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MA 361 - 05/05/2003 FINAL EXAM	Spring 2003 A. Corso	Name: <u>Answer Key</u>
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PLEASE, BE NEAT AND SHOW ALL YOUR WORK; JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWER.

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Problem Number	Possible Points	Points Earned
1	20	
2	20	
3	15	
4	15	
5	15	
6	15	
TOTAL	100	

1. (i) Compute the indicated product of cycles that are permutations of  $S_8$

$$* (1, 2)(4, 7, 8)(2, 1)(7, 2, 8, 1, 5)$$

$$* (1, 4, 5)(7, 8)(2, 5, 7).$$

(ii) Express the following permutation of  $S_8$

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 7 & 2 & 5 & 8 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

as product of disjoint cycles and then as product of transpositions.

(iii) Consider the following permutations of  $S_6$

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

and compute

$$\tau\sigma, \quad \tau^2\sigma, \quad \sigma^{-1}\tau\sigma, \quad \sigma^{100}, \quad |\langle \tau^2 \rangle|.$$

(iv) Find the index of  $\langle \sigma \rangle = (1, 2, 5, 4)(2, 3)$  in  $S_5$ .

All these are previous  
homework assignments  
and in previous tests---

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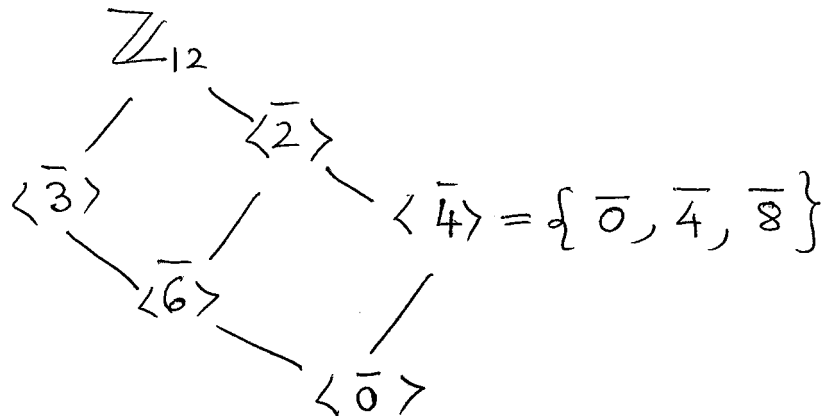
2. (i) Draw the subgroup diagram for the subgroups of the group  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$ .

(ii) Find all cosets of the subgroup  $\langle \bar{4} \rangle$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$ .

(iii) Find the number of automorphisms of  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$ .

→ (iv) Find the order of  $\bar{26} + \langle \bar{12} \rangle$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{60}/\langle \bar{12} \rangle$ .

(i) We saw in an earlier exam that  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  has the following diagram



(ii) there are 4 cosets of  $\langle \bar{4} \rangle$ :

$$\langle \bar{4} \rangle = \{ \bar{0}, \bar{4}, \bar{8} \} \quad \bar{1} + \langle \bar{4} \rangle = \{ \bar{1}, \bar{5}, \bar{9} \}$$

$$\bar{2} + \langle \bar{4} \rangle = \{ \bar{2}, \bar{6}, \bar{10} \} \quad \bar{3} + \langle \bar{4} \rangle = \{ \bar{3}, \bar{7}, \bar{11} \}$$

(iii)  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  has 4 generators:  $\bar{1}, \bar{5}, \bar{7}, \bar{11}$ .

Thus we have 4 distinct automorphisms of  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  since a generator has to be mapped to a generator.

(iv) Notice that  $\mathbb{Z}_{60}/\langle \bar{12} \rangle$  is a group of order  $\frac{60}{|\langle \bar{12} \rangle|} = \frac{60}{5} = \underline{\underline{12}}$  Thus the order

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of  $\bar{26} + \langle \bar{12} \rangle$  must be a divisor of 12. Check that it is 6

3. Choose one of the following problems:

(a) Determine whether the map

$$\varphi: (M_2(\mathbb{R}), \cdot) \longrightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \cdot),$$

where  $\varphi(A) = \det(A)$ , is an isomorphism of binary structures.

