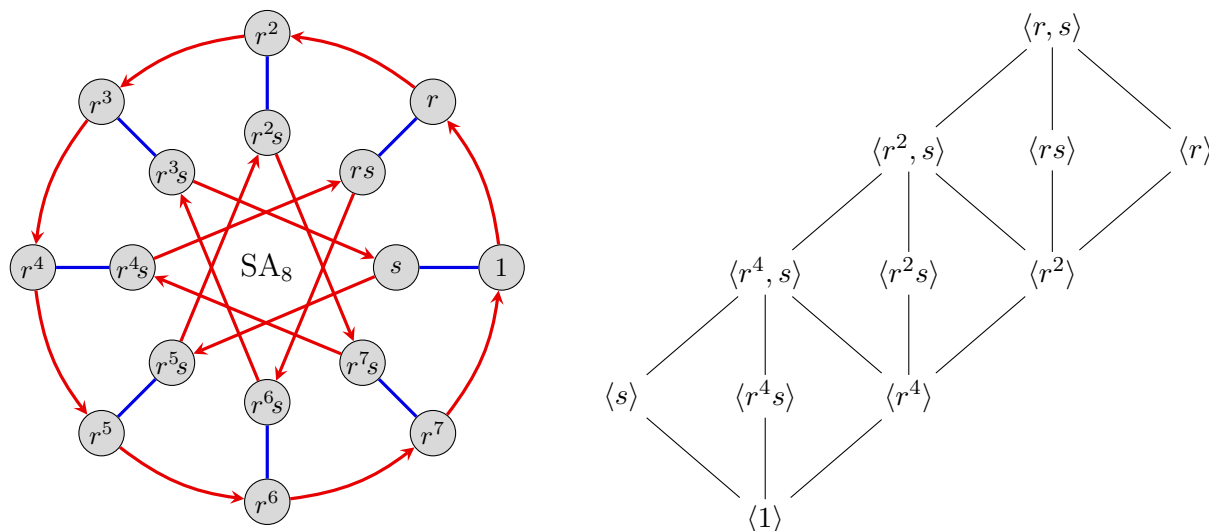


1. Let G be the *semiabelian group* of order 16, defined by the presentation

$$SA_8 = \langle r, s \mid r^8 = s^2 = 1, srs = r^5 \rangle,$$

A Cayley diagram and subgroup lattice are shown below.



- (a) The subgroups $V = \langle r^4, s \rangle$, $H = \langle r^2s \rangle$, $K = \langle r^2 \rangle$, and $N = \langle r^4 \rangle$ are all normal. For the first three, highlight the cosets on a fresh Cayley diagram by colors.
- (b) Construct a Cayley table for the quotient of G by each of these subgroups. Then draw a Cayley diagram for each, labeling the nodes with elements (i.e., cosets).
- (c) Let $N = \langle r^4 \rangle$. The shaded region below shows an order-4 cyclic subgroup of G/N , generated by the element rN , and how the union of these four cosets is the order-8 subgroup $\langle r \rangle$ of G . Construct analogous tables for the other five non-trivial proper subgroups of G/N , and then draw the subgroup lattice of G/N .

r^3N	r^3sN
r^2N	r^2sN
rN	rsN
N	sN

$$\langle rN \rangle \leq G/N$$

r^3	r^7	r^3s	r^7s
r^2	r^6	r^2s	r^6s
r	r^5	rs	r^5s
1	r^4	s	r^4s

$$\langle r \rangle / N \leq G/N$$

r^3	r^7	r^3s	r^7s
r^2	r^6	r^2s	r^6s
r	r^5	rs	r^5s
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$$\langle r \rangle \leq G$$

- (d) For each subgroup H/N from Part (c), determine what the quotient of G/N by H/N is isomorphic to? Justify your answer.
- (e) One step of Part (c) consisting of starting with G , taking the quotient by N , and then taking the subgroup generated by r^2N and sN . Compare and contrast this to doing these steps in the reverse order. That is: *start with G , first take the subgroup $\langle r^2, s \rangle$, and then take the quotient by N .*
- (f) Repeat Part (c) for the subgroups $\langle r^4, s \rangle$, $\langle r^2s \rangle$, and $\langle r^2 \rangle$ of G .

