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LECTURE NOTES

PG-ABSTRACT ALGEBRA

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UNIT 1- Normal Subgroups

Let G be an abelian group, the composition in G being denoted multiplicatively. Let H be any subgroup of G . If x is an element of G , then Hx is a right coset of H in G and xH is a left coset of H in G . Also G is abelian, therefore we must have $Hx = xH \forall x \in G$. However, it is possible that G is not abelian, yet it possesses a subgroup H such that $Hx = xH \forall x \in G$. Such subgroups of G fall under the category of normal subgroups, and they are very important.

Definition

A subgroup N of a group G is said to be a normal subgroup of G if for every $x \in G$ and for every $n \in N$, $xnx^{-1} \in N$.

From this definition we can immediately conclude that N is a normal subgroup of G if and only if

$$xNx^{-1} \subset N \forall x \in G$$

Theorems of Normal Subgroups

Theorem 1: A subgroup N of a group G is normal if and only if $xNx^{-1} = N \forall x \in G$.

Proof:

Let $xNx^{-1} = N \forall x \in G$, then $xNx^{-1} \subset N \forall x \in G$. Therefore N is a normal subgroup of G .

Conversely, let N be a normal subgroup of G . Then

$$xNx^{-1} \subset N \forall x \in G \text{---(i)}$$

Also $x \in G \Rightarrow x^{-1} \in G$. Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} x^{-1}N(x^{-1})^{-1} \subset N \forall x \in G &\Rightarrow x^{-1}Nx \subset N \forall x \in G \\ &\Rightarrow x(x^{-1}nx)x^{-1} \subset xNx^{-1} \forall x \in G \\ &\Rightarrow N \subset x^{-1}Nx \forall x \in G \text{---(ii)} \end{aligned}$$

From (i) and (ii) we can conclude that $xNx^{-1} = N \forall x \in G$

Theorem 2: A subgroup N of a group G is a normal subgroup of G if and only if each left coset of N in G is a right coset of N in G .

Proof: Let N be a normal subgroup of G then

$$xNx^{-1} = N \forall x \in G \Rightarrow (xNx^{-1})x = Nx \forall x \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow xN = Nx \forall x \in G \Rightarrow \text{each left coset } xN \text{ is the coset } Nx$$

Conversely, let each left coset of N in G be a right coset of N in G . This means that if x is any element of G , then the left coset xN is also a right coset. Now $e \in N$, and therefore $xe = x \in xN$. So x must also belong to that right coset which is equal to left coset xN . But x is an element of the right coset Nx , and two right cosets are either disjointed or identical, i.e. if two right cosets contain one common element then they are identical. Therefore Nx is the unique right coset which is equal to the left coset xN .

$$\text{Therefore, we have } xN = Nx \forall x \in G \Rightarrow xNx^{-1} = Nxx^{-1} \forall x \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow xNx^{-1} = N \forall x \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow N \text{ is normal a subgroup of } G.$$

Theorem 3: A subgroup N of a group G is a normal subgroup of G if and only if the product of two right cosets of N in G is again a right coset of N in G .

Theorem 4: The intersection of two normal subgroups of a group is a normal subgroup.

Center of a Group

Definition: The set Z of all those elements of a group G which commute with every element of G is called the center of the group G . Symbolically

$$Z = \{z \in G : zx = xz \Rightarrow x \in G\}$$

Theorem: The center Z of a group G is a normal subgroup of G .

Proof:

We have $Z = \{z \in G : zx = xz \forall x \in G\}$. First we shall prove that Z is a subgroup of G .

Let $z_1, z_2 \in Z$, then $z_1x = xz_1$ and $z_2x = xz_2$ for all $x \in G$

We have $z_2x = xz_2$, for all $x \in G$

$$\Rightarrow z_2^{-1}(z_2x)z_2^{-1} = z_2^{-1}(xz_2)z_2^{-1} \Rightarrow xz_2^{-1} = z_2^{-1}x \quad \forall x \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow z_2^{-1} \in Z$$

$$\text{Now } (z_1z_2^{-1})x = z_1(z_2^{-1}x) = z_1(xz_2^{-1}) = (z_1x)z_2^{-1} = (xz_1)z_2^{-1} = x(z_1z_2^{-1}) \Rightarrow z_1z_2^{-1} \in Z$$

$$\text{Thus, } z_1, z_2 \in Z \Rightarrow z_1z_2^{-1} \in Z$$

Therefore, Z is a subgroup of G .

Now, we shall show that Z is a normal subgroup of G . Let $x \in G$ and $z \in Z$, then

$$xzx^{-1} = (xz)x^{-1} = (zx)x^{-1} = z \in Z$$

$$\text{Thus, } x \in G, z \in Z \Rightarrow xzx^{-1} \in Z$$

Quotient Groups

Definition: If G is a group and N is a normal subgroup of group G , then the set G/N of all cosets of N in G is a group with respect to the multiplication of cosets. It is called the quotient group or factor group of G by N . The identity element of the quotient group G/N by N .

Theorem: The set of all cosets of a normal subgroup is a group with respect to multiplication of cosets as the composition.

Proof:

Let N be a normal subgroup of a group G . Since N is normal in G , therefore each right coset will be equal to the corresponding left coset.

Thus there is no distinction between right and left cosets and we shall simply call them cosets. Let G/N be the collection of all cosets of N in G , i.e. let

$$G/N = \{Na : a \in G\}$$

Closure Property: Let $a, b \in G$, then $(Na)(Nb) = N(aN)b = N(Na)b = NNab = Nab$

Since $ab \in G$, therefore Nab is also a coset of N in G . So $Nab \in G|N$. Thus $G|N$ is closed with respect to coset multiplication.

Associativity: Let $a, b, c \in G$. Then $Na, Nb, Nc \in G|N$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} Na[(Nb)(Nc)] &= Na(Nbc) = Na(bc) = N(ab)c = (Nab)Nc \\ &= [(Na)(Nb)]Nc \end{aligned}$$

Thus the product of $G|N$ satisfies the associative law.

Existence of Identity:

We have $N = Ne \in G|N$. Also if Na is any element of $G|N$, then

$$N(Na) = (Ne)(Na) = Nea = Na(Na)N = (Na)(Ne) = Nae = Na$$

Therefore the coset N is the identity element.

Existence of Inverse:

Let $Na \in G|N$, then $Na^{-1} \in G|N$. We have

$$(Na)(Na^{-1}) = Naa^{-1} = Ne = N(Na^{-1})(Na) = Na^{-1}a = Ne = N$$

Therefore the coset Na^{-1} is the inverse of Na . Thus each element of $G|N$ possesses an inverse.

Hence $G|N$ is a group with respect to the product of cosets.

Examples of Quotient Groups

Example 1: If H is a normal subgroup of a finite group G , then prove that

$$o(G|H) = o(G)o(H)$$

Solution: $o(G|H)$ = number of distinct right (or left) cosets of H in G , as $G|H$ is the collection of all right (or left) cosets of H in G

= number of distinct elements in G number of distinct elements in H

$$= o(G)o(H)$$

by Lagrange's Theorem

Example 2: Show that every quotient group of a cyclic group is cyclic, but not conversely.

Solution:

Let H be a subgroup of a cyclic group G . Then H is also cyclic because every cyclic group is abelian. Therefore H is a normal subgroup of G .

Let a be a generator of G and h be any element of H , where n is an integer. Then h^n is any element of G/H .

Also, it can be easily proved that $(h^n)^n = h^{n^2}$ for every integer n . Therefore, G/H is cyclic and its generator is h .

Its converse is not true; for example if S_3 and A_3 are the symmetric and alternating groups of the three symbols a, b, c then the quotient group S_3/A_3 is cyclic, whereas S_3 is not.

Example 3: Show that every quotient group of an abelian group is abelian but its converse is not true.

Solution:

Let $a, b \in G$ be arbitrary, then h_a, h_b are any two elements of the quotient group G/H . Then we have $(h_a)(h_b) = h_{ab} = h_{ba} = (h_b)(h_a)$

Therefore, G/H is an abelian.

Its converse is not true; for example if S_3 and A_3 are the symmetric and alternating groups of the three symbols a, b, c then the quotient group S_3/A_3 being of order 2 is abelian whereas S_3 is not.

Group Homomorphism

By homomorphism we mean a mapping from one algebraic system with a like algebraic system which preserves structures.

Definition

Let G and G' be any two groups with binary operation \circ and \circ' respectively. Then a mapping $f:G \rightarrow G'$ is said to be a homomorphism if for all $a, b \in G$,

$$f(a \circ b) = f(a) \circ' f(b)$$

A homomorphism f which at the same time is also onto is said to be an epimorphism.

A homomorphism f which at the same time is also one-one is said to be a monomorphism.

A group G' is called a homomorphism image of a group G , if there exists a homomorphism f of G onto G' . A homomorphism of a group G into itself is called an endomorphism.

Examples:

(i) Let G be any group under binary operation \circ . If $f(x) = x$ for every $x \in G$ then $f:G \rightarrow G$ is a homomorphism because

$$f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$$

(ii) Let G be the group of integers under addition, let G' be the group of integers under addition modulo n . If $f:G \rightarrow G'$ be defined by $f(x) = \text{remainder of } x \text{ on division by } n$, then this is a homomorphism.

(iii) Let G be any group under addition. If $f(x) = e, \forall x \in G$ then the mapping $f:G \rightarrow G$ is a homomorphism because for all $x, y \in G$, $f(x, y) = e$ and $f(x) + f(y) = e + e = e$, so that

$$f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$$

(iv) Let G be the group of integers under addition and let $G' = G$. If for all $x \in G$, $f(x) = 2x$, then f is a homomorphism because

$$f(x+y) = 2(x+y) = 2x + 2y = f(x) + f(y)$$

Kernel of Homomorphism

Definition

If f is a homomorphism of a group G into a G' , then the set K of all those elements

of G which is mapped by f onto the identity e' of G' is called the kernel of the homomorphism f .

Theorem:

Let G and G' be any two groups and let e and e' be their respective identities. If f is a homomorphism of G into G' , then

(i) $f(e) = e'$

(ii) $f(x^{-1}) = [f(x)]^{-1}$ for all $x \in G$

(iii) K is a normal subgroup of G .

Proof:

(i) We know that for $x \in G$, $f(x) \in G'$.

$f(x) \cdot e' = f(x) = f(xe) = f(x) \cdot f(e)$, and therefore by using left cancellation law we have $e' = f(e)$ or $f(e) = e'$

(ii) Since for any $x \in G$, $xx^{-1} = e$, we get

$$f(x) \cdot f(x^{-1}) = f(xx^{-1}) = f(e) = e'$$

Similarly $x^{-1}x = e$, gives $f(x^{-1}) \cdot f(x) = e'$

Hence by the definition of $[f(x)]^{-1}$ in G' we obtain the result

$$f(x^{-1}) = [f(x)]^{-1}$$

(iii) Since $f(e) = e'$, $e \in K$, this shows that $K \neq \emptyset$,

now let $a, b \in K$, $x \in G$, $a \in K, b \in K$,

$$\Rightarrow f(a) = e', f(b) = e'$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a) = e', f(b^{-1}) = [f(b)]^{-1} = e'$$

$$\Rightarrow f(ab^{-1}) = f(a)[f(b)]^{-1} = e' \cdot e' = e'$$

$$\Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in K$$

This establishes that K is a subgroup of G .

Now, to show that it is also normal we prove the following:

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

$$= [f(x)]^{-1}f(a)f(x)$$

$$= [f(x)]^{-1}e'f(x)$$

$$= [f(x)]^{-1}f(x) = e'$$

Therefore, $x^{-1}ax \in K$, hence the result

Examples of Group Homomorphism

Here's some examples of the concept of group homomorphism.

Example 1:

Let $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$, which forms a group under multiplication and $I =$ the group of all integers under addition, prove that the mapping f from I onto G such that $f(x) = i^n \forall n \in I$ is a homomorphism.

