

# Math 241

## Problem Set 4 solution manual

### Exercise. A4.1

First recall that  $D_n = \{1, r, r^2, \dots, r^{n-1}, s, rs, \dots, r^{n-1}s\}$ , and  $A_n = \{\sigma \in S_n \mid \text{sign}(\sigma) = +1\}$ . So our goal is to check which of the elements of  $D_n$  have a sign of  $+1$ .

We know that  $r = (123\dots n)$ , so sign of  $r = \begin{cases} -1 & n \text{ even} \\ +1 & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$ ,

$$\text{and } s = \begin{cases} \text{for } n = 4k & s = (1 \ n)(2 \ n-1)\dots(2k \ 2k+1) \\ \text{for } n = 4k+2 & s = (1 \ n)(2 \ n-1)\dots(2k+1 \ 2k+2) \\ \text{for } n = 4k+1 & s = (1 \ n)(2 \ n-1)\dots(2k \ 2k+2) \\ \text{for } n = 4k+3 & s = (1 \ n)(2 \ n-1)\dots(2k+1 \ 2k+3) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So we conclude that } \text{sign}(s) = \begin{cases} \text{for } n = 4k & \text{sign}(s) = +1 \\ \text{for } n = 4k+2 & \text{sign}(s) = -1 \\ \text{for } n = 4k+1 & \text{sign}(s) = +1 \\ \text{for } n = 4k+3 & \text{sign}(s) = -1 \end{cases}$$

Then we can know the elements of  $A_n \cap D_n$  according to the value of  $n$ , and we conclude that:

$$A_n \cap D_n = \begin{cases} \text{for } n = 4k & A_n \cap D_n = \{1, r^2, r^4, \dots, r^{n-2}, s, r^2s, \dots, r^{n-2}s\} \\ \text{for } n = 4k+2 & A_n \cap D_n = \{1, r^2, r^4, \dots, r^{n-2}, rs, r^3s, \dots, r^{n-1}s\} \\ \text{for } n = 4k+1 & A_n \cap D_n = \{1, r, r^2, \dots, r^{n-1}, s, rs, \dots, r^{n-1}s\} = D_n \\ \text{for } n = 4k+3 & A_n \cap D_n = \{1, r, r^2, \dots, r^{n-1}\} \end{cases}$$

### Exercise. A4.2

a- Required to prove that  $\det A = \det A^t$

First we show that  $\text{sign}(\sigma) = \text{sign}(\sigma^{-1})$ , to prove this we need to notice that  $\sigma \cdot \sigma^{-1} = 1$  and  $\text{sign}(\sigma) = +1$ , then  $\text{sign}(\sigma) \cdot \text{sign}(\sigma^{-1}) = 1$ , which implies that  $\text{sign}(\sigma) = \text{sign}(\sigma^{-1})$ .

Now back to the problem:

$$\det A = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sign}(\sigma) a_{1\sigma(1)} a_{2\sigma(2)} \dots a_{n\sigma(n)}$$

Now notice that for every  $i$  we have  $\sigma(i) = j$  for some unique  $j \implies a_{i\sigma(i)} = a_{\sigma^{-1}(j)j}$ , and this is true for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$  then we can deduce that  $a_{1\sigma(1)} a_{2\sigma(2)} \dots a_{n\sigma(n)} = a_{\sigma^{-1}(1)1} a_{\sigma^{-1}(2)2} \dots a_{\sigma^{-1}(n)n}$ .

And since  $\{\sigma \mid \sigma \in S_n\} = \{\sigma^{-1} \mid \sigma \in S_n\}$ .

