

## 2.1

- a.  $\mathbb{R}^+$  is not a group since none of the elements have inverses besides  $\{0\}$ . The inverse of  $a \in \mathbb{R}^+$  is  $-a \notin \mathbb{R}^+$
- b. This is a group, 0 is the identity, the inverse of  $a \in 3\mathbb{Z}$  is  $-a$  and 3 divides  $-a$  since 3 divides  $a$  so  $-a \in 3\mathbb{Z}$ , and addition is associative. Therefore  $3\mathbb{Z}$  under addition satisfies all the requirements of a group
- c. This is not a group since there is no identity.  $a * b \geq 0$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , therefore if  $a < 0$ ,  $a * b \neq a$  for all  $b \in \mathbb{R}$
- d. This is a group since 1 is the identity,  $-1$  and 1 are their own inverses and multiplication is associative.
- e. This is a group since for any  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b} \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\sqrt{ab} \in \mathbb{Q}$ . The inverse of  $a$  would be  $\frac{1}{a}$  which by the way the square root works,  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{a}} \in \mathbb{Q}$ . The identity would be 1 and multiplication is associative. Therefore all the conditions are met for this set under multiplication to be a group
- f. This is not a group since the operation is not associative. Subtraction is not associative.
- g. This is a group, we have  $(0, 1)$  be the identity, for a given  $(a, b)$  in the set,  $(-a, \frac{1}{b})$  is its inverse, and addition and multiplication are associative and so  $*$  is associative too
- h. This is a group, 0 is the identity. The operation is accociative:

$$a * (b * c) = a * (b + c - bc) = a + b + c - a(b + c - bc)$$

$$= a + b + c - ab - ac + abc = (a + b - ab) + c - c(a + b - ab) = (a * b) * c$$

And the inverse of any  $a \in \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$  is  $\frac{a}{a-1}$  since

$$a * \frac{a}{a-1} = \frac{1}{a-1}(a(a-1) + a - a^2) = 0$$

which is well defined since  $a - 1 \neq 0$ . Therefore all the conditions of being a group are satisfied

- i. This is a group, 1 is the identity, addition is associative, and the inverse of a given  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  is  $-a$ :  $a - 1 - (a - 1) = 0$

**2.3** Under intersection  $P(X)$  is a group, but not under union. As established in an earlier homework assignments, for a given  $A \in P(X)$ , the operation

$$F(B) = A \cup B$$

is not injective and therefore does not have an inverse, and therefore the element  $A$  cannot have an inverse under the union operation.

For intersection, we have proven in a previous homework that the intersection operation is associative. We have the empty set be the identity since

$$\emptyset \cap A = A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$$

and for the inverse of a given element  $A$  we have

$$A^{-1} = X - A$$

since

$$A \cap (X - A) = (X - A) \cap A = \emptyset$$

**2.5** No,  $c$  has no inverse, there is no element  $c^{-1}$  in the table such that  $c^{-1}ca = a$

**2.7**

	$a$	$b$
$a$	$a$	$b$
$b$	$b$	$a$

$a$  is the identity, and  $b$  is it's own inverse

**2.8** Yes it forms a group. The identity function is  $f(x) = 1$  since

$$1g(x) = g(x)1 = g(x)$$

for all functions  $g(x)$ . For any function  $f(x)$  where  $f(x) \neq 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we define its inverse to be  $\frac{1}{f(x)}$ . Since  $f(x) \neq 0$ , the inverse is well defined. And multiplication is associative, so the operation of multiplying these functions is associative. Therefore all the criteria for being a group are met.