Solution: Since $f(x) = i^n, f(m) = i^m$, for all $m, n \in I$

$$f(m+n) = i^{m+n} = i^m \cdot i^n = f(m) \cdot f(n)$$

Hence f is a homomorphism.

Example 2:

Show that the mapping f of the symmetric group P_n onto the multiplicative group $G' = \{1, -1\}$ defined by $f(\alpha) = 1$ or -1 .

According as α is an even or odd permutation in P_n is a homomorphism of P_n onto G' .

Solution: We know that the product of two permutations both even or both odd is even while the product of one even and one odd permutation is odd. We shall show that

$$f(\alpha\beta) = f(\alpha)f(\beta) \forall \alpha, \beta \in P_n$$

(i) if α, β are both even, then

$$f(\alpha\beta) = 1 = 1 \cdot 1 = f(\alpha) \cdot f(\beta)$$

(ii) if α, β are both odd, then

$$f(\alpha\beta) = 1 = (-1) \cdot (-1) = f(\alpha) \cdot f(\beta)$$

(iii) if α is odd and β is even, then

$$f(\alpha\beta) = -1 = (-1) \cdot 1 = f(\alpha) \cdot f(\beta)$$

(iv) if α is even and β is odd, then

$$f(\alpha\beta) = -1 = 1 \cdot (-1) = f(\alpha) \cdot f(\beta)$$

Thus $f(\alpha\beta) = f(\alpha)f(\beta) \forall \alpha, \beta \in P_n$. Also obviously f is onto G' .

Therefore f is a homomorphism of P_n onto G' .

Example 3:

Show that a homomorphism from a simple group is either trivial or one-to-one.

Solution: Let G be a simple group and f be a homomorphism of G into another group G' . Then the kernel f is a normal subgroup of G . But the only normal subgroups of the simple group G are G and $\{e\}$. Hence either $K=G$ or $K=\{e\}$. If $K=G$, the f -image of each element of G is the identity of G' , as such the homomorphism f is trivial one. If $K=\{e\}$, the homomorphism f is one-to-one.

Cayley's Theorem

Cayley's Theorem:

Every group is isomorphic to a permutation group.

Proof: Let G be a finite group of order n . If $a \in G$, then $\forall x \in G, ax \in G$. Now consider a function from G into G , defined by

$$f_a(x) = ax \forall x \in G$$

For $x, y \in G, fa(x) = fa(y) \Rightarrow ax = ay \Rightarrow x = y$. Therefore, the function fa is one-one.

The function fa is also onto because if x is any element of G then there exists an element $a^{-1}x$ such that

$$fa(a^{-1}x) = a(a^{-1}x) = (aa^{-1})x = ex = x$$

Thus fa is one-one from G onto G . Therefore, fa is a permutation on G . Let G' denote the set of all such one-to-one functions defined on G corresponding to every element of G , i.e. $G' = \{fa : a \in G\}$

Now, we show that G' is a group with respect to the product of functions.

(i) Closure Axiom: Let $fa, fb \in G'$ where $a, b \in G$, then

$$(fa \circ fb)x = fa[fb(x)] = fa(bx) = a(bx) = (ab)x = fab(x) \forall x \in G$$

Since $ab \in G$, therefore $fab \in G'$ and thus G' is closed under the product of functions.

(ii) Associative Axiom: Let $fa, fb, fc \in G'$ where $a, b, c \in G$, then

$$fa \circ (fb \circ fc) = fa \circ fbc = fa(bc) = f(ab)c = fab \circ fc = (fa \circ fb) \circ fc$$

The product of functions is associative in G' .

(iii) Identity Axiom: If e is the identity element in G , then fe is the identity of G' because $\forall fx \in G'$ we have $fe \circ fx = fex = fx$ and $fx \circ fe = fxe = fx$.

(iv) Inverse Element: If a^{-1} is the inverse of a in G , then fa^{-1} is the inverse of fa in G' because $fa^{-1} \circ fa = fa^{-1}a = fe$ and $fa \circ fa^{-1} = faa^{-1} = fe$

Hence G' is a group with respect to the composite of functions denoted by the symbol \circ .

Now consider the function g and G into G' defined by $g(a) = fa \forall a \in G$.

g is one-one because for $a, b \in G$.

$$g(a) = g(b) \Rightarrow fa = fb \Rightarrow fa(x) = fb(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow ax=bx \Rightarrow a=b, \forall x \in G$$

g is onto because if $fa \in G'$ then for $a \in G$, we have $g(a) = fa$

g preserves composition in G and G' because if $a, b \in G$ then

$$g(ab) = fab = fa \circ fb = g(a) \circ g(b)$$

Hence $G \cong G'$.

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UNIT 2- Conjugacy in a Group

Conjugate Element: If $a, b \in G$, then b is said to be a conjugate of a in G if there exists an element $x \in G$ such that $b = x^{-1}ax$.

Symbolically, we shall write $a \sim b$ for this and shall refer to this relation as conjugacy.

Then $b \sim a \Leftrightarrow b = x^{-1}ax$ for some $x \in G$

DEF: equivalence relation

(i) **Reflexivity:** $a \sim a \forall a \in G$

(ii) **Symmetric:** $a \sim b \Rightarrow b \sim a$

(iii) **Transitivity:** $a \sim b, b \sim c \Rightarrow a \sim c$

Theorem: Conjugacy is an equivalence relation in a group.

Proof:

(i) **Reflexivity:** Let $a \in G$, then $a = e^{-1}ae$, hence $a \sim a \forall a \in G$, i.e. the relation of conjugacy is reflexive.

(ii) **Symmetric:** Let $a \sim b$ so that there exists an element $x \in G$ such that $a = x^{-1}bx$, $a, b \in G$. Now

$$\begin{aligned} a \sim b &\Rightarrow a = x^{-1}bx \Rightarrow xa = x(x^{-1}bx) \\ &\Rightarrow xax^{-1} = (xx^{-1})b(xx^{-1}) \Rightarrow b = xax^{-1} \Rightarrow b = (x^{-1})^{-1}ax^{-1}, x \in G \Rightarrow b \sim a \end{aligned}$$

Thus $a \sim b \Rightarrow b \sim a$. Hence the relation is symmetric.

(ii) **Transitivity:** Let there exist two elements $x, y \in G$

such that $a = x^{-1}bx$ and $b = y^{-1}cy$ for $a, b, c \in G$.

Hence $a \sim b, b \sim c$

$$\Rightarrow a = x^{-1}bx \text{ and } \Rightarrow b = y^{-1}cy \Rightarrow a = x^{-1}(y^{-1}cy)x \Rightarrow a = (x^{-1}y^{-1})c(yx) \Rightarrow a = (yx)^{-1}c(yx)$$

Here $yx \in G$ and G are the group. Therefore $a \sim b, b \sim c \Rightarrow a \sim c$.

Hence the relation is transitive.

Thus conjugacy is an equivalence relation on G .

Conjugate Classes: For $a \in G$, let $C(a) = \{x: x \in G \text{ and } a \sim x\}$, $C(a)$, the equivalence class of a in G under a conjugacy relation is usually called the conjugate class of a in G . It consists of the set of all

distinct elements of the type $y^{-1}ay$.

In other words, a group G is isomorphic to the group G' if there exists a one-one onto mapping of G and G' such that the image of the product of two elements is the product of the images of the elements with respect to the composition in the respective group.

The last condition may also be stated as follows:

If $ab = c$ where $a, b, c \in G$ and $f(a) = a', f(b) = b', f(c) = c'$ then $a'b' = c'$ where $a', b', c' \in G'$.

UNIT 3

Rings
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Ring

A ring in the mathematical sense is a set S together with two binary operators $+$ and $*$ (commonly interpreted as addition and multiplication, respectively) satisfying the following conditions:

1. Additive associativity: For all $a, b, c \in S$, $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$.
2. Additive commutativity: For all $a, b \in S$, $a + b = b + a$.
3. Additive identity: There exists an element $0 \in S$ such that for all $a \in S$, $0 + a = a + 0 = a$.
4. Additive inverse: For every $a \in S$ there exists $-a \in S$ such that $a + (-a) = (-a) + a = 0$.
5. Left and right distributivity: For all $a, b, c \in S$, $a * (b + c) = (a * b) + (a * c)$ and $(b + c) * a = (b * a) + (c * a)$.
6. Multiplicative associativity: For all $a, b, c \in S$, $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$ (a ring satisfying this property is sometimes explicitly termed an **associative ring**).

Rings may also satisfy various optional conditions:

7. Multiplicative commutativity: For all $a, b \in S$, $a * b = b * a$ (a ring satisfying this property is termed a **commutative ring**).
8. Multiplicative identity: There exists an element $1 \in S$ such that for all $a \neq 0 \in S$, $1 * a = a * 1 = a$ (a ring satisfying this property is termed a **unit ring**, or sometimes a "ring with identity").
9. Multiplicative inverse: For each $a \neq 0$ in S , there exists an element $a^{-1} \in S$ such that for all $a \neq 0 \in S$, $a * a^{-1} = a^{-1} * a = 1$, where 1 is the **identity element**.

Definition

A ring is a set R together with two operations $(+)$ and (\cdot) satisfying the following properties (ring axioms):

(1) R is an **abelian group** under addition. That is, R is closed under addition, there is an additive identity (called 0), every element $a \in R$ has an additive inverse $-a \in R$, and addition is associative and commutative.

(2) R is closed under multiplication, and multiplication is associative:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall a, b \in R \quad a \cdot b \in R \\ \forall a, b, c \in R \quad a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c. \end{aligned}$$

(3) Multiplication distributes over addition:

$$\forall a, b, c \in R \quad a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c \quad \text{and} \quad (b + c) \cdot a = b \cdot a + c \cdot a.$$

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Elementary Properties of Rings

Some basic elementary properties of a ring can be illustrated with the help of the following theorem, and these properties are used to further develop and build concepts on rings.

Theorem:

If R is a ring, then for all a, b are in R .

(a) $a \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot a = a \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot a = a$

(b) $a(-b) = (-a)b = -(ab)$ and $a(-b) = (-a)b = -(ab)$

(c) $(-a)(-b) = ab$ and $(-a)(-b) = ab$

Proof:

(a) We know that

$$a0 = a(0+0) = a0+a0 \forall a \in R \text{ [using distributive law]}$$

$$a0 = a(0+0) = a0+a0 \forall a \in R \text{ [using distributive law]}$$

Since RR is a group under addition, applying the right cancellation law,

$$a0 = a0+a0 \Rightarrow a+a0 = a0+a0 \Rightarrow a0 = 0$$

Similarly, $0a = (0+0)a = 0a+0a \forall a \in R$ [using distributive law]
 $0a = (0+0)a = 0a+0a \forall a \in R$ [using distributive law]
 $\therefore 0+0a = 0a+0a$ [because $0 = 0a+0a$]. $\therefore 0+0a = 0a+0a$ [because $0 = 0a+0a$]

Applying right cancellation law for addition, we get $0 = 0a = 0a$ i.e. $0a = 0$

Thus $a0 = 0a = 0$

(b) To prove that $a(-b) = -ab$ and $a(-b) = -ab$ we should show that $ab = a(-b) = 0$

We know that $a[b+(-b)] = a0 = 0$ because $b+(-b) = 0$ with the above result (a)

$$ab + a(-b) = 0 \text{ [by distributive law]}$$

$$\therefore a(-b) = -(ab) \text{ [by distributive law]}$$

Similarly, to show $(-a)b = -ab$, we must show that $ab + (-a)b = 0$

$$ab + (-a)b = [a+(-a)]b = 0b = 0$$

$$\therefore (-a)b = -(ab) \text{ [by distributive law]} \text{ hence the result.}$$

(c) Proving $(-a)(-b) = ab$ is a special case of forgoing the article. However its proof is given as:

$$(-a)(-b) = -[a(-b)] = -[-(ab)] = ab$$

This is because $-(-x) = x$ is a consequence of the fact that in a group, the inverse of the inverse of an element is the element itself.

