

Pre Calc. BC Abstract Algebra – REVIEW

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1. Consider the relation  $(\mathbb{Q}^*, *)$  where  $a * b = \frac{a}{b}$  ( $\mathbb{Q}^*$  is rational numbers without zero). Discuss the truth of the following statement:

“Each element is its own inverse for this operation.”

If the identity were 1, this would be true. Sadly, there is no identity for this operation. It is true that  $a * 1 = a$ , but  $1 * a \neq a$ . The identity must be commutative. 😞

2. Consider the operation  $*$  such that  $x * y = \frac{xy}{2}$ .

a) For which of the following sets is  $*$  closed?

i)  $\mathbb{Z}$   
no

ii)  $\mathbb{Q}^+$   
yes

iii)  $\mathbb{R}$   
yes

iv)  $\{0, 1, 2\}$   
no

ex  $1 * 3 \notin \mathbb{Z}$

$1 * 1 \notin S$

b) Is the operation associative? Demonstrate it.

YES!  $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$   
 $\frac{ab}{2} * c = a * \frac{bc}{2}$   
 $\frac{abc}{4} = \frac{abc}{4}$  ✓

c) Is there an identity? Find it.

YES!  $a * e = a$   
 $\frac{ae}{2} = a$   
 $e = 2$

note: if  $a=0$  2 still works!  
 $0 * 2 = 0$   
 and it commutes!  $a * 2 = 2 * a$

d) What is the inverse of 5?

$5 * 5^{-1} = 2$   
 $\frac{5 \cdot 5^{-1}}{2} = 2$

$5 * 5^{-1} = 2$   
 $5^{-1} = \frac{4}{5}$

e) Is  $(\{2, 4, 6, 8, \dots\}, *)$  an abelian group? Explain.

assoc ✓

comm ✓

id = 2, in group ✓

closed ✓

**NO**

BUT there is a problem with inverses 😞

ex.  $6^{-1} = \frac{2}{3} \notin S$

$\frac{(2n)(2m)}{2} = 2mn \in \text{evens}$

3. Determine which (if any) relations below form abelian groups. Demonstrate all the properties. Be clear, concise, and complete.

a)  $(\mathbb{Z}_{39}^*, \otimes)$

✓ id = 1

✓ assoc

ex  $(2 \otimes 3) \otimes 4 = 24 = 2 \otimes (3 \otimes 4)$

not closed!

ex  $3 \otimes 13 = 0 \notin \mathbb{Z}_{39}^*$

and not all elements have inverses

ex.  $3^{-1}$  DNE

NO!

b)  $(\mathbb{Z}, *)$  where  $x * y = |x - y|$

✓ closed ex  $3 * 5 = 2$

✓ comm ex  $3 * 5 = 5 * 3$

✗ id = 0?  $a * 0 = a$  only if  $a \geq 0$

✗ assoc? NO.

$(3 * 5) * 11 \stackrel{?}{=} 3 * (5 * 11)$

$= 2 * 11 \quad 3 * 6$

$= 9 \quad = 3$

inverses?  $a^{-1} = a$

but no identity so never mind.

c)

o	!	#	\$	%
!	!	%	!	#
#	%	#	#	\$
\$	!	#	\$	%
%	#	\$	%	!

✓ id = \$

✓ com. (reflects over diagonal)

✗ inverses there is no inverse for ! 😞

✗ and not assoc ex.  $!(\# \circ \#) = \%$

but  $(! \circ \#) \# = \$$

d)  $(\sqrt{-1}, \times)$

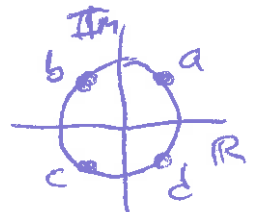
$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i \right\}$

✓ com  
✓ assoc  
✓ inv

but no identity!

and not closed!

ex  $a \times b = -1 \notin \text{Set}$

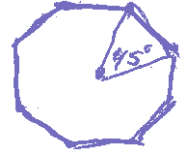


4. Let H be the set of symmetry rotations for a regular octagon.

a) Make a list of the elements of H. Indicate the order of each element.

$$\{R_0, R_{45}, R_{90}, R_{135}, R_{180}, R_{225}, R_{270}, R_{315}\}$$

$$\{1 \quad 8 \quad 4 \quad 8 \quad 2 \quad 8 \quad 4 \quad 8\}$$



b) Is  $(H, *)$  a group?

Yes.

