

### Exercises 5

14. (a) No.  $f(x)=3$  &  $g(x)=-3$  are both elements of  $\tilde{F}$ , but  $(f+g)(x)=0$  so  $f+g \notin \tilde{F}$ . Thus  $\tilde{F}$  is not closed.  
 (b) Yes. A gp is always a subgp of itself.

28.  $\langle c \rangle = \{e, c\}$

29.  $\cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} = \zeta_6^2$ , where  $\zeta_6 = \cos \frac{2\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{6}$ .

$\langle \zeta_6^2 \rangle = \langle 1, \zeta_6^2, \zeta_6^4 \rangle = \langle 1, \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3}, \cos \frac{4\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{4\pi}{3} \rangle$

46. Let  $G$  be a cyclic gp, & suppose  $\exists a \in G$  s.t.  $\langle a \rangle = G$ . Then  $\langle a^{-1} \rangle = G$  as well (this is because  $\{a^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{(a^{-1})^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ ). Since  $G$  has only one generator,  $a = a^{-1}$ , & so  $a^2 = e$ . Thus  $G = \langle a \rangle = \{e, a\}$ , &  $G$  has 2 elements, if  $a \neq e$ , and one element if  $a = e$ .

47. Let  $H = \{x \in G \mid x^2 = e\}$ .

- $H$  is closed: Let  $x, y \in H$ . Then we need to show  $(xy)^2 = e$ .  
 $(xy)^2 = xyxy = xxyy = x^2y^2 = e \cdot e = e$  ✓  
↑ because  $G$  is abelian.
- $e \in H$ :  $e^2 = e$  ✓
- Let  $x \in H$ . We need to show  $(x^{-1})^2 = e$ .  
 $(x^{-1})^2 = x^{-1}x^{-1} = (xx)^{-1} = (x^2)^{-1} = e^{-1} = e$  ✓

Therefore,  $H \leq G$ .

51.  $H_a = \{x \in G \mid xa = ax\}$

- $H_a$  is closed: Let  $x, y \in H_a$ .  
 Then  $xya = x(ya) = x(ay) = (ax)y = a(xy)$  ✓  
( $y \in H_a$ )  
( $x \in H_a$ )
- $e \in H_a$ :  $ea = a = ae$  ✓
- Let  $x \in H_a$ . Then  $ax^{-1} = x^{-1}xax^{-1} = x^{-1}axx^{-1} = x^{-1}a$ , so  $x^{-1} \in H$  ✓

Therefore,  $H_a \leq G$ .

52. (a)  $H_S = \{x \in G \mid xs = sx \ \forall s \in S\}$

(same pf as 51 works, just add  $\forall a \in S$  to each line)

- (b) Let  $H_G = \{x \in G \mid xg = gx \ \forall g \in G\}$ , & let  $x, y \in H_G$ .  
 Then  $xy = yx$ , because  $x$  commutes with every element of  $G$ , in particular  $x$  commutes with  $y$ .

53. • reflexive: let  $a \in G$ . Then  $aa^{-1} = e \in H$ , b/c  $H$  is a subgp.  $\Rightarrow a \sim a$  ✓  
 • symmetric: let  $a, b \in G$  s.t.  $a \sim b$ . Then  $ab^{-1} \in H$ , so  $ba^{-1} = (ab^{-1})^{-1} \in H$ , since  $H$  is a subgp  $\Rightarrow b \sim a$ . ✓  
 • transitive: let  $a, b, c \in G$  s.t.  $a \sim b$  &  $b \sim c$ . Then  $ab^{-1} \in H$  &  $bc^{-1} \in H$ , so  $ac^{-1} = (ab^{-1})(bc^{-1}) \in H$ , since  $H$  is a subgp  $\Rightarrow a \sim c$ . ✓

Therefore,  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.

57. Let  $G$  be a gp  $\neq$  suppose  $G$  has no non-trivial proper subgps.  
 If  $G = \{e\}$ , then  $G = \langle e \rangle$ , so  $G$  is cyclic.  
 If  $G \neq \{e\}$ , then  $\exists g \in G$  s.t.  $g \neq e$ . Consider  $\langle g \rangle \leq G$ . Since  $g \neq e$ ,  $\langle g \rangle$  is not trivial. Since  $G$  has no proper subgps,  $\langle g \rangle = G$ . Thus  $G$  is cyclic.

### Exercises 6:

33.  $D_4$

34.  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$

35.  $\mathbb{Z}_2$

36. No example exists: Let  $G$  be an infinite cyclic gp, with generator  $a$ . Suppose  $b \in G$  generates  $G$ . Then  $a = b^k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\neq 0$   $b = a^m$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus  $a = b^k = (a^m)^k = a^{mk}$  and so  $mk = 1$ .

The only  $\mathbb{Z}$ -integers satisfying  $mk = 1$  are  $m = 1 \wedge k = 1$ , or  $m = -1 \wedge k = -1$ .

Therefore  $b = a$  or  $b = -a$  (plugging in  $m = \pm 1$  to  $b = a^m$ ), so an infinite cyclic gp can have at most 2 generators.

37.  $\mathbb{Z}_{10} = \langle 1 \rangle = \langle 3 \rangle = \langle 7 \rangle = \langle 9 \rangle$ , because 1, 3, 7, 9 are exactly the elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}$  that are relatively prime to 10.

