

Problem 7

1) List generators of  $C_9$ :  $\{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8\}$  which are all elements coprime to 9. In the other groups of order 9, all non-identity elements must have order 3 because 3 is the only factor of 9.

2) Let  $G$  be a group of order 9 that does not equal  $C_9$ . Since  $G$  is not cyclic  $\exists a \in G$  s.t.  $\text{order}(a) = 3$  and  $a$  generates  $\{1, a, a^2\} \in G$ . Picking  $b \in G - \{1, a, a^2\}$  gives  $\{b, b^2\}$ .  $\{1, a, a^2\}$  and  $\{b, b^2\}$  cannot have any elements in common because  $b$  cannot be equivalent to  $1, a$  and  $a^2$  because that would imply  $b \in \{1, a, a^2\}$  but  $b \in G - \{1, a, a^2\}$ .

3)  $\{1, a, a^2, b, b^2\}$  are all distinct from above. What remains is to show  $\{ab, a^2b, ab^2, a^2b^2\}$  are distinct from every other value.

$ab$ :

$ab \neq 1$  because that implies  $b = a^{-1}$

$ab \neq a$  because that implies  $b = 1$

$ab \neq b$  because that implies  $a = 1$

$ab \neq a^2$  because that implies  $b = a$

$ab \neq b^2$  because that implies  $a = b$

$ab \neq a^2b$  because that implies  $a = a^2$  or  $b = ab$

$ab \neq ab^2$  because that implies  $b = b^2$  or  $a = ab$

$ab \neq a^2b^2$  because that implies  $b = b^2$  and  $a = a^2$  or  $a = a^2b$  or  $b = ab^2$

$a^2b$ :

$a^2b \neq 1$  because that implies  $b = (a^2)^{-1}$

$a^2b \neq a$  because that implies  $b = a^2$

$a^2b \neq b$  because that implies  $a^2 = 1$

$a^2b \neq a^2$  because that implies  $b = 1$

$a^2b \neq b^2$  because that implies  $b = ab^2$

$a^2b \neq ab$  because that implies  $a = a^2$

$a^2b \neq ab^2$  because that implies  $b = a^2b^2$

$a^2b \neq a^2b^2$  because that implies  $b = b^2$

$ab^2$  :

$ab^2 \neq 1$  because that implies  $b^2 = (a)^{-1}$

$ab^2 \neq a$  because that implies  $b^2 = 1$

$ab^2 \neq b$  because that implies  $a = b^2$

$ab^2 \neq a^2$  because that implies  $b^2 = a$

$ab^2 \neq b^2$  because that implies  $a = 1$

$ab^2 \neq ab$  because that implies  $a = ab^2$

$ab^2 \neq a^2b$  because that implies  $a = a^2b^2$

$ab^2 \neq a^2b^2$  because that implies  $a = a^2$

$a^2b^2$  :

$a^2b^2 \neq 1$  because that implies  $b^2 = (a^2)^{-1}$

$a^2b^2 \neq a$  because that implies  $b^2 = 1$

$a^2b^2 \neq b$  because that implies  $a = b$

$a^2b^2 \neq a^2$  because that implies  $b^2 = 1$

$a^2b^2 \neq b^2$  because that implies  $a^2 = 1$

$a^2b^2 \neq ab$  because that implies  $a^2 = a$  and  $b^2 = b$

$a^2b^2 \neq a^2b$  because that implies  $a^2 = a^2b^2$

$a^2b^2 \neq ab^2$  because that implies  $b^2 = a^2b^2$

4) What is  $ba$ ?

$ba \neq 1$  because that implies  $a = b^{-1}$

$ba \neq a$  because that implies  $b = 1$

$ba \neq b$  because that implies  $a = 1$

$ba \neq a^2$  because that implies  $b = a$

$ba \neq b^2$  because that implies  $a = b$

So  $ba \in \{ab, a^2b, ab^2, a^2, b^2\}$

5) If  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are groups, then  $G_1 \times G_2 = (g_1, g_2)$  is also a group.  $H = (G_1 \times G_2, *)$

(1)  $H$  is closed because  $(a, b) * (c, d) = (ac, bd)$  and  $ac \in G_1$  and  $bd \in G_2$

(2)  $*$  is associative on  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  so it is associative on  $H$

