

**MATH 546, HOMEWORK, SPRING 2023**

(1) Recall the group  $S_n = \text{Sym}(\{1, \dots, n\})$ , where  $S_n$  is the set of invertible functions from  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  to  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ . The operation in  $S_n$  is function composition.

(a) Take  $n = 3$ . Let  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  be the following elements of  $S_3$ :

$$\sigma(1) = 2, \quad \sigma(2) = 1, \quad \sigma(3) = 3, \quad \text{and}$$

$$\tau(1) = 2, \quad \tau(2) = 3, \quad \tau(3) = 1.$$

(i) How many distinct elements<sup>1</sup> of  $S_3$  can be written in the form  $\sigma^i \circ \tau^j$ ?

(ii) Can  $\tau \circ \sigma$  be written in the form  $\sigma^i \circ \tau^j$ ?

(iii) Record the multiplication table for the smallest subgroup of  $S_3$  which contains  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$ . Put your entries in the form  $\sigma^i \circ \tau^j$  whenever this makes sense.

(b) Take  $n = 4$ . Let  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  be the following elements<sup>2</sup> of  $S_4$ :

$$\sigma(1) = 3, \quad \sigma(2) = 2, \quad \sigma(3) = 1, \quad \sigma(4) = 4, \quad \text{and}$$

$$\tau(1) = 2, \quad \tau(2) = 3, \quad \tau(3) = 4, \quad \tau(4) = 1.$$

(i) How many distinct elements of  $S_4$  can be written in the form  $\sigma^i \circ \tau^j$ ?

(ii) Can  $\tau \circ \sigma$  be written in the form  $\sigma^i \circ \tau^j$ ?

(iii) Record the multiplication table for the smallest subgroup of  $S_4$  which contains  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$ . Put your entries in the form  $\sigma^i \circ \tau^j$  whenever this makes sense.

(c) Take  $n = 4$ . Let  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  be the following elements of  $S_4$ :

$$\sigma(1) = 2, \quad \sigma(2) = 1, \quad \sigma(3) = 3, \quad \sigma(4) = 4, \quad \text{and}$$

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<sup>1</sup>If  $f$  is an element of  $S_3$ , then one relatively convenient way to record  $f$  is in the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ f(1) & f(2) & f(3) \end{pmatrix}.$$

If one uses this notation, then

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

<sup>2</sup>In the notation of footnote 1,

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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- (i) How many distinct elements of  $S_4$  can be written in the form  $\sigma^i \circ \tau^j$ ?
- (ii) Can  $\tau \circ \sigma$  be written in the form  $\sigma^i \circ \tau^j$ ?
- (iii) Record the multiplication table for the smallest subgroup of  $S_4$  which contains  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$ . (This part of the problem is unpleasant. You can skip it if you want. Actually, this problem is the very last thing in the class notes. See part 5 of the section “Loose Ends”, which is section 7.C.)
- (2) Consider the following sets  $S$  with binary operation  $*$ . Which pairs  $(S, *)$  form a group? If  $(S, *)$  is not a group, which axioms fail?
- (a) Let  $S$  be the set of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  and let  $a * b = ab$ .
- (b) Let  $S$  be the set of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  and let  $a * b = \max\{a, b\}$ .
- (c) Let  $S$  be the set of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  and let  $a * b = a - b$ .
- (d) Let  $S$  be the set of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $a * b = |ab|$ .
- (e) Let  $S$  be the set of positive real numbers  $\mathbb{R}^+$  and  $a * b = ab$ .
- (f) Let  $S$  be the set of non-zero rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $a * b = ab$ .
- (3) Prove that multiplication of  $2 \times 2$  matrices satisfies the associative law.
- (4) Is the group  $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$  an Abelian group? Give a proof or counter example. Recall that  $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$  is the group of invertible  $n \times n$  matrices under multiplication.
- (5) Write a multiplication table for the following set of matrices over  $\mathbb{Q}$ :
- $$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$
- (6) Let  $G = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 < x \text{ and } x \neq 1\}$ . Define  $a * b = a^{\ln b}$ , for  $a$  and  $b$  in  $G$ . Prove that  $(G, *)$  is an Abelian group.
- (7) Let  $S = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$ . Define  $*$  by  $a * b = a + b + ab$ , for  $a$  and  $b$  in  $S$ . Prove that  $(S, *)$  is a group.
- (8) Prove that a non-Abelian group must have at least five distinct elements.
- (9) Let  $G$  be a group and let  $a, b$  be elements of  $G$ . Suppose  $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$ . Prove that  $a$  and  $b$  commute.
- (10) Is the group of complex numbers  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$ , under multiplication, a Klein 4-group?
- (11) Let  $\rho$  be rotation counter clockwise by  $120^\circ$  fixing the origin. Let  $\sigma$  be reflection of the  $xy$  plane across the  $x$  axis. Let  $D_3$  be the smallest subgroup of the group of rigid motions which contains  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$ .
- (a) List the elements of  $D_3$ .
- (b) Find the multiplication table for  $D_3$ .
- (c) Describe the action of each element of  $D_3$ .

