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# CHAPTER 0

## Preliminaries

1.  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ;  $\{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ ;  $\{1, 5, 7, 11\}$ ;  $\{1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 13, 17, 19\}$ ;  
 $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24\}$
2. **a.** 2; 10 **b.** 4; 40 **c.** 4; 120; **d.** 1; 1050 **e.**  $pq^2$ ;  $p^2q^3$
3. 12, 2, 2, 10, 1, 0, 4, 5.
4.  $s = -3$ ,  $t = 2$ ;  $s = 8$ ,  $t = -5$
5. By using 0 as an exponent if necessary, we may write  $a = p_1^{m_1} \cdots p_k^{m_k}$  and  $b = p_1^{n_1} \cdots p_k^{n_k}$ , where the  $p$ 's are distinct primes and the  $m$ 's and  $n$ 's are nonnegative. Then  $\text{lcm}(a, b) = p_1^{s_1} \cdots p_k^{s_k}$ , where  $s_i = \max(m_i, n_i)$  and  $\text{gcd}(a, b) = p_1^{t_1} \cdots p_k^{t_k}$ , where  $t_i = \min(m_i, n_i)$ . Then  $\text{lcm}(a, b) \cdot \text{gcd}(a, b) = p_1^{m_1+n_1} \cdots p_k^{m_k+n_k} = ab$ .
6. The first part follows from the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic; for the second part, take  $a = 4$ ,  $b = 6$ ,  $c = 12$ .
7. Write  $a = nq_1 + r_1$  and  $b = nq_2 + r_2$ , where  $0 \leq r_1, r_2 < n$ . We may assume that  $r_1 \geq r_2$ . Then  $a - b = n(q_1 - q_2) + (r_1 - r_2)$ , where  $r_1 - r_2 \geq 0$ . If  $a \bmod n = b \bmod n$ , then  $r_1 = r_2$  and  $n$  divides  $a - b$ . If  $n$  divides  $a - b$ , then by the uniqueness of the remainder, we then have  $r_1 - r_2 = 0$ . Thus,  $r_1 = r_2$  and therefore  $a \bmod n = b \bmod n$ .
8. Write  $as + bt = d$ . Then  $a's + b't = (a/d)s + (b/d)t = 1$ .
9. By Exercise 7, to prove that  $(a + b) \bmod n = (a' + b') \bmod n$  and  $(ab) \bmod n = (a'b') \bmod n$  it suffices to show that  $n$  divides  $(a + b) - (a' + b')$  and  $ab - a'b'$ . Since  $n$  divides both  $a - a'$  and  $n$  divides  $b - b'$ , it divides their difference. Because  $a = a' \bmod n$  and  $b = b' \bmod n$  there are integers  $s$  and  $t$  such that  $a = a' + ns$  and  $b = b' + nt$ . Thus  $ab = (a' + ns)(b' + nt) = a'b' + nsb' + a'nt + nsnt$ . Thus,  $ab - a'b'$  is divisible by  $n$ .
10. Write  $d = au + bv$ . Since  $t$  divides both  $a$  and  $b$ , it divides  $d$ . Write  $s = mq + r$  where  $0 \leq r < m$ . Then  $r = s - mq$  is a common multiple of both  $a$  and  $b$  so  $r = 0$ .
11. Suppose that there is an integer  $n$  such that  $ab \bmod n = 1$ . Then there is an integer  $q$  such that  $ab - nq = 1$ . Since  $d$  divides both  $a$  and  $n$ ,  $d$  also divides 1. So,  $d = 1$ . On the other hand, if  $d = 1$ , then by the corollary of Theorem 0.2, there are integers  $s$  and  $t$  such that  $as + nt = 1$ . Thus, modulo  $n$ ,  $as = 1$ .

