

HW One: Abstract Algebra, MTH 320, Fall 2017

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QUESTION 1. examples of groups

- (i) Let $D = \{(a, b) | a \in \{1, 7\} \text{ and } b \in \{0, 2, 4, 6\}\}$. Define $*$ on D such that for every $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in D$ we have $(x_1, y_1) * (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 \cdot x_2, x_1 \cdot y_2 + x_2 \cdot y_1)$, where \cdot means multiplication module 8 and $+$ means addition module 8. Construct the Cayley's table for $(D, *)$. Now by staring at the table, you should conclude that D is an abelian group. Note that D is associate since (Z_8, \cdot) and $(Z_8, +)$ are associate (so no need to check that unless you insist!).
- What is $e \in D$?
 - If $a = (7, 4) \in D$, then what is a^{-1} ?
 - If $a = (1, 6) \in D$, then what is a^{-1} ?
 - If $a = (1, 2) \in D$, then what is $|a|$?
- (ii) Let $D = \{6, 12, 18, 24\}$. Define $*$ on D such that for every $a, b \in D$ we have $a * b = a \cdot b$, where \cdot means multiplication module 30. Construct the Cayley's table of (D, \cdot) . By staring at the table you should conclude that (D, \cdot) is an abelian group (Since (Z_{30}, \cdot) is associate, we conclude that (D, \cdot) is associate).
- What is $e \in D$?
 - Let $a = 12$ What is $|a|$?
 - Let $k = |12|$, find a^2, a^3, a^4 . What can you conclude about $\{a, a^2, a^3, a^4\}$?
 - Let $k = |24|$, find a^2, a^3, a^4 . Is this different from (c)?
- (iii) Give me an example of a group $(D, *)$ such that D has an element $a \in D$ where $a^2 * b = b * a^2$ for every $b \in D$, but $a * c \neq c * a$ for some $c \in D$. [Hint: There are many examples, for example let $D = \{f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } f \text{ is continuous and bijective}\}$, and let $* = \circ$. From class notes we know that (D, \circ) is monoid. Since every f in D is bijective, we conclude that $f^{-1} \in D$ for every $f \in D$. Hence (D, \circ) is a non-abelian group, now find a and c in D]

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We construct Cayley's Table for $(D, *)$

*	(1,0)	(1,2)	(1,4)	(1,6)	(7,0)	(7,2)	(7,4)	(7,6)
(1,0)	(1,0)	(1,2)	(1,4)	(1,6)	(7,0)	(7,2)	(7,4)	(7,6)
(1,2)	(1,2)	(1,4)	(1,6)	(1,0)	(7,6)	(7,0)	(7,2)	(7,4)
(1,4)	(1,4)	(1,6)	(1,0)	(1,2)	(7,4)	(7,6)	(7,0)	(7,2)
(1,6)	(1,6)	(1,0)	(1,2)	(1,4)	(7,2)	(7,4)	(7,6)	(7,0)
(7,0)	(7,0)	(7,6)	(7,4)	(7,2)	(1,0)	(1,6)	(1,4)	(1,2)
(7,2)	(7,2)	(7,0)	(7,6)	(7,4)	(1,6)	(1,4)	(1,2)	(1,0)
(7,4)	(7,4)	(7,2)	(7,0)	(7,6)	(1,4)	(1,2)	(1,0)	(1,6)
(7,6)	(7,6)	(7,4)	(7,2)	(7,0)	(1,2)	(1,0)	(1,6)	(1,4)

$\rightarrow 4$
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- (a) $e = (1,0) \quad \because (1,0) * a = a * (1,0) = a \quad \forall a \in D.$
- (b) $a = (7,4) \Rightarrow \underline{a^{-1} = (7,4)} \quad \because (7,4) * (7,4) = (1,0) = e.$
(From Cayley's Table)
- (c) $a = (1,6) \Rightarrow \underline{a^{-1} = (1,2)} \quad \because (1,6) * (1,2) = (1,2) * (1,6) = (1,0)$
(From Cayley's Table)

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(d) $a = (1,2)$. By construction

$$a * a = (1,2) * (1,2) = (1,4)$$

$$a^3 = (1,4) * (1,2) = (1,6) \quad | \because a^3 = a^2 * a$$

$$a^4 = (1,6) * (1,2) = (1,0) \quad | \because a^4 = a^3 * a$$

$\therefore a^4 = (1,0) = e$ and 4 is the smallest positive Integer such that this is true.

$\therefore |a| = \underline{\underline{|(1,2)|}} = 4.$

we construct Cayley's Table for $(D, *)$

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$*_{30}$	6	12	18	24
6	6	12	18	24
12	12	24	6	18
18	18	6	24	12
24	24	18	12	6

(a) $e = 6$ $\therefore 6 * a = a * 6 = a \quad \forall a \in D.$
 i.e. $6 *_{30} a = a *_{30} 6 = a \quad \forall a \in D.$

(b) $a = 12.$ $a^2 = a * a = 12 *_{30} 12 = 24$
 $a^3 = a^2 * a = 24 *_{30} 12 = 18$
 $a^4 = a^3 * a = 18 *_{30} 12 = 6$

Q since 4 is the smallest positive integer 'n' such that
Q $a^n = e = 6, \quad \underline{|a| = 4.}$

(c) $a = 12. \quad k = |a| = |12| = 4.$
 From (b) above: $a^2 = 24, \quad a^3 = 18, \quad a^4 = 6$
 $\therefore \{a, a^2, a^3, a^4\} = \{12, 24, 18, 6\} = \{6, 12, 18, 24\} = D.$

we get 'D' back.
 $\therefore \{a, a^2, a^3, a^4\}$ is a group with order 'k' = 4.

(d) $a = 24. \quad \Rightarrow a^2 = a * a = 24 * 24 = 6$
 $a^3 = a^2 * a = 6 * 24 = 24$
 $a^4 = a^3 * a = 24 * 24 = 6$

$\{a, a^2, a^3, a^4\} = \{24, 6, 24, 6\} = \{6, 24\} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \because \text{we do not repeat} \\ \text{elements in a set.} \end{array} \right.$

→ This is a group with 2 elements. Also, $k = |a| = 2$.

* ₃₀	6	24
6	6	24
24	24	6

→ This is different from (c) in the sense that there are only 2 elements and not 4.

→ However, here $k = |a| = 2$ and the order of the finite group is 2.

(c) Example 1: Consider $D = \{f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ is continuous \& bijective}\}$
 $*$ = \circ (function composition)

It is clear that D is a group with operation ' \circ '.

Let: $a: a(x) = -x$ $b: b(x) \in D$ is any function in D .

$c: c(x) = 2^x$ ~~$\in D$~~ ?! take $c(x) = x+1$
not in D

Then: $a^2 * b = a * a * b = (a * a) * b$ [Groups are Associative]
 $= e * b = b$.

and $b * a^2 = b * a * a = b * (a * a)$
 $= b * e = b$ [$\because a * a = a(a(x)) = a(-x) = -(-x) = x = e$].

~~$\therefore a^2 * b = b * a^2 \forall b \in D$~~

However: $a * c = a(c(x)) = a(x+1) = -(x+1) = -x-1$

$c * a = c(a(x)) = c(-x) = 2^{-x} = 2^{-x} - x + 1$

~~$\therefore \exists c \in D$ s.t. $a * c \neq c * a$~~

~~Example 2: $(D, *) = (U(\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}), \cdot)$~~

~~$a = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $c = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$. $a \neq e$. But $a^2 = e$~~

~~$\therefore a^2 * b = e * b = b$ and b~~

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QUESTION 1. Consider the following subsets of $(\mathbb{Z}_8, +)$: $H_0 = 0 + \{0, 4\} = \{0, 4\}$, $H_1 = 1 + \{0, 4\} = \{1, 5\}$, $H_2 = 2 + \{0, 4\} = \{2, 6\}$, $H_3 = 3 + \{0, 4\} = \{3, 7\}$. Let $D = \{H_0, H_1, H_2, H_3\}$. Define $*$ on D such that $H_i * H_k = (i+k) + H_0$, where $+$ means addition module 8. Construct the Cayley's table of $(D, *)$. Stare at the table, you should conclude that $(D, *)$ is an abelian group. [note that $(D, *)$ is associate since $(\mathbb{Z}_8, +)$ is associative]. Find e . For each $d \in D$ find d^{-1} . [Comments: observe What is $H_i \cap H_k$, $i \neq k$? where $0 \leq i, k \leq 3$. What is $H_0 \cup H_1 \cup H_2 \cup H_3$?]

QUESTION 2. (i) Let $(D, *)$ be a group and $a, b \in D$. What is $(a * b)^{-1}$? Prove your claim.

