

**Exercises for Group Theory**  
Week 3 (January 21)

**Exercise 1** About the puzzle mentioned at the end of the lecture (with the 15 numbers on a  $4 \times 4$  table): explain why, if we brake the game, interchange two number, and then glue it back, the resulting game can never be solved.

**Exercise 2** (to prepare for the exam)  
Consider the group  $D_6$ . Recall that

$$D_6 = \{e, r, r^2, r^3, r^4, r^5, s, rs, r^2s, r^3s, r^4s, r^5s\},$$

$$r^6 = e, s^2 = e, rsr = s.$$

1. Describe all the cyclic subgroups of  $D_6$ .
2. For each element of  $D_6$ , find its order and compute its conjugacy class and its centralizer in  $D_6$ .
3. Describe all the subgroups of  $D_6$ . Point out the Sylow subgroups.
4. Which of these subgroups are normal? In each case compute the quotient.
5. Compute the center of  $D_6$ .
6. Compute the abelianization of  $D_6$ .
7. Show geometrically that  $D_6$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $S_6$ .
8. Can  $D_6$  be isomorphic to a subgroup of  $S_4$ ? But of  $S_5$ ?
9. Show that  $D_6$  is isomorphic to  $F(r, s; r^6, s^2, rsrs)$  (or, in the notation from the book:  $\{r, s; r^6, s^2, rsrs\}$ ).

**Exercise 3** Complete the computation of the counting problem that was started in the lecture.