

Math 31: Abstract Algebra
Fall 2017 - Quiz 1

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Test your knowledge

True false questions (1 point each)

1. $+_4$ is an operation on the set $\mathbb{Z}_2 = \{0, 1\}$. True False

2. Let $*$ be an operation on a set A . If $(A, *)$ has a neutral element e , then e is unique.
 True False

3. Let (G, \cdot) be a group and $a, b \in G$. Then $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$. True False

4. Let (G, \cdot) be a group and H and K subgroups of G . Then $H \cup K$ is a subgroup of G .
 True False

5. The set $H = \{f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f(x) \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is a subgroup of $(\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}), +)$. True False

6. Let (G, \cdot) be a group, $a, b \in G$ fixed and $f : G \rightarrow G, x \mapsto f(x) = axb$. Then f is bijective.
 True False

7. Let (G, \cdot) be a group. $S \subset G$, such that $\#S = n$ and $\langle S \rangle = G$. Then G has only finitely many elements. True False

8. If G and H are groups, such that $\#G = n$ and $\#H = m$. Then $\#(G \times H) = n + m$.
 True False

9. $(\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}), \cdot)$ is a group with neutral element $1 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \mapsto 1(x) = 1$. True False

10. $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$. **Hint:** If $F : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is an isomorphism. If $F(q) = 1$, what is $F(\frac{q}{2})$? True False

Long answer questions

question 1 (5 points) Let $G = \{e, a, b, c\}$ be a set of four elements, where e denotes the neutral element. Using an operation table, find all possible groups with four elements, where each element is its own inverse.

question 2 (5 points) Let (G, \cdot) be a group and $H = \langle \{a, b\} \rangle$ be the subgroup generated by the elements a and b , which satisfy the equations

$$a^2 = e \quad , \quad b^3 = e \quad , \quad ab = ba.$$

a) Show that H is an abelian group.

b) How many different elements can H contain at most?