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1: The Theory of Groups

Hall's book is still considered to be a classic source for fundamental results on the representation theory for finite groups, the Burnside problem, extensions a From the time of its second edition in until the appearance of Hall's book, there were few books of similar stature.

Reviews of Marshall Hall, Jr. We present them in chronological order of the first edition, putting extracts of reviews of 2nd editions immediately after the 1st edition. The theory of groups , by Marshall Hall, Jr. But Hall introduces the reader to the most important concepts and methods available in group theory outside of the theory of Lie groups and topological groups , and he leads him in many cases to the frontier of our knowledge. SIAM Review 2 2 , The theory of groups provides one of the earliest examples in mathematics of the power of abstraction. By the middle of the nineteenth century it had become apparent to mathematicians that many properties of certain collections of specific entities numbers, transformations, symmetries of an object, etc. Here, the specific nature of the rule of combination did not matter as long as it satisfied certain simple properties closure, associativity, possession of inverse , i. Thus abstract group theory was born and with it came coherent unification of many loosely organized domains within mathematics. Now whenever an abstract entity, such as a group, is introduced into mathematics, natural development of the theory proceeds along two main lines. First is the theory of representations - i. Second is structure theory; i. It seems unfortunate that the prevailing style of writing mathematical textbooks prohibits the presentation of a theory along these lines, together with enough historical background to place the theory in its proper relationship to the whole of mathematics. The rule, rather, is to present a sequence of theorems in "logical" order, each theorem derivable from previously given theorems. This usually leaves the reader in an unresolved state of suspense as he works from proof to proof and from chapter to chapter. Within the constraints imposed by the prevailing style, Professor Hall has produced an excellent text. American Scientist 49 1 , AA. This is a book on the modern theory of groups. It emphasizes finite groups, without neglecting infinite groups. Nevertheless, Hall succeeds to develop the most important concepts and methods and bring complete proofs of almost all theorems stated on about pages! He will be well equipped to read any recent literature and start original research himself in this field. This remarkable book undoubtedly will become a standard text on group theory. Monthly 67 2 , This is a book which I wish I could put in the hands of every graduate student who has shown an interest in the elements of group theory. The first ten chapters would give him an excellent foundation in group theory, and there would still remain ten chapters for his delight. I will speak of the latter, some of which are unique. Many mathematicians are vaguely aware that there is a famous problem for groups, called the Burnside problem. But what proportion, even if we restrict attention to algebraists alone, can state the problem, let alone distinguish it from the several forms of the restricted Burnside problem? This book supplies most of the tools currently used for the Burnside problem, proves many of the known theorems in the subject with a few omissions where the only known proofs would severely try the patience of the reader and brings the history of the problem as close to the present moment as is humanly possible. No other book goes half so far in this direction. The theory of groups, 2nd edition , by Marshall Hall, Jr. The Mathematical Gazette 61 , It corresponds with the original edition word for word and symbol for symbol, minor corrections apart. There has been no rewriting, not even of preface or references. Users in schools should be warned: The book is written at the abstract level; even so it goes at a fast pace for a first course, and it makes little concession to concrete matters. There are only twelve diagrams, all of them hardly bigger than a postage stamp, for Hall follows the usual convention that diagrams for abstract theory are strictly a do-it-yourself activity. A feature of the original text was the almost infinite number of misprints, spelling mistakes, etc. To be fair, few of these were seriously misleading. Their provenance was perhaps bad handwriting and hasty proof-reading. They should be charitably regarded - a challenge to the reader, perhaps, or an irritant for reviewers. Though most of them have now gone, comparison with the edition reveals a sizable residue which it is far beyond the scope of this review to list. No single presentation of a group or list of groups can be expected to yield all the information which a reader might desire. Here, each group is presented in three different ways: In this lattice