

# Ch 2 Exercises

Math343

# Exercise 6: Group Operations

**Part (b):** In  $GL(2, \mathbb{Z}_{13})$ , find  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution:**

For a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ , the determinant is  $ad - bc$ .

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = (7)(5) - (4)(1) = 35 - 4 = 31$$

Since we're working in  $\mathbb{Z}_{13}$ :

$$31 \equiv 5 \pmod{13}$$

**Answer:**  $\det = 5$

**Part (d):** In  $GL(2, \mathbb{Z}_7)$ , find  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$

**Solution:**

First, find the determinant:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = (2)(3) - (1)(1) = 6 - 1 = 5 \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$$

For matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ , the inverse is:

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

The multiplicative inverse of 5 modulo 7 is 3, since  $5 \cdot 3 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$ .

$$A^{-1} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -3 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \pmod{7}$$

**Answer:**  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

## Exercise 10: $U(20)$ and Inverses

Find all elements of  $U(20)$  and their inverses

**Solution:**

$$U(20) = \{k : 1 \leq k < 20, \gcd(k, 20) = 1\}$$

Since  $20 = 2^2 \cdot 5$ , we need  $\gcd(k, 20) = 1$ :

$$U(20) = \{1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 13, 17, 19\}$$

**Finding Inverses** (solve  $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$ ):

Element	Inverse	Verification
1	1	$1 \cdot 1 = 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$
3	7	$3 \cdot 7 = 21 \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$
7	3	$7 \cdot 3 = 21 \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$
9	9	$9 \cdot 9 = 81 \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$
11	11	$11 \cdot 11 = 121 \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$
13	17	$13 \cdot 17 = 221 \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$
17	13	$17 \cdot 13 = 221 \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$
19	19	$19 \cdot 19 = 361 \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$

## Exercise 13: Multiplication Modulo Analysis

Show that  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  under multiplication mod 4 is not a group, but  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  under multiplication mod 5 is a group.

Part 1:  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  under multiplication mod 4

Cayley Table:

$\times$	1	2	3
1	1	2	3
2	2	0	2
3	3	2	1

Problems:

1. **Not closed:**  $2 \times 2 = 4 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , but  $0 \notin \{1, 2, 3\}$
2. **No inverse for 2:** No element  $x$  satisfies  $2x \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

## Part 2: $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ under multiplication mod 5

Cayley Table:

$\times$	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4
2	2	4	1	3
3	3	1	4	2
4	4	3	2	1

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Verification of group properties:

- **Closure:** ✓ (all entries in table are in the set)
- **Identity:** 1 is the identity
- **Inverses:**  $1^{-1} = 1, 2^{-1} = 3, 3^{-1} = 2, 4^{-1} = 4$
- **Associativity:** ✓ (inherited from integer multiplication)

## Exercise 14: Non-Abelian Nature of $GL(2, \mathbb{R})$

Show  $GL(2, \mathbb{R})$  is non-Abelian

**Solution:**

We need matrices  $A, B \in GL(2, \mathbb{R})$  such that  $AB \neq BA$ .

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**Compute  $AB$ :**

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Compute  $BA$ :**

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $AB = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = BA$ ,  $GL(2, \mathbb{R})$  is non-Abelian.

## Exercise 16: Show $\{5, 15, 25, 35\}$ is a group under multiplication mod 40

Cayley Table:

$\times$	5	15	25	35
5	25	35	5	15
15	35	25	15	5
25	5	15	25	35
35	15	5	35	25

Group Properties:

- **Closure:** ✓ (all products are in the set)
- **Identity:** 25 (since  $25x \equiv x \pmod{40}$  for all  $x$  in the set)
- **Inverses:** Each element is its own inverse
- **Associativity:** ✓ (inherited from integer multiplication)

Relationship to  $U(8)$ :

$U(8) = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$  under multiplication mod 8.

