

12. When two structures are secretly equal.

1. Show that there is only one group of cardinality 3, up to isomorphism.

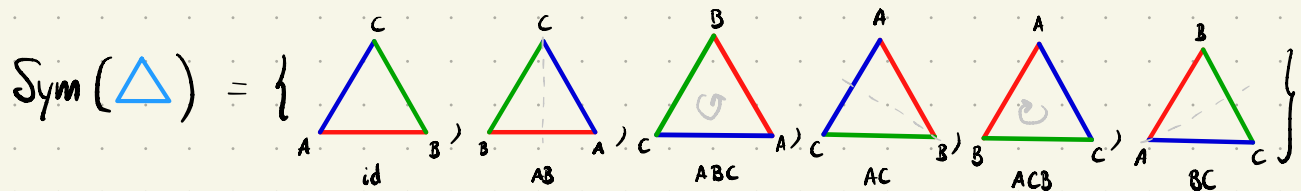
2. Let G and H be two groups and assume:

1) There is an isomorphism (of groups) $f: G \rightarrow H$

2) G is abelian, that is, for each pair of elements $x, y \in G$ we have $x * y = y * x$.

Prove that H is abelian.

3. Consider the group of symmetries of an equilateral triangle:



- Compute the order of each element

- Find two elements x and y such that $xy \neq yx$.

- Use 2 to deduce that $\text{Sym}(\Delta) \not\cong C_6$.

4. (Optional) Let $f: G \rightarrow H$ be an isomorphism of groups

- Show that if $e_G \in G$ is the identity element of G , then $f(e_G) = e_H$, the identity element of H .

- Show that for all $g \in G$, $\text{ord}(g) = \text{ord}(f(g))$. Deduce a second proof of $\text{Sym}(\Delta) \not\cong C_6$.

5. (Optional): Find an isomorphism $\text{Sym}(\Delta) \rightarrow S_3$. Show that the only groups of cardinality

6 are C_6 and S_3 .

6. (Optional) Use 6 in the previous section to prove that there exists a unique group of cardinality p ,

a prime number.

Isomorphism of sets $f: X \rightarrow Y$:

- If $x \neq y$ then $f(x) \neq f(y)$

Injectivity

- Every $y \in Y$ is equal to $f(x)$ for some $x \in X$.

Surjectivity

Isomorphism of groups $f: X \rightarrow Y$:

- f is an isomorphism of sets

- $f(x * y) = f(x) * f(y)$

Respects the operation