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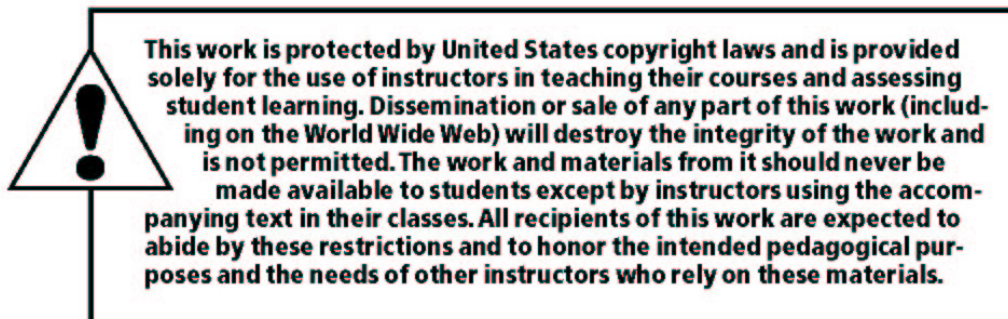
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Preface for Seventh Edition

This manual contains solutions to all exercises in the text, except those odd-numbered exercises for which fairly lengthy complete solutions are given in the answers at the back of the text. Then reference is simply given to the text answers to save typing.

I prepared these solutions myself. While I tried to be accurate, there are sure to be the inevitable mistakes and typos. An author reading proof tends to see what he or she wants to see. However, the instructor should find this manual adequate for the purpose for which it is intended.

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Preface for Eighth Edition

In keeping with the seventh edition, this manual contains solutions to all exercises in the text except for some of the odd-numbered exercises whose solutions are in the back of the text book. I made few changes to solutions to exercises that were in the seventh edition. However, solutions to new exercises do not always include as much detail as would be found in the seventh edition. My thinking is that instructors teaching the class would use the solution manual to see the idea behind a solution and they would easily fill in the routine details.

As in the seventh edition, I tried to be accurate. However, there are sure to be some errors. I hope instructors find the manual helpful.

Denton, Texas
March, 2020

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0. Sets and Relations

1. $\{\sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{3}\}$
2. $\{2, -3\}$.
3. $\{1, -1, 2, -2, 3, -3, 4, -4, 5, -5, 6, -6, 10, -10, 12, -12, 15, -15, 20, -20, 30, -30, 60, -60\}$
4. $\{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$
5. It is not a well-defined set. (Some may argue that no element of $\mathbb{Z}^+$ is large, because every element exceeds only a finite number of other elements but is exceeded by an infinite number of other elements. Such people might claim the answer should be $\emptyset$.)
6. $\emptyset$
7. The set is $\emptyset$ because $3^3 = 27$ and $4^3 = 64$.
8. $\{r \in \mathbb{Q} \mid r = \frac{a}{2^n} \text{ for some } a \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \text{ and some integer } n \geq 0\}$.
9. It is not a well-defined set.
10. The set containing all numbers that are (positive, negative, or zero) integer multiples of 1, $1/2$, or $1/3$.
11. $\{(a, 1), (a, 2), (a, c), (b, 1), (b, 2), (b, c), (c, 1), (c, 2), (c, c)\}$
12. a. This is a function which is both one-to-one and onto B.
 b. This not a subset of $A \times B$, and therefore not a function.
 c. It is not a function because there are two pairs with first member 1.
 d. This is a function which is neither one-to-one (6 appears twice in the second coordinate) nor onto B (4 is not in the second coordinate).
 e. It is a function. It is not one-to-one because there are two pairs with second member 6. It is not onto B because there is no pair with second member 2.
 f. This is not a function mapping A into B since 3 is not in the first coordinate of any ordered pair.
13. Draw the line through P and x , and let y be its point of intersection with the line segment CD .
14. a. $\phi: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 2]$ where $\phi(x) = 2x$
 b. $\phi: [1, 3] \rightarrow [5, 25]$ where $\phi(x) = 2x + 3$
 c. $\phi: [a, b] \rightarrow [c, d]$ where $\phi(x) = c + \frac{d-c}{b-a}(x-a)$
15. Let $\phi: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $\phi(x) = \tan(\pi(x - \frac{1}{2}))$.
16. a. $\emptyset$; cardinality 1
 b. $\emptyset, \{a\}$; cardinality 2
 c. $\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}$; cardinality 4
 d. $\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}$; cardinality 8

17. Conjecture: $|P(A)| = 2^s = 2^{|A|}$.

Proof The number of subsets of a set A depends only on the cardinality of A , not on what the elements of A actually are. Suppose $B = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, s-1\}$ and $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, s\}$. Then A has all the elements of B plus the one additional element s . All subsets of B are also subsets of A ; these are precisely the subsets of A that do not contain s , so the number of subsets of A not containing s is $|P(B)|$. Any other subset of A must contain s , and removal of the s would produce a subset of B . Thus the number of subsets of A containing s is also $|P(B)|$. Because every subset of A either contains s or does not contain s (but not both), we see that the number of subsets of A is $2|P(B)|$.

