

1. (2.4.5) Let G be an infinite cyclic group. Prove that $G \cong (\mathbb{Z}, +)$.
2. (2.4.7) Let $G = \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ be the group of invertible 2×2 matrices with entries in the complex numbers \mathbb{C} .
Let $H = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$ be a group consisting of some of the elements of G . What is the order of H ? Is H isomorphic to D_8 ?

3. (2.4.14) Let G be abelian, H a group, and $\phi : G \rightarrow H$ an onto homomorphism. Does H have to be abelian?

4. (2.6.4) **Intersection of two subgroups.** Let G be a group and let H and K be subgroups of G . Show that $H \cap K$ is a subgroup of G .

5. (2.6.5) Let G be a group, and let x be an element of G that is *not* in the center. As usual, let $\mathbf{Z}(G)$ and $\mathbf{C}_G(x)$, respectively, denote the center of the group and the centralizer of x in G . Show that

$$\mathbf{Z}(G) < \mathbf{C}_G(x) < G.$$

In other words, $\mathbf{Z}(G)$ is a *proper* subgroup of $\mathbf{C}_G(x)$ which in turn is a *proper* subgroup of G .

6. (2.6.17) Let $G = \text{SL}(2, p)$ be the group of 2×2 matrices with determinant 1 and with entries in $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$. Let

$$H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & \mu \\ 0 & \lambda^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \mid \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}, \lambda \neq 0 \right\}.$$

- (a) Show that H is a subgroup of G . (Note that λ^{-1} is the multiplicative inverse of λ in $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$.)
- (b) In the case of $p = 3$, find a familiar group that is isomorphic to H .

7. (2.6.19) **Kernels of Homomorphisms.** Let G and H be groups, and $\theta : G \rightarrow H$ be a homomorphism. The set $\{x \in G \mid \theta(x) = e\}$ is called the *kernel* of θ and denoted by $\ker(\theta)$. Show that $\ker(\theta)$ is a subgroup of G .

8. (2.6.27) **Conjugate Subgroups.** Let G be a group, $H \leq G$, and $x \in G$. We use the notation xHx^{-1} to denote the set of elements $\{xhx^{-1} \mid h \in H\}$. (xHx^{-1} is called a *conjugate* of H .)

- (a) Prove that xHx^{-1} is a subgroup of G .
- (b) If H is finite, then how are $|H|$ and $|xHx^{-1}|$ related?
- (c) Prove that H is isomorphic to xHx^{-1} .

9. Suppose that G is a group, and H, K are two subgroups of G . Define the following map $\phi : H \times K \rightarrow G$:

$$\phi((h, k)) = hk.$$

- (a) Prove that if G is abelian, then ϕ is a homomorphism. Also give an example of a (nonabelian) group G and subgroups H, K for which ϕ is *not* a homomorphism.
- (b) Prove that ϕ is injective if and only if $H \cap K = \{e\}$.
- (c) Prove that if G is finite and abelian, $H \cap K = \{e\}$, and $|H| \cdot |K| = |G|$, then $G \cong H \times K$.

(Part (c) provides a crucial tool in the classification of finite abelian groups.)

10. (**Bonus**; worth a small amount of extra credit). Consider the following subgroup of $\text{GL}(2, \mathbb{R})$.

$$H = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$$

Prove that $H = \{A \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{Z}) : \det A = 1\}$. (This subgroup is usually called $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$.)

Some other good problems to try for additional practice (but not to hand in):

2.4.16, 2.5.11, 2.6.2, 2.6.3, 2.6.9, 2.6.24