- (d) Show that if  $\tau \in D_3$ , then  $\tau(T) = T$ , where  $T$  is the triangle with vertices  $(1, 0)$ ,  $(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$ , and  $(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$ .
- (12) Suppose  $H$  and  $K$  are subgroups of the group  $G$ . Is the intersection  $H \cap K$  always a subgroup of  $G$ ? If so, prove the statement. If not, give an example.
- (13) Suppose  $H$  and  $K$  are subgroups of the group  $G$ . Is the union  $H \cup K$  always a subgroup of  $G$ ? If so, prove the statement. If not, give an example.
- (14) Let  $G$  be the group of rational numbers, under addition, and let  $H$  and  $K$  be subgroups of  $G$ . Prove that if  $H \neq \{0\}$  and  $K \neq \{0\}$ , then  $H \cap K \neq \{0\}$ .
- (15) Let  $G$  be a group, and let  $a \in G$ . The set  $C(a) = \{x \in G \mid xa = ax\}$  of all elements of  $G$  that commute with  $a$  is called the *centralizer* of  $a$ .
- (a) Prove that  $C(a)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
- (b) Prove that  $\langle a \rangle \subseteq C(a)$ .
- (c) Find the centralizer of  $\rho$  in  $D_4$ .
- (d) Find the centralizer of  $\rho^2$  in  $D_4$ .
- (e) Find the centralizer in  $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$  of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (16) Find 6 subgroups of  $D_4$  in addition to  $D_4$  and  $\{\text{id}\}$ .
- (17) Let  $U_8$  be the group of complex numbers which satisfy  $x^8 = 1$ . Find two subgroups of  $U_8$  in addition to  $\{\text{id}\}$  and  $U_8$ .
- (18) Let  $G$  be the group  $U_9$ , which consists of all complex numbers  $z$  such that  $z^9 = 1$ .
- (a) What is the order of each element of  $G$ ?
- (b) Which elements of  $G$  are generators of all of  $G$ . (Recall that the element  $g$  in the group  $G$  *generates*  $G$ , if  $\langle g \rangle = G$ .)
- (c) Which elements  $g$  of  $G$  can be written in the form  $h^2$  for some  $h \in G$ ?
- (d) Which elements  $g$  of  $G$  can be written in the form  $h^3$  for some  $h \in G$ ?
- (19) Let  $H$  be a subgroup of the integers under addition. Prove that  $H$  is a cyclic group.
- (20) Find three subgroups of  $D_4$  of order 4. (A subgroup of order 4 is a subgroup with 4 elements.)
- (21) Let  $g$  be an element of the group  $G$  and let

$$(0.0.1) \quad S = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid g^n = \text{id}\}.$$

(In other words,  $S$  is the set of integers  $n$  such that  $g^n$  is equal to the identity of  $G$ .) Prove that  $S$  is a subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ .

- (22) Consider  $g = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  in the group  $GL_2(\mathbb{C})$ . What is the set  $S$  (as in (0.0.1)) for  $g$ ?
- (23) Consider  $g = \cos \frac{2\pi}{10} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{10}$  in the unit circle group  $U$ . What is the set  $S$  (as in (0.0.1)) for  $g$ ?

- (24) Let  $(G, *)$  be a group and let  $H = \{g \in G \mid g * g * g = \text{id}\}$ . Calculate  $H$  for  $G = D_4$ ,  $G = D_3$ , and  $G = U_6$ . (Recall that  $U_6$  is the set of complex numbers which are sixth roots of 1.)
- (25) Let  $G$  be a group. Suppose that  $g^2$  is equal to the identity element of  $G$  for all  $g$  in  $G$ . Prove that  $G$  is an Abelian group.
- (26) Let  $G$  be a finite group with an even number of elements. Prove that there must exist an element  $g$  of  $G$  with  $g$  not the identity element, but  $g^2$  equal to the identity element.
- (27) Find an example of a group  $G$  and elements  $a$  and  $b$  in  $G$  such that  $a$  and  $b$  each have finite order, but  $ab$  does not. (The element  $a$  of the group  $G$  has *finite order* if there exists a positive integer  $n$  with  $a^n$  equal to the identity element. If  $a$  does not have finite order, then  $a$  has *infinite order*.)
- (28) Let  $G = D_4$  and let  $H$  be the subgroup of  $G$  which is generated by  $\sigma$ . List the left cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ .
- (29) Let  $G = U_9$  and let  $H$  be the subgroup of  $G$  which is generated by  $u^3$ , where  $u = \cos \frac{2\pi}{9} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{9}$ . List the left cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ .
- (30) Let  $G$  be the group  $(\mathbb{R}^2, +)$ , which consists of all column vectors with two real entries, under the operation of addition, and let  $H$  be the subgroup of  $G$  which consists of all elements of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ a \end{bmatrix}$ , for some real number  $a$ . Notice that each element of  $G$  corresponds in a natural way to a point in the  $xy$ -plane. Describe the left cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ .
- (31) Let  $G$  be a group. The set  $Z(G) = \{x \in G \mid xg = gx \text{ for all } g \in G\}$  of all elements that commute with every other element of  $G$  is called the *center* of  $G$ .
- Prove that  $Z(G)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
  - Show that  $Z(G) = \bigcap_{a \in G} C(a)$ .
  - Find the center of  $D_3$ .
  - Find the center of  $D_4$ .
  - Find the center of  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .
- (32) Let  $G$  be a cyclic group. Let  $a$  and  $b$  be elements of  $G$  such that  $a \neq g^2$  for any  $g \in G$  and  $b \neq g^2$  for any  $g \in G$ . Prove that  $ab$  is equal to  $g^2$  for some  $g \in G$ . What happens if the hypothesis that  $G$  is a cyclic group is removed? Is the statement still true? If so, prove it. If not, find a counterexample. Recall that the group  $G$  is *cyclic* if there is an element  $h$  in  $G$  such that every element of  $G$  has the form  $h^n$  for some integer  $n$ .
- (33) Let  $a$  and  $b$  be elements of a group  $G$ . Suppose that  $a$  and  $b$  both have finite order that the orders of  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime. Suppose further that  $ab = ba$ . Prove that the order of  $ab$  is equal to the order of  $a$  times the order of  $b$ . Recall that the *order* of a group element  $a$  is the least positive integer  $n$  with  $a^n$  equal to the identity element.

