## Solution to Problems

- 1. All positive real numbers form a group with respect to ordinary multiplication.
- 2. All complex numbers form a group with respect to ordinary addition.
- 3. Let a and b be two different group elements such that  $a \cdot c = d$  and  $b \cdot c = d$ . Let us multiply these two equations by  $c^{-1}$  from the left:  $a = d \cdot c^{-1}$  and  $b = d \cdot c^{-1}$ . Thus we have then the elements a = b and our initial suppose was incorrect. Therefore, in one line of the multiplication table there cannot be two equal group elements.
- 4. The symmetry groups of the molecules:  $H_2O: C_{2v}$ ,  $NH_3: C_{3v}$ ,  $CH_4: T_d$ ,  $UF_6: O_h$ .
- 5. The multiplication table for the point symmetry group  $C_4$ :

|             | E           | $C_4$       | $C_2$       | $C_{4}^{3}$ |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| E           | E           | $C_4$       | $C_2$       | $C_{4}^{3}$ |
| $C_4$       | $C_4$       | $C_2$       | $C_{4}^{3}$ | E           |
| $C_2$       | $C_2$       | $C_{4}^{3}$ | E           | $C_4$       |
| $C_{4}^{3}$ | $C_{4}^{3}$ | E           | $C_4$       | $C_2$       |

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- 7. Hint: check the corresponding boxes of the multiplication table.
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- 9. Hint: from the equations (i) (10) and (ii) (14) get the corresponding relations between parameters.
- 10. Hint: check that the group postulates are satisfied.
- 11. Among the elements there is no identity element.
- 12. n(n-1)/2 parameters.
- 13. Hint: show that  $x'^2 y'^2 = x^2 y^2$ .