

1. Create a(n)

(a) Addition table mod 5

**Answer:**

	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4	0
2	2	3	4	1	1
3	3	4	0	1	2
4	4	0	1	2	3

(b) Multiplication table mod 5

**Answer:**

	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4
2	0	2	4	1	3
3	0	3	1	4	2
4	0	4	3	2	1

2. Decide which of the following are groups. Justify for answer by showing that either all group axioms hold, or by giving a specific example showing an axiom fails

(a) The set of rational numbers under addition

**Answer:**

Checking that addition is a binary operation on the rational numbers:  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ , and  $a + b \in \mathbb{Q}$

• **Associativity:**

$$(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$$

• **Identity:**

0 is the additive identity, and  $0 \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

• **Inverses**

If  $a \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $a + (-a) = -a + a = 0$ , and  $-a \in \mathbb{Q}$

Thus the rational numbers under addition are a group.

(b) The set of complex numbers  $S = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$

**Answer:**

- **Associativity:**

$(ab)c = a(bc)$  is true for all elements in the set

- **Identity:**

1 is the additive identity, and  $1 \in S$ .

- **Inverses**

$1(1) = (1)1 = 1, 1 \in S$

$-1(-1) = (-1) - 1 = 1, -1 \in S$

$i(-i) = (-i)i = 1, -i \in S$

$(-i)i = i(-i) = 1, i \in S$

Thus the set  $S$  under multiplication is a group.

(c) The set of even numbers under multiplication

**Answer:**

- **Inverses:**

1 is the multiplicative identity, but  $1 \notin S$  (where  $S$  is the even numbers)

3. An element  $a$  in a group  $G$  under multiplication is called an *idempotent* if  $a^2 = a$ . Prove that the only idempotent in a group is the identity element. (Hint: We're assuming  $a$  is in the group, so it must have an inverse.)

**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned}a^2 &= a \\a^{-1}(a^2) &= a^{-1}(a) \\a &= 1\end{aligned}$$

**Proof:** We know that 1 is the identity of a group  $G$  under multiplication. Since we showed  $a = 1$  above, no other element in group  $G$  can be idempotent. We disregard 0 because even though  $0^2 = 0$ , 0 has no multiplicative inverse, therefore there is no possibility that  $0 \in G$ . Therefore, the only idempotent element in a multiplicative group  $G$  is the identity element.

4. A *permutation* of a finite set of numbers  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is an arrangement of the numbers in the set. We can express this arrangement using an ordered list. For instance, all possible permutations of the set  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  would be  $(1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 2), (2, 1, 3), (2, 3, 1), (3, 1, 2)$ , and  $(3, 2, 1)$ .

- (a) Find all possible permutations of the set  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

**Answer:**

$(1, 2, 3, 4)$	$(2, 1, 3, 4)$	$(3, 1, 2, 4)$	$(4, 1, 2, 3)$
$(1, 2, 4, 3)$	$(2, 1, 4, 3)$	$(3, 1, 4, 2)$	$(4, 2, 1, 3)$
$(1, 3, 2, 4)$	$(2, 3, 1, 4)$	$(3, 2, 1, 4)$	$(4, 3, 1, 2)$
$(1, 3, 4, 2)$	$(2, 3, 4, 1)$	$(3, 2, 4, 1)$	$(4, 1, 3, 2)$
$(1, 4, 3, 2)$	$(2, 4, 3, 1)$	$(3, 4, 2, 1)$	$(4, 2, 3, 1)$
$(1, 4, 2, 3)$	$(2, 4, 1, 3)$	$(3, 4, 2, 1)$	$(4, 3, 2, 1)$

- (b) Give a conjecture (ie, a guess) of the number of possible permutations on a set with  $n$  numbers. You do not need to prove your conjecture, you have  $n$  choices for the first number, which leaves  $n-1$  choices for the second,  $n-2$  for the third, etc.)

**Answer:** For a given number  $n$ , you could figure out the number of permutations. If you have  $n$  numbers in your set, your permutations would be equal to  $n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)\dots 1$ . For example in part a, a set with 4 elements gives you 24 permutations, which  $4 * 3 * 2 * 1 = 24$ . In other words, you could have  $n!$ , where  $n$  is the number of permutations.