12.  $7(5n + 3) - 5(7n + 4) = 1$
13. By the GCD Theorem there are integers  $s$  and  $t$  such that  $ms + nt = 1$ .  
Then  $m(sr) + n(tr) = r$ .
14. It suffices to show that  $(p^2 + q^2 + r^2) \bmod 3 = 0$ . Notice that for any integer  $a$  not divisible by 3,  $a \bmod 3$  is 1 or 2 and therefore  $a^2 \bmod 3 = 1$ . So,  $(p^2 + q^2 + r^2) \bmod 3 = p^2 \bmod 3 + q^2 \bmod 3 + r^2 \bmod 3 = 3 \bmod 3 = 0$ .
15. Let  $p$  be a prime greater than 3. By the Division Algorithm, we can write  $p$  in the form  $6n + r$ , where  $r$  satisfies  $0 \leq r < 6$ . Now observe that  $6n, 6n + 2, 6n + 3$ , and  $6n + 4$  are not prime.
16. By properties of modular arithmetic we have  
 $(7^{1000}) \bmod 6 = (7 \bmod 6)^{1000} = 1^{1000} = 1$ . Similarly,  
 $(6^{1001}) \bmod 7 = (6 \bmod 7)^{1001} = -1^{1001} \bmod 7 = -1 = 6 \bmod 7$ .
17. Since  $st$  divides  $a - b$ , both  $s$  and  $t$  divide  $a - b$ . The converse is true when  $\gcd(s, t) = 1$ .
18. Observe that  $8^{402} \bmod 5 = 3^{402} \bmod 5$  and  $3^4 \bmod 5 = 1$ . Thus,  $8^{402} \bmod 5 = (3^4)^{100} 3^2 \bmod 5 = 4$ .
19. If  $\gcd(a, bc) = 1$ , then there is no prime that divides both  $a$  and  $bc$ . By Euclid's Lemma and unique factorization, this means that there is no prime that divides both  $a$  and  $b$  or both  $a$  and  $c$ . Conversely, if no prime divides both  $a$  and  $b$  or both  $a$  and  $c$ , then by Euclid's Lemma, no prime divides both  $a$  and  $bc$ .
20. If one of the primes did divide  $k = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_n + 1$ , it would also divide 1.
21. Suppose that there are only a finite number of primes  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ . Then, by Exercise 20,  $p_1 p_2 \cdots p_n + 1$  is not divisible by any prime. This means that  $p_1 p_2 \cdots p_n + 1$ , which is larger than any of  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ , is itself prime. This contradicts the assumption that  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  is the list of all primes.
22.  $\frac{-7}{58} + \frac{3}{58}i$
23.  $\frac{-5+2i}{4-5i} = \frac{-5+2i}{4-5i} \frac{4+5i}{4+5i} = \frac{-30}{41} + \frac{-17}{41}i$
24. Let  $z_1 = a + bi$  and  $z_2 = c + di$ . Then  $z_1 z_2 = (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i$ ;  $|z_1| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ ,  $|z_2| = \sqrt{c^2 + d^2}$ ,  $|z_1 z_2| = \sqrt{a^2 c^2 + b^2 d^2 + a^2 d^2 + b^2 c^2} = |z_1| |z_2|$ .
25.  $x$  NAND  $y$  is 1 if and only if both inputs are 0;  $x$  XNOR  $y$  is 1 if and only if both inputs are the same.
26. If  $x = 1$ , the output is  $y$ , else it is  $z$ .

27. Let  $S$  be a set with  $n + 1$  elements and pick some  $a$  in  $S$ . By induction,  $S$  has  $2^n$  subsets that do not contain  $a$ . But there is one-to-one correspondence between the subsets of  $S$  that do not contain  $a$  and those that do. So, there are  $2 \cdot 2^n = 2^{n+1}$  subsets in all.
28. Use induction and note that  
 $2^{n+1}3^{2n+2} - 1 = 18(2^n3^{2n}) - 1 = 18(2^n3^{3n} - 1) + 17$ .
29. Consider  $n = 200! + 2$ . Then 2 divides  $n$ , 3 divides  $n + 1$ , 4 divides  $n + 2, \dots$ , and 202 divides  $n + 200$ .
30. Use induction on  $n$ .
31. Say  $p_1p_2 \cdots p_r = q_1q_2 \cdots q_s$ , where the  $p$ 's and the  $q$ 's are primes. By the Generalized Euclid's Lemma,  $p_1$  divides some  $q_i$ , say  $q_1$  (we may relabel the  $q$ 's if necessary). Then  $p_1 = q_1$  and  $p_2 \cdots p_r = q_2 \cdots q_s$ . Repeating this argument at each step we obtain  $p_2 = q_2, \dots, p_r = q_r$  and  $r = s$ .
32. 47. Mimic Example 12.
33. Suppose that  $S$  is a set that contains  $a$  and whenever  $n \geq a$  belongs to  $S$ , then  $n + 1 \in S$ . We must prove that  $S$  contains all integers greater than or equal to  $a$ . Let  $T$  be the set of all integers greater than  $a$  that are not in  $S$  and suppose that  $T$  is not empty. Let  $b$  be the smallest integer in  $T$  (if  $T$  has no negative integers,  $b$  exists because of the Well Ordering Principle; if  $T$  has negative integers, it can have only a finite number of them so that there is a smallest one). Then  $b - 1 \in S$ , and therefore  $b = (b - 1) + 1 \in S$ . This contradicts our assumption that  $b$  is not in  $S$ .
34. By the Second Principle of Mathematical Induction,  
 $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} < 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2} = 2^{n-2}(2 + 1) < 2^n$ .
35. For  $n = 1$ , observe that  $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 = 36$ . Assume that  
 $n^3 + (n + 1)^3 + (n + 2)^3 = 9m$  for some integer  $m$ . We must prove that  
 $(n + 1)^3 + (n + 2)^3 + (n + 3)^3$  is a multiple of 9. Using the induction hypothesis we have that  
 $(n + 1)^3 + (n + 2)^3 + (n + 3)^3 = 9m - n^3 + (n + 3)^3 =$   
 $9m - n^3 + n^3 + 3 \cdot n^2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot n \cdot 9 + 3^3 = 9m + 9n^2 + 27n + 27 = 9(m + n^2 + 3n + 3)$ .
36. You must verify the cases  $n = 1$  and  $n = 2$ . This situation arises in cases where the arguments that the statement is true for  $n$  implies that it is true for  $n + 2$  is different when  $n$  is even and when  $n$  is odd.
37. The statement is true for any divisor of  $8^3 - 4 = 508$ .
38. One need only verify the equation for  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ . Alternatively, observe that  $n^3 - n = n(n - 1)(n + 1)$ .
39. Since  $3736 \bmod 24 = 16$ , it would be 6 p.m.