(ii) Let $(D, *)$ be a group such that $x^2 = e$ for every $x \in D$. Prove that D is abelian

(iii) Let $n \geq 2$ be a positive integer. Recall that $U(n) = \{a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^* | \gcd(a, n) = 1\}$. We know that $|U(n)| = \phi(n)$. Prove that $(U(n), \cdot)$ is a group [Note that we proved in class that (\mathbb{Z}_n^*, \cdot) is a group if and only if n is prime, so use similar proof and the fact I gave you that if $\gcd(a, n) = 1$, then $a^{\phi(n)} = 1$ in \mathbb{Z}_n (i.e., $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$)]

(iv) Let $k = |U(9)|$. What is k ? Is there an element in $U(9)$ that has order k ? if yes find such one.

(v) Let $k = |u(8)|$. What is k ? Is there an element in $U(8)$ that has order k ? if yes find such one.

QUESTION 3. (i) Let $(D, *)$ be a group and fix $a, b \in D$. Convince me that the equation $a * x = b$ has a unique solution in D . What is the solution?

(ii) Let (D_n, o) be the symmetric group on n -gon. We know that $|D| = 2n$ (note that $n \geq 3$ is a positive integer). Fix $a, b, c \in D_n$, where a is a rotation, b and c are reflection.

a. Prove that $b \circ a$ is a reflection. [Your proof should not exceed 2 lines].

b. ((a) and (i) might be helpful) Let $R = \{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n\}$ be the set of all rotations in D_n , Prove that $\{b \circ R_1, b \circ R_2, \dots, b \circ R_n\}$ is the set of all reflections. [This is a nice result, it means in order to get all reflections, you only need to find one reflection, say b , and then just composite b with each rotation]

c. Prove that $b \circ c$ is a rotation (note b, c are reflections) [Remember that Yousef claimed that!. Now in view of (i) and (b), you should give an Algebraic-Proof that should not exceed 3 lines]

d. Consider (D_5, o) . Let $R_1 = R_{72} = (1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5)$, $b = (Re)_1 = (2\ 5)(3\ 4)$ be a reflection. Note that $R_2 = R_1^2 = R_1 \circ R_1$, and in general $R_i = R_1^i = R_1^{i-1} \circ R_1 = R_{i-1} \circ R_1$. So you can find all the rotations (without sketching!). Now use the idea in (b) to calculate all reflections. [I will mention more on Monday about this part]

QUESTION 4. Let $(D, *)$ be a group and $a \in D$ such that $|a| = n < \infty$. Let m be a positive integer such that $\gcd(m, n) = 1$. Prove that $|a^m| = n$. So if $|a| = 11$, what can you conclude about $|a^i|$, where $2 \leq i \leq 10$?

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Answer 1) $D = \{H_0, H_1, H_2, H_3\} = \{\{0,4\}, \{1,5\}, \{2,6\}, \{3,7\}\}$.

* Cayley's Table:

*	H_0 $\{0,4\}$	H_1 $\{1,5\}$	H_2 $\{2,6\}$	H_3 $\{3,7\}$
$H_0: \{0,4\}$	$\{0,4\}$	$\{1,5\}$	$\{2,6\}$	$\{3,7\}$
$H_1: \{1,5\}$	$\{1,5\}$	$\{2,6\}$	$\{3,7\}$	$\{0,4\}$
$H_2: \{2,6\}$	$\{2,6\}$	$\{3,7\}$	$\{0,4\}$	$\{1,5\}$
$H_3: \{3,7\}$	$\{3,7\}$	$\{0,4\}$	$\{1,5\}$	$\{2,6\}$

$H_i * H_k = (i+k) \pmod 8 H_0$. We use the fact that $\{a,b\} = \{b,a\}$.

→ It is clear from the table that $e = H_0 = \{0,4\}$.

Finding $d^{-1} \forall d \in D$:

→ Observation:

$H_i \cap H_k = \emptyset \forall 0 \leq i, k \leq 3$.

$\bigcup_{i=0}^3 H_i = \{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7\}$

∴ H_0, H_1, H_2, H_3 form a partition for Z_8 .

d	d^{-1}
$\{0,4\}$	$\{0,4\}$
$\{1,5\}$	$\{3,7\}$
$\{2,6\}$	$\{2,6\}$
$\{3,7\}$	$\{1,5\}$

Answer 2:

(i) Claim: $(a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}$

Proof: $(a * b) * (b^{-1} * a^{-1})$
 $= a * (b * b^{-1}) * a^{-1}$ ∵ Associativity
 $= a * e * a^{-1}$
 $= a * a^{-1}$
 $= e$.

∴ Since the Inverse is Unique,
 $(a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}$. ■

(2)
cū) Given: $x^2 = e \quad \forall x \in D$.

$$x * x = e \Rightarrow x = x^{-1} \quad \forall x \in D \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Consider $a, b \in D$. $\therefore a * b \in D$ $\because D$ is closed under '*'.

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$$\begin{aligned} a * b &= (a * b)^{-1} && [\text{From (1) Above}] \\ &= b^{-1} * a^{-1} && [\text{From Q2 (i)}] \\ &= b * a && [\text{From (1) Above}] \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore D$ is Abelian.

cū) Consider $U(n) = \{ a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^* \mid \gcd(a, n) = 1 \}$.

To Prove: $U(n)$ is a group.

I. CLOSURE: Let $a, b \in U(n)$. $\therefore \gcd(a, n) = \gcd(b, n) = 1$.

$\gcd(a, n) = 1$ and $\gcd(b, n) = 1 \Rightarrow \gcd(a \cdot b, n) = 1$
(Here, Multiplication is normal). (Fact from Number Theory)

$\gcd(a * b, n) = \gcd(ab \bmod n, n) = \gcd(ab, n) = 1$.
(By Euclidean Algorithm)

Since $\gcd(a * b, n) = 1$, $a * b \in U(n) \quad \forall a, b \in U(n)$

Hence, $U(n)$ is closed.

II. ASSOCIATIVITY: It is clear $\because U(n) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_n^* \subset \mathbb{Z}$.

III. IDENTITY: $e = 1 \wedge e \in U(n) \because \gcd(1, n) = 1 \quad \forall n$.

IV. INVERSE: $\gcd(a, n) = 1 \Rightarrow a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1$ (Fact)

$$\therefore a^{\phi(n)} = 1 = e \quad \forall a \in U(n).$$

Good $\frac{4}{4}$

$$a^{\phi(n)} = a^{1 + \phi(n) - 1} = a^1 * a^{\phi(n) - 1} = e$$

$$\text{AND } a^{\phi(n)} = a^{\phi(n) - 1 + 1} = a^{\phi(n) - 1} * a^1 = e.$$

[Note: $a^{\phi(n) - 1} \in U(n)$ $\because U(n)$ is closed as proved above].

$$\therefore \exists a^{-1} = a^{\phi(n) - 1} \in U(n) \quad \forall a \in D (= U(n)) \quad \blacksquare$$

(iv) $U(9) = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8\}$ and $k = |U(9)| = 6$. (3)

YES. $\exists \underline{a=2} \in U(9)$ s.t. $|a| = k = 6$. This is shown as follows:

$$2^1 = 2 \quad . \quad 2^2 = 2 * 2 = 4. \quad 2^3 = 2^2 * 2 = 4 * 2 = 8$$

$$2^4 = 2^3 * 2 = 8 * 2 = 7. \quad 2^5 = 2^4 * 2 = 7 * 2 = 5$$

$$2^6 = 2^5 * 2 = 5 * 2 = \underline{1 = e}. \quad \therefore \underline{|2| = 6 = k}.$$

Excellent!!

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(v) $U(8) = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ and $k = |U(8)| = 4$.

No. $|a| \neq k \quad \forall a \in U(8)$. This is shown as follows:

1: $|1| = 1$ (Identity Element)

3: $3^1 = 3 \quad . \quad 3^2 = 3 * 3 = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad |3| = 2$.

5: $5^1 = 5 \quad . \quad 5^2 = 5 * 5 = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad |5| = 2$.

7: $7^1 = 7 \quad . \quad 7^2 = 7 * 7 = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad |7| = 2$.

\therefore There is no element in $U(n) \Big|_{n=8}$ of order 'k'.

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Answer 3) (i) $(D, *)$ is a group and $a, b \in D$. We have to prove the existence and uniqueness of the solution to $a * x = b$.

DENY.

$$\therefore \exists x_1, x_2 \in D \text{ s.t. } a * x_1 = a * x_2 = b$$

But, multiplying by a^{-1} from the left yields:

$$a^{-1} * a * x_1 = a^{-1} * a * x_2 = a^{-1} * b$$

$$\therefore e * x_1 = e * x_2 = a^{-1} * b$$

$$\therefore x_1 = x_2 = a^{-1} * b$$

\therefore Since $x_1 = x_2$, the solution is Unique.

and the solution to $a * x = b$ is:

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

(a) $(D_n, 0)$ is the dihedral group of order $2n$.

