

# MGroups

## Finite Group Theory in Mathematica

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**MGroups** is a Mathematica Package that implements a part of Finite Group Theory. It facilitates studying group operations, order and inverses of the group elements, Cayley Tables, (ordinary and normal) subgroup structures of a group, and group morphisms easily and quickly.

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## 1. Preface

In **MGroups**, groups are defined in the form of “Associations” that are the Mathematica version of mappings. Quite literally, a group in this package is nothing but its Cayley Table. For example, to define the  $Z_2$  group, all that is needed is to define

1. How 0 operates with 0,

2. How 0 operates with 1,
3. How 1 operates with 0, and
4. How 1 operates with 1.

In Mathematica, Associations are of the form

```
In[1]:= <|a → b, c → d, e → f|>;
```

which means that  $a$  maps to  $b$ ,  $c$  maps to  $d$ , and  $e$  maps to  $f$ . Now, it is only appropriate to see how  $Z_2$  will be defined in such a way:

```
In[2]:= Z10 = <|0 → <|0 → 0, 1 → 1|>, 1 → <|0 → 1, 1 → 0|>|>;
```

... which is nothing but nested Associations. Now, if we need to see what is  $0*0$  in  $Z_{10}$ , we can type

```
In[3]:= Z10[0][0]
```

```
Out[3]= 0
```

to get the required output. Similarly, other complex groups are also defined.

## 2. Installation

To install the package, you can head over to my GitHub page ([github.com/zplus11/MGroups](https://github.com/zplus11/MGroups)) and download the `MGroups.m` file from there. Place it in the

```
In[4]:= $UserBaseDirectory <> "\\Applications" (* run this to get your directory *)
```

```
Out[4]= C:\Users\Naman Taggar\AppData\Roaming\Mathematica\Applications
```

directory of your device. Then, whenever you need to use **MGroups** in a Mathematica notebook, type

```
In[5]:= << MGroups`
```

which will call the package. Now type

```
In[6]:= AdditiveGroup[2]
```

```
Out[6]= <|0 → <|0 → 0, 1 → 1|>, 1 → <|0 → 1, 1 → 0|>|>
```

If you get the same output as above, then congratulations — you have successfully installed **MGroups**!

## 3. Introduction

This documentation covers each aspect of the package, from basic to advanced. We define a group first:

**Definition (Group).** A group is a non-empty set in Mathematics, elements of which follow 4 properties namely Closure, Associativity, Existence of Identity, and Existence of Inverses under a certain binary operation.

## Available Groups

This package provides the following groups:

Group	Description
AdditiveGroup	$Z_n$ : The group $\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ formed under addition modulo $n$ .
MultiplicativeGroup	$U_n$ : The group $\{0 \leq x < n : \gcd(x, n) == 1\}$ formed under multiplication modulo $n$ .
DihedralGroup	$D_n$ : The group of symmetries of a regular polygon formed under their composition.
$K_4$ & $Q_8$	Klein's 4 Group and the Quaternion Group.
ExternalDirectProduct	The External Direct Product of given groups.

that can be called by their respective function names.

## Basic Operations

Import the package by running

```
In[7]:= << MGroups`
```

Define a group using one of the functions as follows:

```
In[8]:= D4 = DihedralGroup[4]; (* Caution: DihedralGroup is an inbuilt function,
so this package uses DihedralGroup *)
```

and check the domain of this group:

```
In[9]:= FindDomain[D4]
```

```
Out[9]:= {r0, r1, r2, r3, s0, s1, s2, s3}
```

Applying group operations:

```
In[10]:= D4["r2"] ["s3"]
```

```
Out[10]:= s1
```

```
In[11]:= D4["s1"] ["s1"]
```

```
Out[11]:= r0
```

or with some other group:

```
In[12]:= MultiplicativeGroup[13][3][4]
```

```
Out[12]:= 12
```

which is  $3 \times 4 \pmod{13}$ . Do something more exciting:

```
In[13]:= DihedralGroup[240]["s60"] ["r190"]
```

```
Out[13]:= s110
```

which is the composition of the 190th rotation and reflection about the 61st axis, in the Dihedral group of order 480.