Explain.

(b) Let  $F$  be the set of all functions  $f$  mapping  $\mathbb{R}$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  that have derivatives of all orders. Determine whether the map

$$\varphi: (F, +) \longrightarrow (F, +),$$

where  $\varphi(f)(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^x f(t) dt$ , is an isomorphism of binary structures.

Explain.

(a)  $\det(A \cdot B) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$  So

$\varphi$  is a homomorphism of groups -

Notice that for  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  then

$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  has  $\det(A) = a$ . Thus

$\varphi$  is surjective. However  $\varphi$  is not injective as different matrices can have the same determinant.

(b)  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism as  $\varphi(f)(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^x f(t) dt = f(x)$  by the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. I.e.  $\varphi(f) = f$ .  
I.e.  $\varphi$  is the identity map

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4. Choose one of the following problems:

(a) Let  $S$  be the set of all real numbers except  $-1$ . Define  $*$  on  $S$  by

$$a * b = a + b + ab.$$

(i) Show that  $*$  gives a binary operation on  $S$ .

(ii) Show that  $(S, *)$  is a group.

(b) Let  $\varphi: G \rightarrow G'$  be an homomorphism of groups.

If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , then  $\varphi[H]$  is a subgroup of  $G'$ .

(a) (i) The issue is to show that for  $a, b \neq -1$  then  $a * b \neq -1$ .  
 Suppose  $a * b = a + b + ab = -1$ . Then  
 $a + b + ab + 1 = 0$  or  $a(1+b) + b + 1 = 0$   
 or  $(a+1)(b+1) = 0$ , In  $\mathbb{R}$  this implies  
 that either  $a = -1$  or  $b = -1$ . Thus  $*$  is  
 a binary operation.

(ii).  $(a * b) * c = (a + b + ab) * c = a + b + ab + c$   
 $+ (a + b + ab)c = a + (b + c + bc) +$   
 $+ a(b + c + bc) = a * (b + c + bc) =$   
 $= a * (b * c)$  so  $*$  is associative.

•  $a * b = a$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$   $\Rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  identity  
 $a + b + ab = a \quad b(1+a) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{b=0}$   
 • for every  $a$ ,  $\exists b$   $a + b + ab = 0$   $\Rightarrow$   $\boxed{\text{pts: } /15}$   $\downarrow$  inverse

(b) It is a Theorem we have proved in class  $\downarrow$   
 $\boxed{a^{-1} = b^{-1} = \frac{-a}{1+a}}$

5. Choose one of the following problems:

- (a) Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$ . For  $a, b \in G$ , let  $a \sim b$  if and only if  $ab^{-1} \in H$ . Show that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $G$ .
- (b) Let  $G$  be a group and suppose  $a \in G$  generates a cyclic subgroup of order 2 and is the unique such element. Show that  $ax = xa$  for all  $x \in G$ .

$$(a) \quad a \sim b \iff ab^{-1} \in H$$

(1) reflexive:  $a \sim a$ , This is true as

$$aa^{-1} = e \in H$$

(2) symmetric  $a \sim b \iff ab^{-1} \in H$ . But  $H$  is a subgroup so  $(ab^{-1})^{-1} \in H$

$$\text{i.e. } (b^{-1})^{-1}a^{-1} \in H \text{ or } ba^{-1} \in H \iff$$

$$b \sim a$$

(3) transitive:  $a \sim b$  and  $b \sim c \implies a \sim c$

$$a \sim b \iff ab^{-1} \in H; \quad b \sim c \iff bc^{-1} \in H$$

But  $H$  is closed under  $*$  so

$$(ab^{-1})(bc^{-1}) = ac^{-1} \in H \iff a \sim c$$

(b) Consider any  $x \in G$  and  $x^{-1}ax$ . Notice

$$\begin{aligned} \text{that } (x^{-1}ax)^2 &= (x^{-1}ax)(x^{-1}ax) = \\ &= x^{-1}a^2x = x^{-1}ex = x^{-1}x = e. \end{aligned}$$

But  $a$  is the unique of order 2

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$$\text{So } x^{-1}ax = a \text{ or } ax = xa.$$

6. Choose one of the following problems:

- (a) A **torsion group** is a group all of whose elements have finite order. A group is **torsion free** if the identity is the only element of finite order.

