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**Exercise 1.** Let

$$H := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^* \mid x = 1 \text{ or } x \text{ irrational}\} \quad ; \quad K := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^* \mid x \geq 1\} \quad ; \quad L := \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid \det(A) = 1\}$$

Then, which one of the following statements is CORRECT?

- (a)  $H$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}^*$ , and  $K$  is not a subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}^*$
  - (b)  $H$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}^*$ , and  $L$  is a subgroup of  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$
  - (c)  $K$  is not a subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}^*$ , and  $L$  is not a subgroup of  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$
  - (d)  $K$  is not a subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}^*$ , and  $L$  is a subgroup of  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$
  - (e) None of the above is correct
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**Exercise 2.** Let  $G$  be a group such that  $x^2 = 1$ , for each  $x \in G$ . Then:

- (a)  $G$  is cyclic
  - (b)  $G$  is abelian
  - (c)  $|G| = 2$
  - (d)  $|x| = 2, \forall x \in G$
  - (e)  $Z(G) = \{1\}$
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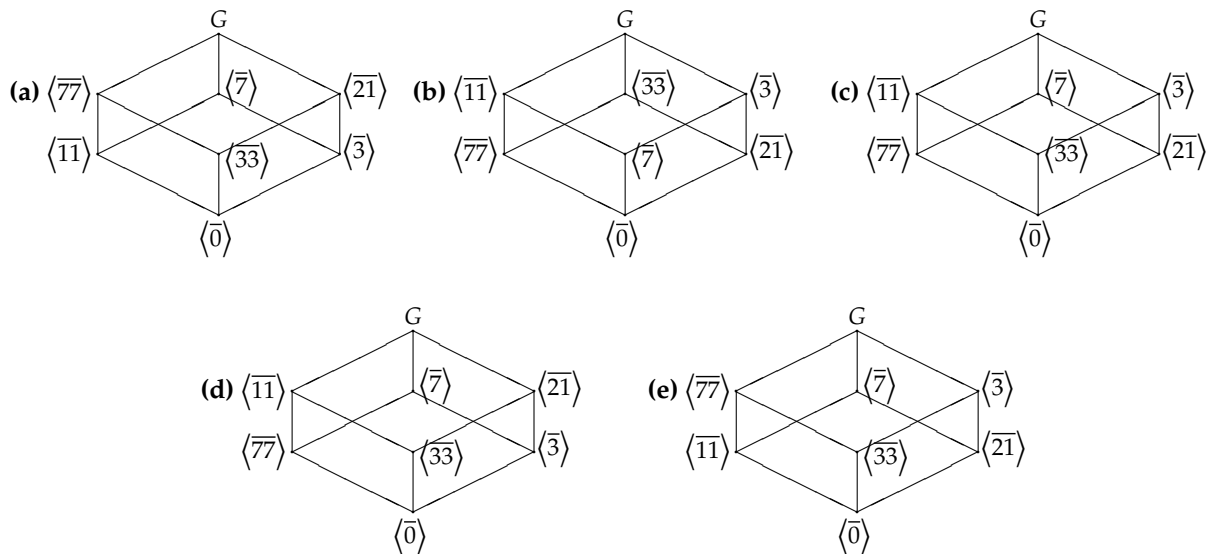
**Exercise 3.** Let  $S$  be the group of permutations of a finite set and let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be any two distinct transpositions in  $S$ . Then:

- (a)  $|\alpha\beta| = 1$
- (b)  $|\alpha\beta| = 2$
- (c)  $|\alpha\beta| = 1$  or  $2$
- (d)  $|\alpha\beta| = 1$  or  $3$
- (e)  $|\alpha\beta| = 2$  or  $3$

**Exercise 4.** Let  $S_{10}$  denote the symmetric group of degree 10 and let  $\sigma \in S_{10}$  with  $\sigma = \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \cdots \alpha_k$  where the  $\alpha_i$ 's are disjoint  $r_i$ -cycles such that  $r_i \geq 2$ , for each  $i$ , and  $r_1 + r_2 + \cdots + r_k = 10$ . Let  $N$  and  $n$  denote the largest and smallest possible orders for  $\sigma$ , respectively. Then  $N - n =$

- (a) 10
- (b) 17
- (c) 19
- (d) 26
- (e) 28

**Exercise 5.** The lattice of all subgroups of  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{231\mathbb{Z}}$  is.



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**Exercise 6.**  $G := \{1, 4, 11, 14, 16, 19, 26, 29, 31, 34, 41, 44\}$  is a group under multiplication modulo 45. Then:

- (a)  $G$  is the internal direct product of  $\langle 4 \rangle$  and  $\langle 19 \rangle$
- (b)  $G$  is the internal direct product of  $\langle 4 \rangle$  and  $\langle 31 \rangle$
- (c)  $G$  is the internal direct product of  $\langle 11 \rangle$  and  $\langle 19 \rangle$
- (d)  $G$  is the internal direct product of  $\langle 11 \rangle$  and  $\langle 26 \rangle$
- (e)  $G$  is the internal direct product of  $\langle 16 \rangle$  and  $\langle 26 \rangle$

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**Exercise 7.** In the group  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{25\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{5\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{5\mathbb{Z}}$ , the number of elements of order 25 is equal to

- (a) 0
- (b) 100
- (c) 125
- (d) 480
- (e) 500

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**Exercise 8.** Let  $G$  be an abelian group of order 24, which has fourteen elements of order 6. Then,  $G$  is isomorphic to:

