

## HW one, MTH 320, Fall 2016

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- QUESTION 1.** (i) Let  $(S, *)$  be a group. Fix  $a, b \in S$ . Show that if  $a * b = a * c$  for some  $c \in S$ , then  $b = c$ . Also show that if  $b * a = c * a$ , then  $b = c$ .
- (ii) Let  $(S, *)$  be a group. Fix  $a, b \in S$ . Show that the equation  $a * x = b$  has unique solution and find  $x$ . Note the  $x * a = b$  has also unique solution, but only show it for  $a * x = b$ .
- (iii) Let  $(S, *)$  be a group and assume  $|a| = 12$  for some  $a \in S$ . For what values of  $m$  ( $1 \leq m \leq 12$ ) do we have  $|a^m| = 12$ ? For what values of  $m$  ( $1 \leq m \leq 12$ ) do we have  $|a^m| = 4$ ?
- (iv) Let  $(S, *)$  be a group and assume  $|a| = 6$  for some  $a \in S$ . Let  $F = \{e, a, a^2, \dots, a^5\}$ . Construct the Cayley's table of  $(F, *)$ . By staring at the table you should observe that  $F$  is a group and hence a subgroup of  $S$ .
- (v) Convince me that if  $n$  is not prime, then  $(Z_n^*, \cdot)$  is never a group.
- (vi) Convince me that if  $n$  is prime, then  $(Z_n^*, \cdot)$  is a group. [hint: recall Fermat little Theorem, if  $p$  is prime and  $p \nmid m$  (meaning  $p$  is not a factor of  $m$ ), then  $m^{p-1} \pmod{p} = 1$ .]
- (vii) Let  $F = \{3, 6, 9, 12\}$ , and  $*$  = multiplication module 15. Convince me that  $(F, *)$  is a group by constructing the Cayley's table. What is  $e$  in  $F$ ? Find the inverse of each element of  $F$ . INTERESTING!!!!
- (viii) Consider  $(D_5, \circ)$ . We know that  $D_5$  has 10 elements. Let  $s_1$  be one of the reflections (we know that  $D_5$  has 5 reflections). Let  $a = R_{72}$ . Convince me that  $\{a \circ s_1, a^2 \circ s_1, a^3 \circ s_1, a^4 \circ s_1, a^5 \circ s_1\} =$  the set of all reflections in  $D_5$  [Hint: may be you need to use (i)]

**Submit your solution on Tuesday September 20, 2016 at 2pm. Faculty information**

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Question 1 i) Let  $(S, *)$  be a group. Fix  $a, b \in S$ . Show that if  $axb = a$  for some  $c \in S$ , then  $b = c$ . Also show that if  $b*a = cxa$  then  $b = c$

Proof: If  $a*b = a*c$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} b &= e*b = (a^{-1}*a)b \quad (\text{by Trivial result \# 2}) \\ &= a^{-1}(axb) = a^{-1}(axc) \\ &= a^{-1}(ax)(a^{-1}*a)c = e*c = c \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $b = c$

Proof: If  $b*a = c*a$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} b &= b*e = b(a*a^{-1}) \\ &= (b*a)a^{-1} = (c*a)a^{-1} \\ &= c(a*a^{-1}) = c*e = c \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $b = c$

ii) Let  $(S, *)$  be a group. Fix  $a, b \in S$ . Show that the equation  $a*x$  has a unique solution. Find  $x$ .

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} a*x &= b \\ x &= e*x \\ &= (a^{-1}*a)x \\ &= a^{-1}(ax) = a^{-1}*b \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $x = a^{-1}*b$

Proof of uniqueness:

Suppose  $m$  is also a solution to  $a*x = b$ . Then,

$$a*m = b = a*x$$

$$m = x$$

Hence the equation  $a*x = b$  has a unique solution

iii) Let  $(S, *)$  be a group and assume  $|a| = 12$  for some  $a \in S$ .

$$|a^1| = \frac{12}{\gcd(1,12)} = 12$$

$$|a^2| = \frac{12}{\gcd(2,12)} = \frac{12}{2} = 6$$

$$|a^3| = \frac{12}{\gcd(3,12)} = \frac{12}{3} = 4$$

$$|a^4| = \frac{12}{\gcd(4,12)} = \frac{12}{4} = 3$$

$$|a^5| = \frac{12}{\gcd(5,12)} = 12$$

$$|a^6| = \frac{12}{\gcd(6,12)} = \frac{12}{6} = 2$$

$$|a^7| = \frac{12}{\gcd(7,12)} = 12$$

$$|a^8| = \frac{12}{\gcd(8,12)} = \frac{12}{4} = 3$$

$$|a^9| = \frac{12}{\gcd(9,12)} = \frac{12}{3} = 4$$

$$|a^{10}| = \frac{12}{\gcd(10,12)} = \frac{12}{2} = 6$$

$$|a^{11}| = \frac{12}{\gcd(11,12)} = 12$$

$$|a^{12}| = \frac{12}{\gcd(12,12)} = 1$$

For what values of  $m$  ( $1 \leq m \leq 12$ ) do we have  $|a^m| = 12$ ?

$m=1, m=5, m=7, m=11$

For what values of  $m$  ( $1 \leq m \leq 12$ ) do we have  $|a^m| = 4$ ?

$m=3$  and  $m=9$

iv) Let  $(S, *)$  be a group and assume  $|a| = 6$  for some  $a \in S$ . Let  $F = \{e, a, a^2, \dots, a^5\}$ . Construct the Cayley's table of  $(F, *)$ .

