

# MTH532-Course Portfolio-Spring 2020

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**1 Section 1: (No change )Course Syllabus**

<b>A</b>	<b>Course Title &amp; Number</b>	<b>ABSTRACT ALGEBRA: MTH 532</b>				
<b>B</b>	<b>Pre/Co-requisite(s)</b>	Admission to MSMTH program				
<b>C</b>	<b>Number of credits</b>	3				
<b>D</b>	<b>Faculty Name</b>	Ayman Badawi				
<b>E</b>	<b>Term/ Year</b>	Spring 2020				
<b>F</b>	<b>Sections</b>	<b>CRN</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
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		<b>Office Hours:</b> By appointment				
<b>H</b>	<b>Course Description from Catalog</b>	Covers basic properties of groups, normal subgroups and direct sum of groups; homomorphism and isomorphism between groups; classification of finite abelian groups; and applications of Sylow's Theorems. Introduces rings, ideals, polynomial rings, irreducible and prime elements of rings, unique factorization domains, fields and their extensions including finite fields.				
<b>I</b>	<b>Course Learning Outcomes</b>	<p>Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop mathematical proofs and reason abstractly in exploring properties of rings and groups. ( <b>Exam I, Exam II, and Final</b>)</li> <li>• Demonstrate an understanding of Lagrange Theorem and its applications, symmetric groups, quotient groups, cyclic groups. ( <b>Exam I and Final</b>)</li> <li>• Demonstrate an understanding of the structure of finite abelian groups ( <b>Exam I and Final</b>).</li> <li>• Demonstrate an understanding of Sylow's Theorems and their applications ( <b>Exam I and Final</b>)</li> <li>• Demonstrate an understanding of the intellectual structure of rings, ideals, prime ideals, primary ideals, 2-absorbing ideals, maximal ideals, prime elements, irreducible elements and quotient rings. ( <b>Exam II and Final</b>)</li> <li>• Use and apply homomorphism and isomorphism theory between rings and groups. ( <b>Exam I, Exam II and Final</b>)</li> <li>• Demonstrate an understanding of fields, and field extension ( <b>Exam II and Final</b>)</li> </ul>				

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<p><b>J Textbook and other Instructional Material and Resources</b></p>	<p>Primary: Instructor class notes. I-Learn, my personal webpage  <a href="http://ayman-badawi.com/MTH%20530.html">http://ayman-badawi.com/MTH%20530.html</a> and  <a href="http://ayman-badawi.com/MTH%20531.html">http://ayman-badawi.com/MTH%20531.html</a></p> <p>Reference:</p> <p>David S. Dummit and Richard M. Foote, <i>Abstract Algebra</i>- Third Edition          Any graduate textbook will do.</p>																										
<p><b>K Teaching and Learning Methodologies</b></p>	<p>The teaching and learning tools used in this course to deliver the subject matter include white board and markers, formal lectures, class discussions, assignments, two exams and a final</p>																										
<p><b>L Grading Scale, Grading Distribution, and Due Dates</b></p>	<p><b>Grading Scale</b>          A:85—100, A- : 81--84.99 , B+: 77--- 80.99, B: 74 -- 76.99, B-: 70 – 73.99 , C+: 67 --- 69.99, C: 63—66.99 , F &lt;63</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="392 1196 735 1821"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Excellent</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>Equals 4.00 grade points</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Meet Expectation</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>A-</td> <td>Equals 3.80 grade points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B+</td> <td>Equals 3.30 grade points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>Equals 3.00 grade points</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Below Expectation</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>B-</td> <td>Equals 2.70 grade points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C+</td> <td>Equals 2.30 grade point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>Equals 2.00 grade point</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Fail</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>F</td> <td>Equals 0.00 grade points</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Academic Integrity Violation Fail</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>Excellent</b>		A	Equals 4.00 grade points	<b>Meet Expectation</b>		A-	Equals 3.80 grade points	B+	Equals 3.30 grade points	B	Equals 3.00 grade points	<b>Below Expectation</b>		B-	Equals 2.70 grade points	C+	Equals 2.30 grade point	C	Equals 2.00 grade point	<b>Fail</b>		F	Equals 0.00 grade points	<b>Academic Integrity Violation Fail</b>	
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<b>M</b>	<b>Explanation of Assessments</b>	Exams, homework assignments will include proofs. So students are expected to master some of the techniques that are commonly used in Abstract Algebra																								
<b>N</b>	<b>Student Academic Integrity Code Statement</b>	Student must adhere to the Academic Integrity code stated in the graduate catalog.																								

**SCHEDULE**

*Note: Tests and other graded assignments due dates are set. No addendum, make-up exams, or extra assignments to improve grades will be given.*

#	WEEKS	CHAPTER/SECTIONS	NOTES
	1--6	<p>Groups, subgroups, cyclic groups, symmetric groups, quotient groups, product of groups, normal subgroups, Sylow's groups, classification of finite abelian groups, group homomorphism and isomorphism</p> <p><b>EXAM I</b></p>	Definitions, Examples, proofs
	7-13	<p>Rings, ideals, prime ideals, primary ideals, 2-absorbing ideals, maximal ideals, quotient rings, quotient fields, prime elements, irreducible elements, product of rings, localized rings, fields</p>	<p>Definition</p> <p>Examples</p> <p>Proofs</p>

		<b>Exam II</b>	
	14--16	<b>separable fields, splitting fields, cyclotomic fields, finite fields, and Galois field</b>	

## **2 Section 2: Instructor Teaching Material**

### **2.1 HANDOUTS**

## 2.1.1 Handout on the Unit-Group of $\mathbb{Z}_n$

## U(n) is cyclic? , MTH 532, Spring 2020

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$n \geq 3$ . Then  $U(n)$  is cyclic iff  $n = 4$ ,  $n = p^m$ , or  $n = 2p^m$  for some odd prime  $p$  and integer  $m \geq 1$ .

Suppose that  $n = 4$  or  $n = p^m$ , or  $n = 2p^m$  for some odd prime  $p$  and integer  $m \geq 1$ . We show that  $U(n)$  is cyclic.

If  $n = 4$ ,  $U(4) \approx Z_2$  is cyclic. If  $n = p^m$  for some odd prime  $p$  and integer  $m \geq 1$ , then  $\phi(n) = (p-1)p^{m-1}$ . Hence  $U(n) \approx z_{p-1} \oplus z_{p^{m-1}}$ . Since  $\gcd(p-1, p^{m-1}) = 1$ ,  $U(n)$  is cyclic. If  $n = 2p^m$  for some odd prime  $p$  and integer  $m \geq 1$ ,

, then  $\phi(n) = (p-1)p^{m-1}$ . Hence  $U(n) \approx z_{p-1} \oplus z_{p^{m-1}}$ . Since  $\gcd(p-1, p^{m-1}) = 1$ ,  $U(n)$  is cyclic.

Now assume that  $n \neq 4$  and  $n \neq p^m$ , and  $n = 2p^m$  for some odd prime  $p$  and integer  $m \geq 1$ . We show that  $U(n)$  is not cyclic.

Case 1. Assume  $n = 2^m$ ,  $m \geq 3$ . Then  $U(n) \approx z_2 \oplus z_{2^{m-2}}$ . Since  $\gcd(2, 2^{m-2}) \neq 1$ ,  $U(n)$  is not cyclic.

Case 2. Assume  $n = 2^k p^m$ ,  $p$  is odd prime,  $k \geq 2$ , and  $m \geq 1$ . Then  $\phi(n) = 2^{m-1}(p-1)p^{m-1}$ . Thus  $U(n) \approx D = z_2 \oplus z_{2^{m-2}} \oplus z_{p-1} \oplus z_{p^{m-1}}$ . Now  $H = z_2 \oplus \{0\} \oplus z_{p-1} \oplus \{0\}$  is a subgroup of  $D$ . Since  $\gcd(2, p-1) \neq 1$ ,  $H$  is not a cyclic subgroup of  $D$ . Thus  $D$  is not cyclic (we know every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic). Hence  $U(n)$  is not cyclic.

Case 3. Assume  $n = 2p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_m^{k_m}$ , where  $m \geq 2$ ,  $p_1, \dots, p_m$  distinct prime odd integers. Then  $\phi(n) = (p_1 - 1)p^{k_1-1}(p_2 - 1)p_2^{k_2-1} \dots (p_m - 1)p_m^{k_m-1}$ . Thus  $U(n) \approx D = z_{(p_1-1)} \oplus z_{p_1^{k_1-1}} \oplus z_{(p_2-1)} \oplus z_{p_2^{k_2-1}} \oplus \dots \oplus z_{(p_m-1)} \oplus z_{p_m^{k_m-1}}$  (note  $m \geq 2$ ). Now  $H = z_{p_1-1} \oplus \{0\} \oplus z_{p_2-1} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \dots \oplus \{0\}$  is a subgroup of  $D$ . Since  $\gcd(p_1 - 1, p_2 - 1) \neq 1$ ,  $H$  is not a cyclic subgroup of  $D$ . Thus  $D$  is not cyclic. Hence  $U(n)$  is not cyclic.

Case 4. Assume  $n = 2^k p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_m^{k_m}$ , where  $m \geq 2$  and  $k \geq 2$ ,  $p_1, \dots, p_m$  distinct prime odd integers. Then  $\phi(n) = 2^{m-1}(p_1 - 1)p^{k_1-1}(p_2 - 1)p_2^{k_2-1} \dots (p_m - 1)p_m^{k_m-1}$ . Thus  $U(n) \approx D = z_2 \oplus z_{2^{m-2}} \oplus z_{(p_1-1)} \oplus z_{p_1^{k_1-1}} \oplus z_{(p_2-1)} \oplus z_{p_2^{k_2-1}} \oplus \dots \oplus z_{(p_m-1)} \oplus z_{p_m^{k_m-1}}$  (note  $m, k \geq 2$ ). Now  $H = \{0\} \oplus \{0\} \oplus z_{p_1-1} \oplus \{0\} \oplus z_{p_2-1} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \dots \oplus \{0\}$  is a subgroup of  $D$ . Since  $\gcd(p_1 - 1, p_2 - 1) \neq 1$ ,  $H$  is not a cyclic subgroup of  $D$ . Thus  $D$  is not cyclic. Hence  $U(n)$  is not cyclic.

Case 5. Assume  $n$  is odd. Then  $n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_m^{k_m}$ , where  $m \geq 2$ ,  $p_1, \dots, p_m$  distinct prime odd integers. Then  $\phi(n) = (p_1 - 1)p^{k_1-1}(p_2 - 1)p_2^{k_2-1} \dots (p_m - 1)p_m^{k_m-1}$ . Thus  $U(n) \approx D = z_{(p_1-1)} \oplus z_{p_1^{k_1-1}} \oplus z_{(p_2-1)} \oplus z_{p_2^{k_2-1}} \oplus \dots \oplus z_{(p_m-1)} \oplus z_{p_m^{k_m-1}}$  (note  $m \geq 2$ ). Now  $H = z_{p_1-1} \oplus \{0\} \oplus z_{p_2-1} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \dots \oplus \{0\}$  is a subgroup of  $D$ . Since  $\gcd(p_1 - 1, p_2 - 1) \neq 1$ ,  $H$  is not a cyclic subgroup of  $D$ . Thus  $D$  is not cyclic. Hence  $U(n)$  is not cyclic.

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## 2.1.2 Handout on Rings

## Useful Information for Second Exam, Final, Common Knowledge , MTH 532, Spring 2020

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**Fact 1.** Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1 and  $f(X) \in A[X]$ . Then  $f(X) \in Nil(A[X])$  if and only if the coefficients of  $f(X)$  are nilpotent elements of  $A$ .

**Example:**  $f(X) = 3X^3 + 6X^2 + 12X + 24$  is a nilpotent element of the polynomial ring  $Z_{27}[X]$  (i.e.,  $f(X) \in Nil(Z_{27}[X])$ ), i.e., there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $f(X)^n = 0$  in  $Z_{27}[X]$  since the coefficients of  $f(x)$  are nilpotent elements of  $Z_{27}$ . (note that  $3, 6, 12, 24 \in Nil(Z_{27})$ )

**Example :**  $f(X) = 5X^3 + 2x + 4$  is not a nilpotent element of  $Z_8[X]$  since  $5 \notin Nil(Z_8)$ .

**Fact 2.** Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1 and  $f(X) = a_nX^n + \dots + a_1X + a_0 \in A[X]$ . Then  $f(X) \in U(A[X])$  if and only if  $a_n, \dots, a_1 \in Nil(A)$  and  $a_0 \in U(A)$ .

**Example:**  $f(X) = 3X^3 + 6X^2 + 12X + 7$  is a unit (invertible) element of the polynomial ring  $Z_{27}[X]$  (i.e.,  $f(X) \in U(Z_{27}[X])$ ), i.e., there exists a polynomial  $k(X) \in Z_{27}[X]$  such that  $f(X)k(X) = 1$  in  $Z_{27}[X]$  since  $3, 6, 12$  are nilpotent elements of  $Z_{27}$  and the constant term  $a_0 = 7 \in U(Z_{27})$ .

**Example :**  $f(X) = 2X^3 + 5X + 4$  is not a unit (invertible) element of  $Z_8[X]$  since  $5 \notin Nil(Z_8)$  and the constant term  $a_0 = 4 \notin U(Z_8)$ .

**Example :**  $f(X) = 2X^3 + 5X + 3$  is not a unit (invertible) element of  $Z_8[X]$  since  $5 \notin Nil(Z_8)$ .

**Fact 3. (Surprising result!)** Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1 and  $f(X) = a_nX^n + \dots + a_1X + a_0 \in A[X]$ . Then  $f(X) \in Z(A[X])$  if and only if  $a_n, \dots, a_1 \in Z(A)$  and  $bf(X) = 0$  for some nonzero  $b \in Z(A)$ .

**Example:**  $f(X) = 3X^3 + 2X^2 + 3X + 2$  is not a zero-divisor element of the polynomial ring  $Z_6[X]$  (i.e.,  $f(X) \notin Z(Z_6[X])$ ), i.e., there is no nonzero-polynomial  $k(X) \in Z(Z_6[X])$  such that  $f(X)k(X) = 0$  in  $Z_6[X]$ . Why? because  $Z(Z_6) = \{0, 2, 3\}$ , but  $bf(X) \neq 0$  for every nonzero  $b \in Z(Z_6)$ .

**Example :**  $f(X) = 10X^3 + 20X + 10$  is a zero-divisor element of the polynomial ring  $Z_{30}[X]$  (i.e.,  $f(X) \in Z(Z_{30}[X])$ ), i.e., there is a nonzero-polynomial  $k(X) \in Z(Z_{30}[X])$  such that  $f(X)k(X) = 0$  in  $Z_{30}[X]$ . Why? because  $3 \in Z(Z_{30})$  and  $3f(X) = 0$ .

**Fact 4.** Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1. Then  $Nil(A)$  is a proper ideal of  $A$ .

**Trivial:** Let  $a, b \in Nil(A)$ . Then  $a^n = b^m = 0$  for some positive integers  $n, m$ . Hence by EXPANSION, we have  $(a - b)^{n+m} = 0$  Thus  $a - b \in Nil(A)$ . Also,  $(ab)^m = a^mb^m = a^m \cdot 0 = 0$ . Hence  $ab \in Nil(A)$ . Thus  $Nil(A)$  is a subring of  $A$ . Now let  $f \in A$ . Then  $(fa)^n = f^n a^n = f^n \cdot 0 = 0$ . Hence  $fa \in Nil(A)$ . Thus  $Nil(A)$  is a proper ideal of  $A$  (note  $Nil(R) \cap U(A) = \emptyset$ ).

**Fact 5. (Nice result on how to find nilpotent elements in  $Z_n$ ).** Write  $n = p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \dots p_k^{n_k}$  (of course  $p_1, \dots, p_k$  are distinct prime integers) and let  $m = p_1 p_2 \dots p_k$ . Then  $Nil(Z_n) = (m) = mZ_n = span\{m\}$  is the ideal of  $Z_n$  generated by  $m \in Z_n$ .

**Example:** Let  $A = Z_{75}$ . Then  $n = 75 = 3 \cdot 5^2$  and  $m = 3 \cdot 5 = 15$ . Hence  $Nil(A) = (15) = 15A = span\{15\} = \{0, 15, 30, 45, 60\}$ .

**Example :** Let  $A = Z_{30}$ . Then  $n = 30 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$  and  $m = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 = 30 \in Z_{30}$ . Hence  $Nil(A) = (0) = 0A = span\{0\} = \{0\}$ .

**Fact 6. (Recall (from lecture) this is nice result on how to find prime ideals and maximal ideal in  $Z_n$ ).** Write  $n = p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \dots p_k^{n_k}$  (of course  $p_1, \dots, p_k$  are distinct prime integers). Let  $A = Z_n$ . Then a proper ideal  $I$  of  $A$  is a prime ideal of  $A$  if and only if  $I$  is a maximal ideal of  $A$  if and only if  $I = (p_i) = p_i A$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq k$ .

**Example:** Let  $A = Z_{75}$ . Then  $n = 75 = 3 \cdot 5^2$ . Hence  $3A = \{0, 3, 6, 9, 12, \dots, 72\}$  and  $5A = \{0, 5, 10, \dots, 70\}$  are the only prime (maximal) ideals of  $A$ .

**Example :** Let  $A = Z_{30}$ . Then  $n = 30 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$ . Hence  $2A = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 12, \dots, 28\}$ ,  $3A = \{0, 3, 6, \dots, 27\}$ , and  $5A = \{0, 5, 10, \dots, 25\}$  are the only prime (maximal) ideals of  $A$ .

**Fact 7. (Recall (from lecture) this is a nice result, it is called the Chinese remainder Theorem):** Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1 and  $I_1, I_2, \dots, I_k$  are proper ideals of  $A$  that are relatively prime ideals of  $A$  (i.e.,  $I_i + I_j = A$  for every  $i \neq j$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq k$ , some authors call such ideals co-prime ideals). Let  $F = I_1 \cap I_2 \cap \dots \cap I_k$ . Then  $A/F$  is ring-isomorphic to  $A/I_1 \oplus A/I_2 \oplus \dots \oplus A/I_k$ . In particular, if  $F = \{0\}$ , then  $A$  is ring-isomorphic to  $A/I_1 \oplus A/I_2 \oplus \dots \oplus A/I_k$ .

**Fact 8. (Nice result, make sure that you know it):** Let  $B, C$  be commutative rings with 1 and  $A = B \oplus C$ . Let  $F$  be a proper ideal of  $A$ . Then  $F = I_1 \oplus I_2$  for some ideal  $I_1$  of  $B$  and some ideal  $I_2$  of  $C$ . Furthermore (nice),  $A/F$  is ring-isomorphic to  $B/I_1 \oplus C/I_2$ . Furthermore (from Lecture):

(a)  $F$  is a prime ideal of  $A$  if and only if either  $F = I \oplus C$  for some prime ideal  $I$  of  $B$  or  $F = B \oplus J$  for some prime ideal  $J$  of  $C$ .

(b)  $F$  is a maximal ideal of  $A$  if and only if either  $F = I \oplus C$  for some maximal ideal  $I$  of  $B$  or  $F = B \oplus J$  for some maximal ideal  $J$  of  $C$ .

**Fact 9.** Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1 and  $I$  be a proper ideal of  $A$ . Then  $I$  is a prime ideal of  $A$  if and only if  $A - I$  is a multiplicative subset of  $A$  (recall from lecture that what I call multiplicative subset of  $A$ , some authors call it multiplicatively closed subset of  $A$ ). The proof is so trivial (just use definitions)

**REMARKS** Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1.

(a) Note that every subring of  $A$  is a multiplicative subset of  $A$ .

(b) Note that every subgroup of  $U(A)$  is a multiplicative subset of  $A$

(c) Chose an element  $a \in A$ . Then  $D = \{a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^n, \dots\} = \{a^m \mid m \text{ is a positive integer}\}$  is a multiplicative subset of  $A$ .

d) an ideal  $I$  of  $A$  is proper if and only if  $1 \notin I$  [ Easy: Suppose  $I$  is an ideal and  $1 \in I$ . We claim that  $I$  is proper. Deny. Hence  $I \cap U(A) \neq \emptyset$ . Suppose there is a unit (invertible) element  $u \in I$ . Since  $I$  is an ideal of  $A$  and  $u^{-1} \in A$ , we have  $1 = u^{-1}u \in I$ , a contradiction.

e) A proper ideal  $I$  of  $Z$  is prime if and only if  $I$  is a maximal ideal of  $Z$  if and only if  $I = pZ = (p)$  for some prime integer  $p$  of  $Z$ . Thus the prime ideals of  $Z$  are maximal ideals of  $Z$  and they are of the form  $pZ$  for some prime integer  $p$ . (Proof is trivial : We know that the proper ideals of  $Z$  has the form  $nZ$  for some positive integer  $n$ . Now assume that  $nZ$  is a prime ideal of  $Z$ . Hence  $Z/nZ$  is an integral domain. But  $Z/nZ$  is  $Z_n$ . Thus  $Z_n$  is a finite integral domain and hence a field. Thus  $n$  must be a prime number and  $nZ$  must be a maximal ideal.

f) A commutative ring  $A$  with 1 is called Noetherian if every proper ideal of  $R$  is finitely generated., i.e. if  $I$  is a proper ideal of  $A$ , then  $I = \text{span}\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  over  $A$  for some elements  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in I$ , i.e., if  $x \in I$ , then there are  $b_1, \dots, b_n \in A$  such that  $x = b_1a_1 + \dots + b_na_n$ . Interesting result about Noetherian rings : If  $A$  is Noetherian, then  $A[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is Noetherian (i.e., the polynomial ring with  $n$  variables is Noetherian)

g) Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1. Then the radical of  $A$  (denoted by  $\text{Rad}(A)$ ) = Intersection of ALL prime ideals of  $A$ . It is Known, that the RADICAL of  $A = \text{Nil}(A)$ . (the proof relies on the fact that I proved in the class if  $I$  is a proper ideal of  $A$  and  $S$  is a multiplicative system such that  $I \cap S = \emptyset$  then there is a prime ideal  $P$  of  $A$  such that  $I \subseteq P$  and  $P \cap S = \emptyset$ )

h). Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1. Jacobson radical of  $A$  (denoted by  $J(A)$ ) is the intersection of all MAXIMAL ideals of  $A$ . Nice result about the Jacobson Radical of  $A$  : For every  $x \in J(A)$ ,  $x + u \in U(A)$  for every  $u \in U(A)$ . Also  $\text{Rad}(A) \subseteq J(A)$  **Faculty information**



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## 2.1.3 Handout on Fields

# Useful Information about FIELDS and Galois Extension, Common Knowledge , MTH 532, Spring 2020

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## 1 $\mathbf{Q}$ , fields of characteristic 0

**QUESTION 1.** Assume that  $[Q(\alpha) : Q] = n$  and  $f(x) \in Q[x]$  is a monic polynomial of degree  $n$  such that  $f(\alpha) = 0$ . Prove that  $f(x)$  is an irreducible polynomial over  $Q$ . In fact, prove that  $f(x) = \text{Irr}(\alpha, Q)$ .

**Solution:** Let  $k(x) = \text{Irr}(\alpha, Q)$ . Since  $[Q(\alpha) : Q] = n$ , we know that  $\deg(k(x)) = n$  (note that  $k(x)$  is the unique monic irreducible polynomial over  $Q$  such that  $k(\alpha) = 0$ ). Since  $f(\alpha) = 0$ , we know (class notes) that  $k(x) | f(x)$ . Since  $f(x)$  and  $k(x)$  are monic and  $\deg(f(x)) = \deg(k(x)) = n$ , we conclude that  $k(x) = f(x)$ .