Prove that the torsion subgroup  $T$  of an abelian group  $G$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ , and that  $G/T$  is torsion free.

- (b) Show that the inner automorphisms of a group  $G$  form a normal subgroup of all automorphisms of  $G$  under compositions.

$$(a) T = \{ g \in G \mid g^n = e \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \}$$

Let  $g \in T$  and  $\tilde{g}$  any element of  $G$ .

We need to show that  $\tilde{g}^{-1} g \tilde{g} \in T$ .  $\Rightarrow$

$g^n = e$  (as  $g \in T$ ) we have that

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{g}^{-1} g \tilde{g})^n &= (\tilde{g}^{-1} g \tilde{g}) (\tilde{g}^{-1} g \tilde{g}) \cdots (\tilde{g}^{-1} g \tilde{g}) \\ &= \tilde{g}^{-1} \underbrace{g^n}_{=e} \tilde{g} = \tilde{g}^{-1} \tilde{g} = e. \quad \therefore \tilde{g}^{-1} g \tilde{g} \in T. \end{aligned}$$

Consider now  $G/T = \{ T, g_2T, \dots, g_iT, \dots \}$

Suppose  $(g_iT)^k = e_{G/T} = T$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

observe that

$$(g_iT)^k = (g_iT) \underbrace{(g_iT) \cdots (g_iT)}_{k \text{ times}} = g_i^k T$$

If  $g_i^k T = T \Rightarrow g_i^k \in T$ . But then

$\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $(g_i^k)^n = e_G$

$$\Rightarrow g_i^{kn} = e_G \Rightarrow g_i \in T.$$

So  $g_iT = T \leftarrow$  the identity of  $G/T$

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(b) Let  $g \in G$ ; the map

$$i_g: G \rightarrow G, \quad i_g(x) = g^{-1} x g$$

is called an inner automorphism

(exercise; check that  $i_g$  is injective, surjective and  $i_g(xy) = i_g(x) i_g(y)$  !!)

$$\text{Inn}(G) = \{ i_g \mid g \in G \}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (i_{g_1} \circ i_{g_2})(x) &= i_{g_1}(i_{g_2}(x)) = g_1^{-1} (g_2^{-1} x g_2) g_1 = \\ &= (g_2 g_1)^{-1} x g_2 g_1 = i_{g_2 g_1}(x), \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore i_{g_1} \circ i_{g_2} \in \text{Inn}(G).$$

Check that  $\text{Inn}(G)$  is a subgroup

~~set~~ of  $\text{Aut}(G) = \{ \varphi: G \rightarrow G \mid \varphi \text{ isom} \}$

- $i_e$  is the identity
- it is closed under composition as we saw above
- Check that  $(i_g)^{-1} = i_{g^{-1}}$

Finally we want to check that



$\text{Inn}(G) \trianglelefteq \text{Aut}(G)$  is a normal subgroup.

Pick  $i_g \in \text{Inn}(G)$  and  $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(G)$

want to check that  $\varphi^{-1} \circ i_g \circ \varphi$  belongs to  $\text{Inn}(G)$ .

But which kind of map  $\varphi^{-1} \circ i_g \circ \varphi$  is?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let's compute } (\varphi^{-1} \circ i_g \circ \varphi)(x) &= \\ &= \varphi^{-1}(i_g(\varphi(x))) = \varphi^{-1}(g^{-1} \varphi(x) g) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \varphi^{-1}(g^{-1}) \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(x)) \varphi^{-1}(g) =$$

$$= [\varphi^{-1}(g)]^{-1} x \varphi^{-1}(g) = i_{\varphi^{-1}(g)}(x)$$

$$\therefore \varphi^{-1} \circ i_g \circ \varphi = i_{\varphi^{-1}(g)} \in \text{Inn}(G).$$

