

Homework 2 (chapter 3)

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Abstract 1

Q1: For each group in the following list, find the order of the group and the order of each element in the group . and notice the Relation between it .

- $\mathbb{Z}_{12} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11\}$, $|\mathbb{Z}_{12}| = 12$.

$$|0| = 1 \quad |1| = 12 \quad |2| = 6 \quad |3| = 4 \quad |4| = 3 \quad |5| = 12$$

$$|6| = 2 \quad |7| = 12 \quad |8| = 3 \quad |9| = 4 \quad |10| = 6 \quad |11| = 12$$

- $U(10) = \{1, 3, 7, 9\}$, $|U(10)| = 4$

$$|1| = 1 \quad |3| = 4 \quad |7| = 4 \quad |9| = 2$$

- $U(12) = \{1, 5, 7, 11\}$, $|U(12)| = 4$

$$|1| = 1 \quad |5| = 2 \quad |7| = 2 \quad |11| = 2$$

- $U(20) = \{1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 13, 17, 19\}$, $|U(20)| = 8$

$$|1| = 1 \quad |3| = 4 \quad |7| = 4 \quad |9| = 2 \quad |11| = 2 \quad |13| = 4 \quad |17| = 4 \quad |19| = 2$$

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Q2: let \mathbb{Q} be the group of Rational numbers under addition and let \mathbb{Q}^* be the group of nonzero rational numbers under multiplication. In \mathbb{Q} list the elements in $\langle \frac{1}{2} \rangle$.

In \mathbb{Q}^* list the elements in $\langle \frac{1}{2} \rangle$.

$$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{-1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{-1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{-1}{8}, \frac{1}{16}, \frac{-1}{16}, \dots$$

① In \mathbb{Q} : $\langle \frac{1}{2} \rangle = \left\{ \dots, -\frac{3}{2}, -1, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, 2, \frac{5}{2}, 3, \dots \right\}$

② In \mathbb{Q}^* : $\langle \frac{1}{2} \rangle = \left\{ \dots, 16, 8, 4, 2, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{16}, \dots \right\}$

$$= \left\{ \frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, 2, 4, 8, 16 \right\}$$

Q4: prove that in any group, an element and its inverse have the same order.

let $|a| = n$, $|a^{-1}| = m$, $n, m > 0$:

$$\Rightarrow a^n = e, (a^{-1})^m = (a^m)^{-1} = e^{-1} = e$$

$$\Rightarrow e = e \cdot e = (a^n)(a^n)^{-1} = a^{n-m} = |a| = n = m \quad \times$$

By contradiction.

Q5: without actually computing the orders, explain why the two elements in each of the following pairs of elements from \mathbb{Z}_{30} must have the same order: $\{2, 28\}$, $\{8, 22\}$. Do the same for the following pairs of elements from $\mathbb{U}(15)$: $\{2, 8\}$, $\{7, 13\}$.

$$\mathbb{Z}_{30}: \{2, 28\} \rightarrow 2+28=0 \quad \text{so} \quad 2^{-1}=28, 28^{-1}=2 \quad (2 \text{ and } 28 \text{ inverse to each other})$$

$$\{8, 22\} \rightarrow 8+22=0 \quad \text{so} \quad 8^{-1}=22, 22^{-1}=8 \quad (8 \text{ and } 22 \text{ inverse to each other})$$

$$\mathbb{U}(15): \{2, 8\} \rightarrow 2 \cdot 8 = 1 \quad \text{so} \quad 2^{-1}=8, 8^{-1}=2$$

$$\{7, 13\} \rightarrow 7 \cdot 13 = 1 \quad \text{so} \quad 7^{-1}=13, 13^{-1}=7$$

\Rightarrow Any element and its inverse have the same order.

Q6. Suppose that a is a group element and $a^6 = e$. What are the possibilities for $|a|$? Provide reasons for your answer? $|a| = n$ s.t. $a^n = e$.

$|a|$ divides 6 $\rightsquigarrow 1, 2, 3, 6$

$$a^6 = e \rightarrow 6 \quad \checkmark$$

$$a^6 = a^5 a = e \Rightarrow a = e \quad \times$$

$$a^6 = a^4 a^2 = e \Rightarrow a^2 = e \quad \times$$

$$a^6 = a^3 a^3 = e \Rightarrow a = e \quad \checkmark$$

$$a^6 = a^2 a^2 a^2 = e \Rightarrow a = e \quad \checkmark$$

$$a^6 = a a a a a a = e \Rightarrow a = e \quad \checkmark$$

\Rightarrow Possibilities = {1, 2, 3, 6}

Not possible = {4, 5}

Q7: If a is a group element and a has infinite order, prove that $a^m \neq a^n$

When $m \neq n$,

By contradiction:

