

## Sage Quick Reference: Abstract Algebra

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### Basic Help

`com<tab>` complete *command*  
`a.<tab>` all methods for object *a*  
`<command>?` for summary and examples  
`<command>??` for complete source code  
`*foo*?` list all commands containing *foo*  
`_` underscore gives the previous output  
[www.sagemath.org/doc/reference](http://www.sagemath.org/doc/reference) online reference  
[www.sagemath.org/doc/tutorial](http://www.sagemath.org/doc/tutorial) online tutorial  
`load foo.sage` load commands from the file *foo.sage*  
`attach foo.sage`  
loads changes to *foo.sage* automatically

### Lists

`L = [2,17,3,17]` an ordered list  
`L[i]` the *i*th element of *L*  
**Note: lists begin with the 0th element**  
`L.append(x)` adds *x* to *L*  
`L.remove(x)` removes *x* from *L*  
`L[i:j]` the *i*-th through (*j* - 1)-th element of *L*  
`range(a)` list of integers from 0 to *a* - 1  
`range(a,b)` list of integers from *a* to *b* - 1  
`[a..b]` list of integers from *a* to *b*  
`range(a,b,c)`  
every *c*-th integer starting at *a* and less than *b*  
`len(L)` length of *L*  
`M = [i^2 for i in range(13)]`  
list of squares of integers 0 through 12  
`N = [i^2 for i in range(13) if is_prime(i)]`  
list of squares of prime integers between 0 and 12  
`M + N` the concatenation of lists *M* and *N*  
`sorted(L)` a sorted version of *L* (*L* is not changed)  
`L.sort()` sorts *L* (*L* is changed)  
`set(L)` an unordered list of unique elements

### Programming Examples

Print the squares of the integers 0, ..., 14:  

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for i in range(15):
    print i^2
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Print the squares of those integers in  $\{0, \dots, 14\}$  that are relatively prime to 15:  

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for i in range(13):
    if gcd(i,15)==1:
        print i^2
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### Preliminary Operations

`a = 3; b = 14`  
`gcd(a,b)` greatest common divisor *a, b*  
`xgcd(a,b)`  
triple  $(d, s, t)$  where  $d = sa + tb$  and  $d = \gcd(a, b)$   
`next_prime(a)` next prime after *a*  
`previous_prime(a)` prime before *a*  
`prime_range(a,b)` primes *p* such that  $a \leq p < b$   
`is_prime(a)` is *a* a prime?  
`b % a` the remainder of *b* upon division by *a*  
`a.divides(b)` does *a* divide *b*?

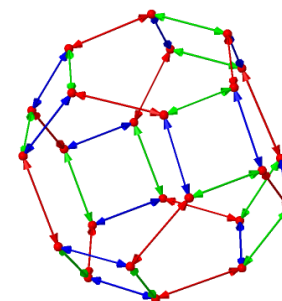
### Group Constructions

**Permutation multiplication is left-to-right.**  
`G = PermutationGroup([[ (1,2,3), (4,5) ], [ (3,4) ]])`  
perm. group with generators (1, 2, 3)(4, 5) and (3, 4)  
`G = PermutationGroup(["(1,2,3)(4,5)", "(3,4)"])`  
alternative syntax for defining a permutation group  
`S = SymmetricGroup(4)` the symmetric group,  $S_4$   
`A = AlternatingGroup(4)` alternating group,  $A_4$   
`D = DihedralGroup(5)` dihedral group of order 10  
`Ab = AbelianGroup([0,2,6])` the group  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_6$   
`Ab.0, Ab.1, Ab.2` the generators of *Ab*  
`a,b,c = Ab.gens()`  
shorthand for `a = Ab.0; b = Ab.1; c = Ab.2`  
`C = CyclicPermutationGroup(5)`  
`Integers(8)` the group  $\mathbb{Z}_8$   
`GL(3,QQ)` general linear group of  $3 \times 3$  matrices  
`m = matrix(QQ, [[1,2], [3,4]])`  
`n = matrix(QQ, [[0,1], [1,0]])`  
`MatrixGroup([m,n])`  
the (infinite) matrix group with generators *m* and *n*  
`u = S([(1,2), (3,4)]); v = S((2,3,4))` elements of *S*  
`S.subgroup([u,v])`  
the subgroup of *S* generated by *u* and *v*  
`S.quotient(A)` the quotient group  $S/A$   
`A.cartesian_product(D)` the group  $A \times D$   
`A.intersection(D)` the intersection of groups *A* and *D*  
`D.conjugate(v)` the group  $v^{-1}Dv$

`S.sylow_subgroup(2)` a Sylow 2-subgroup of *S*  
`D.center()` the center of *D*  
`S.centralizer(u)` the centralizer of *x* in *S*  
`S.centralizer(D)` the centralizer of *D* in *S*  
`S.normalizer(u)` the normalizer of *x* in *S*  
`S.normalizer(D)` the normalizer of *D* in *S*  
`S.stabilizer(3)` subgroup of *S* fixing 3

