

9. Are the groups \mathbb{Z}_8 and $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$ isomorphic? (The operation in each of the groups \mathbb{Z}_8 , \mathbb{Z}_2 , and \mathbb{Z}_4 is addition.) Explain your answer.

NO. \mathbb{Z}_8 has an element (1) of order 8; but every element in $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$ has order less than or equal to 4.

10. Which of the groups $(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$, $(\mathbb{R}, +)$, $(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$, and $(\mathbb{R}^{\text{pos}}, \times)$ are isomorphic? (Be sure to examine each pair of groups. I use \mathbb{R}^{pos} to represent the set of positive real numbers.) Explain your answer.

$(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\})$ is not isomorphic to any of the other groups because it contains i which has order 4. \mathbb{R} does not contain any elements of order 4 because the only solution of $4x=0$ is $x=0$. $(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$ and $(\mathbb{R}^{\text{pos}}, \times)$ do not contain any elements of order 4 because the only real solutions of $x^4=1$ are ± 1 and these numbers have order 2 or less. The function $\varphi: (\mathbb{R}, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^{\text{pos}}, \times)$ given by $\varphi(x) = 2^x$ is a group isomorphism as was shown in class.

$(\mathbb{R}, +)$ is not isomorphic to $(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$ because -1 is an element of order 2 in $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, but $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ does not contain any elements of order 2 because the only solution of $2x=0$ is $x=0$.

The only isomorphism is $(\mathbb{R}, +) \cong (\mathbb{R}^{\text{pos}}, \times)$