NOTE: I. We define $R = \{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n\}$ and $Re = \{(Re)_1, (Re)_2, \dots, (Re)_n\}$

II. It is clear that $R \cup (Re) = D_n$ and $R \cap Re = \emptyset$.

III. Also, $|R| = |Re| = n. \therefore \forall 1 \leq i, j \leq n, i \neq j \Rightarrow R_i \neq R_j$

★ IV. $R < D_n$. Since R is a finite subset, it is sufficient to check closure, which is clear.

$\therefore (R, 0) < (D_n, 0)$ [R is a subgroup of D_n].

(a): TWO LINE PROOF to Prove that $b \circ a$ is a Reflection $\because b = d \circ a^{-1}$.

LINE 1: DENY. $\because b \circ a = d$ is assumed to be a rotation. Then, $b = d \circ a^{-1}$.

LINE 2: But $a^{-1}, d \in R$ and R is closed $\Rightarrow b \in R$. CONTRADICTION!

Excellent $\therefore d \notin R \Rightarrow d \in (Re)$. (\because of II Above). ■

(b): Using (a) Above: $\{b \circ R_1, b \circ R_2, \dots, b \circ R_n\} \cap R = \emptyset$.

$\therefore \{b \circ R_1, b \circ R_2, \dots, b \circ R_n\} \subseteq Re$.

Assume $b \circ R_i = b \circ R_j$ for some $i \neq j$.

Then $b^{-1} \circ b \circ R_i = b^{-1} \circ b \circ R_j \Rightarrow e \circ R_i = e \circ R_j \Rightarrow R_i = R_j$.

This is a contradiction because we know $R_i \neq R_j \forall i \neq j$ as $|R| = n$.

$\therefore b \circ R_i \neq b \circ R_j \forall i \neq j$

$\therefore |\{b \circ R_1, b \circ R_2, \dots, b \circ R_n\}| = n$ and $\{b \circ R_1, \dots, b \circ R_n\} \subseteq Re$.

$\therefore \{b \circ R_1, b \circ R_2, \dots, b \circ R_n\} = Re$ is the set of all Reflections. ■

(c): Using (a) and (b) above:

LINE 1: $b, c \in (Re) \Rightarrow \exists k \in R$ s.t. $c = b \circ k. \therefore b^{-1} \circ c = b^{-1} \circ b \circ k$

LINE 2: $\therefore b^{-1} \circ c = e \circ k = k \Rightarrow b^{-1} \circ c \in R. [\because k \in R]$

LINE 3: But, $b \in Re \Rightarrow |b| = 2 \Rightarrow b = b^{-1} \Rightarrow b^{-1} \circ c = b \circ c \in R$. ■

$\therefore b \circ c \in R \forall b, c \in Re$.

(d) Consider $(D_5, 0) : R_1 = (1 2 3 4 5) \wedge (Re)_1 = (2 5)(3 4)$

From (b): We have: $(Re)_k = (Re)_1 * R_k$

Using fact that: $R_k = R_{k-1} * R_1$,

$$(Re)_k = ((Re)_1 * R_{k-1}) * R_1$$

~~+~~ $\therefore (Re)_k = (Re)_{k-1} * R_1$. We use this result as follows:

$$\rightarrow (Re)_2 = (Re)_1 \circ R_1 = (2 5)(3 4) \circ (1 2 3 4 5) = (1 5)(2 4)$$

$$\rightarrow (Re)_3 = (Re)_2 \circ R_1 = (1 5)(2 4) \circ (1 2 3 4 5) = (1 4)(2 3)$$

$$\rightarrow (Re)_4 = (Re)_3 \circ R_1 = (1 4)(2 3) \circ (1 2 3 4 5) = (1 3)(4 5)$$

$$\rightarrow (Re)_5 = (Re)_4 \circ R_1 = (1 3)(4 5) \circ (1 2 3 4 5) = (1 2)(3 5)$$

$\{(Re)_1, (Re)_2, (Re)_3, (Re)_4, (Re)_5\}$ is the set of all Reflections for D_5 . $\therefore Re = \{(2 5)(3 4), (1 5)(2 4), (1 4)(2 3), (1 3)(4 5), (1 2)(3 5)\}$

Answer 4) $|a| = n < \infty \Rightarrow a^n = e$ — (1)

Let $|a^m| = k \Rightarrow (a^m)^k = e$ — (2)

From (1) and (2): $(a^m)^k = e \Rightarrow a^{mk} = e$.

~~+~~ $\therefore n | mk \Rightarrow n | k$ $\because \gcd(m, n) = 1$.

Further, $(a^n)^m = e \Rightarrow (a^n)^m = e^m = e$.

$\therefore (a^m)^k = e$ and $(a^m)^n = (a^n)^m = e$.

$\therefore \underline{k | n}$ (\because order of $a^m = k$)

$n | k \wedge k | n \Rightarrow \underline{n = k}$.

$\therefore |a^m| = k = n$. $\therefore |a^m| = n$

$\gcd(i, 11) = 1 \forall 2 \leq i \leq 10$. $\therefore |a| = 11 \Rightarrow |a^i| = 11 \forall 2 \leq i \leq 10$.

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QUESTION 1. (i) (Very useful result) Let $(D, *)$ be a group with $n < \infty$ elements and let $a \in D$. Prove that $a^n = e$ for every $a \in D$ [Max 3 lines proof]

(ii) (Nice problem) Let $(D, *)$ be a group such that $|D| = q_1 q_2$ where q_1, q_2 are primes. Assume $a, b \in D$ such that $a^{22} = a^{15}$, $b^{43} = b^{32}$, and $a * b = b * a$. Find $|D|$. I claim that $D = \{c, c^2, \dots, c^{q_1 q_2} = e\}$ for some $c \in D$. Prove my claim. [Max 6 lines]

QUESTION 2. (i) (How to check for subgroups) Let $(D, *)$ be an abelian group. Fix a positive integer m and let $F = \{a \in D \mid a^m = e\}$. Prove that $(F, *)$ is a subgroup of D . (Two lines proof. Note that F need not be a finite set. An example of an infinite F will be given during the course)

(ii) (How to check for subgroups) Fix a positive integer n . We know that the equation $x^n - 1 = 0$ has exactly n distinct solutions over the complex C . Now let $F = \{a \in C^* \mid a^n - 1 = 0\}$. Prove that (F, \cdot) is a subgroup of (C^*, \cdot) (Two lines proof. (Note that (C^*, \cdot) is an abelian group)

QUESTION 3. (Radicals). Let $(D, *)$ be a group such that $|D| = n < \infty$. Let m be a positive integer such that $\gcd(n, m) = 1$. Let $a \in D$. Prove that there exists an element $b \in D$ such that $b^m = a$ (i.e., $\sqrt[m]{a} \in D$, where $\sqrt[m]{a} = b \in D$ means $b^m = a$) (three lines proof. You may need the fact from number theory or discrete math that says if $\gcd(m, n) = k$, then there are two integers w, x in Z such that $k = wm + xn$)

QUESTION 4. Given f_1, f_2 , and f_3 are bijection functions on a set with 6 elements, where $f_1 = (3\ 5)$, $f_2 = (3\ 1\ 4\ 2)$, and $f_3 = (6\ 4\ 5\ 3)$

- a) Find $f_1 \circ f_3$
- b) Find $f_2 \circ f_1$
- c) Find $f_3 \circ f_2$

QUESTION 5. (i) Given $H = \{0, 4, 8\}$ is a subgroup of $(Z_{12}, +)$. Find all distinct left cosets of H in D .

(ii) Let $(D, *)$ be a group and assume that for some $a, b \in D$, we have $a * b = b * a$, $|a| = 9$ and $|b| = 8$

- a. Find $|a^6|$
- b. Find $|b^3|$
- c. Find $|a^6 * b^3|$
- d. Give me an element $c \in D$ such that $|c| = 36$ (note that, as I explained in the class, if a group has an element of order k , then the group must have a subgroup of order k , namely $H = \{a, a^2, \dots, a^k = e\}$, where $|a| = k$. So if my claim is right, then D must have a subgroup with 36 elements)

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Question 1: (i)

Let $(D, *)$ be a group, $|D| = n$, $a \in D$.

prove that $a^n = e$

proof:

Let $(D, *)$ be a group, $|D| = n$, $a \in D$, where $|a| \mid n$.

We want to show $a^n = e$.

Assume $|a| = k$, since $k \mid n$

means

$$n = k * m.$$

\Rightarrow

$$a^n = a^{km}$$

$$= (a^k)^m$$

$$= (e)^m$$

$$a^n = e$$

$$\therefore a^n = e$$

what!

$$a^k = e$$

$H = \{a, a^2, \dots, a^k = e\}$
is a subgroup
of D .

with k elements

Lagrange $\Rightarrow k \mid n \Rightarrow a^n = e$

(ii)

$|D| = q_1 q_2$, q_1 & q_2 are prime numbers.