We have shown that if A has one more element than B , then $|P(A)| = 2|P(B)|$. Now $|P(\emptyset)| = 1$, so if $|A| = s$, then $|P(A)| = 2^s$.

18. We define a one-to-one map ϕ of B^A onto $P(A)$. Let $f \in B^A$, and let $\phi(f) = \{x \in A \mid f(x) = 1\}$. Suppose $\phi(f) = \phi(g)$. Then $f(x) = 1$ if and only if $g(x) = 1$. Because the only possible values for $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are 0 and 1, we see that $f(x) = 0$ if and only if $g(x) = 0$. Consequently $f(x) = g(x)$ for all $x \in A$ so $f = g$ and ϕ is one to one. To show that ϕ is onto $P(A)$, let $S \subseteq A$, and let $h : A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ be defined by $h(x) = 1$ if $x \in S$ and $h(x) = 0$ otherwise. Clearly $\phi(h) = S$, showing that ϕ is indeed onto $P(A)$.

19. Picking up from the hint, let $Z = \{x \in A \mid x \notin \phi(x)\}$. We claim that for any $a \in A$, $\phi(a) \neq Z$. Either $a \in \phi(a)$, in which case $a \notin Z$, or $a \notin \phi(a)$, in which case $a \in Z$. Thus Z and $\phi(a)$ are certainly different subsets of A ; one of them contains a and the other one does not.

Based on what we just showed, we feel that the power set of A has cardinality greater than $|A|$. Proceeding naively, we can start with the infinite set $\mathbb{Z}$, form its power set, then form the power set of that, and continue this process indefinitely. If there were only a finite number of infinite cardinal numbers, this process would have to terminate after a fixed finite number of steps. Since it doesn't, it appears that there must be an infinite number of different infinite cardinal numbers.

The set of everything is not logically acceptable, because the set of all subsets of the set of everything would be larger than the set of everything, which is a fallacy.

20. a. The set containing precisely the two elements of A and the three (different) elements of B is $C = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ which has 5 elements.

i) Let $A = \{-2, -1, 0\}$ and $B = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\} = \mathbb{Z}^+$. Then $|A| = 3$ and $|B| = \aleph_0$, and A and B have no elements in common. The set C containing all elements in either A or B is $C = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$. The map $\phi : C \rightarrow B$ defined by $\phi(x) = x + 3$ is one to one and onto B , so $|C| = |B| = \aleph_0$. Thus we consider $3 + \aleph_0 = \aleph_0$.

ii) Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ and $B = \{1/2, 3/2, 5/2, \dots\}$. Then $|A| = |B| = \aleph_0$ and A and B have no elements in common. The set C containing all elements in either A or B is $C = \{1/2, 1, 3/2, 2, 5/2, 3, \dots\}$. The map $\phi : C \rightarrow A$ defined by $\phi(x) = 2x$ is one to one and onto A , so $|C| = |A| = \aleph_0$. Thus we consider $\aleph_0 + \aleph_0 = \aleph_0$.

b. We leave the plotting of the points in $A \times B$ to you. Figure 0.15 in the text, where there are $\aleph_0$ rows each having $\aleph_0$ entries, illustrates that we would consider that $\aleph_0 \cdot \aleph_0 = \aleph_0$.

