

**Problem 8.1.**

1. Which of the following are commutative groups? For the commutative groups, give the identity element and the inverse of any element.
  - (a)  $(\mathbb{Z}, \cdot)$
  - (b)  $(\mathbb{R}^n, +)$ , for some fixed positive integer  $n$ , where  $+$  is the componentwise addition
  - (c)  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \cdot)$ , where  $\cdot$  is the scalar product:  $(u_1, \dots, u_n) \cdot (v_1, \dots, v_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i$
  - (d)  $(\{z \in \mathbb{C} | z^n = 1\}, \cdot)$ , for some fixed positive integer  $n$
  - (e)  $(e^{i\theta}, \cdot)$ , where  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $i$  is the unit complex number such that  $i^2 = -1$
  - (f)  $(\{0, 1\}, \wedge)$ , where  $\wedge$  is the logical "and" operation
  - (g)  $(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}, \cdot)$
  - (h)  $(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{[0]_5\}, \cdot)$
  - (i)  $(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{[0]_5\}, +)$
2. Are the following commutative groups isomorphic? If not - prove it. If yes - give the tables and the isomorphism:
  - (a)  $G_1 = (\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}^*, \cdot)$  and  $H_1 = (\{z \in \mathbb{C} | z^4 = 1\}, \cdot)$
  - (b)  $G_2 = (\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}^*, \cdot)$  and  $H_2 = (\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}^*, \cdot)$
  - (c)  $G_3 = (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, +) \times (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, +)$  and  $H_3 = (\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}, +)$   
(Hint: Check the orders of the elements.)
  - (d)  $G_4 = (\mathbb{Z}/15\mathbb{Z}^*, \cdot)$  and  $H_4 = (\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}, +)$

**Problem 8.2.**

1. Compute the order of each element in the commutative group  $(\mathbb{Z}/18\mathbb{Z}^*, \cdot)$ .
2. Can you find an integer  $k$  such that  $(\mathbb{Z}/18\mathbb{Z}^*, \cdot)$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}, +)$  are isomorphic? If yes, give an example of such isomorphism.

**Problem 8.3.**

1. Show that  $(x, y)$  is invertible in  $(\mathbb{Z}/17\mathbb{Z}, \cdot) \times (\mathbb{Z}/121\mathbb{Z}, \cdot)$  if and only if  $x$  is invertible in  $(\mathbb{Z}/17\mathbb{Z}, \cdot)$  and  $y$  is invertible in  $(\mathbb{Z}/121\mathbb{Z}, \cdot)$ .
2. How many invertible elements are in  $(\mathbb{Z}/17\mathbb{Z}, \cdot) \times (\mathbb{Z}/121\mathbb{Z}, \cdot)$ ?
3. Solve the following equation where the unknown is  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$2^n \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

4. Solve the equation  $x^{19} = x$  for  $x \in (\mathbb{Z}/19\mathbb{Z}, \cdot)$ .

### Problem 8.4.

Consider the El Gamal cryptosystem.

1. Select  $p = 47$ . Verify that  $g = 5$  is indeed a generator of  $(\mathbb{Z}/47\mathbb{Z}^*, \cdot)$ .
2. Alice wants to send the plaintext  $t = 13$  using  $g = 5$  to Bob. Alice receives from Bob  $g^x \bmod 47 = 31$  (with  $x$  being Bob's secret). Alice's secret number is  $y = 2$ . What two integers will Alice send to Bob to share the plaintext  $t$ ?
3. You now learn Bob's secret,  $x = 3$  (indeed  $g^3 \bmod 47 = 31$ ). Show how Bob can get back the plaintext from the two integers Alice sent him.
4. Select  $p = 61$ . Is  $g = 9$  a good choice? Eve observes the communication between Alice and Bob:
  - Bob sends  $g^x = 58$  to Alice.
  - Alice replies with  $(g^y, g^{xy} \cdot t) = (34, 28)$ .

Can Eve recover the message  $t$  shared between Alice and Bob? (*Hint: Determine the order of  $g$  modulo 61.*)

### Problem 8.5.

1. Let  $(G, \star)$  be a finite commutative group. Consider the following encryption method. The message that Alice wants to send to Bob is an element  $t \in G$ . The key is a uniformly distributed random element  $k \in G$ , selected independently of the message  $t$ . Alice sends the ciphertext  $c = k \star t$  to Bob. Does it provide perfect secrecy?
2. Let  $m > 1$  be an integer, consider a message  $t \in \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$  and a uniformly distributed key  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$ . Which of the following encryption methods provide perfect secrecy?
  - (a)  $c = t + k$
  - (b)  $c = t + k \bmod m$
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  - (a)  $c = t \cdot k$
  - (b)  $c = t \cdot k \bmod m$