

Test 1 - Answers and Solutions

Question about course 1.

$(R, +, \times)$ is a ring if it satisfies each of the following point

a) R is a nonempty set

b) $+$ and \times are binary operations on R

$$\forall a, b \in R, \begin{cases} a + b \in R \\ a \times b \in R \end{cases}$$

c) $(R, +)$ is an abelian group, that is it satisfies each of the following point

c1) $\forall a, b, c \in R, (a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$

c2) $\exists 0 \in R / \forall a \in R, a + 0 = 0 + a = a$

c3) $\forall a \in R, \exists (-a) \in R / a + (-a) = (-a) + a = 0$

c4) $\forall a, b \in R, a + b = b + a$

d) the binary operation \times is associative

$$\forall a, b, c \in R, (a \times b) \times c = a \times (b \times c)$$

e) the binary operation \times is distributive over the binary operation $+$

$$\forall a, b, c \in R, \begin{cases} a \times (b + c) = a \times b + a \times c \\ (b + c) \times a = b \times a + c \times a \end{cases}$$

Question about course 2.

φ is an automorphism of the group (G, \star) if it satisfies each of the following point

a) φ is a map from G into itself

b) φ is a bijection

b1) φ is injective: $\forall a, b \in G, \varphi(a) = \varphi(b) \implies a = b$

b2) φ is surjective: $\forall a \in G, \exists b \in G / \varphi(b) = a$

c) φ is a group homomorphism: $\forall a, b \in G, \varphi(a \star b) = \varphi(a) \star \varphi(b)$

Exercise 3.

1. Let a and a' be two elements in A , namely $a = n + k\sqrt{5}$ and $a' = n' + k'\sqrt{5}$ where $n, k, n', k' \in \mathbb{Z}$.
Then

$$a + (-a') = (n + k\sqrt{5}) - (n' + k'\sqrt{5}) = n + k\sqrt{5} - n' - k'\sqrt{5} = (n - n') + (k - k')\sqrt{5}$$

Since $(n - n') \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $(k - k') \in \mathbb{Z}$, it follows that $a + (-a') \in A$. Consequently $(A, +)$ is a subgroup of $(\mathbb{R}, +)$.

2. We need to prove that \times is a binary operation on A , \times is associative and \times is distributive over $+$.

Let a and a' be two elements in A , namely $a = n+k\sqrt{5}$ and $a' = n'+k'\sqrt{5}$ where $n, k, n', k' \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then

$$a \times a' = (n+k\sqrt{5}) \times (n'+k'\sqrt{5}) = nn' + nk'\sqrt{5} + n'k\sqrt{5} + 5kk' = (nn' + 5kk') + (nk' + n'k)\sqrt{5}$$

Since $(nn' + 5kk') \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $(nk' + n'k) \in \mathbb{Z}$, it follows that $a \times a' \in A$. Consequently \times is a binary operation on A .

Let a, a' and a'' be three elements in A . Since \times is associative on \mathbb{R} and distributive over $+$ on \mathbb{R} , we have

$$\begin{cases} (a \times a') \times a'' = a \times (a' \times a'') \\ a \times (a' + a'') = a \times a' + a \times a'' \\ (a' + a'') \times a = a' \times a + a'' \times a \end{cases}$$

Consequently \times is associative on A and distributive over $+$ on A as well.

Exercise 4. 1. Let f and g be two elements in F_0 , that are two functions from \mathbb{R} to itself such that $f(1) = g(1) = 0$. Then the function $(f + (-g)) : x \mapsto (f + (-g))(x) = f(x) - g(x)$ is from \mathbb{R} to itself and $(f + (-g))(1) = f(1) - g(1) = 0 - 0 = 0$. Consequently $(f + (-g)) \in F_0$ and it follows that $(F_0, +)$ is a subgroup of $(F, +)$.

2. Let f and g be two elements in F_1 , that are two functions from \mathbb{R} to itself such that $f(1) = g(1) = 1$. Then the function $(f + g) : x \mapsto (f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ is from \mathbb{R} to itself and $(f + g)(1) = f(1) + g(1) = 1 + 1 = 2 \neq 1$. Consequently $(f + g) \notin F_1$ and it follows that $+$ is not a binary operation on F_1 . Finally $(F_1, +)$ is not a group.

3. For every real number x , if f and g are two elements in F_x then the function $(f + g)$ is in F_{2x} (since $(f + g)(1) = f(1) + g(1) = x + x = 2x$). But F_{2x} is disjoint from F_x as soon as $x \neq 0$ (since $2x \neq x$). Therefore $+$ is not a binary operation on F_x for $x \neq 0$. Consequently $x = 0$ is the only one real number such that $(F_x, +)$ is a group.

4. Let f and g be two elements in F , that are two function from \mathbb{R} to itself. Then

$$\Phi(f + g) = (f + g)(1) = f(1) + g(1) = \Phi(f) + \Phi(g)$$

Consequently, Φ is a homomorphism from $(F, +)$ into $(\mathbb{R}, +)$.

Exercise 5.