We deduce that:

$$\begin{aligned} \det A &= \sum_{\sigma^{-1} \in S_n} \text{sign}(\sigma^{-1}) a_{\sigma^{-1}(1)1} a_{\sigma^{-1}(2)2} \dots a_{\sigma^{-1}(n)n} \\ &= \sum_{\sigma^{-1} \in S_n} \text{sign}(\sigma^{-1}) a_{\sigma^{-1}(1)1} a_{\sigma^{-1}(2)2} \dots a_{\sigma^{-1}(n)n} \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sign}(\sigma) a_{\sigma(1)1} a_{\sigma(2)2} \dots a_{\sigma(n)n} \end{aligned}$$

Now let  $A^t = (b_{ij})$  with  $b_{ij} = a_{ji}$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} \det A^t &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sign}(\sigma) b_{1\sigma(1)} b_{2\sigma(2)} \dots b_{n\sigma(n)} \\ &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sign}(\sigma) a_{\sigma(1)1} a_{\sigma(2)2} \dots a_{\sigma(n)n} \\ &= \det A. \end{aligned}$$

b-  $A$  is an upper triangular  $\implies a_{ij} = 0$  when ever  $i > j$ .

But for every  $\sigma \neq 1 \in S_n \exists i$  such that  $i > \sigma(i)$ .

Then let  $\sigma \neq 1$  we will get  $a_{1\sigma(1)} a_{2\sigma(2)} \dots a_{n\sigma(n)} = 0$  since it contains at least one element  $a_{i\sigma(i)}$  with  $i > \sigma(i)$  which implies  $a_{i\sigma(i)} = 0$ .

Then the only term that appears in the sum over  $\sigma \in S_n$  is for  $\sigma = 1 \implies \det A = \text{sign}(1) a_{1\sigma(1)} a_{2\sigma(2)} \dots a_{n\sigma(n)}$  with  $\sigma = 1, \implies \det A = a_{11} a_{22} \dots a_{nn}$ .

c- Consider that the two interchanged columns are the  $q^{\text{th}}$ , and the  $p^{\text{th}}$ , and consider  $\tau = (p \ q)$ , and let  $B = (b_{ij})$  be the matrix  $A$  after we interchange the two columns, and note that  $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$  for all  $j \notin \{p, q\}$ , and  $a_{ip} = b_{iq}, a_{iq} = b_{ip}$

let  $H = \{1, \tau\}$  then we get  $\{\tau\sigma \mid \sigma \in S_n\} = \bigcup_{\sigma \in S_n} \sigma H = \{\sigma \mid \sigma \in S_n\}$  since the set of cosets of  $H$  forms a partition of  $S_n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \det B &= \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sign}(\sigma) b_{1\sigma(1)} b_{2\sigma(2)} \dots b_{n\sigma(n)} \\ &= \sum_{\tau\sigma \in S_n} \text{sign}(\tau\sigma) b_{1\tau\sigma(1)} b_{2\tau\sigma(2)} \dots b_{n\tau\sigma(n)} \\ &= \sum_{\tau\sigma \in S_n} \text{sign}(\tau) \text{sign}(\sigma) b_{1\tau\sigma(1)} b_{2\tau\sigma(2)} \dots b_{n\tau\sigma(n)} \\ &= - \sum_{\tau\sigma \in S_n} \text{sign}(\sigma) b_{1\tau\sigma(1)} b_{2\tau\sigma(2)} \dots b_{n\tau\sigma(n)} \end{aligned}$$

Choose any  $\sigma \in S_n$ , and suppose  $\sigma(i) = p$ , and  $\sigma(j) = q$  for some  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

$$\text{Then } \begin{cases} \text{for } s \neq i, s \neq j & \text{we have } b_{s\tau\sigma(s)} = b_{s\sigma(s)} = a_{s\sigma(s)}. \\ \text{for } s = i, & \text{we have } b_{i\tau\sigma(i)} = b_{i\tau(p)} = b_{iq} = a_{ip} = a_{i\sigma(i)}. \\ \text{for } s = j, & \text{we have } b_{j\tau\sigma(j)} = b_{j\tau(q)} = b_{jp} = a_{jq} = a_{j\sigma(j)}. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \det B &= - \sum_{\tau\sigma \in S_n} \text{sign}(\sigma) b_{1\tau\sigma(1)} b_{2\tau\sigma(2)} \dots b_{n\tau\sigma(n)} \\ &= - \sum_{\tau\sigma \in S_n} \text{sign}(\sigma) a_{1\sigma(1)} a_{2\sigma(2)} \dots a_{n\sigma(n)} \\ &= - \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sign}(\sigma) a_{1\sigma(1)} a_{2\sigma(2)} \dots a_{n\sigma(n)} \\ &= -\det A. \end{aligned}$$

d- Let  $A$  be such that  $A$  has two equal columns, then if we interchange those two columns of  $A$  we will get a matrix  $A' = A$ .