21. There are $10^2 = 100$ numbers (.00 through .99) of the form .##, and $10^5 = 100,000$ numbers (.00000 through .99999) of the form .#####. Thus for .##### $\cdots$, we expect $10^{\aleph_0}$ sequences representing all numbers $x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $0 \leq x \leq 1$, but a sequence trailing off in 0's may represent the same $x \in \mathbb{R}$ as a sequence trailing off in 9's. At any rate, we should have $10^{\aleph_0} \geq |[0, 1]| = |\mathbb{R}|$; see Exercise 15. On the other hand, we can represent numbers in $\mathbb{R}$ using any integer base $n > 1$, and these same $10^{\aleph_0}$ sequences using digits from 0 to 9 in base $n = 12$ would not represent all $x \in [0, 1]$, so we have $10^{\aleph_0} \leq |\mathbb{R}|$. Thus we consider the value of $10^{\aleph_0}$ to be $|\mathbb{R}|$. We could make the same argument using any other integer base $n > 1$, and thus consider $n^{\aleph_0} = |\mathbb{R}|$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $n > 1$. In particular, $12^{\aleph_0} = 12^{\aleph_0} = |\mathbb{R}|$.
22. $\aleph_0, |\mathbb{R}|, 2^{|\mathbb{R}|}, 2^{(2^{|\mathbb{R}|})}, 2^{(2^{(2^{|\mathbb{R}|)})})}$
23. 1. There is only one partition $\{\{a\}\}$ of a one-element set $\{a\}$.
24. There are two partitions of $\{a, b\}$, namely $\{\{a, b\}\}$ and $\{\{a\}, \{b\}\}$.
25. There are five partitions of $\{a, b, c\}$, namely $\{\{a, b, c\}\}$, $\{\{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$, $\{\{b\}, \{a, c\}\}$, $\{\{c\}, \{a, b\}\}$, and $\{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}\}$.
26. 15. The set $\{a, b, c, d\}$ has 1 partition into one cell, 7 partitions into two cells (four with a 1,3 split and three with a 2,2 split), 6 partitions into three cells, and 1 partition into four cells for a total of 15 partitions.
27. 52. The set $\{a, b, c, d, e\}$ has 1 partition into one cell, 15 into two cells, 25 into three cells, 10 into four cells, and 1 into five cells for a total of 52. (Do a combinatorics count for each possible case, such as a 1,2,2 split where there are 15 possible partitions.)
28. *Reflexive*: In order for $x R x$ to be true, x must be in the same cell of the partition as the cell that contains x . This is certainly true.
Transitive: Suppose that $x R y$ and $y R z$. Then x is in the same cell as y so $\bar{x} = \bar{y}$, and y is in the same cell as z so that $\bar{y} = \bar{z}$. By the transitivity of the set equality relation on the collection of cells in the partition, we see that $\bar{x} = \bar{z}$ so that x is in the same cell as z . Consequently, $x R z$.
29. Not an equivalence relation; 0 is not related to 0, so it is not reflexive.
30. Not an equivalence relation; $3 \geq 2$ but $2 \not\geq 3$, so it is not symmetric.
31. Not an equivalence relation since transitivity fails: $3 \mathcal{R} 15$ and $15 \mathcal{R} 5$, but $3 \not\mathcal{R} 5$. Also not reflexive: $1 \not\mathcal{R} 1$.
32. $\bar{0} = (0, 0)$ and $\overline{(x, y)}$ is the circle centered at the origin with radius $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$.
33. (See the answer in the text.)
34. It is an equivalence relation;
 $\bar{1} = \{1, 11, 21, 31, \dots\}$, $\bar{2} = \{2, 12, 22, 32, \dots\}$, $\dots$, $\bar{10} = \{10, 20, 30, 40, \dots\}$.
35. a. $\{\dots, -3, 0, 3, \dots\}$, $\{\dots, -2, 1, 4, \dots\}$, $\{\dots, -1, 2, 5, \dots\}$
 b. $\{\dots, -4, 0, 4, \dots\}$, $\{\dots, -3, 1, 4, \dots\}$, $\{\dots, -6, -2, 2, \dots\}$, $\{\dots, -5, -1, 3, \dots\}$
 c. $\{\dots, -5, 0, 5, \dots\}$, $\{\dots, -4, 1, 6, \dots\}$, $\{\dots, -3, 2, 7, \dots\}$, $\{\dots, -2, 3, 8, \dots\}$,
 $\{\dots, -1, 4, 9, \dots\}$

36. a. $\{\overline{0}, \overline{1}, \overline{2}\}$ b. $\{\overline{0}, \overline{1}, \overline{2}, \overline{3}\}$ c. $\{\overline{0}, \overline{1}, \overline{2}, \overline{3}, \overline{4}\}$

37. $\overline{1} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x \div n \text{ has remainder } 1\}$ depends on the value of n .

38. a. Let h, k , and m be positive integers. We check the three criteria.

Reflexive: $h - h = n0$ so $h \sim h$.

Symmetric: If $h \sim k$ so that $h - k = ns$ for some $s \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $k - h = n(-s)$ so $k \sim h$.

Transitive: If $h \sim k$ and $k \sim m$, then for some $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have $h - k = ns$ and $k - m = nt$. Then $h - m = (h - k) + (k - m) = ns + nt = n(s + t)$, so $h \sim m$.

b. Let $h, k \in \mathbb{Z}$. In the sense of this exercise, $h \sim k$ if and only if $h - k = nq$ for some $q \in \mathbb{Z}$. In the sense of Example 0.19, $h \equiv k \pmod{n}$ if and only if h and k have the same remainder when divided by n . Write $h = nq_1 + r_1$ and $k = nq_2 + r_2$ where $0 \leq r_1 < n$ and $0 \leq r_2 < n$. Then

$$h - k = n(q_1 - q_2) + (r_1 - r_2)$$

and we see that $h - k$ is a multiple of n if and only if $r_1 = r_2$. Thus the conditions are the same.

39. $(a_1 + b_1) - (a_2 + b_2) = (a_1 - a_2) + (b_1 - b_2)$ which is the sum of two multiples of n . Since the sum of two multiples of n is also a multiple of n , $(a_1 + b_1) \sim (a_2 + b_2)$.

40. $(a_1 b_1) - (a_2 b_2) = (a_1 b_1) - (a_1 b_2) + (a_1 b_2) - (a_2 b_2) = a_1(b_1 - b_2) + (a_1 - a_2)b_2$ which is the sum of two multiples of n . Since the sum of two multiples of n is also a multiple of n , $(a_1 b_1) \sim (a_2 b_2)$.

