

Homework 3: Groups and Proofs

CSE 20 Introduction to Discrete Mathematics

Due 2pm Tuesday (at the Loft) July 22, 2014 or in class on Monday 7/21

Groups

- G.1. Give two reasons that the set of odd integers under addition is not a group.
- G.2. Let $S = \mathbb{Z}$ be the set of all integers. Show that the binary operation of subtraction is not associative, therefore the set of integers under subtraction does *not* form a group.
- G.3. Let $2\mathbb{Z}$ be the set of all even integers. Show that this forms a group under addition.
- G.4. Let $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$. Is S a group under multiplication mod 6?
- G.5. Show the set $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ is a group under multiplication mod 7.
- G.6. Show the set $\mathbb{Z}_6 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ is a group under addition mod 6.
- G.7. For each $n > 1$, we define $U(n)$ to be the set of positive integers less than n that are relatively prime to n . For example $U(10) = \{1, 3, 7, 9\}$. Does $U(10)$ with multiplication mod 10 form a group?
- G.8. Let $S = \{5, 15, 25, 35\}$. Is S a group under multiplication mod 40?
- G.9. Show the subset $S = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ of complex numbers \mathbb{C} forms a group under complex multiplication $(a + bi)(c + di) = (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i$.
- G.10. Let $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$. S forms a group under multiplication mod 11. Find the inverse of $8 \in S$. Find the inverse of $5 \in S$.
- G.X1. (Extra Credit.) Let $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n - 1\}$. Prove that S a group under multiplication mod n if and only if n is prime.
- G.X2. (Extra Credit.) Let $SL(2, F)$ denote the set of all 2×2 matrices $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ with determinant $ad - bc = 1$ mod 5 and entries $a, b, c, d \in F = \mathbb{Z}_5 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$. Prove that $SL(2, F)$ forms a group under matrix multiplication (with arithmetic performed mod 5). Find the inverse of the element $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$. (Note you will need to find the inverse of a general element $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z}_5)$ to show that $SL(2, \mathbb{Z}_5)$ is a group).

The following exercises are taken from [The Book of Proof](#)

Exercises for Chapter 6 Proof by Contradiction

A. Use the method of proof by contradiction to prove the following statements. (In each case, you should also think about how a direct or contrapositive proof would work. You will find in most cases that proof by contradiction is easier.)

6.1. Suppose $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. If n is odd, then n^2 is odd.

6.2. Suppose $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. If n^2 is odd, then n is odd.

6.9. Suppose $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. If a is rational and ab is irrational, then b is irrational.

6.10. There exist no integers a and b for which $21a + 30b = 1$.

6.15. If $b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $b \nmid k$ for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$, then $b = 0$.

6.17. For every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $4 \nmid (n^2 + 2)$.

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Exercises for Chapter 10 Mathematical Induction

Prove the following statements with either induction, strong induction or proof by smallest counterexample.

10.1. For every integer $n \in \mathbb{N}$, it follows that $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + n = \frac{n^2+n}{2}$.

10.3. For every integer $n \in \mathbb{N}$, it follows that $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + 4^3 + \dots + n^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$.

10.5. If $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $2^1 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 2$.

10.6. For every natural number n , it follows that $\sum_{i=1}^n (8i - 5) = 4n^2 - n$.

10.8. If $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $\frac{1}{2!} + \frac{2}{3!} + \frac{3}{4!} + \dots + \frac{n}{(n+1)!} = 1 - \frac{1}{(n+1)!}$.

10.12. For any integer $n \geq 0$, it follows that $9 \mid (4^{3n} + 8)$.