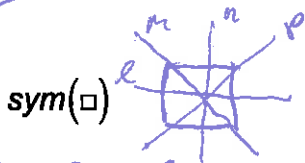
closed ✓ assoc ✓ comm ✓ id =  $R_0$  ✓ inverses exist ✓

c) List all the subgroups of H.

$$\{R_0, R_{90}, R_{180}, R_{270}\}$$

$$\{R_0, R_{180}\}$$

d) Determine which groups below are isomorphic to H. Clearly write out elements and element orders for each group.



$$\{R_0, R_{90}, R_{180}, R_{270}, r_e, r_h, r_v, r_p\}$$

$$\{1 \quad 4 \quad 2 \quad 4 \quad 2 \quad 2 \quad 2 \quad 2\}$$

$$\{(R_{0^\circ}, R_{90^\circ}, R_{180^\circ}, R_{270^\circ}, r_x, r_y, r_{y=x}, r_{y=-x}), e\}$$

$$\{1 \quad 4 \quad 2 \quad 4 \quad 2 \quad 2 \quad 2 \quad 2\}$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}_8, \oplus)$$

$$\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$$

$$\{1 \quad 8 \quad 4 \quad 8 \quad 2 \quad 8 \quad 4 \quad 8\}$$

$$(\{\sqrt[8]{1}\}, \times)$$



$$(\{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15\}, \otimes_{16})$$

$$\{1 \quad 4 \quad 4 \quad 2 \quad 2 \quad 4 \quad 4 \quad 2\}$$

$$\{1, \text{cis } 45^\circ, \text{cis } 90^\circ, \text{cis } 135^\circ, \text{cis } 180^\circ, \text{cis } 225^\circ, \text{cis } 270^\circ, \text{cis } 315^\circ\}$$

$$\{1 \quad 8 \quad 4 \quad 8 \quad 2 \quad 8 \quad 4 \quad 8\}$$

$$\left( \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right), \times \right)$$

$$\{1 \quad 2 \quad 2 \quad 2 \quad 2 \quad 2 \quad 2 \quad 2\}$$

5. Five groups are defined below. Determine which are isomorphic to which.

a)  $(\mathbb{Z}_4, \oplus)$

$\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$   
1 4 2 4

b)  $(\mathbb{Z}_5^*, \otimes)$

1, 2, 3, 4  
1 4 4 2

c)

#	a	b	c	d
a	b	a	d	c
b	a	b	c	d
c	d	c	b	a
d	c	d	a	b

d) The symmetry group for a rhombus.



e) The rotational symmetry group of a square.

$\{R_0, R_{90}, R_{180}, R_{270}\}$   
1 4 2 4

f)  $(\{1, i, -1-i\}, \times)$

1 4 2 4

g)  $(\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \times)$

1 2 2 2

a, b, e, f

c, d, g

6. List all possible subgroups for  $(\mathbb{Z}_{18}, \oplus)$ .

$\{0, 9\}$

only possible orders  
are 2, 3, 6, 9

$\{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16\}$

$\{0, 6, 12\}$

$\{0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15\}$

7. Consider the statements below and provide a reason, example or counter example for each.

a) A non-cyclic group can have a cyclic sub-group.

True. Ex.  $\text{Sym}(\square)$  is non-cyclic, but rotation subgroup is cyclic.

b) A cyclic group can have a non-cyclic subgroup

False, Suppose  $a, b$  are 2 elements in  $H$   
w/ no common generator  $\rightarrow$  they have no common generator in  $G$  either

c) A non-abelian group can have an abelian sub-group.

True, same example as (a)

d) An abelian group can have a non-abelian sub-group.

False. if  $a \times b \neq b \times a$  in  $H$ , then they won't be equal in  $G$  either.

8. Consider the group  $(\mathbb{Z}_7^*, \otimes)$

a) List all the elements with their orders.

1 2 3 4 5 6  
 $(1)$   $(3)$   $(6)$   $(3)$   $(6)$   $(2)$

b) What is the inverse of 4?

$$4^{-1} = 3$$

c) List a generator of  $(\mathbb{Z}_7^*, \otimes)$ .

$$3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 1$$

d) Find a subgroup of order 3.

$$\{1, 2, 4\}$$

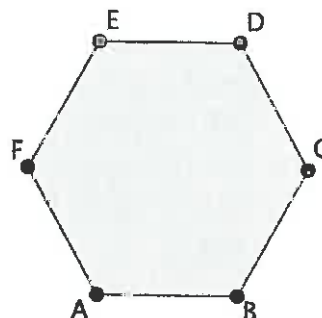
e) Explain why  $(\mathbb{Z}_7, \oplus)$  has no subgroups.