1. $u_0 = 4^{3 \times 0 + 2} + 8^{2 \times 0 + 1} = 4^2 + 8^1 = 16 + 8 = 24 = 2 \times 9 + 6 \equiv 6 \quad [9]$

2. $u_1 = 4^{3 \times 1 + 2} + 8^{2 \times 1 + 1} = 4^5 + 8^3$

Moreover

$$\begin{cases} 4^2 = 4 \times 4 = 16 = 1 \times 9 + 7 \equiv 7 \quad [9] \\ 4^3 = 4^2 \times 4 \equiv 7 \times 4 \equiv 28 \equiv 3 \times 9 + 1 \equiv 1 \quad [9] \\ 4^5 = 4^3 \times 4^2 \equiv 1 \times 7 \equiv 7 \quad [9] \\ 8^3 = (2 \times 4)^3 = 2^3 \times 4^3 \equiv 8 \times 1 \equiv 8 \quad [9] \end{cases}$$

So $u_1 = 4^5 + 8^3 \equiv 7 + 8 \equiv 15 \equiv 1 \times 9 + 6 \equiv 6 \quad [9]$

$u_2 = 4^{3 \times 2 + 2} + 8^{2 \times 2 + 1} = 4^8 + 8^5$

Moreover

$$\begin{cases} 4^8 = 4^5 \times 4^3 \equiv 7 \times 1 \equiv 7 \quad [9] \\ 8^5 = (2 \times 4)^5 = 2^5 \times 4^5 \equiv 32 \times 7 \equiv 5 \times 9 + 8 \equiv 8 \quad [9] \end{cases}$$

(since $32 = 3 \times 9 + 5 \equiv 5 \quad [9]$ and $35 = 3 \times 9 + 8 \equiv 8 \quad [9]$)

So $u_2 = 4^8 + 8^5 \equiv 7 + 8 \equiv 15 \equiv 1 \times 9 + 6 \equiv 6 \quad [9]$

3. $u_{n+1} = 4^{3(n+1)+2} + 8^{2(n+1)+1} = 4^{3+3n+2} + 8^{2+2n+1} = 4^3 \times 4^{3n+2} + 8^2 \times 8^{2n+1}$

Moreover

$$\begin{cases} 4^3 \equiv 1 & [9] \\ 8^2 = 8 \times 8 = 64 = 7 \times 9 + 1 \equiv 1 & [9] \end{cases}$$

So $u_{n+1} = 4^3 \times 4^{3n+2} + 8^2 \times 8^{2n+1} \equiv 1 \times 4^{3n+2} + 1 \times 8^{2n+1} \equiv 4^{3n+2} + 8^{2n+1} \equiv u_n \quad [9]$

In particular the assumption $u_n \equiv 6 \quad [9]$ implies that $u_{n+1} \equiv 6 \quad [9]$.

4. It follows by induction that $u_n \equiv 6 \quad [9]$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Exercise 6.

1. Since 13 is a prime number, every element in $\mathbb{Z}/13\mathbb{Z}$ distinct from $\bar{0}$ has an inverse element for the multiplication. It follows that $(\mathbb{Z}/13\mathbb{Z} - \{\bar{0}\}, \times)$ is a group.

2. We have

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 \times 6 = 0 \equiv 0 \quad [13] \\ 1 \times 6 = 6 \equiv 6 \quad [13] \\ 2 \times 6 = 12 \equiv 12 \quad [13] \\ 3 \times 6 = 18 = 1 \times 13 + 5 \equiv 5 \quad [13] \\ 4 \times 6 = 24 = 1 \times 13 + 11 \equiv 11 \quad [13] \\ 5 \times 6 = 30 = 2 \times 13 + 4 \equiv 4 \quad [13] \\ 6 \times 6 = 36 = 2 \times 13 + 10 \equiv 10 \quad [13] \end{array} \right. \quad \text{and} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 7 \times 6 = 42 = 3 \times 13 + 3 \equiv 3 \quad [13] \\ 8 \times 6 = 48 = 3 \times 13 + 9 \equiv 9 \quad [13] \\ 9 \times 6 = 54 = 4 \times 13 + 2 \equiv 2 \quad [13] \\ 10 \times 6 = 60 = 4 \times 13 + 8 \equiv 8 \quad [13] \\ 11 \times 6 = 66 = 5 \times 13 + 1 \equiv 1 \quad [13] \\ 12 \times 6 = 72 = 5 \times 13 + 7 \equiv 7 \quad [13] \end{array} \right.$$

So $y = \bar{11}$ answers the question ($\bar{11} \times \bar{6} = \bar{1}$ since $11 \times 6 \equiv 1 \quad [13]$)

3. At first, since $(\mathbb{Z}/13\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is a group, (E) is equivalent to

$$(E) \quad \bar{6} \times x = \bar{2} - \bar{7} = \overline{2-7} = \overline{-5} = \overline{-1 \times 13 + 8} = \bar{8}$$

By multiplying both sides of (E) with $\bar{11}$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (E) \quad \bar{11} \times (\bar{6} \times x) &= \bar{11} \times \bar{8} \\ (\bar{11} \times \bar{6}) \times x &= \bar{11} \times \bar{8} \quad (\text{by using associativity of } \times) \\ \bar{1} \times x &= \bar{88} \quad (\text{from the result of the previous question}) \\ x &= \overline{6 \times 13 + 10} \quad (\text{since } \bar{1} \text{ is the identity element for } \times) \\ x &= \bar{10} \end{aligned}$$

Finally (E) has an unique solution in $\mathbb{Z}/13\mathbb{Z}$ which is $x = \bar{10}$.

4. Since 11 is a prime number, every element in $\mathbb{Z}/11\mathbb{Z}$ distinct from $\bar{0}$ has an inverse element for the multiplication. In particular $\bar{2} \times \bar{6} = \bar{2} \times \bar{6} = \bar{12} = \bar{1} \times 11 + \bar{1} = \bar{1}$. Therefore we get in $\mathbb{Z}/11\mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} (E) \quad \bar{2} \times (\bar{6} \times x) &= \bar{2} \times (\bar{2} - \bar{7}) \\ (\bar{2} \times \bar{6}) \times x &= \overline{2 \times -5} \\ \bar{1} \times x &= \overline{-10} \\ x &= \overline{-1 \times 11 + 1} \\ x &= \bar{1} \end{aligned}$$

Consequently (E) has an unique solution in $\mathbb{Z}/11\mathbb{Z}$ which is $x = \bar{1}$.