41. The name *two-to-two function* suggests that such a function f should carry every pair of distinct points into two distinct points. Such a function is one-to-one in the conventional sense. (If the domain has only one element, the function cannot fail to be two-to-two, because the only way it can fail to be two-to-two is to carry two points into one point, and the set does not have two points.) Conversely, every function that is one-to-one in the conventional sense carries each pair of distinct points into two distinct points. Thus the functions conventionally called one-to-one are precisely those that carry two points into two points, which is a much more intuitive unidirectional way of regarding them. Also, the standard way of trying to show that a function is one-to-one is precisely to show that it does not fail to be two-to-two. That is, proving that a function is one-to-one becomes more natural in the two-to-two terminology.

1. Binary Operations

1. $b * d = e$, $c * c = b$, $[(a * c) * e] * a = [c * e] * a = a * a = a$
2. $(a * b) * c = b * c = a$ and $a * (b * c) = a * a = a$, so the operation might be associative, but we can't tell without checking all other triple products.
3. $(b * d) * c = e * c = a$ and $b * (d * c) = b * b = c$, so the operation is not associative.
4. It is not commutative because $b * e = c$ but $e * b = b$.
5. Now $d * a = d$ so fill in d for $a * d$. Also, $c * b = a$ so fill in a for $b * c$. Now $b * d = c$ so fill in c for $d * b$. Finally, $c * d = b$ so fill in b for $d * c$.
6. $d * a = (c * b) * a = c * (b * a) = c * b = d$. In a similar fashion, substituting $c * b$ for d and using the associative property, we find that $d * b = c$, $d * c = c$, and $d * d = d$. a is an identity.
7. It is not commutative because $1 - 2 \neq 2 - 1$. It is not associative because $2 = 1 - (2 - 3) \neq (1 - 2) - 3 = -4$. No identity.
8. Commutative since $2ab + 3 = 2ba + 3$. Not associative since $(1 * 2) * 3 = 45$ and $1 * (2 * 3) = 33$. No identity since $0 * e = 3 \neq 0$.
9. Commutative since $a * b = ab + a + b = b * a$. Associative since $a * b = (a + 1)(b + 1) - 1$ making it easy to see that $(a * b) * c = (a + 1)(b + 1)(c + 1) - 1 = a * (b * c)$. The identity is 0.
10. It is commutative because $2^{ab} = 2^{ba}$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. It is not associative because $(a * b) * c = 2^{ab} * c = 2^{(2^{ab})^c}$, but $a * (b * c) = a * 2^{bc} = 2^{a(2^{bc})}$. No identity.
11. It is not commutative because $2 * 3 = 2^3 = 8 \neq 9 = 3^2 = 3 * 2$. It is not associative because $a * (b * c) = a * b^c = a^{(b^c)}$, but $(a * b) * c = a^b * c = (a^b)^c = a^{bc}$, and $bc \neq b^c$ for some $b, c \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. No identity.
12. If S has just one element, there is only one possible binary operation on S ; the table must be filled in with that single element. If S has two elements, there are 16 possible operations, for there are four places to fill in a table, and each may be filled in two ways, and $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 16$. There are 19,683 operations on a set S with three elements, for there are nine places to fill in a table, and $3^9 = 19,683$. With n elements, there are n^2 places to fill in a table, each of which can be done in n ways, so there are $n^{(n^2)}$ possible tables.
13. A commutative binary operation on a set with n elements is completely determined by the elements on or above the *main diagonal* in its table, which runs from the upper left corner to the lower right corner. The number of such places to fill in is

$$n + \frac{n^2 - n}{2} = \frac{n^2 + n}{2}.$$

Thus there are $n^{(n^2+n)/2}$ possible commutative binary operations on an n -element set. For $n = 2$, we obtain $2^3 = 8$, and for $n = 3$ we obtain $3^6 = 729$.

14. $n^{n(n-1)/2}$ since there are $n^2 - n = n(n - 1)$ spots to be filled once the diagonal is filled.

15. $n^{((n-1)^2)}$ since after the first row and column are determined there are $(n-1)^2$ spots to be filled.
16. It is incorrect. Mention should be made of the underlying set for $*$ and the universal quantifier, *for all*, should appear.

A binary operation $*$ on a set S is **commutative** if and only if $a * b = b * a$ for all $a, b \in S$.

