Cayley-Sudoku Tables

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ON THE THEORY OF GROUPS, AS DEPENDING UPON THE SYMBOLIC EQUATION $\theta^n = 1$

Arthur Cayley

*Philosophical Magazine*, vol. VII (1854)
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- Cayley also requires cancelation: “…if \(\theta = \phi\), then, whatever the symbols \(\alpha, \beta\) may be, \(\alpha \theta \beta = \alpha \phi \beta\), and conversely.” From which it follows that there are inverses, that is, for any element \(x\), there exists an element \(x'\) such that \(xx' = 1 = x'x\).
Cayley continues . . .

It follows that if the entire group is multiplied by any one of the symbols, either as further or nearer factor, the effect is simply to reproduce the group; or what is the same thing, that if the symbols of the group are multiplied together so as to form a table, thus:

| Neater factors | $\begin{array}{cccc} 
1 & \alpha & \beta & \cdots \\
\alpha & \alpha & \alpha^2 & \beta \alpha \\
\beta & \beta & \alpha \beta & \beta^2 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots 
\end{array}$ |

that as well each line as each column of the square will contain all the symbols $1, \alpha, \beta, \ldots$. 
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The convention nowadays is to have the row label as on the left ("further factor") and the column label on the right ("nearer factor").

|     | 1 | α  | β  | ...
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| α   | α | α² | αβ | ...
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2. Each group has a Cayley table in which each element occurs exactly once in each row and once in each column.
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- Closure is clear. 9 is the identity. Inverses are easy to spot.
  Trust me on associativity. \( \therefore \) it is a group.
Cayley Table of $\mathbb{Z}_9$ with operation $+_9$

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According to Ed Pegg, Jr. (MAA website),

*In the May 1979 issue of Dell Pencil Puzzles & Word Games* (issue #16), page 6, something amazing appeared: *Number Place*. Here are the original instructions: “In this puzzle, your job is to place a number into every empty box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square within the large square (there are 9 of these) will contain each number from 1 through 9. Remember that no number may appear more than once in any row across, any column down, or within any small 9-box square; this will help you solve the puzzle …
Whence Sudoku?

…The numbers in circles below the diagram will give you a head start—each of these four numbers goes into one of the circle boxes in the diagram (not necessarily in the order given).

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- The speaker first saw a Sudoku puzzle in the possession of Professor Sam Hall, Willamette U, July 2005.
Drum roll, please.

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It is a Cayley table (so every group element appears exactly once in each row and in each column) and it is also a Sudoku table because it is divided into blocks in which each group element appears exactly once.
Every Cayley table has two of the three of the properties of a Sudoku table; only the subdivision of the table into blocks that contain each element exactly once is in doubt. When and how can a Cayley table be arranged in such a way as to satisfy the additional requirements of being a Sudoku table?

Examine our Cayley-Sudoku table of $\mathbb{Z}_9$ for clues.
The set of the first three column labels \{9,3,6\} is also a group under +\(_9\). That makes it a *subgroup* of \(\mathbb{Z}_9\).
Add 1 to each of the elements of the subgroup: \(9 + 9 \cdot 1 = 1, \ 3 + 9 \cdot 1 = 4, \ 6 + 9 \cdot 1 = 7\), those are the next three column labels. The resulting set is called a *right coset* of the subgroup, it is denoted \(\{9, 3, 6\} + 9 \cdot 1\).
Now consider the right coset
\[
\{9,3,6\} +_9 2 = \{9 +_9 2, 3 +_9 2, 6 +_9 2\} = \{2,5,8\}.
\] The elements of that coset are the final three column labels.
Observation 1: The columns in each block of the Cayley-Sudoku table are labeled with elements of the right cosets of a subgroup.
Left cosets of the subgroup are also of interest.

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\begin{align*}
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2 +_9 \{9,3,6\} &= \{2 +_9 9, 2 +_9 3, 2 +_9 6\} = \{2,5,8\}
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Notice that left and right cosets partition the group into disjoint subsets.
## Cayley-Sudoku Tables

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Observation 2: The rows in each block of the Cayley-Sudoku table are each labeled with a complete set of left coset representatives, that is, a left transversal.
Keith’s Construction of a Cayley-Sudoku Table

Let $G$ with operation $\ast$ be a finite group. Assume $H$ is a subgroup of $G$ having order $k$ and the number of distinct cosets is $n$ (so that $|G| = nk^1$). If $H \ast g_1, H \ast g_2, \ldots, H \ast g_n$ are the $n$ distinct right cosets of $H$ in $G$, then arranging the Cayley table of $G$ with columns labeled by the cosets $H \ast g_1, H \ast g_2, \ldots, H \ast g_n$ and the rows labeled by sets $T_1, T_2, \ldots, T_k$ (as in the table) yields a Cayley-Sudoku table of $G$ with blocks of dimension $n \times k$ if and only if $T_1, T_2, \ldots, T_k$ partition $G$ into complete sets of left coset representatives of $H$ in $G$.

