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**MATH 407:** HW 08

- 3.4 4** Show that  $\mathbb{Z}_5^\times$  is not isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_8^\times$  by showing that the first group has an element of order 4 but the second group does not

The elements in each of the groups

$$\{[1], [2], [3], [4]\} \in \mathbb{Z}_5^\times, o(\mathbb{Z}_5^\times) = 4$$

$$\{[1], [3], [5], [7]\} \in \mathbb{Z}_8^\times, o(\mathbb{Z}_8^\times) = 4$$

In  $\mathbb{Z}_5^\times$

$$[2]^4 = [1], o([2]) = 4$$

$$[3]^4 = [1], o([3]) = 4$$

$$[4]^2 = [1], o([4]) = 2$$

Therefore,  $\mathbb{Z}_5^\times$  is a cyclic group with generators [2] and [3]

In  $\mathbb{Z}_8^\times$

$$[3]^2 = [1], o([3]) = 2$$

$$[5]^2 = [1], o([5]) = 2$$

$$[7]^2 = [1], o([7]) = 2$$

No elements in  $\mathbb{Z}_8^\times$  is of the same order as its group order

which implies  $\mathbb{Z}_8^\times$  is non-cyclic

Therefore,  $\mathbb{Z}_5^\times$  is not isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_8^\times$  since the first group is cyclic unlike the latter  $\square$

- 7** Let  $G$  be a group. Show that the group  $(G, *)$  defined in Exercise 3 of Section 3.1 is isomorphic to  $G$ .

Given  $(G, *)$  is a group where  $a * b = b \cdot a$

Let  $\phi : (G, *) \rightarrow (G, \cdot)$  as

$$\phi(a) = \phi(e * a)$$

$$= a * e$$

$$= a, \forall a \in (G, *)$$

We need to show  $\phi(a * b) = \phi(a) \cdot \phi(b)$

$$\phi(a * b) = b \cdot a$$

$$= b * e \cdot a * a$$

$$= \phi(b) \cdot \phi(a)$$

□

11 Let  $G$  be the set of all matrices in  $GL_2(\mathbb{Z}_3)$  of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} m & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . That is,  $m, b \in \mathbb{Z}_3$  and  $m \neq [0]_3$ . Show that  $G$  is a subgroup of  $GL_2(\mathbb{Z}_3)$  that is isomorphic to  $S_3$ .

Given

$$G = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

The non-empty, finite set  $G$  is a subgroup if  $xy^{-1} \in G, \forall x, y \in G$

$$\text{Let } \begin{bmatrix} m & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} n & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in G, \text{ where } m, n \neq [0]_3 \text{ Then}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} m & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} mn & b+am \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $m, n \neq [0]_3$ , then  $mn \neq [0]_3$

$$\text{Therefore } \begin{bmatrix} mn & b+am \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in G, \text{ and } G \text{ is a subgroup of } GL_2(\mathbb{Z}_3)$$

$$\text{Also, if } a = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, a, b \in G,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
a^3 &= \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^3 \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
b^2 &= \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^2 \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
a^2b &= \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= ba
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $G$  is similar to  $S_3 = \{e, a, a^2, b, ab, a^2b\}$ ,  
where  $a^3 = e, b^2 = e, ba = a^2b$

Thus, let  $\phi : G \rightarrow S_3$  as

$$\phi \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = (1, 2, 3)$$

$$\phi\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = (1, 2)$$

Then

$$\phi\left(\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)^i \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)^j\right) = (1, 2, 3)^i (1, 2)^j, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \quad j = 0, 1$$

Which is both one-to-one and onto

□

- 14** Let  $G = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x > 0 \text{ and } x \neq 1\}$ , and define  $*$  on  $G$  by  $a * b = a^{\ln b}$ . Show that  $G$  is isomorphic to the multiplicative group  $\mathbb{R}^\times$ . (See Exercise 9 of Section 3.1.)

Assume  $\phi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^\times$  is one-to-one and onto

Let  $y \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}^\times$ , such that  $e^y > 0 \in G$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(e^y) &= \ln e^y \\ &= y \end{aligned}$$

□

- 17** Let  $\phi : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  be a group isomorphism. Prove that if  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G_1$ , then  $\phi(H) = \{y \in G_2 \mid y = \phi(h) \text{ for some } h \in H\}$  is a subgroup of  $G_2$ .