(3)  $\exists g_1^{-1} \in G_1$  and  $\exists g_2^{-1} \in G_2$  s.t.  $\exists (g_1^{-1}, g_2^{-1})$  s.t.  $(g_1, g_2) * (g_1^{-1}, g_2^{-1}) = (1, 1)$

(4)  $(1_{G_1}, 1_{G_2}) = (1, 1)$  is the identity

6)  $G_1 = \{1, a, a^2\}$  and  $G_2 = \{1, b, b^2\}$

$G_1 \times G_2$	<b>1</b>	$b$	$b^2$
<b>1</b>	$(1,1)$	$(1,b)$	$(1,b^2)$
$a$	$(a,1)$	$(a,b)$	$(a,b^2)$
$a^2$	$(a^2,1)$	$(a^2,b)$	$(a^2,b^2)$

The elements of the table are the elements of G. This shows that G can be formed by the cross product of two smaller groups. Since G is the cross product of two arbitrary groups  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  then no matter which order the cross product is applied, you will still get G. That shows that  $ba = ab$ , so G is abelian.

7)

Cayley Table assuming  $ba = a^2b$

Initial Table:

	1	$a$	$a^2$	$b$	$b^2$	$ab$	$a^2b$	$ab^2$	$a^2b^2$
1	1	$a$	$a^2$	$b$	$b^2$	$ab$	$a^2b$	$ab^2$	$a^2b^2$
$a$	$a$	$a^2$	1	$ab$	$ab^2$	$a^2b$	$b$	$a^2b^2$	$b^2$
$a^2$	$a^2$	1	$a$	$a^2b$	$a^2b^2$	$b$	$ab$	$b^2$	$ab^2$
$b$	$b$			$b^2$	1				
$b^2$	$b^2$			1	$b$				
$ab$	$ab$			$ab^2$	$a$				
$a^2b$	$a^2b$			$a^2b^2$	$a^2$				
$ab^2$	$ab^2$			$a$	$ab$				
$a^2b^2$	$a^2b^2$			$a^2$	$a^2b$				

Calculations:

$ba = aab$

$baa = aaba = aaaab$

$bab = aabb$

$baab = aabab = aaaabb$

$babb = aabbb$

$baabb = aababb = aaaabbb$

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Final Table:

	1	$a$	$a^2$	$b$	$b^2$	$ab$	$a^2b$	$ab^2$	$a^2b^2$
1	1	$a$	$a^2$	$b$	$b^2$	$ab$	$a^2b$	$ab^2$	$a^2b^2$
$a$	$a$	$a^2$	1	$ab$	$ab^2$	$a^2b$	$b$	$a^2b^2$	$b^2$
$a^2$	$a^2$	1	$a$	$a^2b$	$a^2b^2$	$b$	$ab$	$b^2$	$ab^2$
$b$	$b$	$a^2b$	$ab$	$b^2$	1	$a^2b^2$	$ab^2$	$a^2$	$a$
$b^2$	$b^2$	$ab^2$	$a^2b^2$	1	$b$	$a$	$a^2$	$ab$	$a^2b$
$ab$	$ab$	$b$	$a^2b$	$ab^2$	$a$	$b^2$	$a^2b^2$	1	$a^2$
$a^2b$	$a^2b$	$ab$	$b$	$a^2b^2$	$a^2$	$ab^2$	$b^2$	$a$	1
$ab^2$	$ab^2$	$a^2b^2$	$b^2$	$a$	$ab$	$a^2$	1	$a^2b$	$b$
$a^2b^2$	$a^2b^2$	$b^2$	$ab^2$	$a^2$	$a^2b$	1	$a$	$b$	$ab$

Counterexample to being associative:

$$(b^2 * ab^2) * ab = ab * ab = b^2$$

$$b^2 * (ab^2 * ab) = b^2 a^2 = a^2 b^2$$

The above two results are different so the Cayley Table is not associative.