Given  $|a| = 6$

$$\rightarrow |a| = n \Rightarrow a^n = e$$

$$|a| = 6 \Rightarrow a^6 = e$$

$$F = \{e, a, a^2, a^3, a^4, a^5\}$$

Cayley's Table of  $(F, *)$

	e	a	a <sup>2</sup>	a <sup>3</sup>	a <sup>4</sup>	a <sup>5</sup>
e	e	a	a <sup>2</sup>	a <sup>3</sup>	a <sup>4</sup>	a <sup>5</sup>
a	a	a <sup>2</sup>	a <sup>3</sup>	a <sup>4</sup>	a <sup>5</sup>	e
a <sup>2</sup>	a <sup>2</sup>	a <sup>3</sup>	a <sup>4</sup>	a <sup>5</sup>	e	a
a <sup>3</sup>	a <sup>3</sup>	a <sup>4</sup>	a <sup>5</sup>	e	a	a <sup>2</sup>
a <sup>4</sup>	a <sup>4</sup>	a <sup>5</sup>	e	a	a <sup>2</sup>	a <sup>3</sup>
a <sup>5</sup>	a <sup>5</sup>	e	a	a <sup>2</sup>	a <sup>3</sup>	a <sup>4</sup>

(v) Convince me that if  $n$  is not prime, then  $(\mathbb{Z}_n^*, \times_n)$  is never a group.

$$\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1\}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_n^* = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1\}$$

Suppose  $n$  is not prime, then

$$n = pq, \text{ where } 1 < p < n \text{ and}$$

$$\text{Here } p \cdot n \cdot q = 0 \xrightarrow{1 < q < n} \notin \mathbb{Z}_n^*$$

Since  $p \cdot q \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$   
and  $0$  is not in  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$

Hence  $(\mathbb{Z}_n^*, \times_n)$  is never a group.

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vi Convince me that if  $n$  is prime, then  $(\mathbb{Z}_n^*, \times_n)$  is a gr.

$$\mathbb{Z}_n^* = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, p-1\}$$

$$e = 1$$

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

1) Closure: Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ . Show

$a \cdot_n b \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ . Suppose  $a \cdot_n b = 0$ . Then  $n \mid ab \Rightarrow n \mid a$  or  $n \mid b$  (since  $n$  is prime) but  $n \nmid a$  and  $n \nmid b$ , because  $1 \leq a, b \leq n-1$ .

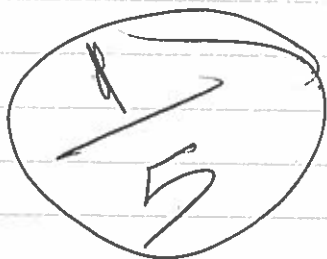
Thus  $a \cdot_n b \neq 0$ . Hence  $a \cdot_n b \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ .

2) Inverse: Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ . Since  $n \nmid a$

we know  $a^{n-1} \pmod{n} = 1$ . Thus

$$a \cdot a^{n-2} \pmod{n} = 1. \text{ Hence}$$

$$a^{-1} = a^{n-2} \pmod{n} \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*.$$



vii Let  $F = \{3, 6, 9, 12\}$ , and  $*$  = multiplication module 15. Convinceme that  $(F, *)$  is a group by constructing the Cayley's Table. What is  $e$  in  $F$ ? Find the inverse of each element of  $F$ .

Given that  $F = \{3, 6, 9, 12\}$  and  $*$  = operation  
 $(a * b) \text{ mod } 15 = \text{remainder of } (a \times b) / 15$

*	3	6	9	12
3	9	3	12	6
6	3	6	9	12
9	12	9	6	3
12	6	12	3	9

- All elements in the table are the elements of  $F$ .

$*$   $\rightarrow$  binary operator on  $F$ .

for any  $a, b, c$  in  $F$  it is clear.  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$