### Group Operations

`S = SymmetricGroup(4); A = AlternatingGroup(4)`  
`S.order()` the number of elements of *S*  
`S.gens()` generators of *S*  
`S.list()` the elements of *S*  
`S.random_element()` a random element of *S*  
`u*v` the product of elements *u* and *v* of *S*  
`v^(-1)*u^3*v` the element  $v^{-1}u^3v$  of *S*  
`u.order()` the order of *u*  
`S.subgroups()` the subgroups of *S*  
`S.normal_subgroups()` the normal subgroups of *S*  
`A.cayley_table()` the multiplication table for *A*  
`u in S` is *u* an element of *S*?  
`u.word_problem(S.gens())`  
write *u* as a product of the generators of *S*  
`A.is_abelian()` is *A* abelian?  
`A.is_cyclic()` is *A* cyclic?  
`A.is_simple()` is *A* simple?  
`A.is_transitive()` is *A* transitive?  
`A.is_subgroup(S)` is *A* a subgroup of *S*?  
`A.is_normal(S)` is *A* a normal subgroup of *S*?  
`S.cosets(A)` the right cosets of *A* in *S*  
`S.cosets(A,'left')` the left cosets of *A* in *S*  
`g = S.cayley_graph()` Cayley graph of *S*  
`g.show3d(color_by_label=True, edge_size=0.01, vertex_size=0.03)` see below:



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## Ring and Field Constructions

`ZZ` integral domain of integers,  $\mathbb{Z}$

`Integers(7)` ring of integers mod 7,  $\mathbb{Z}_7$

`QQ` field of rational numbers,  $\mathbb{Q}$

`RR` field of real numbers,  $\mathbb{R}$

`CC` field of complex numbers,  $\mathbb{C}$

`RDF` real double field, inexact

`CDF` complex double field, inexact

`RR` 53-bit reals, inexact, not same as `RDF`

`RealField(400)` 400-bit reals, inexact

`ComplexField(400)` complexes, too

`ZZ[I]` the ring of Gaussian integers

`QuadraticField(7)` the quadratic field,  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{7})$

`CyclotomicField(7)`

smallest field containing  $\mathbb{Q}$  and the zeros of  $x^7 - 1$

`AA`, `QQbar` field of algebraic numbers,  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$

`FiniteField(7)` the field  $\mathbb{Z}_7$

`F.<a> = FiniteField(7^3)`

finite field in  $a$  of size  $7^3$ ,  $\text{GF}(7^3)$

`SR` ring of symbolic expressions

`M.<a>=QQ[sqrt(3)]` the field  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{3}]$ , with  $a = \sqrt{3}$ .

`A.<a,b>=QQ[sqrt(3),sqrt(5)]`

the field  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5}]$  with  $a = \sqrt{3}$  and  $b = \sqrt{5}$ .

`z = polygen(QQ,'z'); K = NumberField(x^2 - 2,'s')`

the number field in  $s$  with defining polynomial  $x^2 - 2$

`s = K.0` set `s` equal to the generator of  $K$

`D = ZZ[sqrt(3)]`

`D.fraction_field()`

field of fractions for the integral domain  $D$

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## Ring Operations

**Note: Operations may depend on the ring**

`A = ZZ[I]; D = ZZ[sqrt(3)]` some rings

`A.is_ring()` is  $A$  a ring?

`A.is_field()` is  $A$  a field?

`A.is_commutative()` is  $A$  commutative?

`A.is_integral_domain()`

`True` is  $A$  an integral domain?

`A.is_finite()` is  $A$  finite?

`A.is_subring(D)` is  $A$  a subring of  $D$ ?

`A.order()` the number of elements of  $A$

`A.characteristic()` the characteristic of  $A$

`A.zero()` the additive identity of  $A$

`A.one()` the multiplicative identity of  $A$

`A.is_exact()`

`False` if  $A$  uses a floating point representation

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`a, b = D.gens(); r = a + b`

`r.parent()` the parent ring of  $r$  (in this case,  $D$ )

`r.is_unit()` is  $r$  a unit?

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## Polynomials

`R.<x> = ZZ[ ]`  $R$  is the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$

`R.<x> = QQ[ ]; R = PolynomialRing(QQ,'x'); R = QQ['x']`

$R$  is the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$

`S.<z> = Integers(8)[ ]`  $S$  is the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{Z}_8[z]$

`S.<s, t> = QQ[ ]`  $S$  is the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{Q}[s, t]$

`p = 4*x^3 + 8*x^2 - 20*x - 24`

a polynomial in  $R$  ( $= \mathbb{Q}[x]$ )

`p.is_irreducible()` is  $p$  irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ ?

`q = p.factor()` factor  $p$

`q.expand()` expand  $q$

`p.subs(x=3)` evaluates  $p$  at  $x = 3$

`R.ideal(p)` the ideal in  $R$  generated by  $p$

`R.cyclotomic_polynomial(7)`

the cyclotomic polynomial  $x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$

`q = x^2 - 1`

`p.divides(q)` does  $p$  divide  $q$ ?

`p.quo_rem(q)`

the quotient and remainder of  $p$  upon division by  $q$

`gcd(p, q)` the greatest common divisor of  $p$  and  $q$

`p.xgcd(q)` the extended gcd of  $p$  and  $q$

`I = S.ideal([s*t+2,s^3-t^2])`

the ideal  $(st + 2, s^3 - t^2)$  in  $S$  ( $= \mathbb{Q}[s, t]$ )

`S.quotient(I)` the quotient ring,  $S/I$

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## Field Operations

`A.<a,b>=QQ[sqrt(3),sqrt(5)]`

`C.<c> = A.absolute_field()`

“flattens” a relative field extension

`A.relative_degree()`

the degree of the relative extension field

`A.absolute_degree()`

the degree of the absolute extension

`r = a + b; r.minpoly()`

the minimal polynomial of the field element  $r$

`C.is_galois()` is  $C$  a Galois extension of  $Q$ ?