

Topic 8 Part 1 [382 marks]

A group with the binary operation of multiplication modulo 15 is shown in the following Cayley table.

\times_{15}	1	2	4	7	8	11	13	14
1	1	2	4	7	8	11	13	14
2	2	4	8	14	1	7	11	13
4	4	8	1	13	2	14	7	11
7	7	14	13	4	11	2	1	8
8	8	1	2	11	4	13	14	7
11	11	7	14	2	13	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
13	13	11	7	1	14	<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>f</i>
14	14	13	11	8	7	<i>g</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>i</i>

1a. Find the values represented by each of the letters in the table. [3 marks]

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1b. Find the order of each of the elements of the group. [3 marks]

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1c. Write down the three sets that form subgroups of order 2.

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1d. Find the three sets that form subgroups of order 4.

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Define $f : \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0.5\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $f(x) = \frac{4x+1}{2x-1}$.

2a. Prove that f is an injection.

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2b. Prove that f is not a surjection.

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Consider the set A consisting of all the permutations of the integers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

3a. Two members of A are given by $p = (1\ 2\ 5)$ and $q = (1\ 3)(2\ 5)$.

[4 marks]

Find the single permutation which is equivalent to $q \circ p$.

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3b. State a permutation belonging to A of order

[3 marks]

(i) 4;

(ii) 6.

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3c. Let $P = \{\text{all permutations in } A \text{ where exactly two integers change position}\}$,
and $Q = \{\text{all permutations in } A \text{ where the integer 1 changes position}\}$.

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- (i) List all the elements in $P \cap Q$.
- (ii) Find $n(P \cap Q)$.

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The group $\{G, *\}$ has identity e_G and the group $\{H, \circ\}$ has identity e_H . A homomorphism f is such that $f : G \rightarrow H$. It is given that $f(e_G) = e_H$.

4a. Prove that for all $a \in G$, $f(a^{-1}) = (f(a))^{-1}$.

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4b. Let $\{H, \circ\}$ be the cyclic group of order seven, and let p be a generator.

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Let $x \in G$ such that $f(x) = p^2$.

Find $f(x^{-1})$.

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4c. Given that $f(x * y) = p$, find $f(y)$.

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5a. State Lagrange's theorem.

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$\{G, *\}$ is a group with identity element e . Let $a, b \in G$.

5b. Verify that the inverse of $a * b^{-1}$ is equal to $b * a^{-1}$.

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5c. Let $\{H, *\}$ be a subgroup of $\{G, *\}$. Let R be a relation defined on G by

[8 marks]

$$aRb \Leftrightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H.$$

Prove that R is an equivalence relation, indicating clearly whenever you are using one of the four properties required of a group.

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5d. Let $\{H, *\}$ be a subgroup of $\{G, *\}$. Let R be a relation defined on G by

[3 marks]

$$aRb \Leftrightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H.$$

Show that $aRb \Leftrightarrow a \in Hb$, where Hb is the right coset of H containing b .

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5e. Let $\{H, *\}$ be a subgroup of $\{G, *\}$. Let R be a relation defined on G by

[3 marks]

$$aRb \Leftrightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H.$$

It is given that the number of elements in any right coset of H is equal to the order of H .

Explain how this fact together with parts (c) and (d) prove Lagrange's theorem.

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Consider the set $S_3 = \{p, q, r, s, t, u\}$ of permutations of the elements of the set $\{1, 2, 3\}$, defined by

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, r = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, s = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, t = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, u = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let \circ denote composition of permutations, so $a \circ b$ means b followed by a . You may assume that (S_3, \circ) forms a group.

6a. Complete the following Cayley table

[4 marks]

\circ	p	q	r	s	t	u
p						
q			t			s
r		u		t	s	q
s		t	u			r
t		s	q	r		
u		r	s	q		

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6b. (i) State the inverse of each element.

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(ii) Determine the order of each element.

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6c. Write down the subgroups containing

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- (i) r ,
- (ii) u .

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The binary operation $*$ is defined for $x, y \in S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ by

$$x * y = (x^3 y - xy) \pmod{7}.$$

7a. Find the element e such that $e * y = y$, for all $y \in S$.

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- 7b. (i) Find the least solution of $x * x = e$.
- (ii) Deduce that $(S, *)$ is not a group.

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7c. Determine whether or not e is an identity element.

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The relation R is defined on \mathbb{Z} by xRy if and only if $x^2y \equiv y \pmod{6}$.