$\mu$  identity =  $e = 6$

inverse of 3 is 12

inverse of 6 is 9

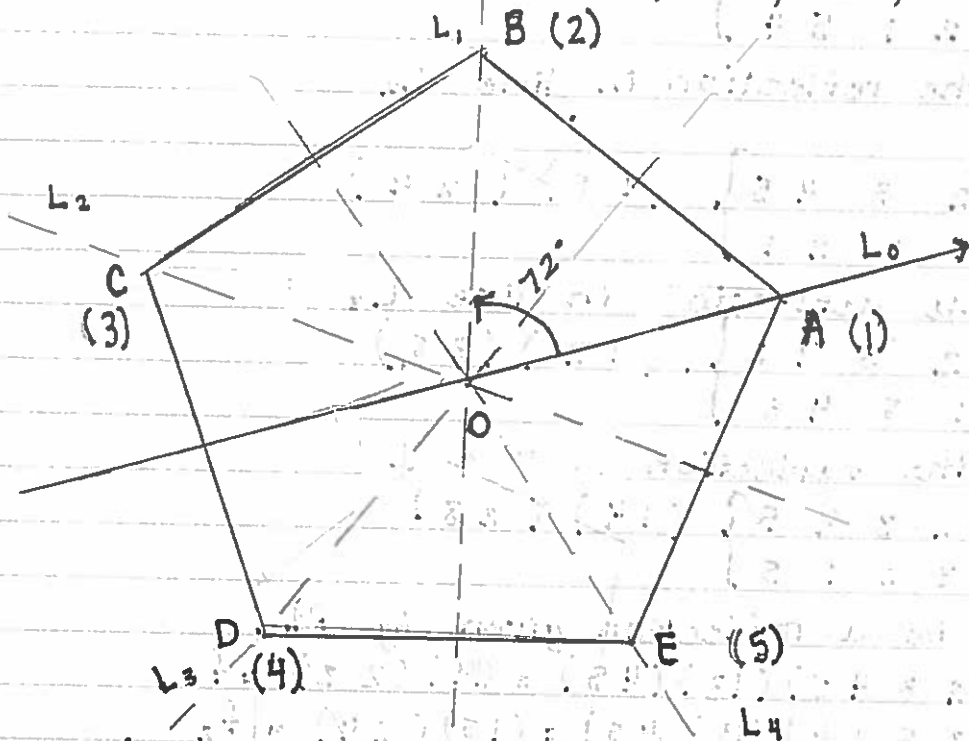
inverse of 9 is 6

inverse of 12 is 3

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viii Consider  $(D_5, o)$ . We know  $D_5$  has 10 elements. Let  $s_1$  be one of the reflections. Let  $a = R_{72}$ . Convince me that  $\{a^0 \cdot s_1, a^2 \cdot s_1, a^3 \cdot s_1, a^4 \cdot s_1, a^5 \cdot s_1\}$  is the set of all reflections in  $D_5$ .

If  $r$  is a rotation  $R_0$  and  $s$  is any reflection then  $D_5$  can be written as  $\{1, r, r^2, r^3, r^4, a \cdot s_1, a^2 \cdot s_1, a^3 \cdot s_1, a^4 \cdot s_1, a^5 \cdot s_1\}$



$$a = R_{72} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5)$$

$$a^2 = R_{144} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = (1\ 3\ 5\ 2\ 4)$$

$$a^3 = R_{216} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 5 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = (1\ 4\ 2\ 5\ 3)$$

$$a^4 = R_{288} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = (1\ 5\ 4\ 3\ 2)$$

$$a^5 = R_{360} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = (1)$$

$(R_0)$

Let:  $f_0$  be the reflection between  $L_0$

$$f_0 = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 \end{array} \right\} = (2 \ 5) \cdot (3 \ 4)$$

$f_1$  be the reflection in line  $L_1$

$$f_1 = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 5 & 4 \end{array} \right\} = (1 \ 3) (4 \ 5)$$

$f_2$  be the reflection in line  $L_2$

$$f_2 = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right\} (1 \ 5) (2 \ 4)$$

$f_3$  be the reflection in line  $L_3$

$$f_3 = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 & 4 & 3 \end{array} \right\} (1 \ 2) (3 \ 5)$$

$f_4$  be the reflection in line  $L_4$

$$f_4 = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right\} (1 \ 4) (2 \ 3)$$

Let  $s$  be a reflection given by  $f_1$

$$a_1 s = (1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5) (1 \ 3) (4 \ 5) = (1 \ 4) (2 \ 3) = f_4$$

$$a_2 s = (1 \ 3 \ 5 \ 2 \ 4) (1 \ 3) (4 \ 5) = (1 \ 5) (2 \ 4) = f_2$$

$$a_3 s = (1 \ 4 \ 2 \ 5 \ 3) (1 \ 3) (4 \ 5) = (2 \ 5) (3 \ 5) = f_0$$

$$a_4 s = (1 \ 5 \ 4 \ 3 \ 2) (1 \ 3) (4 \ 5) = (1 \ 2) (3 \ 5) = f_3$$

$$a_5 s = (1) (1 \ 3) (4 \ 5) = (1 \ 3) (4 \ 5) = f_1$$

$\Rightarrow \{a_1 s, a_2 s, a_3 s, a_4 s, a_5 s\}$  is the set of Reflection of  $D_5$

Very long!!  
you can use mathematical argument



## HW TWO, MTH 320, Fall 2016

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- QUESTION 1.** (i) Given  $(S, *) = \langle a \rangle$  for some  $a \in S$  and  $S$  has exactly 24 elements. Let  $F = \{b \in S \mid S = \langle b \rangle\}$ . Write the elements of  $F$  in terms of  $a$ . How many elements does  $F$  have?
- (ii) Let  $S = \{(a, b) \mid a \in \mathbb{Z}_3^*, b \in \mathbb{Z}_3\}$ . Define  $*$  on  $S$  such that if  $(x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2) \in S$ , then  $(x_1, x_2) * (y_1, y_2) = (x_1 y_1 \pmod{3}, x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1 \pmod{3})$ . Then  $(S, *)$  satisfies the associative property (do not prove this). Construct the Cayley's table of  $(S, *)$ . By staring at the table: Is  $S$  a group? if yes, what is  $e$ ? what is the inverse of each element? Is  $S$  cyclic? If yes, find  $a \in S$  such that  $S = \langle a \rangle$ .
- (iii) Let  $D$  be a group with 47 elements. Prove that  $D$  is abelian? Can you say more?
- (iv) Let  $D$  be a group,  $H_1, H_2$  be two subgroups of  $D$  such that  $H_1 \not\subseteq H_2$  and  $H_2 \not\subseteq H_1$ . Prove that  $H_1 \cup H_2$  is never a subgroup of  $D$ .
- (v) Let  $D$  be a group, and  $H_1, H_2$  be two subgroups of  $D$ . Prove that  $H_1 \cap H_2$  is a subgroup of  $D$ .
- (vi) Let  $(S, *)$  be an abelian group with identity  $e$ . Fix an integer  $n \geq 2$ , and let  $F = \{a \in S \mid a^n = e\}$ . Prove that  $(F, *)$  is a subgroup of  $S$ . Assume  $n = 11$ . Prove that either  $F = \{e\}$  or  $F$  has at least 11 elements.
- (vii) Construct the Cayley's table for  $(U(9), \cdot)$ . Is  $U(9)$  cyclic? If yes, then find  $a \in U(9)$  such that  $(U(9), \cdot) = \langle a \rangle$ .