17. The definition is correct.
18. It is incorrect. Replace the final S by H .
19. An identity in the set S with operation $*$ is element $e \in S$ such that for all $a \in S$, $a * e = e * a = a$.
20. No, because $e_1 * e_2 = e_1$ and $e_1 * e_2 = e_2$.
21. This is an operation.
22. No. Condition 2 is violated. $1 * 2$ should be 0, but $0 \notin \mathbb{R}^+$.
23. No. Condition 2 is violated. $2 * 1$ should be 0, but $0 \notin \mathbb{R}^+$.
24. No. Condition 1 is violated since the value of $1 * 2$ is not well defined as it could either be 1 or -1 . Also, Condition 2 is violated since $-1 * 2$ is undefined.
25. It is not a binary operation. Condition 1 is violated, for $2 * 3$ might be any integer greater than 9.
26. It is not a binary operation. Condition 2 is violated, for $1 * 1 = 0$ and $0 \notin \mathbb{R}^+$.
27. a. Yes. $\begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c & -d \\ d & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+c & -(b+d) \\ b+d & a+c \end{bmatrix}$.
- b. Yes. $\begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c & -d \\ d & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ac-bd & -(ad+bc) \\ ad+bc & ac-bd \end{bmatrix}$.
28. F T F F F T T T T F F F T F
29. (See the answer in the text.)
30. We have $(a * b) * (c * d) = (c * d) * (a * b) = (d * c) * (a * b) = [(d * c) * a] * b$, where we used commutativity for the first two steps and associativity for the last.
31. The statement is true. Commutativity and associativity assert the equality of certain computations. For a binary operation on a set with just one element, that element is the result of every computation involving the operation, so the operation must be commutative and associative.

32.

$*$	a	b
a	b	a
b	a	a

The statement is false. Consider the operation on $\{a, b\}$ defined by

the table. Then $(a * a) * b = b * b = a$ but $a * (a * b) = a * a = b$.

33. It is associative.

Proof: $[(f + g) + h](x) = (f + g)(x) + h(x) = [f(x) + g(x)] + h(x) = f(x) + [g(x) + h(x)] = f(x) + [(g + h)(x)] = [f + (g + h)](x)$ because addition in $\mathbb{R}$ is associative.

34. It is not commutative. Let $f(x) = 2x$ and $g(x) = 5x$. Then $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x) = 2x - 5x = -3x$ while $(g - f)(x) = g(x) - f(x) = 5x - 2x = 3x$.
35. It is not associative. Let $f(x) = 2x$, $g(x) = 5x$, and $h(x) = 8x$. Then $[f - (g - h)](x) = f(x) - (g - h)(x) = f(x) - [g(x) - h(x)] = f(x) - g(x) + h(x) = 2x - 5x + 8x = 5x$, but $[(f - g) - h](x) = (f - g)(x) - h(x) = f(x) - g(x) - h(x) = 2x - 5x - 8x = -11x$.
36. No identity.
37. The constant function $f(x) = 1$ is an identity element in F .
38. It is commutative.

Proof: $(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x) = g(x) \cdot f(x) = (g \cdot f)(x)$ because multiplication in $\mathbb{R}$ is commutative.

39. It is associative.

Proof: $[(f \cdot g) \cdot h](x) = (f \cdot g)(x) \cdot h(x) = [f(x) \cdot g(x)] \cdot h(x) = f(x) \cdot [g(x) \cdot h(x)] = [f \cdot (g \cdot h)](x)$ because multiplication in $\mathbb{R}$ is associative.

40. It is not commutative. Let $f(x) = x^2$ and $g(x) = x + 1$. Then $(f \circ g)(3) = f(g(3)) = f(4) = 16$ but $(g \circ f)(3) = g(f(3)) = g(9) = 10$.
41. It is not true. Let $*$ be $+$ and let $*'$ be $\cdot$ and let $S = \mathbb{Z}$. Then $2 + (3 \cdot 5) = 17$ but $(2 + 3) \cdot (2 + 5) = 35$.
42. Let $a, b \in H$. By definition of H , we have $a * x = x * a$ and $b * x = x * b$ for all $x \in S$. Using the fact that $*$ is associative, we then obtain, for all $x \in S$,

$$(a * b) * x = a * (b * x) = a * (x * b) = (a * x) * b = (x * a) * b = x * (a * b).$$

This shows that $a * b$ satisfies the defining criterion for an element of H , so $(a * b) \in H$.

43. Let $a, b \in H$. By definition of H , we have $a * a = a$ and $b * b = b$. Using, one step at a time, the fact that $*$ is associative and commutative, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (a * b) * (a * b) &= [(a * b) * a] * b = [a * (b * a)] * b = [a * (a * b)] * b \\ &= [(a * a) * b] * b = (a * b) * b = a * (b * b) = a * b. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that $a * b$ satisfies the defining criterion for an element of H , so $(a * b) \in H$.

44. For any $x, y \in S$, $x * y = (x * y) * (x * y) = ((x * y) * x) * y = ((y * x) * x) * y = ((x * x) * y) * y = (x * y) * y = (y * y) * x = y * x$. So $*$ is commutative. Since $*$ is commutative, $(x * y) * z = (y * z) * x = x * (y * z)$ for and $x, y \in S$. So $*$ is associative.

