

Assignment 3, Spring 2007

Due at the beginning of class, Monday, January 29

1. For each of the subgroups K of groups G given in problem 2 of Assignment 2, determine if coset multiplication is well-defined. (If coset multiplication is well-defined, provide a Cayley table. If it is not, provide an example to defend your claim.)
2. For each of the subgroups K of groups G given in problem 2 of Assignment 2, determine if the set of right cosets of K is the set of left cosets of K . (If the set of right cosets is equal to the set of left cosets, can you give an argument which shows this is true? If the set of left cosets is *not* equal to the set of right cosets, give an element $a \in G$ such that $Ka \neq aK$.)
3. Let $G = (\mathbb{R}, +)$ be the set of real numbers under addition. Let $K = \langle 2\pi \rangle$ be the cyclic subgroup generated by 2π .
 - (a) Describe, as fully as possible, the set G/K . (What is the cardinality of G/K ? What is the cardinality of each of the members of G/K ?)
 - (b) What are the elements of $K + \pi$?
 - (c) What are the elements of $\langle K + \frac{\pi}{4} \rangle$?

Comments on Assignment 3.

- 1., 2. These are straightforward calculations intended to provide you with a set of examples regarding normal subgroups (and subgroups which are *not*.)
3. In part (c) the brackets denote “the subgroup generated by...” So part (c) is very different from part (b). The answer to part (b) requires describing an infinite set; the answer to part (c) is a finite list.

None of these problems should be difficult.