

"Also problems 7.4 # 1 & 4" ← corrected in class from 7.3

1 a show $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $f(x) = 3x$ is
an isomorphism of additive groups

• Check that it is a homomorphism (additive)

$$f(x+y) = 3(x+y) = 3x + 3y = f(x) + f(y)$$

• Check that it is onto:

Let $y \in \mathbb{R}$.

then $y/3 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f(y/3) = 3(y/3) = y$

so f is onto.

• Check that it is 1-1:

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$,

Suppose $f(a) = f(b)$

$$\Rightarrow 3a = 3b$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3a}{3} = \frac{3b}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b \text{ so } f \text{ is } 1-1.$$

This f is
an isomorphism.

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Show $f: \mathbb{R}^{**} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{**}$ is not a homomorphism of the multiplicative group \mathbb{R}^{**} (positive reals)

◦ $2, 3 \in \mathbb{R}^{**}$

$$f(2 \cdot 3) = f(6) = 3 \cdot 6 = 18$$

$$f(2) \cdot f(3) = (3 \cdot 2) \cdot (3 \cdot 3) = 6 \cdot 9 = 54$$

f does not preserve multiplication so it is not an isomorphism (or even a homomorphism) on \mathbb{R}^{**}

7.4 # 4

Prove $f: \mathbb{R}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$ defined by $f(x) = x^3$ is an isomorphism

the function (given)

isomorphism

$\mathbb{R}^* =$ non-zero reals with multiplication.

• show homomorphism:

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^*$

$$f(a \cdot b) = (ab)^3 = a^3 \cdot b^3 = f(a) f(b)$$

• show onto:

Let $y \in \mathbb{R}^*$. then $\sqrt[3]{y} \in \mathbb{R}$ and

$$f(\sqrt[3]{y}) = (\sqrt[3]{y})^3 = y \text{ so } f \text{ is onto.}$$

• show 1-1:

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^*$.

$$\text{Suppose } f(a) = f(b)$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 = b^3$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^3)^{1/3} = (b^3)^{1/3}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b \text{ so } f \text{ is 1-1}$$

Some group theorems you should be able to prove:

Thm 7.1 Every ring is an abelian group under addition.

Let R be a ring:

then R is closed under addition.

It has an additive identity 0 .

Every element (a) has an additive inverse $(-a)$

addition is associative

Therefore $R, +$ is a group

Addition in R is commutative

therefore $R, +$ is an abelian group.

7.2 The non-zero elements F^* of a field F form an abelian group under multiplication.

F is a ring, so ~~it is closed under multiplication~~
— \therefore multiplication is associative

F also has a multiplicative identity, 1 , and every non-zero element (a) has a multiplicative inverse, so every element in F^* has a multiplicative inverse.

Every element in F^* is a unit, and units are never zero-divisors, so if $a, b \in F^*$, then

$ab \in F$ (because F is closed under multiplication)
and $ab \neq 0$ (because a, b are not zero divisors)
so $ab \in F^*$, so F^* is closed under multiplication

F is a commutative ring, so F^* is an abelian group ($ab=ba$).

7.5. Let G be a group, and $a, b, c \in G$, then

- (1.) G has a unique identity.
- (2.) cancellation holds: if $ab=ac$ then $b=c$ and if $ba=ca$ then $b=c$.
- (3.) Each element of G has a unique inverse

Proof of (1): by definition, G has an identity element e .

Suppose it also has an element e' such that $e'a = ae' = a$ for all $a \in G$.

Suppose there are two

tell why there is one

then $e \cdot e' = e'$ because e is an identity

and $e \cdot e' = e$ because e' is an identity

prove they are really the same

→ so $e = e'$, so the identity element is unique.

Proof of (2). Let $ab = ac$

by defn. of group, there is an element $d \in G$ such that $ad = da = e$.