Examples of Rings

Example 1:

A Gaussian integer is a complex number $a+ib$, where a and b are integers. Show that the set $J(i)$ of Gaussian integers forms a ring under the ordinary addition and multiplication of complex numbers.

Solution:

Let a_1+ib_1 and a_2+ib_2 be any two elements of $J(i)$, then

$$(a_1+ib_1)+(a_2+ib_2)=(a_1+a_2)+i(b_1+b_2)=A+iB$$

and

$$(a_1+ib_1) \cdot (a_2+ib_2) = (a_1a_2 - b_1b_2) + i(a_1b_2 + b_1a_2) = C + iD$$

These are Gaussian integers and therefore $J(i)$ is closed under addition as well as the multiplication of complex numbers. Addition and multiplication are both associative and commutative compositions for complex numbers.

Also, multiplication distribution with respect to addition. The additive inverse of $a+ib \in J(i)$ is $(-a) + (-b)i \in J(i)$ as

$$(a+ib) + (-a) + (-b)i = (a-a) + (b-b)i = 0 + 0i = 0$$

The Gaussian integer $1+0 \cdot i$ is the multiplicative identity. Therefore, the set of Gaussian integers is a commutative ring with unity.

Example 2: Prove that the set of residue $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ modulo 5 is a ring with respect to the addition and multiplication of residue classes (**mod 5**).

Solution: Let $R = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$. Addition and multiplication tables for given set R are:

+ mod 5	0	1	2	3	4	mod 5	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	1	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	2	3	4	0	1	0	1	2	3	4
2	2	3	4	0	1	2	0	2	4	1	3
3	3	4	0	1	2	3	0				
4	4	0	1	2	3	4					

From the addition composition table the following is clear:

- (i) Since all elements of the table belong to the set, it is closed under addition (**mod 5**).
- (ii) Addition (**mod 5**) is always associative.
- (iii) $0 \in \mathbb{R}$ is the identity of addition.
- (iv) The additive inverse of the elements **0, 1, 2, 3, 4** are **0, 4, 3, 2, 1** respectively.
- (v) Since the elements equidistant from the principal diagonal are equal to each other, the addition (**mod 5**) is commutative.

From the multiplication composition table, we see that (\mathbb{R}, \cdot) is a semi group, i.e. following axioms hold good.

- (vi) Since all the elements of the table are in \mathbb{R} , the set \mathbb{R} is closed under multiplication (**mod 5**).
- (vii) Multiplication (**mod 5**) is always associative.
- (viii) The multiplication (**mod 5**) is left as well as right distributive over addition (**mod 5**).

Hence $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$ is a ring.

Special Types of Rings

1. Commutative Rings

A ring RR is said to be a commutative if the multiplication composition in RR is commutative, i.e.

$$ab=ba \forall a,b \in R$$

2. Rings With Unit Element

A ring RR is said to be a ring with unit element if RR has a multiplicative identity, i.e. if there exists an element $1 \in R$ denoted by 1 , such that

$$1 \cdot a = a \cdot 1 \forall a \in R$$

The ring of all $n \times n$ matrices with element as integers (rational, real or complex numbers) is a ring with unity. The unity matrix

$$I_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the unity element of the ring.

3. Rings With or Without Zero Divisors

While dealing with an arbitrary ring RR , we may find elements aa and bb in RR , where neither of which is zero and their product may be zero. We call such elements divisors of zero or zero divisors.

Definition:

A ring element $a(a \neq 0)$ is called a divisor of zero if there exists an element $b(b \neq 0)$ in the ring such that either $ab=0$ or $ba=0$

We also say that a ring RR is without zero divisors if the product of no two non-zero elements of the same is zero, i.e. if $ab=0 \Rightarrow$ either $a=0$ or $b=0$ or both $a=0$ and $b=0$

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We say that cancellation laws hold in a ring RR if $ab=bc(a \neq 0) \Rightarrow b=c$ and $ba=ca(a \neq 0) \Rightarrow b=c$ where a, b, c are in RR

Thus in a ring with zero divisors, it is impossible to define a cancellation law.

Theorem:

A ring has no divisor of zero if and only if the cancellation laws holds in R

Proof:

Suppose that RR has no zero divisors. Let a, b, c be any three elements of RR such that $a \neq 0, ab=ac$

Now

$$ab=ac \Rightarrow ab-ac=0 \Rightarrow a(b-c)=0 \Rightarrow b-c=0 \text{ [because } R \text{ is without zero divisor and } a \neq 0] \Rightarrow b=c$$

Thus the left cancellation law holds in RR . Similarly, it can be shown that the right cancellation law also holds in RR .

Conversely, suppose that the cancellation law holds in RR . Let $a, b \in R$ and if possible

let $ab=0$ with $a \neq 0, b \neq 0$ then $ab=a \cdot 0$ (because $a \cdot 0=0$).

Since $a \neq 0, ab=a \cdot 0 \Rightarrow b=0$

Hence we get a contradiction to our assumption that $b \neq 0$ and therefore the theorem is established.

Division Ring

A ring is called a division ring if its non-zero elements form a group under the operation of multiplication.

Pseudo Ring

A non-empty set R with binary operations $+$ and \times satisfying all the postulates of a ring except right and left distribution laws is called pseudo ring if

$$(a+b) \cdot (c+d) = a \cdot c + a \cdot d + b \cdot c + b \cdot d$$

for all $a, b, c, d \in R$

Notes:

(1) There are two further requirements one might impose on a ring S that lead to interesting classes of rings. For instance, if multiplication is commutative, the ring is called a **commutative ring**. The theory of commutative rings differs quite significantly from the theory of non-commutative rings; commutative rings are better understood and have been more extensively studied. Most of the examples and results in this wiki will be for commutative rings. Again there may be an element 1 in R such that for all elements a in R , $a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a$. If such an element exists, we call it the unity of the ring, and the ring is called a **ring with unity**. Else it is called a ring without unity or a "rng" (a ring without i).

(2) If R is a commutative ring and $a, b, c \in R$ such that $a, b \neq 0$ and $a \cdot b = c$, then a and b are said to be divisors of c . If in a commutative ring R with unity, there is no divisor of the additive identity, i.e. 0 , then R is said to be an **integral domain**. Thus a commutative ring R with unity is said to be an integral domain if for all elements a, b in R , $a \cdot b = 0$ implies either $a = 0$ or $b = 0$.

(3) If every nonzero element in a commutative ring with unity has a multiplicative inverse as well, the ring is called a **field**. Fields are fundamental objects in [number theory](#), [algebraic geometry](#), and many other areas of mathematics. If every nonzero element in a ring with unity has a multiplicative inverse, the ring is called a **division ring** or a **skew field**. A field is thus a commutative skew field. Non-commutative ones are called strictly skew fields.

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More generally, if X is a set and R is a ring, the set of functions from X to R is a ring, with the natural operations of pointwise addition and multiplication of functions. For many sets X , this ring has many interesting subrings constructed by restricting to functions with properties that are preserved under addition and multiplication. If $X = R = \mathbb{R}$, for instance, there are subrings of continuous functions, differentiable functions, polynomial functions, and so on.

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Group Isomorphism

Definition

Let G and G' be any two groups with binary operation \circ and \circ' , respectively. If there exists a one-one onto mapping $f:G \rightarrow G':G \rightarrow G'$ such that

$$f(a \circ b) = f(a) \circ' f(b), \forall a, b \in G$$

In this case, the group G is said to be isomorphic to the group G' , and the mapping f is said to be an isomorphism. If G is isomorphic to G' , we write $G \cong G'$ or $G \simeq G'$.

Properties of Isomorphism

Theorem 1:

If isomorphism exists between two groups, then the identities correspond, i.e. if $f:G \rightarrow G'$ is an isomorphism and e, e' are respectively the identities in G, G' , then $f(e) = e'$.

Theorem 2:

If isomorphism exists between two groups, then the identities correspond, i.e. if $f:G \rightarrow G'$ is an isomorphism and $f(a) = a'$, where $a \in G, a' \in G'$ then $f(a^{-1}) = a'^{-1} = [f(a)]^{-1}$

$$= [f(a)]^{-1}.$$

Theorem 3:

In an isomorphism the order of an element is preserved, i.e. if $f:G \rightarrow G':G \rightarrow G'$ is an isomorphism, and the order of a is n , then the order of $f(a)$ is also n .

Proof:

As $f(a) = a'$, then we have $f(a \cdot a) = f(a) \cdot f(a) = a' \cdot a' = a'^2$ and in general we can write it as $f(a^n) = a'^n$.

But $f(a^n) = f(e) = e'$, by using the statement of Theorem 1,

therefore $a'^n = e'$. Also $a'^m \neq e'$ for $m < n$, i.e. $o(a') = n$.

It follows that the order of an element of G , if finite, is equal to the order of its image in G' . If the order of a is infinite, we can similarly show that the order of a' cannot be finite.

Theorem 4:

The relation of isomorphism in the set of groups is an equivalence relation.

Isomorphism of Cyclic Groups

Theorem 1:

Cyclic groups of the same order are isomorphic.

Proof: Let G and G' be two cyclic groups of order n , which are generated by a and b respectively. Then

$$G = \{a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^n = e\}$$

and

$$G' = \{b, b^2, b^3, \dots, b^n = e'\}$$

The mapping $f: G \rightarrow G'$, defined by $f(a^r) = b^r$, is isomorphism.

$$f(a^r \cdot a^s) = f(a^{r+s}) = b^{r+s} = b^r \cdot b^s = f(a^r) \cdot f(a^s)$$

Therefore the groups are isomorphic.

Theorem 2:

An infinite cyclic group is isomorphic to the additive group of integers.

Proof: Let G be an infinite cyclic group, generated by a , then

$$G = \{\dots, a^{-2}, a^{-1}, a^0 = e, a^1, a^2, a^3, \dots\} = \{a^r : r \text{ is an integer}\}$$

The mapping $f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, defined by $f(a^r) = r$ is an isomorphism, for it is one-one onto, and further,

$$f(a^r \cdot a^s) = f(a^{r+s}) = r+s = f(a^r) + f(a^s)$$

It follows that G is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z} .

Theorem 3:

A cyclic group of order mn is isomorphic to the additive group of residue classes modulo mn .

Proof: Let G be an infinite cyclic group, generated by a , then

$$G = \{a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^{n-1}, a^n = e\}$$

Let G' be the additive group of residue classes $(\text{mod } n)$, i.e.

$$G' = \{[1], [2], [3], \dots, [n] = [0]\}$$

The mapping $f: G \rightarrow G'$, defined by $f(a^r) = [r]$, is isomorphism, for it is one-one onto, and further,

$$f(a^r \cdot a^s) = f(a^{r+s}) = [r+s] = [r] + [s] = f(a^r) + f(a^s)$$

It follows that G is isomorphic to G' .

Theorem 4:

A subgroup of the infinite cyclic group is isomorphic to the additive group of integral multiples of an integer.

Proof:

Let $G = \{\dots, a^{-2}, a^{-1}, a^0 = e, a^1, a^2, a^3, \dots\}$ and let H be a subgroup of G , given by,

$$H = \{\dots, a^{-2m}, a^{-m}, a^0 = e, a^m, a^{2m}, \dots\} = \{(am)^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

Then H is isomorphic to the additive group H', given by

$$H' = \{0, \pm m, \pm 2m, \pm 3m, \dots\} = \{nm : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

The mapping $f: H \rightarrow H'$, defined by $f(am^n) = nm$, is isomorphism, for it is one-one onto, and if $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$, then

$$f(am^r \cdot am^s) = f(a^{(r+s)m}) = (r+s)m = rm + sm = f(am^r) + f(am^s)$$

It will be observed that H is itself an infinite cyclic group, and as such it is isomorphic to G. Thus a subgroup of an infinite cyclic group is isomorphic to the group itself.