Moreover,  $\det A' = -\det A$ , but since  $A = A'$  then also  $\det A' = \det A$ , then we get  $\det A = -\det A$ , which implies  $\det A = 0$ .

## Section. 9

**Exercise. 7**

$$\sigma = (1\ 4\ 5)(7\ 8)(2\ 5\ 7)$$

- $\sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 8 & 6 & 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

The backward pairs : (1,2), (1,3), (1,7), (3,7), (4,7), (5,6), (5,7), (5,8), (6,7).

So  $N_\sigma = 9 \implies \text{sign}(\sigma) = (-1)^9 = -1$ .

- $\sigma = (1\ 5)(1\ 4)(7\ 8)(2\ 7)(2\ 5)$

$$\implies \text{sign}(\sigma) = (-1)^5 = -1$$

- $\sigma = (1\ 4\ 5\ 8\ 7\ 2)$  so  $\sigma$  is a  $k$ -cycle with  $k=6$

$$\implies \text{sign}(\sigma) = (-1)^5 = -1.$$

**Exercise. 10**

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

- The backward pairs : (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (1,5), (1,6), (1,7), (1,8), (2,8), (3,4), (3,6), (3,7), (3,8), (4,8), (5,6), (5,7), (5,8), (6,8), (7,8).

So  $N_\sigma = 18 \implies \text{sign}(\sigma) = (-1)^{18} = +1$ .

- $\sigma = (7\ 5)(3\ 4)(3\ 6)(1\ 8)$

$$\implies \text{sign}(\sigma) = (-1)^4 = +1$$

- $\sigma = (1\ 8)(3\ 6\ 4)(5\ 7)$  so  $\sigma$  is a product of 3 disjoint cycles  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3$  with

$$\text{sign}(\tau_1) = -1, \text{sign}(\tau_2) = +1, \text{sign}(\tau_3) = -1$$

$$\implies \text{sign}(\sigma) = (-1)(+1)(-1) = +1.$$

**Exercise. 31**

$A$  is an infinite set,  $H$  is a subset of  $S_A$  such that the elements of  $H$  moves only a finite number of elements.

- The identity element of  $S_A$  moves no elements of  $A$ ,  $\implies$  it moves a finite number of elements  $\implies 1_A \in H$ .

- Let  $\sigma_1$ , and  $\sigma_2 \in H$ , then since  $\sigma_1$ , and  $\sigma_2$  moves only a finite number of elements of  $A$  then they can be written as the finite product of cycles of finite order,  $\implies \sigma_1\sigma_2$  is the finite product of cycles of finite order, then  $\sigma_1\sigma_2 \in H$ .

- If  $\sigma$  moves only a finite number of element then write  $\sigma$  as the finite product of disjoint cycles of finite order, then  $\sigma$  has a finite order, let  $n = \text{order of } \sigma$ , this implies that  $\sigma^{-1} = \sigma^{n-1}$  which is the finite product of cycles of finite order,  $\implies \sigma^{-1} \in H$ .

$\implies H$  is a subgroup of  $S_A$ .

**Exercise. 32**

We have  $K$  is a subset of  $S_A$  such that every element in  $K$  moves at most 50 elements of  $A$ .

Then consider  $\sigma_1=(1\ 2\ \dots\ 50)$ , and  $\sigma_2=(50\ \dots\ 60)$ .

Then  $\sigma_1\sigma_2=(1\ 2\ \dots\ 50)(50\ \dots\ 60)=(1\ 2\ \dots\ 60)$ , which clearly moves 60 elements,

$\implies \sigma_1\sigma_2 \notin H$ .

So  $H$  is not closed under the operation of the group.  $\implies H$  is not a subgroup of  $S_A$ .

