

① Let  $S$  be a set and let  $f: S \rightarrow S$  be a function.

(a)  $(\Rightarrow)$  Suppose  $f$  is one-to-one.

Define a function  $g: S \rightarrow S$  such that for  $x \in S$ :

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} f^{-1}(x) & \text{if } x \in \text{Img}(f); \\ a & \text{if } x \notin \text{Img}(f); \end{cases}$$

$\text{Img}(f) = \{y \in S \mid f(x) = y, \text{ for some } x \in S\}$   
 $a$  is any fixed element of  $S$

claim:  $g(x)$  is a well-defined function. Pf: Let  $x \in S$ .

clearly, if  $x \notin \text{Img}(f)$ , then  $f(x) = a$ , where  $a$  is a fixed element of  $S$  and thus  $g$  in this case is well-defined.

Otherwise, if  $x \in \text{Img}(f)$  then  $f(x)$  is a unique element since  $f$  is one-to-one, i.e.  $\forall x, y \in S: f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow x = y$ . therefore, it makes sense to use the inverse of  $f$  only when  $x \in \text{Img}(f)$ , so that  $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$ . this shows that  $g$  is well defined over  $S$ . End of claim.

To show that  $g$  is the function we want (left inverse of  $f$ ),

let  $x \in S$ . then:

$$\begin{aligned} (g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) \\ &= f^{-1}(f(x)) \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

since  $f(x) \in \text{Img}(f)$  and definition of  $g$ .

Hence,  $g \circ f = \text{id}$ .

$(\Leftarrow)$  Suppose that there exists a function  $g: S \rightarrow S$  such that  $g \circ f = \text{id}$ .

Let  $x, y \in S$ . be such that  $f(x) = f(y)$ . then.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(y) \\ g(f(x)) &= g(f(y)) \\ (g \circ f)(x) &= (g \circ f)(y) \\ x &= y \end{aligned}$$

apply  $g$  to both sides  
 By definition of function composition  
 since  $g \circ f = \text{id}$ .

Hence,  $f$  is one-to-one.

(b) ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $f$  is onto, i.e.,  $\forall y \in S: \exists x \in S$  s.t.  $f(x) = y$

Define the function  $g: S \rightarrow S$  such that for an arbitrary element  $y \in S$   
 $g(y) = x$  if and only if  $f(x) = y$ . Since  $f$  is onto we know that such an element  $f(x) = y$  exist  $\forall y \in S$ . If there are more than one (as we are not assuming  $f$  to be one-to-one) then pick one (any).

Then, for any  $y \in S$ :  $(f \circ g)(y) = f(g(y))$  By composition of functions  
 $= f(x)$  By construction of  $g$   
 $= y$

Hence,  $f \circ g = \text{id}$ . ✓ *Good*

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose that there exists a function  $g: S \rightarrow S$  such that  $f \circ g = \text{id}$

Let  $x \in S$ . then  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$   
 $= x$

So that  $\forall x \in S: \exists y \in S$ , in particular  $y = g(x)$ , s.t.  $f(y) = x$ .

Hence,  $f$  is onto. ✓ *Good*

*Part c is done easily by using the result of a and b*

(c) ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose that there exists a function  $g: S \rightarrow S$  such that  $f \circ g = g \circ f = \text{id}$ . We want to prove: i)  $f$  is one-to-one and ii)  $f$  is onto.

i) Let  $x, y \in S$  be such that  $f(x) = f(y)$ . Apply  $g$  to both sides:  
 $g(f(x)) = g(f(y)) \Leftrightarrow (g \circ f)(x) = (g \circ f)(y) \Leftrightarrow x = y$ . Hence,  $f$  is 1-1.

ii) Let  $x \in S$ . then  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = x$ . So that there exists  $y = g(x) \in S$  s.t.  $f(y) = x$ . Hence,  $f$  is onto.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose that  $f$  is one-to-one and onto. Define  $g: S \rightarrow S$  for an arbitrary element  $x \in S$  to be:  $g(x) = y \Leftrightarrow x = f(y)$

claim:  $g$  is a well-defined function. Using ideas developed before:

Pf: Since  $f$  is onto: given  $y \in S$  we can always find  $x \in S$  s.t.  $f(x) = y$ . Moreover, since  $f$  is one-to-one, such  $x$  is uniquely determined.

End of claim

Finally, show that  $g$  is both left and right inverse.

Given  $x \in X$ :  $g(x) = y$  By def of  $g$ .  
 Apply  $f$  to both sides  
 $f(g(x)) = f(y)$   
 $(f \circ g)(x) = y$  Hence,  $f \circ g = id$ .

Likewise,  $y \in X$ :  $f(y) = x$  By def. +10  
 Apply  $g$  to both sides  
 $g(f(y)) = g(x)$   
 $(g \circ f)(y) = x$  Hence,  $g \circ f = id$

Therefore,  $f \circ g = g \circ f = id$ . ( $g$  is the inverse of  $f$ ).