Examples of Group Isomorphism

Example 1: Show that the multiplicative group G consisting of three cube roots of unity $1, \omega, \omega^2$ is isomorphic to the group G' of residue classes (mod 3) under addition of residue classes (mod 3)

Solution:

Let us consider the composition tables of two structures G, G' as given below:

×	1	ω	ω^2
1	1	ω	ω^2
ω	ω	ω^2	1
ω^2	ω^2	1	ω

+(mod 3)	{0}	{1}	{2}
{0}	{0}	{1}	{2}
{1}	{1}	{2}	{0}
{2}	{2}	{0}	{1}

From this table it is evident that if $1, \omega, \omega^2$ are replaced by $\{0\}, \{1\}, \{2\}$ respectively in the composition table for G, we get the composition table G'. This leads to the fact that mapping f of G onto G' defined by $f(1) = \{0\}, f(\omega) = \{1\}, f(\omega^2) = \{2\}$ is an isomorphism. Also:

$$f(\omega \cdot \omega^2) = f(1) = \{0\} = \{1\} + \{2\} = f(\omega) + f(\omega^2)$$

Example 2: Show that the additive group $G = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ is an isomorphic to the additive group $G' = \{\dots, -2m, -m, 0, m, 2m, \dots\}$ for any given integer mm.

Solution:

We define a mapping ff by $f: G \rightarrow G': f(a) = ma$, where $a \in G, ma \in G'$ and show that f is an isomorphism of G onto G'.

We see that ff is one-one since two different elements of G have two different f- image in G' is the f- image of an element of G.

Again:

$$f(a+b) = m(a+b) = ma + mb = f(a) + f(b)$$

Thus f is composition preserving as well. Hence f is an isomorphic mapping of G onto G'

UNIT 5- Vector Space

Before giving the formal definition of an abstract vector space, we define what is known as an external composition in one set over another. We have already defined a binary composition in a set A as a mapping of $A \times A \times A$ to A . This may be referred to as an internal composition in A . Now, let A and B be two non-empty sets. Then a mapping $f: A \times B \rightarrow B$ is called an external composition in B over A .

Definition: Let $(F, +, \times)$ be a field. Then a set V is called a vector space over the field F if V is an abelian group under an operation which is denoted by $+$, and if for every $a \in F$, $u, v \in V$ there is defined an element au in V such that

- (i) $a(u+v) = au + av$, for all $a \in F$, $u, v \in V$.
- (ii) $(a+b)u = au + bu$, for all $a, b \in F$, $u \in V$.
- (iii) $a(bu) = (ab)u$, for all $a, b \in F$, $u \in V$.
- (iv) $1 \cdot u = u \cdot 1$ represents the unity element of F under multiplication.

The following notations will be constantly used in the forthcoming tutorials.

(1) Generally F will be the field whose elements shall often be referred to as scalars.

(2) V will denote the vector space over F whose elements shall be called vectors.

Thus to test that V is a vector space over F , the following axioms should be satisfied:

(V1): $(V, +)$ is an abelian group.

(V2): Scalar multiplication is distributive over addition in V , i.e. $a(u+v) = au + av$, for all $a \in F$, $u, v \in V$.

(V3): Distributive of scalar multiplication over addition in F , i.e. $(a+b)u = au + bu$, for all $a, b \in F$, $u \in V$.

(V4): Scalar multiplication is associative, i.e. $a(bu) = (ab)u$, for all $a, b \in F$, $u \in V$.

(V5): Property of unity: Let $1 \in F$ be the unity of F , then $1 \cdot u = u \cdot 1 = u$ for all $u \in V$.

A vector space V over a field F is expressed by writing $V(F)$. Sometimes writing only V is sufficient provided the context makes it clear which field has been considered.

If the field is \mathbb{R} , the set of real numbers, then V is said to be a real vector space. If the field is \mathbb{Q} , the set of rational numbers, then V is said to be a rational vector space. Finally, if the field is \mathbb{C} , the set of complex numbers, V is called a complex vector space.

Vector Subspace

Let V be a vector space over the field F . Then a non-empty subset W of V is called a vector space of V if under the operations of V , W itself is a vector space over F . In other words, W is a subspace of V whenever

$$w_1, w_2 \in W \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in F \Rightarrow \alpha w_1 + \beta w_2 \in W$$

Example:

Prove that the set W of ordered triplets $(a_1, a_2, 0)$ where $a_1, a_2 \in F$ is a subspace of $V_3(F)$.

Solution:

Let $a = (a_1, a_2, 0)$ and $b = (b_1, b_2, 0)$ be two elements of W .

Therefore $a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2 \in F$ let $\alpha, \beta \in F$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha a + \beta b &= \alpha(a_1, a_2, 0) + \beta(b_1, b_2, 0) = (\alpha a_1, \alpha a_2, 0) + \\ &(\beta b_1, \beta b_2, 0) = (\alpha a_1 + \beta b_1, \alpha a_2 + \beta b_2, 0) \in W \end{aligned}$$

Because $\alpha a_1 + \beta b_1, \alpha a_2 + \beta b_2 \in F$.

Linear Dependence and Linear Independence Vectors

Linear Dependence

Let $V(F)$ be a vector space and let $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ be a finite subset of V . Then S is said to be linearly dependent if there exists scalar $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in F$, not all zero, such that

$$\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \dots + \alpha_n u_n = 0$$

Linear Independence

Let $V(F)$ be a vector space and let $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ be a finite subset of V . Then S is said to be linearly independent if,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i u_i = 0, \alpha_i \in F \Rightarrow \alpha_i = 0, i=1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

This holds only when $\alpha_i = 0, i=1, 2, 3, \dots, n$.

An infinite subset S of V is said to be linearly independent if every finite subset S is linearly independent, otherwise it is linearly dependent.

Example 1: Show that the system of three vectors $(1, 3, 2), (1, -7, -8), (2, 1, -1)$ of $V_3(\mathbb{R})$ is linearly dependent.

Solution: For $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1(1, 3, 2) + \alpha_2(1, -7, -8) + \alpha_3(2, 1, -1) &= (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 2\alpha_3, 3\alpha_1 - 7\alpha_2 + \alpha_3, 2\alpha_1 - 8\alpha_2 - \alpha_3) = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 2\alpha_3 = 0, 3\alpha_1 - 7\alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = 0, 2\alpha_1 - 8\alpha_2 - \alpha_3 = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \alpha_1 = 3, \alpha_2 = 1, \alpha_3 = -2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the given system of vectors is linearly dependent.

Example 2: Consider the vector space \mathbb{R}^3 and the subset $S = \{(1,0,0), (0,1,0), (0,0,1)\}$ of \mathbb{R}^3 . Prove that S is linearly independent.

Solution: For $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\alpha_1(1,0,0) + \alpha_2(0,1,0) + \alpha_3(0,0,1) = (0,0,0) \Leftrightarrow (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) = (0,0,0) \Leftrightarrow \alpha_1 = 0, \alpha_2 = 0, \alpha_3 = 0$$

This shows that if any linear combination of the elements of S is zero then the coefficient must be zero. S is linearly independent.

Basis of a Vector Space

A subset S of a vector space $V(F)$ is said to be a basis of $V(F)$, if

- (i) S consists of a linearly independent vector, and
- (ii) S generates $V(F)$, i.e. $L(S) = V$, i.e. each vector in V is a linear combination of a finite number of elements of S .

For example the set $\{(1,0,0), (0,1,0), (0,0,1)\}$ is a basis of the vector space \mathbb{R}^3 over the field of real numbers.

Dimension

The dimension of a vector space $V(F)$ is the number of elements in a basis of $V(F)$.

Example:

Show that the set $S = \{(1,2,1), (2,1,0), (1,-1,2)\}$ forms a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

Solution:

For $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{F}$, then $a_1(1,2,1) + a_2(2,1,0) + a_3(1,-1,2) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (a_1 + 2a_2 + a_3, 2a_1 + a_2 - a_3, a_1 + 2a_3) = (0,0,0) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_1 + 2a_2 + a_3 = 0 \\ 2a_1 + a_2 - a_3 = 0 \\ a_1 + 2a_3 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 0$$

Hence the given set is linearly independent.

Now let

$$\begin{aligned} (1,0,0) &= x(1,2,1) + y(2,1,0) + z(1,-1,2) = (x+2y+z, 2x+y-z, x+2z) \\ (1,0,0) &= x(1,2,1) + y(2,1,0) + z(1,-1,2) = (x+2y+z, 2x+y-z, x+2z) \end{aligned}$$

So that $x+2y+z=1, 2x+y-z=0, x+2z=0$
 $\therefore x=-29, y=59, z=19$

Thus, the unit vector $(1,0,0)$ is a linear combination of the vectors of the given set, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}
(1,0,0) &= -29(1,2,1) + 59(2,1,0) + 19(1,-1,2) \\
(0,1,0) &= 49(1,2,1) - 19(2,1,0) - 29(1,-1,2) \\
(0,0,1) &= 13(1,2,1) - 13(2,1,0) + 13(1,-1,2)
\end{aligned}$$

Since $V_3(F)$ is generated by the unit vectors $(1,0,0)$, $(0,1,0)$, $(0,0,1)$, we see that every element of $V_3(F)$ is a linear combination of the given set S . Hence the vectors of this set form a basis of $V_3(F)$.

Read more: <https://www.emathzone.com/tutorials/group-theory/basis-of-a-vector-space.html#ixzz6U93FCYEr>

Section 9 – Orbits, Cycles, and the Alternating Groups

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Orbits

Lemma

Let σ be a permutation of a set A . Then the relation \sim on A defined by

$$a \sim b \Leftrightarrow b = \sigma^n(a) \text{ for some integer } n$$

is an equivalence relation.

Definition

The equivalence classes determined by the above equivalence relation are the **orbits of σ** .

Orbits

Proof.

We check

1. **Reflexive:** $a \sim a$ for all $a \in A$ since $a = \sigma^0(a)$.
2. **Symmetric:** If $a \sim b$, i.e., if $b = \sigma^n(a)$, then $a = \sigma^{-n}(b)$ and thus $b \sim a$.
3. **Transitive:** If $a \sim b$ and $b \sim c$, then $b = \sigma^n(a)$ and $c = \sigma^m(b)$ for some $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$. It follows that $c = \sigma^m(b) = \sigma^m(\sigma^n(a)) = \sigma^{m+n}(a)$. Thus $a \sim c$.



Orbits

Example

Let

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 3 & 8 & 6 & 7 & 4 & 1 & 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the orbit containing 1, we apply σ repeatedly, obtaining

$$1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow \dots .$$

Thus, the orbit containing 1 is $\{1, 3, 6\}$. Likewise, we have

$$2 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow \dots ,$$

$$4 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow \dots .$$

We conclude that there are three orbits

$\{1, 3, 6\}$, $\{2, 8\}$, $\{4, 5, 7\}$.

In-class exercises

Find the orbits of the following permutations.

1. $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 3 & 7 & 1 & 2 & 8 & 5 & 9 & 6 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$.

2. $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 8 & 2 & 7 & 1 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$.

3. $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 2 & 8 & 7 & 4 & 9 & 1 & 3 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$.

Cycles

Observe that a permutation σ can be decomposed into a product of several permutations, each of which acts non-trivially on at most one of the orbits. For example, we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

where the orbits are $\{1, 2, 3\}$ and $\{4, 5\}$, and we decompose it into a product of two permutations, one acting on $\{1, 2, 3\}$ and the other on $\{4, 5\}$. This motivates the following definition.

Cycles

Definition

A permutation $\sigma \in S_n$ is a **cycle** if it has at most one orbit containing more than one element. (That is, σ acts non-trivially on at most one orbit.) The **length** of a cycle is the number of elements in the largest cycle.