40. 5
41. Observe that the number with the decimal representation  $a_9a_8 \dots a_1a_0$  is  $a_910^9 + a_810^8 + \dots + a_110 + a_0$ . From Exercise 9 and the fact that  $a_i10^i \bmod 9 = a_i \bmod 9$  we deduce that the check digit is  $(a_9 + a_8 + \dots + a_1 + a_0) \bmod 9$ . So, substituting 0 for 9 or vice versa for any  $a_i$  does not change the value of  $(a_9 + a_8 + \dots + a_1 + a_0) \bmod 9$ .
42. No
43. For the case in which the check digit is not involved, the argument given Exercise 41 applies to transposition errors. Denote the money order number by  $a_9a_8 \dots a_1a_0c$  where  $c$  is the check digit. For a transposition involving the check digit  $c = (a_9 + a_8 + \dots + a_0) \bmod 9$  to go undetected, we must have  $a_0 = (a_9 + a_8 + \dots + a_1 + c) \bmod 9$ . Substituting for  $c$  yields  $2(a_9 + a_8 + \dots + a_0) \bmod 9 = a_0$ . Then cancelling the  $a_0$ , multiplying by sides by 5, and reducing module 9, we have  $10(a_9 + a_8 + \dots + a_1) = a_9 + a_8 + \dots + a_1 = 0$ . It follows that  $c = a_9 + a_8 + \dots + a_1 + a_0 = a_0$ . In this case the transposition does not yield an error.
44. 4
45. Say the number is  $a_8a_7 \dots a_1a_0 = a_810^8 + a_710^7 + \dots + a_110 + a_0$ . Then the error is undetected if and only if  $(a_i10^i - a'_i10^i) \bmod 7 = 0$ . Multiplying both sides by  $5^i$  and noting that  $50 \bmod 7 = 1$ , we obtain  $(a_i - a'_i) \bmod 7 = 0$ .
46. All except those involving  $a$  and  $b$  with  $|a - b| = 7$ .
47. 4
48. Observe that for any integer  $k$  between 0 and 8,  $k \div 9 = .kkk\dots$
50. 7
51. Say that the weight for  $a$  is  $i$ . Then an error is undetected if modulo 11,  $ai + b(i - 1) + c(i - 2) = bi + c(i - 1) + a(i - 2)$ . This reduces to the cases where  $(2a - b - c) \bmod 11 = 0$ .
52. Say the valid number is  $a_1a_2 \dots a_{10}$  and  $a_i$  and  $a_{i+1}$  were transposed. Then, modulo 11,  $10a_1 + 9a_2 + \dots + a_{10} = 0$  and  $10a_1 + \dots + (11 - i)a_{i+1} + (11 - (i + 1))a_i + \dots + a_{10} = 5$ . Thus,  $5 = 5 - 0 = (10a_1 + \dots + (11 - i)a_{i+1} + (11 - (i + 1))a_i + a_{10}) - (10a_1 + 9a_2 + \dots + a_{10})$ . It follows that  $(a_{i+1} - a_i) \bmod 11 = 5$ . Now look for adjacent digits  $x$  and  $y$  in the invalid number so that  $(x - y) \bmod 11 = 5$ . Since the only pair is 39, the correct number is 0-669-09325-4.