the characteristic subgroups are distinguished. For each group, additional information is given. Here are included the order of the group of automorphisms and the number of elements of each possible order 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, and Chapters 3 and 4 give the theoretical background for the construction of the tables. But these chapters are not necessary for the use of those tables; for that purpose Chapter 2 is adequate. Chapter 5 draws attention to a number of the more interesting individual groups. Mathematics of Computation 19 90 , The preparation of these tables was begun by the "senior" author way back in For a while Philip Hall was directly involved, and though he later withdrew as a co-author, the classification used is still based largely upon his ideas. The tables are nicely printed. The lattice diagrams, however, were not drawn by a professional draftsman, and exhibit much shaky lettering and uneven inking. This economy on the part of the publisher is somewhat regrettable, especially since the groups will be with us forever. Nonetheless, the diagrams are legible, and their interest and value are not negated by their lack of artistic perfection. Apparently the tables were constructed entirely by hand. It would be an interesting challenge to an experienced programmer with the requisite algebraic knowledge and interest to attempt to reproduce and extend these tables with a computer. American Scientist 53 2 , A. In a difficult subject like finite group theory it is of great importance to have examples to test theories. However, examples are not readily available. Everything is easy up to order 8 where there are three abelian and two non abelian groups, the quaternion group and the dihedral group. The next complicated order is 12, then comes There are 14 groups of order 16 and 51 of order This book gives a table of the groups of order Even the number was not known previously. Each group is presented i by generators and defining relations; ii by generating permutations; iii by a diagram of normal sub groups, the normal subgroup and factor group being identified in each case. Further, each group is given three identification marks, the order, its "family" and its "place" in the family. Some classification principles devised by P Hall and published elsewhere are used. The work was originally started separately by Senior a chemist and P Hall. Their later collaboration was interrupted by the war. All the work was done by hand; since electronic computers are now being employed for algebraic and combinatorial problems it is possible that this enormous task could have been eased. Patience and time were needed for this work, but the reader will soon notice that far more than that was involved. Mathematical Reviews, MR 29 They not only succeed, but also supply us with a great deal of information about the groups on their list. The first tables deal with family invariants, i. The length of the lower central series is an example. The groups are given by generators and relations. For each group we are supplied, among other things, with the number of elements of each order, and the order of the automorphism group. Finally, there are pages of lattice diagrams giving abundant information about the lattice of normal subgroups of all the various groups under consideration. The format of this book is rather unusual. It is interesting to conjecture about the eventual location of the book in a typical library. Moreover, the first ten pages have three pages per page. More precisely, the first ten sides have three columns, each column being given a page number. Thus the eleventh side turns out to be page Undoubtedly this book will serve as a useful testing ground for group-theoretical conjectures. It is perhaps unfortunate that the testing ground has such extremely awkward dimensions. Combinatorial theory , by Marshall Hall Jr. If the specified rules are very simple, then the chief emphasis is on the enumeration of the number of ways in which the arrangement may be made. If the rules are subtle or complicated, the chief problem is whether or not such arrangements exist, and to find methods for constructing the arrangements. An intermediate area is the relationship between related choices, and a typical theorem will assert that the maximum for one kind of choice is equal to the minimum for another kind. Monthly 76 7 , As such it is a comprehensive polished survey. There are extensive discussions of difference sets, finite geometries, orthogonal Latin squares an example of order ten is illustrated on the dust jacket , Hadamard matrices, and completion and embedding theorems. The treatment is lucid and rigorous, suitable for seniors or graduate students who have had courses in abstract and linear algebra. This book could well be included in the training of every linear algebraist, to offset the present danger of becoming lost in homological generalities. Mathematical Reviews, MR 37 The text is divided into three major subdivisions.