Notation

Since cycles have at most one orbit containing more than one element, we can represent cycles using only information of the largest orbit. Suppose that in the largest orbit of a cycle σ we have $x_1 \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow x_n \rightarrow x_1$. Then we write

$$\sigma = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n).$$

Examples

1. $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ is not a cycle since the orbits are $\{1, 2, 3\}$ and $\{4, 5\}$. Both of them have more than one element.
2. $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ are both cycles. The orbits of the former are $\{1, 2, 3\}$, $\{4\}$, and $\{5\}$, and those of the latter are $\{1\}$, $\{2\}$, $\{3\}$, and $\{4, 5\}$. The lengths are 3 and 2, respectively. Moreover, in the cyclic notations, they are $(1, 2, 3)$ and $(4, 5)$.

Cycles

Theorem (9.8)

Every permutation σ of a finite set is a product of disjoint cycles.

Proof.

Let B_1, \dots, B_r be the orbits of σ . Define cycles τ_i by

$$\tau_i(x) = \begin{cases} \sigma(x), & \text{if } x \in B_i, \\ x, & \text{if } x \notin B_i. \end{cases}$$

Then $\sigma = \tau_1 \tau_2 \dots \tau_r$. Clearly, these τ_i are disjoint. □

Example

In $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, we have

$$1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 3 \dots$$

$$4 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 4 \dots$$

Thus, we write $\sigma = (1, 3, 2, 5)$, or
 $\sigma = (3, 2, 5, 1) = (2, 5, 1, 3) = (5, 1, 3, 2)$. (It is fine, though not necessary to write $\sigma = (1, 3, 2, 5)(4)$.)

Example

In $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 3 & 8 & 6 & 7 & 4 & 1 & 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ We have

$$1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow \dots,$$

$$2 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow \dots,$$

$$4 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow \dots.$$

Thus, $\sigma = (1, 3, 6)(2, 8)(4, 7, 5)$. Also,

$\sigma = (2, 8)(4, 7, 5)(1, 3, 6) = (4, 7, 5)(8, 2)(3, 6, 1) = \dots$. But

$\sigma \neq (1, 6, 3)(2, 8)(4, 7, 5)$.

Remarks

1. The multiplication of disjoint cycles are commutative. For example, we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = (1, 2, 3)(4, 5) = (4, 5)(1, 2, 3).$$

2. Up to the order of the cycles, the representation of a permutation as a product of cycles is **unique**.
3. A product of several cycles can still be a cycle. For example, we have $(1, 2)(1, 3) = (1, 3, 2)$.

In-class exercise

Express the following permutations as products of disjoint cycles.

1. $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 3 & 7 & 1 & 2 & 8 & 5 & 9 & 6 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$.

2. $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 8 & 2 & 7 & 1 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$.

3. $(1, 3, 2, 5)(4, 2, 8, 7)(3, 9, 1, 2)(6, 9)$.

Transposition

Definition

A cycle of length 2 is a **transposition**.

Theorem (9.12)

Any permutation of a finite set of at least two elements is a product of transposition.

Proof.

If σ is the identity element, we have $\sigma = (1, 2)(1, 2)$. Otherwise, write σ as a product of cycles. Now for each cycle (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) we have

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = (a_1, a_n)(a_1, a_{n-1}) \dots (a_1, a_2).$$

This proves the theorem. □

Examples

1. We have $(1, 2, 3) = (1, 3)(1, 2)$.
2. We have $(2, 5, 1, 3) = (2, 3)(2, 1)(2, 5)$. Also, $(2, 5, 1, 3) = (5, 1, 3, 2) = (5, 2)(5, 3)(5, 1)$, and $(2, 5, 1, 3) = (1, 3, 2, 5) = (1, 5)(1, 2)(1, 3)$. Thus, there are more than one way to write a cycle as a product of transpositions.
3. We have $(1, 2, 3, 4) = (1, 4)(1, 3)(1, 2)$. Also $(1, 2, 3, 4) = (1, 2)(3, 4)(1, 2)(1, 3)(1, 4)(3, 4)(1, 2)$.

Even and odd permutations

Theorem (9.15)

No permutation in S_n can be expressed both as a product of an even number of transpositions and as a product of an odd number of transpositions.

Proof

It suffices to prove that if $\tau = (i, j)$, $i \neq j$, is a transposition, and $\sigma \in S_n$, then the number of orbits of σ and that of $\tau\sigma$ differ by 1. To see why this suffices, note that if $\sigma = \tau_1\tau_2 \dots \tau_r$, then $\sigma = \tau_1 \dots \tau_r \iota$, where ι is the identity permutation. Since the number of orbits of ι is n , the number of orbits of σ will be congruent to $n + r$ modulo 2. Thus, r must be congruent to $n +$ (the number of orbits of σ) modulo 2.

Proof of Theorem 9.15, continued.

Write $\sigma \in S_n$ as a product of disjoint cycles.

Case 1. i and j are in two different cycles. Say, $\sigma = (i, a_1, \dots, a_r)(j, b_1, \dots, b_s)\mu_1 \dots \mu_m$, where the cycles are disjoint. (r and s could be 0.) Then

$$\begin{aligned}(i, j)\sigma &= (i, j)(i, a_1, \dots, a_r)(j, b_1, \dots, b_s)\mu_1 \dots \mu_m \\ &= (i, a_1, \dots, a_r, j, b_1, \dots, b_s)\mu_1 \dots \mu_m.\end{aligned}$$

In this case, the number of orbits of $\tau\sigma$ is one less than that of σ .

Case 2. i and j are in the same cycle. Assume that $\sigma = (i, a_1, \dots, a_r, j, b_1, \dots, b_s)\mu_1 \dots \mu_m$. Then

$$(i, j)\sigma = (i, a_1, \dots, a_r)(j, b_1, \dots, b_s)\mu_1 \dots \mu_m.$$

In this case, the number of orbits of $\tau\sigma$ is one more than that of σ . □

Even and odd permutations

Definition

A permutation of a finite set is **even** or **odd** according to whether it can be expressed as a product of an even number of transpositions or an odd number of transpositions.

Example

1. The identity permutation is equal to $(1, 2)(1, 2)$. Thus, the identity permutation is even.
2. Let $\sigma = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ be a cycle. Then $\sigma = (a_1, a_n) \dots (a_1, a_2)$. Thus, if the length n is even, then the cycle is an odd permutation. If the length is odd, then the cycle is an even permutation.
3. Let $\sigma = (1, 3, 6, 5)(2, 8, 4)$. Since $(1, 3, 6, 5)$ is odd and $(2, 8, 4)$ is even, σ is odd.

Alternating groups

Theorem (9.20)

If $n \geq 2$, then the set A_n of all even permutations of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ forms a subgroup of order $n!/2$ of S_n .

Proof.

The statement has two parts, one claiming that A_n is a subgroup, and the other asserting that $|A_n| = n!/2$. We first show that A_n is a subgroup. We need to check

1. **Closed:** If σ_1 and σ_2 are both products of an even number of transpositions, so is $\sigma_1\sigma_2$.
2. **Identity:** $\text{id} = (1, 2)(1, 2)$, which is even.
3. **Inverse:** If $\sigma = \tau_1\tau_2 \dots \tau_{2n}$ is a product of an even number of transpositions τ_j , then $\sigma^{-1} = \tau_{2n}^{-1}\tau_{2n-1}^{-1} \dots \tau_1^{-1}$ is also even.

Proof of Theorem 9.20, continued

We now prove that $|A_n| = n!/2$. It suffices to prove that the number of even permutations in S_n is equal to the number of odd permutations in S_n .

Let B_n be the set of all odd permutations in S_n . (Note that B_n is not a subgroup since it is not closed under multiplication.)

Define $\lambda : A_n \rightarrow B_n$ by $\lambda(\sigma) = (1, 2)\sigma$. We claim that λ is one-to-one and onto. This shows that

$$|A_n| = |B_n| = |S_n|/2 = n!/2.$$

One-to-one: If $(1, 2)\sigma_1 = (1, 2)\sigma_2$, then by the left cancellation law, we have $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$. Thus λ is one-to-one.

Onto: If $\sigma \in B_n$ is an odd permutation, then $(1, 2)\sigma$ is even and we have $\lambda((1, 2)\sigma) = (1, 2)(1, 2)\sigma = \sigma$. Thus, λ is onto. \square .

Alternating groups

Definition (9.21)

The subgroup of S_n consisting of the even permutations of n letters is the **alternating group** A_n on n letters.

Example

1. A_3 has $3!/2 = 3$ elements. They are id, $(1, 2, 3)$, and $(1, 3, 2)$.
2. A_4 has $4!/2 = 12$ elements. They are id, 8 3-cycles $(1, 2, 3)$, $(1, 3, 2)$, \dots , and $(1, 2)(3, 4)$, $(1, 3)(2, 4)$, and $(1, 4)(2, 3)$.

Homework

Do Problems 10, 12, 13, 18, 27, 29, 34, 39 of Section 9.

PART - A- unit 1

1. A trivial subgroup consists of _____

- a) Identity element
- b) Coset
- c) Inverse element
- d) Ring

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Answer: a

Explanation: Let G be a group under a binary operation $*$ and a subset H of G is called a subgroup of G if H forms a group under the operation $*$. The trivial subgroup of any group is the subgroup consisting of only the Identity element.

2. Minimum subgroup of a group is called _____

- a) a commutative subgroup
- b) a lattice
- c) a trivial group
- d) a monoid

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Answer: c

Explanation: The subgroups of any given group form a complete lattice under inclusion termed as a lattice of subgroups. If o is the Identity element of a group(G), then the trivial group(o) is the minimum subgroup of that group and G is the maximum subgroup.

3. Let K be a group with 8 elements. Let H be a subgroup of K and $H < K$. It is known that the size of H is at least 3. The size of H is _____

- a) 8
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

Answer: d

Explanation: For any finite group G , the order (number of elements) of every subgroup L of G divides the order of G . G has 8 elements. Factors of 8 are 1, 2, 4 and 8. Since given the size of L is at least 3(1 and 2 eliminated) and not equal to G (8 eliminated), the only size left is 4. Size of L is 4.

4. _____ is not necessarily a property of a Group.

- a) Commutativity
- b) Existence of inverse for every element
- c) Existence of Identity
- d) Associativity

Answer: a

Explanation: Grupoid has closure property; semigroup has closure and associative; monoid has closure, associative and identity property; group has closure, associative, identity and inverse; the abelian group has group property and commutative.

5. A group of rational numbers is an example of _____

- a) a subgroup of a group of integers
- b) a subgroup of a group of real numbers
- c) a subgroup of a group of irrational numbers
- d) a subgroup of a group of complex numbers

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Answer: b

Explanation: If we consider the abelian group as a group rational numbers under binary operation + then it is an example of a subgroup of a group of real numbers.

6. Intersection of subgroups is a _____

- a) group
- b) subgroup
- c) semigroup
- d) cyclic group

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Answer: b

Explanation: The subgroup property is intersection closed. An arbitrary (nonempty) intersection of subgroups with this property, also attains the similar property.

7. The group of matrices with determinant _____ is a subgroup of the group of invertible matrices under multiplication.

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 1
- d) 4

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Answer: c

Explanation: The group of real matrices with determinant 1 is a subgroup of the group of invertible real matrices, both equipped with matrix multiplication. It has to be shown that the product of two matrices with determinant 1 is another matrix with determinant 1, but this is immediate from the multiplicative property of the determinant. This group is usually denoted by (n, R) .

