

INSA de Rouen  
**STPI - SIB - M2**  
Tutorial n° 5  
Abstract algebraic notions, modular arithmetic.

**Exercise 1** *Properties of groups*

1. Prove that in a group the neutral element is unique. Prove that for any element its inverse is unique as well.
2. Let  $(G_1, \star_1), (G_2, \star_2)$  be groups with neutral elements  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  respectively, and  $\varphi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  be a homomorphism.
  - a). Prove that  $\varphi(e_1) = e_2$ .
  - b). Prove that  $\text{Ker}(\varphi) \equiv \{g \in G_1, \text{ s.t. } \varphi(g) = e_2\}$  is a subgroup of  $G_1$ .
  - c). \*(Optional) Prove that the quotient  $G_1/\text{Ker}(\varphi)$  is isomorphic to  $\varphi(G)$ .  
( $\varphi(G) \equiv \{\bar{g} \in G_2 \text{ s.t. } \exists g \in G_1, \bar{g} = \varphi(g)\}$ .)

**Exercise 2** *Subgroups / morphisms*

1. Describe a set  $D_3$  of all the similarity transformations, mapping an equilateral triangle to itself. Prove that  $D_3$  equipped with a composition operation is a group. Give explicitly the multiplication table.
2. Describe a set  $D_6$  of all the similarity transformations, mapping a regular hexagon to itself. Prove that  $D_6$  equipped with a composition operation is a group.
3. Consider the set of all permutations of 3 elements, i.e. the set of bijective mappings from the set  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  to itself. How many elements are there in this set? Does this set equipped with the composition operation form a group?
4. Consider the set of  $n$ -th roots of unity for  $n = 3$ , and  $n = 6$ . Prove that these sets equipped with complex multiplication form a group. Give explicitly the multiplication table.
5. What are the relations between all the groups described above?

**Exercise 3** *Rings*

1. Check that  $\mathbb{Z}_{12} \equiv \mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z}$  equipped with the induced addition and multiplication is a ring. Is it a field? Is there any subring of  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  that is a field?
2. Consider  $\mathbb{Z}_7 \equiv \mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}$ . Give explicitly the addition and multiplication tables. For any non-zero element construct its multiplicative inverse.
3. Consider  $\mathbb{R}^3$  equipped with component-wise addition and vector product as a multiplication. Does it form a ring?

**Exercise 4** *Modular arithmetic*

1. *Congruences*
  - a). Prove that the congruence is compatible with arithmetic operations in  $\mathbb{Z}$ , i.e. prove that if  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ ,  $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$ , then  $a \pm c \equiv b \pm d \pmod{n}$ ,  $ac \equiv bd \pmod{n}$ ,  $a^k \equiv b^k \pmod{n}$ .  
Can we divide the l.h.s. and the r.h.s. of a congruence by the same integer number?
  - b). Compute the remainder of the division of  $3^{1789}$  by 25, of  $63^{987654}$  by 8.
  - c). Compute the last digit of  $2014^{2014}$ ,  $(2013^{2014})^{2016}$ .
  - d). Show that for integer  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $a^2 + b^2$  is a multiple of 7 if and only if both  $a$  and  $b$  are.

2. Equations for integer unknowns. We consider an equation  $ax + by = c$  with  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  and we search for its integer solutions  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ .

a). Show that if a solution exists, then  $c$  is necessarily a multiple of  $\gcd(a, b)$ .

b). Using the decomposition of  $\gcd(a, b)$  show that at least one solution exists.

Find all the solutions of the equation.

c). Find the integer solutions of the equation  $5x - 9y = 3$

d). Find the integer solutions of the equation  $123x - 54y = 3$

3. Systems of congruences

a). Consider two conditions:  $x \equiv a[m]$ ,  $x \equiv b[n]$ , with  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ . Let  $x_0 = bum + avn$ , where  $u$  and  $v$  are the coefficients such that  $mu + vn = 1$  - show that  $x_0$  satisfies the system. Show that for any solution  $x$ ,  $x - x_0$  is a multiple of  $n$  and  $m$ . Formulate the method.

b). Solve the systems:  $\begin{cases} x \equiv 2(\text{mod } 3) \\ x \equiv 1(\text{mod } 5) \end{cases}$   $\begin{cases} 2x \equiv 3(\text{mod } 5) \\ 3x \equiv 2(\text{mod } 4) \end{cases}$

4. Fermat's little theorem. Let  $p$  be a prime number.

a). Prove that for any  $p$  and  $0 < k < p$ ,  $\binom{p}{k}$  is a multiple of  $p$ .

b). Prove that for all integer couples  $(x, y)$ ,  $(x + y)^p \equiv x^p + y^p \pmod{p}$

c). Deduce that for any integer  $a$ ,  $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$ . (Induction may be helpful).

d). Show that if  $a$  is not a multiple of  $p$ , the above statement is equivalent to  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .