

1. Problem 1.10 from the textbook.

The following two problems are about symmetries of an equilateral triangle. Let I denote the identity symmetry (“do nothing”), let F denote the reflection across the vertical axis, and let R denote rotation clockwise by 120° . Recall from class that $R^3 = I$ and $F^2 = I$.

2. Prove that the following relations are equivalent.

(a) $FR = R^2F$

(b) $RF = FR^2$

(c) $RFR = F$

(d) $FRF = R^2$

(e) $FRFR = I$

(f) $FR^2FR^2 = I$

3. Simplify the following expressions, i.e., write them as I, R, R^2, F, FR , or FR^2 . Show your work.

(a) $FRFR^2F^4RFR$

(b) $R^2FRFR^2F^5RFR$

(c) $FR^2FR^2FRFR^2$

4. Let X be a set and let $*$ be an associative binary operation. Prove that for any positive integer n and for any $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X$, the expression

$$x_1 * x_2 * \cdots * x_n$$

is unambiguous, i.e., that regardless how we insert parentheses into the expression to indicate the order in which the operations should be carried out, we always get the same result. *Suggestion:* Use induction to show that any insertion of parentheses gives the same answer as

$$x_1 * (x_2 * (x_3 * \cdots * (x_{n-1} * x_n))).$$

5. Problem 1.8 from the textbook.

6. Let X be a set. Let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n be subsets of X . By the two previous problems,

$$A_1 \triangle A_2 \triangle \cdots \triangle A_n$$

is well-defined. Prove that for any positive integer n and any subsets A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n , an element $x \in X$ is contained in

$$A_1 \triangle A_2 \triangle \cdots \triangle A_n$$

if and only if $x \in A_j$ for an odd number of elements $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.

7. Let X be a set. Is there a subset $I \subset X$ such that for all $A \in P(X)$, $I \triangle A = A \triangle I = A$?