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### Question. 1

(i) GIVEN:  $(S, *) = \langle a \rangle$  for some  $a \in S$   
 $|S| = 24$  exactly  
 $F = \{ b \in S \mid \delta = \langle b \rangle \}$

→ Elements of  $F$  in terms of  $a$

$$S = \{ a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^{24} = e \}$$

Required to find: All elements in  $S$  that have  
an order of 24

Find all  $m$  such that  $|a^m| = \frac{24}{\gcd(m, 24)} = 24$   
 $\gcd(m, 24) = 1$

Hence,  $m = \{ 1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23 \}$

$$F = \{ a, a^5, a^7, a^{11}, a^{13}, a^{17}, a^{19}, a^{23} \}$$

→ How many elements does  $F$  have?

$$|F| = 8$$

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(ii) GIVEN:  $S = \{(a, b) \mid a \in \mathbb{Z}_3^*, b \in \mathbb{Z}_3\} = \{(1,0), (1,1), (1,2), (2,0), (2,1), (2,2)\}$   
 $(x_1, x_2) * (y_1, y_2) = (x_1 y_1 \pmod{3}, x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1 \pmod{3})$

→ Construct the Cayley's table

*	(1,0)	(1,1)	(1,2)	(2,0)	(2,1)	(2,2)
(1,0)	(1,0)	(1,1)	(1,2)	(2,0)	(2,1)	(2,2)
(1,1)	(1,1)	(1,2)	(1,0)	(2,2)	(2,0)	(2,1)
(1,2)	(1,2)	(1,0)	(1,1)	(2,1)	(2,2)	(2,0)
(2,0)	(2,0)	(2,2)	(2,1)	(1,0)	(1,2)	(1,1)
(2,1)	(2,1)	(2,0)	(2,2)	(1,2)	(1,1)	(1,0)
(2,2)	(2,2)	(2,1)	(2,0)	(1,1)	(1,0)	(1,2)

→ Is S a group?

CLOSURE: By staring at the Cayley's table, the closure axiom is satisfied

ASSOCIATIVE: Given in the question, and hence, satisfied

IDENTITY: clear that  $e = (1,0)$  since  $a * (1,0) = (1,0) * a = a \forall a \in S$

INVERSE: 
 (1,0) with itself  
 (1,1) and (1,2)  
 (2,0) with itself  
 (2,1) and (2,2)

→ Is S cyclic?

$| (1,0) | = 1$

$| (1,1) | = 3$

$| (1,2) | = 3$

$| (2,0) | = 2$

$| (2,1) | = 6 \rightarrow$  could be the generators

$| (2,2) | = 6 \rightarrow$  could be the generators

Check:

$S = \{(2,1), (2,1)^2 = (1,1), (2,1)^3 = (2,0), (2,1)^4 = (1,2), (2,1)^5 = (2,2), (2,1)^6 = (1,0)\}$   
 $= \{(2,2), (2,2)^2 = (1,2), (2,2)^3 = (2,0), (2,2)^4 = (1,1), (2,2)^5 = (2,1), (2,2)^6 = (1,0)\}$

$\therefore S$  is cyclic  $\Rightarrow S = \langle (2,1) \rangle = \langle (2,2) \rangle$

(iii) GIVEN:  $D$  is a group  
 $|D| = 47$

→ Show that  $D$  is an abelian group:

We notice that  $|D|$  is a prime number.

Let  $a \in D$ , such that  $a$  is not the identity ( $a \neq e$ ).

We know that the cyclic group generated by  $a$  is a subgroup of  $D \Rightarrow \langle a \rangle \leq D$

By Lagrange, the order of  $\langle a \rangle$  divides  $|D|$   
 $\Rightarrow |\langle a \rangle| \mid 47$

$47$  is prime  $\Rightarrow$  the divisors of  $47$  are  $1$  and itself

Since  $a \neq e \Rightarrow |\langle a \rangle| > 1$ , and hence,  $|\langle a \rangle|$  must be

Hence  $\langle a \rangle = D \Rightarrow$   $D$  is cyclic and generated by  $a$  → Can you say more?

We find in our class notes that every cyclic group is an abelian

Hence  $D$  is abelian

(iv) GIVEN:  $D$  is a group.

$$H_1 < D \text{ and } H_2 < D$$

$$H_1 \not\subseteq H_2 \text{ and } H_2 \not\subseteq H_1$$

→ Prove that  $H_1 \cup H_2$  can never be a subgroup of  $D$ :

$$\text{Let } a \in H_1 \text{ and } a \notin H_2$$

$$\text{Let } b \in H_2 \text{ and } b \notin H_1$$

$$\text{Hence, } a \in H_1 \cup H_2 \text{ and } b \in H_1 \cup H_2$$

$$\text{Clear that } a * b \notin H_1 \text{ and } a * b \notin H_2$$

$$\text{Therefore, } a * b \notin H_1 \cup H_2$$

∴ Closure is not satisfied  $\Rightarrow H_1 \cup H_2$  is not even a group to begin with

→ EXAMPLE:

$$(\mathbb{Z}_6, +_6) \text{ where } \mathbb{Z}_6 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$H_1 = \{0, 2, 4\} \text{ and } H_2 = \{0, 3\}$$

$$H_1 \cup H_2 = \{0, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$2 +_6 3 = 5 \notin H_1 \cup H_2$$

you can make it shorter.  
Let  $a, b \in H_1 \cap H_2$ . Show  $a^{-1} * b \in H_1 \cap H_2$ .

