

1 Let G be a group, and let $H \leq G$ and $K \leq G$ be subgroups.

(a) Prove that $H \cap K \leq G$.

(b) Prove that $H \cup K \leq G$ if and only if either $H \subseteq K$ or $K \subseteq H$.

2 Let S be a set, and let G be the set of all bijections $f: S \rightarrow S$. It follows from Math 3345 that G is a group under function composition \circ . Indeed

- **\circ is a binary operation on G :** If $f: S \rightarrow S$ and $g: S \rightarrow S$ are bijections, then $f \circ g: S \rightarrow S$ is a bijection.
- **\circ is associative:** $(f \circ g) \circ h = f \circ (g \circ h)$.
- **Identity:** The identity function $\text{id}_S: S \rightarrow S$, defined by $\text{id}_S(x) = x$ for all $x \in S$, is a bijection and it is the identity element for \circ .
- **Inverses:** For any bijection $f: S \rightarrow S$, the inverse function $f^{-1}: S \rightarrow S$ is also a bijection, and it is the inverse of f with respect to \circ .

You don't need to prove any of these statements, but they should all sound familiar!

In the questions below, we consider the case where $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$.

- Compute $|G|$.
- Find $f, g \in G$ such that $f \circ g \neq g \circ f$. Thus, G is a non-abelian group.
- Show that if $f \in G$ is not the identity, then either $f^2 = \text{id}_S$ or $f^3 = \text{id}_S$.