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1. Consider the cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}_8$ .
  - (a) Find all generators of  $\mathbb{Z}_8$ .
  - (b) For each generator, draw the corresponding Cayley graph with respect to the generating set consisting of that single generator.
2. Consider the group  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 = \{(a, b) : a \in \mathbb{Z}_2, b \in \mathbb{Z}_4\}$ .
  - (a) What is the order of the group?
  - (b) Is it cyclic? If so, find a generator. If not, explain why.
  - (c) Find a generating set  $S$  of two elements and draw the corresponding Cayley graph.
3. Consider a cube with 8 vertices and 12 edges. Color each edge with three colors, where parallel edges are colored the same.
  - (a) Show that this is a Cayley graph of a group  $G$  and a generating set  $S \subseteq G$  (where all edges are considered bidirectional). What is the order of  $G$  and the size of  $S$ ?
  - (b) Is it abelian?
  - (c) Show that every element of  $G$  has order at most 2.
4. Consider the dihedral group  $D_4$  of a square.
  - (a) What is the order of  $D_4$ ? Describe all elements of  $D_4$  in terms of symmetries of the square.
  - (b) Let  $r$  be the counterclockwise rotation by  $90^\circ$ . Let  $s$  be the reflection about the vertical axis. Write down all elements of  $D_4$  in terms of  $r$  and  $s$ .
  - (c) Let  $t$  be the reflection about the diagonal connecting the top left and bottom right vertices. Write down all elements of  $D_4$  in terms of  $s$  and  $t$ .
  - (d) Draw a Cayley graph of  $D_4$  with respect to the generating set  $\{r, s\}$ .
5. Let  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{C})$  be the group of all invertible  $2 \times 2$  matrices with complex entries. Let  $Q$  be the set of the following eight matrices:
$$\pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \pm \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}, \quad \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$
  - (a) *Be convinced* that  $Q$  is a group under matrix multiplication. (You do not need to check all the group axioms.)
  - (b) Which of the matrices in  $Q$  have order 2? Which have order 4?
  - (c) Let  $a = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Show that  $Q$  is generated by  $\{a, b\}$  and draw the corresponding Cayley graph.
6. (\*) Prove that the above groups are all possible groups of order 8, up to isomorphism. In other words, if  $G$  is a group of order 8, then it must be isomorphic to exactly one of the groups above.