Since  $a \in H_1 \cap H_2$ ,  $a^{-1} \in H_1 \cap H_2$ . Hence  $a^{-1} * b \in H_1$  and  $a^{-1} * b \in H_2$ . Thus  $a^{-1} * b \in H_1 \cap H_2$ .

(iv) GIVEN:  $D$  is a group  
 $H_1 < D$  and  $H_2 < D$

→ Show that  $(H_1 \cap H_2) < D$ :

CLOSURE: let  $a \in H_1 \cap H_2$  and  $b \in H_1 \cap H_2$ .  
then  $a, b \in H_1$  and  $a, b \in H_2$

Since  $H_1$  is a subgroup, then  $a * b \in H_1$ .  
Similarly,  $a * b \in H_2$

Hence,  $a * b \in H_1 \cap H_2$  closure is satisfied ✓

ASSOCIATIVE: clear, since  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are subgroups.  
Therefore,  $H_1 \cap H_2$  satisfies the associative axiom ✓

IDENTITY: Since  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are subgroups, the identity  $e$  is in both.  
 $\Rightarrow e \in H_1$  and  $e \in H_2$   
Hence,  $e \in H_1 \cap H_2$  ✓

INVERSE: if  $a \in H_1 \cap H_2$ , then  $a \in H_1$  and  $a \in H_2$

if  $a \in H_1$ , then  $a^{-1} \in H_1$ , because  $H_1$  is a subgroup.  
Similarly,  $a \in H_2 \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H_2$

Hence,  $a^{-1} \in H_1 \cap H_2$  ✓

\*  $H_1 \cap H_2$  satisfies all group axioms and  $H_1 \cap H_2 < D$   
 $\Rightarrow H_1 \cap H_2 < D$  \*

Let  $a, b \in F$ . show  $a^{-1} * b \in F$ .  
~~Since  $(a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1} \in F$  Hence  $a^{-1} * b \in F$ .~~

(vi) GIVEN:  $(S, *)$  is an abelian group with identity  $e$   
 $F = \{a \in S \mid a^n = e\}; n \geq 2$

→ Prove that  $(F, *)$  is a subgroup of  $S$ : Since  $S$  is abelian  $(a^{-1} * b)^n =$

CLOSURE: Since  $(S, *)$  is abelian, we know that  $a * b = b * a \quad \forall a, b \in S$

We also know that since  $a * b = b * a$ , then  $(a * b)^n = a^n * b^n$

Let  $a, b \in F \Rightarrow a^n = e \quad \& \quad b^n = e$

$(a * b)^n = a^n * b^n = e * e = e$

Since  $(a * b)^n = e$ , then  $a * b \in F$  ✓ closure satisfied

ASSOCIATIVE: Clear, since  $F \subset S \quad \& \quad S$  is a group

IDENTITY: Since  $e^n = e \Rightarrow e \in F$  ✓

INVERSE: Let  $a \in F \Rightarrow a^n = e$

We know that  $|a| = |a^{-1}|$

$\Rightarrow a^m = e \quad \& \quad (a^{-1})^m = e$

if  $n = m \Rightarrow (a^{-1})^n = e \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in F$

if  $n \neq m \Rightarrow$  We know that  $m \mid n$  and

hence  $(a^{-1})^n = e \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in F$  ✓

\*  $F$  is a group  $\& \quad F \subset S \Rightarrow F < S$  \*

→ Assume  $n = 11 \Rightarrow F = \{e\}$  or  $|F|$  is at least 11

$F = \{a \in S \mid a^{11} = e\}$

11 is prime  $\Rightarrow F = \{a \in S \mid |a| = 11\}$  since there cannot be any other  $m$  less than 11 such that  $a^m = e$ .

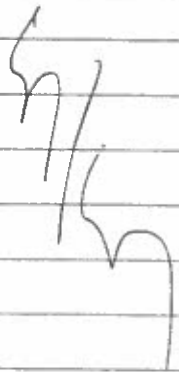
In a group, we know that the order of any element in the group divides the order of the group  $\Rightarrow |a| \mid |F| \forall a \in F$

Since  $|a| = 11 \Rightarrow |F| = 11, 22, 33, 44, \dots$

\*  $F$  must have at least 11 elements \*

Assume that there exists no element in  $S$  whose order is 11, hence only  $e$  satisfies  $e^{11} = e$

\*  $F = \{e\}$  \*





(vii) Given:  $(U(9), \cdot_9)$

$$U(9) = \{a \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\} \mid \gcd(a, 9) = 1\}$$

$$U(9) = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8\}$$

→ Construct the Cayley's table:

$\cdot_9$	1	2	4	5	7	8
1	①	2	4	5	7	8
2	2	4	8	①	5	7
4	4	8	7	2	①	5
5	5	①	2	7	8	4
7	7	5	①	8	4	2
8	8	7	5	4	2	①

→ Is  $U(9)$  cyclic?

$$|1| = 1$$

$$|2| = 6$$

$$|4| = 3$$

$$|5| = 6$$

$$|7| = 3$$

$$|8| = 2$$

could be  
the generators

→ Check:  $U(9) = \{2, 2^2=4, 2^3=8, 2^4=7, 2^5=5, 2^6=1\}$

Hence,  $U(9) = \langle 2 \rangle$  cyclic & generated by  $a=2$

$$U(9) = \{5, 5^2=7, 5^3=8, 5^4=4, 5^5=2, 5^6=1\}$$

Hence,  $U(9) = \langle 5 \rangle$  cyclic & generated by  $a=5$

## HW III, MTH 320, Fall 2016

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**QUESTION 1.** (i) We know that  $6Z, 8Z$  are infinite cyclic subgroups of  $(Z, +)$ . Hence  $6Z \cap 8Z$  is also an infinite cyclic subgroup and thus  $6Z \cap 8Z = aZ$  for some  $a \in Z$ . Find all possible values of  $a$ . Explain?

