

Note: This is a practice final and is intended only for study purposes. The actual exam will contain different questions and may have a different layout.

True/False: If the statement is *always* true, give a brief explanation of why it is. If the statement is false, give a counterexample.

1. The relation  $R$  on the set  $\mathbb{Z}$  defined below is an equivalence relation.

True

$$R = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \mid 5 \text{ divides } a - b\}.$$

Reflexive: notice  $5 \cdot 0 = x - x \Rightarrow 5 \mid (x-x) \Rightarrow (x, x) \in R$

Symmetric: if  $(x, y) \in R \Rightarrow 5 \mid (x-y) \Rightarrow 5d = x-y$  for some  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $\Rightarrow -5d = -(x-y) = -5d = y-x \Rightarrow 5 \mid (y-x) \Rightarrow (y, x) \in R$ .

Transitive: if  $(x, y), (y, z) \in R \Rightarrow 5d = x-y \wedge 5c = y-z$  for  $d, c \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $\Rightarrow 5d + 5c = x-y+y-z \Rightarrow 5(d+c) = x-z \Rightarrow (x, z) \in R //$

- Notice this is a sentence
2. The set of all pairs  $(x, y)$  of real numbers such that  $y \neq 0$ , under the operation  $(x, y) * (z, w) = (x+z, yw)$ , is a binary operator.
- fragment, I've made the question so it makes sense.
- True: Closure, if  $(x, y), (z, w) \in S$  then  $(x, y) * (z, w) = (x+z, yw) \in S$   
 b/c neither  $y$  nor  $w$  were equal to zero  $\Rightarrow$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  we have the zero multiplicative property.

Associativity: let  $(x, y), (z, w), (a, b) \in S$  then b/c assoc of  $\mathbb{R}$

$$[(x, y) * (z, w)] * (a, b) = (x+z, yw) * (a, b) = (x+z+a, yw^a) = (x, y) * [(z+w)a] = (x, y) * [(z, w) * (a, b)]$$

3. If  $G$  is a group in which  $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$  for all  $a \in G$  and  $b \in G$ , then  $G$  is abelian.

True: Let  $a, b \in G$  then  $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2 \Rightarrow (ab)(ab) = a^2b^2$

which implies  $a^{-1}abab^{-1} = a^{-1}aabba \Rightarrow bab = aabb$   
 applying  $b^{-1}$  on the right  $\Rightarrow babb^{-1} = aabb^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow ba = ab$ . Since  $a, b$  were arbitrary  $\Rightarrow G$  is abelian.

4. If  $H$  is a normal subgroup of a group  $G$ , then  $ghg^{-1} \in H$  for all  $h \in H$  and  $g \in G$ .

False: Consider  $D_4$ . The set  $\{e, c, c^2, c^3, f\}$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  (b/c closed under  $cG$ , inverses & has index 2) but

$$f \cdot f^{-1} = f \cdot f = ff^{-1} = c^3 \neq e$$

5. If  $H$  and  $K$  are subgroups of  $G$ ,  $H \cong K$ , then  $G/H \cong G/K$ .

False. Consider  $G = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$  with  $H = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \{0\}$  and  $K = \{0\} \times \langle 2 \rangle$

Notice  $H \cong K$  but

$$G \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbb{Z}_4 \\ \begin{cases} (a,b) \mapsto b \\ G/H \cong \end{cases} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} G/H \cong \mathbb{Z}_4 \\ \text{by 1st isom thm} \end{array} \right. \text{and}$$

$$G \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \\ \begin{cases} (a,b) \mapsto (a \bmod 2, b \bmod 2) \\ G_K \cong \end{cases} \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$$

6. The group  $\mathbb{Z}_{10} \times \mathbb{Z}_{85}$  is cyclic.

False let  $(a,b) \in \mathbb{Z}_{10} \times \mathbb{Z}_{85}$ .