$a^{22} = a^{15} \Rightarrow$ means a^{15} is the inverse of a^{22} .

$$a^{22} \cdot a^{-15} = a^7 = e \Rightarrow |a| = 7$$

$b^{43} = b^{32} \Rightarrow$ means $b^{43} \cdot b^{-32} = b^{11} = e \Rightarrow |b| = 11$

$a * b = b * a \Rightarrow$ means the group D is abelian.

Find $|D| = ??$ where $D = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{q_1 q_2} = e\}$

let $c = a * b$.

$$|c| = |a * b|$$

$$|c| = |a| * |b|$$

$$= 7 * 11$$

$$|c| = 77$$

$$\therefore |c| = 77$$

because the group is abelian.

$$c^{q_1 q_2} = e \quad \Leftarrow \text{given.}$$

(gcd between $a, b = 1$)

$|c| = q_1 q_2$ where q_1 & q_2 are primes

$$|c| = 7 \cdot 11 = 77 \quad \text{the } q_1 = 7 \text{ \& } q_2 = 11.$$

$$|c| = |D| = 77 \quad \therefore |D| = 77.$$

Q2 (i) $(D, *)$ an abelian group, $F = \{a \in D \mid a^m = e\}$
prove $(F, *)$ is a subgroup.

Let $a, b \in F$, we need to show $(a^{-1} * b) \in F$

$$a^m = e, b^m = e$$

we want to

Find $(a^{-1} * b)^m = ?$

$$= (a^{-1})^m * (b)^m$$

→ because the group is abelian

$$= (a^{-1})^m * e$$

$$= (a^m)^{-1} * e$$

$$= (e)^{-1} * e$$

$$= \boxed{e}$$

$$\therefore (a^{-1} * b) \in F$$

$\therefore F$ is a subgroup of D .



(ii) Question #2 $x^n - 1 = 0$ has exactly n distinct solutions over the complex \mathbb{C} .
is a subgroup of (\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot) . Note (\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot) is an abelian group.
 $F = \{a \in \mathbb{C}^* \mid a^n - 1 = 0\}$ prove (F, \cdot)

* The only axiom you need to check to prove that F is a subgroup from \mathbb{C} is the closure.

proof: let $a, b \in F$

$$a^n - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow a^n = 1$$
$$b^n = 1$$

We want to show that $(a * b)^n \in F$.

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

$$= 1 * 1$$

$$= 1$$

$$\therefore (a * b)^n \in F$$

$\therefore F$ is a subgroup of \mathbb{C} .

Question 3: $(D, *)$ be a group, $|D| = n$, $\gcd(n, m) = 1$

Let $a, b \in D$.

$$\underline{a^n = e}$$

$$|a| = \underline{k}$$

We need to show that $b^m = a$

$$a^k = e$$

$$(\gcd(m, n) = k) \Rightarrow k = wm + xn$$

$$k = 1$$

$$1 = wm + xn$$

$$a^1 = a^{wm + xn}$$

$$a = a^{wm} * a^{xn}$$

$$a = (a^w)^m * (a^n)^x$$

\Downarrow
 e

$$a = (a^w)^m * e$$

$$\text{let } b = a^w$$

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

$$\therefore a = (b)^w$$



Question # (4) Given f_1, f_2 & f_3 are bijection functions

$$f_1 = (35), f_2 = (3142), f_3 = (6453).$$

(a) $f_1 \circ f_3 = (35) \circ (6453)$
 $= (364)$ ✓

(b) $f_2 \circ f_1 = (3142) \circ (35)$
 (14235) ✓

(c) $f_3 \circ f_2 = (6453) \circ (3142)$
 $(153)(264)$ ✓

Question (5): $H = \{0, 4, 8\}$ subgroup of (\mathbb{Z}_{12}^+)

(i) $L * H = ?$

$$H_1 = 2 +_{12} \{0, 4, 8\} = \{2, 6, 10\}$$

$$H_2 = 3 +_{12} \{0, 4, 8\} = \{3, 7, 11\}$$

$$H_3 = 5 +_{12} \{0, 4, 8\} = \{5, 9, 1\}$$

$$L(H) = \{H_0, H_1, H_2, H_3\}$$
 ✓

+ The Trivial coset
 $H_0 = \{0, 4, 8\}$

$n=1$

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(ii) \Rightarrow Question 5

$(D, *)$ is a group, $a, b \in D$, we have $a * b = b * a$

$$|a| = 9, |b| = 8.$$

The group is abelian

(a) $|a^6| = \frac{m=6}{n=9} = \frac{9}{\gcd(9,6)=3} = 3 \quad |a^m| = \frac{n}{\gcd(m,n)}$

So, $|a^6| = 3$

(b) $|b^3| \Rightarrow \frac{m=3}{n=8} \Rightarrow \frac{8}{\gcd(8,3)=1} = \frac{8}{1} = 8$

So, $|b^3| = 8$

(c) Find $|a^6 * b^3| = |a^6| * |b^3| = 3 * 8 = 24.$

$|a^6 * b^3| = 24 = 3 * 8 = 24$

(d) let $h, g \in D$.
 $c \in D, |c| = 36$
 $c = d * g$, let $|d| = 9$
let $|g| = 4$
 $|c| = |d * g|$
 $|c| = |d| * |g|$
 $36 = 9 * 4$

but $|d| = 9 = |a|$

and $|g| = 4 = |b^2| = \frac{|b|}{\gcd(2,|b|)} = \frac{8}{\gcd(2,8)} = \frac{8}{2} = 4$

So, $|c| = |a * b^2|$
 $(c = a * b^2)$

According to the Result that we proved in the class which is $a, b \in D, |a| = m, |b| = n, \gcd(m, n) = 1$ then $|a * b| = nm$.
and if the group has an element are relatively with order 36 so, the subgroup must have an element with the same order 36.

ANSWER 1: (i) $|D| = n < \infty$. Let $a \in D$. $|a| = k \Rightarrow k | n$

$\therefore \exists q \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $n = kq$ Lagrange Show that
 $\therefore a^n = a^{kq} = (a^k)^q = e^q = e. \therefore a^n = e \forall a \in D.$

\checkmark \checkmark k elements $\{a, a^2, \dots, a^k = e\} \subset D$ with
(ii) $|D| = n = q_1 q_2$ where q_1 and q_2 are prime.

$a^{22} = a^{15} \Rightarrow a^{-15} * a^{22} = a^{-15} * a^{15} \Rightarrow a^7 = e. \therefore |a|$ divides 7.

Since 7 is prime and $a \neq e$, $|a| = 7. \checkmark$

Similarly, $b^{43} = b^{32} \Rightarrow b^{-32} * b^{43} = b^{-32} * b^{32} \Rightarrow b^{11} = e. \therefore |b|$ divides 11.

Since 11 is prime and $b \neq e$, $|b| = 11.$

$a, b \in D \Rightarrow |a| | n$ and $|b| | n. \therefore 7 | n$ and $11 | n.$

Since $n = q_1 q_2$ AND Prime Factorization is Unique,
 $n = 7(11) = 77. \therefore |D| = 77 //$

\checkmark Proof that $D = \{c, c^2, c^3, \dots, c^{q_1 q_2} = e\}$ for some $c \in D$:

$\exists c = (a * b) \in D$. Since $\gcd(|a|, |b|) = \gcd(7, 11) = 1$
AND $a * b = b * a$, $|c| = |a||b| = 7(11) = 77 = q_1 q_2$

\therefore Consider $L = \{c, c^2, c^3, \dots, c^{77} = e\} \subseteq D$ and $|L| = q_1 q_2$

$\therefore L = D. \quad \underline{c = a * b.}$

ANSWER 2 (i) $(D, *)$ is Abelian. $F = \{a \in D \mid a^m = e\}$

To Prove: $a^{-1} * b \in F. \checkmark$

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

Consider $b \in F$ [$\because b^m = e$]. $(a^{-1} * b)^m = (a^{-1})^m * (b)^m = e * e = e. //$

This is only true because D is Abelian.

$\therefore a^{-1} * b \in F. \therefore F \subset D.$

(3)

$$(a) |a^6| = \frac{|a|}{\gcd(6, |a|)} = \frac{9}{\gcd(6, 9)} = \frac{9}{3} = 3 //$$

$$(b) |b^3| = \frac{|b|}{\gcd(3, |b|)} = \frac{8}{\gcd(3, 8)} = \frac{8}{1} = 8 //$$

$$(c) |a^6 * b^3| = |a^6| * |b^3| \left[\begin{array}{l} \because \gcd(|a^6|, |b^3|) = \gcd(3, 8) = 1 \\ \text{AND } D \text{ is Abelian} \end{array} \right]$$
$$= 8(3) = 24 //$$

(d) CLAIM : $\exists c = a * b^2$ s.t. $|c| = 36$.

$$\rightarrow |a| = 9 \text{ and } |b^2| = \frac{|b|}{\gcd(2, |b|)} = \frac{8}{2} = 4.$$

$$\rightarrow \gcd(|a|, |b^2|) = \gcd(9, 4) = 1$$

\rightarrow The Group is Abelian.

$$\therefore \cancel{\gcd} |c| = |a * b^2| = |a| * |b^2| = 9(4) = \underline{\underline{36}}.$$

Hence, D does have a subgroup with 36 elements.