External Direct Products can be formed:

```
In[14]:= edp1 =
      ExternalDirectProduct[AdditiveGroup[12], MultiplicativeGroup[20], QuaternionGroup];
```

The order of this group will be  $12 \times 8 \times 8$ . Let's confirm that.

```
In[15]:= OrderGroup[edp1]
```

```
Out[15]= 768
```

That is perfect! In EDPs, operations are done component-wise. For example,

```
In[16]:= e11 = {5, 3, "-j"};
      e12 = {8, 19, "k"};
      edp1[e11][e12]
```

```
Out[18]= {1, 17, -i}
```

## Group Properties

You can check whether a group is abelian or cyclic as follows:

```
In[19]:= AbelianQ[AdditiveGroup[10]]
```

```
Out[19]= True
```

```
In[20]:= AbelianQ[Klein4Group]
```

```
Out[20]= True
```

```
In[21]:= CyclicQ[DihedralGroup[3]]
```

```
Out[21]= False
```

```
In[22]:= CyclicQ[ExternalDirectProduct[
      AdditiveGroup[6],
      AdditiveGroup[7]
    ]]
```

```
Out[22]= True
```

## Cayley Tables

Complete Cayley Tables can be printed for any group:

```
In[23]:= CayleyTable[QuaternionGroup]
```

```
Out[23]/TableForm=
```

	1	-1	i	-i	j	-j	k	-k
1	1	-1	i	-i	j	-j	k	-k
-1	-1	1	-i	i	-j	j	-k	k
i	i	-i	-1	1	k	-k	-j	j
-i	-i	i	1	-1	-k	k	j	-j
j	j	-j	-k	k	-1	1	i	-i
-j	-j	j	k	-k	1	-1	-i	i
k	k	-k	j	-j	-i	i	-1	1
-k	-k	k	-j	j	i	-i	1	-1

or for an EDP:

```
In[24]:= CayleyTable[ExternalDirectProduct[AdditiveGroup[2], MultiplicativeGroup[3]]]
```

```
Out[24]//TableForm=
```

	$\{0, 1\}$	$\{0, 2\}$	$\{1, 1\}$	$\{1, 2\}$
$\{0, 1\}$	0 1	0 2	1 1	1 2
$\{0, 2\}$	0 2	0 1	1 2	1 1
$\{1, 1\}$	1 1	1 2	0 1	0 2
$\{1, 2\}$	1 2	1 1	0 2	0 1

## Orders and Inverses

Table of Orders and Inverses for a group can also be printed:

```
In[25]:= InversesTable[DihedralGroup[6]]
```

```
Out[25]//TableForm=
```

x	$x^{-1}$	x
r0	r0	1
r1	r5	6
r2	r4	3
r3	r3	2
r4	r2	3
r5	r1	6
s0	s0	2
s1	s1	2
s2	s2	2
s3	s3	2
s4	s4	2
s5	s5	2

## 4. Subgroups

We define a subgroup:

**Definition** (*Subgroup of a group*). A subset  $H \subseteq G$  is said to be a subgroup of the group  $G$  if it forms a group itself under the operation of  $G$ .

