

(1) (a). Let S, T be sets and let $f: S \rightarrow T$ be a function.

Define a relation \sim on S by $s_1 \sim s_2$ if $f(s_1) = f(s_2)$.

Prove that \sim is an equivalence relation.

Pf: Need to prove: reflexivity, symmetry, and transitivity.

(i) Reflexivity: Let $s \in S$. Certainly: $s = s$ and since f is a function, $f(s) = f(s)$. therefore $s \sim s$ for any $s \in S$. So \sim is reflexive.

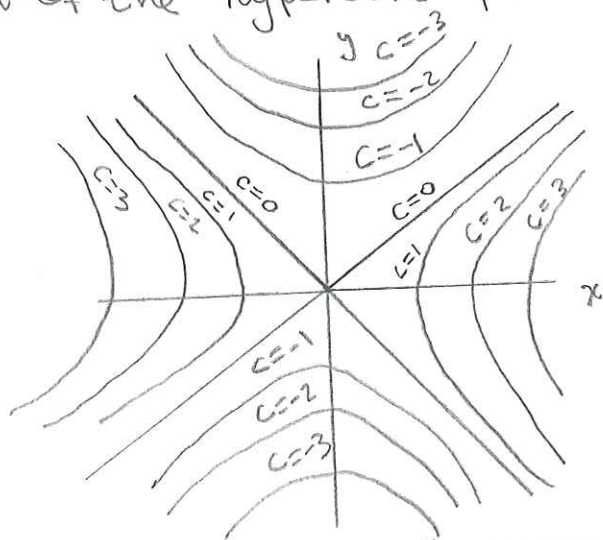
(ii) Symmetry: Let $s_1, s_2 \in S$. Suppose that $s_1 \sim s_2$. then $f(s_1) = f(s_2)$ which is the same as $f(s_2) = f(s_1)$ and so $s_2 \sim s_1$. thus, \sim is symmetric.

(iii) Transitivity: Let $s_1, s_2, s_3 \in S$. Suppose that $s_1 \sim s_2$ and $s_2 \sim s_3$. then, $f(s_1) = f(s_2)$ and $f(s_2) = f(s_3)$. Replacing the second equation on the first we get $f(s_1) = f(s_3)$. So $s_1 \sim s_3$. therefore, \sim is transitive. +5

(i), (ii) and (iii) imply that \sim is an equivalence relation.

(1) (b) Let $S = \mathbb{R}^2$ and $T = \mathbb{R}$. Let $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be given by $f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$. Draw the equivalence classes for the equivalence relation determined (as in part (a)) by f . +5

Solution: Let (x_1, y_1) be a point in \mathbb{R}^2 . By definition of \sim , its equivalence class is: $[(x_1, y_1)] = \{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid (x, y) \sim (x_1, y_1) \} \Leftrightarrow f(x, y) = f(x_1, y_1) \Leftrightarrow x^2 - y^2 = x_1^2 - y_1^2$. thinking of (x_1, y_1) as arbitrary but fixed, its equivalence class is just the level set of the hyperbolic paraboloid $f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$. In picture:



when $c = 0$, we have two lines: $x = y$ and $-x = y$.

when $c > 0$, we have a hyperbola opening on the x -axis

when $c < 0$, we have a hyperbola opening on the y -axis

(2) Determine all subgroups of D_4 .

Solution: By Lagrange's theorem we know that the order of a subgroup in D_4 must divide $|D_4| = 8$. Hence, the only possible groups are of order: 1, 2, 4 and 8. Moreover, the only groups of order 1 and 8 are the trivial subgroup and D_4 itself respectively. Therefore, it makes sense to look only for groups of order 2 and 4.

By inspection all the groups of order 2 are: $\{I, R_2\}, \{I, D_1\}, \{I, D_2\}, \{I, H\}, \{I, V\}$, since all other elements operated with themselves produce something other than I (look at the diagonal of the group table).

It remains to determine all subgroups of order 4. We can look for generators of such groups as follow:

$$\langle R_1 \rangle = \{I, R_1, R_1^2, R_1^3\} = \{I, R_1, R_2, R_3\}, \text{ all rotations.}$$

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We can also obtain the subgroups:

$$\{I, R_2, D_1, D_2\} \text{ and } \{I, R_2, H, V\}.$$

Is easy to see that these 10 subgroups are all the subgroups of D_4 . $\{I\}, \{I, R_2\}, \{I, D_1\}, \{I, D_2\}, \{I, H\}, \{I, V\}, \{I, R_2, D_1, D_2\}, \{I, R_2, H, V\}, \{I, R_1, R_2, R_3\},$

If you try to compute any other subgroup, it will be one of these, e.g.