The mapping  $\phi : U(8) \rightarrow \{5, 15, 25, 35\}$  defined by  $\phi(x) = 5x \pmod{40}$  is an isomorphism:

- $\phi(1) = 5, \phi(3) = 15, \phi(5) = 25, \phi(7) = 35$

## Exercise 17: Translate multiplicative expressions to additive counterparts

**Part (a):**  $a^2b^3$

In additive notation:  $2a + 3b$

**Part (b):**  $a^{-2}(b^{-1}c)^2$

Step by step:

- $a^{-2} \rightarrow -2a$
- $b^{-1}c \rightarrow -b + c$
- $(b^{-1}c)^2 \rightarrow 2(-b + c) = -2b + 2c$
- $a^{-2}(b^{-1}c)^2 \rightarrow -2a + (-2b + 2c) = -2a - 2b + 2c$

**Part (c):**  $(ab^{-2})^{-3} = e$

Step by step:

- $ab^{-2} \rightarrow a + (-2b) = a - 2b$
- $(ab^{-2})^{-3} \rightarrow -3(a - 2b) = -3a + 6b$
- $(ab^{-2})^{-3} = e \rightarrow -3a + 6b = 0$

**Exercise 27: |Prove:  $G$  is Abelian iff  $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$  for all  $a, b \in G$**

**Proof:**

**( $\Rightarrow$ ) If  $G$  is Abelian:**

Assume  $G$  is Abelian, so  $ab = ba$  for all  $a, b \in G$ .

We know  $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$  (socks-shoes property).

Since  $G$  is Abelian:  $a^{-1}b^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$

Therefore:  $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$

**( $\Leftarrow$ ) If  $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$  for all  $a, b$ :**

Assume  $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$  for all  $a, b \in G$ .

By the socks-shoes property:  $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$

Therefore:  $a^{-1}b^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$  for all  $a, b \in G$

Taking inverses:  $(a^{-1}b^{-1})^{-1} = (b^{-1}a^{-1})^{-1}$

Using socks-shoes:  $ba = ab$  for all  $a, b \in G$

Therefore  $G$  is Abelian.  $\square$

# Exercise 34: Examples of Specific Group Orders

Give examples of groups with specified orders

Group with exactly 105 elements:

Example:  $\mathbb{Z}_{105}$  under addition modulo 105

Three groups with 40 elements:

Examples:

1.  $\mathbb{Z}_{40}$  under addition modulo 40
2.  $D_{20}$
3.  $U(41)$

## Exercise 36: Prove: $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$ iff $ab = ba$

( $\Rightarrow$ ) If  $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$ :

$$(ab)^2 = (ab)(ab) = a^2b^2$$

Right-multiply by  $b^{-1}$ :  $(ab)(ab)b^{-1} = a^2b^2b^{-1}$

$$(ab)a = a^2b$$

Left-multiply by  $a^{-1}$ :  $a^{-1}(ab)a = a^{-1}a^2b$

$$ba = ab$$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) If  $ab = ba$ :

$$(ab)^2 = (ab)(ab) = a(ba)b = a(ab)b = a^2b^2$$

**Second part:**  $(ab)^{-2} = b^{-2}a^{-2}$  iff  $ab = ba$

**Proof:**  $(ab)^{-2} = ((ab)^2)^{-1} = (a^2b^2)^{-1} = (b^2)^{-1}(a^2)^{-1} = b^{-2}a^{-2}$

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## Exercise 45: Prove: If $x^2 = e$ for all $x \in G$ , then $G$ is Abelian

**Proof:**

Let  $a, b \in G$ . We want to show  $ab = ba$ .

Since every element has order 2:

- $a^2 = e$ , so  $a^{-1} = a$
- $b^2 = e$ , so  $b^{-1} = b$
- $(ab)^2 = e$ , so  $(ab)^{-1} = ab$

Now,  $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1} = ba$  (socks-shoes property)

But also  $(ab)^{-1} = ab$  (since  $(ab)^2 = e$ )

Therefore:  $ab = ba$

Since this holds for arbitrary  $a, b \in G$ , the group  $G$  is Abelian.  $\square$

## Exercise 47: List elements of $GL(2, \mathbb{Z}_2)$ and show non-Abelian

All possible matrices over  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ :

We need  $\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = ad - bc \not\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$

The six elements are:

1.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  ( $\det = 1$ )

2.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  ( $\det = 1$ )

3.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  ( $\det = 1$ )

4.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  ( $\det = 1$ )

5.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  ( $\det = 1$ )

6.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  ( $\det = 1$ )  
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**Non-Abelian proof:**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $AB \neq BA$ ,  $GL(2, \mathbb{Z}_2)$  is non-Abelian.  $\square$

















