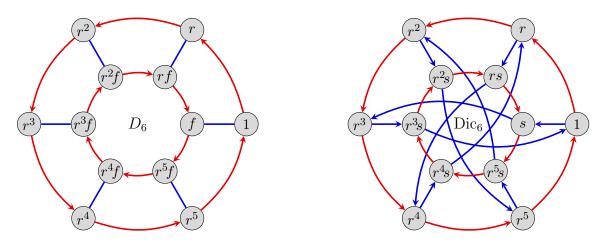
1. In both the dihedral group  $G = D_6$  and dicyclic group  $G = \text{Dic}_6$ , whose Cayley graphs are shown below, the subgroups  $N = \langle r^3 \rangle$  and  $H = \langle r^2 \rangle$  are normal. For both, construct a Cayley table and Cayley graph for the quotients G/N and G/H, and determine what these are isomorphic to.



- 2. Let H be a subgroup of G.
  - (a) Show that if G is abelian, then H and G/H are abelian.
  - (b) Show that if G/Z(G) is cyclic, then G is abelian.
  - (c) 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  $C_G(x)$ .

- (a) Show that  $C_G(X)$  is a subgroup of G.
- (b) If H is a subgroup of G, show that  $C_G(H) \leq N_G(H)$ .
- (c) Fix  $x \in G$ , and define the map

$$\phi: \{ \text{left cosets of } C_G(x) \} \longrightarrow \{ \text{conjugates of } x \}, \qquad \phi: gC_G(x) \longmapsto gxg^{-1}$$

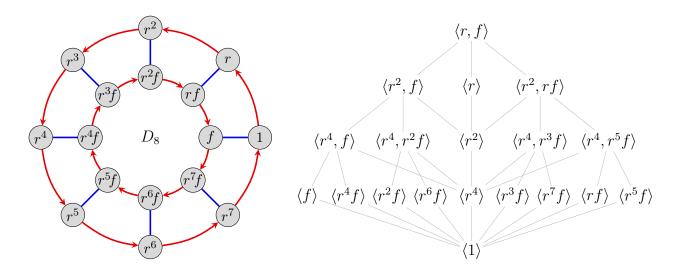
Show that this map is well-defined and a bijection.

- (d) Derive the useful formula  $|G| = |\operatorname{cl}_G(x)| \cdot |C_G(x)|$ , for any  $x \in G$ .
- (e) For  $Q_8$  and  $D_6$ , compute the centralizers of each element  $x \in G$ , as well as  $N_G(\langle x \rangle)$ . The partition of these groups by conjugacy classes is shown below.

| 1  | i  | j  | k  |  |
|----|----|----|----|--|
| -1 | -i | -j | -k |  |

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

(f) Partition the elements of the group  $D_8$  by conjugacy classes, and arrange them in a table, as above. Then repeat the previous part for this group. The Cayley graph 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) Determine how many elements there are of each cycle type in  $S_4$ , and in  $S_5$ . Note that the sum of your answers should add up to  $|S_4| = 4! = 24$  and  $|S_5| = 5! = 120$ , respectively.
  - (b) Partition the elements of  $S_4$  by conjugacy class.
  - (c) Compute the centralizers of e, (12), (123), (1234), and (12)(34) in  $S_4$ .
  - (d) Partition the elements of  $A_4$  by conjugacy class. Then pick one element from each class, and find its centralizer. [*Hint:* two-thirds of the elements in  $A_4$  are 3-cycles, so they cannot all be in the same conjugacy class.]
  - (e) Find the centralizer of each of the elements e, (12), (123), (1234), (12345), (12)(34), and (123)(45) in  $S_5$ .