We can check this in **MGroups** as follows:

```
In[26]:= Z20 = AdditiveGroup[20]; (* {0, 1, ..., 19} *)
sub = Table[2 i, {i, 0, 9}]; (* {0, 2, ..., 18} *)
SubgroupQ[Z20, sub]
```

```
Out[28]= True
```

```
In[29]:= SubgroupQ[DihedralGroup[10], {"s3", "r0", "r2", "r3"}]
```

```
Out[29]= False
```

The packages uses the Finite Subgroup Test to check subgroups. All subgroups can be obtained using

```
In[30]:= Subgroups[DihedralGroup[5]] // TableForm
```

```
Out[30]//TableForm=
```

```

r0
r0    s0
r0    s1
r0    s2
r0    s3
r0    s4
r0    r1    r2    r3    r4
r0    r1    r2    r3    r4    s0    s1    s2    s3    s4

```

List the cyclic subgroups of  $U_{30}$ :

```
In[31]:= u30s = Subgroups[MultiplicativeGroup[30]];
```

```
Select[u30s, CyclicQ[<|Table[x -> <|Table[y -> Mod[x y, 30], {y, #}] |>, {x, #}] |>] &]
```

```
Out[32]= {{1}, {1, 11}, {1, 19}, {1, 29}, {1, 7, 13, 19}, {1, 17, 19, 23}}
```

In the case of Cyclic subgroups, finding subgroups is easier (by virtue of Fundamental Theorem of Cyclic Groups). For example, even finding subgroups of  $U_{997}$  (order 996) is a doable task:

```
In[33]:= Subgroups[MultiplicativeGroup[997]];
```

```
Length[%]
```

```
Out[34]= 12
```

## 5. Subgroup Lattices

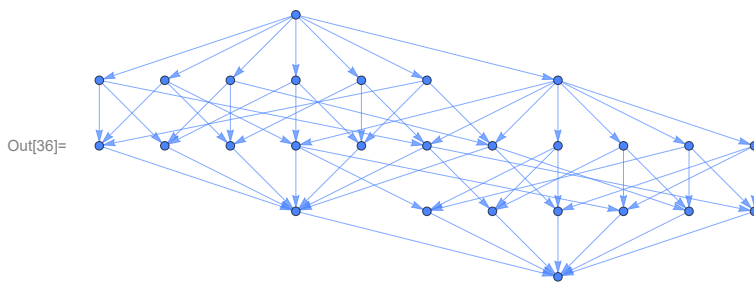
Most interesting, you can also see subgroup lattices of groups using this package. For example, let us see the subgroup lattice of  $Z_4$ .

In[35]:= **SubgroupLattice**[**AdditiveGroup**[4]]



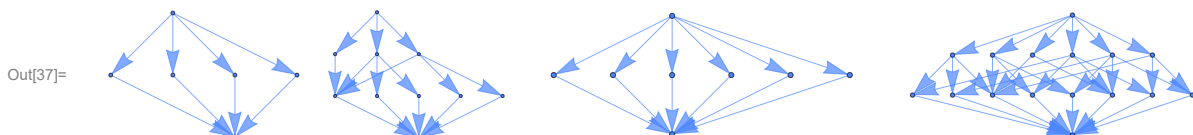
Here, the top most node is the group  $Z_4$  itself, at the bottom we have  $\{0\}$ , and in the middle we must have  $\{0, 2\}$ . Let us proceed further and see something more exciting:

In[36]:= **SubgroupLattice**[**MultiplicativeGroup**[40]]



Beautiful! Subgroup Lattices of some Dihedral Groups:

