

Abstract Algebra
MAS4301 3175

Home-D

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Hi. Exam is due **4PM, Tuesday, 15Apr2008**, slid under my office door, LIT402. Please write **DNE** in a blank if the described object does not exist or if the indicated operation cannot be performed.. Fill-in all blanks (*handwriting; don't bother to type*) on this sheet **including** the blanks for the essays!

D1: Show no work.

a Let Γ be the Π -aut group of 4×4 TicTacToe, and let T be the set of 10 Π s on which Γ acts. Let U denote the upper (horizontal) Π and let L denote the upper-left to lower-right Π . The Orb-Stab says $|\text{Stab}_\Gamma(U)| = \dots$ and $|\text{Stab}_\Gamma(L)| = \dots$. List $\text{Stab}_\Gamma(U)$ $[T, s, f, r]$: \dots

b Perms $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{S}_6$ have sigs $[2^1, 1^4]$ and $[3^2]$, resp.. So $|\mathcal{C}(\alpha)| = \dots$, and $|\mathcal{C}(\beta)| = \dots$.

c Set $G := (\mathbb{Z}_{24}, +)$ and $H := \langle 8 \rangle_G$. In the quotient group $Q := \frac{G}{H}$, then, $\text{Ord}_Q(14 + H) = \dots$.

d #26^P191. $G/H \cong \text{Circle}$: $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ \mathbb{Z}_4 DNE.

e #10^P255. In \mathbb{Z}_7 : \dots

Essay questions: Fill-in all blanks.

D2: Suppose $Z(G)$ is finite and odd, where G is a (possibly infinite) group. Prove that G has *no* order-2 *normal* subgroup.

D3: A **PB** (pegboard) is $\mathbf{B}_{\overline{L}} := [0..L_1] \times \dots \times [0..L_D]$ or, more generally, a connected subset $\mathbf{B} \subset \mathbb{Z}^{\times \mathcal{D}}$. Some cells are occupied by pegs. A jump goes from $\boxed{\bullet \bullet \circ}$ to $\boxed{\circ \circ \bullet}$, and can be applied in all of the $2\mathcal{D}$ directions. A **psn** (position) is a map $\Lambda: \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \{\bullet, \circ\}$. Write $\Lambda \curvearrowright \Lambda'$ if a single jump changes Λ to psn Λ' . Write $\Lambda \rightsquigarrow \Lambda'$ if position Λ can go to Λ' in a finite sequence (possibly none) of jumps. Use $\mathbf{P} := \{\text{Set of positions}\}$; so $|\mathbf{P}| = 2^{|\mathbf{B}|}$.

For a cell $\alpha \in \mathbf{B}$, use α^\bullet for the psn with α occupied and all other cells empty. (And α° has α empty, with all other cells occupied. So $\alpha^\bullet, \alpha^\circ \in \mathbf{P}$.) For cells α, β , write $\alpha \gg \beta$ (" α chevron β ") if $\alpha^\circ \rightsquigarrow \beta^\bullet$. Say that α is **blocked** (w.r.t \mathbf{B}) if there is no cell $\beta \in \mathbf{B}$ with $\alpha \gg \beta$.

i (Use V for the Klein-4-gp.) Let $\mathcal{K}: \mathbb{Z}^{\times \mathcal{D}} \rightarrow V \times \dots \times V$ ($2^{\mathcal{D}-1}$ copies) denote the Klein invariant. On board $\mathbb{Z}^{\times \mathcal{D}}$, there are \dots many \mathcal{K} -equiv-classes. Describe them; in $\text{dim}=\mathcal{D}$, draw a nice picture of them. Define \mathcal{K} on finite positions by $\mathcal{K}(\Lambda) := \prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \mathcal{K}(\alpha)$.

For cells, write $\alpha \ggg \beta$ if $\mathcal{K}(\alpha^\circ) = \mathcal{K}(\beta^\bullet)$. So a cell α is **\mathcal{K} -blocked** (w.r.t \mathbf{B}) if there is *no* β in \mathbf{B} with $\alpha \ggg \beta$. What are the \mathcal{K} -blocked cells in $\mathbf{B}_{\overline{L}}$? In ${}^3+{}^7$? In ${}^W+{}^H$? (\mathbf{B} has form " $+$ " of two crossing rectangles.)

ii Is \ggg symmetric?; is \ggg ? Is \ggg transitive?; is \ggg ? How do the answers depend on the board \mathbf{B} ?

Call the righthand psn "Blob". The board, \mathbf{B} , is enclosed by the decagon of Blob's edges.

iii Prove that Blob is blocked. [Hint: Use $\mathcal{K}()$ together with hop-equivalence.] Can Blob be jump-reduced to a single peg on the board, when allowing jumps on *all* of $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$?



iv On $\mathbf{B} := 4 \times 4$, is \ggg the same as \ggg ? In $\mathbb{Z}^{\times \mathcal{D}}$, two cells are **hop-equivalent** iff a peg could jump from one cell to the other, assuming that a peg to-be-jumped-over materialized when needed. On $\mathbb{Z}^{\times \mathcal{D}}$ there are \dots many hop-equivalence-classes. How can you combine hop-equivalence and $\mathcal{K}()$ to find if $\alpha \ggg \beta$?

v Generalize everything. E.g, a **coal**(escence) moves $\boxed{\bullet \bullet \bullet}$ to $\boxed{\circ \circ \circ}$. Not only is $\mathcal{K}()$ jump-invariant, it is also coal-invariant!

On $\mathbf{B} := 4 \times 4$, what is $\overset{\text{coal}}{\ggg}$? $\overset{\text{coal}}{\ggg}$? $\overset{\text{coal}}{\ggg}$?

vi Draw a Klein $\{a, b, c\}$ -labeling of the vertices of a triangular tessellation (equiv., the regions of a hexagonal board). What are the \mathcal{K} -blocked cells on T_4 ? What can you say about T_n ? (Triangle with n cells on each edge; has $\frac{(n+1)n}{2}$ cells.)

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D1: _____ 125pts

D2: _____ 35pts

D3: _____ 115pts

Total: _____ 275pts

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