2. Let H be a subgroup of G .

- Show that if G is abelian, then H and G/H are abelian.
- Show that if $G/Z(G)$ is cyclic, then G is abelian.
- What cyclic groups can arise as a quotient $G/Z(G)$? Justify your answer.

3. Let X be a subset of a group G . The *centralizer* of X , denoted $C_G(X)$, is the set of all elements that commute with everything in X :

$$C_G(X) = \{g \in G \mid gx = xg, \forall x \in X\}.$$

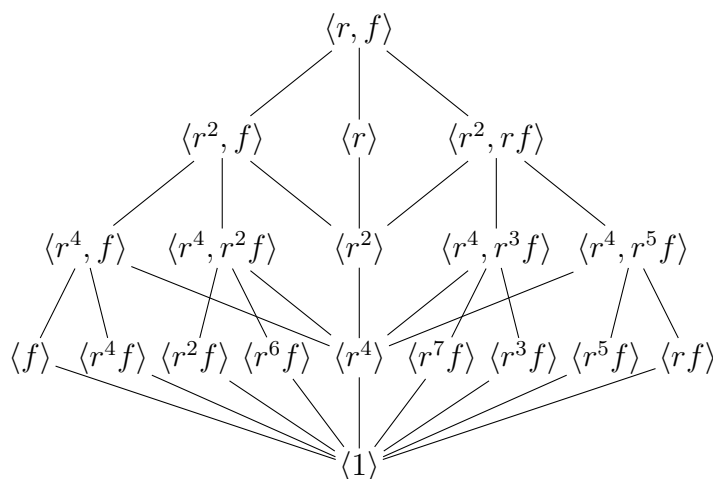
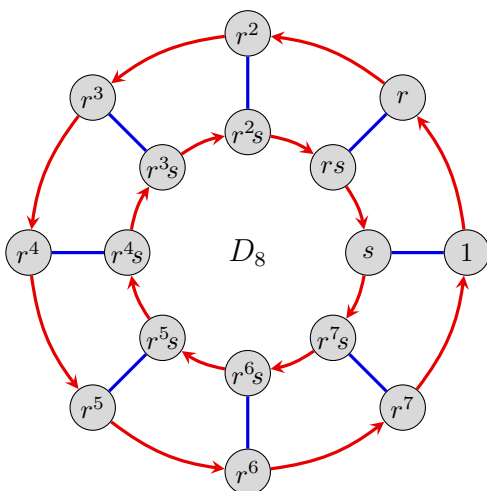
If $X = \{x\}$, then we denote the centralizer as $C_G(x)$.

- Show that $C_G(X)$ is a subgroup of G .
- If H is a subgroup of G , show that $C_G(H) \trianglelefteq N_G(H)$.
- For Q_8 and D_6 , compute the centralizers of each element $x \in G$, as well as $N_G(\langle x \rangle)$. What pattern do you notice about the size of $C_G(x)$ vs. $\text{cl}_G(x)$? The partition of these groups by conjugacy classes is shown below.

1	i	j	k
-1	$-i$	$-j$	$-k$

1	r	r^2	f	$r^2 f$	$r^4 f$
r^3	r^5	r^4	rf	$r^3 f$	$r^5 f$

- Partition the elements of the groups D_5 and D_8 by conjugacy classes, and arrange them in a table, as above. Then repeat the previous part for these groups. The Cayley diagram and subgroup lattice for D_8 is shown below, for convenience.



4. Recall that two elements in S_n are conjugate if and only if they have the same cycle type.
- (a) Partition the elements of S_4 by conjugacy class. How many are in each class?
 - (b) Compute the centralizers of e , (12) , (123) , (1234) , and $(12)(34)$ in S_4 . What do you notice about the size of $C_G(x)$ vs. $\text{cl}_G(x)$?
 - (c) Partition the elements of A_4 by conjugacy class. Then pick one element from each class, and find its centralizer.
 - (d) For each of the elements e , (12) , (123) , (1234) , (12345) , $(12)(34)$, and $(123)(45)$ in S_5 , determine the size of its conjugacy class, and then find its centralizer.