**2.10** Matrix multiplication is associative, the Identity matrix would be:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

which as established in linear algebra, changes nothing under matrix multiplication. Since the determinanant of these matricies is non-zero, they all have inverses:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2} \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$$

which are also of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}$ . Therefore all the requirements to be a group are met

**3.3** Example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Some straight forward calculations yield  $AB = BC$  even though  $A \neq C$

**3.4** Because  $G$  is a group,  $\exists x^{-1} \in G$ . Therefore if we apply  $x^{-1}$  to both sides of the equation we have:

$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot g &= x \\ x^{-1} \cdot xg &= x^{-1} \cdot x \\ e \cdot g &= e \end{aligned}$$

and by the definition of the identity, this can only be the case if  $g = e$

**3.7** If an element occurred more than once in a row or column of a table, that is equivalent to saying there exists  $a \in G$  such that

$$\exists b, c \in G : b \neq c, \text{ and either } ab = ac, \text{ or } ba = ca$$

However we know  $a^{-1} \in G$ , therefore

$$a^{-1}ab = a^{-1}ac \text{ or } baa^{-1} = caa^{-1}$$

and so

$$b = c$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore the mapping of elements in  $G$  to the elements in the rows and columns must be injective. And because the number of elements in each row is the same as the number of elements in  $G$ , we know that the mapping is surjective. Therefore every element occurs precisely once in each row and column.

**3.11** For a given  $x, y \in G$ , with  $x \neq y$  we have for the element  $xy$ :

$$(xy)^{-1} = xy$$

however

$$(xy)(yx) = x(yy)x = e$$

as well, therefore they are both the inverse of  $xy$ , which is unique. So

$$(xy)^{-1} = xy = yx$$

**3.14** First we will show there is an Identity element. We know some element  $a \in G$  there is an element  $e \in G$  such that

$$ae = a$$

from this, we have  $\forall y \in G$

$$(ae)y = ay = a(ey)$$

And therefore  $ey = y$  for all  $y$ , Therefore for  $\forall x \in G$ :

$$x(ey) = xy = (xe)y$$

and so  $x = xe$ . Therefore  $e$  satisfies all the properties of the identity element for  $G$ .

From there we have for any  $a \in G$ :

$$\exists a^{-1} \in G : aa^{-1} = e$$

And so we have

$$a(a^{-1}a) = a = (a^{-1}a)a$$

and so  $a^{-1}a = e$ . Therefore  $a^{-1}$  satisfies the properties to be the inverse of  $a$ .

Theres an identity, all elements have an inverse, and  $G$  is closed under an assosicative operation, therefore  $G$  is a group.

**3.15** We will let the cardinality of  $G$  be  $n$ . First we will show that there must be an Identity element.

If we take some  $a \in G$  we look at the set

$$\{a, a^2, a^3, a^4, \dots, a^n, a^{n+1}\}$$

Since there are  $n$  possible values in  $G$  but there are  $n + 1$  elements in this set, by the pigeonhole principle, two of these values must be the same:  $a^i = a^j$  for some  $i < j$ .

Therefore we have  $a^i = a^i a^{j-i}$ . We will relabel  $a^{j-i}$  as  $e$ . We now have for all  $b \in G$

$$(a^i e)b = a^i(eb) = a^i b$$

and so  $eb = b$ . Similarly for any  $c \in G$

$$c(eb) = (ce)b = cb$$

so  $ec = c$ . Therefore  $e$  satisfies all the properties to be the identity of  $G$ .

From the following property for any  $x, a, b \in G$

$$a \neq b \Rightarrow ax \neq bx$$

We know the mapping of  $f(a) = a \cdot x$  is injective, and therefore since it maps from  $G$  to  $G$ , it is surjective. Therefore we know there is some  $x^{-1} \in G$  such that  $x^{-1}x = e$ . Also that

$$x(x^{-1}x) = (xx^{-1})x = x$$

and so  $xx^{-1} = e$ . So  $x^{-1}$  satisfies all the properties of the inverse of  $x$ . Therefore all elements in  $G$  have an inverse.

All the properties required to be a group are satisfied and so  $G$  is a group

**3.16** Consider  $G = \mathbb{N}$  under addition.

The conditions are met since for  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$a + b = c + b \Leftrightarrow a = c$$

and

$$a + b \in \mathbb{N} \Leftrightarrow a, b \in \mathbb{N}$$

However there is no identity or inverses over  $G$ .