8. What is a circle group?

- a) a subgroup complex numbers having magnitude 1 of the group of nonzero complex elements

- b) a subgroup rational numbers having magnitude 2 of the group of real elements
- c) a subgroup irrational numbers having magnitude 2 of the group of nonzero complex elements
- d) a subgroup complex numbers having magnitude 1 of the group of whole numbers

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[Answer a](#)

9. A normal subgroup is _____
- a) a subgroup under multiplication by the elements of the group
 - b) an invariant under closure by the elements of that group
 - c) a monoid with same number of elements of the original group
 - d) an invariant equipped with conjugation by the elements of original group

Answer: d

Explanation: A normal subgroup is a subgroup that is invariant under conjugation by any element of the original group that is, K is normal if and only if $gKg^{-1}=K$ for any g belongs to G . Equivalently, a subgroup K of G is normal if and only if $gK=Kg$ for any g belongs to G . Normal subgroups are useful in constructing quotient groups and in analyzing homomorphisms.

10. Two groups are isomorphic if and only if _____ is existed between them.

- a) homomorphism
- b) endomorphism
- c) isomorphism
- d) association

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(a) Answer: c

Explanation: Two groups M and K are isomorphic ($M \cong K$) if and only if there exists an isomorphism between them. An isomorphism $f: M \rightarrow K$ between two groups M and K is a mapping which satisfies two conditions: 1) f is a bijection and 2) for every x, y belongs to M , we have $f(x * My) = f(x) * Kf(y)$.

11. Two conjugate subgroups are
Centralizer

Normal

Homomorphic

Isomorphic

12. Automorphism and inner automorphism of a group G are

Abelian

Conjugate

Normal

None of the option given

13. Every subgroup of a abelian group is

Equivalent

Center

Conjugate

normal

14. The intersection of any collection of normal subgroups of a group is

Equivalent

abelian

normal

Not abelian

15. Equivalence relation between subgroups of a group is a relation

Isomorphic

Conjugacy

Homomorphic

Isomorphic and conjugacy

Part B

76. The set $A(G)$ of all automorphism of a group is

None of the option given

Not group

Group

Normal sub group

77. Every group of order P^6 where P is a prime number is

Normal

Cyclic

Abelian

Conjugate

78. Any two conjugate subgroups have same

None of the option given

Order

Order and center

center

79. Automorphism of a finite group is

Abelian

Normal

Finite

infinite

80. Group obtained by the direct product of sylow - p group is

Normal

Abelian

Center

commutator

81. The group $Z_m \times Z_n$ is cyclic if

(a) $m \mid n$ (b) $m + n = 1$ (c) $\text{g.c.d}(m, n) = 1$ (d) $\text{l.c.m}(m, n) = 1$

82. The number of conjugate classes of Q_8 is

(a) 8 (b) 4 (c) 7 (d) 5

83. The number of groups of order 49 is

(a) 4 (b) 1 (c) 7 (d) 2

84. The number of elements of order 4 in $Z_2 \times Z_4$ is

(a) 8 (b) 4 (c) 6 (d) 2

85. The number of conjugacy classes of elements of order 4 in S_3 is

(a) 6 (b) 1 (c) 0 (d) 2

86. What is the largest order of any element in $U(900)$:

(a) 900 (b) 40 (c) 60 (d) 100

1. The number of permissible cycle types in S_5 is

(a) 7 (b) 4 (c) 5 (d) None

2. The number of 3-sylow subgroups of group of order 25 is

(a) 1 (b) 3 (c) 0 (d) 5

3. The group $Z_m \times Z_n$ is cyclic if

(a) $m \mid n$ (b) $m + n = 1$ (c) $\text{g.c.d}(m, n) = 1$ (d) $\text{l.c.m}(m, n) = 1$

4. The number of conjugate classes of Q_8 is

(a) 8 (b) 4 (c) 7 (d) 5

Give the conjugacy classes and the class equation for Q_8 . [Hint: Let Q_8 act on itself by conjugation. Then the conjugacy classes are the distinct orbits, and the class equation is given by the orders of these classes. The class equation is something like: " $8 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 3$ ".]

Solution. Since $Z(Q_8) = \{1, -1\}$, we have $O_1 = \{1\}$ and $O_{-1} = \{-1\}$. [Moreover, these are the only orbits, or conjugacy classes in this case, that have only one element.] Observe that for all $x, y \in Q_8$, we have $(-x) \cdot y \cdot (-x)^{-1} = -1 \cdot x \cdot y \cdot (-1 \cdot x)^{-1} = -1 \cdot x \cdot y \cdot x^{-1} \cdot (-1)^{-1} = -1 \cdot x \cdot y \cdot x^{-1} \cdot -1 = x \cdot y \cdot x^{-1}$ [since $-1 \in Z(Q_8)$]. This makes things easier to compute, and one gets: $O_i = \{i, -i\}$, $O_j = \{j, -j\}$, $O_k = \{k, -k\}$, Hence the class equation is: $8 = 1 + 1 + 2 + 2 + 2$

5. The number of groups of order 49 is

(a) 4 (b) 1 (c) 7 (d) 2

6. The number of elements of order 4 in $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$ is

(b) 8 (b) 4 (c) 6 (d) 2

Since \mathbb{Z}_4 has $\varphi(4) = 2$ **elements of order 4**, it follows that $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4$, and hence $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_{20})$, has **4 elements of order 4**. On the other hand, since $4 \cdot (x, y) = (0, 0)$ for every $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4$, Lagrange's theorem tells us that the possible **orders of elements** are 1, 2 or 4.

7. The number of simple groups of order 60 is

(a) 1 (b) 10 (c) 60 (d) 6

8. The number of conjugacy classes of elements of order 4 in S_3 is

(b) 6 (b) 1 (c) 0 (d) 2

So S_3 has three **conjugacy classes**: $\{(1)\}$, $\{(12), (13), (23)\}$, $\{(123), (132)\}$.

9. What is the largest order of any element in $U(900)$:

(b) 900 (b) 40 (c) 60 (d) 100

10. If G is an abelian group of order 20, then the number of possible isomorphism classes of G is

(a) 2 (b) 6 (c) 5 (d) 20

11. The number of sylow 3-subgroups of A_4 is

(a) 1 (b) 24 (c) 4 (d) 5

12. If G is an abelian group of order 60, then number of sylow 5-subgroups of G is

(b) 10 (b) 9 (c) 60 (d) 6

Part- A- unit 2

16. Which of the following is abelian

S4

S5

S3

S2

17. Let G be a finite group. Let H be a subgroup of G. Then which of the following divides the order of G

Index of H

Order of G

Order of H

All the given options are correct

18. Let $D_4 = \{ \langle a, b \rangle; a^4 = b^2 = (ab)^2 = 1 \}$ be a dihedral group of order 8. then which of the following is a subgroup of D_4 .

$\{ \langle a, b \rangle; b^2 = 1 \}$

$\{ \langle a, b \rangle; (ab)^2 = 1 \}$

$\{ \langle a^3, b \rangle; (a^3b)^2 = 1 \}$

$\{ \langle a, b \rangle; a^4 = b^2 = 1 \}$

19. Let A_n be the set of all even permutations of S_n is a subgroup of S_n . Then order of A_n is

$n!$

$n+1/2$

$n!/2$

$n!/3$

20. If X and Y are two sets, then $X \cap (X \cup Y)^c =$

X

$X \cap Y$

Y

\emptyset

21. Let G be a cyclic group of order 24. then order of a^9 is

4

6

2

8

22. Any group G can be embedded in a group of bijective mappings of certain sets is a statement of

Lagrange's theorem

Isomorphism theorem

Cauchy's theorem

Caley's theorem

23. The symmetries of rectangle form a
Permutation group of order 3, S_3
Dihedral group of order 8
optic group
kleins 4 group D_4

24. The union of all positive even and all positive odd integers is
 Z
 Z^+
 W
 N

25. The set of cube roots of unity is a subgroup of
 R
 R^+
 C
 $C - \{0\}$

26. If $n(U) = 700$, $n(A) = 200$, $n(B) = 300$ and $n(A \cap B) = 100$ then $n(A^c \cap B^c) = ?$
400
240
600
300

27. In a group of even order there at least $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$ elements of order 2.
2
1
3
None of the options given

28. Let G be a cyclic group. Then which of the following is cyclic
Homomorphc of G
Centre of G
All of the given option
Subgroup of G

29. In S_4 group of permutation, number of even permutation is
16
12
24
4

30. The group S_n is called
None of the given options

Symmetric group of degree n
Polynomial group of degree n
Dihedral group of degree n

Part B= unit 2

86. If a group is neither periodic nor torsion free then G is

Mixed group

Symmetric group

Infinite group

Free group

87. Let G be a cyclic group of order 10. the number of subgroups of G is

2

4

5

10

88. Suppose that $n(A) = 3$ and $n(B) = 6$ then what can be minimum number of elements

6

9

3

18

89. $\phi: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an isomorphism. Then for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$ which of the following is true.

$\phi(x) = \log(x)$

$\phi(x) = x$

$\phi(x) = x^2 + 1$

$\phi(x) = \tan(x)$

90. which of the following is cyclic group

Z

R

C

Q

90. Number of non- empty subsets of the set $\{1,2,3,4\}$

14

16

15

17

91. Let G be a group and $a, b \in G$ then order of $a^{-1} =$

b^{-1}
 b
 bab^{-1}
 ab

92. R^+ is a group of non - zero positive real number under multiplication. Then which of the following group under addition is isomorphic to R^+

Q
Z
C
R

93. Let X has n elements. The set S_n of all permutations of X is a group with respect to mappings

Composition
Addition
Multiplication
inverse

94. The group in which every element except the identity element has infinite order is called Locally infinite

All of these options
Torsion free
A-Periodic

95. Which of the following is even permutation

1	2	3	4
2	3	1	4

None of the option given

1	2	3	4
2	4	1	3

1	2	3	4
2	1	4	3

Unit 3- MCQ- RINGS- I MSC - ALGEBRA

1. The integer modulo n

2 points

forms a ring for any natural number n

forms a ring if n is prime

is always an integral domain

is not an integral domain if n is prime

2. $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ is

2 points

an integral domain

a field

a non-commutative ring

a commutative ring but not an integral domain

3. For $n \geq 2$, the n -by- n matrices with coefficients in \mathbb{R} forms

2 points

a commutative ring

a non-commutative ring

a commutative ring but not an integral domain

a non commutative ring having no divisor of zero

4. $H = \{a+bi+cj+dk : a,b,c,d \text{ in } \mathbb{R}\}$. Multiplication is defined by $i^2=j^2=k^2=-1$, $ij=-ji=k$, $jk=-kj=i$, $ki=-ik=j$. H forms a

2 points

a field

a commutative ring but not an integral domain

a skew field

a commutative ring having zero divisor

5. Let R be a finite ring and a, b in R such that $ab=1$. Then

$ba=1$

$ba \neq 1$

$ba=0$

$ba^{-1}=1$

6. R be a ring such that $a^2=a$ for each a in R .

R is commutative

R may not be commutative

R is a field

None of these

7. Let R be a ring and a, b, c in R such that $ab=ca=1$. Then

$c=b$ and a is not a unit

$c=b$ and a is a unit

$c \neq b$ and a is not a unit

$c \neq b$ and a is a unit

8. Let R be a ring and a, b in R such that $ab=1$. Then

ba is the only idempotent of R

ba and $1-ba$ are idempotent elements of R

neither ba nor $1-ba$ is an idempotent of R

$1-ba$ is the only idempotent of R

9. R is a finite commutative ring with more than one element and no divisor of zero.

Then R is

R is a field

R is not necessarily a field

R is not a integral domain

None of the above

10. $2\mathbb{Z}$ forms

an integral domain

a division ring

a field

a commutative ring

11. R is a ring such that $x^3=x$ for all x in R . Which of the following is true?

2 points

$3x=0$

$4x=0$

$5x=0$

$6x=0$

12. Which of the following property is possessed by \mathbb{Z} and \mathbb{Z}_n for all n

2 points

$a^2=a$ implies $a=0$ or $a=1$

$ab=0$ implies $a=0$ and $b=0$

$a+b=a+c$ implies $b=c$

For nonzero a , $ab=ac$ implies $b=c$

13. In the ring of complex numbers, $S=\{ai \mid a \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}\}$ is

2 points

- a subgroup under addition and a subring
- a subgroup under addition but not a subring
- neither a subgroup nor a subring
- subring but not a subgroup under addition

14. Which of the following is not a subring of ring \mathbb{Z} ?

2 points

$2\mathbb{Z} \cup 3\mathbb{Z}$

$2\mathbb{Z}$ intersection $3\mathbb{Z}$

$2\mathbb{Z}$

$3\mathbb{Z}$

15. $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$ is a ring

2 points

- In (\mathbb{R}, \cdot) , unique solution exists for $ax=b$
- In (\mathbb{R}, \cdot) , unique solution exists for $ya=b$
- In $(\mathbb{R}, +)$, unique solution exists for $ax=b$
- None of the above

Part B

1. Which of the following is not an integral domain?

2 points

$\mathbb{Z}[x]$

$\mathbb{R}[x]$

$\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$

$\{a+b\sqrt{2} : a, b \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}\}$

2. Smallest subfield of \mathbb{R} containing $\sqrt{5}$

2 points

$\{r+s\sqrt{5} : r, s \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}\}$

$\{r+s\sqrt{5}: r,s \text{ in } \mathbb{R}\}$

$\{r+s\sqrt{5}: r,s \text{ in } \mathbb{Q}\}$

None of the above

3. How many ideals of $\mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z}$ are there?

2 points

6

12

5

7

4. If R is commutative ring with unit element, M is an ideal of R and R/M is finite integral domain, then

- (a) M is a maximal ideal of R
- (b) M is not a maximal ideal of R
- (c) M is minimal ideal of R
- (d) none of these.

