

MATH2022 Week 08  
Worksheet

Q1/ Find all powers of 3 in  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ :

$$3^1 = \square, \quad 3^2 = \square, \quad 3^3 = \square,$$

$$3^4 = \square, \quad 3^5 = \square, \quad 3^6 = \square$$

Thus, under multiplication,

$$\langle 3 \rangle =$$

True or false:

$\mathbb{Z}_7 \setminus \{0\}$  is a cyclic group. T F

Find the rule for an isomorphism from

$\mathbb{Z}_7 \setminus \{0\}$  under multiplication to

$\mathbb{Z}_6$  under addition:

$$3^i \mapsto \square \quad \text{for } i = 0, \dots, 5.$$

Q2/ Find all powers of 3 in  $\mathbb{Z}_{13}$ :

$$3^1 = 3, \quad 3^2 =$$

Thus  $\langle 3 \rangle =$

Find all powers of 2 in  $\mathbb{Z}_{13}$ :

$$2^1 = 2, \quad 2^2 =$$

Thus  $\langle 2 \rangle =$

True or false:

$\mathbb{Z}_{13} \setminus \{0\}$  is a cyclic group. T F

Find the rule for an isomorphism from  $\mathbb{Z}_{13} \setminus \{0\}$  to  $(\mathbb{Z}_{12}, +)$ :

$$2^i \mapsto \boxed{\phantom{000}} \text{ for } i = 0, \dots, 11.$$

Q3/ The symbols  $\langle x \rangle$  need to be read in context. In this exercise generation is with respect to addition.

True or false :

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|-----|---|-----|
| (a) | $\mathbb{Z}_6 = \langle 1 \rangle$                          | T F |
| (b) | $\mathbb{Z}_6 = \langle 2 \rangle$                          | T F |
| (c) | $\mathbb{Z}_6$ is cyclic.                                   | T F |
| (d) | $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 = \langle (1, 1) \rangle$ | T F |
| (e) | $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 = \langle (1, 2) \rangle$ | T F |
| (f) | $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ is cyclic.               | T F |
| (g) | $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 = \langle (1, 1) \rangle$ | T F |
| (h) | $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 = \langle (1, 2) \rangle$ | T F |
| (i) | $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ is cyclic                | T F |
| (j) | $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$ is cyclic                | T F |
| (k) | $\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_6$ is cyclic                | T F |

Q4/ Let  $G = \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle$  be the group of symmetries of a regular  $n$ -gon where  $n \geq 3$  and

$\alpha$  = rotation  $2\pi/n$ ,

$\beta$  = reflection in an axis of symmetry.

Recall that  $\alpha^n = \beta^2 = 1$  and

$$\alpha\beta = \beta\alpha^{-1}$$

and

$$\beta\alpha = \alpha^{-1}\beta$$

Put

$$\gamma = \alpha^4 \beta^3 \alpha^{-2} \beta \alpha^5 \beta \alpha^{-3}$$

Simplify  $\gamma$  in the following cases:

(a)  $n = 5$ :

(b)  $n = 6$ :

(c)  $n = 7$ :

Q5/ Consider the permutations

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

$$\beta = (2\ 4\ 6)(3\ 7)(1\ 5\ 8).$$

Find

$$\alpha\beta =$$

$$\beta\alpha =$$

$$\beta^{-1}\alpha\beta =$$

$$\alpha^{-1}\beta\alpha =$$

Find a permutation  $\delta$  such that

$$\beta = \delta^{-1}\alpha\delta.$$

Answer (one of many):  $\delta =$

How many such  $\delta$  are possible?

Q6/ Consider the 15-puzzle

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	

Consider the following configuration

2	14	4	6
10	1	15	7
8	9	13	11
12	5	3	

Write down the associated permutation:

Is it even or odd?

Is the configuration possible?

Q7/ Consider the 15-puzzle:

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	

Consider the following configuration:

1	5	8	10
11	2	6	9
14	12	3	7
	15	13	4

Write down the associated permutation where the blank square is labelled 16:

Is it even or odd?

Is the configuration possible?



Q8/ Working over  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ , complete the following multiplication table mod  $x^3 + x + 1$ , that is,  
 $x^3 + x + 1 = 0$ , so  $x^3 = x + 1 = 1 + x$ .

	0	1	$x$	$1+x$	$x^2$	$1+x^2$	$x+x^2$	$1+x+x^2$
0								
1								
$x$								
$1+x$								
$x^2$								
$1+x^2$								
$x+x^2$								
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Do we get a field?

The nonzero elements form a cyclic group,  
 and each element  $\neq 1$  is a generator.  
 Verify this for powers of  $x$ :