Similarly, if

$$\begin{aligned} ab &= ac \\ \Rightarrow d(ab) &= d(ac) \\ \Rightarrow (da)b &= (da)c \\ \Rightarrow eb &= ec \\ \Rightarrow b &= c \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ba &= ca \\ \Rightarrow (ba)d &= (ca)d \\ \Rightarrow b(ad) &= c(ad) \\ \Rightarrow be &= ce \\ \Rightarrow b &= c. \end{aligned}$$

7.5 proof of (3),

tell why there's one

Let $a \in G$,

(inverse)

by def. of group, there is an element $d \in G$ such that

$$ad = da = e.$$

Suppose there is also

$f \in G$ such that

Suppose there are two

$$af = fa = e$$

$$\text{then } (fa)d = f(ad) = fe = f$$

$$\text{and } (fa)d = ed = d$$

$$\text{so } f = d$$

← prove they are really the same

so a has a unique inverse

Hence every element of G has a unique inverse

Cor. 7.6

If G is a group and $a, b \in G$ then

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

$$(2) (a^{-1})^{-1} = a$$

proof of (1)

$$(ab)(b^{-1}a^{-1}) = a(bb^{-1})a^{-1} = aea^{-1} = aa^{-1} = e$$

$$(b^{-1}a^{-1})(ab) = b^{-1}(a^{-1}a)b = b^{-1}eb = b^{-1}b = e$$

So $b^{-1}a^{-1}$ is an inverse of ab , and by thm 7.5, it is

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

proof of (2)

$$(a^{-1})^{-1} \cdot a^{-1} = e \quad \text{and} \quad a^{-1}(a^{-1})^{-1} = e \quad \text{by defn. of } (a^{-1})^{-1}$$

also $a \cdot a^{-1} = e$ and $a^{-1} \cdot a = e$ by defn. of a^{-1} .

So a is an inverse of a^{-1} and $(a^{-1})^{-1}$ is an inverse of a^{-1} , so by thm 7.5 (uniqueness) $a = (a^{-1})^{-1}$

or
so $(a^{-1})^{-1} \cdot a^{-1} = a \cdot a^{-1}$ and by cancellation (thm. 7.5)

$$(a^{-1})^{-1} = a$$

Start with the definition

End with one of these

7.14. If G is a group, and $a \in G$, then $\langle a \rangle = \{a^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is a subgroup of G .

Note these definitions:

if $n > 0$ then $a^n = \underbrace{a \cdot a \cdot a \cdots a}_{n \text{ times}}$

if $n = 0$ then $a^n = a^0 = e$ ← or 1 or whatever you're calling the identity

if $n < 0$ then $a^n = \underbrace{a^{-1} \cdot a^{-1} \cdots a^{-1}}_{|n| \text{ times}}$

Proof! Let $a^i, a^j \in \langle a \rangle$

then $a^i \cdot a^j = a^{i+j}$ →

so $\langle a \rangle$ is closed.

If $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $-i \in \mathbb{Z}$, so $a^{-i} \in \langle a \rangle$

and $a^i \cdot a^{-i} = a^{-i} \cdot a^i = e$

so inverses are in $\langle a \rangle$

$a^0 = e \in \langle a \rangle$

so $\langle a \rangle$ is a group

(and since $\langle a \rangle \leq G$

$\langle a \rangle$ is a subgroup of G)

To do this justice, we should do a bunch of cases, like $i, j > 0$; $i = 0$; $i, j < 0$; $i < 0, j > 0$, $|i| > |j|$ etc.

I might conceivably ask you to do one. For instance $i < 0, j > 0, |i| > |j|$

then $a^i \cdot a^j = \underbrace{a^{-1} \cdot a^{-1} \cdots a^{-1}}_{|i| \text{ times}} \cdot \underbrace{a \cdot a \cdots a}_j$

$= \underbrace{a^{-1} \cdot a^{-1} \cdots a^{-1}}_{|i|-j \text{ times}} \cdot \underbrace{(a^{-1} \cdot a^{-1} \cdots a^{-1} \cdot a \cdot a \cdots a)}_{j \text{ times}}$

$= \underbrace{a^{-1} \cdot a^{-1} \cdots a^{-1}}_{|i|-j \text{ times}} \cdot e = a^{i+j}$

$|i|-j = i+j$