- (a)  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{3\mathbb{Z}}$
- (b)  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{6\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}}$
- (c)  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{12\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{12\mathbb{Z}}$
- (d)  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{8\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{3\mathbb{Z}}$
- (e)  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{12\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{3\mathbb{Z}}$

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**Exercise 9.** Let  $G$  be a group of order  $pq$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct primes. Suppose  $G$  has two nontrivial proper normal subgroups  $H$  and  $K$  such that  $|H| \neq |K|$ . Then, the number of elements of order  $pq$  in  $G$  is equal to:

- (a) 0                      (b)  $pq - 1$                       (c)  $pq - p - q$                       (d)  $pq - p - q + 1$                       (e)  $(p - 1) + (q - 1)$

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**Exercise 10.** The **smallest** (nonzero) positive integer  $k$  such that  $\bar{k}$  is nilpotent in  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{1440\mathbb{Z}}$  is equal to

- (a) 28                      (b) 30                      (c) 32                      (d) 36                      (e) 45

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**Exercise 11.** Let  $x$  and  $y$  denote, respectively, the **greatest** and the **smallest** 10-digit positive integers that are divisible by 8 but whose **last three digits are all distinct**. Then  $x - y$  is equal to:

- (a) 8,999,999,864  
(b) 8,999,999,968  
(c) 8,999,999,872  
(d) 8,999,999,984  
(e) 8,999,999,888

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**Exercise 12.** Which one of the following statements is **WRONG**?

- (a)  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}[X]$  is an infinite ring
- (b)  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{11\mathbb{Z}}[i]$  is a field
- (c)  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{5\mathbb{Z}}[i]$  is a finite ring
- (d)  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{13\mathbb{Z}}[i]$  is Not an integral domain
- (e)  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{7\mathbb{Z}}[i]$  is Not a field

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**Exercise 13.** Consider the commutative ring  $R := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$  and let

$$K := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} \text{ and } L := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}.$$

Then:

- (a)  $K$  is a prime ideal of  $R$
- (b)  $\frac{R}{K} \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}$
- (c)  $L$  is a prime ideal of  $R$  and  $\frac{R}{K} \cong \mathbb{Z}$
- (d)  $\frac{R}{K} \cong \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$
- (e)  $L$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$

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**Exercise 14.** Which one of the following statements is WRONG?

- (a) In  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ , the principal ideal  $(1 - i)$  is maximal
- (b) In  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{5\mathbb{Z}}[i]$ , the principal ideal  $(1 + i)$  is not prime
- (c)  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}[i]}{i\mathbb{Z}[i]} \cong \{0\}$
- (d) In  $\mathbb{Z} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{6\mathbb{Z}}$ , the ideal  $2\mathbb{Z} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{6\mathbb{Z}}$  is not maximal
- (e) In  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}$ , the ideal  $0 \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}$  is principal

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**Exercise 15.** Consider the following polynomials:

$$f_1 = X^3 + 2X^2 + X - 1 \quad ; \quad f_2 = X^5 - X^3 + 3X^2 - 3 \quad ; \quad f_3 = X^4 + 4X^2 + 6$$

$$f_4 = 2X^4 + 4X^2 + 2 \quad ; \quad f_5 = 2X^3 + X^2 + 3X + 2$$

Then, in  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$

- (a)  $f_1, f_2$  are irreducible and  $f_4$  is reducible
- (b)  $f_1, f_3$  are irreducible and  $f_5$  is reducible
- (c)  $f_1, f_5$  are irreducible and  $f_2$  is reducible
- (d)  $f_1, f_5$  are irreducible and  $f_3$  is reducible
- (e)  $f_3, f_5$  are irreducible and  $f_1$  is reducible

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**Exercise 16.** The ring  $\frac{\mathbb{Q}[X]}{(X^4 - 3X^2 + 2)}$  is isomorphic to:

- (a)  $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}(i)$
- (b)  $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$
- (c)  $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$
- (d)  $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}(i) \times \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$
- (e)  $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) \times \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$

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**Exercise 17.** The polynomial  $f := X^4 + 1$  is irreducible over

- (a)  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}$                       (b)  $\mathbb{R}$                       (c)  $\mathbb{Q}$                       (d)  $\mathbb{Q}[i]$                       (e)  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$

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**Exercise 18.** Let  $f = 1 + X + X^2 + \cdots + X^{p-1}$ , where  $p$  is a prime number.

Then, in the ring  $R := \frac{\mathbb{Q}[X]}{(f^p)}$

- (a)  $X^p - p$  and  $X^p - 1$  are units  
(b)  $X^p - p$  and  $X^p - 1$  are nilpotent  
(c)  $X^p - 1 = 0$  and  $X^p - p$  is a unit  
(d)  $X^p - 1$  is nilpotent and  $X^p - p$  is a unit  
(e)  $X^p - p$  is nilpotent and  $X^p - 1$  is a unit

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**Exercise 19.** Let  $\{\overline{s_1}, \overline{s_2}, \dots, \overline{s_n}\}$  denote the set of all distinct solutions of the equation  $x^{66} = 1 \pmod{61}$ , where  $1 \leq s_1 < s_2 < \cdots < s_n \leq 60$ . Then,  $s_1 + s_2 + \cdots + s_n =$

- (a) 61                      (b) 122                      (c) 183                      (d) 244                      (e) 366

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**Exercise 20.** Let  $G := \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{7\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{7\mathbb{Z}}$  and let  $n$  denote the number of subgroups of  $G$  of order 7. Then

- (a)  $n = 1$                       (b)  $n = 6$                       (c)  $n = 7$                       (d)  $n = 8$                       (e)  $n = 48$