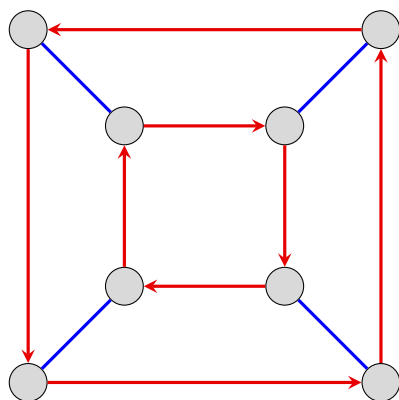


Read Chapter 6 of *Visual Group Theory*, or Chapters 4.1, 5.4, 5.5, 7 of *IBL Abstract Algebra*, and then write up solutions to the following exercises.

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



	e	r	r <sup>2</sup>	r <sup>3</sup>	f	rf	r <sup>2</sup> f	r <sup>3</sup> f
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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.

- 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  $S_8$ .
  - 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  $S_8$ .
  - 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,  $[H : K]$ .
- $C_{23} = \langle r \mid r^{23} = 1 \rangle$ ;
  - $C_{24} = \langle r \mid r^{24} = 1 \rangle$ ;
  - $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \{0, 1, 2\}\}$ ;
  - $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 = \{(a, b, c) \mid a, b, c \in \{0, 1\}\}$ ; (*Tip*: it's notationally easier to write elements as binary strings, e.g.,  $abc$  instead of  $(a, b, c)$ );
  - $S_3 = \{e, (12), (23), (13), (123), (132)\}$ ;
  - $A_4 = \{e, (123), (132), (124), (142), (134), (143), (234), (243), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)\}$ ;
  - $Q_8 = \langle i, j, k \mid i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk = -1 \rangle$ .

3. For each subgroup  $H$  of  $S_4$  described below, determine what well-known group it is isomorphic to. Justify your answers.

- (a)  $H = \langle (12), (34) \rangle$ ;
- (b)  $H = \langle (12)(34), (13)(24) \rangle$ ;
- (c)  $H = \langle (12), (23) \rangle$ ;
- (d)  $H = \langle (12), (1324) \rangle$ ;
- (e)  $H = \langle (123), (234) \rangle$ .

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  $\bigcap_{H_\alpha \in \mathcal{H}} H_\alpha$  is 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

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

where the intersection is taken over all subgroups of  $G$  that contain  $S$ . [*Hint*: To prove that  $A = B$ , you need 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) Show that for any  $x \in G$ , the map

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

is a bijection. Conclude that all left cosets of  $H$  have the same size.

- (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.]