

1. Calculations:

- (a) 5 socks, by pigeonhole.
- (b) 7 socks, by pigeonhole (take out the first pair and then apply to the 5 remaining socks).
- (c) It is not a group, the operation is not associative and the identity is not two-sided.
- (d)  $(sr)(sr^2) = s(sr^{-1})r^2 = r$  and  $s^2r^3s^4r^5 = r^3r^5 = r^8$ .
- (e)  $(r^3)^{-1} = r^9$  and  $(sr^2)^{-1} = r^{-2}s^{-1} = r^{-2}s = sr^2$ .
- (f) This permutation is  $(1\ 8)(2\ 7)(3\ 6)(4\ 5)$ .
- (g) This permutation is  $(1\ 3\ 2\ 6\ 4\ 5)(7) = (1\ 3\ 2\ 6\ 4\ 5)$ .
- (h)  $(3\ 1\ 4)(1\ 5) = (1\ 5\ 4\ 3)$  by tracing right to left.
- (i)  $(2\ 7\ 1\ 8) \cdot (2\ 8) \cdot (1\ 8) \cdot (2\ 8) = (1\ 7)(2\ 8)$  by tracing right to left.
- (j)  $[(1\ 4\ 2\ 8\ 5)(6\ 7)]^{-1} = (6\ 7)^{-1}(1\ 4\ 2\ 8\ 5)^{-1} = (7\ 6)(5\ 8\ 2\ 4\ 1) = (1\ 5\ 8\ 2\ 4)(6\ 7)$ .
- (k)  $\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}) \times (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \times (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \times (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$  all work.
- (l) The dihedral group  $D_{2 \cdot 10}$  of order 20 is non-abelian.
- (m) The groups  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$  are all countably infinite.
- (n) A Cartesian product of a group in (m) with  $S_3$  or  $D_{2 \cdot 4}$  is countably infinite and non-abelian.
- (o) The groups  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$  and  $(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$  are both uncountably infinite.
- (p) A Cartesian product of one of the groups in (o) with  $S_3$  or  $D_{2 \cdot 4}$  is uncountably infinite and non-abelian.
- (q)  $s$  has order 2,  $r$  has order 10,  $r^2$  has order 5,  $r^3$  has order 10.
- (r)  $(1\ 2\ 3)$  has order 3,  $(4\ 5)$  has order 2,  $(1\ 2\ 3)(4\ 5)$  has order 6.
- (s)  $(2\ 4\ 5)$  has order 3,  $(1\ 5)(2\ 3)$  has order 2,  $(2\ 4\ 5) \cdot (1\ 5)(2\ 3) = (1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5)$  has order 5.
- (t) The least upper bound is  $0.33333 \dots = 1/3$ .
- (u) This requires a set with no upper bound, such as  $(0, \infty)$  or  $\mathbb{R}$  itself.

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2. Proofs:

- (a) Divide the circle into four quarter-circles. By pigeonhole two points must lie in the same quarter-circle of radius 1, and they must be within a distance  $\sqrt{2}$  of each other.
- (b) By pigeonhole, since there are  $n^n$  functions from  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ , some of  $\{f^1, f^2, f^3, \dots\}$  must be equal as functions: then  $f^A = f^B$  means  $f^A(i) = f^B(i)$  for all  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .
- (c) By pigeonhole, selecting  $n+1$  elements must pick two from one of the  $n$  sets  $\{1, 2\}, \{3, 4\}, \dots, \{2n-1, 2n\}$ .
- (d) Both  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{Q} \cap (0, 1)$  are countably infinite, so there is a bijection between these sets since they are both in bijection with the positive integers.
- (e) The functions  $f : (0, 1) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  with  $f(x) = x$  and  $g : [0, 1] \rightarrow (0, 1)$  with  $g(x) = (x+1)/3$  are both one-to-one, so by Cantor-Schröder-Bernstein there exists a bijection between  $(0, 1)$  and  $[0, 1]$ .
- (f) Induct on  $n$ . Base case  $n = 1$  is given. For inductive step suppose  $gh^n = h^n g$ . Then  $gh^{n+1} = (gh)(h^n) = (hg)h^n = h(gh^n) = h(h^n g) = h^{n+1}g$  using  $gh = hg$  and  $gh^n = h^n g$ .
- (g) Multiply  $g^{-1}h^{-1} = h^{-1}g^{-1}$  on the left by  $hg$  and on the right by  $gh$ . This yields  $hg(g^{-1}h^{-1})gh = hg(h^{-1}g^{-1})gh$ . Then  $hg(g^{-1}h^{-1})gh = hgg^{-1}h^{-1}gh = hh^{-1}gh = gh$  while  $hg(h^{-1}g^{-1})gh = hgh^{-1}g^{-1}gh = hgh^{-1}h = hg$ , so  $gh = hg$ .
- (h) By hypothesis  $g^n = e$ . Multiplying by  $g^{-1}$  on both sides yields  $g^{-1}g^n = g^{-1}e = g^{-1}$  and since  $g^{-1}g^n = g^{-1}g(g^{n-1}) = eg^{n-1} = g^{n-1}$  we see  $g^{n-1} = g^{-1}$ .
- (i) The function  $f$  is an element of the symmetric group  $S_n$ . By Lagrange's theorem, its order divides  $n!$  hence is finite. But if the order is  $A$  then this means  $f^A$  is the identity, which is to say,  $f^A(i) = i$  for each  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ .
- (j) Reflexive:  $e \in H$  and  $g_1 = eg_1$  so  $g_1 R g_1$ . Symmetric: If  $g_1 R g_2$  so that  $g_1 = hg_2$  with  $h \in H$  then  $h^{-1}g_1 = g_2$  and  $h^{-1} \in H$ , so  $g_2 R g_1$ . Transitive: If  $g_1 R g_2$  and  $g_2 R g_3$  so that  $g_1 = hg_2$  and  $g_2 = kg_3$  with  $h, k \in H$  then  $g_1 = hg_2 = hkg_3$  and  $hk \in H$  so  $g_1 R g_3$ .
- (k) First  $e \in S$  since  $e^2 = e$ . Second if  $g, h \in S$  then  $g^2 = e$  and  $h^2 = e$  so  $(gh)^2 = ghgh = g^2h^2 = ee = e$  since  $gh = hg$  because  $G$  is abelian, so  $gh \in S$ . Finally if  $g \in S$  then  $g^2 = e$  so  $(g^{-1})^2 = (g^2)^{-1} = e$  so  $g^{-1} \in S$ .