8)

Cayley Table assuming  $ba = ab^2$

Initial Table:

	1	$a$	$a^2$	$b$	$b^2$	$ab$	$a^2b$	$ab^2$	$a^2b^2$
1	1	$a$	$a^2$	$b$	$b^2$	$ab$	$a^2b$	$ab^2$	$a^2b^2$
$a$	$a$	$a^2$	1	$ab$	$ab^2$	$a^2b$	$b$	$a^2b^2$	$b^2$
$a^2$	$a^2$	1	$a$	$a^2b$	$a^2b^2$	$b$	$ab$	$b^2$	$ab^2$
$b$	$b$			$b^2$	1				
$b^2$	$b^2$			1	$b$				
$ab$	$ab$			$ab^2$	$a$				
$a^2b$	$a^2b$			$a^2b^2$	$a^2$				
$ab^2$	$ab^2$			$a$	$ab$				
$a^2b^2$	$a^2b^2$			$a^2$	$a^2b$				

Calculations:

$$baa = abba = ababb = aabbbb = aab$$

$$bab = abbb = a$$

$$baab = abbab = ababbb = aabbbb = aabb$$

$$babb = abbbb = ab$$

$$baabb = abbabb = ababbb = aabbbb = aa$$

$$aba = aabb$$

$$abaa = aabba = aababb = aaabbb = aaab$$

$$abbb = a$$

$$abab = aabbb = aa$$

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 $abbab = ababbb = aabbbb$   
 $abbabb = ababbb = aabbbb$   
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Finished table:

	1	$a$	$a^2$	$b$	$b^2$	$ab$	$a^2b$	$ab^2$	$a^2b^2$
1	1	$a$	$a^2$	$b$	$b^2$	$ab$	$a^2b$	$ab^2$	$a^2b^2$
$a$	$a$	$a^2$	1	$ab$	$ab^2$	$a^2b$	$b$	$a^2b^2$	$b^2$
$a^2$	$a^2$	1	$a$	$a^2b$	$a^2b^2$	$b$	$ab$	$b^2$	$ab^2$
$b$	$b$	$ab^2$	$a^2b$	$b^2$	1	$a$	$a^2b^2$	$ab$	$a^2$
$b^2$	$b^2$	$ab$	$a^2b^2$	1	$b$	$ab^2$	$a^2$	$a$	$a^2b$
$ab$	$ab$	$a^2b^2$	$b$	$ab^2$	$a$	$a^2$	$b^2$	$a^2b$	1
$a^2b$	$a^2b$	$b^2$	$ab$	$a^2b^2$	$a^2$	1	$ab^2$	$b$	$a$
$ab^2$	$ab^2$	$a^2b$	$b^2$	$a$	$ab$	$a^2b^2$	1	$a^2$	$b$
$a^2b^2$	$a^2b^2$	$b$	$ab^2$	$a^2$	$a^2b$	$b^2$	$a$	1	$ab$

Counterexample to being associative:

$$(b^2 * a^2b) * ab = a^2 * ab = b$$

$$b^2 * (a^2b * ab) = b^2 * 1 = b^2$$

The above two results are different so the Cayley Table is not associative.

9)

Cayley Table assuming  $ba = a^2b^2$

Initial Table:

	1	$a$	$a^2$	$b$	$b^2$	$ab$	$a^2b$	$ab^2$	$a^2b^2$
1	1	$a$	$a^2$	$b$	$b^2$	$ab$	$a^2b$	$ab^2$	$a^2b^2$
$a$	$a$	$a^2$	1	$ab$	$ab^2$	$a^2b$	$b$	$a^2b^2$	$b^2$
$a^2$	$a^2$	1	$a$	$a^2b$	$a^2b^2$	$b$	$ab$	$b^2$	$ab^2$
$b$	$b$			$b^2$	1				
$b^2$	$b^2$			1	$b$				
$ab$	$ab$			$ab^2$	$a$				
$a^2b$	$a^2b$			$a^2b^2$	$a^2$				
$ab^2$	$ab^2$			$a$	$ab$				
$a^2b^2$	$a^2b^2$			$a^2$	$a^2b$				

Calculations:

$ba = aabb$

$baa = aabba = aabaabb = aaaaabbabb = aabbabb = aabaabbbb = aaaabbabbbb = abbab = abaabb = aaaa$   
 $bbabb = baabbbb = aabbab = aabaabb = \dots$

Trying to get rid of  $ba$  in  $ba^2$  seems to get stuck in a loop.

I think it gets stuck here because if  $ba = a^2b^2$  that would mean  $b = a^2$  and  $a = b^2$  which is not possible.

10) From work above it can be seen that there are only two groups of order 9, and that they are abelian. These groups would be  $C_9$  and  $C_3 \times C_3$ .