53. Since  $10a_1 + 9a_2 + \cdots + a_{10} = 0 \pmod{11}$  if and only if  
 $0 = (-10a_1 - 9a_2 - \cdots - 10a_{10}) \pmod{11} = (a_1 + 2a_2 + \cdots + 10a_{10}) \pmod{11}$ ,  
the check digit would be the same.
54. 7344586061
55. First note that the sum of the digits modulo 11 is 2. So, some digit is 2 too large. Say the error is in position  $i$ . Then  
 $10 = (4, 3, 0, 2, 5, 1, 1, 5, 6, 8) \cdot (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10) \pmod{11} = 2i$ . Thus,  
the digit in position 5 to 2 too large. So, the correct number is 4302311568.
56. An error in an even numbered position changes the value of the sum by an even amount. However,  
 $(9 \cdot 1 + 8 \cdot 4 + 7 \cdot 9 + 6 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot 0 + 4 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 6 + 7) \pmod{10} = 5$ .
57. 2. Since  $\beta$  is one-to-one,  $\beta(\alpha(a_1)) = \beta(\alpha(a_2))$  implies that  $\alpha(a_1) = \alpha(a_2)$  and since  $\alpha$  is one-to-one,  $a_1 = a_2$ .
3. Let  $c \in C$ . There is a  $b$  in  $B$  such that  $\beta(b) = c$  and an  $a$  in  $A$  such that  $\alpha(a) = b$ . Thus,  $(\beta\alpha)(a) = \beta(\alpha(a)) = \beta(b) = c$ .
4. Since  $\alpha$  is one-to-one and onto we may define  $\alpha^{-1}(x) = y$  if and only if  $\alpha(y) = x$ . Then  $\alpha^{-1}(\alpha(a)) = a$  and  $\alpha(\alpha^{-1}(b)) = b$ .
58.  $a - a = 0$ ; if  $a - b$  is an integer  $k$  then  $b - a$  is the integer  $-k$ ; if  $a - b$  is the integer  $n$  and  $b - c$  is the integer  $m$ , then  $a - c = (a - b) + (b - c)$  is the integer  $n + m$ . The set of equivalence classes is  $\{[k] \mid 0 \leq k < 1, k \text{ is real}\}$ . The equivalence classes can be represented by the real numbers in the interval  $[0, 1)$ . For any real number  $a$ ,  $[a] = \{a + k \mid \text{where } k \text{ ranges over all integers}\}$ .
59. No.  $(1, 0) \in R$  and  $(0, -1) \in R$  but  $(1, -1) \notin R$ .
60. Obviously,  $a + a = 2a$  is even and  $a + b$  is even implies  $b + a$  is even. If  $a + b$  and  $b + c$  are even, then  $a + c = (a + b) + (b + c) - 2b$  is also even. The equivalence classes are the set of even integers and the set of odd integers.
61.  $a$  belongs to the same subset as  $a$ . If  $a$  and  $b$  belong to the subset  $A$  and  $b$  and  $c$  belong to the subset  $B$ , then  $A = B$ , since the distinct subsets of  $P$  are disjoint. So,  $a$  and  $c$  belong to  $A$ .
62. Suppose that  $n$  is odd prime greater than 3 and  $n + 2$  and  $n + 4$  are also prime. Then  $n \pmod{3} = 1$  or  $n \pmod{3} = 2$ . If  $n \pmod{3} = 1$  then  $n + 2 \pmod{3} = 0$  and so is not prime. If  $n \pmod{3} = 2$  then  $n + 4 \pmod{3} = 0$  and so is not prime.

63. The last digit of  $3^{100}$  is the value of  $3^{100} \bmod 10$ . Observe that  $3^{100} \bmod 10$  is the same as  $((3^4 \bmod 10)^{25} \bmod 10$  and  $3^4 \bmod 10 = 1$ . Similarly, the last digit of  $2^{100}$  is the value of  $2^{100} \bmod 10$ . Observe that  $2^5 \bmod 10 = 2$  so that  $2^{100} \bmod 10$  is the same as  $(2^5 \bmod 10)^{20} \bmod 10 = 2^{20} \bmod 10 = (2^5)^4 \bmod 10 = 2^4 \bmod 10 = 6$ .
64. Suppose that there are integers  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$  with  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  and  $\gcd(c, d) = 1$  such that  $a^2/b^2 - c^2/d^2 = 1002$ . Then  $a^2d^2 - c^2b^2 = 1002b^2d^2$ . If both  $b$  and  $d$  are odd, then modulo 4,  $b^2 = d^2 = 1$  and  $a^2/b^2 - c^2/d^2 = 1002$  reduces to  $a^2 - c^2 = 2$ . This case is handled in Example 7. If  $2^i$  ( $i > 0$ ) divides  $b$ , then  $a$  is odd and  $a^2d^2 - c^2b^2 = 1002b^2d^2$  implies that  $2^i$  divides  $d$  also. It follows that if  $2^n$  is the highest power of 2 that divides one of  $b$  or  $d$ , then  $2^n$  is the highest power of 2 that divides the other. So dividing both sides of  $a^2d^2 - c^2b^2 = 1002b^2d^2$  by  $2^n$  we get an equation of the same form where both  $b$  and  $d$  are odd. Taking both sides modulo 4 and recalling that for odd  $x$ ,  $x^2 \bmod 4 = 1$  we have that  $a^2d^2 - c^2b^2 = 1002b^2d^2$  reduces to  $a^2 - c^2 = 2$ , which was done in Example 7.
65. Apply  $\gamma^{-1}$  to both sides of  $\alpha\gamma = \beta\gamma$ .