**QUESTION 2.** Let  $\alpha = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{10}}$  and  $E = Q(\alpha)$ .

(i) Find  $[E : Q]$

**Solution:** By last lecture, note that  $E$  is the 10th cyclotomic extension field of  $Q$  (i.e.,  $E$  is the splitting field of the polynomial  $x^{10} - 1$ , i.e. INSIDE  $E$ , we have  $x^{10} - 1 = (x - \alpha)(x - \alpha^2) \dots (x - \alpha^n)$ ). By class notes, we know  $[E : Q] = \phi(10) = 4$ .

(ii) What are the roots of  $\text{Irr}(\alpha, Q)$ ? Then find  $\text{Irr}(\alpha, Q)$  written in the general form.

**Solution:** Let  $k(x) = \text{Irr}(\alpha, Q)$ . Then  $\deg(k(x)) = \phi(10) = 4$  and by class notes (last lecture), the roots of  $k(x)$  are the  $\alpha^k$ 's, where  $\gcd(k, n) = 1$ ,  $1 \leq k < 10$ . Hence the roots are  $a_1 = \alpha$ ,  $a_2 = \alpha^3$ ,  $a_3 = \alpha^7$  and  $a_4 = \alpha^9$ . Hence  $k(x) = (x - a_1)(x - a_2)(x - a_3)(x - a_4)$ . Now how to find  $k(x)$  written in the general form (note  $\deg(k) = 4$ ).

**Note that**  $x^{10} - 1 = (x^5 - 1)(x^5 + 1)$ . Let  $h(x) = x^5 + 1$ . Then it is clear that  $h(\alpha) = \alpha^5 + 1 = [e^{\frac{2\pi i}{10}}]^5 + 1 = e^{\pi i} + 1 = -1 + 1 = 0$ . Thus we know  $k(x) | h(x)$ . Now observe, we know  $x^5 + 1 = (x + 1)(x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 1)$ . Let  $d(x) = x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 1$ . Then  $h(x) = x^5 + 1 = (x + 1)d(x)$ . Since  $h(\alpha) = 0$ , we conclude that  $d(\alpha) = 0$ . Since  $\deg(d(x)) = \deg(k(x)) = 4$  and  $d(\alpha) = k(\alpha) = 0$ , by Question 1 we conclude that  $k(x) = d(x) = x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 1$ .

(iii) Find a basis,  $B$ , for  $E$  over  $Q$ . Then Write  $w = \alpha^7 + 4\alpha^6 + 7\alpha^5$  in terms of the elements in the basis  $B$ .

**Solution:** Since  $[E : Q] = 4$ , by class notes we know  $B = \{1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3\}$  is a basis of  $E$  over  $Q$ , i.e., if  $b \in E$ , then  $b = a_0 + a_1\alpha + a_2\alpha^2 + a_3\alpha^3$  for some  $a_0, \dots, a_3 \in Q$ .

**Now remember from the lecture, how we got the basis  $B$ :** Let  $k(x) = \text{Irr}(\alpha, Q)$  as in (ii). Then  $k(x) = x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 1$  and  $M = (k(x))$  is a maximal ideal of  $Q[X]$  and  $L = Q[x]/M$  is a field. Then by mapping  $x + M \rightarrow \alpha$ , we concluded that  $L$  is field-isomorphic to  $E$ . Since  $\{1 + M, x + M, x^2 + M, x^3 + M\}$  is a basis for  $L$  over  $Q$  and  $x + M \rightarrow \alpha$ , we conclude that  $B = \{1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3\}$  is a basis of  $E$  over  $Q$ . Hence if  $a \in L$ , then we know that  $a = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + M$  and thus  $a = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + M$  in  $L \leftrightarrow b = a_0 + a_1\alpha + a_2\alpha^2 + a_3\alpha^3$  in  $E$ . Hence  $w = \alpha^7 + 4\alpha^6 + 7\alpha^5$  in  $E \leftrightarrow x^7 + 4x^6 + 7x^5 + M$  in  $L$ . But we know how to find  $x^7 + 4x^6 + 7x^5 + M$  in  $L$ . Recall we divide  $x^7 + 4x^6 + 7x^5$  by  $k(x) = x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 1$  (high school math (division a polynomial by another polynomial)) and you find the remainder  $r(x)$ . I did the calculation, I got  $r(x) = -4x - 7$  (if I made a mistake, then just correct it, I do not need to know about it!). Hence  $x^7 + 4x^6 + 7x^5 + M = -4x - 7 + M$  in  $L$ . Hence  $w = \alpha^7 + 4\alpha^6 + 7\alpha^5 = -4\alpha - 7$  in  $E$  (if this is not beautiful, then nothing is beautiful!). (see the below Question...to see more beauty)

(iv) Let  $a \in E$ . Find all possibilities of  $\deg(\text{Irr}(a, Q))$ .

**Solution:** From class notes  $\deg(\text{Irr}(a, Q))$  is a factor of  $[E : Q]$ . Why? Let  $a \in E$ . Then  $Q(a)$  is a field between  $Q$  and  $E$ . Hence  $[E : Q] = [E : Q(a)][Q(a) : Q]$  and we know that  $[Q(a) : Q] = \deg(\text{Irr}(a, Q))$ . Thus  $\deg(\text{Irr}(a, Q))$  is a factor of 4 (since  $[E : Q] = 4$ ). Thus  $\deg(\text{Irr}(a, Q)) = 1$  or  $\deg(\text{Irr}(a, Q)) = 2$  or  $\deg(\text{Irr}(a, Q)) = 4$ . Note that if  $\deg(\text{Irr}(a, Q)) = 1$ , then  $a \in Q$  and  $\text{Irr}(a, Q) = x - a$ .

(v) Is  $E$  a Galois extension field of  $Q$ ?

**Solution:** Yes. Why? because  $[E : Q]$  is a finite number. Since  $E$  is the splitting field of  $x^{10} - 1$  (in particular,  $E$  is the splitting field of  $k(x) = \text{Irr}(\alpha, Q) = x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 1$ ), then  $E$  is a normal EXTENSION of  $Q$  (remember that  $E$  is a normal extension of  $Q$  means that for each  $a \in E$ ,  $\text{Irr}(a, Q)$  has all its roots inside  $E$ , i.e.,  $\text{Irr}(a, Q) = (x - a_1)(x - a_2) \dots (x - a_k)$  for some  $k$  that is a factor of 4 (note that we just proved that if  $a \notin Q$ ), then  $\text{Irr}(a, Q)$  has degree 2 or 4 and thus it has 2 distinct roots or 4 distinct roots).

(vi) Find all elements of the Galois group  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$ . How many subgroups does  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$  have? Find them all.

**Solution:** Since  $E$  is a Galois extension of  $Q$ , we know that  $|\text{Aut}(E/Q)| = [E : Q] = 4$ . Since  $E$  is the 10th cyclotomic extension of  $Q$ , by class notes we know that  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$  is group-isomorphic to  $U(10)$ . Thus

$|Aut(E/Q)| = [E : Q] = |U(10)| = \phi(10) = 4$ . Now let  $f \in Aut(E/Q)$ . Then  $f : E \rightarrow E$  is a field isomorphism such that  $f(c) = c$  for every  $c \in Q$  (i.e.,  $f$  is one to one,  $f$  is onto,  $f(a + b) = f(a) + f(b)$  and  $f(ab) = f(a)f(b)$ ).

To construct these function, observe that if  $a \in E$  is a root of  $Irr(a, Q)$ , then  $f(a)$  must be a root of  $Irr(a, Q)$  (Why? because  $f$  is an isomorphism from  $E$  to  $E$ ). Since each element in  $E$  is a linear combination of  $1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3$ , we conclude that  $f$  can be determined completely if we know what  $f(\alpha)$  maps to. For example if  $f(\alpha) = b$ , then  $f(a_0 + a_1\alpha + a_2\alpha^2 + a_3\alpha^3) = a_0 + a_1b + a_2b^2 + a_3b^3$ . Now what are the choices of  $f(\alpha)$ ? Since  $f$  is an isomorphism from  $E$  to  $E$ ,  $f(\alpha)$  must be a root of  $Irr(\alpha, Q) = k(x) = x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 1$ . Now we know what to do: From part II, the roots of  $k(x)$  are  $\alpha, \alpha^3, \alpha^7, \alpha^9$ .

Thus here are all elements of  $Aut(E/Q)$ :  $f_1 : E \rightarrow E$  such that  $f_1(\alpha) = \alpha$  (identity map),  $f_2 : E \rightarrow E$  such that  $f_2(\alpha) = \alpha^3$ ,  $f_3 : E \rightarrow E$  such that  $f_3(\alpha) = \alpha^5$ , and  $f_4 : E \rightarrow E$  such that  $f_4(\alpha) = \alpha^9$ . If you want, you can write  $\alpha^5, \alpha^7, \alpha^9$  as linear combination of  $1, \alpha, \alpha^2$ , and  $\alpha^3$  (as I did in part III, for example  $\alpha^5 = -1$ ), but here we do not need to. Now since  $|Aut(E/Q)| = |U(8)| = 4$  and  $U(10)$  is cyclic (Why? see class notes, 10 = (2)(5)), we know that the group  $Aut(E/Q)$  is isomorphic to  $Z_4$ . Let us calculate the order of each element in  $Aut(E/Q)$ .  $|f_1| = 1$  (note  $f_1$  is the identity map).  $|f_2| = 4$ . Why? note that  $Aut(E/Q)$  is a group under composition. Hence we need to find the smallest integer  $m$  such that  $f_2^m = f_2 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_2$  ( $m$  times) =  $f_1$ . But here  $f_2$  is determined by  $f_2(\alpha) = \alpha^3$ . Thus we need to find  $m$  such that  $[f_2(\alpha)]^m = \alpha$ . Now  $[f_2(\alpha)]^2 = f_2(f_2(\alpha)) = f_2(\alpha^3) = [f_2(\alpha)]^3 = (\alpha^3)^3 = \alpha^9 \neq \alpha$ . Since  $|f_2| \neq 2$  and  $|f_2|$  must be a factor of 4 (Lagrange Theorem), we conclude that  $|f_2| = 4$ . Important observation, in general, if  $f(a) = c^k$  and the operation is composition, then  $[f(a)]^m = (f \circ \dots \circ f)(a)$  ( $m$  times) =  $c^{k^m}$ . So, to see that  $[f_2(\alpha)]^4 = \alpha$  (the identity map),  $[f_2(\alpha)]^4 = \alpha^{3^4} = \alpha^{81}$ . From class notes, observe that the set of all roots of the polynomial  $x^{10} - 1$  under normal multiplication is a cyclic group and  $\alpha$  generates such groups, i.e.,  $|\alpha| = 10$ . Hence  $\alpha^{81} = \alpha^{80}\alpha$  and since  $\alpha^{10} = 1$ , we conclude  $\alpha^{80} = 1$ . Thus  $\alpha^{81} = \alpha$ .

Hence we have Exactly one subgroup of order 1,  $G_1 = \{f_1\}$ , we have EXACTLY one subgroup of order 2,  $G_2 = \{f_1, f_4\}$  (note that  $[f_4(\alpha)]^2 = \alpha^{9^2} = \alpha^{81} = \alpha$ ), and exactly one subgroup of order 4,  $G_3 = Aut(E/Q) = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4\} = \langle f_2 \rangle$ .

(vii) Find all distinct fields between  $Q$  and  $E$  (including  $Q$ , and  $E$ ). For each subfield  $L$  between  $Q$  and  $E$  find  $[L : Q]$ .

**Solution:** By last lecture, Galois Theorem tell us that number of all fields between  $Q$  and  $E$  (including  $Q$  and  $E$ ) is exactly the number of all subgroups of  $Aut(E/Q)$  (including the identity map, and  $Aut(E/Q)$ ). From Part VI,  $Aut(E/Q)$  has exactly 3 subgroups. Hence there are exactly 3 fields between  $Q$  and  $E$  (including  $Q$  and  $E$ ). Hence there is exactly one field  $L$  between  $Q$  and  $E$  such that  $L \neq Q$  and  $L \neq E$ . So how to find  $L$ . Recall from last lecture, Galois Theorem tell us that each subgroup of  $Aut(E/Q)$  fix one and only one field between  $Q$  and  $E$ . What do we mean with "fix one and only one field between  $Q$  and  $E$ ? here is the meaning (read it CAREFULLY): If  $G$  is a subgroup of  $Aut(E/Q)$ , then there is a largest field, say  $L$ , between  $Q$  and  $E$  such that for every (read carefully for every)  $f \in G$ , we have  $f(i) = i$  for every  $i \in L$  and  $|G| = |Aut(E/L)| = [E : L]$ .

So from part 1.  $Q$  is the fixed field that corresponds to the group  $G_3 = Aut(E/Q) = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4\}$ .  $E$  is the fixed field that corresponds to the group  $G_1 = \{f_1\} = Aut(E/E)$ . Now we need to find a field  $L$  that is fixed by  $G_2 = \{f_1, f_4\}$ , i.e, we need to find the largest field  $L$  between  $Q$  and  $E$  such that for every  $i \in L$ , we have  $f_1(i) = i$  and  $f_4(i) = i$ . Note that in our case,  $L = Q(v)$  for some  $v \in E - Q$ . So how to find  $v$ . Here is a technique that work, here  $f_1(\alpha) = \alpha$  and  $f_4(\alpha) = \alpha^9$ . Take  $v = \alpha + \alpha^9$ . Check that  $v \notin Q$ . HOW can I CHECK? write  $\alpha^9$  in terms of  $1, \alpha, \alpha^2$ , and  $\alpha^3$  as I did in part iii. My calculation, showed that  $\alpha + \alpha^9 \notin Q$ . OBSERVE that  $a_3\alpha^3 + a_2\alpha^2 + a_1\alpha + a_0 \in Q$  for some  $a_3, \dots, a_0 \in Q$  if and only if  $a_0 \in Q, a_3 = a_2 = a_1 = 0$ . For if  $a_3\alpha^3 + a_2\alpha^2 + a_1\alpha + a_0 = a_4 \in Q$ , then consider the polynomial  $f(x) = a_3x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0 - a_4$ . Then  $f(\alpha) = 0$ . Hence we know that  $k(x) = x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 1 = Irr(\alpha, Q)$  must divide  $f(x)$ , impossible since  $deg(k) = 4$  and  $deg(f) \leq 3$ . So let  $v = \alpha + \alpha^9$ . Then  $f_1(v) = v$  and  $f_4(v) = f_4(\alpha + \alpha^9) = f_4(\alpha) + f_4(\alpha^9) = \alpha^9 + f_4(\alpha)^9 = \alpha^9 + (\alpha^9)^9 = \alpha^9 + \alpha^{81} = \alpha^9 + \alpha = v$  (since  $\alpha^{80} = 1$ ). Thus  $G_2$  fixed the field  $Q(v)$ . We know by Galois Theorem that  $|G_2| = [E : Q(v)]$ . Since  $|G_2| = 2$ , we have  $[E : Q(v)] = 2$ . To find  $[Q(v) : Q]$ . We know  $[E : Q] = [E : Q(v)][Q(v) : Q]$ . Since  $[E : Q] = 4$  and  $[E : Q(v)] = 2$ , we conclude that  $[Q(v) : Q] = 2$ . Thus note that  $Irr(v, Q)$  is a monic irreducible polynomial of degree 2 over  $Q$ .

**Fact 1.** Assume that  $E$  is a Galois extension of  $Q$  and  $L$  is a field between  $Q$  and  $E$ . If  $L$  is not a normal extension of  $Q$ , then the group  $Aut(E/Q)$  is not abelian group! (waw waw !)

**QUESTION 3.** Let  $E$  be a splitting field of  $f(x) = x^7 - 12$ , by class notes  $E = Q(a_1, \dots, a_7)$  where  $a_1, \dots, a_7$  are the roots of  $f(x)$ . Show that  $Aut(E/Q)$  is a non-abelian group.

**Solution:** We know every splitting field of a polynomial over  $Q$  is a Galois extension of  $Q$ . By Einstein result, let  $p = 3$ , then  $p \mid -12$  and  $3^2 = 9 \nmid -12$ . Thus  $f(x)$  is IRREDUCIBLE. Clearly  $a = \sqrt[3]{12}$  is a root of  $f(x)$ . Thus  $L = Q(a)$  is a field between  $Q$  and  $E$  and  $[L : Q] = 3$ . Clearly,  $B = \{1, a, a^2, \dots, a^6\}$  is a basis of  $L$  over  $Q$ . Hence all elements in  $L$  are real numbers and  $i \notin L$ . Since  $f(x)$  has roots that are not real,  $f(x)$  does not SPLIT completely inside  $L$ . Hence  $L$  is not a normal extension of  $Q$ . Thus by the FACT,  $Aut(E/Q)$  is not abelian.

**QUESTION 4.** Let  $E = Q(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt[3]{2})$ . Find  $[E : Q]$ . Prove that  $E$  is not a Galois extension of  $Q$ . Let  $a \in E - Q$ . Find all possibilities of  $degree(Irr(a, Q))$ .

**Solution:** This is how you view E. Let  $L = Q(\sqrt{2})$ , and  $H = Q(\sqrt[3]{2})$ . Then  $E = L(\sqrt[3]{2}) = H(\sqrt{2})$ .

Now, it is clear that  $\text{Irr}(\sqrt[3]{2}, Q) = x^3 - 2$  and  $\text{Irr}(\sqrt{2}, Q) = x^2 - 2$ . Now  $x^3 - 2$  has no roots in  $L$ . Thus  $x^3 - 2$  stays irreducible over  $L$ , i.e.,  $\text{Irr}(\sqrt[3]{2}, L) = x^3 - 2$  (note that  $\text{Irr}(\sqrt[3]{2}, L) = f(x)$  is the unique irreducible polynomial with coefficient from  $L$  such that  $f(\sqrt[3]{2}) = 0$ ). Thus  $[E = L(\sqrt[3]{2}) : L = Q(\sqrt{2})] = 3$ . It is clear that  $[L = Q(\sqrt{2}) : Q] = 2$ . Hence  $[E : Q] = [E = L(\sqrt[3]{2}) : L][L = Q(\sqrt{2}) : Q] = (3)(2) = 6$ .

Also note that  $[E : Q] = [E : H][H : Q] = (2)(3) = 6$ . We show that  $E$  over  $Q$  is not a normal Extension, and hence  $E$  is not a Galois Extension of  $Q$ . Choose  $a = \sqrt[3]{2}$ . Then  $a \in E$ .  $\text{Irr}(a, Q) = x^3 - 2$ . Since all elements of  $E$  are real numbers and  $x^3 - 2$  has 2 non-real roots,  $x^3 - 2$  does not SPLIT over  $E$  (i.e.,  $x^3 - 2$  cannot completely factored as product of linear factors over  $E$ , i.e.,  $x^3 - 2$  does not have all its roots inside  $E$ ). Hence  $E$  over  $Q$  is not a normal Extension, and thus  $E$  is not a Galois extension of  $Q$ .

Now let  $a \in E - Q$ . Then we know  $\deg(\text{Irr}(a, Q))$  must be a factor of  $[E : Q] = 6$ . Thus all possibilities of  $\deg(\text{Irr}(a, Q))$  are 2, 3, 6.

**Fact 2 (NICE!)**. Def:  $F \subseteq E$  (of course  $F$  and  $E$  are fields) and  $E = F(b)$  for some  $b \in E$ . Then we say  $E$  is a simple extension of  $F$ . Let  $E = Q(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$  such that  $[E : Q] < \infty$ . Then there exist  $b \in E$  such that  $E = Q(b)$ . So, in general if  $E$  is a field extension of  $Q$  and  $[E : Q]$  is finite number, then  $E = Q(b)$  for some  $b \in E$ , i.e.,  $E$  is a simple extension of  $Q$ .

**QUESTION 5.** Let  $E$  be the field in Question 4, i.e.,  $E = Q(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt[3]{2})$ . By the fact above find  $b \in E$  such that  $E = Q(b)$ . Then find  $\text{Irr}(b, Q)$ .

**Solution:** You will like this technique!. Here is the idea, recall from basic linear algebra. If  $K$  is a subspace of  $V$  and  $\dim(V) = \dim(K)$ , then  $K = V$ . **Claim:**  $b = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt[3]{2}$ . We show  $E = Q(b)$ . Since  $b \in E$ ,  $Q(b)$  is a subspace of  $E$ . If we show that  $[Q(b) : Q] = 6 = [E : Q]$ , then  $E = Q(b)$ . Here is the Technique! we find  $f(x) = \text{Irr}(b, Q)$  by "back ward" method.

Set (\*)

$$x = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt[3]{2}$$

Use minimum calculations on (\*) in order to eliminate all radical. Then we get a polynomial with coefficients in  $Q$ . This polynomial will be  $\text{Irr}(b, Q)$ . **ONE WAY :**

$$x - \sqrt{2} = \sqrt[3]{2}$$

$$(x - \sqrt{2})^3 = 2$$

$$x^3 - 3\sqrt{2}x^2 + 6x - \sqrt{8} = 2$$

Now move all radicals to the right side

$$x^3 + 6x - 2 = 3\sqrt{2}x^2 + \sqrt{8}$$

$$(x^3 + 6x - 2)^2 = (3\sqrt{2}x^2 + \sqrt{8})^2 = 18x^4 + 24x^2 + 8$$

Thus all radicals are eliminated. Now we move the right side to the left, then we get our  $f(x) = \text{Irr}(b, Q)$  of degree 6 such that  $f(b) = 0$ .

$$\text{Irr}(b, Q) = f(x) = (x^3 + 6x - 2)^2 - 18x^4 - 24x^2 - 8 \in Q[x]$$

If you want you can simplify  $f(x)$  but here there is no need. It is clear that  $\deg(f) = 6$  and  $f(b) = 0$ . Thus  $[Q(b) : Q] = 6$ .

Since  $[E : Q] = [Q(b) : Q] = 6$  and  $Q(b)$  "lives" inside  $E$ , we conclude that  $E = Q(b)$ .

**QUESTION 6.** Let  $a = \sqrt{3}$  and  $b = \sqrt{7}$  and  $E = Q(a, b)$ . Show that  $Q(a, b)$  is a Galois extension of  $Q$ . Find all subgroups of  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$ . For each subgroup  $H$  of  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$ , find the field that is fixed by  $H$ .

**Solution:** Recall from last lecture if  $E = Q(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$  such that for every  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,  $\text{Irr}(a_i, Q)$  has all its roots in  $E$  (i.e.,  $\text{Irr}(a_i, Q)$  splits in  $E$ ), then  $E$  is a Galois extension of  $Q$ . Clearly,  $f_a(x) = \text{Irr}(a, Q) = x^2 - 3$  and  $f_b(x) = \text{Irr}(b, Q) = x^2 - 7$ . Both polynomials split in  $E$ . Thus  $E$  is a Galois extension of  $Q$ . By similar argument as in Question 4,  $[E : Q] = 4$ . Hence  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$  is a group with 4 elements. We know that every group with  $p^2$  elements for some prime  $p$  is abelian. As I stated in Question 2 (vi, and vii). If  $d$  is a root of a polynomial  $k(x)$  and  $f \in \text{Aut}(E/Q)$ , then  $f(d)$  must be a root of  $k(x)$ . Now  $a = \sqrt{3}$ ,  $-a = -\sqrt{3}$  are the roots of  $f_a(x) = x^2 - 3$ ,  $b = \sqrt{7}$ ,  $-b = -\sqrt{7}$  are the roots of  $f_b(x) = x^2 - 7$ . Hence we can now state all elements of  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$  (note again that if  $h \in \text{Aut}(E/Q)$  then  $h$  is a field-isomorphism from  $E$  ONTO  $E$  such that  $h(c) = c$  for every  $c \in Q$ ).

