

1. (i) (a) For unique solution:  $\rho(A) = \text{number of variables}$   
 (b) For infinitely many solutions:  $\rho(A) < \text{number of variables}$
- (ii)  $(\mathbb{N}_3, +)$  is a semigrp. but not a group.

(iii)

$$\mathbb{Z}_4 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}\}$$

Composition table

$\oplus_4$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$
$\bar{0}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$
$\bar{1}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{0}$
$\bar{2}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{1}$
$\bar{3}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$

- (iv) The smallest positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n = e$  is called order of 'a' in a group  $G$ . For  $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$   
 $o(1) = 1, o(-1) = 2, o(i) = o(-i) = 4$ .

- (v) Klein's 4-group  $V_4 = \{e, a, b, c \mid a^2 = b^2 = c^2 = e, a \cdot b = c, b \cdot c = a, c \cdot a = b\}$  is an abelian group but not cyclic as order of each non-identity element is 2.

- (vi) Number of generators of  $G = \phi(15)$   
 $= \phi(3 \times 5)$   
 $= \phi(3) \cdot \phi(5)$   
 $= (3^1 - 3^0) \cdot (5^1 - 5^0)$   
 $= (3-1)(5-1)$   
 $= 8$

- (vii)  $G$ , being a prime order group, is cyclic and hence abelian.

$H \trianglelefteq G$  as every subgroup of an abelian group is normal.

- (viii)  $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow f^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow g^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Determinant of the given matrix is non-zero, hence its inverse exists. Now

2.

$$M = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right], \text{ by } R_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_1$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{5}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right], \text{ by } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 5R_1$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{5}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{5}{2} & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right], \text{ by } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{5}{2} & -\frac{5}{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & -2 & 2 \end{array} \right], \text{ by } R_3 \rightarrow 2R_3$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 & 6 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & -2 & 2 \end{array} \right], \text{ by } R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + \frac{1}{2}R_3$$

and  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - \frac{5}{2}R_3$

Hence inverse of the given matrix is  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -5 & 6 & -5 \\ 5 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $\square$

3. The augmented matrix

$$M = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & -1 & 12 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & k \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 12 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & k \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1} \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & 18 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & k \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}R_2} \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & k \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_2} \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & k-18 \end{array} \right]$$

The last matrix is in row reduced echelon form. For the consistency of the system  $\rho(A) = \rho(M) = 2$ , i.e.  $k-18=0$ , i.e.  $\boxed{k=18}$ .

Number of l.i. solutions of the system =  $n - \rho + 1 = 3 - 2 + 1 = 2$ .

Now the reduced system is

$$\begin{bmatrix} x - y - 2z = -3 \\ y + z = 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Choosing  $z = 0, 1$ , we get two l.i. solutions as follows:

x	3	4
y	6	5
z	0	1

□

4. Result follows from induction on  $n$  and commutativity of  $G$ . □

5. Assume that  $HUK \leq G$ . Suppose that  $K \not\subseteq H$ . Now, take any  $h \in H$  and  $k \in K - H$ . Then  $h, k \in HUK$  and hence  $hok \in HUK$  as  $HUK$  is a subgroup. This implies  $hok \in H$  or  $hok \in K$ . The former shows  $k \in H$  (which is a <sup>impossible</sup> contradiction as  $k \in K - H$ ) and the latter gives  $h \in K$ . Hence, we have  $H \subseteq K$ . Similarly, we can show that if  $H \not\subseteq K$ , then  $K \subseteq H$ .

Conversely, assume that either  $H \subseteq K$  or  $K \subseteq H$ . Then  $HUK = K$  or  $HUK = H$ , in each case  $HUK \leq G$ . □

6. Suppose that  $o(a) = n$ . Then  $a^0 = e, a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^{n-1}$  are distinct elements of  $G$ . For, if  $a^r = a^s$  ( $0 \leq r < s < n$ ), then  $a^{s-r} = e$ , therefore  $s-r = 0$ , i.e. this is a contradiction to  $o(a) = n$ . Now, we show that the above listed elements are all the elements of  $G$ . Take any  $a^t$ , for some  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Dividing  $t$  by  $n$ , we get a  $q (\neq 0)$  and  $r \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$t = nq + r$$

$0 \leq r < n$ . Now  $a^t = a^{nq+r} = (a^n)^q \cdot a^r = e \cdot a^r = a^r$ , which belongs to the above list. Hence  $G = \{e, a, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1}\}$ . Thus  $o(a) = o(G) = n$ . □



(7) Lagrange's theorem: For any subgroup  $H$  of a finite group  $G$ ,  $o(H)$  divides  $o(G)$ .

Proof: Suppose that  $Ha_i, i=1,2,\dots,k$  are distinct right cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ . For any  $a \in G$ ,  $a \in Ha = Ha_i$ , for some  $i \in \{1,2,\dots,k\}$ . Therefore every element of  $G$  belongs to one of the above listed cosets. ~~Since these cosets are distinct, they are pairwise disjoint.~~ Hence  $G = \bigcup_{i=1}^k Ha_i$ .

Since the above listed cosets are distinct, they are pairwise disjoint. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} o(G) &= \sum_{i=1}^k o(Ha_i) \\ &= o(H) + o(H) + \dots + o(H) \quad (k\text{-times}) \\ &= k \cdot o(H) \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $o(H)$  divides  $o(G)$ .  $\square$

8. A bijective homomorphism  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  is called an isomorphism.

Suppose that  $G = \langle a \rangle$  is an infinite cyclic group. Define a map

$f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G$  by  $f(k) = a^k$ . This map is a surjective map (it is easy to observe). It is injective as  $f(r) = f(s) \Rightarrow a^r = a^s \Rightarrow a^{r-s} = e$

$\Rightarrow r-s=0$  (as  $G$  is an infinite cyclic group)  $\Rightarrow r=s$ . It is a homomorphism as  $f(r+s) = a^{r+s} = a^r a^s = f(r) f(s)$ . Thus  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}$  (keeping in mind that 'being isomorphic to' is an equivalence relation).  $\square$

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