2. Groups

1. No. G_3 fails. 2. Yes 3. No. G_1 fails. 4. No. G_3 fails. 5. No. G_1 fails.
6. No. G_2 fails. 7. No. G_3 fails. 8. No. G_2 fails.
9. No. G_1 fails: $(a * b) * b \neq a * (b * b)$

10. a. *Closure:* Let nr and ns be two elements of $n\mathbb{Z}$. Now $nr + ns = n(r + s) \in n\mathbb{Z}$ so $n\mathbb{Z}$ is closed under addition.

Associative: We know that addition of integers is associative.

Identity: $0 = n \cdot 0 \in n\mathbb{Z}$, and 0 is the additive identity element.

Inverses: For each $nm \in n\mathbb{Z}$, we also have $n(-m) \in n\mathbb{Z}$ and $nm + n(-m) = n(m - m) = n \cdot 0 = 0$.

b. Let $\phi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow n\mathbb{Z}$ be defined by $\phi(m) = nm$ for $m \in \mathbb{Z}$. Clearly ϕ is one to one and maps $\mathbb{Z}$ onto $n\mathbb{Z}$. For $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have $\phi(r + s) = n(r + s) = nr + ns = \phi(r) + \phi(s)$. Thus ϕ is an isomorphism of $\langle \mathbb{Z}, + \rangle$ with $\langle n\mathbb{Z}, + \rangle$.

11. Yes, it is a group. Addition of diagonal matrices amounts to adding in $\mathbb{R}$ entries in corresponding positions on the diagonals, and that addition is associative. The matrix with all entries 0 is the additive identity, and changing the sign of the entries in a matrix yields the additive inverse of the matrix.
12. No, it is not a group. Multiplication of diagonal matrices amounts to multiplying in $\mathbb{R}$ entries in corresponding positions on the diagonals. The matrix with 1 at all places on the diagonal is the identity element, but a matrix having a diagonal entry 0 has no inverse.
13. Yes, it is a group. See the answer to Exercise 12.
14. Yes, it is a group. See the answer to Exercise 12.
15. No. The matrix with all entries 0 is upper triangular, but has no inverse.
16. Yes, it is a group. The sum of upper-triangular matrices is again upper triangular, and addition amounts to just adding entries in $\mathbb{R}$ in corresponding positions.
17. Yes, it is a group.

Closure: Let A and B be upper triangular with determinant 1. Then entry c_{ij} in row i and column j in $C = AB$ is 0 if $i > j$, because for each product $a_{ik}b_{kj}$ where $i > j$ appearing in the computation of c_{ij} , either $k < i$ so that $a_{ik} = 0$ or $k \geq i > j$ so that $b_{kj} = 0$. Thus the product of two upper-triangular matrices is again upper triangular. The equation $\det(AB) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$, shows that the product of two matrices of determinant 1 again has determinant 1.

Associative: We know that matrix multiplication is associative.

Identity: The $n \times n$ identity matrix I_n has determinant 1 and is upper triangular.

Inverse: The product property $1 = \det(I_n) = \det(A^{-1}A) = \det(A^{-1}) \cdot \det(A)$ shows that if $\det(A) = 1$, then $\det(A^{-1}) = 1$ also.

18. Matrix multiplication is associative, so it remains to show that G is closed under matrix multiplication, G has an identity and each element of G has an inverse. The

table for G is

$*$	e	a	b
e	e	a	b
a	a	b	e
b	b	e	a

from which all of these properties are easily spotted.

19. a. We must show that S is closed under $*$, that is, that $a + b + ab \neq -1$ for $a, b \in S$. Now $a + b + ab = -1$ if and only if $0 = ab + a + b + 1 = (a+1)(b+1)$. This is the case if and only if either $a = -1$ or $b = -1$, which is not the case for $a, b \in S$.

b. *Associative:* We have

$$a * (b * c) = a * (b + c + bc) = a + (b + c + bc) + a(b + c + bc) = a + b + c + ab + ac + bc + abc$$

and

$$(a * b) * c = (a + b + ab) * c = (a + b + ab) + c + (a + b + ab)c = a + b + c + ab + ac + bc + abc.$$

Identity: 0 acts as identity element for $*$, for $0 * a = a * 0 = a$.

Inverses: $\frac{-a}{a+1}$ acts as inverse of a , for

$$a * \frac{-a}{a+1} = a + \frac{-a}{a+1} + a \frac{-a}{a+1} = \frac{a(a+1) - a - a^2}{a+1} = \frac{0}{a+1} = 0.$$

- c. Because the operation is commutative, $2 * x * 3 = 2 * 3 * x = 11 * x$. Now the inverse of 11 is $-11/12$ by Part(b). From $11 * x = 7$, we obtain

$$x = \frac{-11}{12} * 7 = \frac{-11}{12} + 7 + \frac{-11}{12} 7 = \frac{-11 + 84 - 77}{12} = \frac{-4}{12} = -\frac{1}{3}.$$

20.