**Section. 10**

**Exercise. 2**

The cosets of  $4\mathbb{Z}$  in  $2\mathbb{Z}$  are :

$a + 4\mathbb{Z}$  for any  $a \in 2\mathbb{Z}$ , but any  $a \in 2\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a = 4k$ , or  $a = 4k + 2$

$\implies$  for  $a = 4k$  we have one coset which is  $4\mathbb{Z}$ , and for  $a = 4k + 2$  we have another coset which is  $2 + 4\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Exercise. 4**

The cosets of  $\langle 4 \rangle$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  are :

$0 + \langle 4 \rangle = \langle 4 \rangle = \{0, 4, 8\} = 4 + \langle 4 \rangle = 8 + \langle 4 \rangle$ .

$1 + \langle 4 \rangle = \{1, 5, 9\} = 5 + \langle 4 \rangle = 9 + \langle 4 \rangle$ .

$2 + \langle 4 \rangle = \{2, 6, 10\} = 6 + \langle 4 \rangle = 10 + \langle 4 \rangle$ .

$3 + \langle 4 \rangle = \{3, 7, 11\} = 7 + \langle 4 \rangle = 11 + \langle 4 \rangle$ .

**Exercise. 6**

The left cosets of  $H = \{\rho_0, \mu_2\}$  in  $D_4$  are:

$\rho_0.H = \mu_2.H = \{\rho_0, \mu_2\}$ .

$\rho_1.H = \delta_2.H = \{\rho_1, \delta_2\}$ .

$\rho_2.H = \mu_1.H = \{\rho_2, \mu_1\}$ .

$\rho_3.H = \delta_1.H = \{\rho_3, \delta_1\}$ .

**Exercise. 7**

The right cosets of  $H = \{\rho_0, \mu_2\}$  in  $D_4$  are:

$H.\rho_0 = H.\mu_2 = \{\rho_0, \mu_2\}$ .

$H.\rho_1 = H.\delta_1 = \{\rho_1, \delta_1\}$ .

$H.\rho_2 = H.\mu_1 = \{\rho_2, \mu_1\}$ .

$H.\rho_3 = H.\delta_2 = \{\rho_3, \delta_2\}$ .

So the left cosets are not equal to the right cosets.

**Exercise. 8**

	$\rho_0$	$\mu_2$	$\rho_1$	$\delta_2$	$\rho_2$	$\mu_1$	$\rho_3$	$\delta_1$
$\rho_0$	$\rho_0$	$\mu_2$	$\rho_1$	$\delta_2$	$\rho_2$	$\mu_1$	$\rho_3$	$\delta_1$
$\mu_2$	$\mu_2$	$\rho_0$	$\delta_1$	$\rho_3$	$\mu_1$	$\rho_2$	$\delta_2$	$\rho_1$
$\rho_1$	$\rho_1$	$\delta_2$	$\rho_2$	$\mu_1$	$\rho_3$	$\delta_1$	$\rho_0$	$\mu_2$
$\delta_2$	$\delta_2$	$\rho_1$	$\mu_2$	$\rho_0$	$\delta_1$	$\rho_3$	$\mu_1$	$\rho_2$
$\rho_2$	$\rho_2$	$\mu_1$	$\rho_3$	$\delta_1$	$\rho_0$	$\mu_2$	$\rho_1$	$\delta_2$
$\mu_1$	$\mu_1$	$\rho_2$	$\delta_2$	$\rho_1$	$\mu_2$	$\rho_0$	$\delta_1$	$\rho_3$
$\rho_3$	$\rho_3$	$\delta_1$	$\rho_0$	$\mu_2$	$\rho_1$	$\delta_2$	$\rho_2$	$\mu_1$
$\delta_1$	$\delta_1$	$\rho_3$	$\mu_1$	$\rho_2$	$\delta_2$	$\rho_1$	$\mu_2$	$\rho_0$

So we can deduce from the table directly that we don't have a coset group.

