

# CHAPTER 1

## Introduction to Groups

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

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

- a.  $V$  b.  $R_{270}$  c.  $R_0$  d.  $R_0, R_{180}, H, V, D, D'$  e. none
- Five rotations:  $0^\circ$ ,  $72^\circ$ ,  $144^\circ$ ,  $216^\circ$ ,  $288^\circ$ , and five reflections across lines from vertices to midpoints of opposite sides.
- $D_n$  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.
- 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.
- 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.
- In either case, the set of points fixed is some axis of reflection.
- 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.”
- 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  $a$  represent six 1s or six  $-1$ s, the term  $b^4$  represents four 1s or four  $-1$ s, and the terms involving  $c$  represent 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.  $n$  is even.
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, a translations of any number of units to the right or left are symmetries; a reflection across the horizontal axis through the middle of the  $H$ 's is a symmetry; and a 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. The  $n$  rotations of  $D_n$  are  $R_0, R_{360/n}, R_{360/n}^2, \dots, R_{360/n}^{n-1}$ . Suppose that  $n = 2k$  for some positive integer  $k$ . Then  $R_{360/n}^k = R_{360k/2k} = R_{180}$ . Conversely, if  $R_{360/n}^k = R_{180}$  then  $360k/n = 180$  and therefore  $2k = n$ .
24.  $Z_4, D_5, D_4, Z_2$   
 $D_4, Z_3, D_3, D_{16}$   
 $D_7, D_4, D_5, Z_{10}$

# 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. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $A \in G_1$  and  $\det A = 2$  but  $\det A^2 = 0$ . So  $G_1$  is not closed under multiplication. Also  $A \in G_2$  but  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is not in  $G_2$ .  $G_3$  is a group.
8. Say,  $x$  is the identity. Then,  $0 - x = 0$ . So,  $x = 0$ . But  $0 - 1 \neq 1$ .
9. If  $5x = 3$  multiply both sides by 4, we get  $0 = 12$ . If  $3x = 5$  multiply both sides by 7, we get  $x = 15$ . Checking, we see that  $3 \cdot 15 = 5 \pmod{20}$ .
10.  $1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 13, 17, 19$ .  $1, 9, 11$ , and  $19$  are their own inverses;  $3$  and  $7$  are inverses of each other as are  $11$  and  $13$ .
11. One is Socks-Shoes-Boots.
12. The set does not contain the identity; closure fails.
13. 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.
14.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
15.  $a^{11}, a^6, a^4, a^1$
16. The identity is  $25$ .
17. (a)  $2a + 3b$ ; (b)  $-2a + 2(-b + c)$ ; (c)  $-3(a + 2b) + 2c = 0$
18.  $(ab)^3 = ababab$  and  $(ab^{-2}c)^{-2} = ((ab^{-2}c)^{-1})^2 = (c^{-1}b^2a^{-1})^2 = c^{-1}b^2a^{-1}c^{-1}b^2a^{-1}$ .

19. 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,  $(a^2b^4)^{-2} = ((a^2b^4)^{-1})^2 = (b^{-4}a^{-2})^2 = (b^3a^3)^2$ .
20.  $K = \{R_0, R_{180}\}$ ;  $L = \{R_0, R_{180}, H, V, D, D'\}$ .
21. 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  $ad - bc = 1$ .
22.  $1^2 = (n-1)^2 = 1$ .
23. Using closure and trial and error, we discover that  $9 \cdot 74 = 29$  and 29 is not on the list.
24. All we need do is find an  $x$  with the property  $xab = bax$ . The solution is  $x = b$ .
25. 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  $a^n b^n$ .
26. 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.”)
27. Suppose that  $G$  is Abelian. Then by Exercise 26,  $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$ . If  $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$  then by Exercise 24e  $e = aba^{-1}b^{-1}$ . Multiplying both sides on the right by  $ba$  yields  $ba = ab$ .
28. By definition,  $a^{-1}(a^{-1})^{-1} = e$ . Now multiply on the left by  $a$ .
29. 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  $(a^{-1}ba)^n$ .
30.  $(a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n)(a_n^{-1} a_{n-1}^{-1} \cdots a_2^{-1} a_1^{-1}) = e$
31. By closure we have  $\{1, 3, 5, 9, 13, 15, 19, 23, 25, 27, 39, 45\}$ .
32.  $f(x) = x$  for all  $x$ . See Theorem 0.8.
33. 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.
34.  $Z_{105}$ ;  $Z_{40}, D_{20}, U(41)$
35. 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  $a', b', c'$ .