So let  $f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4 : E \rightarrow E$  be field isomorphisms (note all of them determined by mapping a root of  $f_a(x)$  to a root of  $f_a(x)$  and a root of  $f_b(x)$  to a root of  $f_b(x)$ ). Hence

$f_1(d) = d$  for every  $d \in E$  (the identity map),  $f_2(a) = -a$  and  $f_2(b) = b$  (note that  $a = \sqrt{3}$  and  $b = \sqrt{7}$ ),  $f_3(a) = a$  and  $f_3(b) = -b$ ,  $f_4(a) = -a$  and  $f_4(b) = -b$ . Now since  $|\text{Aut}(E/Q)| = 4$ . Hence  $|f_i| = 2$  or  $4$ ,  $i \neq 1$ .

**Note**  $|f_1| = 1$  ( $f_1$  is the identity map). It is clear that  $[f_i(a)]^2 = f_i(f_i(a)) = a$  and  $[f_i(b)]^2 = f_i(f_i(b)) = b$  for every  $2 \leq i \leq 4$ . Thus  $|f_i| = 2$  for every  $2 \leq i \leq 4$ . Hence  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$  is isomorphic to  $Z_2 \times Z_2$ . Thus we have exactly 5 subgroups of  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$  (including  $\{f_1\}$  and  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$ ). The subgroups are

- 1)  $G_1 = \{f_1\}$  and the corresponding fixed field is  $E$  since  $f_1(d) = d$  for every  $d \in E$  and  $|\text{Aut}(E/E)| = |G_1| = 1$ .
- 2)  $G_2 = \{f_1, f_2\}$  and the corresponding fixed field is  $Q(b)$  since  $b \notin Q$  and  $f_2(b) = b$  and  $|\text{Aut}(E/Q(b))| = |G_2| = 2 = [E : Q(b)]$ .
- 3)  $G_3 = \{f_1, f_3\}$  and the corresponding fixed field is  $Q(a)$  since  $a \notin Q$  and  $f_3(a) = a$  and  $|\text{Aut}(E/Q(a))| = |G_3| = 2 = [E : Q(a)]$ .
- 4)  $G_4 = \{f_1, f_4\}$  and the corresponding fixed field is  $Q(ab) = Q(\sqrt{6})$  **WHY?** since  $f_4(a) = -a$  and  $f_4(b) = -b$ , we have  $f_4(ab) = f_4(a)f_4(b) = (-a)(-b) = ab$  and  $|\text{Aut}(E/Q(ab))| = |G_4| = 2 = [E : Q(ab)]$ .
- 5)  $G_5 = \text{Aut}(E/Q) = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4\}$  and the corresponding fixed field is  $Q$  and  $|\text{Aut}(E/Q)| = |G_5| = 4 = [E : Q]$ .

**THUS ALL fields between  $Q$  and  $E$  are  $Q, Q(b), Q(a), Q(ab), E = Q(a, b)$ .**

**QUESTION 7.** Let  $E = Q(\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{6})$ . Find  $b \in E$  such that  $Q(b) = E$ . Find  $\text{Irr}(b, Q)$ .

**Solution :** By the methods as in Question 4, and 5. We conclude that  $[E : Q] = 4$ . (Note that  $\text{Irr}(\sqrt{5}, Q) = x^2 - 5$  and  $\text{Irr}(\sqrt{6}, Q) = x^2 - 6$ ).

**We claim :**  $b = \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{6}$

**So let**

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{7} \\ x^2 &= 12 + 2\sqrt{5}\sqrt{7} \\ (x^2 - 12)^2 &= (2\sqrt{5}\sqrt{7})^2 = 140 \end{aligned}$$

$f(x) = \text{Irr}(b, Q) = (x^2 - 12)^2 - 140$  is an **Irreducible monic polynomial of degree 4** such that  $f(b) = 0$ . Hence  $[E : Q] = [Q(b) : Q] = 4$  and  $Q(b) = E$ .

I end this section with the following amazing result.

**QUESTION 8.** (nice Question). Prove that if  $f(x)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n \geq 1$  in  $R[x]$  (the polynomial ring with REAL coefficient, then  $f(x) = ua_1(x)a_2(x)...a_k(x)$  where  $u$  is a nonzero number in  $R$  and each  $a_i(x)$  is a monic irreducible polynomial of degree 1 or 2 (not necessarily that the  $a_i(x)$ 's are distinct)

**Solution:** Since  $R$  is a field, we know  $R[x]$  is a UFD (Unique factorization domain). Hence we know that  $f(x) = ua_1(x)a_2(x)...a_k(x)$  where  $u$  is a nonzero number in  $R$  and each  $a_i(x)$  is a monic irreducible polynomial (not necessarily the  $a_i(x)$ 's are distinct). The only thing we need to prove that each  $a_i(x)$  is of degree 1 or 2. Now  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$  is an irreducible polynomial over  $R$  and hence  $M = (f(x))$  is a maximal ideal of  $R[x]$ . Thus  $R[x]/M$  is a field. Note that  $E = R[X]/M = \{a + bx + M | a, b \in R\}$  and  $[E : R] = 2$  and  $E = \text{span}\{1 + M, x + M\}$  over  $R$ . Since  $i$  is a root of the irreducible polynomial  $f(x)$ , we know that  $E$  is field-isomorphic to  $R(i)$  by mapping  $x + M$  to  $i$ . Hence  $R(i)$  is a field and  $[R(i) : R] = 2$ . Thus  $R(i) = \text{span}\{1, i\}$  over  $R$ . Hence  $R(i) = \{a + bi | a, b \in R\} = C$  (the set of all complex numbers). Since  $R(i) = C$  and  $[R(i) : R] = 2$ , we have  $[C : R] = 2$ . Let  $a \in C$ . Then the degree of  $\text{Irr}(a, R)$  must be a factor of  $[C : R] = 2$ . Hence for every  $a \in C$ , the degree of  $\text{Irr}(a, R)$  is either 1 or 2, i.e.,  $R[x]$  has no IRREDUCIBLE polynomials of degree  $\geq 3$ . Thus each  $a_i(x)$  is a monic irreducible polynomial of degree 1 or 2. Done

## 2 FINITE FIELDS, fields of characteristic $p$

**Fact 3.** (i) Every finite field, say  $F$ , has exactly  $p^n$  elements for some prime integer  $p$  and a positive integer  $n$  and  $Z_p \subseteq F$ . Furthermore, if  $F_1, F_2$  are fields with same number of elements, then  $F_1, F_2$  are isomorphic as FIELD. (Class notes)

(ii) Let  $F$  be a finite field with  $p^n$  elements. Then  $(F^*, \cdot)$  is a cyclic group with  $p^n - 1$  elements. Hence  $x^{p^n} = x$  for every  $x \in F$  (i.e.,  $x^{p^n} - x = 0$  for every  $x \in F$ ) (class notes)

(iii) Let  $F$  be a finite field with  $p^n$  elements and  $m|n$ . Then  $F$  has a UNIQUE subfield with  $p^m$  elements. Furthermore if  $H$  is a subfield of  $F$  with  $p^m$  elements, then  $m|n$  (note that  $[F : Z_p] = [F : H][H : Z_p]$ ) (class notes)

(iv) Let  $F$  be a finite field with  $p^n$  elements. Let  $f(x)$  be an IRREDUCIBLE monic polynomial of degree  $n$  in  $Z_p[x]$ , then  $F$  is field-isomorphic to  $Z_p[x]/(f(x))$  (class notes).

(v) Let  $F$  be a field with  $p^n$  elements,  $a \in F$ . Then  $a$  is a root of an IRREDUCIBLE monic polynomial  $f(y)$  in  $Z_p[y]$  of degree  $m$  such that  $m|n$ . Furthermore, let  $H$  be the unique subfield of  $F$  with  $p^m$  elements, then  $f(y)$  splits completely inside  $H$  (i.e.,  $f(y)$  has all its roots (exactly  $m$  distinct roots)) and the roots of  $f(y)$  are  $a, a^p, a^{p^2}, \dots, a^{p^{m-1}}$ . Also note that  $H = Z_p(a) = \text{span}\{1, a, a^2, \dots, a^{m-1}\}$  over  $Z_p$ .

(vi) Let  $f(y)$  be an irreducible monic polynomial over  $Z_p$  of degree  $m$ . Then  $f(y)$  splits completely inside a field with  $p^m$  elements.

(vii) (in view of the above). Let  $f(y)$  be an irreducible monic polynomial over  $Z_p$  of degree  $m$ . Then the splitting field of  $f(y)$  splits completely inside a field with  $p^m$  elements.

- (viii) Let  $F$  be a finite field with  $p^n$  elements. Then  $F$  is a Galois extension of  $Z_p$ . Furthermore,  $\text{Aut}(F/Z_p)$  is a cyclic group with  $n$  elements. Hence  $|\text{Aut}(F/Z_p)| = n$ ,  $\text{Aut}(F/Z_p)$  is group-isomorphic to  $Z_n$ , and  $|\text{Aut}(F/Z_p)| = n = [F : Z_p]$ . [ $\text{Aut}(F/Z_p)$  is cyclic, it is trivial, since  $F$  has unique subfields of particular order and each subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(F/Z_p)$  FIXED a unique subfield of  $F$ !]
- (ix) THIS RESULT is clear and true for any field  $F$  (finite or not). Assume that  $S_1$  be the set of all roots of an IRREDUCIBLE monic polynomial  $f(x)$ , and  $S_2$  be the set of all roots of an IRREDUCIBLE monic polynomial  $h(x)$ . If  $h(x) \neq f(x)$ , then  $S_1 \cap S_2 = \emptyset$
- (x) (Freshman Dream, class notes). Let  $F$  be a finite field with  $p^n$  elements. Then for every integer  $k \geq 1$  and for every  $a, b \in F$ ,  $(a + b)^{p^k} = a^{p^k} + b^{p^k}$

**QUESTION 9.** Let  $P_3$  be the set of all distinct irreducible monic polynomial of degree 5 over  $Z_3$ . Find  $|P_3|$  (i.e., HOW MANY MONIC IRREDUCIBLE POLYNOMIALS of degree 5 in  $Z_p[y]$  are there?)

**Solution:** Let  $f(y) \in P_3$ . By Fact(vi),  $f(y)$  has all its roots (exactly 5 distinct roots) inside a field  $F$  with  $3^5$  elements. Let  $a \in F$ . Then by fact (v)  $a$  is a root of a unique monic irreducible polynomial in  $Z_3[y]$  of degree  $m$  such that  $m|5$ . Hence Each element in  $F$  is a root of an Irreducible polynomial of degree 1 or 5 in  $Z_3[y]$ . But  $Z_3[y]$  has exactly 3 irreducible monic polynomials of degree 1 (namely,  $y + 1, y + 2$ ). Thus each element in  $F - Z_3$  is a root of an irreducible monic polynomial of degree 5 in  $Z_3[y]$ . Now  $|F - Z_3| = 3^5 - 3$ . By Fact (ix) two distinct polynomials in  $P_3$  have no COMMON root (also note that each polynomial in  $P_3$  has exactly 5 distinct roots in  $F - Z_3$ ). Hence  $|P_3| = \frac{3^5 - 3}{5}$ . (nice!)

**QUESTION 10.** Let  $P_6$  be the set of all distinct irreducible monic polynomial of degree 6 over  $Z_2$ . Find  $|P_6|$

**Solution:** Again, let  $f(y) \in P_6$ . By Fact(vi),  $f(y)$  has all its roots (exactly 6 distinct roots) inside a field  $F$  with  $2^6$  elements. Let  $a \in F$ . Then by fact (v)  $a$  is a root of a unique monic irreducible polynomial in  $Z_2[y]$  of degree  $m$  such that  $m|6$ . Hence Each element in  $F$  is a root of an Irreducible polynomial of degree 1 or 2 or 3 or 6 in  $Z_2[y]$ . Thus let  $P_1$  be the set of all distinct irreducible monic polynomial of degree 1 over  $Z_2$ , let  $P_2$  be the set of all distinct irreducible monic polynomial of degree 2 over  $Z_2$ , let  $P_3$  be the set of all distinct irreducible monic polynomial of degree 3 over  $Z_2$ ,  $H_2$  be the unique subfield of  $F$  with  $2^2$  elements, and  $H_3$  is the unique subfield of  $F$  with  $2^3$  elements. Now by fact (v) each polynomial in  $P_2$  has all its roots (exactly 2 distinct roots) in the subfield  $H_2$  of  $F$  and each polynomial in  $P_3$  has all its roots in the subfield  $H_3$  of  $F$ . Thus each element in  $D = F - (H_3 \cup H_2)$  is a root of an irreducible monic polynomial of degree 6 in  $Z_2[y]$  (note that  $Z_2$  is inside every finite finite with  $2^n$  elements, thus if  $a \in D$ , then  $d \notin Z_2$ , in fact  $H_3 \cap H_2 = Z_2$ ). Now we calculate  $|F - (H_3 \cup H_2)|$ . First  $|H_2 \cup H_3| = |H_2| + |H_3| - |H_2 \cap H_3| = 2^3 + 2^2 - 2 = 10$ . Thus  $|F - (H_3 \cup H_2)| = 2^6 - 10 = 54$ . By Fact (ix) two distinct polynomials in  $P_6$  have no COMMON root (also note that each polynomial in  $P_6$  has exactly 6 distinct roots in  $F - (H_2 \cup H_3)$ ). Hence  $|P_6| = 54/6 = 9$  (nice!)

**QUESTION 11.** Let  $f(y) = y^3 + y + 1 \in Z_2[y]$ . Show that  $f(y)$  is irreducible over  $Z_2$ . Find a splitting field of  $f(y)$  and write it as a product of linear factors.

**Solution:** Since  $\deg(f) = 3$ , to show that  $f(y)$  is irreducible, it suffices to show that  $f(y)$  has no roots in  $Z_2$ . Thus since  $f(0) \neq 0$  and  $f(1) \neq 0$ ,  $f(y)$  is irreducible over  $Z_2$ . We know that the splitting field of  $f(y)$  is a field with  $2^3$  elements. Now  $M = (f(x)) = (x^3 + x + 1)$  is a maximal ideal of  $Z_2[x]$  and  $F = Z_2[x]/M$  is a field with  $2^3$  elements and  $F = \text{span}\{1 + M, x + M, x^2 + M\}$  over  $Z_2$ . Now we "view"  $f(y)$  inside  $F[y]$  as  $f_2(y) = (1 + M)y^3 + (1 + M)y + (1 + M)$  (class notes). We know (class notes) that  $x + M$  is a root of  $f_2(y)$ . Hence by Fact (v),  $a_1 = x + M, a_2 = x^2 + M$ , and  $a_3 = x^4 + M$  are all the roots of  $f_2(y)$  inside  $F$ . Note that if you want then you reduce  $x^4 + M$  to  $a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + M$  (by dividing  $x^4$  by  $x^3 + x + 1$  and taking the remainder). Thus  $f_2(y) = ((1 + M)y - a_1)((1 + M)y - a_2)((1 + M)y - a_3)$ .

**QUESTION 12.** Let  $F$  be a field with  $5^6$  elements. Find all elements of  $\text{Aut}(F/Z_5)$ . Find all subgroups of  $\text{Aut}(F/Z_5)$ . For each subgroup  $H$  of  $\text{Aut}(F/Z_5)$  find the corresponding field inside  $F$  that is FIXED by  $H$ .

**Solution:** First  $|\text{Aut}(F/Z_5)| = [F : Z_5] = 6$  and  $\text{Aut}(F/Z_5)$  is cyclic with 6 elements (isomorphic to  $Z_6$ ) (see Fact (viii)). We know that  $(F, *)$  is a cyclic group with  $5^6 - 1$ . Thus  $(F^*, \cdot) = \langle a_1 \rangle$  for some  $a_1 \in F$  such that  $|a_1|_x = 5^6 - 1$ . Let  $f(y)$  be a monic irreducible polynomial over  $Z_5$  such that  $f(a_1) = 0$ . Then it is clear that  $\deg(f) = 6$ . Then  $f(y)$  has all its roots inside  $F$ . Say  $a_1 \in F$  is a root of  $f(y)$ . Then we know that all roots of  $f(y)$  are  $a_1, a_1^5, a_1^{25}, a_1^{125}, a_1^{625}$  by Fact (v). Let  $f \in \text{Aut}(F/Z_5)$  (i.e.,  $f$  is a field-isomorphism from  $F$  ONTO  $F$  and it fixes  $Z_p$ , i.e.,  $f(a) = a$  for every  $a \in Z_p$ ). Also note that  $F = \text{span}\{1, a_1, a_1^2, a_1^3, a_1^4, a_1^5\}$  over  $Z_5$ . Then as I discussed in Question 2(vi)  $f$  can be determined by mapping a root of  $f(y)$  to a root of  $f(y)$ . Hence let  $f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6 : F \rightarrow F$  be field-isomorphism that fixed  $Z_p$ . Then the elements of  $\text{Aut}(F/Z_5)$  are:

$f_1(b) = b$  for every  $b \in F$  (the identity map),  $f_2(a_1) = a_1^5, f_3(a_1) = a_1^{25}, f_4(a_1) = a_1^{125}, f_5(a_1) = a_1^{625}$  and  $f_6(a_1) = a_1^{3125}$ . We know  $\text{Aut}(F/Z_5)$  is cyclic. Hence we will find a generator, i.e., at least one of the  $f_i$  has order 6 (under composition). Now  $f_2$  (i.e.,  $f_2(a_1) = a_1^5$ ) is always such generator. Note that  $|a_1| = 5^6 - 1$ . and  $a_1^{5^6} = a_1$  and 6 is the least positive integer such that  $a_1^{5^6} = a_1$ . Hence clearly that  $f_2$  is a generator of  $\text{Aut}(F/Z_5)$ . For  $[f_2(a_1)]^6$  (composition  $f_2$  6 times)  $= a_1^{5^6} = a_1$ . Thus  $\text{Aut}(F/Z_5) = \langle f_2 \rangle$ . Since  $\text{Aut}(F/Z_5)$  is cyclic with 6 elements,  $\text{Aut}(F/Z_5)$  has exactly one cyclic subgroup of order 1, 2, 3, 6. Since  $|f_2| = 6$ . Then we know  $|[f_2]^2| = |f_3| =$

$6/\gcd(2,6) = 3$ ,  $|[f_2]^3| = |f_4| = 6/\gcd(3,6) = 2$ ,  $|[f_2]^4| = |f_5| = 6/\gcd(4,6) = 3$ ,  $|[f_2]^5| = 6/\gcd(5,6) = 6$ .  
**Let  $H_2, H_3$  be the unique cyclic subgroups of  $Aut(F/Z_5)$  of order 2 and 3 respectively. Then  $H_2 = \{f_1, f_4\}$  and  $H_3 = \{f_1, f_3, f_5\}$ . Thus here are the subgroups:**

- 1)  $H_1 = \{f_1\}$  and the corresponding fixed field is  $E$  since  $f_1(d) = d$  for every  $d \in E$  and  $|Aut(E/E)| = |G_1| = 1$ .
- 2)  $H_2 = \{f_1, f_4\}$ . Let  $K_1$  be the field inside  $F$  that is fixed by each function in  $H_2$ . We know by Galois Theorem,  $[F : K_1] = |H_2| = 2$ . Since  $[F : Z_5] = [F : K_1][K_1 : Z_5]$ , we have  $6 = 2[K_1 : Z_5]$  Thus  $[K_1 : Z_5] = 3$ . Hence  $K_1$  is the unique subfield of  $F$  with  $5^3$  elements.
- 3)  $H_3 = \{f_1, f_3, f_5\}$ . Let  $K_2$  be the field inside  $F$  that is fixed by each function in  $H_3$ . We know by Galois Theorem,  $[F : K_2] = |H_3| = 3$ . Since  $[F : Z_5] = [F : K_2][K_2 : Z_5]$ , we have  $6 = 3[K_2 : Z_5]$  Thus  $[K_2 : Z_5] = 2$ . Hence  $K_2$  is the unique subfield of  $F$  with  $5^2$  elements.
- 4)  $H_4 = Aut(F/Z_5) = \langle f_2 \rangle = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6\}$  and  $Z_5$  is the fixed field by each element in  $H_4$ .

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## 2.2 **Worked out Solutions for all Assessment Tools**



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## 2.2.1 **Solution for Exam One**

**EXAM I, MTH 532, Spring 2020**

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**QUESTION 1.** Given  $D$  is a group with 48 elements. Assume that  $D$  has an element  $a \in C(D)$  such that  $|a| = 16$ . Prove that  $D$  is cyclic.

**Solution**

By Sylow's Theorems, we must have a subgroup  $H$  with 3 elements. Let  $h \in H - e$ . Then  $|h| = 3$ . Since  $a \in C(D)$ ,  $\mathbf{a * h = h * a}$ . Since  $a * h = h * a$  and  $\gcd(|a|, |h|) = \gcd(16, 3) = 1$ , by a HW problem we conclude that  $|b = a * h| = (16)(3) = 48$ . Then  $D = \langle b \rangle = \langle a * h \rangle$ . So  $D \approx Z_{48}$ .

**QUESTION 2.** Does  $U(54)$  have an element of order 18? If yes, how many elements of order 18 does  $U(54)$  have?

**Solution**

$54 = (2)(3^3)$ . Hence  $\phi(54) = (2)(9)$ . By a HW problem  $U(54) \approx Z_2 \oplus Z_9 \approx Z_{18}$  (since  $\gcd(2, 9) = 1$ ).

By class notes  $Z_{18}$  has exactly  $\phi(18) = 6$  distinct generators. Since  $U(54) \approx Z_{18}$ , we conclude that  $U(54)$  has exactly 6 elements of order 18.

**QUESTION 3.** Let  $f : (Z_{18}, +) \rightarrow (U(50), \cdot)$  be a group homomorphism such that  $f(1) \neq 1$ . Find  $f(0)$ . Find  $\text{Ker}(f)$ .

**Solution**

Note that  $0$  is the identity of  $Z_{18}$  and  $1$  is the identity of  $U(50)$  ( $U(50) = \{a \in Z_{50} | \gcd(a, 50) = 1\}$  is group under multiplication). Since  $f$  is a group homomorphism, we know  $f(0) = 1$ .

We know  $Z_{18}/\text{Ker}(f) \approx \text{Range}(f) < U(50)$ . Now we know by HW problem that  $U(50) \approx Z_{20}$ .

Thus  $Z_{18}/\text{Ker}(f) \approx$  to a subgroup of  $Z_{20}$ . Thus  $m = |z_{18}/\text{ker} f| = |Z_{18}/|\text{Ker}(f)||$  must be a factor of 18 and  $m$  must be a factor of 20. Hence  $m = 1$  or  $m = 2$ .

If  $m = 1$ , then  $\text{Ker}(f) = Z_{18}$  and hence  $f(a) = 1$  for every  $a \in Z_{18}$ , a contradiction since  $f(1) \neq 1$ . Thus  $m = 2$ .

$m = 2$  implies  $2 = |Z_{18}/|\text{Ker}(f)|| = 18/|\text{Ker}(f)|$ . Thus  $|\text{Ker}(f)| = 9$ . Since  $Z_{18}$  is cyclic,  $Z_{18}$  has unique subgroup with 9 elements. Thus  $\text{Ker}(f) = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16\} = \langle 2 \rangle$ .

**QUESTION 4.** Let  $D$  be a group with 100 elements. Assume that  $D$  has a subgroup  $H$  with 20 elements such that  $H \subseteq C(D)$ . Prove that  $D$  is an abelian group.