# CHAPTER 1

## Introduction to Groups

1. Three rotations:  $0^\circ$ ,  $120^\circ$ ,  $240^\circ$ , and three reflections across lines from vertices to midpoints of opposite sides.
2. Let  $R = R_{120}$ ,  $R^2 = R_{240}$ ,  $F$  a reflection across a vertical axis,  $F' = RF$  and  $F'' = R^2F$

	$R_0$	$R$	$R^2$	$F$	$F'$	$F''$
$R_0$	$R_0$	$R$	$R^2$	$F$	$F'$	$F''$
$R$	$R$	$R^2$	$R_0$	$F'$	$F''$	$F$
$R^2$	$R^2$	$R_0$	$R$	$F''$	$F$	$F'$
$F$	$F$	$F''$	$F'$	$R_0$	$R^2$	$R$
$F'$	$F'$	$F$	$F''$	$R$	$R_0$	$R^2$
$F''$	$F''$	$F'$	$F$	$R^2$	$R$	$R_0$

3. **a.**  $V$  **b.**  $R_{270}$  **c.**  $R_0$  **d.**  $R_0, R_{180}, H, V, D, D'$  **e.** none
4. Five rotations:  $0^\circ$ ,  $72^\circ$ ,  $144^\circ$ ,  $216^\circ$ ,  $288^\circ$ , and five reflections across lines from vertices to midpoints of opposite sides.
5.  $D_n$  has  $n$  rotations of the form  $k(360^\circ/n)$ , where  $k = 0, \dots, n - 1$ . In addition,  $D_n$  has  $n$  reflections. When  $n$  is odd, the axes of reflection are the lines from the vertices to the midpoints of the opposite sides. When  $n$  is even, half of the axes of reflection are obtained by joining opposite vertices; the other half, by joining midpoints of opposite sides.
6. A nonidentity rotation leaves only one point fixed – the center of rotation. A reflection leaves the axis of reflection fixed. A reflection followed by a different reflection would leave only one point fixed (the intersection of the two axes of reflection) so it must be a rotation.
7. A rotation followed by a rotation either fixes every point (and so is the identity) or fixes only the center of rotation. However, a reflection fixes a line.
8. In either case, the set of points fixed is some axis of reflection.
9. Observe that  $1 \cdot 1 = 1$ ;  $1(-1) = -1$ ;  $(-1)1 = -1$ ;  $(-1)(-1) = 1$ . These relationships also hold when 1 is replaced by a “rotation” and  $-1$  is replaced by a “reflection.”
10. reflection.

11. Thinking geometrically and observing that even powers of elements of a dihedral group do not change orientation we note that each of  $a, b$  and  $c$  appears an even number of times in the expression. So, there is no change in orientation. Thus, the expression is a rotation. Alternatively, as in Exercise 9, we associate each of  $a, b$  and  $c$  with 1 if they are rotations and  $-1$  if they are reflections and we observe that in the product  $a^2b^4ac^5a^3c$  the terms involving  $a$  represents six 1s or six  $-1$ s, the term  $b^4$  represents four 1s or four  $-1$ s, and the terms involving  $c$  represents six 1s or six  $-1$ s. Thus the product of all the 1s and  $-1$ s is 1. So the expression is a rotation.
12.  $H, I, O, X$ . Rotations of  $0^\circ, 180^\circ$ , horizontal reflection, and vertical reflection.
13. In  $D_4$ ,  $HD = DV$  but  $H \neq V$ .
14.  $D_n$  is not commutative.
15.  $R_0, R_{180}, H, V$
16. Rotations of  $0^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$ ; Rotations of  $0^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$  and reflections about the diagonals.
17.  $R_0, R_{180}, H, V$
18. Let the distance from a point on one  $H$  to the corresponding point on an adjacent  $H$  be one unit. Then translations of any number of units to the right or left are symmetries; reflection across the horizontal axis through the middle of the  $H$ 's is a symmetry; reflection across any vertical axis midway between two  $H$ 's or bisecting any  $H$  is a symmetry. All other symmetries are compositions of finitely many of those already described. The group is non-Abelian.
19. In each case the group is  $D_6$ .
20.  $D_{28}$
21. First observe that  $X^2 \neq R_0$ . Since  $R_0$  and  $R_{180}$  are the only elements in  $D_4$  that are squares we have  $X^2 = R_{180}$ . Solving  $X^2Y = R_{90}$  for  $Y$  gives  $Y = R_{270}$ .
22.  $X^2 = F$  has no solutions; the only solution to  $X^3 = F$  is  $F$ .
23.  $180^\circ$  rotational symmetry.
24.  $Z_4, D_5, D_4, Z_2$   
 $D_4, Z_3, D_3, D_{16}$   
 $D_7, D_4, D_5, Z_{10}$
25. Their only symmetry is the identity.