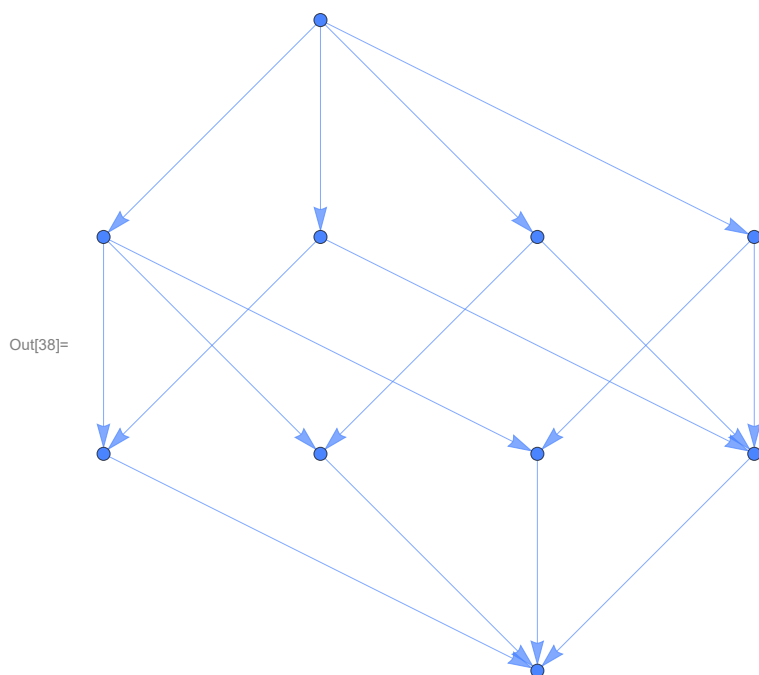
In[37]:= **GraphicsRow**[**Table**[**SubgroupLattice**[**DihedralGroup**[i]], {i, 3, 6}]]



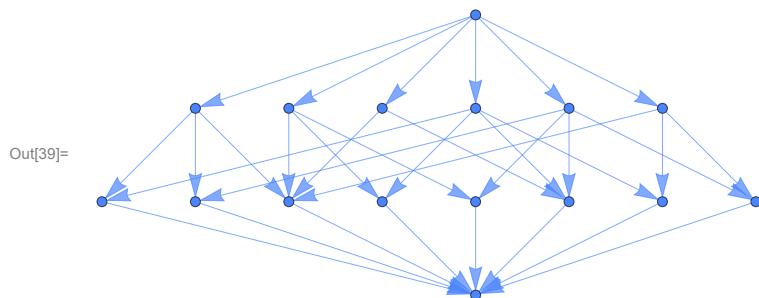
Who else sees the POSETS  $M_4$  and  $M_6$ !?

## Some EDPs

```
In[38]:= SubgroupLattice[ExternalDirectProduct[AdditiveGroup[6], AdditiveGroup[2]]]
```



```
In[39]:= SubgroupLattice[ExternalDirectProduct[DihedralGroup[3], AdditiveGroup[2]]]
```



## 6. Cosets and Normal Subgroups

**Definition (Coset).** If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , then for some  $a$  in  $G$ , the set  $\{ah : h \in H\}$  is called the left coset of  $H$  in  $G$  containing  $a$ . Subsequently, corresponding right coset is the set  $\{ha : h \in H\}$ .

You can define cosets in this package as follows:

```
In[40]:= edp2 = ExternalDirectProduct[MultiplicativeGroup[8], Klein4Group];
s = {{1, "e"}, {1, "c"}}; (* any one subgroup *)
```

```
In[42]:= Coset[edp2, s, {3, "b"}, "1"]
```

```
Out[42]= {{3, b}, {3, a}}
```

```
In[43]:= Coset[edp2, s, {3, "b"}, "r"]
```

```
Out[43]= {{3, b}, {3, a}}
```



Both are equal.

**Definition** (*Normal Subgroup of a group*). A subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is said to be normal in  $G$  if the left coset by every element is equal to the right counterpart.

To find normal subgroups of a group:

```
In[44]:= NormalSubgroups[QuaternionGroup] // TableForm
```

```
Out[44]//TableForm=
```

```
1
1    -1
1    -1    i    -i
1    -1    j    -j
1    -1    k    -k
1    -1    i    -i    j    -j    k    -k
```

## 7. Morphisms

**Definition** (*Group Homomorphism*). A map  $\phi$  from  $G_1$  to  $G_2$  is said to be a homomorphism, if and only if it is operation preserving, i.e., if  $\phi(xy) = \phi(x)\phi(y) \forall x, y \in G_1$ .

