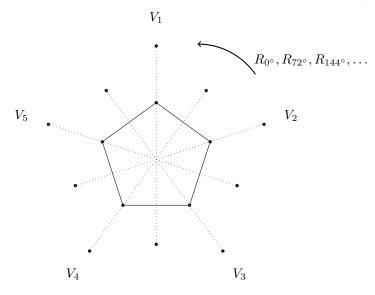
## Homework #1

Due: Wed., Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

- 1. Determine which of the following sets with operations are groups. If it is a group, state its identity, what the inverse of a typical element looks like, and determine if it is Abelian. If it is not a group, state which axioms hold and give counter-examples for those which fail (don't forget closure).
  - (a)  $(\mathbb{Z}_{>0},+)$  non-negative integers with addition
  - (b)  $(3\mathbb{Z}, +)$  multiples of 3 (i.e.  $0, \pm 3, \pm 6, \ldots$ ) with addition
  - (c)  $(\mathbb{R}_{<0}, \cdot)$  negative reals with multiplication
  - (d)  $(\mathbb{R}_{\neq 0}, \div)$  non-zero reals with division
  - (e)  $(\mathbb{Q}_{>0}, \cdot)$  positive rationals with multiplication
- 2. Let G be a group with identity  $e \in G$ . Suppose that  $g^2 = e$  for all  $g \in G$ .
  - (a) What can be said about inverses of elements in G? Orders of elements?
  - (b) Prove that G must be abelian.
- 3. Consider the dihedral group  $D_5 = \{R_{0^{\circ}}, R_{72^{\circ}}, R_{144^{\circ}}, R_{216^{\circ}}, R_{288^{\circ}}, V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4, V_5\}$  (symmetries of a regular pentagon). [Rotations are done counter-clockwise and reflections are labeled in the picture below.]



- (a) Compute  $V_1R_{72^{\circ}}$ ,  $R_{144^{\circ}}V_3$ , and  $V_2V_5$ .
- (b) Is  $D_5$  Abelian? Why or why not?
- (c) Find the inverse of each element  $(R_{00}^{-1} = ????, R_{720}^{-1} = ????, \text{ etc.})$ .
- (d) Find the order of each element.