Suppose $m \neq n$ and $a^m = a^n$

$$a^m = a^n \quad (\text{multiply by } a^{-n} \text{ from right})$$

$$a^m a^{-n} = a^n a^{-n}$$

$$a^{m-n} = a^0$$

$$\Rightarrow m - n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = n \quad \times$$

Q9) Show that if a is an element of a group G , then $|a| \leq |G|$.

case 1: if a has infinite order: e, a, a^2, \dots distinct and belong to G .
number of G is infinite $\Rightarrow |a| = |G|$.

case 2: if $|a|=n \rightarrow a^i = a^j$, $0 < i < j < n$

$$a^{i-j} = e \rightarrow \cancel{(i-j=0 \rightarrow i=j)} \cancel{}$$

thus, $e, a, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1}$ are all distinct and belong to G .

So G has at least n elements.

$$\Rightarrow |a| \leq |G| \quad \#$$

Q10. Show that $U(14) = \langle 3 \rangle = \langle 5 \rangle$, Is $\langle 14 \rangle = \langle 11 \rangle$? @14

$$U(14) = \{1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 13\}$$

$$\langle 3 \rangle = \{3^1, 3^2, 3^3, 3^4, 3^5, 3^6\} = \{3, 9, 13, 11, 5, 1\} = U(14)$$

$$\langle 5 \rangle = \{5^1, 5^2, 5^3, 5^4, 5^5, 5^6\} = \{5, 11, 13, 9, 3, 1\} = U(14)$$

$$\langle 11 \rangle = \{11^1, 11^2, 11^3, 11^4\} = \{11, 9, 1\} \neq U(14)$$

Q12: prove that an Abelian group with two elements of order 2 must have a subgroup of order 4.

Suppose a, b are 2 elements of order 2

then $\{a, b, e, ab\}$ closed and subgroup of order 4.

$$e^2 = e \quad \checkmark$$

$$a, b \in \text{group} \rightarrow a^2 = e, b^2 = e \quad \text{since } |a|=2, |b|=2$$

$$(ab)^2 = abab = aabb = a^2b^2 = e \rightarrow e \cdot e = e. \quad \begin{array}{c} \cancel{a^2}, \cancel{b^2} \\ \times \end{array}$$

Q14. Suppose that H is a proper subgroup of \mathbb{Z} under addition and H contains 18, 30 and 40. Determine H .

Ans

$$H = \langle 2 \rangle$$

Q18. If H and K are subgroups of G , show that $H \cap K$ is a subgroup of G .

$H \cap K \neq \emptyset$, since $e \in H \cap K$.

① Let $x, y \in H \cap K$, then since H and K are subgroups

$$\Rightarrow xy^{-1} \in H \text{ and } xy^{-1} \in K$$

$$\Rightarrow xy^{-1} \in H \cap K \quad \text{By one step subgroup test.}$$

② Let $x \in H \cap K \Rightarrow x \in H \text{ and } x \in K$

$$\Rightarrow x^{-1} \in H \text{ and } x^{-1} \in K$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{-1} \in H \cap K$$

③ Let $x, y \in H \cap K \rightarrow x, y \in H \text{ and } x, y \in K$

$$\rightarrow xy \in H \text{ and } xy \in K \quad \text{since } H \text{ and } K \text{ subgroups}$$

$$\rightarrow xy \in H \cap K$$

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By two step subgroup test, $H \cap K$ is a subgroup of G .

Q19: Let G be a group. Show that $Z(G) = \bigcap_{a \in G} C(a)$.

If $x \in Z(G)$, then $x \in C(a)$ for all a , so $x \in \bigcap_{a \in G} C(a)$.

If $x \in \bigcap_{a \in G} C(a)$ then $xg = gx$ for all g in G so $x \in Z(G)$.

Q20: Let G be a group, and let $a \in G$. Prove that $C(a) = C(a^{-1})$.

Suppose $x \in C(a) \Rightarrow ax = xa$

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

$$x = a^{-1}(xa)$$

Thus, $(a^{-1}x)a = x$ and therefore $a^{-1}x = xa^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow x \in C(a^{-1}) \quad \#$$

Q26: If H is a subgroup of G , then by the centralizer $C(H)$ of H we mean the set $\{xh = hx \text{ for all } h \in H\}$. Prove that $C(H)$ is a subgroup of G .

By 2-step test:

$C(H) \neq \emptyset$ since $eh = he = e \Rightarrow e \in C(H)$.

① Let $x, y \in C(H) \Rightarrow xh = hx$

$$yh = hy$$

$$(xy)h = x(yh) = x(hy) = (xh)y = h(xy)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{xy \in C(H)}_{\#}$$

② Let $x \in C(H) \Rightarrow xh = hx$

$$x^{-1}(xh) = x^{-1}hx \quad \text{from right and left}$$

$$hx^{-1} = x^{-1}h$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{x^{-1} \in C(H)}_{\#}$$