$\{R_3, H\} \Rightarrow R_3H = D_2; R_3R_3 = R_2; R_2D_2 = D_1$; so far we have $\{R_3, H, D_2, R_2, D_1\}$, but this is already 5 elements, $5 \neq 8$, so if we keep computing these elements we will get D_4 . Likewise, start with

$\{R_3, D_1\} \Rightarrow R_3D_1 = H; R_3R_3 = R_2; R_2D_1 = D_2$; so far we have $\{R_3, D_1, H, R_2, D_2\}$, using the same reasoning as before, this set will eventually be D_4 . In this manner we can check that indeed D_4 has only the 10 elements shown before.

(3) Let $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$. We have proved there is a unique integer l such that $m\mathbb{Z} \cap n\mathbb{Z} = l\mathbb{Z}$. Prove that l is the least common multiple of m, n .

Pf: Without loss of generality, we may assume that $m, n, l > 0$.

Note that if either $m=0$ or $n=0$ the result follows trivially since $\{0\} = 0\mathbb{Z} \cap 0\mathbb{Z} = 0\mathbb{Z}$, so 0 is the l.c.m. of $0, 0$.

Moreover, if either $m < 0$ or $n < 0$, we can work with $-m\mathbb{Z}$ or $-n\mathbb{Z}$ respectively since $-m\mathbb{Z} = m\mathbb{Z}$ and $-n\mathbb{Z} = n\mathbb{Z}$.

Now, by definition $l \in l\mathbb{Z}$ which means that $l \in m\mathbb{Z} \cap n\mathbb{Z}$ and so $l \in m\mathbb{Z}$, $l \in n\mathbb{Z}$. Again, by definition: $m|l$ and $n|l$ and so l is a multiple of both m and n , so it is a common multiple.

To show that l is the least common multiple, let $x \in \mathbb{Z}, x > 0$, such that $m|x$ and $n|x$. By definition, $x \in m\mathbb{Z} \cap n\mathbb{Z}$ and thus $x \in l\mathbb{Z}$ and so $l|x$, i.e., $x = l \cdot q$, so $q > 0$, $l \leq x$. So l is the least common multiple.

(4) Let H and K be subgroups of a group G . Prove that $H \cup K$ is a subgroup of G if and only if $H \subseteq K$ or $K \subseteq H$.

Pf: (\Rightarrow) Let $H \cup K \leq G$. We want to prove that $H \subseteq K$ or $K \subseteq H$. To the contrary, suppose that $H \not\subseteq K$ and $K \not\subseteq H$, then, there exists elements: $h \in H \setminus K$ and $k \in K \setminus H$. Look at hk . Since $H \cup K$ is a subgroup of G , it must be that $hk \in H \cup K$ ($h \in H \Rightarrow hk \in H$; $k \in K \Rightarrow hk \in K$). By definition, $hk \in H$ or $hk \in K$.

If $hk \in H$ then $h^{-1}(hk) = (h^{-1}h)k = ek = k \in H$; Since $h^{-1} \in H$, $hk \in H$. Contradiction.

If $hk \in K$ then $(hk)k^{-1} = h(kk^{-1}) = he = h \in K$; Since $k^{-1} \in K$, $hk \in K$. Contradiction.

In any case we reach a contradiction. Therefore, $H \subseteq K$ or $K \subseteq H$.

(4) (\Leftarrow) Suppose that $H \subseteq K$ or $K \subseteq H$. We want to prove that $H \cup K \stackrel{?}{\subseteq} G$

(i) Let $h, k \in H \cup K$. then we have the following cases:

-) $h \in H$ and $k \in H$. then $hk \in H$ Since H is a subgroup, so it is closed.
-) $h \in K$ and $k \in K$. then $hk \in K$ Since K is a subgroup, so it is closed.
-) $h \in H$ and $k \in K$. then if $H \subseteq K$ then $h \in K$ and so $hk \in K$.
 otherwise, if $K \subseteq H$ then $k \in H$ and so $hk \in H$.

this final case is symmetrical with $h \in K$ or $k \in H$, so it holds in that case too.
 Note that the statement $h \in H$ implies that $h \in H \cup K$, and $k \in K \Rightarrow k \in H \cup K$.
 therefore, $H \cup K$ is closed under the operation of G .

(ii) Let $h \in H \cup K$. then $h \in H$ or $h \in K$. If $h \in H$ then $h^{-1} \in H$, since H is a group. Otherwise, if $h \in K$ then $h^{-1} \in K$, since K is a group. +10

In any case $h^{-1} \in H \cup K$.

Since (i) and (ii) hold, we conclude that $H \cup K$ is a subgroup of G .