8a. Show that the product of three consecutive integers is divisible by 6.

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8b. Hence prove that R is reflexive.

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8c. Find the set of all y for which $5Ry$.

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8d. Find the set of all y for which $3Ry$.

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8e. Using your answers for (c) and (d) show that R is not symmetric.

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Let X and Y be sets. The functions $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow X$ are such that $g \circ f$ is the identity function on X .

9a. Prove that:

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- (i) f is an injection,
- (ii) g is a surjection.

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9b. Given that $X = \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$ and $Y = \mathbb{R}$, choose a suitable pair of functions f and g to show that g is not necessarily a bijection.

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Consider the sets

$$G = \left\{ \frac{n}{6^i} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}, i \in \mathbb{N} \right\}, H = \left\{ \frac{m}{3^j} \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}, j \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

10a. Show that $(G, +)$ forms a group where $+$ denotes addition on \mathbb{Q} . Associativity may be assumed.

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10b. Assuming that $(H, +)$ forms a group, show that it is a proper subgroup of $(G, +)$.

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10c. The mapping $\phi : G \rightarrow G$ is given by $\phi(g) = g + g$, for $g \in G$.

[7 marks]

Prove that ϕ is an isomorphism.

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The binary operation

$*$ is defined on

\mathbb{N} by

$$a * b = 1 + ab.$$

Determine whether or not

$*$

11a. is closed;

[2 marks]

11b. is commutative;

[2 marks]

11c. is associative;

[3 marks]

11d. has an identity element.

[3 marks]

Consider the set $S = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13\}$ under the binary operation multiplication modulo 14 denoted by

\times_{14} .

12a. Copy and complete the following Cayley table for this binary operation.

[4 marks]

\times_{14}	1	3	5	7	9	11	13
1	1	3	5	7	9	11	13
3	3				13	5	11
5	5				3	13	9
7	7						
9	9	13	3				
11	11	5	13				
13	13	11	9				

12b. Give one reason why

[1 mark]

$\{S, \times_{14}\}$ is not a group.

12c. Show that a new set G can be formed by removing one of the elements of S such that

[5 marks]

$\{G, \times_{14}\}$ is a group.

12d. Determine the order of each element of

[4 marks]

$\{G, \times_{14}\}$.

12e. Find the proper subgroups of

[2 marks]

$\{G, \times_{14}\}$.

The function

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 1 & \text{for } x \leq 2 \\ x^2 - 2x + 5 & \text{for } x > 2. \end{cases}$$

13a. (i) Sketch the graph of f .

[5 marks]

(ii) By referring to your graph, show that f is a bijection.

13b. Find

[8 marks]

$f^{-1}(x)$.

The relation R is defined on $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12\}$ by aRb if and only if

$$a(a+1) \equiv b(b+1) \pmod{5}.$$

14a. Show that R is an equivalence relation.

[6 marks]

14b. Show that the equivalence defining R can be written in the form

[3 marks]

$$(a-b)(a+b+1) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}.$$

14c. Hence, or otherwise, determine the equivalence classes.

[4 marks]

15. The binary operation

[12 marks]

Δ is defined on the set

$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ by the following Cayley table.

Δ	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	1	2	3	4
2	1	2	1	2	3
3	2	1	3	1	2
4	3	2	1	4	1
5	4	3	2	1	5

(a) State whether S is closed under the operation Δ and justify your answer.

(b) State whether Δ is commutative and justify your answer.

(c) State whether there is an identity element and justify your answer.

(d) Determine whether Δ is associative and justify your answer.

(e) Find the solutions of the equation

$$a\Delta b = 4\Delta b, \text{ for}$$

$$a \neq 4.$$

Consider the set S defined by

$$S = \{s \in \mathbb{Q} : 2s \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

You may assume that

$+$ (addition) and

\times (multiplication) are associative binary operations

on

\mathbb{Q} .

16a. (i) Write down the six smallest non-negative elements of

[9 marks]

S .

(ii) Show that

$\{S, +\}$ is a group.

(iii) Give a reason why

$\{S, \times\}$ is not a group. Justify your answer.

[10 marks]

16b. The relation

R is defined on

S by

$s_1 R s_2$ if

$3s_1 + 5s_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$.

(i) Show that

R is an equivalence relation.

(ii) Determine the equivalence classes.

Sets X and Y are defined by

$X =]0, 1[$; $Y = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$.

