

Consider  $\mathbb{Z}_5 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

1. Is this a group under addition mod 5?
2. Is this a group under multiplication mod 5?

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What are the elements of  $U(12)$ ?

Write out the Cayley table for  $U(12)$ .

Is  $U(12)$  a group under multiplication mod 12?

**Remember:** When checking whether a set  $G$  is a group, check whether it :

1. *Is closed under the operation:* Let  $a, b \in G$ . Is  $a * b \in G$ ?
2. *Is associative:* Let  $a, b, c \in G$ . Does  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$ ?
3. *Has an identity:* Is there an element  $e \in G \ni$  for all  $a \in G$ ,  $e * a = a = a * e$ ?
4. *Has inverses:* Let  $a \in G$ . Is there an element  $b \in G$  such that  $a * b = e = b * a$ ?

1.  $U(12) = \{1, 5, 7, 11\}$ , as these are the only integers greater than or equal to 1 and less than 12 which have no divisors in common with 12 other than 1.
2. Write out the Cayley table for  $U(12)$ :

<b>Cayley Table for <math>U(12)</math></b>
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$\cdot \text{ mod } 12$	1	5	7	11
1	1	5	7	11
5	5	1	11	7
7	7	11	1	5
11	11	7	5	1

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Is  $U(12)$  a group under multiplication (mod 12)?

**1. Closed under multiplication mod 12?**

We can see by looking at the Cayley table that for any  $a, b \in U(12)$ ,  $ab \in U(12)$ .

**2. Associative?**

Since multiplication is associative, and since  $a \bmod 12 \cdot b \bmod 12 = (ab) \bmod 12$ , multiplication mod 12 is also associative.

**3. Identity?**

Multiplying by 1 mod 12 leaves every number unchanged, and so 1 is the identity.

**4. Inverses?**

By looking at the Cayley table, I can see that each number has a unique inverse:

$$(1)^{-1} = 1 \quad (5)^{-1} = 5 \quad 7^{-1} = 7 \quad 11^{-1} = 11$$

Notice: each number is its own inverse!