$o(\mathbb{Z}_7) = 7$ , which has no factors, thus all elements (aside from 0) must be order 7, i.e. generators. A subgroup can never contain generators!

9. Consider the symmetry group, H, for the regular hexagon shown at below.

a) Draw or describe one transformation that is an element of H. (NOT the identity).

$$R_{60^\circ}$$



b) What is the order of H? (hint: the order of the symmetry group for a regular n-gon is always 2n).

$$o(H) = 12$$

identity, 6 rotations, 6 reflections

c) Compare H to  $(\mathbb{Z}_{12}, \oplus)$ . Explain why these two groups are not isomorphic.

$\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  is cyclic, the elements 1, 5, 7, 11 are all generators. H is not cyclic.

d) Find two isomorphic subgroups from each of these groups.

$$\{R_0, R_{60}, R_{120}, R_{180}, R_{240}, R_{300}\}$$

isomorphic to  $\{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$

10. Given the matrix  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & i \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

a) Find the multiplicative group generated by M.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & i \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ -i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) Is this group abelian?

Yes

c) Find a subgroup of this group.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{bmatrix}$$

d) Find the inverse of M.

$$M^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

e) Explain why no subgroup could contain M.

It is a generator

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# Pre Calc BC Matrices and Groups Review

All except M have orders 1, 2, 4, 8  
If  $a = a^{-1}$  then  $o(a) = 2$ , but 2 is not a factor of 15.  
The inverses are not all in set. Also  $e$  identify not in set.

1. Which of the five groups below are isomorphic?

$G = (z_5^*, \otimes)$ ;  $H = (z_4, \oplus)$ ;  $J = \text{square rotation group}$

$K = (\{1, -1, i, -i\}, \times)$   $M = \text{rectangle symmetry group}$

- a)  $G \sim H$  only
- b)  $H \sim J$  only
- c)  $K \sim M$  only
- d)  $H \sim J \sim K$  only
- e)  $G \sim H \sim J \sim K$

2. Let  $a$  be an element of group  $G$ , a group of order 15. Which of the statements below must not be true?

- a)  $a$  is the identity
- b)  $a$  is its own inverse (but not the identity)
- c)  $a^4 = a$
- d)  $a$  is in a subgroup of  $G$
- e)  $a$  is not in a subgroup of  $G$

3. Consider the operator  $*$  such that  $a * b = 2ab$ . Which of these is false?

- a) there is an identity for  $*$
- b)  $*$  is associative
- c)  $*$  is commutative
- d)  $*$  is closed for even numbers
- e)  $*$  forms a group with the even numbers

4. Which of these is a cyclic group?

- a)  $(z_7^*, \otimes)$
- b) the symmetry group for a square
- c) the symmetry group for an equilateral  $\Delta$
- d) the permutation group of four elements
- e) the permutation group of 5 elements

5. Given  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & a \\ b & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$

the sum of  $a$  and  $b$  is

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

6. The transformation matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  represents

- a)  $r_{y=x}$
- b)  $r_{y=-x}$
- c)  $R_{180^\circ}$
- d)  $R_{90^\circ}$
- e)  $R_{-90^\circ}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

7. Given the system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} x - 3y + z = -2 \\ 2x + 3y - 4z = -4 \\ x + y - z = 0 \end{cases}$$

use  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \times \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\rightarrow x=1, y=2, z=3$

the product  $xyz$  equals

- a) 0
- b) 6
- c) -3
- d) 10
- e) -12

8. If  $k = \frac{453!}{450!3!}$ , then

$$k = \frac{453 \cdot 452 \cdot 451}{6}$$

- a)  $k > 10^{100}$
- b)  $10^{10} \leq k < 10^{100}$
- c)  $10^5 \leq k < 10^{10}$
- d)  $10 \leq k < 10^5$
- e)  $k < 10$

9.  $(p, q)$  is called a lattice point if  $p$  and  $q$  are both integers. How many lattice points lie in the area between the two curves  $x^2 + y^2 = 9$  and  $x^2 + y^2 - 6x + 5 = 0$ ?

- a) 0
- b) 1
- c) 2
- d) 3
- e) 4



10. If the determinant of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & a \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = 1$

then  $a$  must equal

- a) -1
- b) 0
- c) 1
- d) 2
- e) 5

$$21 - 4a = 1$$

$$a = 5$$

11. If the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is in a multiplicative group, which of these must also be in the group?

- I.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- II.  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$
- III.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.5 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

- a) I only
- b) II only
- c) III only
- d) I and II
- e) II and III

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

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.5 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$