\bar{x} \in C(\phi(a))$ and $\phi(C(a)) \subseteq C(\phi(a))$.

Choose $\bar{x} \in C(\phi(a))$. Note that there exists a $x \in G$ such that $\phi(x) = \bar{x}$. Note that $\phi(a)\bar{x} = \bar{x}\phi(a)$ since $\bar{x} \in C(\phi(a))$ thus $\phi(ax) = \phi(a)\bar{x} = \bar{x}\phi(a) = \phi(xa)$, thus due to bijectivity $ax = xa$ and so $x \in C(a)$ or $\bar{x} \in \phi(C(a))$ and $C(\phi(a)) \subseteq \phi(C(a))$. We conclude $\phi(C(a)) = C(\phi(a))$.

Exercise 6.51: Suppose that G is an Abelian group and ϕ is an automorphism of G . Prove that $H = \{x \in G \mid \phi(x) = x^{-1}\}$ is a subgroup of G .

Choose $a, b \in H$. Note that $\phi(ab^{-1}) = \phi(a)\phi(b^{-1}) = a^{-1}(\phi(b))^{-1} = a^{-1}b = (b^{-1}a)^{-1} = (ab^{-1})^{-1}$, thus $ab^{-1} \in H$. By the one step test we know that H is a subgroup of G .

Exercise 6.53: Let a belong to a group G and let $|a|$ be finite. Let ϕ_a be the automorphism of G given by $\phi_a(x) = axa^{-1}$. Show that $|\phi_a|$ divides $|a|$. Exhibit an element a from a group for which $1 < |\phi_a| < |a|$.

Note that $\phi_a^{|a|}(x) = a^{|a|}xa^{-|a|} = exe = x$, thus $|\phi_a|$ divides $|a|$.

Recall in D_4 that R_{180} commutes with all elements but R_{90} does not. Let $a = R_{90}$. Note that $\phi_a(x) = axa^{-1} = R_{90}xR_{270}$ which is not x for all x , in particular if $x = H$, $\phi_a(x) = V \neq H$, thus $|\phi_a| \neq 1$ or $|\phi_a| > 1$. Note that $\phi_a(\phi_a(x)) = R_{180}xR_{180} = xR_{180}R_{180} = x$ thus $|\phi_a| \leq 2$. Note that $1 < |\phi_a| \leq 2 < 4 = |a|$.