### Exercise. 9

The left cosets of  $H = \{\rho_0, \rho_2\}$  in  $D_4$  are:

$$\rho_0.H = \rho_2.H = \{\rho_0, \rho_2\}.$$

$$\rho_1.H = \rho_3.H = \{\rho_1, \rho_3\}.$$

$$\mu_1.H = \mu_2.H = \{\mu_1, \mu_2\}.$$

$$\delta_1.H = \delta_2.H = \{\delta_1, \delta_2\}.$$

### Exercise. 10

The right cosets of  $H = \{\rho_0, \rho_2\}$  in  $D_4$  are:

$$H.\rho_0 = H.\rho_2 = \{\rho_0, \rho_2\}.$$

$$H.\rho_1 = H.\rho_3 = \{\rho_1, \rho_3\}.$$

$$H.\mu_1 = H.\mu_2 = \{\mu_1, \mu_2\}.$$

$$H.\delta_1 = H.\delta_2 = \{\delta_1, \delta_2\}.$$

So the left cosets are equal to the right cosets.

### Exercise. 11

	$\rho_0$	$\rho_2$	$\rho_1$	$\rho_3$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$	$\delta_1$	$\delta_2$
$\rho_0$	$\rho_0$	$\rho_2$	$\rho_1$	$\rho_3$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$	$\delta_1$	$\delta_2$
$\rho_2$	$\rho_2$	$\rho_0$	$\rho_3$	$\rho_1$	$\mu_2$	$\mu_1$	$\delta_2$	$\delta_1$
$\rho_1$	$\rho_1$	$\rho_3$	$\rho_2$	$\rho_0$	$\delta_1$	$\delta_2$	$\mu_2$	$\mu_1$
$\rho_3$	$\rho_3$	$\rho_1$	$\rho_0$	$\rho_2$	$\delta_2$	$\delta_1$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$
$\mu_1$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$	$\delta_2$	$\delta_1$	$\rho_0$	$\rho_2$	$\rho_3$	$\rho_1$
$\mu_2$	$\mu_2$	$\mu_1$	$\delta_1$	$\delta_2$	$\rho_2$	$\rho_0$	$\rho_1$	$\rho_3$
$\delta_1$	$\delta_1$	$\delta_2$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$	$\rho_1$	$\rho_3$	$\rho_0$	$\rho_2$
$\delta_2$	$\delta_2$	$\delta_1$	$\mu_2$	$\mu_1$	$\rho_3$	$\rho_1$	$\rho_2$	$\rho_0$

And this is a coset group with the following table:

	red	blue	green	black
red	red	blue	green	black
blue	blue	red	black	green
green	green	black	red	blue
black	black	green	blue	red

And since for every  $x$  in this group we have  $x^2 = \text{identity of the group}$  (in this case "red"), this group is isomorphic to the Klein-4 group  $V$ .

**Exercise. 30**

False, Here is a counter example:

Let  $G = S_3$  and let  $H = \{id, (23)\}$ ,  $a = (123)$ ,  $b = (12)$ .

Then  $a.H = b.H = \{(123)(12)\}$

While  $H.a = \{(123)(13)\} \neq H.b$  since  $H.b = \{(132)(12)\}$ .

**Exercise. 31**

If  $H.a = H.b$  Now since  $H.b = \{h.b \mid h \in H\}$  and since  $e \in H$  then we get  $b \in H.b = H.a \implies b \in H.a$ .

**Exercise. 32**

True, since:

We know that it is enough to show that their intersection is non-empty:

Now since  $a.H = b.H \implies b \in a.H$  (similar to above argument)  $\implies b = a.h$  for some  $h \in H$  then  $b^{-1} = h^{-1}.a^{-1}$

$\implies b^{-1} \in H.a^{-1}$ , but  $b^{-1} \in H.b^{-1} \implies H.a^{-1} = H.b^{-1}$

**Exercise. 33**

False, and here is a counter example:

Let  $G = D_4$ , and let  $H = \{\rho_0, \mu_2\}$ .

Let  $a = \rho_1$  then  $a^2 = \rho_2$ , and  $b = \delta_2$  then  $b^2 = \rho_0$ ,

we have  $a.H = b.H = \{\rho_1, \delta_2\}$ , while  $a^2.H = \{\rho_2, \mu_1\}$  different from  $b^2.H = \{\rho_0, \mu_2\}$ .