36.  $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2 \Leftrightarrow abab = aabb \Leftrightarrow ba = ab$ .  
 $(ab)^{-2} = b^{-2}a^{-2} \Leftrightarrow b^{-1}a^{-1}b^{-1}a^{-1} = b^{-1}b^{-1}a^{-1}a^{-1} \Leftrightarrow a^{-1}b^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1} \Leftrightarrow ba = ab$ .
37. Since  $e$  is one solution, it suffices to show that nonidentity solutions come in distinct pairs. To this end, note that if  $x^n = e$  and  $x \neq e$ , then  $(x^{-1})^n = e$  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  $x^n = e$  and  $b$  is a nonidentity element such that  $b \neq a$  and  $b \neq a^{-1}$  and  $b^n = e$ . Then, as before,  $(b^{-1})^n = e$  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  $x^n = e$ .
38. Note that  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}) = (\frac{2}{4}, \frac{1}{3})$ , but  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3})$  corresponds to  $\frac{2}{5}$  whereas  $(\frac{2}{4}, \frac{1}{3})$  corresponds to  $\frac{3}{7}$ . So, the correspondence is not a function from  $Q^+ \times Q^+$  to  $Q^+$ .
39. If  $F_1F_2 = R_0$  then  $F_1F_2 = F_1F_1$ , and by cancellation  $F_1 = F_2$ .
40. 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  $R_{180}$ . Alternate proof. Observe that  $(F_1F_2)^{-1} = F_2^{-1}F_1^{-1} = F_2F_1 = F_1F_2$  implies that  $(F_1F_2)$  is its own inverse. Since  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are distinct and  $F_1F_2$  is a rotation it must be  $R_{180}$ .
41. Since  $FR^k$  is a reflection we have  $(FR^k)(FR^k) = R_0$ . Multiplying on the left by  $F$  gives  $R^kFR^k = F$ .
42. 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  $n \geq 3$ .
43. Using Exercise 42 we obtain the solutions  $R$  and  $R^{-1}F$ .
44.  $R_{\beta-\alpha}$ ;  $R_{\alpha-\beta}$
45. Since  $a^2 = b^2 = (ab)^2 = e$ , we have  $aabb = abab$ . Now cancel on left and right.
46. 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.

47. 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.

48. 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. If  $n$  is prime, let  $c$  be any element in the set. Then by the Corollary of Theorem 0.2 there are integers  $s$  and  $t$  such that  $cs + nt = 1$ . So,  $\pmod n$  we have  $cs = 1$ .
49. 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 33. 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.

# CHAPTER 3

## Finite Groups; Subgroups

- $|Z_{12}| = 12$ ;  $|U(10)| = 4$ ;  $|U(12)| = 4$ ;  $|U(20)| = 8$ ;  $|D_4| = 8$ .  
 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.
- In  $Q$ ,  $\langle 1/2 \rangle = \{n(1/2) \mid n \in Z\} = \{0, \pm 1/2, \pm 1, \pm 3/2, \dots\}$ . In  $Q^*$ ,  
 $\langle 1/2 \rangle = \{(1/2)^n \mid n \in Z\} = \{1, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, \dots; 2, 4, 8, \dots\}$ .
- In  $Q$ ,  $|0| = 1$ . All other elements have infinite order since  
 $x + x + \dots + x = 0$  only when  $x = 0$ .
- Observe that  $a^n = e$  if and only if  $(a^n)^{-1} = e^{-1} = e$  and  
 $(a^n)^{-1} = (a^{-1})^n$ . The infinite case follows from the finite case.  
 Alternate solution. 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.
- By the corollary of Theorem 0.2 there are integers  $s$  and  $t$  so that  
 $1 = ms + nt$ . Then  $a^1 = a^{ms+nt} = a^{ms}a^{nt} = (a^m)^s(a^n)^t = (a^t)^n$ .
- In  $Z$ , the set of positive integers. In  $Q$ , the set of numbers greater than 1.
- 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.
- 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  $\text{lcm}(|a|, |b|)$ .
- $(a^4c^{-2}b^4)^{-1} = b^{-4}c^2a^{-4} = b^3c^2a^2$ .
- $aba^2 = a(ba)a = a(a^2b)a = a^3(ba) = a^5b$ .
- For  $F$  any reflection in  $D_6$ ,  $\{R_0, R_{120}, R_{240}, F, R_{120}F, R_{240}F\}$ .
- In  $D_4$ ,  $K = \{R_0, R_{180}\}$ , which is a subgroup; in  
 $D_3$ ,  $K = \{R_0, F_1, F_2, F_3\}$ . But  $F_1F_2$  is a rotation not  $R_0$ , so  $K$  is not closed. In  $D_6$ ,  $K = \{R_0, R_{180}, F_1, F_2, \dots, F_6\}$ . If  $K$  were a subgroup