- (34) True or False. If true, prove it. If false, give a counterexample. Let  $G$  be a group and let  $H$  be the subset  $H = \{g \in G \mid g^2 = \text{id}\}$ . Then  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
- (35) (a) Compute the left and right cosets of  $H = \langle \sigma \rangle$  in  $G = D_3$ .  
 (b) Is  $ghg^{-1}$  in  $H$  for all  $g \in G$  and  $h$  in  $H$ , where  $H$  and  $G$  are as given in (a)?  
 (c) Compute the left and right cosets of  $H = \langle \rho \rangle$  in  $G = D_3$ .  
 (d) Is  $ghg^{-1}$  in  $H$  for all  $g \in G$  and  $h$  in  $H$ , where  $H$  and  $G$  are as given in (c)?
- (36) (a) Suppose that  $H$  is a subgroup of the group  $G$  with the property that  $ghg^{-1}$  in  $H$  for all  $g \in G$  and  $h$  in  $H$ . Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be elements of  $G$  with  $aH = bH$ , prove that  $acH = bcH$ .  
 (b) Suppose that  $H$  is a subgroup of the group  $G$  and that  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be elements of  $G$  with  $aH = bH$ . Must  $acH = bcH$ ? Prove or give a counterexample.
- (37) Let  $G$  be  $(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$ . Describe the left cosets of the subgroup  $H$  in  $G$  where  
 (a)  $H = U_4$   
 (b)  $H = \{ru \mid r \text{ is a positive real number and } u \in U_4\}$ .
- (38) Suppose that  $H$  is a subgroup of the group  $G$  and  $ghg^{-1}$  is in  $H$  for all  $g \in G$  and  $h \in H$ .  
 (a) Let  $h_1$  be an arbitrary element of  $H$  and  $g$  be an arbitrary element of  $G$ . Prove that there exists an element  $h$  of  $H$  with  $h_1 = ghg^{-1}$ . (It is possible to give a proof which works for infinite groups as well as finite groups.)  
 (b) Let  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$  be elements of  $G$  with  $aH = bH$  and  $cH = dH$ . Prove that  $acH = bdH$ .  
 (c) Let  $S$  be the set of cosets  $S = \{aH \mid a \in G\}$  of  $H$  in  $G$ . Problem 38b shows that the operation on  $S$  given by  $(aH) * (bH) = abH$  is a well-defined function. Prove that  $S$  is a group. (If you are looking for this somewhere,  $S$  is usually written as  $\frac{G}{H}$  and  $S$  is called the “quotient group of  $G \text{ mod } H$ ”, or the “factor group of  $G \text{ mod } H$ ”. BY THE WAY:  $S$  is not a subset of anything; we have to verify all of the axioms for group. Fortunately, this is very easy.)
- (39) (a) If  $G$  is an Abelian group and  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , then prove that  $ghg^{-1}$  is in  $H$  for all  $g \in G$  and  $h \in H$ .  
 (b) If  $G$  is a finite group with  $2n$  elements and  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  with  $n$  elements, then prove that  $ghg^{-1}$  is in  $H$  for all  $g \in G$  and  $h \in H$ .  
 (c) If  $G$  is a group and  $H$  is a subgroup of the center of  $G$ , then prove that  $ghg^{-1}$  is in  $H$  for all  $g \in G$  and  $h \in H$ . (The word center is defined in Problem 31.)

For future reference, a subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is called a *normal* subgroup if  $ghg^{-1}$  is in  $H$  for all  $g \in G$  and  $h \in H$ .

