Dummit & Foote Ch. 2.3: Cyclic Groups and Cyclic Subgroups

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Find all subgroups of $Z_{45} = \langle x \rangle$, giving a generator for each. Describe the containments between these subgroups.

Proof. The subgroups of $Z_{45} = \langle x \rangle$ are those cyclic groups generated by x^n, where n divides 45. These are:

- $\langle 1 \rangle = \{1\}$, the trivial subgroup
- $\langle x^{15} \rangle = \{1, x^{15}, x^{30}\} \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$
- $\langle x^9 \rangle = \{1, x^9, x^{18}, x^{27}, x^{36}\} \cong \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$
- $\langle x^5 \rangle = \{1, x^5, x^{10}, x^{15}, x^{20}, x^{25}, x^{30}, x^{35}, x^{40}\} \cong \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z}$
- $\langle x^3 \rangle = \{1, x^3, x^6, ..., x^{39}, x^{42}\} \cong \mathbb{Z}/15\mathbb{Z}$
- $\langle x \rangle = Z_{45}$ itself

Among these subgroups, we have $\langle 1 \rangle$ contained within every other subgroup, as well as $\langle x^{15} \rangle \leq \langle x^5 \rangle$, $\langle x^{15} \rangle \leq \langle x^3 \rangle$, and $\langle x^9 \rangle \leq \langle x^3 \rangle$. $\square$