

## Section 3.2

- 1) a)  $a \sim b$  is true because  $b = a \circ c$ .  
b)  $a \sim c$  is false.  
c)  $b \sim e$  is false.  
d)  $b \sim c$  is false.

- 3) The left cosets of  $H$  are as follows:

$$(0, 0) + H = \{(0, 0), (1, 2)\}$$

$$(0, 1) + H = \{(0, 1), (1, 3)\}$$

$$(0, 2) + H = \{(0, 2), (1, 0)\}$$

$$(0, 3) + H = \{(0, 3), (1, 1)\}$$

- 6) By definition,  $x \sim y$  if and only if  $y = x \circ h$  for some  $h \in H$ . But this happens if and only if  $x^{-1} \circ y = x^{-1} \circ (x \circ h) = (x^{-1} \circ x) \circ h = e \circ h = h$  for some  $h \in H$ . Therefore,  $x \sim y \iff x^{-1} \circ y \in H$ .

- 7) For each part, we only need to compute  $x^{-1} \circ y$  and check if it is in  $H$ .

a)  $(41)(1342) = (13)(24) \in H$ . Yes.

b)  $(321)(234) = (134) \notin H$ . No.

c)  $(43)(21)(23) = (1243) \notin H$ . No.

d)  $(41)(123) = (1234) \in H$ . Yes.

- 9) a) For a group  $G$  and a subgroup  $H$ , the right coset of an element  $x \in G$  is defined by  $Hx = \{h \circ x | h \in H\}$ .  
b) We can define the equivalence relation by  $x \sim y$  if and only if  $y = h \circ x$  for some  $h \in H$ .  
c) The right coset decomposition is

$$S_3 = \{e, (12)\} \cup \{(13), (132)\} \cup \{(23), (123)\}$$

d) No.

- 12) We know that a code word from  $H$  has been transmitted, and the word  $g$  has been received. Therefore, if  $h$  is transmitted, then the error that occurs is  $g - h$ , which is the same as  $g + h$  in  $(\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$ . Therefore, the set of possible errors that could have occurred is  $\{g + h | h \in H\} = g + H$ . The most likely errors are the ones of smallest weight; i.e. the coset leaders.

## Section 3.3

- 1) a)  $X_e = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ;  $X_{(12)} = \{3\}$ ;  $X_{(13)} = \{2\}$ ;  $X_{(23)} = \{1\}$ ;  $X_{(123)} = X_{(132)} = \emptyset$ .  
 $G_1 = \{e, (23)\}$ ;  $G_2 = \{e, (13)\}$ ;  $G_3 = \{e, (12)\}$ .
- b)  $X_e = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ ;  $X_{(12)} = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$ ;  $X_{(345)} = X_{(354)} = \{1, 2, 6\}$ ;  $X_{(12)(345)} = X_{(12)(354)} = \{6\}$ .  
 $G_1 = G_2 = \{e, (345), (354)\}$ ;  $G_3 = G_4 = G_5 = \{e, (12)\}$ ;  
 $G_6 = \{e, (12), (345), (354), (12)(345), (12)(354)\}$ .
- 2) a) i) The only equivalence class is  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$ .  
ii) For any  $x$ ,  $|[x]| = 3$ , and  $|G_x| = 2$ . Therefore,  $|G| = 6 = 3 \cdot 2$  checks.
- b) i) The equivalence class decomposition is  $X = \{1, 2\} \cup \{3, 4, 5\} \cup \{6\}$ .  
ii) For  $x \in \{1, 2\}$ ,  $|[x]| = 2$  and  $|G_x| = 3$ . For  $x \in \{3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $|[x]| = 3$  and  $|G_x| = 2$ . For  $x = 6$ ,  $|[x]| = 1$  and  $|G_x| = 6$ . In any case,  $|[x]||G_x| = 6 = |G|$ , as desired.