

1. What are the requirements a set of elements must satisfy in order for them to be a group under a certain operation? [3]

closure

identity

invertibility

associativity

2. Consider the four-member collection of elements Q, R, S and T as displayed in the table below under the operation @

	Q	R	S	T
Q	Q	R	S	T
R	R	S	T	Q
S	S	T	Q	R
T	T	Q	R	S

$$T^2 = S$$

$$T^3 = R$$

$$T^4 = Q$$

- a) Is there an identity in this group? If so, name it and defend your answer. If not, justify. [2]

Q, the composition of Q and any other operation, returns the same operation.

- b) Does every element have an inverse element? Name the inverse of each element that has one. [2]

$$\text{Yes: } Q^{-1} = Q$$

$$R^{-1} = T$$

$$S^{-1} = S$$

$$T^{-1} = R$$

- c) Name the period of element T (or state that it does not have one) [2]

element T has a period of 4.

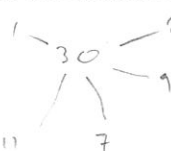
- d) Do the set of these elements satisfy the requirements to be a group? [2]

yes.

3. Draw a 10-post element that would have a period of 16 or state there is no such element. [2]

No such element.

- 2 4. What is the maximum period of an element in the 30-post snap group? Justify your reasoning. [3]



$$\text{lcm}(1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11) = 198 \times 7 = 1386$$

$$120$$

[1386], because it is the lcm of a group of numbers which add up to 30 and are prime, relative to one another.
period can be much bigger



5. Is the set of numbers: $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$ a group under multiplication? If not, justify using the requirements to be a group. [2]

yes.

6. Is the set of numbers: $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$ a group under addition? If not, justify using the requirements to be a group. [2]

No, $1 + (-1)$ is 0 which is not in the group
 \Rightarrow does not satisfy closure
 $\Rightarrow \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ is not a group under addition

7. Below are some of the elements of the 10-post snap group. Below each element, write down its period. [4]

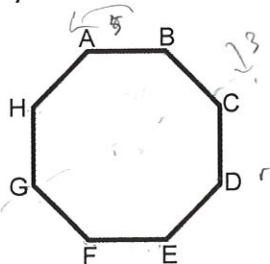


period: 10



period: 6

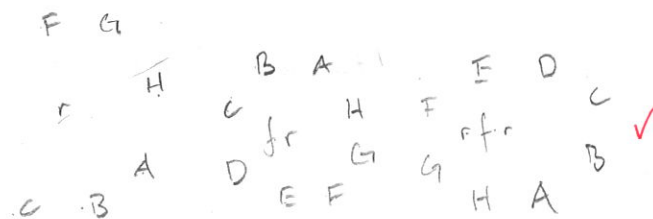
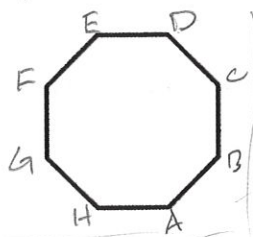
8. Consider the dihedral (reflection/rotation) group for the regular octagon where the element shown is the identity element.



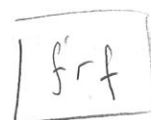
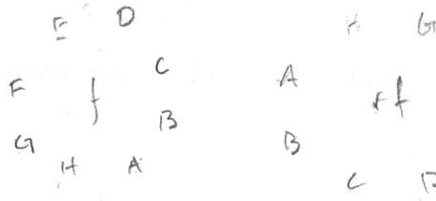
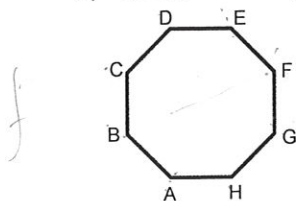
$$\frac{360}{8} = 45, \quad \frac{225}{45} = 5$$

Let "f" be defined as the operation "reflect over the GC line in the identity. Let "r" be defined as the operation rotate counterclockwise by 225 degrees.

- a) Draw the element represented by $r \cdot f \cdot r$ [2]



- b) using as few operations as possible, name the element below (use r's and f's). [3]



- c) If we just use r, rotate clockwise by 225 degrees, as a generator, can we generate all the elements of the dihedral group for the regular octagon? [1]

No, the dihedral group of 8 contains 8 "mirrored states" which require a reflection to achieve.