(c) $|F| = n < \infty \Rightarrow$ it is sufficient to check closure.

$$F = \{a \in C^* \mid a^n - 1 = 0\}. \quad \forall a, b \in F.$$

$\cdot a \in F \Rightarrow a^n - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow a^n = 1$. Similarly, $b \in F \Rightarrow b^n = 1$.

$\cdot a * b \Rightarrow (ab)^n - 1 = a^n b^n - 1$ (\because Abelian Group).
 $= (1)(1) - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0 //$

$\therefore a * b \in F \quad \forall a, b \in F$. Hence $F < D$. \blacksquare

ANSWER 3: $|D| = n$. $a, b \in D \Rightarrow a^n = b^n = e$.

Consider: $a' = a^{wm + xn}$ ($\because \gcd(m, n) = 1 \Rightarrow \exists w, x \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $wm + xn = 1$)
 $= a^{wm} * a^{xn} = (a^w)^m * (a^n)^x = (a^w)^m * e^x$.

$\therefore a = (a^w)^m$. $\exists b = a^w \in D$ s.t. $a = b^m$. \blacksquare

ANSWER 4: $f_1 = (3 \ 5)$, $f_2 = (3 \ 1 \ 4 \ 2)$, $f_3 = (6 \ 4 \ 5 \ 3)$

(a) $f_1 \circ f_3 = (3 \ 5) \circ (6 \ 4 \ 5 \ 3) = \underline{(3 \ 6 \ 4)}$

(b) $f_2 \circ f_1 = (3 \ 1 \ 4 \ 2) \circ (3 \ 5) = \underline{(1 \ 4 \ 2 \ 3 \ 5)}$

(c) $f_3 \circ f_2 = (6 \ 4 \ 5 \ 3) \circ (3 \ 1 \ 4 \ 2) = \underline{(1 \ 5 \ 3)(2 \ 6 \ 4)}$

$\therefore f_3 \circ f_2 = \underline{(1 \ 5 \ 3)(2 \ 6 \ 4)}$

ANSWER 5 (i) We repeatedly choose $a \in D \setminus H_i$. $H_0 = \{0, 4, 8\}$

$a = 1 \Rightarrow 1 * H = 1 * \{0, 4, 8\} = \{1, 5, 9\} = H_1$

$a = 2 \Rightarrow 2 * H = 2 * \{0, 4, 8\} = \{2, 6, 10\} = H_2$

$a = 3 \Rightarrow 3 * H = 3 * \{0, 4, 8\} = \{3, 7, 11\} = H_3$

$\therefore L(H) = \{H_0, H_1, H_2, H_3\} //$

(c) $a * b = b * a$. $|a| = 9$, $|b| = 8$.

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QUESTION 1. (i) (Very useful result) Let $(D, *)$ be a group with $n < \infty$ elements and let $a \in D$. Prove that $a^n = e$ for every $a \in D$ [Max 3 lines proof]

(ii) (Nice problem) Let $(D, *)$ be a group such that $|D| = q_1 q_2$ where q_1, q_2 are primes. Assume that for some $a, b \in D$, where $a \neq e$ and $b \neq e$, we have $a^{22} = a^{15}$, $b^{43} = b^{32}$, and $a * b = b * a$. Find $|D|$. I claim that $D = \{c, c^2, \dots, c^{q_1 q_2} = e\}$ for some $c \in D$. Prove my claim. [Max 6 lines]

QUESTION 2. (i) (How to check for subgroups) Let $(D, *)$ be an abelian group. Fix a positive integer m and let $F = \{a \in D \mid a^m = e\}$. Prove that $(F, *)$ is a subgroup of D . (Two lines proof. Note that F need not be a finite set. An example of an infinite F will be given during the course)

(ii) (How to check for subgroups) Fix a positive integer n . We know that the equation $x^n - 1 = 0$ has exactly n distinct solutions over the complex C . Now let $F = \{a \in C^* \mid a^n - 1 = 0\}$. Prove that (F, \cdot) is a subgroup of (C^*, \cdot) (Two lines proof. (Note that (C^*, \cdot) is an abelian group)

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- Find $f_1 \circ f_3$
- Find $f_2 \circ f_1$
- Find $f_3 \circ f_2$

QUESTION 5. (i) Given $H = \{0, 4, 8\}$ is a subgroup of $(Z_{12}, +)$. Find all distinct left cosets of H in D .

(ii) Let $(D, *)$ be a group and assume that for some $a, b \in D$, we have $a * b = b * a$, $|a| = 9$ and $|b| = 8$

- Find $|a^6|$
- Find $|b^3|$
- Find $|a^6 * b^3|$
- Give me an element $c \in D$ such that $|c| = 36$ (note that, as I explained in the class, if a group has an element of order k , then the group must have a subgroup of order k , namely $H = \{a, a^2, \dots, a^k = e\}$, where $|a| = k$. So if my claim is right, then D must have a subgroup with 36 elements)

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QUESTION 1. Consider the group $D = (\frac{Q}{Z}, \Delta)$, as usual for every $a, b \in Q$ we have $(a + Z) \Delta (b + Z) = (a + b) + Z$

- (i) We know $x = \frac{8}{12} + Z \in D$. Find $|x|$.
- (ii) Let $F = \{y \in D \mid |y| = 12\}$. Find $|F|$.
- (iii) Fix an integer $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and let $F = \{y \in D \mid |y| = m\}$. Can you guess what is $|F|$?
- (iv) For each $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, construct a subgroup of D with n elements.

QUESTION 2. Let $(D, *)$ be a group with 12 elements and suppose that $D = \{a, a^2, \dots, a^{12} = e\}$ (note that D must be abelian). Let $H = \{a, a^4, a^8\}$.

- (i) Construct the Caley's table of H to convince me that it is a subgroup of D .
- (ii) So now we know that $H \triangleleft D$. Find all elements of D/H . Construct the Caley's table of $(D/H, \Delta)$.
- (iii) For each $x \in D/H$, find $|x|$.

QUESTION 3. Let $D = (U(15), \cdot)$. It is trivial to notice that $H = \{1, 14\} \triangleleft D$. Construct the Caley's table of $(\frac{D}{H}, \Delta)$

QUESTION 4. Let $(D, *)$ be a group, $H \triangleleft D$, and $a \in D$. Suppose that $|a| = n < \infty$. We know that $x = a * H \in D/H$. Let $m = |x|$. Prove that $m \mid n$. (Max 2 lines proof. Note that x^k mean $a * H \Delta a * H \Delta \dots \Delta a * H = a^k * H$)

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① $D = (\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}, \Delta)$

(i) $x = \frac{8}{12} + \mathbb{Z}$. To find: $|x|$

$$|x| = \frac{12}{\gcd(8,12)} = \frac{12}{4} = 3.$$

(Verification):

$$x' = \frac{8}{12} + \mathbb{Z}. \quad x^2 = \left(\frac{8}{12} + \mathbb{Z}\right) \Delta \left(\frac{8}{12} + \mathbb{Z}\right) = \frac{16}{12} + \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$x^3 = x^2 \Delta x = \left(\frac{16}{12} + \mathbb{Z}\right) \Delta \left(\frac{8}{12} + \mathbb{Z}\right) = \frac{24}{12} + \mathbb{Z} = 2 + \mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z} //$$

(ii) $F = \{y \in D \mid |y| = 12\}$. To find: $|F|$

• we use fact: $\forall y = \frac{p}{q} + \mathbb{Z}$ ($q \neq 0$), $|y| = \frac{q}{\gcd(p,q)} = 12$

• clearly, $F = \left\{ \frac{1}{12} + \mathbb{Z}, \frac{5}{12} + \mathbb{Z}, \frac{7}{12} + \mathbb{Z}, \frac{11}{12} + \mathbb{Z} \right\}$.

• The numerators are relatively prime. $\therefore \gcd = 1 \Rightarrow |y| = 12$.

• Although $\left| \frac{2}{24} + \mathbb{Z} \right| = 12$, $\frac{2}{24} + \mathbb{Z} = \frac{1}{12} + \mathbb{Z}$ and we do not

repeat elements in a set. $\therefore |F| = 4$.

(iii) $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and $F = \{y \in D \mid |y| = m\}$. What is $|F|$?

• It is clear that $F = \left\{ \frac{p}{m} + \mathbb{Z} \mid \gcd(p,m) = 1 \right\}$.