**Solution**

We know  $C(D)$  is a normal subgroup of  $D$ . Let  $m = |C(D)|$ . We know that  $m|100$ . Since  $C(D)$  is a group (subgroup of  $D$ ) and  $H$  is a subgroup of  $D$  that lives inside  $C(D)$ , we conclude that  $H$  is a subgroup of  $C(D)$ . Thus  $20|m$  and  $m|100$ , we conclude that  $m = 20$  or  $m = 100$ . Assume  $m = 20$ . Then  $D/C(D)$  is a cyclic group (since  $|D/C(D)| = 5$ ). Hence  $D$  must be abelian by class notes, and thus  $C(D) = D$  and  $m = 100$  a contradiction. Hence  $m \neq 20$ . Thus  $m = 100$ , and therefore  $C(D) = D$ . Hence  $D$  is abelian.

**QUESTION 5.** (i) EXTRA CREDIT, but you need it to solve (ii). Let  $D$  be a finite group and  $H$  be a subgroup of  $D$  such that  $[D : H] = m$  for some integer  $m$  (note that  $[D : H] = |D|/|H| =$  number of all distinct left cosets of  $H$ ). Prove that there is a group homomorphism, say  $f$ , from  $D$  into  $S_m$  such  $\text{Ker}(f) \subseteq H$ .

**Solution**

Let  $L = \{H, a_2 * H, \dots, a_m * H\}$  be the set of all distinct left cosets of  $H$ .

Now define  $f : D \rightarrow S_m$  such that  $f(a) = \begin{pmatrix} H & a_2 * H & \dots & a_m * H \\ a * H & a * a_2 * H & \dots & a * a_m * H \end{pmatrix}$  for every  $a \in D$ .

It is clear that  $f(a)$  is a bijective function for every  $a \in D$  and thus  $f(a) \in S_m$  for every  $a \in D$ .

It is trivial to check that  $f(a * b) = f(a) \circ f(b)$  for every  $a, b \in D$ . Thus  $f$  is a group homomorphism.

Let  $w \in \text{Ker}(f)$ . Then  $f(w) = \begin{pmatrix} H & a_2 * H & \dots & a_m * H \\ w * H & w * a_2 * H & \dots & w * a_m * H \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} H & a_2 * H & \dots & a_m * H \\ H & a_2 * H & \dots & a_m * H \end{pmatrix}$ . Thus  $w * H = H$  and hence  $w \in H$ . Thus  $\text{Ker}(f) \subseteq H$ . Note that  $\text{ker}(f) = H$  only if  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $D$ . Thus by the first isomorphism theorem, we conclude that  $D/\text{Ker}(f) \approx$  to a subgroup of  $S_m$ .

(ii) Let  $D$  be a finite simple group. Assume that  $H, K$  are subgroups of  $D$  such that  $[D : H] = p_1$  and  $[D : K] = p_2$  for some prime integers  $p_1, p_2$ . Prove that  $p_1 = p_2$ . (nice result!)

**Solution**

Let  $n = |D|$ . First note that  $p_1, p_2$  are prime factors of  $|D|$  (i.e.,  $p_1|n$  and  $p_2|n$ ).

Case 1. Assume  $p_2 > p_1$ . By part (i), there is a group homomorphism, say  $f$ , from  $D$  into  $S_{p_1}$  such  $\text{Ker}(f) \subseteq H$ . Thus  $D/\text{ker}(f) \approx$  to a subgroup of  $S_{p_1}$ . Since  $H \neq D$  and  $\text{ker}(f) \subseteq H$ , we conclude that  $\text{Ker}(f) \neq D$ . Since  $D$  is simple and  $\text{Ker}(f) \neq D$ , we conclude that  $\text{ker}(f) = \{e\}$  and hence  $D \approx$  to a subgroup of  $S_{p_1}$ .

**Note that  $|S_{p_1}| = p_1!$ . Thus  $n|p_1!$ . Since  $p_2|n$  and  $n|p_1!$ , we conclude that  $p_2|p_1!$ , which is impossible since  $p_2$  is PRIME and  $p_2 > p_1$  (i.e.,  $p_2$  is not a PRIME factor of  $p_1!$ ). Thus  $p_2 \nmid p_1$ .**

**Case 2. Assume  $p_1 > p_2$ . By similar argument as in case 1. By part (i), there is a group homomorphism, say  $f$ , from  $D$  into  $S_{p_2}$  such  $\text{Ker}(f) \subseteq K$ . Thus  $D/\text{ker}(f) \approx$  to a subgroup of  $S_{p_2}$ . Since  $K \neq D$  and  $\text{ker}(f) \subseteq K$ , we conclude that  $\text{Ker}(f) \neq D$ . Since  $D$  is simple and  $\text{Ker}(f) \neq D$ , we conclude that  $\text{ker}(f) = \{e\}$  and hence  $D \approx$  to a subgroup of  $S_{p_2}$ . Note that  $|S_{p_2}| = p_2!$ . Thus  $n|p_2!$ . Since  $p_1|n$  and  $n|p_2!$ , we conclude that  $p_1|p_2!$ , which is impossible since  $p_1$  is PRIME and  $p_1 > p_2$  (i.e.,  $p_1$  is not a PRIME factor of  $p_2!$ ). Thus  $p_1 \nmid p_2$ .**

**Since  $p_2 \nmid p_1$  and  $p_1 \nmid p_2$ , we conclude that  $p_1 = p_2$ .**

**QUESTION 6.** Let  $D$  be a group with  $p^m$  elements, where  $p$  is a prime integer and  $m \geq 2$ . Prove that  $D$  has a normal subgroup with  $p^{m-1}$  elements. [Hint : Show that  $D$  must have a subgroup  $H$  with  $p^{m-1}$  elements by class note result (which result?). Then use class - lecture (result) to show that  $H$  is normal in  $H$  (which result?).]

**Solution**

**By Sylow's Theorems (lecture)  $D$  has a subgroup with  $p^i$  elements for every  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Hence  $D$  has a subgroup  $H$  with  $p^{m-1}$  elements. Since  $[D : H] = p$  is the smallest prime factor of  $|D|$ , by class notes we conclude that  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $D$ .**

**QUESTION 7.** Let  $D$  be a group with  $(5^2)(7^2)$  elements. Prove that  $D$  is an abelian group. Find all non-isomorphic groups with  $(5^2)(7^2)$  elements?

**Solution**

**By Sylow's Theorems, since  $n_7 = 1$ , we conclude that  $D$  has a normal subgroup  $H$  with  $7^2$  elements. Also, since  $n_5 = 1$ , we conclude that  $D$  has a normal subgroup  $K$  with  $5^2$  elements. Since  $H \cap K = \{e\}$  and  $D = H * K$ , by a HW problem we conclude that  $D \approx H \oplus K$ . Since  $|H| = 7^2$ , we know (class notes) that  $H$  is abelian and thus  $H \approx Z_{49}$  or  $H \approx Z_7 \oplus Z_7$ . Since  $|K| = 5^2$ , we know (class notes) that  $K$  is abelian and thus  $K \approx Z_{25}$  or  $K \approx Z_5 \oplus Z_5$ . Thus  $D$  is isomorphic to one and only one of the following groups:**

$Z_{49} \oplus Z_{25} \approx Z_{(49)(25)}$  is cyclic OR

$Z_{49} \oplus Z_5 \oplus Z_5$  OR

$Z_7 \oplus Z_7 \oplus Z_{25}$  OR

$Z_7 \oplus Z_7 \oplus Z_5 \oplus Z_5$ .

**QUESTION 8.** Let  $a = (1\ 2\ 3) \circ (1\ 3\ 4\ 2\ 5) \in S_6$ . Is  $a \in A_6$ ? Find  $|a|$ .

**Solution**

$a = (2\ 5) \circ (3\ 4)$  is a product of 2 2-cycles. Hence  $a \in A_6$ . We know  $|a| = LCM[2, 2] = 2$ .

**QUESTION 9.** Let  $D$  be a group with 105 elements ( $105 = (3)(5)(7)$ ).

- (i) Prove that  $D$  is not simple. [Hint: Assume  $D$  is simple. How many elements of orders 7, 5, 3 does  $D$  have? is this possible?]

**Solution**

**Assume that  $n_7 \neq 1$  and  $n_5 \neq 1$ . Hence we conclude that  $n_7 = 15$  and  $n_5 = 21$ . Thus by a HW problem,  $D$  has exactly  $(15)(6) = 90$  elements of order 7 and  $D$  has exactly  $(21)(4) = 84$  elements of order 5. Thus  $D$  must have at least  $90 + 84 = 174$  elements, which is impossible since  $|D| = 105$ . Hence  $n_7 = 1$  or  $n_5 = 1$ . Thus  $D$  has a normal subgroup with 7 elements or a normal subgroup with 5 elements. Thus  $D$  is not simple**

- (ii) Assume that  $n_7 = 1$  (i.e.,  $D$  has exactly one sylow-7-subgroup). Prove that  $D$  has a normal cyclic subgroup with 35 elements [hint: Use a result from HW, use a result from class notes! and of course sylow's theorems].

**Solution**

**Since  $n_7 = 1$ , we conclude that  $D$  has a normal subgroup  $H$  with 7 elements. Also, we know that  $D$  has a subgroup  $K$  with 5 elements. By a HW problem  $F = H * K$  is a subgroup of  $D$ . Since  $H \cap K = \{e\}$ , we conclude that  $|F| = |H||K| = 35$ . Since  $[D : F] = 3$  and 3 is the smallest prime factor of  $|D|$ , by class notes we know that  $F = H * K$  is a normal subgroup of  $D$ .**

**Now  $|F| = (5)(7)$  and  $F$  is a group (subgroup of  $D$ ), so we can apply sylow's Theorems on  $F$ . It is clear that  $n_7 = 1$  and  $n_5 = 1$ . Hence  $H, K$  are normal subgroups of  $F$ . Since  $H \cap K = \{e\}$ , by a HW problem we know  $F \approx H \oplus K \approx Z_7 \oplus Z_5 \approx Z_{35}$ . Hence  $F$  is cyclic. Thus  $F$  is a cyclic normal subgroup of  $D$ .**

**Submit your solution by 3 pm (as at most), March 28, 2020 .**

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## 2.2.2 **Solution for Exam Two**

## Solution EXAM II , MTH 532, Spring 2020

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**QUESTION 1. (i) (3 points)** Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1 and  $B$  be a commutative ring ( $B$  may not have "1"). Assume  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a ring-homomorphism. Prove that  $f(1) \in Id(B)$  (i.e., show that  $f(1)$  is an idempotent element of  $B$ ).

**Proof.** Since  $f$  is a ring-homomorphism, we have  $f(1) = f(1 \cdot_A 1) = f(1) \cdot_B f(1) = f(1)^2$ . Thus  $f(1) \in Id(B)$ .

**(ii) (3 points)** Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1 and  $B = 2Z$  ( $B$  is the set of all even integers). Assume  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a ring-homomorphism. Prove that  $f(a) = 0$  for every  $a \in A$ .

**Proof.** By part (i),  $f(1)$  must be idempotent element of  $B = 2Z$ . Now  $Id(B) = \{0\}$ . Thus  $f(1) = 0$ . Hence  $f(a) = f(a \cdot_A 1) = f(a) \cdot_B f(1) = f(a) \cdot_B 0 = 0$  for every  $a \in A$ .

**(iii) (3 points)** Let  $A, B$  be fields and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a ring-homomorphism such that  $f(a) \neq 0$  for some  $a \in A$ . Prove that  $f$  is injective (i.e., prove that  $f$  is one-to-one).

**Proof.** By part (i),  $f(1_A)$  must be idempotent element of  $B$ . Since  $B$  is a field, it is clear that  $Id(B) = \{0_B, 1_B\}$ . Hence  $f(1_A) = 0_B$  or  $f(1_A) = 1_B$ . Assume  $f(1_A) = 0$ . Then  $f(a) = f(a \cdot_A 1_A) = f(a) \cdot_B f(1) = f(a) \cdot_B 0 = 0$ , a contradiction since  $f(a) \neq 0_B$ . Thus  $f(1_A) = 1_B$ . We know  $Ker(f)$  is an ideal of  $A$ . Since  $A$  is a field and  $Ker(f)$  is an ideal of  $A$ , we conclude that  $Ker(f) = A$  or  $Ker(f) = \{0_A\}$ . If  $Ker(f) = A$ , then  $f(b) = 0_B$  for every  $b \in A$ , which is a contradiction since  $f(1_A) = 1_B$ . Hence  $Ker(f) = \{0_A\}$ . Now assume that  $f(b) = f(c)$  for some  $b, c \in A$ . Thus  $f(b) +_B -f(c) = 0_B$ . Since  $f$  is a ring-homomorphism,  $f(b +_A -c) = 0_B$ . Since  $Ker(f) = \{0_A\}$ , we conclude that  $b +_A -c = 0_A$ . Thus  $b = c$ .

**(iv) (3 points)** Let  $f : Z_6 \rightarrow Z_9$  be a ring-homomorphism. Prove that  $f(a) = 0$  for every  $a \in Z_6$ .

**Proof.** Again by part (i),  $f(1)$  must be idempotent element of  $Z_9$ . By investigation,  $Id(Z_9) = \{0, 1\}$ . Hence  $f(1) = 0$  or  $f(1) = 1$ . Assume  $f(1) = 0$ . Then  $f(a) = f(a \cdot 1) = f(a) \cdot f(1) = f(a) \cdot 0 = 0$  for every  $a \in Z_6$  and we are done. Hence assume that  $f(1) = 1$ . We know that  $f(0) = 0$ . Hence for every  $n \in Z_6$ ,  $0 < n \leq 5$ , we have  $f(n) = f(1 + \dots + 1$  (n times)  $) = f(1) + f(1) + \dots + f(1)$  (n times)  $= n$  (since  $9 > 6$ ). Thus  $Range(f) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  is a subring of  $Z_9$ . In particular,  $Range(f)$  is a subgroup of  $Z_9$  UNDER ADDITION. Thus  $|Range(f)|$  must be a factor of 9 (Lagrange Theorem for groups), which is impossible since  $|Range(f)| = 6$  and 6 is not a factor of 9. Thus  $f(1) \neq 1$ , and hence  $f(1) = 0$ . Therefore  $f(a) = 0$  for every  $a \in Z_6$ .

**(v) EXTRA (example where  $f(1) \neq 0$  and  $f(1) \neq 1$ )** Let  $f : Z_6 \rightarrow Z_{10}$  be a ring-homomorphism such that  $f(a) \neq 0$  for some  $a \in Z_6$ . Find  $Range f$  and  $Ker(f)$ .

Again by part (i),  $f(1)$  must be idempotent element of  $Z_{10}$ . By investigation,  $Id(Z_{10}) = \{0, 1, 5, 6\}$ . Assume that  $f(1) = 0$ . Hence as before, we conclude that  $f(b) = 0$  for every  $b \in Z_6$ , which is a contradiction since  $f(a) \neq 0$  for some  $a \in Z_6$ . Also as before  $f(1) \neq 1$ . For if  $f(1) = 1$ , then  $Range(f) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ , which is impossible since 6 is not a factor of 10. Assume that  $f(1) = 6$ . Then by calculation,  $Range(f) = \{0, 6, 2, 4\}$ . Again, it is impossible since  $|Range(f)| = 4$  and 4 is not a factor of 10. Now assume that  $f(1) = 5$ . Then, by calculation, we conclude that  $f$  is a ring-homomorphism,  $Range(f) = \{0, 5\}$  and  $Ker(f) = \{0, 2, 4\}$ .

**QUESTION 2. (5 points)** Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1 and let  $I$  be a proper ideal of  $A$  that is not a maximal ideal of  $A$ . Hence, we know that  $I \subset M$  for some maximal ideal  $M$  of  $A$ . Let  $a \in M - I$ . Prove that  $a + I$  is not an invertible element of the ring  $A/I$  (i.e., show that  $a + I \notin U(A/I)$ ).

**Proof First,  $M$  is not UNIQUE.** Maybe there are infinitely many maximal ideals of  $A$ . All of you assumed that  $M$  is unique (i.e.,  $M$  is the only maximal ideal of  $A$ ) and hence  $I$  has to be the maximal ideal  $M$ . Note that if you prove that for every nonzero element  $a \in A - I$ , we have  $a + I$  is an invertible element of  $A/I$ , then you can conclude that  $I$  is a maximal ideal of  $A$ .

So, let  $a \in M - I$  (note I am not taking  $a \in A - I$ !) and assume that  $a + I$  is invertible in  $A/I$ . Thus  $a + I \cdot b + I = ab + I = 1 + I$  for some  $b \in A$ . Hence  $1 - ab \in I$ . Thus  $1 - ab = i \in I$ , and hence  $1 = ab + i$ . Since  $a \in M$  and  $M$  is an ideal of  $A$  and  $a \in M$ , we conclude that  $ab \in M$ . Since  $I \subset M$ , we have  $i \in M$ . Since  $ab \in M$  and  $i \in M$ ,  $1 = ab + i \in M$ , which is impossible since  $M$  is a proper ideal of  $A$  ( $M \cap U(A) = \emptyset$ ) (note by definition a maximal ideal is a proper ideal). Thus  $a + I$  is not an invertible element of  $A/I$ .

**QUESTION 3. (5 points)** Let  $A$  be a finite commutative ring with 1 and  $a \in A$ . Suppose that  $a \notin Z(A)$ . Prove that  $a \in U(A)$ .

**Proof.** Since  $A$  is a finite commutative ring with 1, we may assume that  $A = \{0, 1, a_3, \dots, a_n\}$ . Let  $a \in A - Z(A)$ . Since  $A$  is finite, there exist positive integers  $m > k$  such  $a^m = a^k$ . Thus by distributive law,  $a^m = a^k$  implies  $a^k(a^{m-k} - 1) = 0$ . Since  $a \notin Z(A)$ , it is clear that  $a^f \notin Z(A)$  for every positive integer  $f \geq 1$ . Thus  $a^k(a^{m-k} - 1) = 0$  implies  $a^{m-k} - 1 = 0$ . Thus  $a^{m-k} = 1$ . Hence  $a \in U(A)$ . [THIS is a nice result, so now you have this FACT (add

to your dictionary): If  $A$  be a finite commutative ring with 1 and  $a \in A$ , then EITHER  $a \in Z(A)$  OR  $a \in U(A)$ ,  $A$  is finite is very CRUCIAL. For let  $A = Z$  ( $A$  is infinite). Let  $a \in A - \{0, 1, -1\}$ . Then NEITHER  $a \in Z(A)$  NOR  $a \in U(A)$  ]

**QUESTION 4. (5 points)** Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1 and  $f(X) \in A[X]$  such that  $f(X) \neq 0$  and  $f(X) \in Z(A[X])$ . For every  $n \geq 1$ , prove that there exists a polynomial  $k(X) \in A[X]$  of degree  $n$  such that  $k(X)f(X) = 0$ .

**Proof.** By Class notes (I-Learn), there exists a nonzero element  $b \in Z(A)$  such that  $bf(X) = 0$ . Let  $n \geq 1$  and  $k(X) = bX^n$ . Then  $\deg(k(X)) = n$  and by normal multiplications of polynomials, we have  $k(X)f(X) = bX^n f(X) = 0$  (since  $bf(X) = 0$ ).

**QUESTION 5. (5 points)** Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1 and  $I$  be a prime ideal of  $A$ . Prove that  $Nil(A) \subseteq I$ .

**Proof.** Since  $I$  is prime, we know that  $A/I$  is an integral domain. Hence  $Z(A/I) = \{0 + I\}$ . Also note that for any ring  $B$ ,  $Nil(B) \subseteq Z(B)$ . Hence let  $a \in Nil(A)$ . Then  $a^n = 0$  for some integer  $n \geq 1$ . Hence  $(a + I)^n = a^n + I = 0 + I$ . Thus  $a + I \in Nil(A/I)$ . Since  $Z(A/I) = Nil(A/I) = \{0 + I\}$  and  $a + I \in Nil(A/I)$ , we conclude that  $a + I = 0 + I$ . Hence  $a \in I$ . Thus  $Nil(A) \subseteq I$ .

**another Proof.** Let  $a \in Nil(A)$ . Hence  $a^n = 0 \in I$  for some integer  $n \geq 2$ . Hence  $a^n = a \cdot a^{n-1} = 0 \in I$ . Thus  $a^n = a \cdot a^{n-1} = 0 \in I$ . Since  $I$  is prime,  $a \in I$  or  $a^{n-1} \in I$ . If  $a \in I$ , then we are done. Hence assume that  $a^{n-1} \in I$  and  $n \geq 3$ . Since  $I$  is prime and  $a^{n-1} = a \cdot a^{n-2} \in I$ , again we conclude that  $a \in I$  or  $a^{n-2} \in I$ . By repeating as before, we conclude that  $a^2 \in I$ . Since  $a^2 = a \cdot a \in I$  and  $I$  is prime, we conclude that  $a \in I$ .

**QUESTION 6. (i) (3 points)** Let  $A = Z_4 \oplus Z_6$ . Find all prime ideals of  $A$ .

See class notes:  $2Z_4 \oplus Z_6, Z_4 \oplus 2Z_6, Z_4 \oplus 3Z_6$ .

(ii) (3 points). Let  $A = Z_{12} \oplus Z_8$ . Find  $Nil(A)$ .

Note  $Nil(A)$  subset of  $Z_{12} \oplus Z_8$ , i.e., each element in  $Nil(A)$  has the form  $(a, b)$ , where  $a \in Nil(Z_{12})$  and  $b \in Nil(Z_8)$ . By notes,  $Nil(Z_{12}) = 6Z_{12} = \{0, 6\}$  and  $Nil(Z_8) = 2Z_8 = \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$ . Hence  $|Nil(A)| = 2 \cdot 4 = 8$  and  $Nil(A) = \{(0, 0), (0, 2), (0, 4), (0, 6), (6, 0), (6, 2), (6, 4), (6, 6)\}$ .

(iii) (3 points) Let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Is  $B$  invertible over  $Z_9$ ? If yes, then find  $B^{-1}$ . If No, then explain.

Yes since  $|B| = -4 = 5 \in Z_9$  and  $5 \in U(Z_9)$  ( $\gcd(5, 9) = 1$ ). Since  $1/5$  in  $Z_9$  is  $5^{-1} \cdot 1 = 2 \cdot 1 = 2$ , by class notes

$$B^{-1} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(iv) (3 points) Let  $A = Z_{10}[X]$  and  $f(X) = 2X^3 + 5X + 4 \in A$ . Is  $f(X) \in Z(A)$ ?

$Z(A) = \{0, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8\}$ . By investigation,  $bf(X) \neq 0$  for every nonzero  $b \in Z(A)$ . Hence, the answer is NO

(v) (3 points) Give me an example of a commutative ring  $A$  with 1 such that  $Char(A) = 5$  and  $Z(A) \neq \{0\}$ .

$A = Z_5 \oplus Z_5$ .  $Char(A) = LCM(|1|, |1|) = 5$ . Since  $(1, 0)(0, 1) = (0, 0)$ , we conclude that  $Z(A) \neq \{(0, 0)\}$ .

(vi) (3 points) Let  $A = Z_{18}[X]$  and  $f(X) = 6X^2 + 12X + 17 \in A$ . Is there a polynomial  $k(X) \in A$  such that  $k(X)f(X) = 1$ ? If yes, then explain (you do not need to find  $k(X)$ ). If no, then tell me why not.

Since the coefficients of  $X^2, X$  in  $Nil(Z_{18})$  and  $17 \in U(Z_{18})$ , by class notes  $f(X) \in U(A)$ .

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## 2.2.3 **Solution for The Final Exam**

## Final Exam , MTH 532, Spring 2020

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**QUESTION 1.** Let  $F$  be a finite field with  $2^{12}$  elements.