5. If R is a commutative ring, with unit element then

- (a) every maximal ideal is prime ideal
- (b) every prime ideal is maximal ideal
- (c) every ideal is prime ideal
- (d) every ideal is maximal ideal.

6. If R is an integral domain with unit element, then

- (a) $R[x]$ is not a commutative ring
- (b) $R[x]$ have a unit element
- (c) any unit in $R[x]$ is unit in R
- (d) any unit in $R[x]$ is not an unit in R .

7. If the ring R has left identity e_1 , and right identity e_2 , then

- (a) $e_1 = e_2$
- (b) $e_1 = me_2$
- (c) $e_1 \setminus e_2$
- (d) none of these.

8. Let R be a ring, $U \neq \emptyset \subset R$ is ideal of R then,

A: U is a subgroup of R under addition

B: For all $u \in U$ and $r \in R$; $ur, ru \in U$

(a) A and B both are true

(b) only A is true

(c) only B is true

(d) both A and B are false.

9. If R is a ring in which $a^4 = a$, ∀ $a \in R$, then

- (a) R is commutative
- (b) R is not commutative
- (c) R is zero ring
- (d) none of these.

10. If the ring R is such that $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$, $a, b \in R$, then

- (a) R is commutative
- (b) R is not commutative
- (c) R is zero ring
- (d) none of these.

39. A ring R with binary operation addition is an Abelian group. It with binary operation multiplication, $\forall a, b \in R, a \cdot b = b \cdot a$, then R is

- (a) commutative ring
- (b) integral domain
- (c) field
- (d) null ring.

1. An integral domain D is of characteristic zero if

- (a) $ma = 0, a \neq 0 \in D \Rightarrow m = 0$
- (b) $a = 0, a \neq 0 \in D \Rightarrow m \neq 0$
- (c) $ma = 0, a \neq 0 \in D \Rightarrow m = a$
- (d) $ma = 0, a \neq 0 \in D \Rightarrow m \neq a$. ANS: A

2. A commutative division ring is -

- (a) finite integral domain
- (b) integral domain
- (c) zero ring
- (d) none of these. ANS: A

3. If R is a commutative ring with unit element, M is maximum ideal of R iff --

- (a) R/M is a field
- (b) M/R is a field
- (c) RM is a field
- (d) none of these. ANS: A

4. If F is a field then its only ideals are,

A: F , a field itself

B: (0)

- (a) A and B are true
- (b) A is true, B is false
- (c) A is false, B is true
- (d) A and B false. ANS: A

5. The ring of complex numbers $C = \{x + iy : x, y \text{ are real numbers, } i = \sqrt{-1}\}$ is---

- (a) not an integral domain
- (b) an integral domain

(c) ordered set

(d) none of these. ANS: B

6. If I is an integral domain and $a \neq 0 \in I$ then

(a) $a^2 = 0$

(b) $a^2 \geq 0$

(c) $a \neq 0$

(d) none of these ANS: C

7. Let R and R' be two arbitrary rings, $\emptyset: R \rightarrow R'$ defined as $\emptyset(a) = 0$ for all $a \in R$, then

(a) \emptyset is homomorphism

(b) \emptyset is automorphism

(c) \emptyset is isomorphism

(d) none of these. ANS: A

8. If in a ring with unity $(xy)^2 = x^2y^2$, $\forall x, y \in R$, then-----

(a) R is commutative ring

(b) R is an integral domain

(c) R is field

(d) none of these ANS: B

9. If I is a ideal in ring R then --

(a) R/I is a ring

(b) RI is a ring

(c) $R + I$ is a ring

(d) none of these. ANS: A

10. A ring $(R, +, \cdot)$ is said to have zero divisor if-

(a) $a, b \in R, a \cdot b = 0 \Rightarrow a \neq 0$ or $b \neq 0$

(b) $a, b \in R, a \cdot b = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$ or $b = 0$

(c) $a, b \in R, a \cdot b = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$ or $b \neq 0$

(d) $a, b \in R, a \cdot b = 0 \Rightarrow a \neq 0$ or $b = 0$ ANS: a

11. A ring $(R, +, \cdot)$ is said to have a ring without zero divisor if

(a) $a, b \in R, a \cdot b = 0 \Rightarrow a \neq 0$ or $b \neq 0$

(b) $a, b \in R, a \cdot b = 0 \Rightarrow a \neq 0$ or $b = 0$

(c) $a, b \in R, a \cdot b = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$ or $b = 0$

(d) $a, b \in R, a \cdot b = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$ or $b \neq 0$ ANS: C

12. An element $a \in (R, +, \cdot)$ a ring is nilpotent if for some positive integer n ---

(a) $a^n = 0$

(c) $a^n = a$

(c) $a^n = 1$

(d) none of these. ANS: A

13. A field is a

(a) vector space

(b) integral domain

(c) division ring

(d) commutative division ring. ANS:D

14. An integral domain D is of finite characteristic, if $\forall a \in D$, there exist m a positive integer such that

(a) $ma = 1$

(c) $ma = 0$

(b) $ma = a$

(d) none of these. ANS: B

15. If the ring R is finite and commutative with unit element, then

(a) every prime ideal is a maximal ideal

(b) every ideal is maximal ideal

(c) every maximal ideal is prime ideal

(d) (a) and (c) are both true. ANS: A

Part B

1. Which of the following statements is false?

(a) $F[x]$ is an integral domain

(b) $F[x]$ is Euclidean ring

(c) $F[x]$ is principal ideal ring

(d) $F[x]$ is not a group. ANS: D

2. If the ring R is an integral domain then

(a) $R[x]$ is an integral domain

(b) $R[x]$ is not an integral domain

(c) $R[x]$ is a field

(d) $R[x]$ is a commutative division ring, ANS:A

3. If integral domain D is of finite characteristic, then its characteristic is

(a) odd number

(b) even number

(c) prime number

(d) natural number. ANS:C

4. The set of complex number of the form $x + iy$ is a field with respect to ordinary addition and multiplication, then the unit and zero elements are respectively

(a) $1 + i0$ and $0 + i0$

(b) $0 + i$ and $1 + i.0$

(c) 0 and 1

(d) i and $-i$. ANS: A

5. If $C = \{x + iy: x, y \in \mathbb{R}, i = \sqrt{-1}\}$ is a field with respect to ordinary addition and multiplication, then the multiplicative inverse of non-zero element of $a + ib \in C$ is

(a) $a + b$

(b) $(a / a^2 + b^2) + i(-b / a^2 + b^2)$

(c) $(a^2 + ib) / (a^2 + b^2)$

(d) none of these. ANS: B

6. The following statement is false.

(a) Every field is an integral domain

(b) Every finite integral domain is a field

(d) Every integral domain is a field.

(c) Every field is a ring

ANS: D

7. A commutative ring R with unity is called integral domain if $a, b \in R$ -

(a) $ab = 0 \Rightarrow a \neq 0, b \neq 0$

(b) $ab = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$ (or) $b = 0$

(c) $ab = 0 \Rightarrow a = b$

(d) none of these. ANS: B

8. Check the correct statement

(a) Every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic

(b) If G is an infinite cyclic group, then G has exactly two generators and G is isomorphic to the additive group of integers.

(c) Every finite group of composite order possesses proper subgroups.

(d) all of the above. ANS: D

9. Degree of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$ over \mathbb{Q} where \mathbb{Q} is the field of rational numbers is

(a) 4

(c) 1

(b) 3

(d) 2 ANS: A

10. The relation between the fields $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ and $\mathbb{Q}(3 + \sqrt{2})$ where \mathbb{Q} is the field of rational numbers is

(a) $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) + \mathbb{Q}(3 + \sqrt{2}) = 0$

(b) $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) = \mathbb{Q}(3 + \sqrt{2})$

(c) $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) * \mathbb{Q}(3 + \sqrt{2}) = 0$

(d) $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) / \mathbb{Q}(3 + \sqrt{2}) = 0$ ANS: B

Unit 5- I msc - MCQ- Algebra

- Let $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be independent vectors in a vector space V :
 - $\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n = 0$ where not all the scalars α_i are zero.
 - If $\dim V = n$ then $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ spans V .
 - Some v_i is a linear combination of the others.
 - There exists ij such that $v_i = \alpha v_j$ for some scalar α .
- Let $\{u, v, w, z\}$ be independent vectors in a vector space V .
 - $\{u + v, v + w, w + z, z + u\}$ spans V .
 - $\{u + v, v + w, w + z, z + u\}$ is independent.
 - Span $\{u + v, v + w, w + z, z + u\}$ is contained in span $\{u, v, w, z\}$.
 - $\{u + v, v + w, w + z, z + u\}$ is a basis of V .
- Let $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be dependent, nonzero vectors in a vector space V .
 - There exists ij such that $v_i = kv_j$ for some scalar k .
 - $\{v_1\}$ is dependent.
 - Span $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ has dimension smaller than n .
 - $\{v_i, v_j\}$ is independent for some $i \neq j$.
- Let denote a basis of M_2^2 .
 - B must contain an invertible matrix.
 - B cannot contain a matrix A such that $A^2 = 0$.
 - If X is in R^2 and $Ax = 0$ for every A in B , then $x = 0$.
 - B must contain a symmetric matrix.
- Let $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$ be an independent set of matrices in M_n , $n \geq 2$.
 - $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$ spans M_n .
 - $\{A_1^T, A_2^T, \dots, A_n^T\}$ is independent.
 - $A_1 + A_2 + \dots + A_n = 0$.
 - $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{n-1}, B\}$ is independent where $B = A_1 + A_2 + \dots + A_{n-1}$.
- Let L/K be a finite extension of fields. Which of the following assertions are correct:
 - If the characteristic of K is zero, then L/K is normal.
 - If the characteristic of K is zero, then L/K is separable.
 - If L/K is normal, then L/K is a Galois extension.
 - If the characteristic of K is positive, then L/K is normal if and only if it is separable.

Answer:

- (A) is not correct (counterexample: $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})/\mathbb{Q}$ is not normal).
 - (B) is correct (result from 1st semester)
 - (C) is not correct (if L/K is not separable; counterexample $\mathbb{F}_p(T^{1/p})/\mathbb{F}_p(T)$).
 - (D) is not correct (counterexample: $\mathbb{F}_p(T^{1/p})/\mathbb{F}_p(T)$ is normal but not separable).
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2. Let L/K be a finite extension of fields. Which of the following assertions are correct:

- If $L = K(x)$, where x is a root of a separable polynomial in $K[X]$, then L/K is separable.
- There exists $x \in L$ such that $L = K(x)$.
- For any embedding σ of K in an algebraic closed-field K^- , there exists $\tau : L \rightarrow K^-$ which extends σ .

