

1. Let  $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  be the group of integers under addition. Give an example of:
  - (a) A finite subset that is closed.
  - (b) A finite subset that isn't closed.
  - (c) An infinite subset that is closed.
  - (d) An infinite subset that isn't closed.
  
2. Complete the following table so that the set has a chance of being a *commutative* group.

$\circ$	$e$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$f$
$e$	$e$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$f$
$a$	$a$	$e$	$d$			$c$
$b$	$b$					$e$
$c$	$c$	$f$		$d$		
$d$	$d$		$f$	$e$		
$f$	$f$					

3. Let  $\mathbb{Z}_7 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  be the usual group under “clock addition.”
  - (a) Make a table for  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ .
  - (b) Show that each of the elements  $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$  “generates” all of  $\mathbb{Z}_7$  by adding each to itself over and over until you get the whole set. (For example,  $2 + 2 = 4$ ,  $2 + 2 + 2 = 6$ ,  $2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 1$ , etc.)
  - (c) Conclude that the only subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}_7$  are  $\{0\}$  and all of  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ .
  
4. We have seen that there are 16 different binary operation on the set  $S = \{0, 1\}$  (one for each of the possible  $2 \times 2$  multiplication tables – see your notes). If I tell you that exactly two of these are groups, which two are they?
  
5. Below is the table for  $D_4$ . Find all the subgroups you can. (As you will see in the next section, a group with 8 elements cannot have subgroups with 3,

5, 6, or 7 elements, so there is no need to check subsets of those sizes.)

	$I$	$S$	$S^2$	$S^3$	$R_1$	$R_2$	$R_3$	$R_4$
$I$	$I$	$S$	$S^2$	$S^3$	$R_1$	$R_2$	$R_3$	$R_4$
$S$	$S$	$S^2$	$S^3$	$I$	$R_4$	$R_1$	$R_2$	$R_3$
$S^2$	$S^2$	$S^3$	$I$	$S$	$R_3$	$R_4$	$R_1$	$R_2$
$S^3$	$S^3$	$I$	$S$	$S^2$	$R_2$	$R_3$	$R_4$	$R_1$
$R_1$	$R_1$	$R_2$	$R_3$	$R_4$	$I$	$S$	$S^2$	$S^3$
$R_2$	$R_2$	$R_3$	$R_4$	$R_1$	$S^3$	$I$	$S$	$S^2$
$R_3$	$R_3$	$R_4$	$R_1$	$R_2$	$S^2$	$S^3$	$I$	$S$
$R_4$	$R_4$	$R_1$	$R_2$	$R_3$	$S$	$S^2$	$S^3$	$I$

- 1a.  $\{0\}$  is the only one.
- 1b. Any set other than  $\{0\}$  isn't closed. If a set contains some  $k \neq 0$ , then (if it is closed), it must also contain  $k + k = 2k$ ,  $k + k + k = 3k$ , etc., so it must contain  $\{k, 2k, 3k, 4k, \dots\}$ , so it must be infinite.
- 1c. The set of even integers. Or, more generally, the set of multiples of a given integer  $k$ . (For example, multiples of 5.)
- 1d. The set of even integers except for 4 is one example. Generally, take an infinite set that is closed and toss something out.

2.

o	<i>e</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>f</i>
<i>e</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>f</i>
<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>e</i>
<i>c</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>b</i>
<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>f</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>d</i>

3a.

o	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
2	2	3	4	5	6	0	1
3	3	4	5	6	0	1	2
4	4	5	6	0	1	2	3
5	5	6	0	1	2	3	4
6	6	0	1	2	3	4	5

- 3b. Just grab an element and keep adding it to itself; they all generate the whole group. For example, starting with 3:  $3 = 3$ ,  $3 + 3 = 2 \cdot 3 = 6$ ,  $3 + 3 + 3 = 3 \cdot 3 = 2$ ,  $4 \cdot 3 = 5$ ,  $5 \cdot 3 = 1$ ,  $6 \cdot 3 = 4$ ,  $7 \cdot 3 = 0$ .
- 3c. If any closed subset contains something other than zero, then by the previous problem we know it will contain all of  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ . Since the only closed subsets are  $\{0\}$  and all of  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ , those are the only possible subgroups. (And, as always, the set consisting of the identity alone and the whole group *are* subgroups.)

4. There are only two that have each element in each row and each column:

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} * & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c|cc} * & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$

Each of these is structurally the same as  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ : the first one is  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ , and the second one is  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  if the roles of 0 and 1 are interchanged. So, there is essentially only one group with two elements.

5. Here are all the subgroups:

- One element subgroups:  $\{I\}$
- Two element subgroups:  $\{I, R_i\}$  for each  $i$  and  $\{I, S^2\}$
- Four element subgroups:  $\{I, S, S^2, S^3\}$ ,  $\{I, S^2, R_2, R_4\}$ , and  $\{I, S^2, R_1, R_3\}$ .
- Eight element subgroups:  $D_4$