- (i) **(3 points)** Let  $a \in F$ . Then  $a$  is a root of an irreducible monic polynomial of degree  $m$  over  $Z_2$ . Find all possibilities of  $m$ .

**Solution:**  $m|12$  implies  $m = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12$

- (ii) **(3 points)** We know that  $(F^*, \cdot)$  is a cyclic group and hence  $(F^*, \cdot) = \langle a \rangle$  for some  $a \in F^*$ . Prove that the degree of  $\text{Irr}(a, Z_2) = 12$ ? (i.e., prove that the degree of the unique irreducible monic polynomial over  $Z_2$  that has  $a$  as a root is 12)

**Solution:** Assume degree  $\text{Irr}(a, Z_2) = m$ . Then we know  $[Z_2(a) : Z_2] = m$ . Thus  $Z_2(a)$  is a subfield of  $F$  with  $2^m$ . Since  $|a|_x = 2^{12} - 1$ , we conclude that  $m = 12$

- (iii) **(3 points)** We know  $|F^*| = 2^{12} - 1 = 4095$ . Since  $819 | 4095$ , then we know that  $F^*$  has a unique cyclic subgroup, say  $H = \langle b \rangle$  for some  $b \in F^*$  with 819 elements. What is the degree of  $\text{Irr}(b, Z_2)$ ? **justify your answer**

**Solution:** Assume degree  $\text{Irr}(b, Z_2) = m$ . Then we know  $[Z_2(b) : Z_2] = m$ . Thus  $Z_2(b)$  is a subfield of  $F$  with  $2^m$ . Since  $|a|_x = 809$ , we conclude that  $m \neq 1, 2, 3, 4, 6$  (since  $809 > 2^m$ ,  $m = 1, m = 2, m = 3, m = 4, m = 6$ ). Thus  $m = 12$

- (iv) **(4 points)** Let  $P_{12}$  be the set of all irreducible monic polynomials of degree 12 over  $Z_2$ . Find  $|P_{12}|$ . Show the work.

**Solution:** Since  $1 | 6, 2 | 6, 3 | 6$ , and  $6 | 6$ . Every monic irreducible polynomial over  $Z_2$  of degree 1 or 2 or 3 or 6 has all its roots in the subfield  $H$  of  $F$  with  $2^6$  elements. Hence for every  $a \in W = F - H$ ,  $\text{degree}(\text{Irr}(a, Z_2))$  is 4 or 12. Thus  $|W = F - H| = 2^{12} - 2^6$ . Hence

Let  $K$  be the subfield of  $F$  with  $2^4$  elements and  $L$  be the subfield of  $F$  with  $2^2$  elements. Thus each element in  $X = K - L$  is a root of an irreducible monic polynomial over  $Z_2$  of degree 4. Thus  $|X = K - L| = 2^4 - 2^2$ .

Hence each element in  $W - X$  is a root of an irreducible monic polynomial over  $Z_2$  of degree 12.

Thus  $|P_{12}| = |W - X|/12 = (2^{12} - 2^6 - 2^4 + 2^2)/12 = 335$

- (v) **(8 points)** Find all elements of the Galois group  $\text{Aut}(F/Z_2)$ . For each subgroup  $H$  of  $\text{Aut}(F/Z_2)$  find the corresponding subfield of  $F$ , say  $L_H$ , that is fixed by  $H$ .

**Solution:** We know  $F^* = \langle a \rangle$  and  $a, a^2, a^4, \dots, a^{2^{11}}$  are the roots of  $\text{Irr}(a, Z_2)$  and  $\text{Aut}(F/Z_2) = [F : Z_2] = 12$ . Let  $f_i : F \rightarrow F$  such that  $f_i(a) = a^{2^i}$  (note  $f_0$  is the identity map). Hence  $\text{Aut}(F/Z_2) = \{f_0, f_1, \dots, f_{11}\}$  is a cyclic group with 12 elements and it is clear that  $\text{Aut}(F/Z_2) = \langle f_1 \rangle$ . For each  $m|12$   $\text{Aut}(F/Z_2)$  has exactly one subgroup (cyclic) of order  $m$ .

For  $m = 1, G_1 = \{f_0\}$  and  $F$  is the fixed field by  $G_1$

For  $m = 2, G_2 = \{f_0, f_6\}$  and the unique subfield  $H_2$  with  $2^6$  elements is fixed by  $G_2$  (note that  $[F : Z_2] = [F : H_2][H_2 : Z_2]$  and since  $[F : H_2] = 12$  and  $[F : H_2] = |G_2| = 2$ , we conclude  $[H_2 : Z_2] = 6$ )

For  $m = 3, G_3 = \{f_0, f_4, f_8\}$  and the unique subfield  $H_3$  with  $2^4$  elements is fixed by  $G_3$ .

For  $m = 4, G_4 = \{f_0, f_3, f_6, f_9\}$  and the unique subfield  $H_4$  with  $2^3$  elements is fixed by  $G_4$

For  $m = 6, G_6 = \{f_0, f_2, f_4, f_6, f_8, f_{10}\}$  and the subfield  $H_6$  with  $2^2$  elements is fixed by  $G_6$ .

For  $m = 12, G_{12} = \text{Aut}(F/Z_2)$  and  $Z_2$  is the unique subfield fixed by  $G_{12}$ .

**QUESTION 2.** Let  $E$  be the 5th cyclotomic extension field of  $Q$

- (i) **(2 points)**  $E = Q(a)$  for some  $a \in C$  ( $C$  is the ring (field) of all complex numbers). Find  $a$ .

$a = e^{2i\pi/5} = \cos(2\pi/5) + \sin(2\pi/5)i$

- (ii) **(6 points)** Let  $a$  as in (i), find  $\text{Irr}(a, Q)$ , find  $[E : Q]$ , and find all roots of  $\text{Irr}(a, Q)$  inside  $E$ . Is  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$  a cyclic group under composition? how many elements does  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$  have?

We know  $[E : Q] = \phi(5) = 4 = \text{degree}(\text{Irr}(a, Q))$ . It is clear that  $x^5 - 1 = (x - 1)(x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)$  and hence  $\text{Irr}(a, Q) = f_a(x) = x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ . Also, we know  $a, a^2, a^3, a^4$  are the roots of  $f_a(x)$  (since for every  $i, 1 \leq i < 5$ , we have  $\text{gcd}(i, 5) = 1$  and thus  $|a^i| = 5$  for every  $1 \leq i < 5$ ). We know  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$  is group-isomorphic to  $U(5)$  and since  $U(5)$  is cyclic, we conclude that  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$  is a cyclic group with 4 elements.

- (iii) **(2 points)** Find a basis  $B$  (in terms of  $a$ ) of  $E$  over  $Q$ .

**Solution:** Since  $[Q(a) : Q] = 4$ , we know  $E = Q(a) = \text{span}\{1, a, a^2, a^3\}$  over  $Q$ .



(iv) **(2 points)** write  $a^6 + a^5 + a^4$  as a linear combination of the elements in the basis  $B$  ( $B$  is as in iii).

**Solution:** We know  $a^6 + a^5 + a^4$  in  $E \leftrightarrow x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + (f_a(x))$  in  $Q[x]/(f_a(x))$ . Now dividing  $x^6 + x^5 + x^4$  by  $f_a(x)$  and taking the remainder, we conclude  $x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + (f_a(x)) = -x^3 - x^2 + (f_a(x))$  in  $Q[x]/(f_a(x))$ . Thus  $a^6 + a^5 + a^4 = -a^3 - a^2$

(v) **(4 points)** For each subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$  with 2 elements, say  $H$ , find the corresponding subfield of  $E$ , say  $L_H$ , that is fixed by  $H$ .

**Solution:** Since  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$  is a cyclic group with 4 elements  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$  has exactly one subgroup with 2 elements, say  $H$ . Let  $I$  be the identity map on  $E$  and  $f_4 : E \rightarrow E$  such that  $f_4(a) = a^4$ . Then  $H = \{I, f_4\}$  is the unique subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$  with 2 elements. Since  $a + a^4 \notin Q$  and  $f_4(a + a^4) = f_4(a) + f_4(a^4) = a^4 + a$ , we conclude that  $Q(a + a^4)$  is the subfield of  $E$  that is fixed by  $H$ .

**QUESTION 3.** Let  $E = Q(\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{7})$ .

(i) **(3 points)**. We know that  $E = Q(a)$  for some  $a \in R$ . Find  $\text{Irr}(a, Q)$  (i.e., find the unique irreducible monic polynomial over  $Q$  that has  $a$  as a root. What is  $[E : Q]$ ?

**Solution:** We know  $a = \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{7}$ .

$x = \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{7} \rightarrow x^2 = 12 + 2\sqrt{35} \rightarrow (x^2 - 12)^2 = 140$ . Hence  $\text{Irr}(a, Q) = (x^2 - 12)^2 - 140 = x^4 - 24x^2 + 4$ . Thus  $[Q(a) : Q] = 4$ .

(ii) **(3 points)** It is clear that  $L = Q(\sqrt{35})$  is a subfield of  $E$ . Find the subgroup, say  $H$ , of  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$  that fixes the field  $L$ .

**Solution:** Let  $I$  be the identity map on  $E = Q(a)$  and  $f : E \rightarrow E$  such that  $f(\sqrt{5}) = -\sqrt{5}$  and  $f(\sqrt{7}) = -\sqrt{7}$ . It is clear that  $H = \{I, f\}$  is the subgroup that fixed the field  $L = Q(\sqrt{35})$ .

(iii) **(3 points)** Is the field  $Q(\sqrt{5})$  isomorphic to the field  $Q(\sqrt{7})$ ? If yes, then construct such ring-isomorphism (field-isomorphism)? If no, then explain briefly why not?

**Solution:** No. Why? Assume that  $f : Q(\sqrt{5}) \rightarrow Q(\sqrt{7})$  is a ring-isomorphism. First we know that  $f(q) = q$  for every  $q \in Q$ . Hence  $f$  (a root of  $x^2 - 5$ ) must map to a root of  $x^2 - 5$ . Thus  $f(\sqrt{5})$  must be  $\sqrt{5}$  or  $-\sqrt{5}$ . But neither  $\sqrt{5}$  nor  $-\sqrt{5}$  is in  $Q(\sqrt{7})$ . Thus such  $f$  does not exist.

**QUESTION 4. (3 points)** Let  $E$  be the splitting field of the polynomial  $f(x) = x^7 - 18$ . We know that  $E$  is a Galois Extension of  $Q$ . Prove that  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$  is a non-abelian group.

**Solution:** We know that  $f(x)$  is irreducible over  $Q$  by Einstein's Result. Thus  $[E = Q(\sqrt[7]{18}) : Q] = 7$ . It is clear that  $E \subset R$  and  $\sqrt[7]{18}$  is the only real root of  $f(x)$ . Hence  $f(x)$  does not split in  $E$ . Since  $E$  is not a normal extension of  $Q$ , we know by a class result that  $\text{Aut}(E/Q)$  must be a non-abelian group.

**QUESTION 5.** (i) **(2 points)** Give me an example of an integral domain that is not a UFD (Unique Factorization Domain).

Let  $A = Z + x^2Z[x]$ . Then  $x^2$  is an irreducible element of  $A$  (note  $x \notin A$ ), but  $x^2$  is not a prime element of  $A$  since  $x^2 | x^3 \cdot x^3$  but  $x^2 \nmid x^3$  in  $A$ . Thus  $A$  can not be a UFD (in a UFD every irreducible element is prime).

(ii) **(2 points)** Give me an example of a Unique Factorization Domain that is not a principal ideal domain.

**Solution:** We know that  $Z[x]$  is a UFD, but the ideal  $(x, 2)$  of  $Z[x]$  is not a principal ideal

(iii) **(4 points)** Let  $A$  be a principal ideal domain. Prove that every prime ideal of  $A$  is a maximal ideal of  $A$ . [Hint: Every proper ideal is a principal ideal, and every proper ideal is contained in a maximal ideal].

**Solution:** Let  $I$  be a proper ideal of  $A$ . We know  $I = (a) = aA$  for some prime element  $a$  of  $A$ . Thus  $I$  is contained in a maximal ideal  $M$ . Since every maximal ideal is prime, we conclude that  $M = (x)$  for some prime element  $x$  of  $A$ . Since  $I \subseteq M$ , we conclude that  $a = ux$  for some  $u \in A$ . Since  $A$  is a UFD, we know that an element, say  $b$ , in  $A$  is prime if and only if  $b$  is irreducible. Hence  $a$  is an irreducible element  $A$ . Since  $a$  is irreducible and  $a = ux$ , by definition of irreducible elements, we conclude that  $u \in U(A)$  or  $x \in U(A)$ . Since  $M = (x)$ ,  $x \notin U(A)$ . Hence  $u \in U(A)$ . Thus  $u^{-1}a = x$ . Thus  $x \in (a)$ , and hence  $(x) \subseteq (a)$ . Since  $(a) \subseteq (x)$  and  $(x) \subseteq (a)$ , we conclude that  $M = (x) = (a) = I$ . Thus  $I$  is a maximal ideal of  $A$ .

(iv) **(4 points)** Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1. Suppose that  $A$  has exactly one maximal ideal. Prove that  $\text{Id}(A) = \{0, 1\}$ . [Hint: note if  $x \notin U(A)$ , then the ideal  $(x) = xA$  is a proper ideal of  $A$ ].

**Solution:** Let  $M$  be the maximal ideal of  $A$ . Assume there is  $e \in \text{Id}(A)$  such that  $e \neq 0, 1$ . Hence we know that  $1 - e \in \text{Id}(A)$ . Since  $(e)$  and  $(1 - e)$  are proper ideals of  $A$  and  $M$  is the only maximal ideal of  $A$ , we conclude that the ideals  $(e)$  and  $(1 - e)$  "live" inside  $M$ . In particular,  $e, 1 - e \in M$ . Hence  $e + 1 - e = 1 \in M$ , which is impossible since  $M$  is a proper ideal of  $A$ . Thus  $\text{id}(A) = \{0, 1\}$ .

(v) **(4 points)** Let  $A$  be an integral domain,  $P$  be a prime ideal of  $A$ , and  $I$  be a proper ideal of  $A$  such that  $I \cap P = \{0\}$ . Prove that there exists a prime ideal  $F$  of  $A$  such that  $I \subseteq F$  and  $F \cap P = \{0\}$  [Hint: Let  $W = P - 0$ , note  $I \cap W = \emptyset$ ] **Solution:** Let  $W = P - \{0\}$ . Since  $A$  is an integral domain,  $W$  is a multiplicative subset of  $A$  (i.e.,  $W$  is a multiplicatively closed subset of  $A$ ). Since  $W \cap I = \emptyset$ , we know by a class result, there is a prime ideal  $F$  of  $A$  that contains  $I$  and  $F \cap W = \emptyset$ . Hence  $F \cap P = \{0\}$

**QUESTION 6. ( 4 points).** Let  $F$  be a group with 12 elements. Prove that  $F$  must have a normal subgroup with 3 elements **OR**  $F$  must have a normal subgroup with 4 elements.

**Solution :**  $|F| = 12 = 3 \cdot 2^2$ . We know to show that  $n_3 = 1$  or  $n_2 = 1$ . **Deny.** Then  $n_3 = 4$  and  $n_2 = 3$ . Now  $n_3 = 4$  implies that  $F$  has exactly 8 elements of order 3. Since  $|F| = 12$ , there is a room for one and only one subgroup with 4 elements, a contradiction. Thus  $n_3 = 1$  or  $n_2 = 1$ . Hence  $F$  must have a normal subgroup with 3 elements **OR**  $F$  must have a normal subgroup with 4 elements.

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## 2.2.4 **Solution for HW-ONE**

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(i) Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a group and  $a \in \mathcal{G}$ . Given  $|\mathcal{A}| = m < \infty$ . Show that  $D = \{a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^m\}$  is a subgroup of  $\mathcal{G}$  with  $m$  elements.

$|\mathcal{A}| = m \rightarrow a^m = e$

let  $a^k, a^h \in D$  where  $h, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , want:  $a^{k+h} \in D$

• If  $0 \leq k+h \leq m$  then  $a^{k+h} \in D$ , since  $a^0 = a^m = e \in D$

• If  $k+h > m$ , by division algorithm  $\exists q \& r$  s.t

by division theorem

$k+h = qm + r$  where  $0 \leq r < m$

now  $a^{k+h} = a^{qm+r}$   
 $= a^{qm} a^r$   
 $= a^{mq} a^r$   
 $= e^q a^r$   
 $= a^r$

W/L

since  $r < m$  then  $a^r \in D$  ✓ (note

$a^0 = a^m = e \in D$ )

Hence  $a^{k+h} \in D$  and  $D$  is closed. ■

(ii) Let  $D$  be a group and  $a \in D$ . Given  $|\mathcal{A}| = m < \infty$ . Assume that  $a^m = e$ .

Prove that  $m \mid n$ .

$|\mathcal{A}| = m \rightarrow a^m = e$ , want:  $m \mid n$

By division algorithm  $\exists q \& r$  s.t

$n = qm + r$  where  $0 \leq r < m$

given  $e = a^n$   
 $= a^{qm+r}$   
 $= (a^m)^q a^r$   
 $= e^q a^r$   
 $= a^r$

W/L

since  $m$  is the smallest integer s.t  $a^m = e$  &  $r < m$  then  $r = 0$

$\rightarrow n = qm + 0 \rightarrow n = qm \rightarrow m \mid n$  ■  
(1)

(iii) Let  $D$  be a group and  $a \in D$ . Given  $|a| = m < \infty$ . Let  $b \in D$  such that  $b = a^k$  where  $\gcd(k, m) = 1$ . Prove that  $|b| = m$ .

$$|a| = m \rightarrow a^m = e$$

$$b = a^k$$

$$\gcd(k, m) = 1, \quad \text{want: } |b| = m \rightarrow b^m = (a^k)^m = e$$

Let  $b^h = e$  for some  $h \in \mathbb{Z}$ , want to show  $h = m$

$$\begin{aligned} e = b^h &= (a^k)^h \\ &= a^{kh} \\ &= a^{hk} \\ &= (a^k)^k \\ &= e \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{now } a^m &= e = a^{hk} \\ a^m &= a^{hk} \\ m &| hk \end{aligned}$$

$m | h$  since  $\gcd(k, m) = 1$  ✓

$$\rightarrow m \leq h$$

$$\text{also, } b^m = (a^k)^m = (a^m)^k = e^k = e \rightarrow h \leq m$$

$$\text{Hence } h = m \quad \square$$

no no

Assume

$|b| = h$ , positive integer

This is serious!

✓/✓

(iv) Let  $D = (\mathbb{Z}_{20}, +)$ . Given  $H = \{0, 4, 8, 12, 16\}$  is a subgroup of  $D$ .

Find all left cosets of  $H$ .

$$a + H = \{a + h \mid h \in H\}$$

$$(1) 0 + H = \{0, 4, 8, 12, 16\} = a_0 + H$$

$$(2) 1 + H = \{1, 5, 9, 13, 17\} = a_1 + H$$

$$(3) 2 + H = \{2, 6, 10, 14, 18\} = a_2 + H$$

$$(4) 3 + H = \{3, 7, 11, 15, 19\} = a_3 + H$$

↑  
all left cosets of  $H$ . ✓

✓/✓



(v) Let  $D = (\mathbb{Q}, +)$ . Then  $H = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is a subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ . Prove that  $H$  has infinitely many left cosets. Give me 5 distinct left cosets of  $H$ .  
 let  $a \in \mathbb{D}$  s.t.  $0 \leq a < 1$   
 then there are infinitely many sets  $\{a + H\}$

There are left cosets of  $H$  of the form

$$a + H = \{a + h \mid h \in H \text{ \& } 0 \leq a < 1\}$$

• Five distinct left cosets:

- (1)  $0.1 + H$
- (2)  $0.2 + H$
- (3)  $0.3 + H$
- (4)  $0.4 + H$
- (5)  $0.5 + H$



(vi) Let  $F = \{6, 12, 18, 24\}$  Convince me that  $F$  is a group under multiplication module 30 by constructing the Cayley's Table. what is  $e$ ? What is  $12^{-1}$ ? what is  $24^{-1}$ ?

$\cdot$	6	12	18	24
6	6	12	18	24
12	12	24	6	18
18	18	6	24	12
24	24	18	12	6



- $F$  is closed under mult. since  $\forall a, b \in F, a \cdot b \in F$
- $e = 6, 6 \cdot a = a \cdot 6 = 6 \quad \forall a \in F$
- $24^{-1} = 24, 12^{-1} = 18, 18^{-1} = 12, 6^{-1} = 6$
- $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c) \quad \forall a, b, c \in F$

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## 2.2.5 **Solution for HW-Two**





iii) Let  $a, b \in D$ . Assume that  $|b| = m < \infty$  prove that  $|a^{-1}ba| = m$ .

let  $|b| = m < \infty$  and let  $|a^{-1}ba| = k < \infty$  for some +ve integer  $k$ .

Now, we need to show that  $m = k$ .

• lets start by:

$$|a^{-1}ba| = k$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^{-1}ba)^k = \underbrace{(a^{-1}ba) * (a^{-1}ba) * \dots * (a^{-1}ba)}_{k \text{ times}} = e$$

identity  $e$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1}b^k a = e \quad \text{"operate } a \text{ on both sides"}$$

$$b^k a = a \quad \text{"where } a * a^{-1} = e \text{ and } a * e = a \quad \forall a \in D \text{ as } D \text{ is a group."}$$

$$\boxed{b^k = e} \quad \text{"operate } a^{-1} \text{ on both sides"}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Hence, by H.W. ① } m/k} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

• Now take,

$$(a^{-1}ba)^m = \underbrace{(a^{-1}ba) * (a^{-1}ba) * \dots * (a^{-1}ba)}_{a * a^{-1} = e}$$

$$= a^{-1}b^m a$$

$$= a^{-1} * e * a \quad \text{"since } b^m = e"$$

$$= e$$

$$\boxed{\text{Hence, } k/m} \quad \text{--- ②}$$

by ① and ②  $\Rightarrow m = k \Rightarrow |a^{-1}ba| = m$

iv) Let  $D = \mathbb{Z}_n \oplus \mathbb{Z}_m$   $n, m \geq 2$

(of course the binary operations are addition mod  $n$  and addition mod  $m$ ).

Let  $(a, b) \in D$ . Prove that  $|a, b| = \text{LCM}[|a|, |b|]$ .

[hint: Note that if  $k, w$  are integers, then  $\text{LCM}[k, w] = \frac{kw}{\text{gcd}(k, w)}$ ]

Let  $(a, b) \in D$  where  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  and  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_m$ .

and let  $|a| = k$  and  $|b| = w$

So,

$$\Rightarrow a^k = 0 \pmod{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow b^w = 0 \pmod{m}$$

Now: let  $|a, b| = t$  --- ①

$$\Leftrightarrow (a, b)^t = (a^t, b^t) = (0, 0)$$

Since by def.  $k, w$  are the smallest integers where  $a, b = 0$  respectively. and by H.W ① problem (ii)

$$\Rightarrow k | t \text{ and } w | t.$$

then,  $t$  is a common multiple of both  $k, w$  --- ②

$$\text{and IF } r = \text{LCM}(k, w) \xRightarrow{\text{so}} (a, b)^r = (0, 0) \text{ --- ③}$$

$$\text{by ① and ③} \Rightarrow t \leq r \text{ since } t | r.$$

$$\text{by ② and ③} \Rightarrow r \leq t \Rightarrow t \leq r \leq t$$

$$\text{Hence. } t = r$$

$$|a, b| = \text{LCM}(k, w)$$

$$= \text{LCM}(|a|, |b|) \quad \square$$

(v) Let  $D = \mathbb{Z}_n \oplus \mathbb{Z}_m$

Prove that  $D$  is cyclic if and only if  $\gcd(n, m) = 1$ .