Answer:

- (A) is correct (result from 1st semester)
- (B) is not correct in general (result from 1st semester, example is $\mathbb{F}_p(X^{1/p}, Y^{1/p})$.)

- (C) is correct (result from 1st semester).

3. Is it true that if K is a finite field, then any finite extension L/K is a Galois extension?

What about any algebraic extension?

- A. This is correct because any finite extension of K is a finite field,
 B. Any extension of finite fields is Galois by a result from the class.
 C. This is not the case for algebraic extensions with the definition in class because such extensions may be of infinite degree.
D. All the option given are correct

Answer: This is correct because any finite extension of K is a finite field, and any extension of finite fields is Galois by a result from the class. This is not the case for algebraic extensions with the definition in class because such extensions may be of infinite degree. (With proper definitions, in fact, any algebraic extension of a finite field is Galois).

4. Let K be a field, $K^{\bar{}}$ an algebraic closure of K and $P \in K[X]$ a non-constant polynomial. Let $L \subset K^{\bar{}}$ denote the splitting field of P in $K^{\bar{}}$. Which of the following assertions are correct:

- A. The extension L/K is a normal extension.**
 B. If $x \in K^{\bar{}}$ is a root of P , then $L = K(x)$.
 C. The extension L/K is a Galois extension.
 D. If the polynomial P is irreducible, then L/K is a Galois extension.
 E. If the characteristic of K is zero, then L/K is a Galois extension.

Answer:

- (A) is correct (one of basic example of normal extension)
- (B) is not correct, because a single root of P might not be enough (counterexample: $K = \mathbb{Q}$, $P = X^3 - 2$; then $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$ is not the splitting field of P).
- (C) is not always correct (only if P is separable; counterexample is $K = \mathbb{F}_p(T)$, $P = X^p - T$).
- (D) is not always correct (only if P is separable; same counterexample).
- (E) is correct (because L/K is always separable in that case).

5. Let K be a field, $K^{\bar{}}$ an algebraic closure of K and $L \subset K^{\bar{}}$ a finite extension of K such that L/K is a Galois extension. Let $K \subset E \subset L$ be an intermediate extension. Which of the following assertions are correct:

- A. The extension L/E is a Galois extension.**
 B. The extension E/K is a normal extension.
 C. The extension E/K is a separable extension.

Answer:

- (A) is correct (basic result from Galois correspondance)
- (B) is not correct (counterexample: $K = \mathbb{Q}$, L splitting field of $X^3 - 2$, $E = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$; the E/\mathbb{Q} is not normal).
- (C) is correct (subextensions of separable extensions are separable, as follows for instance from the characterization using separability of minimal polynomials).

6. Let K be a field, $K^{\bar{}}$ an algebraic closure of K and $L \subset K^{\bar{}}$ a finite extension of K such that L/K is a Galois extension, and let G be its Galois group. Which of the following assertions are correct:

- A. For any subgroup H of G , the intermediate extension $E = L^H$ is a normal extension of K .
- B. Two subgroups H_1 and H_2 of G are equal if and only if $L^{H_1} = L^{H_2}$.**
- C. Any subgroup H of G is the Galois group of some extension E/K for some $E \subset L$.
- D. Any subgroup H of G is the Galois group of some extension L/E for some $E \subset L$.

Answer:

- (A) is not correct ($E = L^H$ is normal over K if and only if H is a normal subgroup of G)
- (B) is correct (injectivity of the map $H \rightarrow L^H$ in the Galois correspondence)
- (C) is not correct (counterexample: if $G = S_3$ is the symmetric group and H is generated by a cycle of length 3, so that H has order 3, then an intermediate E with $\text{Gal}(E/K) = H$ would correspond to a normal subgroup $K < G$ with $[S_3 : K] = [L : E] = 2$, but one can see easily that there is no normal subgroup of order 2 in S_3)
- (D) is correct (Galois correspondence: one can take $E = L^H$ since $H = \text{Gal}(L/L^H)$)

7. Let K be a field, K^- an algebraic closure of K and $L \subset K^-$ a finite extension of K such that L/K is a Galois extension, and let G be its Galois group. Let $x \in L$ be given and $\sigma_0 \in G$ a non-trivial element. Which of the following assertions are correct:

- A. If $\sigma_0(x) = x$, then $x \in K$.
- B. If G is cyclic and $\sigma_0(x) = x$, then $x \in K$.
- C. The element $\sum_{\sigma \in G} \sigma(x)^2$ belongs to K .**
- D. If the set of all $\sigma(x)$, for σ ranging over G , contains at most two elements, then $[K(x) : K] \leq 2$.

Answer:

- (A) is not correct (by Galois correspondence, $x \in K$ if and only if $\sigma(x) = x$ for all $\sigma \in G$; so $\sigma_0(x) = x$ does not imply $x \in K$ unless σ_0 generates G)
- (B) is not correct (although G is cyclic, it might be that σ_0 is not a generator)
- (C) is correct (by Galois correspondence, one checks by reordering the sum that the sum y indicated satisfies $\tau(y) = y$ for all $\tau \in G$, so that $y \in L^G = K$).
- (D) is correct (the assumption implies that the separable degree of $K(x)/K$ is at most 2, since the roots of the minimal polynomial P of x are among the values $\sigma(x)$, by transitivity of the action of the Galois group of the splitting field of P on the set of roots).

8. Let K be a field, K^- an algebraic closure of K and $L \subset K^-$ a finite extension of K of degree 2. Which of the following assertions are correct:

- A. The extension L/K is separable.
- B. The extension L/K is normal.
- C. If the characteristic of K is zero, then there exists $y \in L$ such that $L = K(y)$ and $y^2 \in K^\times$.
- D. Both the answers - The extension L/K is normal. & If the characteristic of K is zero, then there exists $y \in L$ such that $L = K(y)$ and $y^2 \in K^\times$.**

Answer:

- (A) is not correct (counterexample if $F_2(VT)/F_2(T)$)
- (B) is correct (result from the class)
- (C) is correct (result from th

9. A Ring is said to be commutative if it also satisfies the property
a) monoid

- b) associative
- c) Commutativity of addition

- d) Commutativity of multiplication.

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Answer: d

Explanation: A Ring is said to be commutative if it also satisfies the Commutativity of multiplication.

10. An 'Integral Domain' is

- a) semigroup under + and .
- b) monoid under + and .
- c) Ring without zero diviser
- d) none of the option given

Answer: c

Explanation: An 'Integral Domain' satisfies

11. For the group S_n of all permutations of n distinct symbols, what is the number of elements in S_n ?

- a) n
- b) $n-1$
- c) $2n$
- d) $n!$

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Answer: d

Explanation: There there are n distinct symbols there will be $n!$ elements.

12. For the group S_n of all permutations of n distinct symbols, S_n is an abelian group for all values of n .

- a) statement given is True
- b) statement given is False

1. a is correct since For $n > 2$ it does not form a Abelian Group.

2. a & b both are wrong since For $n > 2$ it does not form a Abelian Group.

3. b is correct since For $n > 2$ it does not form a Abelian Group.

4. b is wrong since For $n > 2$ it does not form a Abelian Group.

Answer: b

Explanation: For $n > 2$ it does not form a Abelian Group.

13. Is S a ring from the following multiplication and addition tables?

+	a	b	x	a	b
a	a	b	a	a	a
b	b	a	b	a	b

a) Yes

b) No

c) Can't Say

d) Insufficient Data

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Answer: a

Explanation: S is a ring as it satisfies the properties G-i to R-iii.

14. Does the set of residue classes (mod 3) form a group with respect to modular addition?

a) Yes, The identity element is 0

b) No

c) Can't Say

d) Insufficient Data

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Answer: a

Explanation: Yes. The identity element is 0, and the inverses of 0, 1, 2 are respectively 0, 2, 1.

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

15. If $f(x)=x^7+x^5+x^4+x^3+x+1$ and $g(x)=x^3+x+1$, find $f(x) \times g(x)$.

- a) $x^{12} + x^5 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$
- b) $x^{10} + x^4 + 1$
- c) $x^{10} + x^4 + x + 1$
- d) $x^7 + x^5 + x + 1$

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Answer: c

Explanation: Perform Modular Multiplication.

PART B

1. If $f(x)=x^7+x^5+x^4+x^3+x+1$ and $g(x)=x^3+x+1$, find the quotient of $f(x) / g(x)$.

- a) x^4+x^3+1
- b) x^4+1
- c) x^5+x^3+x+1
- d) x^3+x^2

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Answer: b

Explanation: Perform Modular Division.

2. Primitive Polynomial is also called a ____

- i) Perfect Polynomial
- ii) Prime Polynomial
- iii) Irreducible Polynomial
- iv) Imperfect Polynomial

- a) ii) and iii)
- b) only iii)
- c) iv) and ii)
- d) None

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Answer: a

Explanation: Irreducible polynomial is also called a prime polynomial or primitive polynomial.

3. Which of the following are irreducible polynomials?

- i) X_4+X_3
- ii) 1
- iii) X_2+1
- iv) X_4+X+1

- a) i) and ii)
- b) only iv)
- c) ii) iii) and iv)

d) All of the options

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Answer: d

Explanation: All of the mentioned are irreducible polynomials.

4. Find the HCF/GCD of $x^6+x^5+x^4+x^3+x^2+x+1$ and x^4+x^2+x+1 .

a) $x^4+x^3+x^2+1$

b) x^3+x^2+1

c) x^2+1

d) x^3+x^2+1

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Answer: b

Explanation: Use Euclidean Algorithm and find the GCD. $GCD = x^3+x^2+1$.

5. On multiplying $(x^5 + x^2 + x)$ by $(x^7 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x)$ in $GF(28)$ with irreducible polynomial $(x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1)$ we get

a) $x^{12}+x^7+x^2$

b) $x^5+x^3+x^3$

c) $x^5+x^3+x^2+x$

d) $x^5+x^3+x^2+x+1$

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Answer: d

Explanation: Multiplication gives us $(x^{12} + x^7 + x^2) \bmod (x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1)$.

Reducing this via modular division gives us, $(x^5+x^3+x^2+x+1)$

6. Find the minimum polynomial of the matrix

2	1	0	0
0	2	0	0
0	0	2	0
0	0	0	5

1) $(t-2)^3(t-5)$ 3) t^3+t^2 2) $(t-2)^2(t-5)$ 4) none of these

159. If 0 is an eigen value of T if and only if T is

1. A singular 3) non-singular 2) null matrix 4) none of these

7. Find the minimal polynomial $m(t)$ of the matrix

A=

λ	α
0	λ

for $\alpha \neq 0$.

1) $(t-\lambda)$ 3) $(t-\lambda)^3$ 2) $(t-\lambda)^2$ 4) none of these

8. Let a, b, c be elements of a field F and

0	0	c
1	0	b
0	1	a

find the minimal polynomial

- 1) $x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c$ 2) $x^3 - ax^2 - bx - c$ 3) $ax^3 - bx^2 - cx + 1$ 4) none of these

9. A vector space V over F is said to be -----if there is defined for any two ordered pair of vectors $u, v \in V$ an element (u, v) in F such that

i) $(u, v) = (v, u)$

ii) $(u, u) \geq 0$ and $(u, u) = 0$ iff $u = 0$

iii) $(au + bv, w) = a(u, w) + b(v, w)$ for all u, v, w and $a, b \in F$

- 1) inner product space 2) subspace 3) dual space 4) none of these

10. Every finite dimensional inner product space has an orthonormal basis

1. Cauchy - schwarz theorem

2. Gram-schmidt orthogonalisation process

3. Riemann theorem

4. None of these

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