• $\therefore |F| = |\nu(m)| = \phi(m) //$

(iv) Consider $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. We wish to construct a subgroup of order n .

• If we can find an element of order ' n ', we are done.

• clearly, $\frac{1}{n} + \mathbb{Z} \in D$. and $\left| \frac{1}{n} + \mathbb{Z} \right| = n \because \gcd(1,n) = 1 \neq n$.

$\therefore \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^* \exists H = \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{n} + \mathbb{Z}\right), \left(\frac{1}{n} + \mathbb{Z}\right)^2, \dots, \left(\frac{1}{n} + \mathbb{Z}\right)^n = e \right\} < D$

This reduces to:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^+ \exists H = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} + \mathbb{Z}, \frac{2}{n} + \mathbb{Z}, \frac{3}{n} + \mathbb{Z}, \dots, \frac{n}{n} + \mathbb{Z} \right\} \subset \mathbb{D}$$

$= 1 + \mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z} = e.$

(2) $D = \{ a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^{12} = e \}$
 $H = \{ a^4, a^8, a^{12} \}$

(i) Cayley's Table of H.

*	a^4	a^8	a^{12}
a^4	a^8	a^{12}	a^4
a^8	a^{12}	a^4	a^8
a^{12}	a^4	a^8	a^{12}

It is clear that H is a group with identity $e = a^{12}$.

\therefore Since $H \subset D$ and H is a group, $H \triangleleft D$.

(ii) Since D is Abelian: $H \triangleleft D \implies H \triangleleft D$.

To find: D/H and Cayley's Table of $(D/H, \Delta)$

$$H = H_0 = \{ a^4, a^8, a^{12} \}$$

$$H_1 = a_1 * H_0 = \{ a^5, a^9, a^1 \}$$

$$H_2 = a_2 * H_0 = \{ a^6, a^{10}, a^2 \}$$

$$H_3 = a_3 * H_0 = \{ a^7, a^{11}, a^3 \}$$

\rightarrow we repeatedly pick elements in D (a_k) but not in $\bigcup_{i=0}^{k-1} H_i$ to find H_k .

\rightarrow we have 4 cosets. This is as expected $\because \frac{|D|}{|H|} = \frac{12}{3} = 4$.

Δ	H_0	H_1	H_2	H_3
H_0	H_0	H_1	H_2	H_3
H_1	H_1	H_2	H_3	H_0
H_2	H_2	H_3	H_0	H_1
H_3	H_3	H_0	H_1	H_2

* Sample Calculation

$$H_1 \Delta H_2 = (a^1 * H_0) \Delta (a^2 * H_0)$$

$$= (a^1 * a^2) * H_0$$

$$= a^3 * H_0$$

$$= H_3 //$$

3. (iii) To find: $\forall x \in D/H, |x|$:

• H_0 : $|H_0| = 1, \therefore H_0 = e.$

• H_1 : $H_1^2 = H_2; H_1^3 = H_2 \Delta H_1 = H_3, H_1^4 = H_0 = e$
 $\therefore |H_1| = 4$

• H_2 : $H_2^2 = H_2 \Delta H_2 = H_0 = e.$
 $\therefore |H_2| = 2$

• H_3 : $H_3^2 = H_1; H_3^3 = H_2 \Delta H_3 = H_1; H_3^4 = H_0 = e.$
 $\therefore |H_3| = 4$

③ $D = O(15) = \{1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14\}$

• $H_0 = H = \{1, 14\} \triangleleft D$

• $H_1 = 2 * H_0 = \{2, 13\}$

• $H_2 = 4 * H_0 = \{4, 11\}$

• $H_3 = 7 * H_0 = \{7, 8\}$

Δ	H_0	H_1	H_2	H_3
H_0	H_0	H_1	H_2	H_3
H_1	H_1	H_2	H_3	H_0
H_2	H_2	H_3	H_0	H_1
H_3	H_3	H_0	H_1	H_2

→ It is clear from Cayley's Table that $(D/H, \Delta)$ is a group with identity H_0 .

④ $H \triangleleft D, |a| = n < \infty, x = a * H \in D/H, |x| = m$

To Prove: $m | n$.

$|x| = m \Rightarrow x^m = e_\Delta = H.$ If we can show that $x^n = e_\Delta$, then $m | n$.

$x^n = a^n * H = e * H = H (\because |a| = n)$

$\therefore x^n = e_\Delta$

$\therefore m | n$

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QUESTION 1. a) Let $(D, *)$ be a group with a normal subgroup H . Assume that $a * h = h * a$ for every $a \in D$ and for every $h \in H$ (note that we can conclude that $h_1 * h_2 = h_2 * h_1$ for every $h_1, h_2 \in H$). Assume that D/H is cyclic. Prove that D is an abelian group. (max 6 lines)

b) Let $(D, *)$ be a group. Given $N \triangleleft D$ and $H < D$. Prove that $NH = \{nh \mid n \in N \text{ and } h \in H\}$ is a subgroup of D and if $H \triangleleft D$, then $NH \triangleleft D$.

QUESTION 2. Let $(D, *)$ be a group with 25 elements. Assume that D has a unique subgroup of order 5. Prove that D is cyclic. (Max 3 lines)

QUESTION 3. a) Convince me that (\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot) is not cyclic. (Max 2 lines)

b) Convince me that (\mathbb{Q}^*, \cdot) is not cyclic. (Max 2 lines)

c) Convince me that $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ is not cyclic. (Max 5 lines)

d) Is $U(18)$ cyclic? explain

e) Is $U(16)$ cyclic? explain

QUESTION 4. a) Prove that S_{17} has an abelian subgroup, say H , with 70 elements. Can you say more about H ?



b) Let $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 3 & 5 & 4 & 1 & 8 & 7 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \in S_8$. Find $|f|$. Is $f \in A_8$? explain

c) Let $n = \max\{|f|, \text{ where } f \in A_9\}$. Find the value of n .

d) Let $f \in S_n$ ($n \geq 3$) be an odd function. Prove that $|f|$ is an even number. (Max one line (maybe 2 lines))

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Answer 1) Ca) Given: $(D, *)$ is a group. $H \triangleleft D$.

$$a * h = h * a \quad \forall h \in H, \forall a \in D.$$

D/H is cyclic

To Prove: D is Abelian, i.e. $a_1 * a_2 = a_2 * a_1 \quad \forall a_1, a_2 \in D$

→ Consider $D/H = \{H_1, H_2, \dots, H_k, \dots\} = \langle H \rangle$ where $H = a_n * H$.

$$\therefore D/H = \{H_k^1, H_k^2, H_k^3, \dots\} = \{a_k^1 * H, a_k^2 * H, a_k^3 * H, \dots\}$$

$$\therefore a_1 * H = a_k^x * H$$

$$a_2 * H = a_k^y * H \quad \text{for some } x, y \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$\therefore a_1 \in a_k^x * H \quad \text{and} \quad a_2 \in a_k^y * H \quad \Rightarrow \quad a_1 = a_k^x * h_1, \quad a_2 = a_k^y * h_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore a_1 * a_2 &= a_k^x * h_1 * a_k^y * h_2 = a_k^x * a_k^y * h_1 * h_2 \\ &= a_k^{x+y} * h_1 * h_2 \\ &= a_k^{y+x} * h_2 * h_1 \quad (\because H \text{ is Abelian}) \\ &= a_k^y * a_k^x * h_2 * h_1 \\ &= a_k^y * h_2 * a_k^x * h_1 \\ &= a_2 * a_1 \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

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Cb) Given: $N \triangleleft D, H \triangleleft D$.

To Prove: $\textcircled{I} NH \triangleleft D, \textcircled{II} H \triangleleft D \rightarrow NH \triangleleft D$.

\textcircled{I}

$NH = \{nh \mid n \in N \text{ and } h \in H\}$. We pick two arbitrary elements of NH : $\alpha = n_a h_b, \beta = n_c h_d$.

If $\beta^{-1} * \alpha \in NH, NH \triangleleft D$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \beta^{-1} * \alpha &= h_d^{-1} * n_c^{-1} * n_a * h_b \\ &= h_d^{-1} * n_k * h_b \quad \because N \text{ is a Group. } n_k \in N. \\ &= n_k * h_d * h_b \quad \because N \triangleleft D \Rightarrow n * h_1 = h_2 * n. \end{aligned}$$

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$$= n_k * h_m \quad | \because H \text{ is a group} \Rightarrow h_m \in H$$

But $n_k * h_m \in NH$. $\therefore NH < D$ ■

① $H < D \longrightarrow NH < D$, let $a \in D$

$$\begin{aligned} a * NH &= \{ a * n_a h_b \mid n_a \in N \wedge h_b \in H \} \\ &= \{ a * n_a * h_b \} = \{ n_c * a * h_b \} \quad | \because N < D \\ &= \{ n_c * h_d * a \mid n_c \in N \wedge h_d \in H \} \quad | \because H < D \\ &= NH * a \quad (\text{By definition}) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore NH < D$ ■

Answer 02) $(D, *)$ is a group.