**Sketch.** Let  $a$  be the least positive integer that "lives" in  $6Z$  and "lives" in  $8Z$ . Hence  $6|a$  and  $8|a$ . Since  $a$  is the least positive integer where  $6|a$  and  $8|a$ , we conclude that  $a = LCM[6, 8] = 24$ . Thus  $a = 24$ . Thus  $6Z \cap 8Z = 24Z$

(ii) In general fix  $a, b \in (Z, +)$ . Then  $aZ \cap bZ = cZ$  for some  $c \in Z$ . Find all possible values  $c$  (of course write  $c$  in terms of  $a, b$ ).

**Sketch:** Let  $d \in (aZ \cap bZ)$ . Then  $a | d$  and  $b | d$ . Let  $h = lcm[a, b]$ . Then  $h$  is the least positive integer that lives in  $aZ \cap bZ$ . Since  $aZ \cap bZ$  must be an infinite cyclic subgroup of  $Z$ , we conclude that  $aZ \cap bZ = lcm[a, b]Z = hZ$ . We know that if  $H = \langle v \rangle$  is an infinite cyclic group, then  $H$  has exactly two generators, namely:  $v$  and  $v^{-1}$ . Thus  $aZ \cap bZ = lcm[a, b]Z = -lcm[a, b]Z$ . Thus all possible values of  $c$  are :  $lcm[a, b]$  and  $-lcm[a, b]$ .

(iii) Let  $(S, *)$  be a group. Assume that  $a * b = b * a$  for some  $a, b \in S$ . Prove that  $a * b^{-1} = b^{-1} * a$ .

**Proof** Since  $a * b = b * a$ , we have  $b^{-1} * a * b * a^{-1} = b^{-1} * b * a * a^{-1} = e * e = e$ . Since  $b^{-1} * a * b * a^{-1} = e$  we conclude that  $b^{-1} * a = e * a * b^{-1} = a * b^{-1}$ .

(iv) Let  $(D, *)$  be a group with 8 elements. Assume that  $D$  has a unique subgroup of order 2 and it has a unique abelian subgroup of order 4. Prove that  $D$  is an abelian group. In fact, you can prove that  $(D, *)$  is cyclic.

**Proof:** Let  $F$  be the unique abelian subgroup of  $D$  with 2 elements and let  $M$  be the unique abelian subgroup of  $D$  with 4 elements. Since  $M$  is abelian with 4 elements, we know that  $M$  has an abelian subgroup  $K$  with 2 elements. Since  $K$  is also an abelian subgroup of  $D$  with 2 elements, we conclude that  $K = F$ . Now let  $a \in D \setminus M$  and let  $c = |a|$ . Hence by Lagrange Theorem,  $c = 1$  or  $2$  or  $4$  or  $8$ . We know that  $\{a, a^2, \dots, a^c = e\} = \langle a \rangle$  is an abelian (cyclic) subgroup of  $D$  with  $c$  elements. Since  $a \in D \setminus M$  and  $F \subset M$  are unique abelian subgroups of order 2 and 4 respectively, we conclude that  $c \neq 2$  and  $c \neq 4$ . Clearly,  $c \neq 1$ . Hence  $c = 8$ . Thus  $D = \langle a \rangle$ .

(v) Let  $(D, *)$  be a group. Assume  $a * b = b * a$  for some  $a, b \in D$ . Given  $|a| = n, |b| = m$ , and  $gcd(n, m) = 1$ . Prove that  $|a * b| = nm$ . [Hint: Since  $gcd(n, m) = 1$ , from class notes we know that if  $n | mc$  for some  $c \in Z$ , then  $n | c$ . Also you need to use a trivial fact from number theory that if  $gcd(n, m) = 1$  and  $n | c$  and  $m | c$  for some  $c \in Z$ , then  $nm | c$ ]

**Proof:** Let  $k = |a * b|$ . Since  $a * b = b * a$ ,  $(a * b)^{nm} = (a^n)^m (b^m)^n = e * e = e$ . Hence  $k | nm$ . Now  $e = (a * b)^{km} = a^{km} * (b^m)^k = a^{km} * e = a^{km}$ . Thus  $n | km$ . Since  $gcd(n, m) = 1$ , we conclude that  $n | k$ . Similarly,  $e = (a * b)^{km} = (a^m)^k * b^{kn} = e * b^{kn} = b^{kn}$ . Thus  $m | kn$ . Since  $gcd(n, m) = 1$ , we conclude that  $m | k$ . Since  $n | k$  and  $m | k$  and  $gcd(n, m) = 1$ , we conclude that  $nm | k$ . Since  $k | nm$  and  $nm | k$ , we conclude that  $k = nm$ .

(vi) Let  $(D, *)$  be a group. Assume  $a * b = b * a$  for some  $a, b \in D$ . Given  $|a| = 6$  and  $|b| = 14$ . Prove that  $(D, *)$  has a cyclic subgroup of order 42. [hint: Some how show that  $D$  has an element of order 7, then you need to use (V)]

**Proof.** We know  $|b^2| = 14/gcd(2, 14) = 7$ . Since  $a * b = b * a$ , it is clear that  $a * b^2 = b^2 * a$ . Since  $gcd(6, 7) = 1$ , by part V  $|a * b^2| = 42$ . Hence  $H = \langle a * b^2 \rangle$  is a cyclic subgroup of  $D$  with 42 elements.

