

Recall: Definition: A group G is a set with operation $*$: $G \times G \rightarrow G$

$$(G1) \quad xy \in G \quad \forall xy \in G$$

$$(G2) \quad x(yz) = (xy)z \quad \forall x, y, z \in G$$

$$(G3) \quad \exists e \in G \text{ s.t. } ex = xe = x \quad \forall x \in G \quad (e = 1 \text{ if } * = \cdot, e = 0 \text{ if } * = +)$$

$$(G4) \quad \forall x \in G \quad \exists x^{-1} \text{ s.t.}$$

Quiz: 1. \mathbb{Z} under $+$ ✓

2. \mathbb{Z} under \times ✗

3. $2\mathbb{Z}$ under $+$ ✓

4. $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$

5. $\{1\}$ under \times ✓

6. \emptyset ✗ ($e \notin \emptyset$)

7. $\{0\}$ under $+$ ✓ ($(7) \cong (5) \cong \{e\}$)

8. $\{1, -1\}$ under \times ✓ ($e = 1$)

9. $\{1, 3\}$ multiplicity mod 8 ✓ ($3 \cdot 3 = 1 = e, 3^{-1} = 3$)

note: $(8) \cong (9)$

note: If $|H| = |G| = p$ prime then $H \cong G$.

why $(8) \cong (9)$? $\begin{array}{c|cc} x & 1 & 3 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \longleftrightarrow \begin{array}{c|cc} x & 1 & -1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \text{ so } (8) \cong (9)$

10. $\{1, (123), (132)\}$ under \circ ✓ ($(132) = (123)^2, (123)^3 = 1, (123)^{-1} = (132), (132)^{-1} = (123)$)

Definition 5.14: The order of is $|G| = \# \text{ elements in } G$. G is (in) finite if $|G|$ is (in) finite.

Definition 5.15: The direct product (or cartesian product) of groups G and H is

$$G \times H = \{(g, h) \mid g \in G, h \in H\}$$

with operation: $(g_1, h_1) \cdot (g_2, h_2) = (g_1 g_2, h_1 h_2)$ for all $g_1, g_2 \in G, h_1, h_2 \in H$

Lemma 5.16 (Cancellation): Let $x, y, y' \in G$. If $xy = xy'$ (or $yx = y'x$) then $y = y'$.

Proof: $xy = xy' \Rightarrow x^{-1}(xy) = x^{-1}(xy')$

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

$$ey = ey'$$

$$y = y'$$

Corollary 5.17 (Latin Square Property): In the Cayley Table of G each element appears exactly

once in each row/column

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| | ... b ... c ... |
| a | ... ab ... ac ... |

Proof: $ab = ac \Rightarrow b = c$

Example 5.18 (solving equations): Let $a, b \in G$. Find $x \in G$ s.t. $ax = b$.

$$ax = b \iff x = a^{-1}b$$

$$\Updownarrow$$

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

$$(a^{-1}a)x = x \quad \text{by (G2)}$$

$$ex = x \quad \text{by (G4)}$$

$$x = xc \quad \text{by (G3)}$$

Definition 5.19: Let $x \in G$. Set $x^0 = e$ and for $n > 0$ define $x^n = \underbrace{xx \cdots x}_n$ and $x^{-n} = \underbrace{x^{-1}x^{-1} \cdots x^{-1}}_n$

Exercise: check $x^m x^n = x^{m+n}$ and $(x^m)^n = x^{mn} \quad \forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

Note: If $(xy)^n \neq x^n y^n$ in general

$$\begin{array}{ccc} xy & xy & \cdots xy \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ xx & \cdots & xyxy \cdots y \end{array}$$

however, if $xy = yx$ then $(xy)^n = x^n y^n$

Note: If operations is "+", then n'th power is $nx = x + x + x + \dots + x$.

Lemma 5.21: $(x_1 x_2 \dots x_k)^{-1} = x_k^{-1} x_{k-1}^{-1} \dots x_2^{-1} x_1^{-1} \quad (x_i \in G)$

Proof: Indeed, $(x_1 x_2 \dots x_{k-1} x_k) (x_k^{-1} x_{k-1}^{-1} \dots x_2^{-1} x_1^{-1}) = 1$
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$$x_1 \dots x_{k-1} \underbrace{x_k x_k^{-1}}_{=1} x_{k-1}^{-1} \dots$$