[hint: use part IV].

$\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $D = \mathbb{Z}_n \oplus \mathbb{Z}_m$  is cyclic and prove that  $\gcd(n, m) = 1$ .

Since  $D$  is cyclic so,

$D = \langle (a, b) \rangle$ ,  $(a, b) \in D$ .  
 $(a, b)$  is the generator of  $D$  where  
 $\mathbb{Z}_n = \langle a \rangle$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_m = \langle b \rangle$ .

then,  $|\mathbb{Z}_n| = n$ ,  $|\mathbb{Z}_m| = m$ ,

and  $|D| = nm$ .

• From (iv):

$$|(a, b)| = \text{LCM}(|a|, |b|)$$
$$= \frac{|a||b|}{\gcd(|a|, |b|)}$$

$$= \frac{n \cdot m}{\gcd(n, m)} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Since  $\mathbb{Z}_n, \mathbb{Z}_m$  are cyclic and  $a, b$  are their generators respectively, hence

$$|a| = n, |b| = m.$$

• we also know:

$$|(a, b)| = nm \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Since generator of  $D$ .

Hence, (1) = (2)

$$\frac{nm}{\gcd(n, m)} = nm$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\gcd(n, m) = 1} \quad \square$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  Let  $\gcd(n, m) = 1$ , show that  $D$  is cyclic.  $\square$

proof  $|Z_n| = n$ ,  $|Z_m| = m$ ,  $|D| = nm < \infty$ .

let  $(a, b) \in D$ , and  $Z_n = \langle a \rangle = \{a, a^2, \dots, a^n = e\}$   
 $Z_m = \langle b \rangle = \{b, b^2, \dots, b^m = e\}$ .

let  $|(a, b)| = s < \infty$  for some +ve integer  $s$ .

Now by Hiw (i)

we can construct a subgroup of  $D$  of order  $s$ .

It

$\{ (a, b), (a, b)^2, (a, b)^3, \dots, (a, b)^s \}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \text{ by (iv)} \Rightarrow |(a, b)| &= s \\ &= \frac{|a| |b|}{\gcd(|a|, |b|)} \\ &= \frac{nm}{\gcd(n, m)} \\ &= \frac{nm}{1} \leftarrow \text{given.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |(a, b)| = s = nm = |D|$$

$\{ (a, b), (a, b)^2, \dots, (a, b)^{nm} \}$

Hence,  $D = \langle (a, b) \rangle$ .

$\Rightarrow D$  is cyclic.  $\square$

vi) Let  $D = \mathbb{Z}_6 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{14}$

a) convince me that  $D$  is not cyclic. Find the value of integer  $m$  such that the order of each element in  $D$  is  $\leq m$

$\gcd(6, 14) = 2 \neq 1$ , hence, by (v)  $D$  is Not cyclic.

as  $D$  is of the form  $\mathbb{Z}_n \oplus \mathbb{Z}_m$  and it is an iff statement. [also, note part (d) gives a counter example if we assume  $D$  is cyclic]

$|D| = |6 \times 14| = 84$ . and by Thm in class

if  $(a, b) \in D$  then  $| \langle (a, b) \rangle | \mid |D|$

$| \langle (a, b) \rangle | \mid 84 \Rightarrow [1, 84, 2, 42, 3, 28, 4, 21, 6, 14, 7, 12]$  possible orders of  $(a, b)$

also, by (iv)

$$| \langle (a, b) \rangle | = \text{LCM}(6, 14) = \frac{84}{2} = 42$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{m = 42}$$

the least common multiple <sup>of both</sup> of the max order of an element  $a$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_6 = 6$  and the max order of an element  $b$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{14} = 14$ .

b) Find  $| (3, 5) |$  and  $| (4, 10) |$

[Hint : note  $3 = 1^3$  and  $5 = 1^5$ . Now use (i) and (iv)]

$$\bullet \quad | (3, 5) | = \frac{|3| \cdot |5|}{\gcd(|3|, |5|)} \quad \text{--- by (iv).}$$

$$|3| = |1^3| \quad \text{since } \mathbb{Z}_6 = \langle 1 \rangle \text{ as } 3 \in \mathbb{Z}_6,$$

and  $|| = 6$ .

$$\Rightarrow \gcd(3, 6) = 3$$

$$\text{Hence by (i)} \Rightarrow |3| = \frac{6}{3} = \boxed{2}$$

Now,

$$|5| = |1^5| \quad \text{since } \mathbb{Z}_{14} = \langle 1 \rangle \text{ and } 5 \in \mathbb{Z}_{14}$$

$$|| = 14, \quad \gcd(5, 14) = 1.$$

$$|5| = \boxed{14}$$

$$\Rightarrow | (3, 5) | = \frac{2 \cdot 14}{\gcd(2, 14)} = \frac{2 \cdot 14}{2} = \boxed{14}$$

$\bullet \quad | (4, 10) | :$

$$|4| = |1^4| \quad \text{and } || = 6.$$

$$\gcd(4, 6) = 2.$$

$$\Rightarrow |4| = \frac{6}{2} = \boxed{3}$$

$$|10| = |1^{10}| \quad \text{and } || = 10.$$

$$\gcd(10, 14) = 2.$$

$$|10| = \frac{14}{2} = \boxed{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow | (4, 10) | = \frac{|4| |10|}{\gcd(|4|, |10|)} = \frac{3 \cdot 7}{1} = \boxed{21}$$



(c) Give me two subgroups of  $D$ , say  $H_1, H_2$  such that  $|H_1| = |H_2| = 2$ .

$$\mathbb{Z}_6 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{14} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 13\}.$$

$$(a, b) \in H_1 \text{ or } H_2.$$

$$|(a, b)| \nmid |H_1| \text{ or } |H_2|.$$

$$|(a, b)| \nmid 2 \Rightarrow |(a, b)| = 2. \rightarrow \text{LCM}(|a|, |b|) \text{ where } a \in \mathbb{Z}_6 \text{ and } b \in \mathbb{Z}_{14}.$$

Here  $|a| = 2 \pmod{6}.$

$$\Rightarrow a = 3.$$

$$|b| = 2 \pmod{14}$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 7.$$

to check  $|element| = 2.$

$$\rightarrow (3, 7)^2 = (3^2, 7^2) = (0, 0)$$

$$\rightarrow (3, 0)^2 = (0, 0)$$

$$H_1 = \{(0, 0), (3, 7)\}$$

$$H_2 = \{(0, 0), (3, 0)\}$$

(d) does  $D$  have a cyclic subgroup of order 21?

If yes find a generator of such group.

①  $D$  is an abelian group and  $21 \mid 84$

$\Rightarrow$  so  $D$  has a subgroup of order 21

② from part (b)  $|(4, 10)| = 21$ , then by H.W ①

we can have a subgroup as  $\{(4, 10), (4, 10)^2, \dots, (4, 10)^{21}\}$

$\Rightarrow$  The subgroup is cyclic.

and  $(4, 10)$  can be a generator of such a subgroup.

$$|(4, 10)| = |\text{subgroup}|.$$

or in general:

$$(a, b)^{21} = (0, 0)$$

$$(a^{21}, b^{21}) = (0, 0) \quad a \in \mathbb{Z}_6 \text{ and } b \in \mathbb{Z}_{14}$$

$|a|/21$  and  $|b|/21$  and  $\gcd(|a|, |b|) = 1$   
to be cyclic (v).

and since  $1 \leq |a| \leq 6$ ,  $1 \leq |b| \leq 14$ .

$$|a| = \underline{3}, \quad |b| = \underline{3}, \underline{7}$$

Hence,  $(2, 2)$  is another example of the generator of a cyclic subgroup of order 21.

⇒ Yes,  $D$  has a cyclic subgroups of order 21  
[and examples of the generators.  $(2, 2)$  and  $(4, 10)$ .]

\* Note for part (a): -

this can be another way to prove that  $D$  is Not cyclic, where if we assume  $D$  cyclic the contradiction appears since we have 2 different subgroups of the same size (Not unique)  
Hence,  $D$  is Not cyclic.



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## 2.2.6 **Solution for HW-Three**

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H.W.3

(i) Fact: (for a proof just see it in any Algebra Text Book).

Let  $H$  be a subset of a group  $D$ . (note that  $H$  can be infinite or finite). Then  $H$  is a subgroup of  $D$  iff  $a^{-1} * b \in H$  for every  $a, b \in H$ . ( $a, b$  need not to be distinct).

(ii) Let  $F, L$  be subgroups of a group  $D$ . Prove that  $M = F \cap L$  is a subgroup of  $D$ . (hint: use (i) above).

we know  $F, L \leq D$  ( $F, L$  subgroups of  $D$ ).

want to show that if  $a, b$  any 2 elements in  $M$ , then

$$a^{-1} * b \in M.$$

proof: let  $a, b \in M$  since  $M = F \cap L$ , then

$$a, b \in F \text{ and } a, b \in L.$$

$$a^{-1} \in F \text{ and } a^{-1} \in L \quad \text{" since by the def. of the group or (subgroup)$$

now,  $\forall a, b \in F, L$ .

$$a^{-1} * b \in F \text{ and}$$

$$a^{-1} * b \in L$$

since subgroups of  $D$  by (i)

Hence

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1} * b \in M. \quad \text{" intersection of } F \text{ and } L \text{"}$$

So,  $M$  is a subgroup of  $D$ .  $\square$

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(iii) by (ii),  $N = 12\mathbb{Z} \cap 15\mathbb{Z}$  is a subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ .

Since  $\mathbb{Z}$  is cyclic, we know  $N = a\mathbb{Z}$ , find  $a$ .

using a class-note.

Every subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}, +) = \langle 1^n \rangle$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$12\mathbb{Z} = \langle 12 \rangle = \langle 1^{12} \rangle$$

$$15\mathbb{Z} = \langle 15 \rangle = \langle 1^{15} \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} N &= 12\mathbb{Z} \cap 15\mathbb{Z} \\ &= \text{LCM}(12, 15)\mathbb{Z} \\ &= 60\mathbb{Z} = \langle 1^{60} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{LCM} = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 60.$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a = 60} \quad \checkmark$$

iv) Let  $D$  be an abelian group with 9 elements. Given that  $D$  has two distinct subgroups,  $H_1, H_2$  such that  $|H_1| = |H_2| = 3$ . Convince me that it is impossible that  $D = (\mathbb{Z}_9, +)$ .

What will be an example of such group  $D$ ?

$(\mathbb{Z}_9, +)$  is cyclic group, so although it is abelian of 9 elements it is impossible that it has more than one unique subgroups of the same order ( $3 \mid 9$ ) and since  $D$  here has 2 distinct subgroups of order 3 then  $D$  can't be  $(\mathbb{Z}_9, +)$ .

$$\boxed{D = \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3} \quad (\text{by H.W 2})$$

is an example of  $|D| = 9$  example of subgroups.

$$H_1 = \{(0,0), (1,2), (2,1)\}$$

$$H_2 = \{(0,0), (1,1), (2,2)\}$$

$$|H_1| = |H_2| = 3, \text{ where } H_1 \neq H_2. \quad (2)$$

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$\text{gcd}(3,3) \neq 1$

- (V) Let  $f \in S_n$  such that  $f$  is  $m$ -cycle. Convince me that if  $m$  is odd integer, then  $f \in A_n$  and if  $m$  is an even integer then  $f \notin A_n$

→  $m$ -cycle

Let  $f = (a_1 a_2 \dots a_m) \in S_n$ .

- We know by Class-Theorem that any bijective function  $f \in S_n$  can be written as composition of 2-cycles as following:

$$f = (a_1 a_2 \dots a_m) = (a_1 a_m) (a_1 a_{m-1}) \dots (a_1 a_2)$$

(m-1) 2-cycles.

- by staring and few examples like:

$$(a_1 a_2 a_3) = (a_1 a_3) (a_1 a_2)$$

2 2-cycles

$$(a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4 a_5 a_6) = (a_1 a_6) (a_1 a_5) (a_1 a_4) (a_1 a_3) (a_1 a_2)$$

5 2-cycles.

(\*) We notice that  $f$  can be written as  $(m-1)$  2-cycles.

Hence,

- when  $m$  is odd  $\Rightarrow (m-1)$  is even  $\Rightarrow f \in A_n$ .

- when  $m$  is even  $\Rightarrow (m-1)$  is odd  $\Rightarrow f \notin A_n$ .



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vi) let  $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 4 & 3 & 6 & 8 & 7 & 2 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \in S_8.$

(a) Find  $|f|$ . IS  $f \in A_8$ ? Explain.

$$f = (\overbrace{1\ 4\ 8\ 5\ 7}^{c_1}) (\overbrace{2\ 3\ 6}^{c_2}).$$

2 disjoint cycles, so by class Thm.

$$\begin{aligned} |f| &= \text{LCM}(\text{length of } c_1, \text{length of } c_2) \\ &= \text{LCM}(5, 3) \\ &= \boxed{15} \end{aligned}$$

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•  $f = (\overbrace{1\ 4\ 8\ 5\ 7} \downarrow) (\overbrace{2\ 3\ 6} \downarrow)$

odd-cycle

odd-cycle

even 2-cycle

even 2-cycle

$\Rightarrow$  even  $\cdot$  even = even  $\Rightarrow f \in A_8$  as  $f \in S_8$  by (v).

Also,

$$f = (14857)(236)$$

$$= \underbrace{(17)(15)(18)(14)(26)(23)}_{6-2 \text{ cycles}}$$

6-2 cycles

Since  $f$  can be written as even number of 2-cycle  
 So, Yes  $f \in A_8$  since by Class Thm if  $f$  cycle can  
 be written as an even number of 2-cycles then  
 it  $\in A_n$  (the subgroup of  $S_n$ ) and can't be odd  
 2-cycles.

✓

(continue VI)

(b) Does  $A_8$  has an abelian subgroup with 15 elements.

[Hint: If you show that  $A_8$  has a cyclic subgroup with 15 elements, then you are done, since cyclic implies abelian].

In order to show abelian subgroup.

we need to find a cyclic subgroup with 15 elements.

and to do so,

we should show that  $\exists f \in A_8$  s.t

$$|f| = 15$$

$$= \text{LCM}(\text{length of } C_1, \text{length of } C_2)$$

$$= \text{LCM}(5, 3)$$

$$= (1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5)(6\ 7\ 8)$$

$$= 15$$

$C_1, C_2$  disjoint cycles



Hence, by H.W (P)

$\exists$  a cyclic subgroup  $\langle f \rangle$  s.t:

$$\{ f, f^2, f^3, \dots, f^{15} \}$$

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$\Rightarrow A_8$  has a cyclic subgroup of 15 elements so, it has an abelian subgroup of 15 elements since cyclic implies abelian.

Vii) Let  $f = \underbrace{(143)(14)}_{\text{not disjoint}} \in S_4$ . Find  $|f|$ . Let  $k = \underbrace{(143)(15)}_{\text{not disjoint}} \in S_5$ .  
Find  $|k|$ .

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow f = (13).$$

$$\boxed{|f| = 2}$$

$$k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow k = (1543)$$

$$\boxed{|k| = 4}$$

Viii) Given  $H = \{(1), (143), (134)\}$  is a subgroup of  $S_5$ .  
(This is given, you do not need to check). Find the left coset  $(15) \circ H$   
and find the right coset  $H \circ (15)$ . What do you observe?  
Can we say that  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $S_5$ ?

\* Left coset:  $(15) \circ H = \{(15)(1), (15)(143), (15)(134)\}$

•  $(15)(143) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 2 & 5 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1435)$

•  $(15)(134) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1345)$

$$\Rightarrow (15) \circ H = \{(15), (1435), (1345)\}$$

\* Right coset:  $H \circ (15) = \{(1)(15), (143)(15), (134)(15)\}$

•  $(143)(15) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = (1543)$

•  $(134)(15) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = (1534)$

$$\Rightarrow H_0(15) = \{(15), (15^{-4}3), (15^34)\} \quad \checkmark/\checkmark$$

we notice that  $(15) \circ H \neq H \circ (15)$

Hence  $H$  can't be a normal subgroup of  $S_5$ .

Since  $\exists (15) \in S_5$  where left coset  $\neq$  right coset which gives a counter example and according to class-note it is enough to show not normal subgroup.

(ix) Let  $a, b$  be element of a group such that  $a * b = b * a$ .

Assume  $|a| = n$  and  $|b| = m$ , let  $k = |a * b|$ . Prove  $k / nm$ .  $\checkmark$

$$a * b = b * a \quad \text{for } a, b \in D \Rightarrow a * b \in D \quad \checkmark$$

(by group closure under  $(*)$  operation)

let  $|a| = n$  and  $|b| = m$ .

$$\text{and } |a * b| = k \iff a^n = e, b^m = e \text{ and } (a * b)^k = e.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (a * b)^{nm} &= \underbrace{(a * b)(a * b)(a * b) \dots (a * b)}_{nm \text{ times}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{given} \\ \text{since} \\ a * b = b * a \end{array} \\ &= (a * a)(b * a)(b * b) \dots (b * b) \\ &= \underbrace{(a * a * \dots * a)}_{nm \text{ times}} \underbrace{(b * b * \dots * b)}_{nm \text{ times}} \\ &= a^{nm} * b^{nm} \\ &= (a^n)^m * (b^m)^n \\ &= (e)^m * (e)^n \\ &= e \end{aligned}$$

" or by H.W.D since  $n / nm$  and  $m / nm$  "

$$\Rightarrow (a * b)^{nm} = e$$

Hence, by H.W.D  $k / nm$   $\square$



(X) Give me an example of two elements  $a, b$  in a group where  $|a|=n$ ,  $|b|=m$  and  $|a \times b|=k$  but  $k \nmid nm$ .

[Hint: Start at the element  $k$  in VII and somehow find  $a, b$ ].

Let the group be  $S_5$

$$k = (143)(15) \in S_5$$

$$a = (143) \in S_5 \quad \text{and} \quad b = (15) \in S_5$$

$$|a| = 3 = n, \quad |b| = 2 = m$$

$$k = a \times b = (143)(15) \quad (* = \circ)$$

$$|k| = 4$$

$$nm = 3 \cdot 2 = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{4 \nmid 6}$$

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xi) Let  $a, b$  be element of a group such that  $a \times b = b \times a$ . Assume  $|a|=n$ ,  $|b|=m$  and  $\gcd(n, m) = 1$ . Let  $k = |a \times b|$ . Prove  $k = nm$  [Hint: you may want to use the fact from number theory that if  $\gcd(w, d) = 1$ ,  $d \mid c$  and  $w \mid c$  then  $w \mid c$  where  $w, d, c$  are the integers].

• by (ix) we know that if  $a, b \in D$  where  $a \times b = b \times a$ ,  $|a|=n$  and  $|b|=m$  and  $|a \times b|=k$  then  $\boxed{k \mid nm}$  --- (1)

• So we only need to show  $nm \mid k$ . ← since  $a \times b = b \times a$

$$|a \times b| = k \Leftrightarrow (a \times b)^k = e \Rightarrow a^k \times b^k = e$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{kn} \times b^{kn} = e \quad \text{for +ve integer } n$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^n)^k \times b^{kn} = e \Rightarrow e \times b^{kn} = e \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{b^{kn} = e}}$$

Hence,  $m \mid kn$  but  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow \boxed{m \mid k}$  ✓ Good!

Now, similarly for  $m$  the integer.  $(a^k * b^k)^m = a^{km} * b^{km} = e^m = e$   
 since  $ab = ba$ .

$$a^{km} * b^{km} = e$$

$$a^{km} * (b^m)^k = e \Rightarrow a^{km} * e^k = e$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{km} = e.$$

Then,  $n/km$  and  $\gcd(n, m) = 1$ .

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{n/k}$$

using the hint,  $m/k$ ,  $n/k$ , and  $\gcd(n, m) = 1$ .

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{mn/k} \text{---} \textcircled{2}$$

by ① and ②  $\boxed{K = nm}$   $\square$

xii) Let  $F: (D_1, *) \rightarrow (D_2, *_2)$  be a group-homomorphism and  $H < D_1$ . Prove that  $F(H)$  is a subgroup of  $D_2$ .  
 (note it is possible that  $H = D_1$ ) [Hint: Use part (i) above].

Want to show that  $[F(a)]^{-1} * F(b) \in F(H)$

$$\forall F(a), F(b) \in F(H), a, b \in H$$

Now, we know  $H < D_1$ , then by (i)

$\rightarrow$  we know  $H$  is not empty  $\Rightarrow F(H) \neq \emptyset$ .

$$a^{-1} * b \in H \quad \forall a, b \in H$$

$$\text{and } F(a * b) = F(a) *_2 F(b) \quad \forall a, b \in D_1$$

and as  $H < D_1$ , then,  $\forall a, b \in H$

$$[F(a * b) = F(a) *_2 F(b)] \in F(H).$$

since  $\forall a \in H, \exists a^{-1}$  unique  $\in H$ .

Hence,

$$F(a^{-1} * b) = F(a^{-1}) *_2 F(b)$$

$$= \left( [F(a)]^{-1} *_2 F(b) \right) \in F(H)$$

"by Class-By Thm"

$\Rightarrow F(H)$  is a subgroup of  $D_2$   $\square$

xiii) Let  $F: (\mathbb{Z}_{24}, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_{15}, +)$  be a group homomorphism such that  $F(1) \neq 0$ . Find  $F(\mathbb{Z}_{24})$ . [Hint: Note that  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is cyclic,  $F(\mathbb{Z}_{24})$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_{15}$  by xii and  $|F(a)|$  must be a factor of  $|a|$  for every  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{24}$  by Class-Theorem].  
Find  $F(1)$ ,  $F(8)$ ,  $F(12)$ .

$$F: (\mathbb{Z}_{24}, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_{15}, +)$$

$$F(a+b \text{ mod } 24) = (F(a) + F(b)) \text{ mod } 15$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_{24} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 23\}, \quad \mathbb{Z}_{15} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 14\}.$$

$$F(\mathbb{Z}_{24}) < \mathbb{Z}_{15} \text{ (by xii)}$$

• by Lagrange  $|F(\mathbb{Z}_{24})| \mid 15 \rightarrow$  order of  $\mathbb{Z}_{15}$  = (cyclic)

• Also, by class thm  $|F(a)| \mid |a| \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}_{24}$   
and since  $\mathbb{Z}_{24}$  is cyclic  $\Rightarrow |F(\mathbb{Z}_{24})| \mid 24$

factors of 15: (1), 15, (3), 5

(\*) factors of 24: (1), 24, 2, 12, (3), 8, 4, 6.

Hence, by (\*)  $|F(\mathbb{Z}_{24})| = 1$  or 3.

Now, by class - Most important result after Lagrange.

we have

$$(**) \quad f: \left( \frac{\mathbb{Z}_{24}}{\ker(F)}, \Delta \right) \rightarrow F(\mathbb{Z}_{24})$$

where  $\mathbb{Z}_{24}/\ker(F) \cong F(\mathbb{Z}_{24})$ .

Hence,  $|F(\mathbb{Z}_{24})| \neq 1$  since if  $|F(\mathbb{Z}_{24})| = 1$ , then

$$|\mathbb{Z}_{24}/\ker(F)| = 1 \Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{24} = \ker(F).$$

which means  $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}_{24} \Rightarrow F(a) = 0$  contradiction since given  $F(1) \neq 0$ .