(d) Let  $T = \{f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}\}$  (set of functions from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{N}$ ).

with usual function composition as the associative operation.  
 As we know, there is an identity for this set:  $id: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ ;  $id(n) = n$   
 Since, for any  $f \in T$ :  $(f \circ id)(n) = f(id(n)) = f(n) = id(f(n)) = (id \circ f)(n)$ .

The following element is left invertible:

$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  where  $f(n) = n+1$ .

its left inverse is:

$g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  where  $g(n) = 0$  if  $n=0$ ; otherwise  $g(n) = n-1$  if  $n > 0$

Note that  $g$  is a member of  $T$  since  $g(0) = 0 = g(n) \in \mathbb{N}$ , so  $g$  takes values in the proper codomain.

Moreover,  $g$  is a left inverse of  $f$  since:

For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :  $(g \circ f)(n) = g(f(n)) = g(n+1) = (n+1)-1 = n$ , since  $n+1 > 0$

But  $f$  does not have a right inverse, since  $f$  is not onto (part (b) of this exercise). To show that  $f$  is not onto:

Let  $n=0$ . Find  $n'$  s.t.  $f(n')=0$ . But  $f(n') = n'+1 = 0 \Rightarrow n' = -1 \notin \mathbb{N}$ .

2. Let  $S$  be a finite set and let  $f: S \rightarrow S$  be a function.

Note that it suffices to show that  $(a) \Rightarrow (b)$  and  $(b) \Rightarrow (a)$ , and all other implications will follow. This is because.

Suppose  $(a) \Leftrightarrow (b)$  (which will be proved next).  
 then:  $(a) \Rightarrow (c)$  since  $(a) \Rightarrow (b)$  and  $(a) \wedge (b) \Rightarrow (c)$ . Likewise  
 $(b) \Rightarrow (c)$  since  $(b) \Rightarrow (a)$  and  $(a) \wedge (b) \Rightarrow (c)$ .

Other implications are trivial (e.g.  $(c) \Rightarrow (a) \wedge (b)$ ).

Now let us prove  $(a) \Leftrightarrow (b)$ .

$(a) \Rightarrow (b)$ . Suppose  $f$  is not onto. For a contradiction, suppose that  $f$  is not onto. then  $|\text{Im}(f)| < |S|$ . By definition:

$\text{Im}(f) = \{y \in S : f(x) = y \text{ for some } x \in S\}$ . Since  $S$  is a finite set, we can label all its elements as follows:  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$  where  $n = |S|$ .

We can then form the set  $\text{Im}(f) = \{f(s_1), f(s_2), \dots, f(s_n)\}$ . Now, look at  $|\text{Im}(f)|$ . Since  $f$  is one-to-one and all of  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$  are distinct elements, then  $f(s_1), f(s_2), \dots, f(s_n)$  must be distinct elements. But then

$$|\text{Im}(f)| = |\{f(s_1), f(s_2), \dots, f(s_n)\}| = n = |S| < |S|, \text{ by previous assumption.}$$

this is a clear contradiction and thus,  $f$  is onto.

$(b) \Rightarrow (a)$ . Suppose  $f$  is onto. For a contradiction, suppose that  $f$  is not one-to-one. In a similar argument as before, first that  $|\text{Im}(f)| = |S|$ , since  $f$  is onto. Look at the set:

$\text{Im}(f) = \{f(s_1), f(s_2), \dots, f(s_n)\}$ . Since  $f$  is not one-to-one there exists distinct elements  $s_i, s_j$  with  $i \neq j, 1 \leq i, j \leq n$  such that  $f(s_i) = f(s_j)$ . In particular, this means that there are at least

two elements in  $\text{Im}(f)$  that are really the same. Hence  $|\text{Im}(f)| = |S| \leq |S| - 1$ ; a contradiction. Thus,  $f$  is one-to-one.

3. Let  $(G, \#)$  be a group and let  $H$  be a nonempty finite subset of  $G$ . Prove that  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  if and only if  $H$  is closed under  $\#$ .

Pf:  $(\Rightarrow)$  Suppose that  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . then by definition of subgroup  $H$  is closed under  $\#$ .

$(\Leftarrow)$  Suppose that  $H$  is closed under  $\#$ .

Here we will adopt the usual notation for powers of an element in a group, i.e.,  $\underbrace{h \# h \# \dots \# h}_{k \text{ times}} = h^k$ , for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \geq 1$ .  $h^0 = e$  identity of  $G$ .

$\underbrace{h^{-1} \# h^{-1} \# \dots \# h^{-1}}_{l \text{ times}} = h^{-l}$  (with usual power laws).

Claim:  $e \in H$ .

Pf: Consider the sequence:  $h, h^2, h^3, \dots, h^n, \dots$ . Since  $H$  is closed under  $\#$  and it is finite, we know there must be at least one repetition in this sequence. Let  $m > n$  be positive integers such that  $h^m = h^n$ . The element  $h^n$  has an inverse in  $G$  because  $h^n \in G$  and  $G$  is a group. Apply  $h^{-n}$  to both sides of  $h^m = h^n$ .

$$h^m = h^n \Rightarrow h^m \# h^{-n} = h^n \# h^{-n} = e, \text{ by properties of } G.$$

$$\Rightarrow h^{m-n} = e.$$

Since  $m > n$  is true that  $m-n > 0$ . So let  $t = m-n$  a positive integer. We have found a positive power of  $h$  to be the identity  $e \in H$ . End of claim

claim: for any  $h \in H \Rightarrow h^{-1} = h^{m-n} \# h^{-1} = h^{m-n-1}$ , with  $m, n$  picked as before.