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$^1$Lagrange’s Theorem!
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- Rotations about the center (counterclockwise):
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- Reflections across lines through the center: \( H \) (horizontal), \( V \) (vertical), \( D \) and \( F \) (diagonal)
  
  \textit{(Yikes! H here is a reflection not a subgroup.)}
Right cosets of the subgroup \( \{R_0, H\} \) will label the columns.

1. \( \{R_0, H\} \circ R_0 := \{R_0 \circ R_0, H \circ R_0\} = \{R_0, H\} \)
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3. \( \{R_0, H\} \circ R_{180} := \{R_0 \circ R_{180}, H \circ R_{180}\} = \{R_{180}, V\} \)
4. \( \{R_0, H\} \circ R_{270} := \{R_0 \circ R_{270}, H \circ R_{270}\} = \{R_{270}, F\} \)

Complete sets of left coset representatives of \( \{R_0, H\} \) will label the rows.

1. \( R_0 \circ \{R_0, H\} := \{R_0 \circ R_0, R_0 \circ H\} = \{R_0, H\} \)
2. \( R_{90} \circ \{R_0, H\} := \{R_{90} \circ R_0, R_{90} \circ H\} = \{R_{90}, F\} \)
3. \( R_{180} \circ \{R_0, H\} := \{R_{180} \circ R_0, R_{180} \circ H\} = \{R_{180}, V\} \)
4. \( R_{270} \circ \{R_0, H\} := \{R_{270} \circ R_0, R_{270} \circ H\} = \{R_{270}, D\} \)

These sets do the trick:
\( T_1 := \{R_0, R_{90}, R_{180}, R_{270}\} \) and \( T_2 := \{H, D, V, F\} \)

(Notice the left and right cosets are not the same.)
## Keith’s Construction Applied to $D_4$

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Why Keith’s Construction Works

Look at one block in our $\mathbb{Z}_9$ Cayley-Sudoku Table.

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Why is each group element in it exactly once?
Why Keith's Construction Works

Deconstruct the block. Recall the column label set \( \{1, 4, 7\} \) is the right coset \( \{9, 3, 6\} +_9 1 := \{9 +_9 1, 3 +_9 1, 6 +_9 1\} \).

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Apply the associative property.

Cayley-Sudoku Tables

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Recall row labels = complete set of left coset reps.

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5 + 9 \{9,3,6\} = \{5 + 9, 5 + 9, 3, 5 + 9, 6\} = \{5, 8, 2\}
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Substitute.

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Cayley tells us that adding 1 to the group elements gives the group elements back. Elegant!
In order for the above to be a Cayley-Sudoku table, the sets $L_1, L_2, \ldots, L_k$ labeling the rows must be complete sets of left coset representatives for $H$ and (usually) several other subgroups at once!

(Namely, for the subgroups $g^{-1} \star H \star g$ for all $g \in G$, where $g^{-1} \star H \star g := \{g^{-1} \star h \star g : h \in H\}$.)
Use the subgroup \( \{R_0, H\} \).
Left cosets of \( \{R_0, H\} \) will label the columns.

1. \( R_0 \circ \{R_0, H\} := \{R_0 \circ R_0, R_0 \circ H\} = \{R_0, H\} \)
2. \( R_{90} \circ \{R_0, H\} := \{R_{90} \circ R_0, R_{90} \circ H\} = \{R_{90}, F\} \)
3. \( R_{180} \circ \{R_0, H\} := \{R_{180} \circ R_0, R_{180} \circ H\} = \{R_{180}, V\} \)
4. \( R_{270} \circ \{R_0, H\} := \{R_{270} \circ R_0, R_{270} \circ H\} = \{R_{270}, D\} \)

Rows must be labeled with complete sets of left coset representatives for \( \{R_0, H\} \) and for the subgroup \( \{R_0, V\} \) (i.e. \( R_{90}^{-1} \circ \{R_0, V\} \circ R_{90} \)).

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These sets do the trick:
\( L_1 := \{R_0, R_{90}, R_{180}, R_{270}\} \) and \( L_2 := \{H, V, D, F\} \)
### Christmas Eve Construction Applied to $D_4$

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Appendix: Keith’s Construction Applied to $A_4$

The columns in each $6 \times 2$ block are labeled with the elements of the subgroup $\{(1), (12)(34)\}$ in $A_4$, the group of even permutations on four symbols. The rows in each block are labeled with complete sets of left coset representatives.

In this case the right and left cosets are not the same.

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