# CHAPTER 2

## Groups

1. **c, d**
2. **c, d**
3. none
4. **a, c**
5. 7; 13;  $n - 1$ ;  $\frac{1}{3-2i} = \frac{1}{3-2i} \frac{3+2i}{3+2i} = \frac{3}{13} + \frac{2}{13}i$
6. **a.**  $-31 - i$    **b.** 5   **c.**  $\frac{1}{12} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -8 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$    **d.**  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ .
7. The set does not contain the identity; closure fails.
8. 1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 13, 17, 19.
9. Under multiplication modulo 4, 2 does not have an inverse. Under multiplication modulo 5,  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  is closed, 1 is the identity, 1 and 4 are their own inverses, and 2 and 3 are inverses of each other. Modulo multiplication is associative.
10.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
11.  $a^{11}, a^6, a^4, a^1$
12. 5, 4, 8
13. (a)  $2a + 3b$ ; (b)  $-2a + 2(-b + c)$ ; (c)  $-3(a + 2b) + 2c = 0$
14.  $(ab)^3 = ababab$  and  $(ab^{-2}c)^{-2} = ((ab^{-2}c)^{-1})^2 = (c^{-1}b^2a^{-1})^2 = c^{-1}b^2a^{-1}c^{-1}b^2a^{-1}$ .
15. Observe that  $a^5 = e$  implies that  $a^{-2} = a^3$  and  $b^7 = e$  implies that  $b^{14} = e$  and therefore  $b^{-11} = b^3$ . Thus,  $a^{-2}b^{-11} = a^3b^3$ . Moreover,  $(a^2b^4)^{-2} = ((a^2b^4)^{-1})^2 = (b^{-4}a^{-2})^2 = (b^3a^3)^2$ .
16. The identity is 25.
17. Since the inverse of an element in  $G$  is in  $G$ ,  $H \subseteq G$ . Let  $g$  belong to  $G$ . Then  $g^{-1}$  belongs to  $G$  and therefore  $(g^{-1})^{-1} = g$  belong to  $G$ . So,  $G \subseteq H$ .
18.  $K = \{R_0, R_{180}\}$ ;  $L = \{R_0, R_{180}, H, V, D, D'\}$ .

19. The set is closed because  $\det(AB) = (\det A)(\det B)$ . Matrix multiplication is associative.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is the identity.
- Since  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$  its determinant is  $ad - bc = 1$ .
20.  $1^2 = (n-1)^2 = 1$ .
21. Using closure and trial and error, we discover that  $9 \cdot 74 = 29$  and 29 is not on the list.
22. Consider  $xyx = xyx$ .
23. For  $n \geq 0$ , we use induction. The case that  $n = 0$  is trivial. Then note that  $(ab)^{n+1} = (ab)^n ab = a^n b^n ab = a^{n+1} b^{n+1}$ . For  $n < 0$ , note that  $e = (ab)^0 = (ab)^n (ab)^{-n} = (ab)^n a^{-n} b^{-n}$  so that  $a^n b^n = (ab)^n$ . In a non-Abelian group  $(ab)^n$  need not equal  $a^n b^n$ .
24. The “inverse” of putting on your socks and then putting on your shoes is taking off your shoes then taking off your socks. Use  $D_4$  for the examples. (An appropriate name for the property  $(abc)^{-1} = c^{-1} b^{-1} a^{-1}$  is “Socks-Shoes-Boots Property.”)
25. Suppose that  $G$  is Abelian. Then by Exercise 24,  $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1} a^{-1} = a^{-1} b^{-1}$ . If  $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1} b^{-1}$  then by Exercise 24  $e = aba^{-1} b^{-1}$ . Multiplying both sides on the right by  $ba$  yields  $ba = ab$ .
26. By definition,  $a^{-1}(a^{-1})^{-1} = e$ . Now multiply on the left by  $a$ .
27. The case where  $n = 0$  is trivial. For  $n > 0$ , note that  $(a^{-1}ba)^n = (a^{-1}ba)(a^{-1}ba) \cdots (a^{-1}ba)$  ( $n$  terms). So, cancelling the consecutive  $a$  and  $a^{-1}$  terms gives  $a^{-1}b^n a$ . For  $n < 0$ , note that  $e = (a^{-1}ba)^n (a^{-1}ba)^{-n} = (a^{-1}ba)^n (a^{-1}b^{-n}a)$  and solve for  $(a^{-1}ba)^n$ .
28.  $(a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n)(a_n^{-1} a_{n-1}^{-1} \cdots a_2^{-1} a_1^{-1}) = e$
29. By closure we have  $\{1, 3, 5, 9, 13, 15, 19, 23, 25, 27, 39, 45\}$ .
30.  $Z_{105}$ ;  $Z_{44}$  and  $D_{22}$ .
31. Suppose  $x$  appears in a row labeled with  $a$  twice. Say  $x = ab$  and  $x = ac$ . Then cancellation gives  $b = c$ . But we use distinct elements to label the columns.
- 32.
- |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | 1  | 5  | 7  | 11 |
| 1  | 1  | 5  | 7  | 11 |
| 5  | 5  | 1  | 11 | 7  |
| 7  | 7  | 11 | 1  | 5  |
| 11 | 11 | 7  | 5  | 1  |

