

# A Note for Abstract Algebra

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## Material List

- Lieback
- Rotman - Group
- Rings Notes
- Midterm

Additional material: e-book from wechat group contribute by Fanlue. It might be useful when having no problem sheets and solutions.

## Chapters and Contents

### 1. Lieback

- Chapter 19
- Chapter 20
- Chapter 25
- Chapter 26

### 2. Rotman - Groups

- Subgroup
- Lagrange
- Cyclic Groups
- Normal Groups
- Isomorphism
- Correspondence
- Quotient Groups
- Direct product
- Conjugates
- $G_{\text{set}}$
- Symmetric Groups
- Corollary Burnside
- Burnside Lemma
- Burnside Colouring Flag
- Burnside  $4 \times 4$
- Burnside Bracelet

### 3. Ring Notes

- Rings 1 - 8
- Rings 2.3 - 2.12
- Factorisation
- Isomorphism
- Division in quadratic integers

**Note that: *groups actions* and *Burnside's Lemma* ( *Section factorisation in integral domains* ) are not examinable!!!**

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# Groups

This part is the most important and abundant part. Problems mainly have no solutions.

1. **Permutation and cycles**
2. **Transportation**
3. **Disjoint = Commute**: if  $\alpha(x) \neq x$ , then all  $\beta(x) = x$
4. **Cancellation Law**: if either  $\alpha\beta = \alpha\gamma$  or  $\beta\alpha = \gamma\alpha$   $\beta = \gamma$
5. **Regular permutation**:  $\alpha = 1$  or  $\alpha$  is a product of disjoint cycles.
6. **Even/odd permutation**: Even/Odd numbers of  $r$ -cycles, where  $r$  is an even number.
7. **Group**:
  - **Closure Axiom**: for any  $\alpha, \beta \in G$ , then  $\alpha\beta \in G$
  - **Associative Axiom**: for  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in G$ ,  $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$
  - **Identity Axiom**: for  $\exists e \in G$ , such that  $a * e = e * a = a$ , for all  $a \in G$
  - **Inverse Axiom** for  $\forall a \in G$  there exist  $b \in G$ , s.t.,  $a * b = b * a = e$
8. **Semi-group**: Associative Axiom
9. **S<sub>x</sub> S<sub>n</sub>: Symmetric Group** permutation groups **A<sub>x</sub> A<sub>n</sub>: Alternating Group** ) even permutation groups
10. **Comute=abelian**
11. ☐ **Congruence Class Z<sub>m</sub>**
12. ☐ **Unit** in Ring
13. **Four Group**
14. **Multiplication table NB**:  $a_{row} * a_{column}$
15. **Homomorphism**:  $f(a * b) = f(a) \circ f(b)$
16. **Isomorphism**  $\cong$ : Homomorphism & Bijection  
**Imbedded**:  $S$  can be imbedded in  $G \Leftrightarrow S \cong G'$ , where  $G' \leq G$
17. **Subgroup**:  $S \leq G$  **Determine**:
  1. if  $s, t \in S$ , then  $s^{-1} \in S$  and  $st \in S \Rightarrow S \leq G$
  2.  $1 \in S$  and if  $s, t \in S$  then  $st^{-1} \in S \Rightarrow S \leq G$
  3.  $G$  is a **finite** group and if  $s, t \in G$  then  $st \in S \Rightarrow S \leq G$
18. **Cyclic (Sub)Group**:  $\langle a \rangle$   
**Subgroup generated by a**:  $\langle A \rangle$
19. **Order: number of elements**  
**Index**:  $[G : S]$ , **number of (right) cosets of S in G**  
**Exponent**:  $x^n = 1$  **for all**  $x \in G$
20. **Proper**: Subgroup  $\neq$  Group
21. **Trivial**: Subgroup 1
22. **Kernel**:  $\ker f = \{a \in G : f(a) = 1\}$  **Image**:  $\text{Im} f = \{h \in H : h = f(a)\}$  **NB**: For  $G \rightarrow S$ ,  $\ker f \in G$  and  $\text{Im} f \in H$
23. **Word**: A conception to build  $\langle X \rangle$ , for a subset  $X$  of a group  $G$ ,  $w = x_1^{e_1} x_2^{e_2} x_3^{e_3} x_4^{e_4} \cdots x_n^{e_n}$ , where  $x_i \in X$ ,  $e_n = \pm 1$ , then  $\langle X \rangle$  is either 1 if  $X = \emptyset$ , or  $\langle X \rangle = \{\text{all words of } X\}$
24. **General linear Group**  $GL(n, k)$ : **N.B. k is a field**.  $GL(n, k) = (A, \times)$ , where  $A = \{n \times n \text{ matrix: all entries (or say elements) } a \in k\}$   
**Special Linear Group**  $SL(n, k)$ : matrices have determine 1.  
**N.B.** for  $n = 1$ ,  $GL(n, k)$  is **abelian** and  $n \geq 2$ ,  $GL(n, k)$  is **NOT Abelian**

25. **(Right) Coset of  $S$ :**  $St = \{st : s \in S\}$ ,  $t$  is called representative.

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## Rings

1. **Ring:**  $(F, +, \cdot)$  is a ring if:

- $(R, +)$  is a Group;
- $(R, +)$  is a Semigroup;
- $\forall a, b, c, a(b + c) = ab + ac$  and  $(a + b)c = ac + bc$

2. **Division Ring:**  $\forall a \neq 0, \exists b, s.t. ab = ba = 1$

3. **Field:** Commutative division ring.

4. **Subring:**

- $R$  is a ring,  $S \subset R$
- $0, 1 \in S$
- for  $\forall s, t \in S, s + t, st, s - t \in S$

5. **Integral domain:**

1.  $R$  is commutative
2.  $0 \neq 1$
3.  $R$  has **NO** zero divisor

6. **Examples:**

**Rings:**

- $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$
- $\mathbb{R}[x]$  (polynomials with real coefficients)
- $M_n(R)$  (Matrix ring, considering  $GL(n, k)$ ) e.g.  $M_2(R), M_3(R)$ ...
- $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} = \{[0]_m, [1]_m, \dots, [m-1]_m\}$  (Residue Class Rings) **N.B.:**  $m > 1$  can be non-prime integer e.g.  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}, \dots$

**Division Rings:**

- $\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$

**NOT Division Rings:**

- $\mathbb{Z}$
- $\mathbb{R}[x]$

**Subrings**

- $\mathbb{Z}$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$
- $\mathbb{Q}$  of  $\mathbb{R}$
- $\mathbb{R}$  of  $\mathbb{C}$
- $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$  of  $\mathbb{C}$
- $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{d}]$  of  $\mathbb{C}$  (Also a field)

7. **Left/Right Zero Divisor:**  $a \neq 0$  is called left zero divisor if  $\exists b \neq 0, s.t. ab = 0$

8. **Unit:**  $ab=ba=1$  **no need for left/right**

$R^*$ : group of units.

9. **A finite integral domain is a field:**

☐ *Proof:* Find inverse.

$\Rightarrow$  The ring  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$  is a field iff  $m$  is prime.

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11. **Ring homomorphism:**

- $\gamma(0) = 0, \gamma(1) = 1$
- $\gamma(a + b) = \gamma(a) + \gamma(b)$
- $\gamma(ab) = \gamma(a)\gamma(b)$