- (40) Work out some examples of  $\frac{G}{H}$  as described in problem 38c.
- (a) Let  $G = D_4$  and  $H = \langle \rho \rangle$ . Problem 39c tells us that it is legal to create  $\frac{G}{H}$ . What is this group? How many elements does it have? What is the multiplication table? Do you believe that this multiplication makes sense?
- (b) Let  $G = D_4$  and  $H = \langle \rho^2 \rangle$ . Problem 39b tells us that it is legal to create  $\frac{G}{H}$ . What is this group? How many elements does it have? What is the multiplication table? Do you believe that this multiplication makes sense?
- (c) Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}$  and  $H = 5\mathbb{Z}$ . Problem 39a tells us that it is legal to create  $\frac{G}{H}$ . What is this group? How many elements does it have? What is the addition table? Do you believe that this addition makes sense? (Notice that the elements of this  $\frac{G}{H}$  look like  $a + H$  because the operation in  $G$  is called  $+$ . Furthermore, the operation in  $\frac{G}{H}$  is also called  $+$ ; that is,  $(a + H) + (b + H) = a + b + H$ .)
- (41) Prove that if  $N$  is a normal subgroup of the group  $G$ , and  $H$  is any subgroup of  $G$ , then  $H \cap N$  is a normal subgroup of  $H$ . The word normal is defined in problem 39.
- (42) Let  $G$  be a finite group, and let  $n$  be a divisor of  $|G|$ . Prove that if  $H$  is the only subgroup of  $G$  of order  $n$ , then  $H$  must be normal in  $G$ . (The symbol  $|G|$  means the number of elements in the group  $G$ . It is often read as the *order* of  $G$ .)
- (43) Let  $H$  and  $K$  be normal subgroups of the group  $G$  such that  $H \cap K = \langle \text{id} \rangle$ . Prove that  $hk = kh$  for all  $h \in H$  and  $k \in K$ .
- (44) Prove that  $\frac{\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}}{\langle (0,1) \rangle}$  is an infinite cyclic group. Recall that the direct product of  $\mathbb{Z}$  with  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the group of ordered pairs  $(a, b)$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers. The operation is coordinate wise addition:  $(a, b) + (c, d) = (a + c, b + d)$ , for integers  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$ . (For a more sophisticated solution to this problem than you are able to give now, see problem 67.)
- (45) Prove that  $\frac{\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}}{\langle (1,1) \rangle}$  is an infinite cyclic group. (For a more sophisticated solution to this problem than you are able to give now, see problem 68.)
- (46) Prove that  $\frac{\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}}{\langle (2,2) \rangle}$  is not a cyclic group.
- (47) Compute the group

$$\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\langle 6 \rangle} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\langle 4 \rangle} \\ \langle \langle \bar{2}, \bar{2} \rangle \rangle.$$

(For a more sophisticated solution to this problem than you are able to give now, see problem 69.)

(48) Compute the group

$$\frac{\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\langle 6 \rangle} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\langle 4 \rangle}}{\langle (\bar{3}, \bar{2}) \rangle}.$$

(49) Find all cyclic subgroups of  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\langle 8 \rangle}$ .

(50) Give a subgroup diagram of  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\langle 60 \rangle}$ .

(51) Find the cyclic subgroup of  $(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$  generated by  $\frac{\sqrt{2}+i\sqrt{2}}{2}$ .

(52) Find the order of the cyclic subgroup of  $(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$  generated by  $i$ .

(53) Find all cyclic subgroups of  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\langle 4 \rangle} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\langle 2 \rangle}$ .

(54) Define  $\varphi : (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \times) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$  by  $\varphi(a+bi) = a^2 + b^2$ . Prove that  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism.

(55) Which of the following are homomorphisms?

(a)  $\varphi : (\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \times) \rightarrow \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  defined by  $\varphi(a) = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

(b)  $\varphi : (\mathbb{R}, +) \rightarrow \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  defined by  $\varphi(a) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

(c)  $\varphi : \text{Mat}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, +)$  defined by  $\varphi \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = a$ ,

Recall that  $\text{Mat}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$  is the Abelian group of  $2 \times 2$  matrices with real number entries. The operation in  $\text{Mat}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$  is matrix addition.

(d)  $\varphi : \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$  defined by  $\varphi \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = ab$ ,

(e)  $\varphi : \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, +)$  defined by  $\varphi \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = a + d$ , and

(f)  $\varphi : \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$  defined by  $\varphi \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = ad - bc$ .

(56) Let  $\varphi : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  and  $\theta : G_2 \rightarrow G_3$  be group homomorphisms. Prove that  $\theta \circ \varphi : G_1 \rightarrow G_3$  is a group homomorphism. Prove that  $\ker(\varphi) \subseteq \ker(\theta \circ \varphi)$ .