Given: $|D| = 25$. $\exists! H < D$ s.t. $|H| = 5$

To Prove: D is cyclic, i.e. $\exists a \in D$ s.t. $|a| = |D| = 25$.

Proof: $h \in H \Rightarrow |h| = 1$ (or) 5 . $h \neq e \Rightarrow |h| = 5$.

$\therefore H = \langle h \rangle$ is Unique. — (1)

Choose $a \in D \setminus H$. $|a| = 5$ (or) 25 $\therefore a \neq e$.

$|a| \neq 5$ $\therefore |a| = 5 \longrightarrow \langle a \rangle = A < D \wedge |A| = 5$
 $A \neq H$ (contradiction)

$\therefore |a| = 25 \Rightarrow \langle a \rangle = D$. $\therefore D$ is cyclic. ■

Answer 03: (a) To Show: $(\mathbb{C}^*, *)$ is not cyclic.

Deny. $\therefore \exists a, a^{-1}$ s.t. $\langle a \rangle = \langle a^{-1} \rangle = \mathbb{C}^*$. (Unique a, a^{-1}).

W/LN Show $\nexists c (\neq a, a^{-1}) \in \mathbb{C}^*$, $|c| = \infty$. ✓

But $\exists -1 \in \mathbb{C}^* \wedge i \in \mathbb{C}^*$ s.t. $|-1| = 2 \wedge |i| = 4$.

✓ Contradiction!

$\therefore (C^*, *)$ is not cyclic.

(b) $(Q^*, *)$ is not cyclic.

Deny. $\therefore \exists ! a, a^{-1}$ s.t. $Q^* = \langle a \rangle = \langle a^{-1} \rangle$

$\Rightarrow \forall c \neq e \in Q^*, |c| = \infty$.

But $\exists (-1) \in Q^*$ s.t. $| -1 | = 2$. Contradiction!

$\therefore (Q^*, *)$ cannot be cyclic.

(c) To show: $(Q, +)$ is not cyclic.

Deny. $\therefore \exists ! a, a^{-1}$ s.t. $Q = \langle a \rangle = \langle a^{-1} \rangle$.

Case I: $a \neq 0$. $\frac{a}{2} \in Q \forall a \in Q$. ($\frac{a}{2} = \sqrt{a}$), where \sqrt{a} means $\exists b \in Q$ s.t.

clearly $\langle a \rangle \subset \langle \frac{a}{2} \rangle$. OK

i.e. $\frac{a}{2}$ generates all elements that a generates and more. Contradiction

Case II: $a = 0$.

but $a^m = 0 \forall m$. $\therefore 0$ cannot be a generator (The Identity can never be the generator).

$\therefore (Q, +)$ cannot be cyclic.

(d) To check: Is $U(18)$ cyclic?

$U(18) = \{1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17\}$ and $\phi(18) = 6$.

$\therefore \forall a \in U(18) \setminus \{e\}$, $|a| = 2, 3, 6$.

clearly, $\exists 11 \in U(18)$ s.t. $11^2 = 13 (\neq e)$, $11^3 = 17 (\neq e)$, $11^6 = 1 = e$.

$\therefore U(18) = \langle 11 \rangle$ and $U(18)$ is cyclic. ■

(e) To check: Is $U(16)$ cyclic?

$U(16) = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15\}$ and $\phi(16) = 8$.

$\therefore \forall a \in U(16) \setminus \{e\}$, $|a| = 2, 4, 8$.

we search for $a \in U(16)$ s.t. $|a| = \phi(16)$.

However, $|1| = 1, |3| = 4, |5| = 4, |7| = 2, |9| = 2, |11| = 4, |13| = 4$
and $|15| = 2. \therefore \sim [\exists a \in U(16) \text{ s.t. } |a| = \phi(16)]$

$\therefore U(16)$ cannot be cyclic ■ ✓

Answer 4) (a) To Prove: $\exists H < S_{17}$ st $|H| = 70$.

consider $h = (1234567)(891011121314151617) \in S_{17}$.

$|h| = \text{LCM}(7, 10) = 70$ ($\because h = \alpha \circ \beta$ as above, $\alpha \cap \beta = \emptyset$).

$\therefore \exists H = \langle h \rangle < S_{17}. H = \{h, h^2, h^3, \dots, h^{70} = e\}$. ✓ $6/5$

H is cyclic. $\therefore H$ is Abelian. ■

(b) $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 3 & 5 & 4 & 1 & 8 & 7 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow f = (134)(258)(67)$
 $= (14) \circ (13) \circ (28) \circ (25) \circ (67) = 5$ 2-cycles.

$\therefore f$ is odd $\Rightarrow f \notin A_8$ ■ and $|f| = 6$ ✓ $6/5$

(c) $n = \max \{ |f|, f \in A_9 \}$.

Notice: All elements in f are compositions of :

- (a₁)
- (a₁ a₂ a₃)
- (a₁ a₂ a₃ a₄ a₅)
- (a₁ a₂ a₃ a₄ a₅ a₆ a₇)
- (a₁ a₂ a₃ a₄ a₅ a₆ a₇ a₈ a₉)

The maximum no. of elements we can have in permutation notation such that there are NO overlaps (\Rightarrow as disjoint Permutation)

is $f = (a_1 a_2 a_3) \circ (a_4 a_5 a_6 a_7 a_8)$. then $|f| = \text{LCM}(3, 5) = 15$. ✓

→ This has to be the Maximum Order.

→ In all other cases, compositions can be reduced by writing them as disjoint permutations and 15 is the maximum order for the disjoint case.

$$\therefore \underline{\underline{n = 15.}} \quad \checkmark$$

cd) $f \in S_n \setminus A_n$. To Prove: $|f|$ is even.

PROOF: We use the result from previous homework:

$$H \triangleleft D, a \in D, x = a * H \in D/H \implies |x| \mid |a|. \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

(i.e. Order of the coset in D/H divides Order of every representative of this coset in D .)

$$A_n \triangleleft S_n, f \in S_n, \text{ let } x = f \circ A_n \implies |x| \mid |f|$$

But x is the set of all odd functions. (From (1))

$$|x| = |f \circ A_n| = 2. \quad (\because |S_n/A_n| = \frac{|S_n|}{|A_n|} = 2. \quad \because x \neq e \in S_n/A_n \quad \downarrow \quad |x| = 2).$$

$$\therefore 2 \mid |f| \implies |f| \text{ is even.} \quad \blacksquare$$

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QUESTION 1. Assume $(D, *)$ is a group with p^5 elements for some prime number p . Assume D has a normal cyclic subgroup H with p^4 elements and D has a normal subgroup F with p elements such that $F \not\subseteq H$. Prove that D is abelian but not cyclic.

QUESTION 2. (VERY IMPORTANT)Let $(D, *)$ be a group

- (i) Let $m \in D$ be fixed and define $f : (D, *) \rightarrow (D, *)$ such that $f(a) = m * a * m^{-1}$ for every $a \in D$. Prove that f is a group-isomorphism.
- (ii) Let $a \in D$ and assume that $|a| = k < \infty$. Prove that $|a| = |d * a * d^{-1}|$ for every $d \in D$.
- (iii) Define $f : (D, *) \rightarrow (D, *)$ such that $f(a) = a^2$ for every $a \in D$. Prove that f is a group-homomorphism if and only if D is abelian.
- (iv) Assume that D has 10 elements and $D = \langle a \rangle$ for some $a \in D$. Define $f : (D, *) \rightarrow (D, *)$ such that $f(a) = a^3$. Find $f(b)$ for every $b \in D$. Convince me that f is a group-isomorphism. Find $\text{Range}(f)$ and $\text{Ker}(f)$.
- (v) Assume that H is a subgroup of D with m (finite) elements. Prove that $d * H * d^{-1}$ is a subgroup of D with m elements. Now, convince me that if F is the only subgroup of D with k element (k is finite), then F must be normal in D .
- (vi) Assume $|D| = 5^3 \cdot 7^2$. Assume that D has a normal cyclic subgroup, say H , of order 7^2 and D has a normal abelian subgroup, say F , of order 5^3 . Up to isomorphism find all possibilities of the group structure of D .
- (vii) Assume $|D| = p \cdot q$ for some prime numbers p, q . Assume that D has a normal subgroup, say H , of order p and D has a normal subgroup, say F , of order q . Prove that D is cyclic.

QUESTION 3. (Important) Let $S = \{0, 1, 3, \dots, 17\}$. Then we view S_{18} as the set of all bijective functions from S ONTO S , and recall that (S_{18}, \circ) is a group. Let $D = \{f : (Z_{18}, +) \rightarrow (Z_{18}, +) \mid f \text{ is a group-isomorphism}\}$. Hence $D \subset S_{18}$.

