

Modern Algebra Spring 2019 Assignment 1.2 Due January 23

Exercise 1. Let

$$G = \left\{ \pm \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array} \right), \pm \left(\begin{array}{cc} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{array} \right), \pm \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{array} \right), \pm \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{array} \right) \right\}.$$

a. Show that G is closed under matrix multiplication.

b. Prove that G is a group under matrix multiplication. Is it abelian?

Exercise 2. Let G be a group and $a, b, c \in G$. Prove the following *cancellation laws*.

- **a.** If ab = ac, then b = c (*left cancellation*).
- **b.** If ab = cb, then a = c (right cancellation).

Exercise 3. Let G be a group and $e_0 \in G$. Given $x, y \in G$, define a new binary operation * on G by

$$x * y = x e_0^{-1} y.$$

Prove that G is a group under *.