Since  $\phi : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  is a group isomorphism,  $\phi(e_1) = e_2$

Since  $H$  is a subgroup,

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 &\in H \\ \Rightarrow e_2 &\in \phi(H) \end{aligned}$$

A non-empty set  $G$  is a subgroup if  $xy^{-1} \in G, \forall x, y \in G$

Let  $x, y \in \phi(H)$

Then, there exists  $h_1, h_2 \in H$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(h_1) &= x \\ \phi(h_2) &= y \end{aligned}$$

Also, since  $\phi$  is homomorphic,

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(h_2^{-1}) &= (\phi(h_2))^{-1} \\ &= y^{-1} \\ \phi(h_1 h_2^{-1}) &= \phi(h_1) \phi(h_2^{-1}) \\ &= xy^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

Since  $H$  is a subgroup,  $h_1 h_2^{-1} \in H, \forall h_1, h_2 \in H$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(h_1 h_2^{-1}) &= xy^{-1} \\ &\in \phi(H)\end{aligned}$$

That is,  $\phi(h_1 h_2^{-1}) \in \phi(H), \forall x, y \in \phi(H)$

□

- 24** Let  $G = \mathbb{R} - \{-1\}$ . Define  $*$  on  $G$  by  $a * b = a + b + ab$ . Show that  $G$  is isomorphic to the multiplicative group  $\mathbb{R}^\times$ . (See Exercise 13 of Section 3.1.)

*Hint:* Remember that an isomorphism maps identity to identity. Use this fact to help find the necessary mapping.

Let  $\phi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^\times$  as  $\phi(a) = 1 + a$

Let  $a = b$

Then,  $1 + a = 1 + b$

Therefore,  $\phi(a) = \phi(b)$  and  $\phi$  is well defined

Let  $\phi(a) = \phi(b)$

Then  $1 + a = 1 + b$ , which implies  $a = b$

Therefore,  $\phi$  is one-to-one

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^\times$

Therefore,  $x \neq 0$  and  $\exists y = x - 1 \in G$

Since  $\phi(x - 1) = 1 + x - 1 = x$ ,  $\phi$  is also onto

To show  $\phi(a * b) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$ , consider

$$\phi(a * b) = 1 + (a * b)$$

$$= 1 + a + b + ab$$

$$= (1 + a)(1 + b)$$

$$= \phi(a)\phi(b)$$

Therefore,  $G \cong \mathbb{R}^\times$

□

- 26** Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be groups. A function from  $G$  into  $G_2$  that preserves products but is not necessarily a one-to-one correspondence will be called a group homomorphism, from the Greek word *homos* meaning same. Show that  $\phi : \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^\times$  defined by  $\phi(A) = \det(A)$  for all matrices  $A \in \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  is a group homomorphism.

Consider  $\phi(A) = \det(A)$

Since  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  is a field, it is also abelian, and therefore

$$\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$$

Thus,

$$\phi(AB) = \det(AB)$$

$$= \det(A) \det(B)$$

$$= \phi(A)\phi(B)$$

□

- 3.5** **2** Let  $G$  be a group and let  $a \in G$  be an element of order 30. List the powers of  $a$  that have order 2, order 3 or order 5.

$$(a^{15})^2 = e$$

$$(a^{10})^3 = e$$

$$(a^{20})^3 = e$$

$$(a^6)^5 = e$$

$$(a^{12})^5 = e$$

$$(a^{18})^5 = e$$

$$(a^{24})^5 = e$$

Therefore,

the powers of  $a$  of order 2 is  $a^{15}$

the powers of  $a$  of order 3 are  $a^{10}, a^{20}$

the powers of  $a$  of order 5 are  $a^6, a^{12}, a^{18}, a^{24}$

□

**3** Give the subgroup diagrams of the following groups.

**a**  $\mathbb{Z}_{24}$

The generators of  $\mathbb{Z}_{24}$  are  $\langle 1 \rangle, \langle 2 \rangle, \langle 3 \rangle, \langle 4 \rangle, \langle 6 \rangle, \langle 8 \rangle, \langle 12 \rangle, \langle 0 \rangle$