(57) Prove that the intersection of two normal subgroups of a group  $G$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

(58) Let  $\varphi : G \rightarrow G'$  be a group homomorphism.

(a) Let  $\text{id}$  be the identity element of  $G$  and  $\text{id}'$  be the identity element of  $G'$ . Prove that  $\varphi(\text{id}) = \text{id}'$ .

(b) Let  $g$  be an element of  $G$ . Prove that  $\varphi$  of the inverse of  $g$  is equal to the inverse of  $\varphi(g)$ .

(c) The image of  $\varphi$  is the subset  $\text{im } \varphi = \{\varphi(g) \mid g \in G\}$  of  $G'$ . Prove that  $\text{im } \varphi$  is a subgroup of  $G'$ .

(d) The kernel of  $\varphi$  is the subset  $\ker \varphi = \{g \in G \mid \varphi(g) = \text{id}'\}$ , where  $\text{id}'$  is the identity element of  $G'$ . Prove that the kernel of  $\varphi$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

(e) Prove that  $\ker \varphi$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

- (f) Consider  $\bar{\varphi} : \frac{G}{\ker \varphi} \rightarrow \text{im } \varphi$ , which is given by  $\bar{\varphi}(g \ker \varphi) = \varphi(g)$ . Prove that  $\bar{\varphi}$  is a **FUNCTION**. That is, if  $g_1 \ker \varphi$  and  $g_2 \ker \varphi$  are equal cosets, then prove that  $\bar{\varphi}(g_1 \ker \varphi) = \bar{\varphi}(g_2 \ker \varphi)$ .
- (g) Prove that  $\bar{\varphi}$  is a group homomorphism.
- (h) Prove that  $\bar{\varphi}$  is onto.
- (i) Prove that  $\bar{\varphi}$  is one-to-one.

In problem 58, you have proven the following very important Theorem.

**The First Isomorphism Theorem** *If  $\varphi : G \rightarrow G'$  is a group homomorphism, then  $\bar{\varphi} : \frac{G}{\ker \varphi} \rightarrow \text{im } \varphi$ , which is given by  $\bar{\varphi}(g \ker \varphi) = \varphi(g)$ , is a group isomorphism.*

- (59) Let  $G$  be a cyclic group with generator  $g$ . Consider the function  $\varphi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G$  which is given by  $\varphi(m) = g^m$  for all integers  $m$ .
- (a) Prove that  $\varphi$  is a group homomorphism.
- (b) Prove that  $\varphi$  is onto.
- (c) If  $G$  is infinite, then prove that  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism.
- (d) If  $G$  has finite order  $n$ , then prove that  $G$  is isomorphic to  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}}$ . (I strongly encourage you to use the First Isomorphism Theorem.)
- (60) Let  $S$  and  $T$  be sets and let  $\varphi : S \rightarrow T$  be a function. Suppose that  $\varphi$  is one-to-one and onto.
- (a) Prove that there exists a FUNCTION  $\theta : T \rightarrow S$  with  $\varphi \circ \theta$  equal to the identity function on  $T$  and  $\theta \circ \varphi$  equal to the identity function on  $S$ . (The function  $\theta$  is usually called the inverse of  $\varphi$ .)
- (b) Prove that the function  $\theta$  of part (a) is one-to-one and onto.
- (c) If  $S$  and  $T$  happen to be groups and  $\varphi$  happens to be a group homomorphism, then prove that  $\theta$  is also a group homomorphism.
- (61) Let  $\varphi : G \rightarrow G'$  and  $\varphi' : G' \rightarrow G''$  be group homomorphisms. Prove that  $\varphi' \circ \varphi : G \rightarrow G''$  is a group homomorphism.
- (62) Prove that the relationship “is isomorphic to” is an equivalence relation on the class of all groups. Recall that a relation  $\sim$  on a class  $C$  is an *equivalence relation* if
- (a) The relation  $\sim$  is *reflexive*. If  $c \in C$ , then  $c \sim c$ .
- (b) The relation  $\sim$  is *symmetric*. If  $c \sim c'$  for some  $c$  and  $c'$  in  $C$ , then  $c' \sim c$ .
- (c) The relation  $\sim$  is *transitive*. If  $c \sim c'$  and  $c' \sim c''$  for some  $c, c', c''$  in  $C$ , then  $c \sim c''$ .