Hence, we are only left with.

$$|F(\mathbb{Z}_{24})| = 3 \text{ and } \frac{15}{3} = 5,$$

$$\text{then } \boxed{F(\mathbb{Z}_{24}) = \{0, 5, 10\} < \mathbb{Z}_{15}}$$

subgroup of cyclic so, cyclic. Answer.

$$\boxed{F(\mathbb{Z}_{24}) = \{0, 5, 10\} = 5\mathbb{Z}_{15}}$$

→ since  $\mathbb{Z}_{15}$  is cyclic then  $\{0, 5, 10\}$  is a unique subgroup of order 3, Hence.

OR to show this in details using

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet F(1) &= 5 \pmod{15} \\ \bullet F(8) &= F(1^8) = [F(1)]^8 = 40 \pmod{15} = 10 \\ \bullet F(12) &= F(1^{12}) = [F(1)]^{12} = 60 \pmod{15} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{24}{3} = 8 \quad | \mathbb{Z}_{24} / \ker(F) | = 3 \Rightarrow | \ker(F) | = 8$$

and since  $\ker(F) = \{b \in \mathbb{Z}_{24}, F(b) = 0 \pmod{15}\}$

$$\ker(F) = \{0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21\}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_{24} / \ker(F) = \left\{ \underbrace{\ker(F)}_0, \underbrace{1 + \ker(F)}_5, \underbrace{2 + \ker(F)}_{10} \right\}$$

$$\bullet f(1 + \ker(F)) = F(1)$$

$$1 + \ker(F) = \{1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22\}$$

we notice that any element in  $1 + \ker(F) \rightarrow 5$  in  $F(\mathbb{Z}_{24})$ .

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{F(1) = 5}$$

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↑

$$\bullet F(12) = f(12 + \ker(F)) = f(\ker(F)) \text{ since } 12 \in \ker(F)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{F(12) = 0}$$

$$\bullet F(8) = f(8 + \ker(F)) = f(2 + \ker(F))$$

as  $2 + \ker(F) = \{2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23\}$  so,  $8 \in 2 + \ker(F)$ .

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{F(8) = 10} \quad 2 + \ker(F) \rightarrow 10 \text{ in } 5\mathbb{Z}_{15} \text{ of } F(\mathbb{Z}_{24})$$

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## 2.2.7 **Solution for HW-Four**

Q1) (i) Let  $D$  be a group with 27 elements. You just observed that  $C(D)$  has at least 4 elements. Prove that  $D$  is abelian.

$$|D| = 27, \text{ given } |C(D)| \geq 4.$$

want to prove that  $\frac{D}{C(D)}$  is cyclic. Hence, by class result

$D$  is abelian.

Now,

$\Rightarrow$  From class notes, we know

$C(D) < D$ , hence by Lagrange: as  $D < \infty$ .

$|C(D)| \mid |D|$  then,

$|C(D)| = 1, 3, 9, 27$  but can't be  $|C(D)| \neq 1$  or  $3$ .  
since given  $|C(D)| \geq 4$ .

So we are only left with  $|C(D)| = 9, 27$ .

① if  $|C(D)| = 27$

$\Rightarrow C(D) = D$  then by the Definition of  $C(D)$ .

$D$  is abelian since all elements of  $D$  are center elements.

② if  $|C(D)| = 9$ .

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{D}{C(D)} \right| = \frac{|D|}{|C(D)|} = \frac{27}{9} = 3 \rightarrow \text{prime, so}$$

$\frac{D}{C(D)}$  is cyclic by class notes and then, by

Class Theorem  $D$  is abelian.

by ① and ②  $\Rightarrow \square$

(iii) Let  $D$  be a finite group,  $K, H$  are normal subgroups of  $L$  such that  $H * K = D$  and  $H \cap K = \{e\}$ .

(a) prove that  $K \cong D/H$

[Hint note that  $|D/H| = |K|$ . define  $f: K \rightarrow D/H$  such that  $f(k) = k * H$  for every  $k \in K$ . Show that  $f$  is group homomorphism and then you only need to show that  $f$  is 1-1]

Let  $f: K \rightarrow (D/H, \Delta)$  such that  $f(k) = k * H$  for every  $k \in K$

• to show homomorphism:  $K \triangleleft D$ .

let  $k_1, k_2 \in K$ , want  $f(k_1 * k_2) = f(k_1) \Delta f(k_2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(k_1 * k_2) &= (k_1 * k_2) * H. \quad \text{"by Def of } (D/H, \Delta) \text{"} \\ &= k_1 * H \Delta k_2 * H \\ &= f(k_1) \Delta f(k_2) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f$  is homomorphism. --- ①

• since  $|D/H| = |K|$  then 1-1 is enough for  $f$  to be bijective:

so, let  $f(k_1) = f(k_2)$  for any  $k_1, k_2 \in K$   
 $(k_1 * H = k_2 * H) * k_2^{-1}$

Now,  $k_2^{-1} * k_1 * H = H$ .

so,  $k_2^{-1} * k_1 \in H$  "by Def of cosets"

We also know that, by  $K$  being a subgroup.

$$k_2^{-1} * k_1 \in K \quad \forall k_1, k_2 \in K$$

since  $k_2^{-1} \in K$ .

Now, since given  $H \cap K = \{e\} \Rightarrow$  the only common element of  $K$  and  $H$  is  $e$   
 but we showed that  $k_2^{-1} * k_1 \in H$  and  $K$ .

$$\Rightarrow k_2^{-1} * k_1 = \{e\} \Rightarrow k_1^{-1} = k_2^{-1} \Rightarrow \boxed{k_1 = k_2}$$

"uniqueness of inverse in group."

②



Thus,  $f$  is 1-1 --- (2)

by (1) and (2)  $K \approx D/H$ .

(b) prove  $H \approx D/K$ .

(\*)

Let  $g: H \rightarrow (D/K)$  s.t.  $(g(h) = h * K) \forall h \in H$ .

• Homomorphism: by (\*)

$$\begin{aligned} g(h_1 * h_2) &= (h_1 * h_2) * K \quad \text{for any } h_1, h_2 \in H. \\ &= (h_1 * K) \Delta (h_2 * K) \quad \text{"Def of } D/K\text{"} \\ &= g(h_1) \Delta g(h_2) \quad \square \text{ (1)} \end{aligned}$$

• 1-1  $|K| = |D/K|$

it is enough to show  $g$  is 1-1, to be bijective.

So, for any  $h_1, h_2 \in H \triangleleft D$

$$\text{Let } g(h_1) = g(h_2)$$

$$(h_1 * K = h_2 * K) * h_2^{-1}$$

$$\underbrace{h_2^{-1} * h_1}_{\in H} * K = K \Rightarrow h_2^{-1} * h_1 \in K \quad \text{"Def of cosets"} \frac{D}{K}$$

we also know, since  $H < D$ ,  $\forall h_1, h_2 \in H$

$$h_2^{-1} * h_1 \in H \quad \text{since } h_2^{-1} \in H.$$

But given  $H \cap K = \{e\}$

$$\Rightarrow h_2^{-1} * h_1 = \{e\}$$

$$h_1^{-1} = h_2^{-1}$$

by uniqueness of inverse.

$$\boxed{h_1 = h_2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

by (1) and (2)  $H \approx D/K$ .



(c) prove that  $D \approx \frac{D}{H} \oplus \frac{D}{K} \approx K \oplus H$ .

$(G, \Delta_3)$   
 $\downarrow$                        $\downarrow$   
 $(\frac{D}{H}, \Delta_1)$                $(\frac{D}{K}, \Delta_2)$

Let  $f: D \rightarrow \frac{D}{H} \oplus \frac{D}{K}$  where for  $\forall d \in D$ .

$$f(d) = (d * H, d * K).$$

• Homomorphism :-

for any  $d_1, d_2 \in D$ .

$$f(d_1 * d_2) = ((d_1 * d_2) * H, (d_1 * d_2) * K)$$

by Def  
of  
Group.

$$= (d_1 * H, d_1 * K) \Delta_3 (d_2 * H, d_2 * K)$$

$$= f(d_1) \Delta_3 f(d_2) \equiv \text{Homomorphism. } \textcircled{1}$$

• Now since  $|D| = |\frac{D}{H} \oplus \frac{D}{K}|$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{by (ii)} \quad |D| = |H * K| = \frac{|H| |K|}{1} = |K| |H| = |\frac{D}{H} \oplus \frac{D}{K}|$$

• 1-1 :

let  $f(d_1) = f(d_2)$  for any  $d_1, d_2 \in D$ .

$$(d_1 * H, d_1 * K) = (d_2 * H, d_2 * K).$$

Hence,  $(d_1 * H = d_2 * H) * d_2^{-1} = d_2^{-1} * d_1 * H = H$   
 and  $d_1 * K = d_2 * K \Rightarrow \boxed{d_2^{-1} * d_1 \in H}$

$$\hookrightarrow d_2^{-1} * d_1 * K = K \Rightarrow \boxed{d_2^{-1} * d_1 \in K.}$$

$$d_2^{-1} * d_1 \in H \cap K.$$

$$\Rightarrow H \cap K = \{e\} \Rightarrow d_2^{-1} * d_1 = e \Rightarrow \boxed{d_1 = d_2}$$

Hence  $f$  is 1-1 ---  $\textcircled{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \textcircled{1} \text{ and } \textcircled{2} \quad D \approx \frac{D}{H} \oplus \frac{D}{K}.$$

c) Now to finish up the proof.

$$\text{by part c we know } D \cong \frac{D}{H} \oplus \frac{D}{K}$$

$$\text{by part (a)} \Rightarrow K \cong \frac{D}{H}$$

$$\text{by part (b)} \Rightarrow \frac{D}{K} \cong H$$

$$\text{Hence by a, b} \Rightarrow \frac{D}{H} \oplus \frac{D}{K} \cong K \oplus H$$

$$\text{by (c)} \Rightarrow D \cong \frac{D}{H} \oplus \frac{D}{K} \cong K \oplus H \quad \square$$

iv) Let  $H, K$  be subgroups of a group  $D$ . In general,  $H * K$  need not be a subgroup of  $D$ . However, if  $K$  is a normal subgroup of  $D$ , then prove that  $K * H$  is a subgroup of  $D$ .

want: show  $a^{-1} * b \in K * H$  for every  $a, b \in K * H$ .

by Def of (ii)

$$K * H = \{ k * h \mid k \in K \text{ and } h \in H \}$$

Now, Let  $a, b$  any elements in  $K * H$ , Hence they should be of the form:

$$a = k_1 * h_1 \quad \text{where } k_1, k_2 \in K \text{ and}$$

$$b = k_2 * h_2$$

$$h_1, h_2 \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow a, b \in K * H.$$

Now,

$$\text{we want to show } a^{-1} * b = (k_1 * h_1)^{-1} * k_2 * h_2 \in K * H.$$

$$= h_1^{-1} * k_1^{-1} * k_2 * h_2 \in K * H.$$

since  $K$  is normal, we know by class Thm.

$$\text{From Lecture trick } h_1^{-1} * \underbrace{k_1^{-1} * k_2}_{= k_3 \in K} * h_2 = k_3 * h_2 \in K * H.$$

$$a^{-1} * b = \underbrace{(h_1^{-1} * k_3 * h_1)}_{= k_3 * h \in K * H} * h_2 = k_3 * h \in K * H \quad \square$$

for some  $h \in H$

(V) Let  $D$  be a group with 38 elements,  $K, H$  are subgroups of  $D$ . such that  $|K|=19$  and  $|H|=2$  s.t  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $D$ . Prove that  $D \cong \mathbb{Z}_{38}$ .

$D$  is finite, we need to show  $D$  is cyclic.

$|D/K| = 2 \leftarrow$  prime so, cyclic.

$D/K = \{ \text{the set of all distinct left cosets} \}$ .

$$= \{ K, a * K \} \quad \text{for } \forall a \in D, \text{ and } a \notin K.$$

this also means we have 2 distinct right cosets.

$$= \{ K, K * a \} \quad \text{for } a \in D \text{ and } a \notin K.$$

So,  $\forall b \in D \rightarrow$  if  $b \in K \Rightarrow b * K = K = K * b$ .  
 if  $b \notin K \Rightarrow b * K = D - K = a * K = K * a = K * b$ .  
 since only two distinct left coset and right  
 here  $b = a$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Hence  $K \triangleleft D$ .

Now since  $H, K$  are normal.  
 by (ii) and  $|K|=19, |H|=2$

$$\Rightarrow |D| = |H * K| = \frac{|H| |K|}{|H \cap K|} = \frac{19 * 2}{1} = 38.$$

$\Rightarrow |H \cap K| = 1 \rightarrow$  where  $H \cap K = \{e\}$ .  
 since subgroup by previous H.W.

Now, using (iii)(C)

$$D \cong H \oplus K \\ \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{19}$$

where  $H, K$  are cyclic since

$$|H| = 2 \text{ prime}, \quad |K| = 19 \sim \text{prime}$$

by class Thm, and both are finite.

By Hw 2 since

$$\gcd(19, 2) = 1$$

$\Rightarrow H \oplus K$  is cyclic and  $D$  is cyclic

Thus, by class-Thm. since  $D$  is finite cyclic with 38 elements

$$\text{then } D \cong \mathbb{Z}_{38} \quad \square$$

vi) Let  $D$  be an infinite cyclic group. Prove that  $D$  has exactly two generators.

Since  $D$  is infinite and cyclic, then by class thm.  $D \cong \mathbb{Z}$ .

we know  $\mathbb{Z}$  is generated by  $1, -1$ . By the def a generator  $\downarrow$  only  $1, -1$  can generate  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

and since  $D \cong \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $D$  has exactly two generators.

vii) Let  $U(n) = \{a \in \mathbb{Z}_n \mid \gcd(a, n) = 1\}$ . Prove that  $U(n)$  is a group under multiplication mod  $n$  with  $\phi(n)$  elements.

• first lets show  $|U(n)| = \phi(n)$ .

$|U(n)| \Rightarrow$  # of elements  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  s.t  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ .

we know  $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$

so, <sup>that</sup>  $a \in U(n)$  and  $1 \leq a \leq n$  s.t relatively prime with  $n$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Hence, by Def. of  $\phi(n) \Rightarrow$  # of such  $a = \phi(n)$ .

where  $\phi(n) =$  # of all numbers between 1 and  $n$  that are relatively prime with  $n$ .

$\Rightarrow |U(n)| = \phi(n)$ .

• closure :

Let  $x, y \in U(n)$

$\Rightarrow \gcd(x, n) = 1$  and  $\gcd(y, n) = 1$ .

by Number Theory Facts:

$(ax + by = 1) \cdot y$  for some  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}^{+ve}$

$(cy + dn = 1) \cdot x$ .

$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} axy + byn = y \\ cxy + dxn = x \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} cx[axy + byn] + dxn = x \\ x[cxy + cbyn + dn] = x \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow rxy + \underbrace{(bcy + d)}_s n = 1$ .

for some  $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{rxy + sn = 1}$

Thus,  $\gcd(xy, n) = 1$ , and  $xy \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  since  $xy \in \mathbb{Z}_n$

$\Rightarrow$  Hence  $\boxed{xy \in U(n)}$   $\square$



② Inverse:

Let  $a \in U(n)$  and since  $\gcd(a, n) = 1 \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$\Rightarrow$  by Euler Fermat Result,

$$n \mid a^{\phi(n)} - 1$$

$$nk = a^{\phi(n)} - 1 \quad \text{some } k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{\phi(n)} = nk + 1 \quad \text{where we know } \phi(n) \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

which means

$$a^{\phi(n)} = 1 \pmod{n}$$

$\rightarrow$  identity under multiplication.

$$\text{So, } a \cdot a^{(\phi(n)-1)} = 1 \pmod{n}$$

$$\text{Hence, } a^{-1} = a^{(\phi(n)-1)} \pmod{n}$$

where  $a^{(\phi(n)-1)}$  is just  $a^m$  some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

and since we know  $\gcd(a, n) = 1 \rightarrow$  by previous closure part.

$$\Rightarrow \gcd(a^m, n) = 1 \Rightarrow \gcd(a^{\phi(n)-1}, n) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{\phi(n)-1} \in U(n)$$

Hence,

$$\forall a \in U(n), \exists a^{-1} = a^{\phi(n)-1} \in U(n) \quad \square$$

③ Identity:

want  $\forall a \in U(n) \cdot \exists e \in U(n)$  s.t.  
 $a \cdot e = e \cdot a = a \pmod{n}$ .

Hence,  $e = 1 \pmod{n}$  where  $\gcd(1, n) = 1$

$$\text{So, } e = 1 \in U(n) \quad \square$$

• Associative property:

let  $a, b, c \in U(n)$

Now,

$$a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c \pmod n$$

multiplication mod  $n$  is Associative.

Hence, By ① to ④  $\Rightarrow U(n)$  is a group.  $\square$

(ix) prove that  $U(n)$ ,  $n \geq 3$  is cyclic if and only if  $n=4$  or  $n=p^k$  or  $n=2p^k$  for some ODD prime  $p$  and  $k \geq 1$

$\Rightarrow$  ① Prove  $U(n)$ ,  $n \geq 3$  is cyclic if  $n=4 = 2^2$   $p_1=2, \alpha_1=2$ .

by (viii)

$$\begin{aligned} |U(4)| &= \phi(4) \\ &= (2-1)(2)^1 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by class notes since  $|U(4)|=2$  (prime)

then,  $U(4)$  is cyclic.

②. Prove  $U(n)$  is cyclic if  $n=p^k$  where  $p$  is an ODD prime,  $k \geq 1$ .

$$\Rightarrow n = p^k = \underbrace{p \cdot p \cdot p \cdots p}_{k \text{ times}} \Rightarrow \underline{n \text{ is odd}}$$

So, by (vii)

$$U(n) \approx \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}_{p-1}}_{\text{even}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{k-1}} \rightarrow \text{odd where } k-1 = m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

Now using the Hint:

$$\gcd(p-1, p) = 1 \rightarrow p-1 < p, \text{ } p-1 \text{ is even and } p \text{ is odd prime.}$$

$$\Rightarrow p-1 \nmid p$$

$$\Rightarrow p-1 \neq p \text{ because } p \text{ is prime.}$$

then for  $p^m = \underbrace{p \cdot p \cdots p}_{m \text{ times}}$  for  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

the factors for  $p^m = 1, p^i \quad 1 \leq i \leq m$ .

$\Rightarrow$  hence,  $p-1 \nmid p^m$

$\Rightarrow \gcd(p-1, p^m) = 1 \Rightarrow \gcd(p-1, p^{k-1}) = 1$ .

then by H.W ②

$\mathbb{Z}_{p-1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{k-1}}$  is cyclic

and thus,

$U(n)$  is cyclic since isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_{p-1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{k-1}}$

③ • Prove  $U(n)$  is cyclic if  $n = 2p^k$  ( $p$  is odd prime)

$n = \underbrace{2}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{prime} \\ \text{even}}} \cdot \underbrace{p^k}_{\text{odd}}$   
even

$\Rightarrow n$  is even.

Since  $p$  is odd prime it will be  $> 2$  so,  $p_1 < p_2 = p$ .

then by (Vill) since  $\alpha_i = 1$ .

$\Rightarrow U(n) \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p-1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{k-1}}$

where  $\gcd(p-1, p^{k-1}) = 1$  as proved above.

then by H.W result,  $\mathbb{Z}_{p-1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{k-1}}$  is cyclic.

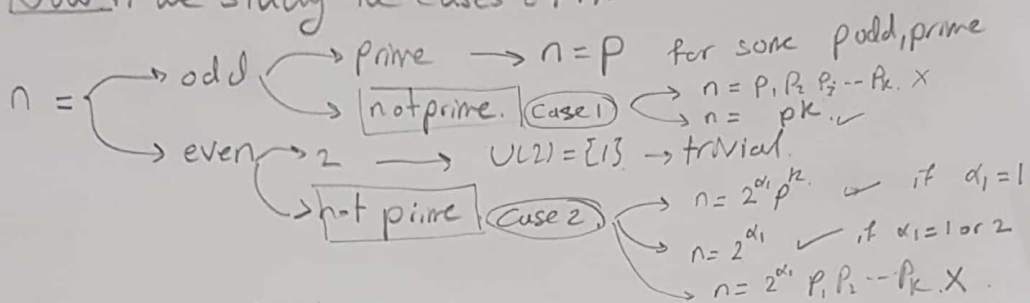
$\Rightarrow U(n)$  is cyclic

[ Hence, by ①, ② and ③,  $U(n)$  is cyclic for  $n \geq 3$  if  $n = 4$  or  $n = p^k$  or  $n = 2p^k$  where  $k \geq 1$ . ]



$\Leftrightarrow$  if  $U(n)$  is cyclic prove that  $n=4$  or  $n=p^k$  or  $n=2p^k$  for  $k \geq 1$ .

Now if we study the cases of  $n$ .



• first notice if  $n=p$ .

then  $U(n) \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p-1} \Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}$  is cyclic.

implies  $U(n)$  cyclic as assumed.  $-- (*)$

Now, it remains to study case 1 and case 2:

Case 1:  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} p_3^{\alpha_3} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

where  $p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_k$  are odd prime numbers.

Assume  $p_i \neq p_j$  for  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq k$ , hence distinct  $p_i, p_j$ .

W.L.O.G.:

Let  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2}$  where  $p_1 \neq p_2$ ,  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are odd primes and  $p_1 < p_2$ .

Then by (viii) "odd"

$$U(n) \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p_1-1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{\alpha_1-1}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p_2-1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p_2^{\alpha_2-1}}$$

$\underbrace{\mathbb{Z}_{p_1-1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{\alpha_1-1}}}_{\text{gcd}(p_1-1, p_1^{\alpha_1-1})=1} \oplus \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}_{p_2-1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p_2^{\alpha_2-1}}}_{\text{gcd}(p_2-1, p_2^{\alpha_2-1})=1}$   
 $\downarrow \text{cyclic} \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \text{cyclic}$   
 $\text{gcd} \left[ \underbrace{(p_1-1)}_{\text{even}} \underbrace{(p_1^{\alpha_1-1})}_{\text{odd}} ; \underbrace{(p_2-1)}_{\text{even}} \underbrace{(p_2^{\alpha_2-1})}_{\text{odd}} \right]$

and the  $\gcd(\text{even}, \text{even}) \neq 1$ .

Since  $(p_1 - 1)(p_1^{\alpha_1 - 1})$  and  $(p_2 - 1)(p_2^{\alpha_2 - 1})$  are even.

Hence,  $U(n)$  is Not cyclic Contradiction.

as,  $\mathbb{Z}_{p_1-1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{\alpha_1-1}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p_2-1} \dots$  is Not cyclic.

by previous H.W problem.

$\Rightarrow$  Note that this can be generated to any  $k$  prime odd.

$$\text{numbers} \Rightarrow n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$$

Thus,  $p_i = p_j$  can't be distinct for  $\forall 1 \leq i \neq j \leq k$ .

(a)

Hence,  $n = p^k$  for  $k \geq 2$  and  $(*) \Rightarrow n = p^k \forall k \geq 1$

When  $U(n)$  is cyclic and  $p$  are odd prime numbers

Now, Case 2 :

where  $n$  is even, we know that any even number

$n$  can be written in the prime factorization as

$$n = 2^{\alpha_1} \cdot p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_k^{\alpha_k} \quad \text{or it can be } \boxed{n = 2^{\alpha_1}} \rightarrow (**).$$

where 2 is the only even prime number so,  $p_2, p_3, \dots, p_k$  are odd prime numbers. Then by case (1) we know,

$p_i, p_j$  can't be distinct where  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq k$ , for the same

reason as in case (1).

$$\text{Hence, } n = 2^{\alpha_1} p^k \quad k \geq 1, \alpha_1 \geq 1.$$

Now, Lets assume that  $\alpha_1 > 1$  and  $n = 2^{\alpha_1} p^k$

so,  $n$  (even), Hence by (viii)

$$U(n) \approx \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{2^{\alpha_1-2}} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p-1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{k-1}}$$

clearly  $\gcd(2, 2^{\alpha_1-2}) \neq 1$ , so  $U(n)$  is Not cyclic.

since by Hw result  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{2^{\alpha_1-2}}$  is Not cyclic,  
Also if  $\alpha_1 = 2 \Rightarrow \gcd(2, p-1) \neq 1$  since  $p-1$  is even.