$$\langle 1 \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_{24}$$

$$\langle 2 \rangle = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 0\}$$

$$\langle 3 \rangle = \{3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 0\}$$

$$\langle 4 \rangle = \{4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 0\}$$

$$\langle 6 \rangle = \{6, 12, 18, 0\}$$

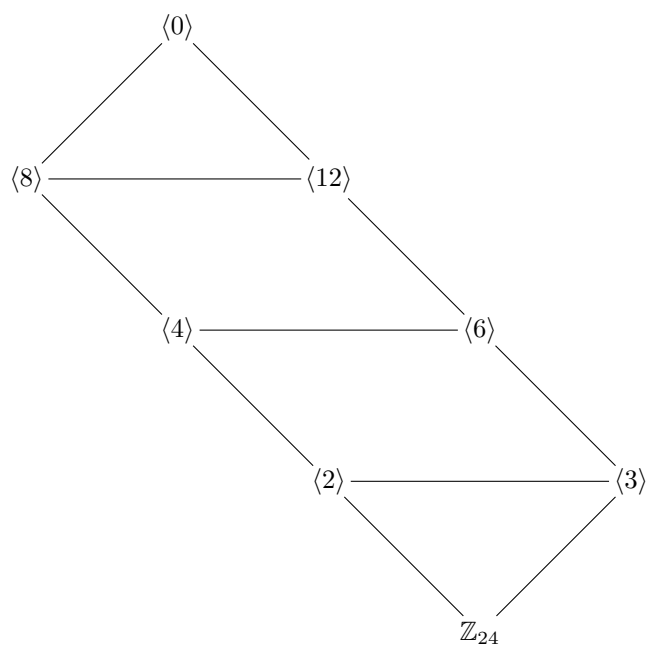
$$\langle 8 \rangle = \{8, 16, 0\}$$

$$\langle 12 \rangle = \{12, 0\}$$

$$\langle 0 \rangle = \{0\}$$

□

**Figure 1:** Subgroup Diagram of  $\mathbb{Z}_{24}$



**b**  $\mathbb{Z}_{36}$

The generators of  $\mathbb{Z}_{36}$  are  $\langle 1 \rangle, \langle 2 \rangle, \langle 3 \rangle, \langle 6 \rangle, \langle 9 \rangle, \langle 12 \rangle, \langle 18 \rangle, \langle 0 \rangle$

$$\langle 1 \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_{36}$$

$$\langle 2 \rangle = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 0\}$$

$$\langle 3 \rangle = \{3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 0\}$$

$$\langle 4 \rangle = \{4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 0\}$$

$$\langle 6 \rangle = \{6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 0\}$$

$$\langle 9 \rangle = \{9, 18, 27, 0\}$$

$$\langle 12 \rangle = \{12, 24, 0\}$$

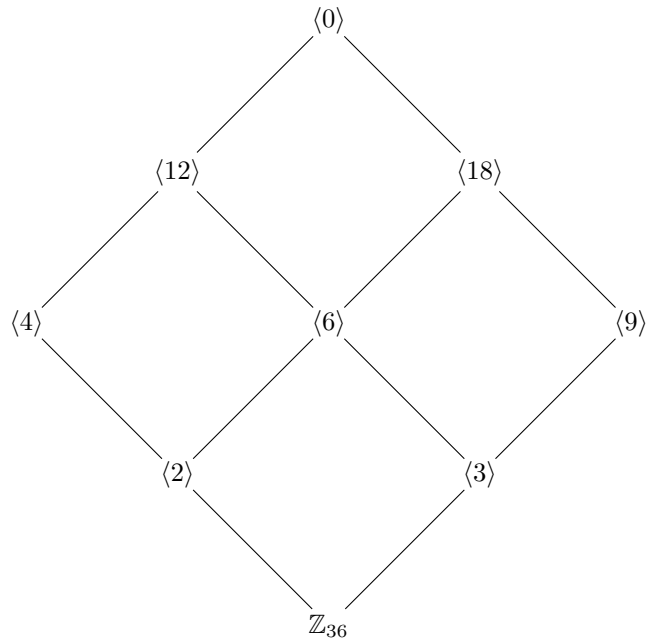
$$\langle 18 \rangle = \{18, 0\}$$

$$\langle 0 \rangle = \{0\}$$

□



**Figure 2:** Subgroup Diagram of  $\mathbb{Z}_{36}$



**10** Find all cyclic subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$

All the cyclic subgroups by checking the multiples of all elements in the group

$$\langle(0, 0)\rangle = \{(0, 0)\}$$

$$\langle(0, 1)\rangle = \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (0, 2)\}$$