(5) the relation \sim on S is an equivalence relation: then $s_1 \sim s$

- (i) Reflexivity: Let $s \in S$. take $k=0$. then $f^k(s) = f^0(s) = \text{Id}(s) = s$.
- (ii) Symmetry: let $s_1, s_2 \in S$ be such that $s_1 \sim s_2$. then, there exists $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $f^k(s_1) = s_2$. Apply f^{-k} to both sides of this equation:
 $f^{-k}(f^k(s_1)) = f^{-k}(s_2) \Rightarrow f^{-k+k}(s_1) = f^{-k}(s_2) \Rightarrow f^0(s_1) = s_1 = f^{-k}(s_2)$.

Hence, there exists an integer $-k$ such that $s_2 \sim s_1$.

- (iii) Transitivity: let $s_1, s_2, s_3 \in S$, be such that $s_1 \sim s_2$ and $s_2 \sim s_3$.
 then, there exists integers k, l such that: $f^k(s_1) = s_2$ and $f^l(s_2) = s_3$.
 Apply f^{-l} to both sides of the last equation: $f^{-l}(f^l(s_2)) = f^{-l}(s_3) \Rightarrow s_2 = f^{-l}(s_3)$.
 Replace s_2 in the first equation: $f^k(s_1) = s_2 = f^{-l}(s_3) \Rightarrow f^k(s_1) = f^{-l}(s_3)$.
 Finally, apply f^l to both sides of this equation to get $f^l(f^k(s_1)) = f^l(f^{-l}(s_3)) \Rightarrow f^{l+k}(s_1) = s_3$.
 So there exist an integer $l+k=t$ such that $f^t(s_1) = s_3 \Leftrightarrow s_1 \sim s_3$.

(6)(a) Let $H \leq G$. Define a relation \sim on G by $g_1 \sim g_2$ if $g_1 g_2^{-1} \in H$.
 \sim is an equivalence relation.

Pf: (i) Reflexivity: Let $g \in G$. By definition of subgroup we know that $g g^{-1} = e \in H$, for any $g \in G$. Hence, \sim is reflexive.

(ii) Symmetry: Let $g_1, g_2 \in G$. Suppose that $g_1 \sim g_2$. Then $g_1 g_2^{-1} \in H$.
 By definition of subgroup, this element has an inverse in H , i.e.,
 $(g_1 g_2^{-1})^{-1} \in H \Leftrightarrow (g_2^{-1})^{-1} g_1^{-1} \in H \Leftrightarrow g_2 g_1^{-1} \in H \Leftrightarrow g_2 \sim g_1$.

(iii) Transitivity: Let $g_1, g_2, g_3 \in G$. Suppose that $g_1 \sim g_2$ and $g_2 \sim g_3$. Then
 $g_1 g_2^{-1} \in H$ and $g_2 g_3^{-1} \in H$. By definition of subgroup: $(g_1 g_2^{-1})(g_2 g_3^{-1}) \in H$
 $\Leftrightarrow g_1 [(g_2^{-1} g_2) g_3^{-1}] = g_1 (e g_3^{-1}) = g_1 g_3^{-1} \in H \Leftrightarrow g_1 \sim g_3$.

The equivalence classes are precisely the right cosets Hg for $g \in G$.

Pf: By definition; given $g \in G$ its equivalence class is:

$[g] = \{x \in G \mid x \sim g \Leftrightarrow x g^{-1} \in H\}$. We want to show that $[g] = Hg$.
 (\subseteq) Let $a \in [g]$. Then $a \sim g \Leftrightarrow a g^{-1} \in H$. Let $h = a g^{-1} \in H$. Then,
 apply g to both sides of this equation $h g = a(g^{-1} g) \Rightarrow h g = a$.
 therefore $a \in Hg$, since there exists $h \in H$, $h = a g^{-1}$, such that $h g = a$.

(\supseteq) Let $a \in Hg$. Then, there exists $h \in H$ such that $a = h g$. Apply
 g^{-1} to both sides of this equation to get $a g^{-1} = h \in H$. therefore
 $a \sim g$ which means that $a \in [g]$.

(b). Let $G = D_4$. Let $H = \{I, H\} \leq G = D_4$. Pick the elements

$g_1 = R_1$ and $g_2 = D_1$. Then

$$g_1 H = R_1 H = \{R_1 I, R_1 H\} = \{R_1, D_1\} = \{D_1 I, D_1 H\} = D_1 H = g_2 H$$

But,

$$\begin{aligned} Hg_1 &= H R_1 = \{I R_1, H R_1\} = \{R_1, D_2\} \\ Hg_2 &= H D_1 = \{I D_1, H D_1\} = \{D_1, R_3\} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow Hg_1 \neq Hg_2$$

(6)(c). Let H be a subgroup of a group G and let $g_1, g_2 \in G$.
 Prove that $g_1 H = g_2 H$ if and only if $H g_1^{-1} = H g_2^{-1}$.