In problems 59 and 62, you have proven the following Theorem.

**Theorem**

- (a) *If  $G$  and  $G'$  are infinite cyclic groups, then  $G$  and  $G'$  are isomorphic.*
- (b) *If  $G$  and  $G'$  are cyclic groups of finite order  $n$ , then  $G$  and  $G'$  are isomorphic.*



- (63) Let  $\varphi : G \rightarrow G'$  be a group homomorphism. Prove that  $\varphi$  is one-to-one if and only if  $\ker \varphi = \{\text{id}\}$ .
- (64) Let  $m$  and  $n$  be non-zero integers and let  $H$  be the subset

$$H = \{am + bn \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

- (a) Prove that  $H$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- (b) We have shown that every subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}$  is cyclic. So  $H$  is cyclic. Let  $h_0$  be a generator of  $H$ . (We can insist that  $h_0$  is positive.) Prove that  $h_0$  is a common divisor of  $m$  and  $n$ .
- (c) Suppose that  $\ell$  is an integer which happens to divide  $m$  and  $n$ . Prove that  $\ell$  must also divide  $h_0$ .
- (d) Notice that you have proven that  $h_0$  is the greatest common divisor of  $m$  and  $n$ .

In problem 64, you have proven the following result.

**Lemma from Number Theory.** *If  $d$  is the greatest common divisor of the non-zero integers  $m$  and  $n$ , then there exist integers  $r$  and  $s$  so that*

$$d = rn + sm.$$

- (65) Suppose  $m$  and  $n$  are relatively prime non-zero integers. Prove that the groups  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{mn\mathbb{Z}}$  and  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{m\mathbb{Z}} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}}$  are isomorphic. (An algebraist calls this result the Chinese Remainder Theorem.)
- (66) Let  $G$  be a cyclic group of order  $n$ ; let  $g$  be a generator of  $G$ ; and let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  of order  $m$ . Lagrange's Theorem tells us that  $m|n$ . Let  $d$  equal the integer  $\frac{n}{m}$ . I want you to prove that  $H$  is the subgroup of  $G$  which is generated by  $g^d$ . I propose a couple of steps. First of all, we know that  $H$  is cyclic, so  $H = \langle g^r \rangle$  for some integer  $r$ .
- (a) Prove that  $d|r$ .
- (b) Now you know that  $H = \langle g^r \rangle \subseteq \langle g^d \rangle$ . Finish the proof that  $H = \langle g^d \rangle$ .
- (67) Define a group homomorphism from  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  onto  $\mathbb{Z}$  whose kernel is the subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  generated by  $(0, 1)$ . Apply the First Isomorphism Theorem. (This problem gives a more sophisticated solution to problem 44 than you were able to give when you first did problem 44.)
- (68) Define a group homomorphism from  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  onto  $\mathbb{Z}$  whose kernel is the subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  generated by  $(1, 1)$ . Apply the First Isomorphism Theorem. (This problem gives a more sophisticated solution to problem 45 than you were able to give when you first did problem 45.)
- (69) Consider  $\varphi : \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{6\mathbb{Z}} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{3\mathbb{Z}} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}$ , given by

$$\varphi(a + 6\mathbb{Z}, b + 4\mathbb{Z}) = (a + 3\mathbb{Z}, b + 2\mathbb{Z}).$$

- (a) Prove that  $\varphi$  is a function.
- (b) Prove that  $\varphi$  is a group homomorphism.
- (c) What are the image and kernel of  $\varphi$ ?
- (d) What does the First Isomorphism Theorem tell you?

