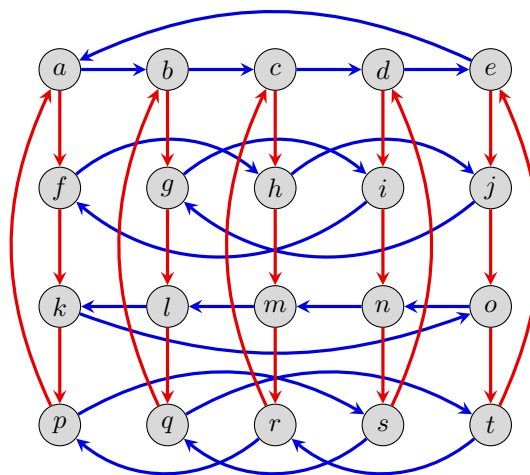


Read the following, which can all be found either in the textbook or on the course website.

- Chapter 7 of *Visual Group Theory*, or Chapter 8 of *IBL Abstract Algebra*.
- VGT Exercises 7.3, 7.7–7.10, 7.12, 7.13, 7.17–7.20, 7.24–7.27, 7.30, 7.32–7.35.

Write up solutions to the following exercises.

1. Let  $G$  be the group whose Cayley diagram is shown below, and suppose  $e$  is the identity element. Consider the subgroups  $H = \langle a \rangle = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  and  $K = \langle j \rangle = \{e, j, o, t\}$ .



Carry out the following steps for both of these subgroups. Let the cosets element-wise.

- (a) Write  $G$  as a disjoint union of the subgroup's left cosets.
  - (b) Write  $G$  as a disjoint union of the subgroup's right cosets.
  - (c) Compute the normalizer of the subgroup.
  - (d) If the subgroup (call it  $N$ ) is indeed normal, then compute the quotient  $G/N$ , draw its Cayley diagram, and label the nodes appropriately.
2. Let  $H$  be a subgroup of an abelian group  $G$ . Prove that  $H$  and  $G/H$  are both abelian.
  3. All of the following statements are *false*. For each one, exhibit an explicit counter-example, and justify your reasoning. Assume that each  $H_i \triangleleft G_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .
    - (a) If  $H$  and  $G/H$  is abelian, then  $G$  is abelian.
    - (b) If every proper subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is cyclic, then  $G$  is cyclic.
    - (c) If  $G_1 \cong G_2$  and  $H_1 \cong H_2$ , then  $G_1/H_1 \cong G_2/H_2$ .
    - (d) If  $G_1 \cong G_2$  and  $G_1/H_1 \cong G_2/H_2$ , then  $H_1 \cong H_2$ .
    - (e) If  $H_1 \cong H_2$  and  $G_1/H_1 \cong G_2/H_2$ , then  $G_1 \cong G_2$ .
  4. Prove the following “subgroup criterion”, which can be very useful when trying to show that a subset is indeed a subgroup: A nonempty subset  $H$  of a group  $G$  is a subgroup if and only if  $xy^{-1} \in H$  holds for all  $x, y \in H$ .

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

$$C_G(A) = \{g \in G \mid ga = ag, \forall a \in A\}.$$

- (a) Prove that  $C_G(A)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .  
(b) If  $A$  is additionally a subgroup of  $G$ , prove that  $C_G(A) \triangleleft N_G(A)$ .

6. Partition the following groups into conjugacy classes:

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| (a) $\mathbb{Z}_4$ ; | (d) $Q_8$ ; |
| (b) $D_5$ ;          | (e) $A_4$ ; |
| (c) $D_8$ ;          | (f) $S_4$ . |