2: The Theory of Groups (Dover Books on Mathematics) by Marshall Hall ()

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JSTOR is a not-for-profit service that helps scholars, researchers, and students discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content in a trusted digital archive. We use information technology and tools to increase productivity and facilitate new forms of scholarship. Chapter VII continues with linear transformations including a study of unitary and orthogonal transformations. Chapter VIII, perhaps the most likely to be referred to if used as a reference volume, deals with spectra, characteristic equation, and diagonalization of a matrix. Chapter IX concludes the book with an introduction to bilinear, quadratic, and Hermitian forms. There are three appendices, the first two dealing with the 2 and II notations and the algebra of complex numbers. The third appendix deals with the general concept of isomorphism, useful to those planning further study in modern ab- stract algebra. It should also be mentioned that pages to are devoted to an excellent, bibliography in major areas of applications of matrix algebra, including such divergent fields as geometry, economics, group theory, psychology and sociology, electrical engineering, color and color photography, and general references to abstract algebra. In general, the author proceeds by means of ample explanations from the familiar and the concrete to the abstract. This text will provide the mathematics and science major with a solid background for further work in abstract algebra, and also prepare the student of applications to read, apply, and work in his own field with greater insight and understanding. The theory of groups provides one of the earliest examples in mathematics of the power of abstraction. By the middle of the nineteenth century it had become apparent to mathematicians that many properties of certain collections of specific entities numbers, transformations, symmetries of an object, etc. Here, the specific nature of the rule of combination did not matter as long as it satisfied certain simple properties closure, associativity, possession of inverse , i. Thus abstract group theory was born and with it came coherent unification of many loosely organized domains within mathematics. Felix Klein, for example, was able to unify all the various geometries floating about by means of the group concept. With each geometry he associated a group. Euclidean geometry was a special case of projective geometry because the Euclidean group was a subgroup of the projec- tive group. Sophus Lie, by associating with certain families of differential equa- tions their corresponding groups, was able, among other things, to give a sys- This content downloaded from Hitherto, with each family there was a successful gimmick which provided the solution, but the relation between the various gimmicks was not clear. Thus it became important to study groups as such. Now whenever an abstract entity, such as a group, is introduced into mathematics, natural development of the theory proceeds along two main lines. First is the theory of representa- tions-i. Second is structure theory; i. It seems unfortunate that the prevailing style of writing mathematical text- books prohibits the presentation of a theory along these lines, together with enough historical background to place the theory in its proper relationship to the whole of mathematics. The rule, rather, is to present a sequence of theorems in "logical" order, each theorem derivable from previously given theorems. This usually leaves the reader in an unresolved state of suspense as he works from proof to proof and from chapter to chapter. General surveys of a theory are usually prepared only for the more advanced reader who knows all the theorems already, and may therefore benefit from seeing them presented in an "illogical" order which, however, reveals the inner logic of the theory. The reviewer would like to see order in elementary texts also. With these general remarks out of the way, the reviewer will now pass to the book under review. Within the constraints imposed by the prevailing style, Professor Hall has produced an excellent text. The book is divided into two parts and is aimed at the beginning student and the more advanced reader alike. The first ten chapters give a complete and up-to-date coverage of elementary group theory, suitable for a two-semester course. In this first half, simple examples are included at the end of each of the chapters. The remaining ten chapters, without examples, treat selected advanced topics, including the theory of p-groups, extensions, and representations. Of special interest are the chapters on the Burnside problem on the finiteness of periodic finitely-generated groups and on the applications of group theory to the theory of projective planes.

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These chapters contain many results hitherto unavailable in book form. The main results in the last of these chapters are obtained in the modern manner, via representation modules and group rings. Chapter 7, Free Groups, is very well handled, and contains both the Schreier and the Nielsen treatment of the subgroup theorem. Three elementary chapters, , are devoted to structure theory. The first of these, Lattices and Composition Series, contains a simple introduction to the This content downloaded from The chapter concludes with some results due to H. Wielandt on the intersection and union of subinvariant and composition subgroups. Chapter 10 on Supersolvable and Nilpotent Groups contains theorems charac- terizing these two classes of groups. It is shown that a finite nilpotent group is characterized by the property that its maximal subgroups are normal Wielandt , or by the property of being the direct product of its Sylow subgroups. Finite supersolvable groups are characterized by the property that maximal subgroups are of prime index Huppert. The proof of the latter fact is made to depend on a theorem of P. Hall, previously unpublished, to the effect that a finite group whose maximal subgroups are of index a prime, or a prime squared, are solvable. In the second, more advanced part of the book, besides the chapters already mentioned, are chapters dealing with the commutator calculus, group extensions and cohomology, free and amalgamated products, and lattices of subgroups. This part of the book, especially, contains a wealth of reference material for the more advanced reader. Physically, the book is quite pleasing with attractive binding and type face. The formulas and theorems are well displayed. Unfortunately, there are more than the average number of misprints. This detracts from the otherwise high degree of lucidity achieved in most of the proofs.

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It covers the basics of group theory (in fact, he gives several versions of the definition of a group), free groups, compostion series, solvable groups, nilpotent groups, p-groups, cohomology, and does and incredible introduction into representation and character theory.

4: Magnus : Review: Marshall Hall, Jr., The theory of groups

Marshal Hall, Jr., () worked in Naval Intelligence during World War II, including six months in at Bletchley Park in the UK, the famed center of British codebreaking.

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Passman's and Dixon & Mortimer's books on permutation groups don't give this specific theorem. However, Chapter 21 of Passman and more so Chapter 7 of Dixon and Mortimer do have extensive discussions of similar theorems. On the other hand, Hall's is the sort of proof it pays to study.

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