(vii) Let  $D$  be an abelian group with  $pq$  elements where  $p, q$  are distinct prime numbers. Prove that  $D$  is cyclic.

**Proof.** Since  $D$  is abelian, we have a subgroup  $H$  of order  $p$  and a subgroup  $K$  of order  $q$ . Let  $a \in H$  such that  $a \neq e$ . By Lagrange Theorem we conclude  $|a| = p$ . Similarly, if  $b \in K$  and  $b \neq e$ , then  $|b| = q$ . Thus  $|a * b| = pq$  by part V. Hence  $D = \langle a * b \rangle$

(viii) Let  $D$  be a finite abelian group and  $H$  be a proper subgroup of  $D$  with 10 elements. Assume  $a \in D \setminus H$  such that  $|a| = 3$ . Then

a. Show that  $a * H, a^2 * H, a^3 * H$  are distinct left cosets of  $H$  [Hint: First note that  $a^3 * H = e * H = H$ . We know  $a * H \cap H = \emptyset$ . So show  $a^2 * H \cap a * H = \emptyset$  and  $a^2 * H \cap H = \emptyset$ ].

**Proof:** We show  $a^2 \notin H$  and  $a^2 \notin a * H$ . Assume that  $a^2 \in H$ . Since  $a^3 = e, a * a^2 = e$ . Thus  $e \in a * H$ , impossible since  $a * H \cap H = \emptyset$ . Assume  $a^2 \in a * H$ . Thus  $a^2 = a * h$  for some  $h \in H$ . Hence  $a = h$ , impossible. Thus  $H, a * H, a^2 * H$  are all distinct left cosets of  $H$ .

b. Show that  $F = a * H \cup a^2 * H \cup a^3 * H$  is a subgroup of  $D$  with 30 elements.

**Proof:** Note that  $H = a^0 * H = e * H$  and hence  $F = a^0 * H \cup a * H \cup a^2 * H$ . Let  $x, y \in F$ . Since  $F$  is finite, we only need show  $x * y \in F$ . Hence  $x = a^i * h, y = a^k * g$  for some  $i, k, 0 \leq i, k \leq 2$  and some  $h, g \in H$ . Since  $|a| = 3$  and  $D$  is abelian,  $x * y = (a^i * h) * (a^k * g) = a^{(i+k) \bmod 3} * (h * g)$ . Since  $0 \leq (i+k) \bmod 3 \leq 2$  and  $h * g \in H$ , we are done.

a. Find all distinct left cosets of  $H$ . Note there must be exactly 4 such left cosets

**: This is my present to you... just straight forward calculations**

b. Is  $H \cup 5H$  a subgroup of  $U(16)$ ? Is  $H \cup 9H$  a subgroup of  $U(16)$ ? explain

**Note  $K = H \cup 5H = \{1, 7, 3, 5\}$ . ( $5 \cdot 3 = 15 \notin K$ , so no) and  $L = H \cup 9H = \{1, 7, 9, 15\}$  (by Caley's Table  $L$  is a subgroup)**

**Submit your solution on Tuesday October 18, 2016 at 2pm. Faculty information**

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## HW IV, MTH 320, Fall 2016

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**QUESTION 1.** (i) Let  $\alpha = (1\ 4\ 5\ 2)o(2\ 6\ 5) \in S_6$ . Find  $|\alpha|$

**Typical question**

(ii) Let  $\beta \in S_7$  and  $x = \beta o(2\ 6\ 3\ 1)o\beta^{-1}$ . Find  $|x|$ .

**Typical question**

(iii) Let  $D = (Z_4, +) \times (Z_6, +)$ . Give me a subgroup  $H$  of  $D$  such that there is no subgroup  $L_1$  of  $Z_4$  and there is no subgroup  $L_2$  of  $Z_6$  where  $H = L_1 \times L_2$ .

**Solution: The element  $(2, 3)$  in  $D$  is of order 2. Hence  $H = \{(0, 0), (2, 3)\}$  is a subgroup of  $D$  but there is no subgroup  $L_1$  of  $Z_4$  and there is no subgroup  $L_2$  of  $Z_6$  where  $H = L_1 \times L_2$ .**

(iv) Let  $D = (S, *1) \times (F, *2)$  be a cyclic group (you may assume  $|S| > 1, |F| > 1$ ). Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $D$ . Prove that there exists a subgroup  $K$  of  $S$  and there exists a subgroup  $L$  of  $F$  such that  $H = K \times L$ . [Hint: You may use the fact that if  $\gcd(n, m) = 1$  and  $i \mid nm$ , then  $i \mid n$  or  $i \mid m$  or  $i = ab$  ( $a > 1$  and  $b > 1$ ) such that  $a \mid n$  and  $b \mid m$ .)] **[OBSERVE that the group in part III is not cyclic, interesting!]**

**Solution: We know that  $F, S$  are cyclic and finite groups. Let  $n = |S|$  and  $m = |F|$ . Hence  $|D| = nm$ . Since  $D$  is cyclic, we know  $\gcd(n, m) = 1$ . Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $D$  and  $k = |H|$ . Since  $D$  is cyclic, we know that  $H$  is the only subgroup of  $D$  that has  $k$  element. Since  $k \mid nm$  and  $\gcd(n, m) = 1$ , we conclude that  $k = ab$  such that  $a \mid n, b \mid m$ , and  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  (note it is possible that  $a = 1$  or  $b = 1$ ). Since  $a \mid n$ ,  $S$  has a unique subgroup  $L_1$  of order  $a$ . Since  $b \mid m$ ,  $F$  has a unique subgroup  $L_2$  of order  $b$ . Thus  $L_1 \times L_2$  is the unique subgroup of  $D$  that has  $k$  elements. Hence  $H = L_1 \times L_2$ .**

(v) Let  $a \in S_n$  be a permutation (i.e  $a = (a_1 \cdots a_k)$ ). Note that not every function in  $S_n$  is a permutation). Prove that  $a \in A_n$  if and only if  $|a|$  is an odd number.