Recall  $\text{da} = \frac{10}{\text{gcd}(a,10)} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{db} = \frac{85}{\text{gcd}(b,85)}$  and so

$\text{d}(a,b) = \text{lcm}\left(\frac{10}{\text{gcd}(a,10)}, \frac{85}{\text{gcd}(b,85)}\right)$ , even if  $\text{gcd}(a,10) = 1 = \text{gcd}(b,85)$   
 the lcm would be  $2 \cdot 5 \cdot 17 = 170$  (the larger order possible for  $(a,b)$ )  
 but  $|1\mathbb{Z}_{10} \times 1\mathbb{Z}_{85}| = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 17 = 850$

7. All rings have an abelian group structure.

True the abelian group structure is required in the definition of a ring for the first binary operator.

8. The element  $(2,3)$  is a zero divisor in the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_6$ .

True

$$(2,3) \cdot (2,3) = (2 \cdot 2, 3 \cdot 3) = (0,0)$$

*Types*

9. For each of the algebraic structures, list *all* properties that it is guaranteed to satisfy:

**Algebraic Structures**

**Properties**

<i>NF</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>A</i>	a) vector space	<i>A)</i> the set is closed under addition
<i>I</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>B</i>	b) group (assume binary operation is multiplicative)	<i>B)</i> the set is closed under multiplication
<i>I</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>B</i>	c) quotient/factor group (assume binary operation is multiplicative)	<i>C)</i> there is a 0 (additive identity)
<i>I</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>B</i>	d) cyclic group (assume binary operation is multiplicative)	<i>D)</i> there is a 1 (multiplicative identity)
<i>I</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>B</i>	e) normal subgroup (assume binary operation is multiplicative)	<i>E)</i> multiplication is commutative
<i>F</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>A</i>	f) ring	<i>F)</i> addition is commutative
<i>NF</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>C B A</i>	g) division ring	<i>G)</i> cancellation laws hold (for all binary operations)

Free Response: Show your work for the following problems. The correct answer with no supporting work will receive NO credit.  
(If you use a calculator, be sure to tell me.)

10. For a group  $G$  and an element of the group  $g$ , which is larger: the order of the group or the order of the element? When are they equal?

$o(g) \leq |G|$  primary b/c of multiplicative closure,  $g^n \in G \forall n$ ,

$o(g) = |G|$  when  $G$  is a cyclic group  
and  $g$  is a generator. (There may be more than 1 generator)

11. Express the permutation  $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 2 & 3 & 8 & 5 & 6 & 4 & 7 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  from  $S_8$  as:

(a) a product of disjoint cycles;

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

(b) a product of transpositions.

$$(1, 8)(1, 3)(1, 2)(4, 6)(4, 5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c) Compute } \sigma^4. \quad & [(1, 2, 3, 8)(4, 5, 6)(7)]^4 \rightarrow (4, 5, 6)^3(4, 5, 6) \\ & - (1, 2, 3, 8)^4(4, 5, 6)^4(7) \quad \rightarrow (4, 5, 6) \\ & = (1)(2)(3)(8) (4, 5, 6)^3(4, 5, 6)(7) \end{aligned}$$

(d) Find the order of  $\sigma$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(\sigma) &= \text{lcm}(\text{lcm}(\sigma(1, 2, 3, 8), \sigma(4, 5, 6)), \\ &\quad \text{lcm}(4, 3)) \circ \text{lcm}(12) \end{aligned}$$

(e) Write down  $\sigma^{-1}$ .

$$\sigma^{-1} = (1, 8, 3, 2)(4, 6, 5)$$

I should add  
another interesting  
question here  
involving centralizers,  
or normalizers ...

add  $\infty$  on  $\mathbb{P}^1$

and make one actually a homomorphism.

12. Classify each of the following maps as either: not a homomorphism, homomorphism, monomorphism, epimorphism, isomorphism, or automorphism. Prove your classification.