Pf:  $h \# h^{m-n-1} = h^{1+m-n-1} = h^{m-n} = e = h^{m-n-1+1} = h^{m-n-1} \# h$

Note that by our choice of  $m, n$ ,  $m > n \Rightarrow m-n > 0 \Rightarrow m-n-1 \geq 0 \Rightarrow m-n-1 \geq 0$ . So that  $h^{m-n-1} = h^{-1} \in H$ , since  $h^{m-n-1}$  is a positive power of  $h$ . Therefore, all element  $h \in H$  have an inverse  $h^{-1} = h^{m-n-1}$ , where  $m, n$  depend on the choice of  $h$ . this proves that  $H$  is a subgroup of  $(G, \#)$ . (note that  $e$  is its own inverse  $e = h^{m-n}$ , so  $e \in H \Rightarrow e^{-1} \in H$ ).

4. Let  $G$  be a set with an associative operation that satisfies two properties:

(a)  $\exists e \in G: ge = g \ \forall g \in G.$

(b)  $\forall g \in G: \exists h \in G: gh = e.$

Prove that  $G$  is a group under this operation.

Pf: Need to prove the following three properties:

(1) the operation is associative

(2)  $\exists t \in G: \forall g \in G: tg = gt = g$

(3)  $\forall g \in G: \exists g^{-1} \in G: gg^{-1} = g^{-1}g = g$

(1) is given to us as a hypothesis.

(3) two cases:

(i)  $e$  is the only element in  $G$ . then  $e$  is its own inverse:  $ee = e$

(ii) there exists some other element in  $G$  distinct from  $e$ .

Let  $g \in G$ . by (b) there exists  $h \in G$  s.t.  $gh = e$ . But, since  $h \in G$ , by (a) there exists  $s \in G$  s.t.  $hs = e$ . therefore:

$$hg = \underset{\text{by (a)}}{(hg)}e = \underset{hs=e}{(hg)(hs)} = \underset{\text{associativity}}{h((gh)s)} = \underset{gh=e}{h(es)} = \underset{\text{associativity}}{(he)s} = hs = e.$$

therefore; given  $g \in G$ , the element  $h$  provided in (b) is its inverse since  $gh = hg = e$

(2) Like before, two cases:

(i)  $e$  is the only element in  $G$ . then  $e$  is the identity  $ee = e$

(ii) Let  $g \in G$ . by (b) there exists  $h \in G$  s.t.  $gh = e$ . Moreover, there exist  $s \in G$  s.t.  $hs = e$  (by (b)). Hence:

$$eg = (gh)g = g(h(ge)) = g(h(g(hs))) = g(h((gh)s)) = g(h(es)) = g(hs) = ge = g.$$

So the element  $e$  provided in (a) is the identity since  $eg = ge = g$ .

therefore,  $G$  is a group under this operation.

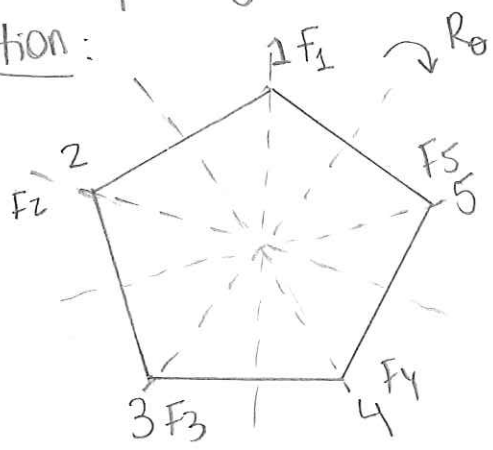
5. Write down the group table for  $D_4$ .

Solution: Let  $D_4 = \{I, R_1, R_2, R_3, D_1, D_2, H, V\}$

	I	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	D <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	H	V
I	I	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	D <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	H	V
R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	I	V	H	D <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>
R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	I	R <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>1</sub>	V	H
R <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	I	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	H	V	D <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>1</sub>
D <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>1</sub>	H	D <sub>2</sub>	V	I	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>
D <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	V	D <sub>1</sub>	H	R <sub>2</sub>	I	R <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>
H	H	D <sub>2</sub>	V	D <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	I	R <sub>2</sub>
V	V	D <sub>1</sub>	H	D <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	I

6. Determine the elements of  $D_5$ , the group of symmetries of the regular pentagon.

Solution:



$F_i$  = reflection through corner  $i$ .  
 $R_\theta$  = rotation of angle  $\theta$

From the picture we can conclude that there are 10 elements in  $D_5$ , including the identity:  $I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Hence:  $D_5 = \{I, R_{72^\circ}, R_{144^\circ}, R_{216^\circ}, R_{288^\circ}, F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4, F_5\}$

these elements act on the corner of the pentagon as follow:

$$F_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}; F_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}; F_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}; F_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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