17a. (i) Sketch the set

$X \times Y$ in the Cartesian plane.

(ii) Sketch the set

$Y \times X$ in the Cartesian plane.

(iii) State

$(X \times Y) \cap (Y \times X)$.

[5 marks]

17b. Consider the function

$f : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$f(x, y) = x + y$ and the function

$g : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$g(x, y) = xy$.

(i) Find the range of the function f .

(ii) Find the range of the function g .

(iii) Show that

f is an injection.

(iv) Find

$f^{-1}(\pi)$, expressing your answer in exact form.

(v) Find all solutions to

$g(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}$.

[10 marks]

Let

$f : G \rightarrow H$ be a homomorphism of finite groups.

18a. Prove that

$f(e_G) = e_H$, where

e_G is the identity element in

G and

e_H is the identity

element in

H .

[2 marks]

18b. (i) Prove that the kernel of f , $K = \text{Ker}(f)$, is closed under the group operation.

(ii) Deduce that K is a subgroup of G .

[6 marks]

18c. (i) Prove that

[6 marks]

$$gkg^{-1} \in K \text{ for all}$$

$$g \in G, k \in K.$$

(ii) Deduce that each left coset of K in G is also a right coset.

19. Consider the following functions

[14 marks]

$f :]1, +\infty[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ where

$$f(x) = (x - 1)(x + 2)$$

$g : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ where

$$g(x, y) = (\sin(x + y), x + y)$$

$h : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ where

$$h(x, y) = (x + 3y, 2x + y)$$

(a) Show that

f is bijective.

(b) Determine, with reasons, whether

(i)

g is injective;

(ii)

g is surjective.

(c) Find an expression for

$h^{-1}(x, y)$ and hence justify that

h has an inverse function.

Let

G be a group of order 12 with identity element e .

Let

$a \in G$ such that

$$a^6 \neq e \text{ and}$$

$$a^4 \neq e.$$

20a. (i) Prove that

[9 marks]

G is cyclic and state two of its generators.

(ii) Let

H be the subgroup generated by

a^4 . Construct a Cayley table for

H .

20b. State, with a reason, whether or not it is necessary that a group is cyclic given that all its proper subgroups are cyclic.

[2 marks]

[9 marks]

21. Let

$(H, *)$ be a subgroup of the group

$(G, *)$.

Consider the relation

R defined in

G by

xRy if and only if

$y^{-1} * x \in H$.

(a) Show that

R is an equivalence relation on

G .

(b) Determine the equivalence class containing the identity element.

[11 marks]

22. (a) Given a set

U , and two of its subsets

A and

B , prove that

$$(A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A) = (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B), \text{ where } A \setminus B = A \cap B'.$$

(b) Let

$S = \{A, B, C, D\}$ where

$A = \emptyset$, $B = \{0\}$, $C = \{0, 1\}$ and

$D = \{0, 1, 2\}$.

State, with reasons, whether or not each of the following statements is true.

(i) The operation \setminus is closed in

S .

(ii) The operation

\cap has an identity element in

S but not all elements have an inverse.

(iii) Given

$Y \in S$, the equation

$X \cup Y = Y$ always has a unique solution for

X in

S .

23a. Associativity and commutativity are two of the five conditions for a set S with the binary operation $*$ to be an Abelian group; state the other three conditions.

[2 marks]

- 23b. The Cayley table for the binary operation \odot defined on the set $T = \{p, q, r, s, t\}$ is given below.

[15 marks]

\odot	p	q	r	s	t
p	s	r	t	p	q
q	t	s	p	q	r
r	q	t	s	r	p
s	p	q	r	s	t
t	r	p	q	t	s

- (i) Show that exactly three of the conditions for $\{T, \odot\}$ to be an Abelian group are satisfied, but that neither associativity nor commutativity are satisfied.
(ii) Find the proper subsets of T that are groups of order 2, and comment on your result in the context of Lagrange's theorem.
(iii) Find the solutions of the equation $(p \odot x) \odot x = x \odot p$.

The elements of sets P and Q are taken from the universal set $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$. $P = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $Q = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$.

- 24a. Given that $R = (P \cap Q)'$, list the elements of R .

[3 marks]

- 24b. For a set S , let S^* denote the set of all subsets of S ,
(i) find P^* ;
(ii) find $n(R^*)$.

[5 marks]

The relation R is defined on the set \mathbb{N} such that for $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$, aRb if and only if $a^3 \equiv b^3 \pmod{7}$.