- (i) Let $K : (Z_{18}, +) \rightarrow (Z_{18}, +)$ such that $K(1) = 1^5 = 5$. Is $K \in D$? EXPLAIN. Find $K(a)$ for every $a \in Z_{18}$. If $K \in D$, then find $|K|$.
- (ii) Prove that (D, \circ) is a cyclic subgroups of S_{18} with exactly 6 elements. Hence $D = \langle f \rangle$ for some $f \in D$. Give me such f .

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ANSWER 1:

Given: $|D| = p^5$. $H \triangleleft D$; $|H| = p^4$; H is cyclic.
 $F \triangleleft D$; $|F| = p$; $F \not\subseteq H$

To Prove: D is Abelian and Not cyclic.

Strategy: we show $D \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p^4} \times \mathbb{Z}_p$:

Proof: $|F| = p \Rightarrow F$ is cyclic $\because p$ is prime.

clearly, $F \cap H = \{e\}$ $\because |F| = p, F \not\subseteq H$.

and $F * H = D$ $\because |F * H| = \frac{|F||H|}{|F \cap H|} = |F||H| = p \cdot p^4 = p^5$

$\therefore D \cong H \times F$

But, $H \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p^4}$ and $F \cong \mathbb{Z}_p$

$\therefore D \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p^4} \times \mathbb{Z}_p$. Since $\gcd(p, p^4) = p \neq 1$,

D is Abelian but not cyclic. ■ 5/5

ANSWER 2

(i): Step I: Showing that f is a homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} f(a * b) &= m * (a * b) * m^{-1} \\ &= m * a * (m^{-1} * m) * b * m^{-1} \\ &= (m * a * m^{-1}) * (m * b * m^{-1}) \\ &= f(a) * f(b). \end{aligned}$$

Let $a \in \text{Ker}(f)$.

Then $f(a) = e$
 $m a m^{-1} = e$

$\Rightarrow a = e$

$\text{Ker}(f) = \{e\}$

Step II: Equal Cardinality

clear, As $|D| = |D|$

that does not make f 1-1

Step III: ONTO: $\forall x (= m * a_i * m^{-1}) \in \text{Range}(f)$

$\exists a_i \in \text{Domain}(f)$ s.t. $f(a_i) = x$.

$\therefore f$ is an Isomorphism ■

(ii) $a \in D$, $|a| = k < \infty$. To show: $|a| = |d * a * d^{-1}|$, $d \in D$. (2)

Proof: Consider the group isomorphism $f: D \rightarrow D$
s.t. $f(a) = d * a * d^{-1}$ for any $d \in D$.

By Property of Isomorphisms,

$$\hookrightarrow |f(a)| = |a| \implies |d * a * d^{-1}| = |a| \quad \blacksquare$$

(iii) $f: D \rightarrow D$; $f(a) = a^2$. To Prove: Homomorphism \Leftrightarrow Abelian.

Proof: PART 1: Assume f is a Homomorphism. Show D is Abelian.

$$\forall a, b \in D: f(a * b) = (a * b) * (a * b) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{and } f(a) * f(b) = (a * a) * (b * b) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

But (1) and (2) are equal $\because f$ is a homomorphism

$$\therefore a * b * a * b = a * a * b * b$$

$$\implies b * a = a * b \quad | \text{left and right cancellation}$$

$\therefore D$ is Abelian.

PART 2: Assume D is Abelian. Show f is a Homomorphism.

$$f(a * b) = (a * b) * (a * b) = a * (b * a) * b = a * (a * b) * b$$

$$\therefore f(a * b) = (a * a) * (b * b) = f(a) * f(b)$$

$\therefore f$ is a Homomorphism. \blacksquare

(iv) $D = \langle a \rangle$; $|D| = |a| = 10$; $f(a) = a^3$.

To show: f is a Group Isomorphism

$$\text{Since } \langle a \rangle = \langle a^3 \rangle, \quad \because |a^3| = \frac{|a|}{\gcd(3, 10)} = \frac{10}{1} = 10$$

Both $\langle a \rangle = D$

AND $\langle a^3 \rangle = f(D)$ are isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_{10} and therefore

$\therefore b = a^i \implies f(b) = a^{3i} \neq b$ Isomorphic to each other.

$\therefore f$ is a group isomorphism.

To Find: Range(f) and Ker(f)

Since f is one-to-one: $\text{Ker}(f) = \{e\}$

Since $|\text{Range}(f)| = |D|/|\text{Ker}(f)|$ $\text{Range}(f) = D$

(v) $H < D$, $|H| = m$. To Prove: $d * H * d^{-1} < D$.

Since $d * H * d^{-1}$ is finite, it is sufficient to show closure.

Let $x, y \in d * H * d^{-1} \Rightarrow x = d * h_i * d^{-1}$, $y = d * h_j * d^{-1}$

$$\text{Then } x * y = (d * h_i * d^{-1}) * (d * h_j * d^{-1})$$

$$= d * (h_i * h_j) * d^{-1}$$

$$= d * (h_k) * d^{-1}, h_k \in H \because H \text{ is a group.}$$

$\therefore d * H * d^{-1}$ is a group.

Consider the isomorphism $f(h) = d * h * d^{-1}$.

Then $H \cong d * H * d^{-1} \Rightarrow |d * H * d^{-1}| = |H| = m$.

Part II: Let $|F| = k$. If there are no other subgroups of order k , then F is normal:

Proof: $F < D$. Further $d * F * d^{-1} < D$ & $|d * F * d^{-1}| = |F|$.

But, this group is unique $\Rightarrow F = d * F * d^{-1}$

$\therefore F * d = d * F \Rightarrow F$ is normal

(vi) $|D| = 5^3 * 7^2$, $|H| = 7^2$ (Cyclic), $|F| = 5^3$ (Abelian)

Clearly, $H \cong \mathbb{Z}_{7^2}$

and $F \cong \mathbb{Z}_{5^3}$ (OR) $\mathbb{Z}_{5^2} \times \mathbb{Z}_5$ (OR) $\mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_5$

\therefore Classification:

① $D \cong \mathbb{Z}_{7^2} \times \mathbb{Z}_{5^3}$ (OR) ② $D \cong \mathbb{Z}_{7^2} \times \mathbb{Z}_{5^2} \times \mathbb{Z}_5$ (OR) ③ $D \cong \mathbb{Z}_{7^2} \times \mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_5$

(vii) $|D| = pq$, $H \triangleleft D$, $|H| = p$, $F \triangleleft D$, $|F| = q$

To prove: D is cyclic

clearly, $H \not\subseteq F$ and $F \not\subseteq H$ ($\because |F|, |H|$ are prime)

$$H \cap F = \{e\} \Rightarrow |HF| = \frac{|H||F|}{|H \cap F|} = \frac{pq}{1} = pq.$$

$$\therefore HF = D \text{ and } H \cap F = \{e\}.$$

$$\therefore D \cong F \times H \cong \mathbb{Z}_q \times \mathbb{Z}_p \quad (\because F \text{ and } H \text{ are cyclic}).$$

Further, $\gcd(q, p) = 1$ $\because q$ and p are prime.

$\therefore D$ is cyclic. ■

ANSWER 3: (i) $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 17\}$; $D = \{f : (\mathbb{Z}_{18}, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_{18}, +) \mid f \text{ is a Group Isomorphism}\}$.

$$k(1) = 1^5 \Rightarrow k(1^i) = [k(1)]^i = (5)^i$$

$$\therefore k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 17 \\ 0 & 5 & 10 & 15 & 2 & 7 & 12 & 17 & 4 & 9 & 14 & 1 & 6 & 11 & 16 & 3 & 8 & 13 \end{pmatrix}$$

Clearly, k is one-to-one and onto. $k(a * b) = k(1^i * 1^j)$
 $= k(1^{i+j}) = 5^{i+j} = 5^i * 5^j = k(a) * k(b)$

$\therefore k$ is a Group Isomorphism.

$$\therefore k = (15 \ 7 \ 17 \ 13 \ 11)(2 \ 10 \ 14 \ 16 \ 8 \ 4)(3 \ 15)(6 \ 12)$$

$$\Rightarrow |K| = \text{LCM}(6, 6, 2, 2) = 6. \quad \therefore |K| = 6 //$$

(ii) There are exactly $\phi(18) = 6$ generators of \mathbb{Z}_{18} .

\therefore There are 6 possible isomorphisms: $f(1) = \alpha$, $\alpha \in U(18)$.

$\therefore |D| = 6$. From (i) above, $\exists k \in D$ st $|k| = 6$.

$$\therefore D = \langle k \rangle,$$

$$\text{where } k = (1 \ 5 \ 7 \ 17 \ 13 \ 11)(2 \ 10 \ 14 \ 16 \ 8 \ 4)(3 \ 15)(6 \ 12)$$