33. Proceed as follows. By definition of the identity, we may complete the first row and column. Then complete row 3 and column 5 by using Exercise 31. In row 2 only  $c$  and  $d$  remain to be used. We cannot use  $d$  in position 3 in row 2 because there would then be two  $d$ 's in column 3. This observation allows us to complete row 2. Then rows 3 and 4 may be completed by inserting the unused two elements. Finally, we complete the bottom row by inserting the unused column elements.
34.  $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2 \Leftrightarrow abab = aabb \Leftrightarrow ba = ab$ .  
 $(ab)^{-2} = b^{-2}a^{-2} \Leftrightarrow b^{-1}a^{-1}b^{-1}a^{-1} = b^{-1}b^{-1}a^{-1}a^{-1} \Leftrightarrow a^{-1}b^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1} \Leftrightarrow ba = ab$ .
35.  $axb = c$  implies that  $x = a^{-1}(axb)b^{-1} = a^{-1}cb^{-1}$ ;  $a^{-1}xa = c$  implies that  $x = a(a^{-1}xa)a^{-1} = aka^{-1}$ .
36. Observe that  $xabx^{-1} = ba$  is equivalent to  $xab = bax$  and this is true for  $x = b$ .
37. Since  $e$  is one solution it suffices to show that nonidentity solutions come in distinct pairs. To this end note that if  $x^3 = e$  and  $x \neq e$ , then  $(x^{-1})^3 = e$  and  $x \neq x^{-1}$ . So if we can find one nonidentity solution we can find a second one. Now suppose that  $a$  and  $a^{-1}$  are nonidentity elements that satisfy  $x^3 = e$  and  $b$  is a nonidentity element such that  $b \neq a$  and  $b \neq a^{-1}$  and  $b^3 = e$ . Then, as before,  $(b^{-1})^3 = e$  and  $b \neq b^{-1}$ . Moreover,  $b^{-1} \neq a$  and  $b^{-1} \neq a^{-1}$ . Thus, finding a third nonidentity solution gives a fourth one. Continuing in this fashion we see that we always have an even number of nonidentity solutions to the equation  $x^3 = e$ .
- To prove the second statement note that if  $x^2 \neq e$ , then  $x^{-1} \neq x$  and  $(x^{-1})^2 \neq e$ . So, arguing as in the preceding case we see that solutions to  $x^2 \neq e$  come in distinct pairs.
38. In  $D_4$ ,  $HR_{90}V = DR_{90}H$  but  $HV \neq DH$ .
39. Observe that  $aa^{-1}b = ba^{-1}a$ . Cancelling the middle term  $a^{-1}$  on both sides we obtain  $ab = ba$ .
40.  $X = VR_{270}D'H$ .
41. If  $F_1F_2 = R_0$  then  $F_1F_2 = F_1F_1$  and by cancellation  $F_1 = F_2$ .
42. Observe that  $F_1F_2 = F_2F_1$  implies that  $(F_1F_2)(F_1F_2) = R_0$ . Since  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are distinct and  $F_1F_2$  is a rotation it must be  $R_{180}$ .
43. Since  $FR^k$  is a reflection we have  $(FR^k)(FR^k) = R_0$ . Multiplying on the left by  $F$  gives  $R^kFR^k = F$ .
44. Since  $FR^k$  is a reflection we have  $(FR^k)(FR^k) = R_0$ . Multiplying on the right by  $R^{-k}$  gives  $FR^kF = R^{-k}$ . If  $D_n$  were Abelian, then  $FR_{360^\circ/n}F = R_{360^\circ/n}$ . But  $(R_{360^\circ/n})^{-1} = R_{360^\circ(n-1)/n} \neq R_{360^\circ/n}$  when  $n \geq 3$ .

45. **a.**  $R^3$    **b.**  $R$    **c.**  $R^5F$
46. Closure and associativity follow from the definition of multiplication;  $a = b = c = 0$  gives the identity; we may find inverses by solving the equations  $a + a' = 0$ ,  $b' + ac' + b = 0$ ,  $c' + c = 0$  for  $a', b', c'$ .
47. Since  $a^2 = b^2 = (ab)^2 = e$ , we have  $aabb = abab$ . Now cancel on left and right.
48. If  $a$  satisfies  $x^5 = e$  and  $a \neq e$ , then so does  $a^2, a^3, a^4$ . Now, using cancellation we have that  $a^2, a^3, a^4$  are not the identity and are distinct from each other and distinct from  $a$ . If these are all of the nonidentity solutions of  $x^5 = e$  we are done. If  $b$  is another solution that is not a power of  $a$ , then by the same argument  $b, b^2, b^3$  and  $b^4$  are four distinct nonidentity solutions. We must further show that  $b^2, b^3$  and  $b^4$  are distinct from  $a, a^2, a^3, a^4$ . If  $b^2 = a^i$  for some  $i$ , then cubing both sides we have  $b = b^6 = a^{3i}$ , which is a contradiction. A similar argument applies to  $b^3$  and  $b^4$ . Continuing in this fashion we have that the number of nonidentity solutions to  $x^5 = e$  is a multiple of 4. In the general case, the number of solutions is a multiple of 4 or is infinite.
49. The matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  is in  $\text{GL}(2, Z_2)$  if and only if  $ad \neq bc$ . This happens when  $a$  and  $d$  are 1 and at least 1 of  $b$  and  $c$  is 0 and when  $b$  and  $c$  are 1 and at least 1 of  $a$  and  $d$  is 0. So, the elements are
- $$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$
- $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  do not commute.
50. If  $n$  is not prime, we can write  $n = ab$ , where  $1 < a < n$  and  $1 < b < n$ . Then  $a$  and  $b$  belong to the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  but  $0 = ab \pmod n$  does not.
51. Let  $a$  be any element in  $G$  and write  $x = ea$ . Then  $a^{-1}x = a^{-1}(ea) = (a^{-1}e)a = a^{-1}a = e$ . Then solving for  $x$  we obtain  $x = ae = a$ .
52. Suppose that  $ab = e$  and let  $b'$  be the element in  $G$  with the property that  $bb' = e$ . Then observe that  $ba = (ba)e = ba(bb') = b(ab)b' = beb' = (be)b' = bb' = e$ .



