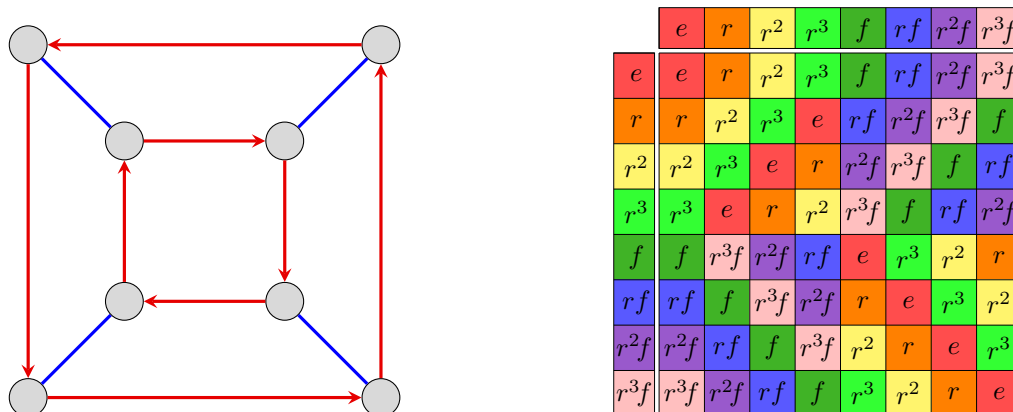


Read the following, which can all be found either in the textbook or on the course website.

- Chapter 6 of *Visual Group Theory*, or Chapters 4.1, 5.4, 5.5, 7 of *IBL Abstract Algebra*.
- VGT Exercises 6.6–6.9, 6.12, 6.17–6.20, 6.28–6.30.

Write up solutions to the following exercises.

1. A Cayley diagram and multiplication table for the dihedral group  $D_4$  are shown below.



Section 2 of the class lecture notes describes two algorithms for expressing a group  $G$  of order  $n$  as a set of permutations in  $S_n$ . One algorithm uses the Cayley diagram and the other uses the multiplication table. In this problem, you will explore this a bit further.

- (a) Label the vertices of the Cayley diagram from the set  $\{1, \dots, 8\}$  and use this to construct a permutation group isomorphic to  $D_4$ , and sitting inside  $S_8$ .
  - (b) Label the entries of the multiplication table from the set  $\{1, \dots, 8\}$  and use this to construct a permutation group isomorphic to  $D_4$ , and sitting inside  $S_8$ .
  - (c) Are the two groups you got in Parts (a) and (b) the same? (The answer will depend on your choice of labeling.) If “yes”, then repeat Part (a) with a different labeling to yield a different group. If “no”, then repeat Part (a) with a different labeling to yield the group you got in Part (b).
2. Find all subgroups of the following groups, and arrange them in a Hasse diagram, or subgroup lattice. Moreover, label each edge between  $K \leq H$  with the index,  $[H : K]$ .
    - (a)  $C_{23} = \langle r \mid r^{23} = 1 \rangle$ ;
    - (b)  $C_{24} = \langle r \mid r^{24} = 1 \rangle$ ;
    - (c)  $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \{0, 1, 2\}\}$ ;
    - (d)  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 = \{(a, b, c) \mid a, b, c \in \{0, 1\}\}$ ; (*Tip*: it’s notationally easier to write elements as binary strings, e.g.,  $abc$  instead of  $(a, b, c)$ );
    - (e)  $S_3 = \{e, (1\ 2), (2\ 3), (1\ 3), (1\ 2\ 3), (1\ 3\ 2)\}$ ;
    - (f)  $Q_8 = \langle i, j, k \mid i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk = -1 \rangle$ .

3. For each subgroup  $H$  of  $S_4$  described below, write out all of its elements and determine what well-known group it is isomorphic to.

- (a)  $H = \langle (1\ 2), (3\ 4) \rangle$ ;
- (b)  $H = \langle (1\ 2)(3\ 4), (1\ 3)(2\ 4) \rangle$ ;
- (c)  $H = \langle (1\ 2), (2\ 3) \rangle$ ;
- (d)  $H = \langle (1\ 2), (1\ 3\ 2\ 4) \rangle$ ;
- (e)  $H = \langle (1\ 2\ 3), (2\ 3\ 4) \rangle$ .

4. Prove the following, algebraically (that is, do not refer to Cayley diagrams):

- (a) If  $\mathcal{H}$  is a collection of subgroups of  $G$ , then the intersection  $\bigcap_{H \in \mathcal{H}} H$  is also a subgroup of  $G$ .
- (b) For any (possibly infinite) subset  $S \subseteq G$ , the subgroup generated by  $S$  is defined as

$$\langle S \rangle := \{s_1^{e_1} s_2^{e_2} \cdots s_k^{e_k} \mid s_i \in S, e_i \in \{-1, 1\}\}.$$

That is,  $\langle S \rangle$  consists of all finite “words” that can be written using the elements in  $S$  and their inverses. Note that the  $s_i$ ’s need not be distinct. Prove that

$$\langle S \rangle = \bigcap_{S \subseteq H \leq G} H,$$

where the intersection is taken over all subgroups of  $G$  that contain  $S$ . [*Hint*: One way to prove that  $A = B$  is to show that  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ .]

5. For a subgroup  $H \leq G$  and element  $x \in G$ , the set  $xH := \{xh \mid h \in H\}$  is a *left coset* of  $H$ .

- (a) Prove that if  $x \in H$ , then  $xH = H$ . What is the interpretation of this statement in terms of the Cayley diagram?
- (b) Prove that if  $b \in aH$ , then  $aH = bH$ .
- (c) Prove that all left cosets have the same size. One way to do this is to prove that for any  $x \in G$ , the map

$$\varphi: H \longrightarrow xH, \quad \varphi: h \longmapsto xh$$

is a bijection.

- (d) Conclude that  $G$  is partitioned by the left cosets of  $H$ , all of which are equal size.

6. A subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is *normal* if  $xH = Hx$  for all  $x \in G$ . Prove that if  $[G : H] = 2$ , then  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ . [*Hint*: Use the results of the previous problem.]