49. The Klein 4 group  $(V)$  is not cyclic, but every proper subgp is. (you can check by checking  $\langle g \rangle \neq V$  for any of the 4 elements  $g \in V$ ; we did this in class.)

50.  $\langle a \rangle = \{e, a\}$ ,  $\neq \langle x \rangle = \{e, x\}$  for all  $x \in G$  with  $x \neq a$ .

Consider the element  $xax^{-1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } (xax^{-1})^2 &= xax^{-1}xax^{-1} \\ &= xaax^{-1} \\ &= xa^2x^{-1} \\ &= xe x^{-1} \\ &= xx^{-1} \\ &= e. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\langle xax^{-1} \rangle = \{e, xax^{-1}\}$ ,  $\neq$  so  $xax^{-1} = a$ , by assumption. But then  $xa = ax$ , as desired.  $\square$

55.  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is a cyclic group,  $\neq$  so all subgroups are cyclic. Let  $1 \leq i < p$ . then  $\langle i \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_p$ , because  $\gcd(i, p) = 1$ , as  $p$  is prime. Also,  $\langle 0 \rangle = \{0\}$ . Therefore, all subgps of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  are improper or trivial.

### Additional exercises:

1. The order of such a gp must be prime: Let  $|G| = n$ . Since  $G$  is cyclic, it is a thm in the reading that for every  $d \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  s.t.  $d | n$ , there is a subgp  $H \leq G$  with  $|H| = d$ . Since every subgp of  $G$  is either proper or trivial, the only factors of  $n$  are 1  $\neq$   $n$ . Thus  $n$  is prime.

2. (a)  $L = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 0 \\ b & c & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

- Closure:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a_1 & 1 & 0 \\ b_1 & c_1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a_2 & 1 & 0 \\ b_2 & c_2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a_1+a_2 & 1 & 0 \\ b_1+ca_2+b_2 & c_1+c_2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in L$  ✓
- The identity matrix  $I \in L$  ✓
- The inverse of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 0 \\ b & c & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -a & 1 & 0 \\ ca-b & -c & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in L$  ✓

(b) All cyclic groups are abelian, so I will find 2 cyclic subgroups of  $L$ . The easiest way to show they are not isomorphic is to find 2 subgroups of different cardinalities.

There are lots of choices!

Ex:  $\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ n & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$  is countable (and infinite)

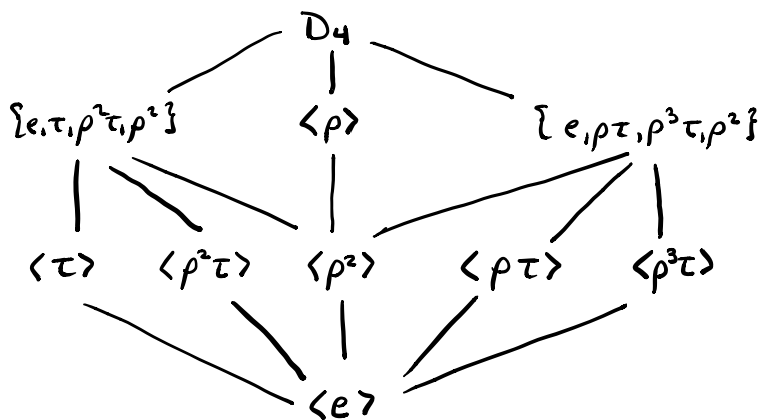
•  $\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$  has order 2

•  $\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$  has order 3

A non-cyclic example:

$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & c & c \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}^* \right\}$  is a subgroup, uncountable, & not abelian.

3.



4. (a) Let  $\frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q}^+$ ,  $\exists$  let  $a = p_1 \cdots p_k$ ,  $b = p'_1 \cdots p'_k$  be the prime factorizations of  $a$  &  $b$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \frac{a}{b} &= \frac{p_1 \cdots p_k}{p'_1 \cdots p'_k} = \frac{1}{p'_1} \cdots \frac{1}{p'_k} \cdot p_1 \cdots p_k \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{p'_1}\right) \cdots \left(\frac{1}{p'_k}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{p_1}\right)^{-1} \cdots \left(\frac{1}{p_k}\right)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Since each  $\frac{1}{p_i}, \frac{1}{p'_i} \in S = \{\frac{1}{p} \mid p \text{ prime}\}$ , we have shown that  $\frac{a}{b} \in \langle S \rangle$ . Since  $\frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q}^+$  was arbitrary,  $\mathbb{Q}^+ = \langle S \rangle$ .

\* Note: When we say a gp  $G$  is generated by a set  $S$ , this means (by definition) that every elt in  $G$  can be written as a product of powers of elts in  $S$  and their inverses.

(b) Suppose a set  $S = \{\frac{a_1}{b_1}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{b_n}\}$  generates  $\mathbb{Q}^+$ . Then there are only finitely many primes  $p_1, \dots, p_k$  that appear in the prime factorizations of any  $a_i$  or  $b_i$ . Let  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$  be a prime larger than any  $p_i$ . Since  $q \in \mathbb{Q}^+$ ,  $q$  can be written as a product of elts of  $S$  & their inverses. Thus  $q$  can be expressed as a product of primes (none of which are  $= q$ ), which contradicts the fact that  $q$  is prime. Therefore  $S$  does not generate  $\mathbb{Q}^+$ . Since  $S$  was an arbitrary finite set,  $\mathbb{Q}^+$  cannot be generated by any finite set.