$$= \langle(0, 2)\rangle$$

$$\langle(1, 0)\rangle = \{(0, 0), (1, 0), (2, 0), (3, 0), (4, 0), (5, 0)\}$$

$$= \langle(5, 0)\rangle$$

$$\langle(1, 1)\rangle = \{(0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 0), (4, 1), (5, 2)\}$$

$$= \langle(5, 2)\rangle$$

$$\langle(1, 2)\rangle = \{(0, 0), (1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 0), (4, 2), (5, 1)\}$$

$$= \langle(5, 1)\rangle$$

$$\langle(2, 0)\rangle = \{(0, 0), (2, 0), (4, 0)\}$$

$$= \langle(4, 0)\rangle$$

$$\langle(2, 1)\rangle = \{(0, 0), (2, 1), (4, 2)\}$$

$$= \langle(4, 2)\rangle$$

$$\langle(2, 2)\rangle = \{(0, 0), (2, 2), (4, 1)\}$$

$$= \langle(4, 1)\rangle$$

$$\langle (3, 0) \rangle = \{(0, 0), (3, 0)\}$$

$$\langle (3, 1) \rangle = \{(0, 0), (3, 1), (0, 2), (3, 0), (0, 1), (3, 2)\}$$

$$= \langle (3, 2) \rangle$$

□

- 12** Let  $a, b$  be positive integers, and let  $d = \gcd(a, b)$  and  $m = \text{lcm}(a, b)$ . Use Proposition 3.5.5 to prove that  $\mathbb{Z}_a \times \mathbb{Z}_b \cong \mathbb{Z}_d \times \mathbb{Z}_m$

□

- 13** Show that in a finite cyclic group of order  $n$ , the equation  $x^m = e$  has exactly  $m$  solutions, for each positive integer  $m$  that is a divisor of  $n$ .

□

- 17** Let  $G$  be the set of all  $3 \times 3$  matrices of the form 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- a** Show that if  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_3$ , the  $G$  is a group with exponent 3.

Consider

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a+a & b+ac+b \\ 0 & 1 & c+c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a+a & b+ac+b \\ 0 & 1 & c+c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3a & 3b+3ac \\ 0 & 1 & 3c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $G$  has an exponent of 3,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3a & 3b+3ac \\ 0 & 1 & 3c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

□

**b** Show that if  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ , the  $G$  is a group with exponent 4.

Consider

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a+a & b+ac+b \\ 0 & 1 & c+c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & ac \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & ac \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & ac \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & ac+ac \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

□

**19** Let  $n = 2^k$  for  $k > 2$ . Prove that  $\mathbb{Z}_n^\times$  is not cyclic.

*Hint:* Show that  $\pm 1$  satisfy the equation  $x^2 = 1$ , and that this is impossible in any cyclic group.

Let  $x = \frac{n}{2} + 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{2^k}{2} + 1\right)^2 \\ &= (2^{k-1} + 1)^2 \\ &= 2^{2k-2} + 1 + 2^k \\ &= 1 + 2^k(2^k + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $x^2 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2^k}$ , or  $x^2 = 1$

Now let  $x = \frac{n}{2} - 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \left(\frac{n}{2} - 1\right)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{2^k}{2} - 1\right)^2 \\ &= (2^{k-1} - 1)^2 \\ &= 2^{2k-2} + 1 - 2^k \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 + 2^k(2^k - 1)$$

Therefore,  $x^2 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2^k}$ , or  $x^2 = 1$

Therefore, the solutions to  $x^2 = 1$  are  $\pm 1, \frac{n}{2} \pm 1$

Therefore, the order of  $\mathbb{Z}_n^\times$  are even, which is not possible in a cyclic group

Therefore,  $\mathbb{Z}_n^\times$  is not cyclic (by contradiction)

□