	e	a	b	c
e	e	a	b	c
a	a	e	c	b
b	b	c	e	a
c	c	b	a	e

Table I

	e	a	b	c
e	e	a	b	c
a	a	e	c	b
b	b	c	a	e
c	c	b	e	a

Table II

	e	a	b	c
e	e	a	b	c
a	a	b	c	e
b	b	c	e	a
c	c	e	a	b

Table III

Table I is structurally different from the others because every element is its own inverse. Table II can be made to look just like Table III by interchanging the names a and b everywhere to obtain.

	e	b	a	c
e	e	b	a	c
b	b	e	c	a
a	a	c	b	c
c	c	a	e	b

and rewriting this table in the order e, a, b, c .

a. The symmetry of each table in its main diagonal shows that all groups of order 4 are commutative.

b. Relabel $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ as e , $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ as a , $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ as b , $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ as c to obtain Table III.

c. Take $n = 2$. There are four 2×2 diagonal matrices with entries ± 1 , namely

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } C = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

If we write the table for this group using the letters E, A, B, C in that order, we obtain Table I with the letters capitalized.

- 21.** A binary operation on a set $\{x, y\}$ of two elements that produces a group is completely determined by the choice of x or y to serve as identity element, so just 2 of the 16 possible tables give groups. For a set $\{x, y, z\}$ of three elements, a group binary operation is again determined by the choice x, y , or z to serve as identity element, so there are just 3 of the 19,683 binary operations that give groups. (Recall that there is only one way to fill out a group table for $\{e, a\}$ and for $\{e, a, b\}$ if you require e to be the identity element.)
- 22.** The orders $G_1G_3G_2$, $G_3G_1G_2$, and $G_3G_2G_1$ are not acceptable. The identity element e occurs in the statement of G_3 , which must not come before e is defined in G_2 .
- 23.** Ignoring spelling, punctuation and grammar, here are some of the mathematical errors.
 - a.** The statement “ $x = \text{identity}$ ” is wrong.
 - b.** The identity element should be e , not (e) . It would also be nice to give the properties satisfied by the identity element and by inverse elements.
 - c.** Associativity is missing. Logically, the identity element should be mentioned before inverses. The statement “an inverse exists” is not quantified correctly: for each element of the set, an inverse exists. Again, it would be nice to give the properties satisfied by the identity element and by inverse elements.
 - d.** Replace “such that for all $a, b \in G$ ” by “if for all $a \in G$ ”. Delete “under addition” in line 2. The element should be e , not $\{e\}$. Replace “ $= e$ ” by “ $= a$ ” in line 3.

24. a.	*	e	a	b
	e	e	a	b
	a	a	e	b
	b	b	b	e

b.	*	e	a	b	c
	e	e	a	b	c
	a	a	e	b	b
	b	b	b	e	b
	c	c	b	b	e

25. F T T F F T T T F T

26. Multiply both sides of the equation $a*b = a*c$ on the left by the inverse of a , and simplify, using the axioms for a group.

27. Show that $x = a'*b$ is a solution of $a*x = b$ by substitution and the axioms for a group. Then show that it is the only solution by multiplying both sides of the equation $a*x = b$ on the left by a' and simplifying, using the axioms for a group.

28. First check that $b' * a * b \neq c$. Use group properties to show $(b'ab)(b'ab) = c$.

29. Let $S = \{x \in G \mid x' \neq x\}$. Then S has an even number of elements, because its elements can be grouped in pairs x, x' . Because G has an even number of elements, the number of elements in G but not in S (the set $G - S$) must be even. The set $G - S$ is nonempty because it contains e . Thus there is at least one element of $G - S$ other than e , that is, at least one element other than e that is its own inverse.

30. a. We have $(a*b)*c = (|a|b)*c = (|a|b)|c| = |ab|c$. We also have $a*(b*c) = a*(|b|c) = |a||b|c = |ab|c$, so $*$ is associative.

b. We have $1*a = |1|a = a$ for $a \in \mathbb{R}^*$ so 1 is a left identity element. For $a \in \mathbb{R}^*$, $1/|a|$ is a right inverse.

c. It is not a group because both $1/2$ and $-1/2$ are right inverse of 2.

d. The one-sided definition of a group, mentioned just before the exercises, must be all left sided or all right sided. We must not mix them.

31. Let $\langle G, * \rangle$ be a group and let $x \in G$ such that $x*x = x$. Then $x*x = x*e$, and by left cancellation, $x = e$, so e is the only idempotent element in a group.

32. We have $e = (a*b)*(a*b)$, and $(a*a)*(b*b) = e*e = e$ also. Thus $a*b*a*b = a*a*b*b$. Using left and right cancellation, we have $b*a = a*b$.