**Solution: Since  $a = (a_1\ a_2 \cdots a_{k-1}\ a_k) = (a_1\ a_k)o(a_1\ a_{k-1})o \cdots o(a_1\ a_2)$ ,  $(k-1)$ -2-cycles, we conclude that  $a \in A_n$  iff  $(k-1)$  is even. Hence  $k$  must be an odd positive integer. Thus  $|a| = k$  is odd.**

(vi) We know that  $D_4$  is a subgroup of  $S_4$  and hence  $L = D_4 \cap A_4$  is a subgroup of  $S_4$ . Find  $L$ . Is  $L \triangleleft A_4$ ? EXPLAIN

**Solution: Let  $L = D_4 \cap A_4 = \{(1), (1\ 3)(2\ 4), (1\ 3)(2\ 4), (2\ 3)(1\ 4)\}$ . Now if we view  $L$  as a subgroup of  $A_4$ . Then  $[A_4 : L] = 3$ . Thus  $L$  has exactly 3 left cosets, say:  $L, aoL$ , and  $boL$ . Now do the calculation, show:  $aoL = Loa$  and  $boL = Lob$ . Thus we conclude that  $L \triangleleft A_4$ .**

(vii) Let  $D$  be a group with 15 elements. Assume  $H \triangleleft D$  such that  $|H| = 3$ . Assume there exists  $a \in S \setminus H$  such that  $|a| \neq 5$ . Prove that  $D$  is cyclic. [Hint: you may want to consider  $D/H$  !!]

**Solution: We know  $D/H$  is a group with 5 element. Consider the natural group homomorphism from  $D$  onto  $D/H$  (given by  $x \rightarrow x * H$ ). Let  $k = |a|$ , and  $m = |a * H|$  (note that  $m$  is the order of the element  $a * H$  in  $D/H$ ). We know that  $m \mid k$  and  $m \mid 5$  (since  $|D/H| = 5$ ). Since  $a \notin H, m \neq 1$ . Hence  $m = 5$ . Thus  $5 \mid k$ . Since  $5 \mid k$  and  $k \mid 15$  and  $a^5 \neq 1$ , we conclude that  $k = 15$ . Thus  $D$  is cyclic.**

(viii) Let  $F$  be a nontrivial group-homomorphism from  $(Z_6, +)$  into  $(Z_8, +)$ . Find  $\text{Ker}(F)$  and find  $\text{Image}(F)$  (i.e.  $\text{Range}(F)$ ).

**Solution: We know  $Z_6/\text{Ker}(F) \approx \text{Image}(F)$  and  $\text{Image}(F)$  is a subgroup of  $Z_8$ . Thus  $|\text{Image}(F)|$  is a factor of 8. Let  $a = |\text{Image}(F)|, b = |Z_6/\text{Ker}(F)|$ . Hence  $a = b$ . Since  $b \mid 6$  and  $a = b$  and  $a \mid 8$ , we conclude that  $a = b = 2$ . Now  $Z_8$  has exactly one subgroup of order 2. Thus  $\text{Image}(F) = \{0, 4\}$ . Since  $b = 2$ , we conclude  $|\text{Ker}(F)| = 3$ . Since  $Z_6$  has exactly one subgroup of order 3, we conclude  $\text{Ker}(F) = \{0, 2, 4\}$ .**

(ix) Is the group  $(Z_4, +)$  isomorphic to  $U(8)$ ? EXPLAIN.

**Solution: No,  $Z_4$  is cyclic but  $U(8)$  is not cyclic**

(x) Give me an example of a non-abelian group say  $D$  such that  $D$  has a normal subgroup  $H$  where  $D/H$  is abelian.

**Solution: Let  $D = S_3$  and  $H = A_3$ .**

(xi) Give me an example of an abelian group say  $D$  that is not cyclic but  $D$  has a normal subgroup  $H$  where  $D/H$  is cyclic.

**Solution: Let  $D = U(8)$  and  $H = \{1, 7\}$ .**

(xii) Give me an example of a group say  $D$  that has a normal subgroup  $H$  such that there is an  $a \in D$  where  $|a| = \infty$  but the order of the element  $a * H$  in  $G/H$  is finite.

**Solution: Let  $D = (Z, +), H = 5Z$ , and  $a = 1$ . Then  $|1| = \infty$ . Since  $Z/5Z \approx Z_5, |1 + 5Z| = 5$ .**

(xiii) Give me an example of a group say  $D$  such that for each integer  $n \geq 2$ , there is an element  $a \in D$  with  $|a| = n$ . (note that such  $D$  must be infinite)

**Solution: Let  $D = (Q, +)$  and  $H = Z$ . Then  $|\frac{1}{n} + Z| = n$  in  $Q/Z$ .**

(xiv) Let  $n \geq 3$  and let  $x \in S_n$ . Prove that  $x^2$  is always an even function.

**Solution:** Since  $A_4 \triangleleft S_4$ , we know that  $S_4/A_4$  is a group with exactly 2 elements. Let  $x \in S_4$ . Then  $(xA_4)^2 = x^2A_4 = A_4$  in  $S_4/A_4$ . Thus  $x^2 \in A_4$ .

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