

Abstract 1

Q11: Prove that the set of all 2×2 matrices with entries from \mathbb{R} and determinant $+1$ is a group under matrix multiplication. $(GL(2, \mathbb{R}), \det = 1, \cdot)$.

① Associative: let $A, B, C \in G$:

$$(A \cdot B) \cdot C = A \cdot (B \cdot C) \quad \text{since multiplication in matrices is associative.}$$

② Identity: $e = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in G$ since $|e| = 1$ ✓

③ Inverse: let $A \in G \Rightarrow A^{-1} \in G$ since $|A^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|A|} = 1$ ✓

So it's a Group \neq .

Q12: For any integer $n > 2$, show that there are at least two elements in $U(n)$ that satisfy $x^2 = 1$. $U(n) = \{1, \dots, n-1\}$.

$$1 \in U(n) \quad \forall n > 2 \quad \text{and} \quad 1^2 = 1 \quad \text{First element.}$$

$$\underline{n-1} \in U(n) \quad \forall n > 2 \quad \text{and} \quad (n-1)^2 \stackrel{?}{=} 1$$

second element.

$$n^2 - 2n + 1 \stackrel{?}{=} 1$$

$$(n-2)(n) + 1 \stackrel{?}{=} 1$$

$$1 = 1 \quad \text{since } n = 0.$$

Q14: Let G be a group with the following property: whenever a, b and c belong to G and $ab = ca$, then $b = c$. Prove that G is Abelian \rightarrow iff $a * b = b * a$.

Since G is a group $\Rightarrow G$ is Associative.

Let $x, y \in G$

$$x(yx) = (xy)x$$

suppose $yx = b$, $xy = a$

$$\rightarrow xb = ax$$

$$\rightarrow b = a$$

$$\rightarrow yx = xy \quad \therefore G \text{ is Abelian.}$$

Q17: Prove that a group G is Abelian iff $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$ for all a and b in G .

suppose G is Abelian: $\forall a, b \in G \rightarrow a * b = b * a$.

$$\Rightarrow \rightarrow ab = ba \quad \text{inverse to other side.}$$

$$\rightarrow (ab)^{-1} = (ba)^{-1}$$

$$\rightarrow a^{-1}b^{-1}$$

$$\Leftarrow (ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$$

$$((ab)^{-1})^{-1} = (a^{-1}b^{-1})^{-1}$$

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

$$ab = ba$$

So G is Abelian. #

Q18: prove that in a group, $(a^{-1})^{-1} = a$ for all a .

let $a \in G$, then $a^{-1} \in G$ and $(a^{-1})^{-1} \in G$ " since G is a group "

$$\rightarrow a^{-1} (a^{-1})^{-1} = e \quad \text{multiply by } a \text{ from right}$$

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

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

$$(a^{-1})^{-1} = a \quad \#$$

Q19: For any elements a and b from a group and any integer n , prove that

$$(a^{-1} b a)^n = a^{-1} b^n a$$

$$(a^{-1} b a)^n = \underbrace{a^{-1} b a}_{\cdot} \cdot \underbrace{a^{-1} b a}_{\cdot} \cdot \underbrace{a^{-1} b a}_{\cdot} \cdot \dots \cdot \underbrace{a^{-1} b a}_{\cdot}$$

$$= a^{-1} b^n a \quad \forall n \geq 1 \quad \#$$

Q20: If a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n belong to a group, what is the inverse of $a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$?

We know $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1} a^{-1}$.

$$\text{So, } (a_1 a_2 \dots a_n)^{-1} = a_n^{-1}, a_{n-1}^{-1}, a_{n-2}^{-1}, \dots, a_1^{-1}$$

Q25: suppose the table below is a group table, fill in the blank entries.

	e	a	b	c	d
e	e	a	b	c	d
a	a	b	c	d	e
b	b	c	d	e	a
c	c	d	e	a	b
d	d	e	a	b	c

Q26: Prove that if $(ab)^2 = a^2 b^2$ in a group G , then $ab = ba$. Abelian.

suppose that $(ab)^2 = a^2 b^2$

$$abab = aabb$$

multiply by a^{-1} from left

$$a^{-1}abab = a^{-1}aabb$$

$$bab = abb$$

multiply by b^{-1} from right

$$bab\cancel{b^{-1}} = abb\cancel{b^{-1}}$$

$$\underline{ba = ab}$$

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Q27: let a, b and c be elements of a group. solve the equation $axb = c$ for x .

solve $a^{-1}xa = c$ for x .

→ $axb = c$

$$a^{-1}axb = a^{-1}c$$

multiply by a^{-1} from left

$$xb = a^{-1}c$$

$$xb\cancel{b^{-1}} = a^{-1}c\cancel{b^{-1}}$$

multiply by b^{-1} from right

$$\boxed{x = a^{-1}cb^{-1}}$$

→ $a^{-1}xa = c$

$$aa^{-1}xa = ac$$

multiply by a from left

$$xa = ac$$

$$xa\cancel{a^{-1}} = ac\cancel{a^{-1}}$$

multiply by a^{-1} from right

$$\boxed{x = aca^{-1}}$$

Q35: Prove that if G is a group with the property that the square of every element is the identity, then G is Abelian.

$$\text{Let } a \in G \Rightarrow a^2 = e$$

$$\text{Let } b \in G \Rightarrow b^2 = e$$

$\leadsto a \cdot b \in G$ since G is closure

$$\leadsto (a \cdot b)^2 = e$$

$$\leadsto a^2 b^2 = a a b b = e = (ab)(ab) = (ab)^2 = e$$

$$\Rightarrow aabb = abab$$

$$a^{-1} aabb = a^{-1} abab$$

$$abb = bab$$

$$abb b^{-1} = bab b^{-1}$$

$$ab = ba$$

G is Abelian.

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Q36: Prove that the set of all 3×3 matrices with real entries of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a group with multiplication.}$$

* closure: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \bar{a} & \bar{b} \\ 0 & 1 & \bar{c} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in G$, Then

$$A \cdot B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a + \bar{a} & \bar{b} + a\bar{c} + b \\ 0 & 1 & \bar{c} + c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in G$$

$$\text{* inverse of } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a & ac - b \\ 0 & 1 & -c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

* Associative: yes.

$\in G$

$$\text{* identity} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q39: let $G = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq 0 \right\}$, show that G is a group under matrix multiplication.

→ closure: let $\begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix} \in G$ and $\begin{bmatrix} b & b \\ b & b \end{bmatrix} \in G$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b & b \\ b & b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2ab & 2ab \\ 2ab & 2ab \end{bmatrix} \in G \quad \checkmark$$

→ Associative: let $A, B, C \in G$

$(A \cdot B) \cdot C = A \cdot (B \cdot C)$ since multiplication of matrix is Associative.

→ Identity: $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \in G$ since $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix}$.

→ Inverse: $\begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4a} & \frac{1}{4a} \\ \frac{1}{4a} & \frac{1}{4a} \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$

So G is a Group.