

4-1 Groups

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TJ 3-3

Write out Cayley tables for groups formed by the symmetries of a rectangle and for $(\mathbb{Z}_4, +)$.

How many elements are in each group?

Are the groups the same? Why or why not?

Symmetries of a rectangle

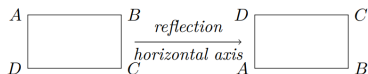
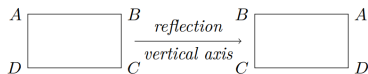
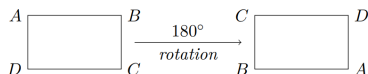
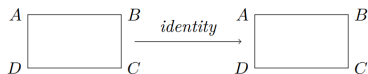


Figure 3.5: Rigid motions of a rectangle

sym	id	180	v-ref	h-ref
id	id	180	v-ref	h-ref
180	180	id	h-ref	v-ref
v-ref	v-ref	h-ref	id	180
h-ref	h-ref	v-ref	180	id

+	(0, 0)	(0, 1)	(1, 0)	(1, 1)
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Table 3.29: Addition table for $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$

$(\mathbb{Z}_4, +)$

+	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	3	0
2	2	3	0	1
3	3	0	1	2

TJ 3-7

Let $S = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$ and define a binary operation on S by $a * b = a + b + ab$.
Prove that $(S, *)$ is an abelian group.

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Let $a, b, c \in S$

► **Associative:** $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$

$$\begin{aligned} a * (b * c) &= a * (b + c + bc) \\ &= a + (b + c + bc) + a(b + c + bc) \\ &= a + b + c + bc + ab + ac + abc \end{aligned}$$

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$(S, *)$ is a group

- ▶ **Identity:** $e = 0$ is the identity

$$0 * a = 0 + a + 0a = a$$

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► **Inverse:** for each $a \in S$, $\exists a^{-1}$ s.t. $a * a^{-1} = a^{-1} * a = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} a * \left(\frac{-a}{1+a}\right) &= a + \frac{-a}{1+a} + a \frac{-a}{1+a} \\ &= \frac{a+a^2-a-a^2}{1+a} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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► **Communicative:** $a * b = b * a$

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Then $1 = |a| = |a(b^{-1}b)| = |(ab^{-1})b| = |ab^{-1}||b|$
So, $|ab^{-1}| = 1$, $ab^{-1} \in \mathbb{T}$

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Proposition 3.30. *A subset H of G is a subgroup if and only if it satisfies the following conditions.*

1. *The identity e of G is in H .*
2. *If $h_1, h_2 \in H$, then $h_1 h_2 \in H$.*
3. *If $h \in H$, then $h^{-1} \in H$.*

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 $-a + -d = 0$. Therefore, $\begin{pmatrix} -a & -b \\ -c & -d \end{pmatrix} \in H$

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▶ Assume $a = gxg^{-1}$ and $b = gyg^{-1}$, where $x, y \in H$

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$$\begin{aligned} ab^{-1} &= (gxg^{-1})(gyg^{-1})^{-1} \\ &= (gxg^{-1})(gy^{-1}g^{-1}) \\ &= gxg^{-1}gy^{-1}g^{-1} \\ &= gxy^{-1}g^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$y \in H \Rightarrow y^{-1} \in H$. Then $xy^{-1} \in H$. So, $gxy^{-1}g^{-1} \in H$.



TJ 4-1

Prove or disprove each of the following statements.

- (a) All of the generators of \mathbb{Z}_{60} are prime.
- (b) $U(8)$ is cyclic.
- (c) \mathbb{Q} is cyclic.
- (d) If every proper subgroup of a group G is cyclic, then G is a cyclic group.
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 - ▶ $(\mathbb{Q}, *)$ is not a group!

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Figure 3.6: Symmetries of a triangle

 S_3

\circ	id	ρ_1	ρ_2	μ_1	μ_2	μ_3
id	id	ρ_1	ρ_2	μ_1	μ_2	μ_3
ρ_1	ρ_1	ρ_2	id	μ_3	μ_1	μ_2
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Table 3.7: Symmetries of an equilateral triangle

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Example 4.7. Not every group is a cyclic group. Consider the symmetry group of an equilateral triangle S_3 . The multiplication table for this group is Table 3.7. The subgroups of S_3 are shown in Figure 4.8. Notice that every subgroup is cyclic; however, no single element generates the entire group.

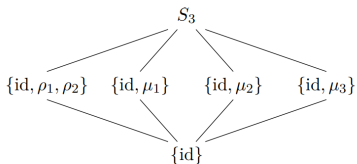


Figure 4.8: Subgroups of S_3

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证明.

For any $a \in G$, $\langle a \rangle$ is a subgroup of G □

引理-2

引理 (2)

An infinite cyclic group has infinitely many (cyclic) subgroups.

证明.

- ▶ Let a be the generator of G
- ▶ Then $\langle a^k \rangle$ is a cyclic subgroup of G , for $k = 1, 2, \dots$



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(a) Find a cyclic group with exactly one generator.

$$\mathbb{Z}_1: 0$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_2: 1$$

(b) Can you find cyclic groups with exactly two generators?

$$\mathbb{Z}_3: 1, 2$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_4: 1, 3$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_6: 1, 5$$

$$\mathbb{Z}: 1, -1$$

(c) Four generators?

$$\mathbb{Z}_5: 1, 2, 3, 4$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_8: 1, 3, 5, 7$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_{10}: 1, 3, 7, 9$$

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Euler φ -function

The Euler φ -function is the map $\varphi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined by $\varphi(n) = 1$ for $n = 1$, and, for $n > 1$, $\varphi(n)$ is the number of positive integers m with $1 \leq m < n$ and $\gcd(m, n) = 1$.

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Answer: $pq - (p - 1) - (q - 1) - 1 = pq - p - q + 1$

$$\begin{array}{cc} p & q \\ 2p & 2q \\ \dots & \dots \\ (q-1)p & (p-1)q \\ qp & pq \end{array}$$

$$\varphi(p)\varphi(q) = (p-1)(q-1) = pq - p - q + 1$$

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So, the order of y is $n/\gcd(k, n) = n$, i.e. y is a generator of G .

证明：设 p 为素数，则 $Z_p = \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$ 关于 p 乘法构成的 $p-1$ 阶循环群。（此处的 $1, 2, \dots, p-1$ 是模 p 等价类的代表元）

Z_p^* is an (abelian) group

- ▶ **Associative:** Obviously.
- ▶ **Identity:** $1 \in Z_p$.
- ▶ **Inverse:** for any $a \in Z_p$, $ax = 1 \pmod p$ has an unique root.
- ▶ **Abelian:** Obviously.

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Let $a, b \in G$, with $|a| = n$, $|b| = m$, and $\gcd(n, m) = 1$. Then, there exists a $c \in G$ with $|c| = nm$.

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- ▶ $(ab)^{nm} = (a^n)^m (b^m)^n = 1^m 1^n = 1$. (G is abelian).
- ▶ Let $|ab| = k$, then $k|nm$. $(ab)^k = 1 \Rightarrow a^k b^k = 1 \Rightarrow a^k = b^{-k}$.
- ▶ Then, $(a^k)^m = (b^{-k})^m \Rightarrow a^{mk} = 1$. Thus, $n|mk$.
- ▶ However, as $\gcd(n, m) = 1$, we have $n|k$.
- ▶ Similarly, $m|k$.
- ▶ So, $nm|k$. And finally $nm = k$



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