Pf: (\Rightarrow) . Suppose that $g_1 H = g_2 H$. We want to show: $H g_1^{-1} = H g_2^{-1}$.
 First note that: $x \in g_1 H \Leftrightarrow x \in g_2 H$, hence, let $x \in g_1 H$.
 $x = g_1 h_1$ and $x = g_2 h_2$, for some $h_1, h_2 \in H$.

But then $g_1 h_1 = g_2 h_2 \Rightarrow g_1 = g_2 h_2 h_1^{-1} \Rightarrow g_1^{-1} = h_1 h_2^{-1} g_2^{-1}$ (*)
 $\Rightarrow g_2 = g_1 h_1 h_2^{-1} \Rightarrow g_2^{-1} = h_2 h_1^{-1} g_1^{-1}$ (**)

(\Leftarrow) Let $x \in H g_1^{-1}$. then $x = h g_1^{-1}$, for some $h \in H$. Replacing (*)
 $x = h g_1^{-1} = h (h_1 h_2^{-1} g_2^{-1}) = (h h_1 h_2^{-1}) g_2^{-1}$; since $h, h_1, h_2^{-1} \in H$,
 let $h_3 = h h_1 h_2^{-1} \in H$. We have found $h_3 \in H$ s.t. $x = h_3 g_2^{-1}$.
 therefore $x \in H g_2^{-1}$.

(\Rightarrow) Let $x \in H g_2^{-1}$. then $x = h g_2^{-1}$, for some $h \in H$. Replacing (**)
 $x = h g_2^{-1} = h (h_2 h_1^{-1} g_1^{-1}) = (h h_2 h_1^{-1}) g_1^{-1}$; since $h, h_2, h_1^{-1} \in H$,
 let $h_4 = h h_2 h_1^{-1} \in H$. We have found $h_4 \in H$ s.t. $x = h_4 g_1^{-1}$.
 therefore $x \in H g_1^{-1}$.

Hence, $H g_1^{-1} = H g_2^{-1}$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose that $H g_1^{-1} = H g_2^{-1}$. We want to show: $g_1 H = g_2 H$.

First note that: $x \in H g_1^{-1} \Leftrightarrow x \in H g_2^{-1}$, hence, let $x \in H g_1^{-1}$. then:
 $x = h_1 g_1^{-1}$ and $x = h_2 g_2^{-1}$, for some $h_1, h_2 \in H$.

But then $h_1 g_1^{-1} = h_2 g_2^{-1} \Rightarrow g_1^{-1} = h_1^{-1} h_2 g_2^{-1} \Rightarrow g_1 = (g_1^{-1})^{-1} = g_2 h_2^{-1} h_1$ (*)
 $\Rightarrow g_2^{-1} = h_2^{-1} h_1 g_1^{-1} \Rightarrow g_2 = (g_2^{-1})^{-1} = g_1 h_1^{-1} h_2$ (**)

Using a similar argument as that used for (\Rightarrow) . We have:

(\Leftarrow) Let $x \in g_1 H$. then $x = g_1 h$, for some $h \in H$. Replacing (\star)

$$x = g_1 h = g_2 (h_2^{-1} h_1 h); \text{ since } h, h_1, h_2^{-1} \in H, \text{ let } h_5 = h_2^{-1} h_1 h \in H.$$

We have found $h_5 \in H$ s.t. $x = g_2 h_5$. therefore, $x \in g_2 H$.

(\Rightarrow) Let $x \in g_2 H$. then $x = g_2 h$, for some $h \in H$. Replacing ($\star\star$)

$$x = g_2 h = g_1 (h_1^{-1} h_2 h); \text{ since } h, h_1^{-1}, h_2 \in H, \text{ let } h_6 = h_1^{-1} h_2 h \in H.$$

We have found $h_6 \in H$ s.t. $x = g_1 h_6$. therefore, $x \in g_1 H$.

Hence, $g_1 H = g_2 H$.

(7) Let G be a group in which for all $g \in G$, $g^2 = e$.

Prove G is abelian.

Pf: Let $g_1, g_2 \in G$. then

$$\begin{aligned} g_1 g_2 &= e g_1 g_2 e \\ &= (g_2 g_2)(g_1 g_2)(g_1 g_1) \\ &= g_2 [(g_2 g_1)(g_2 g_1)] g_1 \\ &= g_2 (g_2 g_1)^2 g_1 \\ &= g_2 e g_1 \\ &= g_2 g_1 \end{aligned}$$

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By properties of identity element

letting $g_2 g_2 = e$ and $g_1 g_1 = e$

Associativity of the group

Power notation

By hypothesis

By properties of identity element

Therefore, $g_1 g_2 = g_2 g_1$ for any $g_1, g_2 \in G$.

G is abelian.