

## 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.

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

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

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

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-  $U(16) = \{1, 3, 7, 9\}$ ,  $|U(16)| = 4$

$|1| = 1$        $|3| = 4$        $|7| = 4$        $|9| = 2$ .

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

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

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

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

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-  $D_4$



Q6. suppose that  $a$  is a group element and  $a^6 = e$ . what are the possibilities for  $|a|$ . provide reasons for your answer?  $|a| = n$  st  $a^n = e$ .

$$|a| = \text{divides } 6 \rightsquigarrow 1, 2, 3, 6$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \text{possibilities} = \{1, 2, 3, 6\}$$

$$\text{Not possible} = \{4, 5\}$$

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  $a^m = a^n$

$$a^m = a^n$$

(multiply by  $a^{-n}$  from right)

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

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

$$\Rightarrow m-n = 0$$

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

} contradiction

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 finite  $\Rightarrow |a| = |G|$ .

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

$$a^{i-j} = e \rightarrow \text{X: } (i-j = 0 \rightarrow i=j) \text{ X}$$

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

So  $G$  has at least  $n$  element.

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

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

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

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

$$(ab)^2 = abab = aabb = a^2b^2 = e \rightarrow e \cdot e = e.$$

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e, a, b, ab



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

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 $H = \langle 2 \rangle$

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

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

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

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

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

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② let  $x \in H \cap K \Rightarrow x \in H$  and  $x \in K$

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

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

2 step  
② let  $x, y \in H \cap K \rightarrow x, y \in H$  and  $x, y \in K$

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

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

□

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  $x a = a x$  for all  $a$  in  $G$  so  $x \in Z(G)$ .

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Q25: If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , then by the centralizer  $C(H)$  of  $H$  we mean the set  $\{x \in G \mid x h = h x \text{ for all } h \in H\}$ . Prove that  $C(H)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

By 2-step test:

$$C(H) \neq \emptyset \text{ since } e h = h e = e \Rightarrow e \in C(H).$$

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ let } x, y \in C(H) \Rightarrow x h = h x$$

$$y h = h y$$

$$(x y) h = x (y h) = x (h y) = (x h) y = h (x y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x y \in C(H)}.$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ let } x \in C(H) \Rightarrow x h = h x$$

$$x^{-1}(x h = h x) x^{-1}$$

from right and left

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

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x^{-1} \in C(H)}$$

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