

Modern Algebra Homework

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1 Assignment

- Write a Caley table for the group (S_3, \circ) .
- Use every element to generate a subgroup to confirm its order.
- Find the inverse of every element

2 Solution

A group $(S_3, \circ) = (\{(1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3), (1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 2)\}, \circ)$ is equal to

$$\left(\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \circ \right)$$

2.1 Caley Table

\circ	(1)	(1, 2)	(1, 3)	(2, 3)	(1, 2, 3)	(1, 3, 2)
(1)	(1)	(1, 2)	(1, 3)	(2, 3)	(1, 2, 3)	(1, 3, 2)
(1, 2)	(1, 2)	(1)	(1, 3, 2)	(1, 2, 3)	(2, 3)	(1, 3)
(1, 3)	(1, 3)	(1, 2, 3)	(1)	(1, 3, 2)	(1, 2)	(2, 3)
(2, 3)	(2, 3)	(1, 3, 2)	(1, 2, 3)	(1)	(1, 3)	(1, 2)
(1, 2, 3)	(1, 2, 3)	(1, 3)	(2, 3)	(1, 2)	(1, 3, 2)	(1)
(1, 3, 2)	(1, 3, 2)	(2, 3)	(1, 2)	(1, 3)	(1)	(1, 2, 3)

2.2 Subgroups

2.2.1 (1)

$$\langle (1) \rangle = \{(1)\}$$

$C(\{(1)\}) = 1$. This means the order of (1) is 1.

2.2.2 (1, 2)

$$\langle (1, 2) \rangle = \{(1, 2), (1, 2) \circ (1, 2)\} = \{(1, 2), (1)\}$$

$C(\{(1, 2), (1)\}) = 2$. This means the order of (1, 2) is 2.

2.2.3 (1, 3)

$$\langle (1, 3) \rangle = \{(1, 3), (1, 3) \circ (1, 3)\} = \{(1, 3), (1)\}$$

$C(\{(1, 3), (1)\}) = 2$. This means the order of (1, 3) is 2.

2.2.4 (2,3)

$$\langle (2,3) \rangle = \{(2,3), (2,3) \circ (2,3)\} = \{(2,3), (1)\}$$

$C(\{(2,3), (1)\}) = 2$. This means the order of $(2,3)$ is 2.

2.2.5 (1,2,3)

$$\langle (1,2,3) \rangle = \{(1,2,3), (1,2,3) \circ (1,2,3), (1,2,3) \circ (1,2,3) \circ (1,2,3)\} = \{(1,2,3), (1,3,2), (1)\}$$

$C(\{(1,2,3), (1,3,2), (1)\}) = 3$. This means the order of $(1,2,3)$ is 3.

2.2.6 (1,3,2)

$$\langle (1,3,2) \rangle = \{(1,3,2), (1,3,2) \circ (1,3,2), (1,3,2) \circ (1,3,2) \circ (1,3,2)\} = \{(1,3,2), (1,2,3), (1)\}$$

$C(\{(1,3,2), (1,2,3), (1)\}) = 3$. This means the order of $(1,3,2)$ is 3.

2.3 Inverses

From the table in Section 2.1, it is evident that the inverses of the elements are as follows:

Element	Inverse
(1)	(1)
(1,2)	(1,2)
(1,3)	(1,3)
(2,3)	(2,3)
(1,2,3)	(1,3,2)
(1,3,2)	(1,2,3)