(12)

$$\mathbb{Z}_6 \xrightarrow{\varphi} (\mathbb{Z}_{18}, +)$$

$$x \mapsto 3x+5$$

not homomorphism note:

welldefined: if  $a \equiv b \pmod{6}$ , then  $\exists d \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\Rightarrow a = b + 6d \text{ and } \varphi(a) = 3a+5$$

$$\text{whereas } \varphi(a) = \varphi(b+6d) = 3(b+6d)+5$$

$$\text{Notice } \varphi(a) = 3b+18d+5 \equiv 3a+5 \pmod{18}$$

$$\therefore \varphi(a) = \varphi(b).$$

$$\text{homomorphism: } \varphi(a) \varphi(b) = (3a+5)(3b+5)$$

$$(\mathbb{Q}, +) \xrightarrow{x} (\mathbb{Q}, +) \text{ not a well defined map. Notice}$$

$$\frac{m}{n} \mapsto \frac{m^2}{n^2+1}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4} \text{ in } \mathbb{Q} \text{ but}$$

$$\varphi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{4}{17} = \varphi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$= 9ab + 15a + 15b + 25 \text{ consider } a = 1, b = 2$$

$$\varphi(ab) = 14$$

$$\varphi(a)\varphi(b) = 8 \cdot 11$$

$$= 16 \pmod{18}$$

13. Groups  $D_4$  and  $Q_8$  have 8 elements. Show that they are not isomorphic.

We could write down their Cayley tables...

or we could consider the order of elements since if  $\varphi: D_4 \rightarrow Q_8$  was an isomorphism  $\text{ord}(x) = \text{ord}(\varphi(x))$ .

Notice  $Q_8$  has 3 elements of order 4 whereas  $D_4$  has only 2.

or we could compare the lattice of subgroups since if  $\varphi: D_4 \rightarrow Q_8$  was an isomorphism there would be a 1-to-1 correspondence between the lattices!

14. Suppose that  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . Show that the intersection of all conjugate subgroups of  $H$ ,  $\bigcap_{x \in G} xHx^{-1}$ , forms a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

Solution: Notice  $e \in H$  and  $xex^{-1} \in e \bigcap_{x \in G} xHx^{-1}$   
so this is a nonempty set.

(closure) Let  $a, b \in \bigcap_{x \in G} xHx^{-1} \Rightarrow a, b \in xHx^{-1} \forall x \in G$

$\Rightarrow \exists h_1, h_2 \in H \ni xh_1x^{-1} = a \text{ and } xh_2x^{-1} = b$ , so

$$ab = (xh_1x^{-1})(xh_2x^{-1}) = xh_1h_2x^{-1} \in H \subset G \text{ since } h_1, h_2 \in H$$

$\Rightarrow xh_1h_2x^{-1} \in xHx^{-1}$ . Since this holds  $\forall x \in G \Rightarrow ab \in \bigcap_{x \in G} xHx^{-1}$

(inverses) Let  $a \in \bigcap_{x \in G} xHx^{-1} \Rightarrow a \in xHx^{-1} \forall x \in G \Rightarrow \exists h_x \in H \ni$

$a = xh_xx^{-1}$ . Since  $H \subset G$ ,  $h_x^{-1} \in H$ . Consider  $xh_x^{-1}x^{-1}$ :

$$a^{-1} = (xh_xx^{-1})^{-1} = xh_x^{-1}x^{-1} = e, \text{ similarly } xh_x^{-1}x^{-1}a = e$$

$\Rightarrow xh_x^{-1}x^{-1} = a^{-1}$ . Since  $x$  was arbitrary  $a^{-1} \in \bigcap_{x \in G} xHx^{-1}$ .

Normal: let  $a \in \bigcap_{x \in G} xHx^{-1}$ , then for each  $x \in G \exists h_x \in H$  so that  $a = xh_xx^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow gag^{-1} = g x h_x x^{-1} g^{-1} = (gx)h_x(gx)^{-1} \forall x \in G \text{ so } gag^{-1} \in \bigcap_{x \in G} xHx^{-1}$$

*Sorry for not  
having this  
earlier*

15. Let  $G = S_4$  and  $H$  be something non trivial that makes sense. Define  $\phi : G \rightarrow H \dots$

- (a) Create the subgroup lattice of  $G$ .

- (b) Find  $\ker(\phi)$ .

$$\text{Ker } \phi = \{g \in S_4 \mid \phi(g) = e_H\}$$

- (c) The factor group  $G/\ker(\phi)$  is isomorphic to a familiar group talked about in this course. Find out what it is and then build an isomorphism.

- (d) Draw the subgroup lattice of  $G/\ker(\phi)$ .