# CHAPTER 3

## Finite Groups; Subgroups

1.  $|Z_{12}| = 12$ ;  $|U(10)| = 4$ ;  $|U(12)| = 4$ ;  $|U(20)| = 8$ ;  $|D_4| = 8$ .  
 In  $Z_{12}$ ,  $|0| = 1$ ;  $|1| = |5| = |7| = |11| = 12$ ;  $|2| = |10| = 6$ ;  $|3| = |9| = 4$ ;  $|4| = |8| = 3$ ;  $|6| = 2$ .  
 In  $U(10)$ ,  $|1| = 1$ ;  $|3| = |7| = 4$ ;  $|9| = 2$ .  
 In  $U(20)$ ,  $|1| = 1$ ;  $|3| = |7| = |13| = |17| = 4$ ;  $|9| = |11| = |19| = 2$ .  
 In  $D_4$ ,  $|R_0| = 1$ ;  $|R_{90}| = |R_{270}| = 4$ ;  $|R_{180}| = |H| = |V| = |D| = |D'| = 2$ .  
 In each case, notice that the order of the element divides the order of the group.
2. In  $Q$ ,  $\langle 1/2 \rangle = \{n(1/2) \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{0, \pm 1/2, \pm 1, \pm 3/2, \dots\}$ . In  $Q^*$ ,  
 $\langle 1/2 \rangle = \{(1/2)^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{1, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, \dots; 2, 4, 8, \dots\}$ .
3. In  $Q$ ,  $|0| = 1$ . All other elements have infinite order since  
 $x + x + \dots + x = 0$  only when  $x = 0$ .
4. Suppose  $|a| = n$  and  $|a^{-1}| = k$ . Then  $(a^{-1})^n = (a^n)^{-1} = e^{-1} = e$ . So  
 $k \leq n$ . Now reverse the roles of  $a$  and  $a^{-1}$  to obtain  $n \leq k$ . The infinite  
 case follows from the finite case.
5. In  $Z_{30}$ ,  $2 + 28 = 0$  and  $8 + 22 = 0$ . So, 2 and 28 are inverses of each other  
 and 8 and 22 are inverses of each other. In  $U(15)$ ,  $2 \cdot 8 = 1$  and  $7 \cdot 13 = 1$ .  
 So, 2 and 8 are inverses of each other and 7 and 13 are inverses of each  
 other.
6. **a.**  $|6| = 2$ ,  $|2| = 6$ ,  $|8| = 3$ ; **b.**  $|3| = 4$ ,  $|8| = 5$ ,  $|11| = 12$  ;  
**c.**  $|5| = 12$ ,  $|4| = 3$ ,  $|9| = 4$ . In each case  $|a + b|$  divides  $\text{lcm}(|a|, |b|)$ .
7.  $(a^4c^{-2}b^4)^{-1} = b^{-4}c^2a^{-4} = b^3c^2a^2$ .
8. If a subgroup of  $D_3$  contains  $R_{240}$  and  $F$  it also contains  
 $R_0, R_{240}^2 = R_{120}, R_{240}F$ , and  $R_{120}F$ , which is all six elements of  $D_3$ . If  $F$   
 and  $F'$  are distinct reflections in a subgroup of  $D_3$ , then  $FF' = R_{240}$  is  
 also in the subgroup. Thus the subgroup must be  $D_3$ .
9. If a subgroup of  $D_4$  contains  $R_{270}$  and a reflection  $F$ , then it also contains  
 the six other elements  $R_0, (R_{270})^2 = R_{180}, (R_{270})^3 = R_{90}, R_{270}F, R_{180}F$   
 and  $R_{90}F$ . If a subgroup of  $D_4$  contains  $H$  and  $D$ , then it also contains  
 $HD = R_{90}$  and  $DH = R_{270}$ . But this implies that the subgroup contains  
 every element of  $D_4$ . If it contains  $H$  and  $V$  then it contains  $HV = R_{180}$   
 and  $R_0$ .