33. Let $P(n)$ be the statement $(a*b)^n = a^n * b^n$. Since $(a*a)^1 = a*b = a^1 * b^1$, we see $P(1)$ is true. Suppose $P(k)$ is true. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (a*b)^{k+1} &= (a*b)^k * (a*b) = (a^k * b^k) * (a*b) = [a^k * (b^k * a)] * b \\ &= [a^k * (a * b^k)] * b = [(a^k * a) * b^k] * b = (a^{k+1} * b^k) * b = a^{k+1} * (b^k * b) = a^{k+1} * b^{k+1}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the induction argument.

34. Start with $a*b = b*a'$ and conclude $a'*a*b*a = a'*b*a'*a$ and simplify.

35. $b^2 a^{12}$

36. The elements $e, a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^m$ aren't all different since G has only m elements. If one of $a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^m$ is e , then we are done. If not, then we must have $a^i = a^j$ where $i < j$. Repeated left cancellation of a^i yields $e = a^{j-i}$.

37. We have $(a * b) * (a * b) = (a * a) * (b * b)$, so $a * [b * (a * b)] = a * [a * (b * b)]$ and left cancellation yields $b * (a * b) = a * (b * b)$. Then $(b * a) * b = (a * b) * b$ and right cancellation yields $b * a = a * b$.
38. Let $a * b = b * a$. Then $(a * b)' = (b * a)' = a' * b'$ by Corollary 2.19. Conversely, if $(a * b)' = a' * b'$ then $b' * a' = a' * b'$. Then $(b' * a')' = (a' * b')'$ so $(a')' * (b')' = (b')' * (a')'$ and $a * b = b * a$.
39. We have $a * b * c = a * (b * c) = e$, which implies that $b * c$ is the inverse of a . Therefore $(b * c) * a = b * c * a = e$ also.
40. We need to show that a left identity element is a right identity element and that a left inverse is a right inverse. Note that $e * e = e$. Then $(x' * x) * e = x' * x$ so $(x')' * (x' * x) * e = (x')' * (x' * x)$. Using associativity, $[(x')' * x'] * x * e = [(x')' * x'] * x$. Thus $(e * x) * e = e * x$ so $x * e = x$ and e is a right identity element also. If $a' * a = e$, then $(a' * a) * a' = e * a' = a'$. Multiplication of $a' * a * a' = a'$ on the left by $(a')'$ and associativity yield $a * a' = e$, so a' is also a right inverse of a .
41. Using the hint, we show there is a left identity element and that each element has a left inverse. Let $a \in G$; we are given that G is nonempty. Let e be a solution of $y * a = a$. We show $e * b = b$ for any $b \in G$. Let c be a solution of the equation $a * x = b$. Then $e * b = e * (a * c) = (e * a) * c = a * c = b$. Thus e is a left identity. Now for each $a \in G$ let a' be a solution of $y * a = e$. Then a' is a left inverse of a . By Exercise 38, G is a group.
42. a and $(a')'$ both satisfy $a' * x = e$. So $a = (a')'$ by Theorem 2.17.
43. a) Let $P, Q \in \mathbb{R}^2$ with $P \neq Q$. Then the distance from P to Q is positive which implies the distance from $\phi(P)$ and $\phi(Q)$ is positive. Therefore $\phi(P) \neq \phi(Q)$.
- b) Let $Q \in \mathbb{R}^2$. We need to find a point $T \in \mathbb{R}^2$ with $\phi(T) = Q$. Let $\phi(0, 0) = C$. If $Q = C$ we are done. Otherwise, let the distance between Q and C be r . Then ϕ maps S_1 the circle centered at $(0, 0)$ with radius r to S_2 the circle centered at C with radius r . Let $P = \phi(r, 0)$, $W = \phi(0, r)$, d_1 the distance from P to Q and d_2 the distance from W to Q . Then Q is the unique point in S_2 with distance d_1 from P and distance d_2 from W . Since S_1 is congruent with S_2 and under the congruence, $(r, 0)$ and $(0, r)$ correspond with P and W respectively, there is a unique point $T \in S_1$ whose distance from $(r, 0)$ is d_1 and whose distance from $(0, r)$ is d_2 . Then $\phi(T)$ is on the circle S_2 and the distance from P and W are d_1 and d_2 respectively. Since the Q is the unique point with this property, $Q = \phi(T)$.
44. Since $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ is one-to-one and onto, $f^{-1} : G_2 \rightarrow G_1$ exists and f^{-1} is also one-to-one and onto. We only need to verify Condition 2 in the definition isomorphism. Let $y_1, y_2 \in G_2$ be arbitrary, since f is onto, there exists $x_1, x_2 \in G_1$ such that $f(x_1) = y_1$ and $f(x_2) = y_2$. Since $f(x_1 *_1 x_2) = f(x_1) *_2 f(x_2) = y_1 *_2 y_2$, $f^{-1}(f(x_1 *_1 x_2)) = f^{-1}(y_1 *_2 y_2)$. Thus $f^{-1}(y_1) *_1 f^{-1}(y_2) = x_1 *_1 x_2 = f^{-1}(f(x_1 *_1 x_2)) = f^{-1}(y_1 *_2 y_2)$ which is Condition 2.