Problem 69 gives a more sophisticated solution to problem 47 than you were able to give when you first did problem 47.

- (70) Find a group homomorphism from  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  onto  $\mathbb{Z} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}$ , whose kernel is the subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  which is generated by  $(2, 2)$ . Apply the First Isomorphism Theorem.
- (71) Exhibit an isomorphism  $\phi : U \rightarrow G$ , where  $U$  is the unit circle group and  $G$  is a subgroup of  $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Tell me what  $G$  is. Tell me what  $\phi$  is. Prove that  $\phi$  is an isomorphism.
- (72) Exhibit an isomorphism  $\phi : (\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \times) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R} \setminus \{-2\}, *)$ , where  $a * b = ab + 2a + 2b + 2$ . Tell me what  $\phi$  is and prove that  $\phi$  is an isomorphism.
- (73) Let  $H = \{\text{id}, a, b, c\}$  be a Klein 4-group with  $a^2 = b^2 = c^2 = \text{id}$ ,  $ab = ba = c$ ,  $ac = ca = b$ , and  $bc = cb = a$ . The group  $H$  has exactly 4 elements. Consider the function  $\varphi : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow H$  which is given by  $\varphi(m, n) = a^m b^n$ . Prove that  $\varphi$  is a group homomorphism. Prove that  $\varphi$  is onto. What is the kernel of  $\varphi$ ? What does the First Isomorphism Theorem tell you?
- (74) Is the additive group  $\mathbb{C}$  isomorphic to the multiplicative group  $(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$ ?
- (75) Prove that every group with three elements is isomorphic to  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\langle 3 \rangle}$ .
- (76) Find two Abelian groups of order 8 that are not isomorphic.
- (77) Let  $C_2$  be the subgroup  $\{1, -1\}$  of  $(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$ . Prove that  $(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{R}^{\text{pos}}, \times) \times C_2$ , where  $\mathbb{R}^{\text{pos}}$  is the set of positive real numbers.
- (78) Recall the group  $(S, *)$  of problem (7). Prove that  $(S, *)$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$ .
- (79) Let  $G$  be a group, and let  $a$  be a fixed element of  $G$ . Define a function  $\varphi_a : G \rightarrow G$  by  $\varphi_a(x) = axa^{-1}$ , for all  $x \in G$ . Prove that  $\varphi_a$  is an isomorphism.
- (80) Let  $G$  be a group. Define  $\varphi : G \rightarrow G$  by  $\varphi(x) = x^{-1}$ , for all  $x \in G$ .
  - (a) Prove that  $\varphi$  is one-to-one and onto.
  - (b) Prove that  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism if and only if  $G$  is Abelian.
- (81) Define  $\varphi : (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \times) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$  by  $\varphi(a + bi) = a - bi$ . Prove that  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism.
- (82) Prove that  $(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$  is isomorphic to the subgroup of  $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$  which consists of all matrices of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $a^2 + b^2 \neq 0$ .

(83) Recall the group  $G$  of problem (6). Prove that  $G$  is isomorphic to the group  $(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$ .

(84) Consider the following permutations in  $S_7$ :

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 & 4 & 6 & 1 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 & 7 & 4 & 6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) Compute  $\sigma \circ \tau$ .

(b) Write  $\sigma \circ \tau$  as a product of disjoint cycles.

(c) Write  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  each as a product of transpositions.

(85) List all of the elements of  $S_4$ . Use cycle notation.

(86) Find the number of cycles of each possible length in  $S_5$ . Find all possible orders of elements in  $S_5$ . (Try to do this problem without listing all of the elements of  $S_5$ .)

(87) Let  $S$  be a set and let  $a$  be an element of  $S$ . Prove that

$$\{\sigma \in \text{Sym}(S) \mid \sigma(a) = a\}$$

is a subgroup of  $\text{Sym}(S)$ . Recall that  $\text{Sym}(S)$  is the group of permutations of  $S$ .