- 25a. Show that R is an equivalence relation.

[6 marks]

- 25b. Find the equivalence class containing 0.

[2 marks]

- 25c. Denote the equivalence class containing n by C_n . List the first six elements of C_1 .

[3 marks]

- 25d. Denote the equivalence class containing n by C_n . Prove that $C_n = C_{n+7}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

[3 marks]

- 26a. The function $g: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is defined by $g(n) = |n| - 1$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Show that g is neither surjective nor injective.

[2 marks]

- 26b. The set S is finite. If the function $f: S \rightarrow S$ is injective, show that f is surjective.

[2 marks]

- 26c. Using the set \mathbb{Z}^+ as both domain and codomain, give an example of an injective function that is not surjective.

[3 marks]

All of the relations in this question are defined on $\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$.

27a. Decide, giving a proof or a counter-example, whether [4 marks]

$$xRy \Leftrightarrow x + y > 7 \text{ is}$$

- (i) reflexive;
- (ii) symmetric;
- (iii) transitive.

27b. Decide, giving a proof or a counter-example, whether [4 marks]

$$xRy \Leftrightarrow -2 < x - y < 2 \text{ is}$$

- (i) reflexive;
- (ii) symmetric;
- (iii) transitive.

27c. Decide, giving a proof or a counter-example, whether [4 marks]

$$xRy \Leftrightarrow xy > 0 \text{ is}$$

- (i) reflexive;
- (ii) symmetric;
- (iii) transitive.

27d. Decide, giving a proof or a counter-example, whether [4 marks]

$$xRy \Leftrightarrow \frac{x}{y} \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ is}$$

- (i) reflexive;
- (ii) symmetric;
- (iii) transitive.

27e. One of the relations from parts (a), (b), (c) and (d) is an equivalence relation. [3 marks]

For this relation, state what the equivalence classes are.

Let

$$A = \{a, b\}.$$

28a. Write down all four subsets of A . [1 mark]

Let the set of all these subsets be denoted by $P(A)$. The binary operation symmetric difference, Δ , is defined on $P(A)$ by $X\Delta Y = (X\setminus Y) \cup (Y\setminus X)$ where $X, Y \in P(A)$.

28b. Construct the Cayley table for

[3 marks]

$P(A)$ under

Δ .

28c. Prove that

[3 marks]

$\{P(A), \Delta\}$ is a group. You are allowed to assume that

Δ is associative.

Let $\mathbb{Z}_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ and $+_4$ denote addition modulo 4.

28d. Is

[2 marks]

$\{P(A), \Delta\}$ isomorphic to

$\{\mathbb{Z}_4, +_4\}$? Justify your answer.

Let S be any non-empty set. Let $P(S)$ be the set of all subsets of S . For the following parts, you are allowed to assume that Δ , \cup and \cap are associative.

28e. (i) State the identity element for

[4 marks]

$\{P(S), \Delta\}$.

(ii) Write down

X^{-1} for

$X \in P(S)$.

(iii) Hence prove that

$\{P(S), \Delta\}$ is a group.

28f. Explain why

[1 mark]

$\{P(S), \cup\}$ is not a group.

28g. Explain why

[1 mark]

$\{P(S), \cap\}$ is not a group.

Let c be a positive, real constant. Let G be the set

$\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid -c < x < c\}$. The binary operation

$*$ is defined on the set G by

$$x * y = \frac{x+y}{1+\frac{xy}{c^2}}.$$

29a. [2 marks]

Simplify

$$\frac{c}{2} * \frac{3c}{4}.$$

29b. State the identity element for G under [1 mark]

$*$.

29c. For [1 mark]

$x \in G$ find an expression for

x^{-1} (the inverse of x under

$*$).

29d. Show that the binary operation [2 marks]

$*$ is commutative on G .

29e. Show that the binary operation [4 marks]

$*$ is associative on G .

29f. (i) If [2 marks]

$x, y \in G$ explain why

$$(c-x)(c-y) > 0.$$

(ii) Hence show that

$$x + y < c + \frac{xy}{c}.$$

29g. Show that G is closed under [2 marks]

$*$.

29h. Explain why [2 marks]

$\{G, *\}$ is an Abelian group.

30. H and K are subgroups of a group G . By considering the four group axioms, prove that [8 marks]

$H \cap K$ is also a subgroup of G .

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