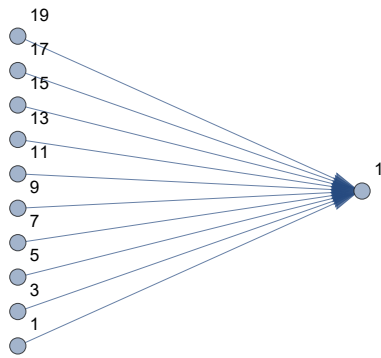
To define a Group Homomorphism, you need to define the domain, the codomain, and the map's definition. It can be done as follows:

```
In[45]:= phi = Homomorphism[
  AdditiveGroup[20], (* domain *)
  AdditiveGroup[2], (* co-domain *)
  Mod[#, 2] & (* definition in the form of a pure function *)
]
```

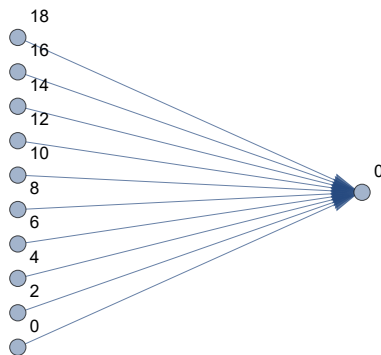
```
Out[45]= <| 0 → 0, 1 → 1, 2 → 0, 3 → 1, 4 → 0, 5 → 1, 6 → 0, 7 → 1, 8 → 0, 9 → 1,
  10 → 0, 11 → 1, 12 → 0, 13 → 1, 14 → 0, 15 → 1, 16 → 0, 17 → 1, 18 → 0, 19 → 1 |>
```

Morphisms can be visualised as follows:

In[46]:= **VisualiseMorphism**[phi]



Out[46]=



We can see that the kernel of phi is  $\{0, 2, \dots, 18\}$ .

**Definition (Group Isomorphism).** A homomorphism  $\phi$  is said to be an isomorphism, if and only if it is one-one.

In[47]:= **Isomorphism**[  
 $\langle |1 \rightarrow \langle |1 \rightarrow 1| \rangle| \rangle,$   
 $\langle |1 \rightarrow \langle |1 \rightarrow 1| \rangle| \rangle,$   
 $\# \&$   
 $\rangle$

Out[47]=  $\langle |1 \rightarrow 1| \rangle$

**Definition (Group Automorphism).** An isomorphism from a group to itself is said to be an automorphism.

In[48]:= **Automorphism**[  
 $\langle |1 \rightarrow \langle |1 \rightarrow 1| \rangle| \rangle,$   
 $\# \&$   
 $\rangle$

Out[48]=  $\langle |1 \rightarrow 1| \rangle$

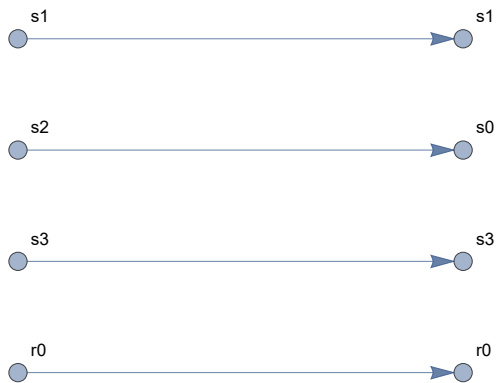
**Definition (Inner Automorphism).** An inner automorphism is an automorphism that is induced by a group element  $a$ , with the definition  $x \longrightarrow a x a^{-1}$ .

```
In[49]:= InnerAutomorphism[DihedralGroup[4], "s3"]
VisualiseMorphism[%]
```

```
Out[49]= <| r0 → r0, r1 → r3, r2 → r2, r3 → r1, s0 → s2, s1 → s1, s2 → s0, s3 → s3 |>
```



```
Out[50]=
```



# Thank you

Github Repository: <https://github.com/zplus11/MGroups.git>