But, according to the Hint in (vii)  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{2^{\alpha_1-2}}$  part will be removed if  $\alpha_1 = 1$

so,

$$\Rightarrow U(n) \approx \mathbb{Z}_{p-1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{k-1}}$$

where as proved earlier in this question  $\gcd(p-1, p^{k-1}) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{p-1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{p^{k-1}} \Leftrightarrow U(n)$  is cyclic.

$\Rightarrow$  Thus, if  $U(n)$  is cyclic,  $n = 2p^k$  for  $p$  odd prime odd number and  $k \geq 1$ . (b)

• Now, we treat the last possible case, where as in (\*\*\*)  $n = 2^{\alpha_1}$ ,  $\alpha_1 \geq 1$ .

$$U(n) \approx \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{2^{\alpha_1-2}}$$

$\rightarrow \gcd(2, 2^{\alpha_1-2}) = 2 \neq 1$   
Hence contradiction  
 $U(n)$  Not cyclic.

so,  $\alpha_1 = 1$  or  $\alpha_1 = 2$   
 $\downarrow$  trivial  $\Downarrow$   $n = 2^2 = 4$

$$U(4) \approx \mathbb{Z}_2$$

(c)  
 $\Rightarrow U(4)$  is cyclic as  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  is cyclic

Hence, by (a), (b), (c)  $\Rightarrow$  If  $U(n)$  is cyclic then  
 $n=4$  or  $n=p^k$  or  $n=2p^k$   $k \geq 1$  and  $p$  odd prime.

and by the two results in green -

$\Rightarrow U(n)$ ,  $n \geq 3$  is cyclic iff  $n=4$  or  $n=p^k$  or  $n=2p^k$   
for some ODD prime  $p$  and  $k > 1$ .

(x) prove that  $U(64)$  has an element of order 16.  
but it has no elements of order 32.

$$n=64 = 2 \cdot 32 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 16 = \boxed{2^6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |U(64)| &= \phi(64) \\ &= (2-1) 2^{6-1} \\ &= 2^5 = 32 < \infty \text{ so, by class notes.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{for } \forall a \in U(64) \Rightarrow |a| \mid 32$$

$$\text{Then, } |a| = 1, 32, 2, 16, 4, 8, \dots \text{--- (1)}$$

but since  $n = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{even}}}{2^5}$  where  $n \neq 4$  and  $n \neq p^k$ , and  $n \neq 2p^k$ ,  
odd prime  $p$ .

Hence,  $U(64)$  is Not cyclic by (ix)

then by class notes since  $|U(64)| < \infty$ ,  $\exists a \in U(64)$   
s.t.  $|a| = 32$ . (No element with order 32).

Now by (viii)

$$U(64) \approx \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{24}$$

$$\approx \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{16}$$

$a \in \mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_{16}$

then by previous H.W  $|(a,b)| = \text{LCM}(|a|, |b|) \quad \forall (a,b) \in \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{16}$ .

take the generators of  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_{16}$ . (to find the Max element's order)

$$|(1,1)| = \frac{||| |||}{\text{gcd}(2,16)}$$

$$= \frac{2 \cdot 16}{2} = 16.$$

Hence  $\forall a \in U(64) \Rightarrow |a| \leq 16$ , so  $U(64)$  has  
an element of order 16 but Not 32.

(16)

(xi) Prove that  $D = (\mathbb{Z}_5, +) \oplus U(18)$  is cyclic and hence  $D \cong (\mathbb{Z}_m, +)$  find  $m$ .

$$\mathbb{Z}_5 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}, \quad \mathbb{Z}_{18} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 17\}$$

$$U(18) = \{a \in \mathbb{Z}_{18} \mid \gcd(a, 18) = 1\} \\ = \{1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17\}$$

to check:

$$\phi(18) = (2-1) \cdot 2^{1-1} \cdot (3-1) \cdot 3^1 \\ = 2 \cdot 3 = \boxed{6}$$

proof:

$\Rightarrow n=18 = 2 \cdot 3^2$ , we notice it is of the form  $2p^k$ .  
where  $p=3$  odd prime, Hence by (ix)  $U(18)$  is cyclic

Also,

$$|D| = |\mathbb{Z}_5| \cdot |U(18)| \\ = 5 \cdot 6 = 30 < \infty$$

Now, by class thm  $D$  is a finite, cyclic group with 30 elements so,  $\Rightarrow D \cong (\mathbb{Z}_{30}, +) \Rightarrow \boxed{m=30}$

(xii) prove that  $(\mathbb{Q}^*, \cdot)$  is not cyclic.

Assume by contradiction that  $\mathbb{Q}^*$  is cyclic, and since it is infinite group, then by class thm.

$$\text{for } \forall q \in \mathbb{Q}^* \setminus \{e\} \rightarrow |q| = \infty$$

$$\text{but } \exists -1 \in \mathbb{Q}^* \text{ and } -1 \neq e=1$$

where  $|-1| = 2 < \infty$  contradiction!

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## 2.2.8 **Solution for HW-Five**



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HW 5

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Let  $D$  be an abelian group with  $2^3 5^2$  elements

i) Suppose that  $D$  has exactly one subgroup with 4 elements.

Find all non-isomorphic group with these properties.

Solution:

All non-isomorphic group without the condition

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ 1+2 \\ 1+1+1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 1+1 \end{array}$$

we have

- ①  $\mathbb{Z}_8 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{25}$ , ②  $\mathbb{Z}_8 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5$ , ③  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{25}$   
④  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5$  ⑤  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{25}$  ⑥  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5$

Now suppose  $D$  has exactly one subgroup with 4 elements:

Then we have to check which one of them has exactly one subgroup

one subgroup with 4 elements, by using "observation"

①  $D = \mathbb{Z}_8 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{25}$ : let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  with order 4  
 $\Rightarrow H \oplus \{0\}$  is the only subgroup with order 4

②  $D = \mathbb{Z}_8 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5$ : same of  $\mathbb{Z}_8 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{25}$ ,  $H + \{0\} + \{0\}$  The only subgroup of order 4

③  $D = \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{25}$ : let  $K$  be a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  with 2 elements  
 $\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus K \oplus \{0\}$  and  $\{0\} + \mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \{0\}$  are two subgroups with 4 elements but  $D$  has exactly one subgroup of order 4  
contradiction

④  $D = \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5$ : same of ③ because  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus K \oplus \{0\} + \{0\}$   
and  $\{0\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \{0\} + \{0\}$  are two subgroups with order 4. Contradiction

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⑤  $D = \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{25}$ , it has three subgroups of order 4

$$F = \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \{0\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \{0\} \quad \text{and} \quad W = \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \{0\} \oplus \{0\}$$

and  $L = \{0\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \{0\}$  like  $|(1,0,1,0)| = |(1,1,0,0)| = |(0,1,1,0)|$   
 $= 4$  contradiction

⑥  $D = \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5$ : same as ⑤ has three elements of order 4. Contradiction

Therefore the all non-isomorphic groups with these properties are:

$$\mathbb{Z}_8 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{25} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{Z}_8 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5$$

ii) Suppose that  $D$  has exactly one subgroup with 4 elements and it has exactly one subgroup with 5 elements. Find all non-isomorphic groups with these properties.

From (i) we have only two groups that have one subgroup of order 4:

$$D = \mathbb{Z}_8 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{25} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \mathbb{Z}_8 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5$$

Now check if they have also one subgroup of order 5

①  $D = \mathbb{Z}_8 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{25}$ : let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_{25}$  with 5 elements

Then  $\{0\} \oplus H$  is the only subgroup of order 5.

$\Rightarrow D$  has one subgroup of order 5

②  $D = \mathbb{Z}_8 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5$ : this group has two subgroups of order 5

$$\{0\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \oplus \{0\} \quad \text{and} \quad \{0\} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5$$

$\Rightarrow D$  has two subgroups of order 5. Contradiction

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_8 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{25}$  are the only groups that have one subgroup of order 4 and one subgroup of order 5.

2) Let  $D$  be a cyclic group with 100 elements. Convince me that  $(\text{Aut}(D), \circ)$  is abelian group and find  $m_1, \dots, m_k$  such that

$$\text{Aut}(D) \cong \mathbb{Z}_{m_1} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{m_k}$$

Solution: -

Since  $D$  is finite cyclic group with 100 element

$$\Rightarrow D \cong \mathbb{Z}_{100}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\text{Aut}(D), \circ) \cong (\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_{100}), \circ)$$

From Lecture notes we know  $\forall n \geq 2$   $(\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_n), \circ) \cong (U(n), \cdot)$

$$\Rightarrow (\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_{100}), \circ) \cong (U(100), \cdot)$$

From HW 4:  $U(100)$  is a group under multiplication mod 100

$$\Rightarrow U(100) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \quad \text{since } \gcd(4, 5) = 1$$

$$U(100) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{20} \Rightarrow \text{since } \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{20} \text{ is abelian}$$

$\Rightarrow U(100)$  is abelian group.

$$\Rightarrow \text{since } \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_{100}) \cong U(100)$$

$\Rightarrow (\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_{100}), \circ)$  is abelian group

$\Rightarrow (\text{Aut}(D), \circ)$  is abelian group

From HW 4:

$$\text{Aut}(D) \cong \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_{100}) \cong U(100) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Aut}(D) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5$$

Case 1  $\Rightarrow m_1 = 2, m_2 = 4, m_3 = 5$

but also since  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{20}$  since  $\gcd(4, 5) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Aut}(D) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{20}$$

Case 2  $\Rightarrow m_1 = 2, m_2 = 20$

3] prove that every group with  $n = 17 \times 3^2$  is abelian. Find all non-isomorphic group with  $n$  elements

Solution:-  $|D| = 153 = 17 \times 3^2$  prove  $D$  is abelian

$n_3 = \#$  of all sylow-3-subgroup

$$\Rightarrow n_3 \left| \frac{|D|}{|\text{Syl}(3)|} \right. = n_3 \mid 17 \Rightarrow n_3 = 1 \text{ or } 17$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \mid n_3 - 1 \Rightarrow 3 \mid (1-1) \Rightarrow 3 \mid 0 \checkmark \text{ but } 3 \nmid 17-1 \Rightarrow 3 \nmid 16$$

$\Rightarrow n_3 = 1 \Rightarrow D$  has exactly one sylow-3-subgroup say  $H$

$$\text{Since } n_3 = 1 \Rightarrow H \triangleleft D \Rightarrow |H| = 3^2 = 9$$

$n_{17} = \#$  of all sylow-17-subgroup

$$\Rightarrow n_{17} \left| \frac{|D|}{|\text{Syl}(17)|} \right. \Rightarrow n_{17} \mid 3^2 \Rightarrow n_{17} = 1 \text{ or } 3 \text{ or } 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 17 \mid n_{17} - 1 \Rightarrow \text{if } n_{17} = 1 \Rightarrow 17 \mid (1-1) \Rightarrow 17 \mid 0 \checkmark$$

$$\text{if } n_{17} = 3 \Rightarrow 17 \nmid (3-1) \Rightarrow 17 \nmid 2 \times$$

$$\text{if } n_{17} = 9 \Rightarrow 17 \nmid (9-1) \Rightarrow 17 \nmid 8 \times$$

$\Rightarrow n_{17} = 1 \Rightarrow D$  has exactly one sylow-17-subgroup say  $K$

$$\text{Since } n_{17} = 1 \Rightarrow K \triangleleft D. \Rightarrow |K| = 17$$

$$\text{Since } H, K \triangleleft D \text{ and } H \cap K = \{e\} \Rightarrow |HK| = \frac{|H||K|}{|H \cap K|} = \frac{9 \times 17}{1} = 153$$

$$\Rightarrow HK = D \Rightarrow D \cong H \oplus K$$

Since  $|K| = 17 \Rightarrow K \cong \mathbb{Z}_{17}$  and  $|H| = 3^2 = 9$  since

$H$  is abelian subgroup of  $D \Rightarrow H \cong \mathbb{Z}_9$  or  $H \cong \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3$

$$\Rightarrow D \cong \mathbb{Z}_9 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{17} \text{ since } \gcd(9, 17) = 1 \Rightarrow D \text{ is cyclic}$$

$\Rightarrow D$  is abelian

$$\Rightarrow \text{and } D \cong \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{17} \Rightarrow \text{Not cyclic but since}$$

$\mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_{17}$  is abelian  $\Rightarrow D$  is abelian

$$\Rightarrow D \text{ is abelian and } \mathbb{Z}_9 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{17} \text{ and } \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{17}$$

are the all Non-isomorphic group with  $n = 153$  elements

4) Let  $D$  be a group with  $5 \cdot 11 \cdot 29$ . prove that  $D$  has exactly one subgroup with 29 elements, say  $H$  and  $H \subseteq C(D)$ .

Solution:-

Prove that  $D$  has one subgroup of order 29

So by Sylow theorem:

$n_{29} = \#$  of all Sylow-29-subgroup

$$n_{29} \mid \frac{|D|}{|\text{Syl}(29)|} \Rightarrow n_{29} \mid 5 \times 11 \Rightarrow n_{29} = 1, 5, 11, 55$$

$$\Rightarrow 29 \mid n_{29} - 1 \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{if } n_{29} = 1 \Rightarrow 29 \mid (1-1) \Rightarrow 29 \mid 0 \checkmark \\ \text{if } n_{29} = 5 \Rightarrow 29 \nmid (5-1) \Rightarrow 29 \nmid 4 \times \\ \text{if } n_{29} = 11 \Rightarrow 29 \nmid (11-1) \Rightarrow 29 \nmid 10 \times \\ \text{if } n_{29} = 55 \Rightarrow 29 \nmid (55-1) \Rightarrow 29 \nmid 54 \times \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow n_{29} = 1$$

$\Rightarrow D$  has exactly one Sylow-29-subgroup say  $H$

let  $H$  be Sylow-29-subgroup  $\Rightarrow H \triangleleft D$

Since  $H \triangleleft D$  we conclude  $D/C(H) \cong$  subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(H)$

Since  $|H| = 29$ ,  $H$  is cyclic  $\Rightarrow H \cong \mathbb{Z}_{29}$

$\Rightarrow D/C(H) \cong$  subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_{29}) \cong U(29)$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{D}{C(H)} \right| \mid |D| \text{ and } \left| \frac{D}{C(H)} \right| \mid |U(29)| = 28$$

$$\Rightarrow \gcd(28, 1595) = 1 \Rightarrow \left| \frac{D}{C(H)} \right| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow H \subseteq C(D)$$

5] let  $D$  be a group with 216 elements. prove that  $D$  is Not Simple  
 Solution :

let  $D$  be a group where  $|D| = 216 = 2^3 \cdot 3^3$

$n_3 = \#$  of all sylow-3-subgroup

$$n_3 \mid \frac{|D|}{|\text{Syl}(3)|} = 2^3 \Rightarrow n_3 \mid 2^3 \Rightarrow n_3 = 1, 2, 4, 8$$

$$3 \mid (n_3 - 1) \Rightarrow \text{if } n_3 = 1 \Rightarrow 3 \mid (1-1) \Rightarrow 3 \mid 0 \checkmark$$

$$\text{if } n_3 = 2 \Rightarrow 3 \mid (2-1) \Rightarrow 3 \nmid 1 \times$$

$$\text{if } n_3 = 4 \Rightarrow 3 \mid (4-1) \Rightarrow 3 \mid 3 \checkmark$$

$$\text{if } n_3 = 8 \Rightarrow 3 \mid (8-1) \Rightarrow 3 \nmid 7 \times$$

$$\Rightarrow n_3 = 1 \text{ or } 4$$

$n_2 = \#$  of all sylow-2-subgroup

$$n_2 \mid \frac{|D|}{|\text{Syl}(2)|} \Rightarrow n_2 \mid 3^3 \Rightarrow n_2 = 1, 3, 9, 27$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \mid (n_2 - 1) \Rightarrow \text{if } n_2 = 1 \Rightarrow 2 \mid (1-1) \Rightarrow 2 \mid 0 \checkmark$$

$$\text{if } n_2 = 3 \Rightarrow 2 \mid (3-1) \Rightarrow 2 \mid 2 \checkmark$$

$$\text{if } n_2 = 9 \Rightarrow 2 \mid (9-1) \Rightarrow 2 \mid 8 \checkmark$$

$$\text{if } n_2 = 27 \Rightarrow 2 \mid (27-1) \Rightarrow 2 \mid 26 \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow n_2 = 1, 3, 9, 27$$

since  $n_3 = 1$  or  $n_3 = 4 \Rightarrow$  Assume  $n_3 \neq 1, n_2 \neq 1$

let  $n_3 = 4 \exists$  a group homomorphism  $K: D \rightarrow S_4$  s.t

$\frac{D}{\text{Ker}(K)} \cong$  Subgroup of  $S_4$  and  $\text{Ker}(K) \neq D$  [ $\text{Ker}(K) \triangleleft D$ ]

we want to show  $\text{Ker}(K) \neq \{e\} \Rightarrow$  Deny Assume  $\text{Ker}(K) = \{e\}$

$\Rightarrow D \cong$  Subgroup of  $S_4$  but since  $|D| = 216$  and

$|S_4| = 4! = 24$  impossible contradiction

$\Rightarrow \text{Ker}(K) \neq \{e\} \Rightarrow D$  is Not Simple.

6) Let  $D$  be a group with  $5 \cdot 7 \cdot 17$  elements. prove that  $D$  is not simple.  
 Assume that  $n_{17} \neq 1$ . How many element in  $D$  have order 17.?

Solution

Let  $D$  be a group with  $5 \times 7 \times 17 = 595$  elements

Prove  $D$  is not Simple.

$n_5 = \#$  of all Sylow-5-Subgroup

$$\Rightarrow n_5 \mid \frac{|D|}{|Syl(5)|} \Rightarrow n_5 \mid 7 \times 17 \Rightarrow n_5 = 1, 7, 17, 119$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 5 \mid (n_5 - 1) &\Rightarrow \text{if } n_5 = 1 \Rightarrow 5 \mid (1-1) \Rightarrow 5 \mid 0 \checkmark \\ &\text{if } n_5 = 7 \Rightarrow 5 \nmid (7-1) \Rightarrow 5 \nmid 6 \times \\ &\text{if } n_5 = 17 \Rightarrow 5 \nmid (17-1) \Rightarrow 5 \nmid 16 \times \\ &\text{if } n_5 = 119 \Rightarrow 5 \nmid (119-1) \Rightarrow 5 \nmid 118 \times \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow n_5 = 1 \Rightarrow D$  has exactly one Sylow-5-Subgroup

$\Rightarrow$  Let  $H$  is the Sylow-5-Subgroup  $\Rightarrow H \triangleleft D$

$\Rightarrow$  Therefore  $D$  is Not Simple.

$n_{17} = \#$  of all Sylow-17-Subgroup

$$n_{17} \mid \frac{|D|}{|Syl(17)|} \Rightarrow n_{17} \mid 5 \times 7 \Rightarrow n_{17} = 1, 5, 7, 35$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 17 \mid (n_{17} - 1) &\Rightarrow \text{if } n_{17} = 1 \Rightarrow 17 \mid (1-1) \Rightarrow 17 \mid 0 \checkmark \\ &\text{if } n_{17} = 5 \Rightarrow 17 \nmid (5-1) \Rightarrow 17 \nmid 4 \times \\ &\text{if } n_{17} = 7 \Rightarrow 17 \nmid (7-1) \Rightarrow 17 \nmid 6 \times \\ &\text{if } n_{17} = 35 \Rightarrow 17 \mid (35-1) \Rightarrow 17 \mid 34 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow n_{17} = 1$  or  $n_{17} = 35$

Assume  $n_{17} \neq 1 \Rightarrow$  There are 35 Sylow-17-Subgroup  
 but  $|e| = 1 \Rightarrow$  so we have only 16 element of order 17

So the 35 Sylow-17-Subgroup have

$$35 \times 16 = 560 \text{ element of order 17.}$$

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## 2.2.9 **Solution for HW-Six**

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HW6

Question 1 i): Let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} \{1,2\} & \{2,4\} \\ \{3,4\} & \{1,4\} \end{bmatrix}$ . Does  $B^{-1}$  exist? if yes then

find it. If no then explain

Solution

∪ check if  $|B| \in U(A) \Rightarrow |B| = F$ , so by finding determinant of  $B$  we have.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow |B| &= \{1,2\} \cdot \{1,4\} + -\{2,4\} \{3,4\} && \text{Note } -\{2,4\} = \{2,4\} \\ &= \{1,2\} \{1,4\} + \{2,4\} \{3,4\} \\ &= \{1,2\} \cap \{1,4\} + \{2,4\} \cap \{3,4\} \\ &\{1\} + \{4\} = \{1\} - \{4\} \cup \{4\} - \{1\} = \{1,4\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |B| = \{1,4\}$$

No,  $B^{-1}$  Does not exist because  $B$  is invertible if and only if  $|B| \in U(A)$  where  $U(A) = \{F\}$ , since  $|B| = \{1,4\} \neq F \Rightarrow |B| \notin U(A)$

Therefore  $B$  is not invertible has no inverse  $\Rightarrow B^{-1}$  Does not exist.

ii) Let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} \{2,3\} & \{1,3,4\} \\ \{1,3,4\} & \{2,4\} \end{bmatrix}$  Does  $B^{-1}$  exist? if yes then find it. If no

then explain.

Solution

∪ check if  $|B| \in U(A) \Rightarrow |B| = F$  so by finding the determinant we have.

$$\begin{aligned} |B| &= \{2,3\} \{2,4\} + -\{1,3,4\} \{1,3,4\} && \text{Note } -\{1,3,4\} = \{1,3,4\} \\ &= \{2,3\} \cap \{2,4\} + \{1,3,4\} \cap \{1,3,4\} \\ &\{2\} + \{1,3,4\} \\ &= \{2\} - \{1,3,4\} \cup \{1,3,4\} - \{2\} \\ &= \{2\} \cup \{1,3,4\} \\ &= \{1,2,3,4\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |B| = \{1,2,3,4\} = F$$

$$\Rightarrow |B| \in U(A) = \{F\}$$

yes,  $B^{-1}$  exist since  $|B| = F$ . Now find  $B^{-1}$



$$\Rightarrow B^{-1} = \overline{F} \begin{bmatrix} \{2,4\} & \{1,3,4\} \\ \{1,3,4\} & \{2,3\} \end{bmatrix} = F \begin{bmatrix} \{2,4\} & \{1,3,4\} \\ \{1,3,4\} & \{2,3\} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \{2,4\} & \{1,3,4\} \\ \{1,3,4\} & \{2,3\} \end{bmatrix}$$

Check: if  $BB^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} F & \emptyset \\ \emptyset & F \end{bmatrix} = B^{-1}B$

Note  $\{3\} + \{3\} = \emptyset$

$$\Rightarrow BB^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \{2,3\} & \{1,3,4\} \\ \{1,3,4\} & \{2,4\} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \{2,4\} & \{1,3,4\} \\ \{1,3,4\} & \{2,3\} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \{2\} + \{1,3,4\} & \{3\} + \{3\} \\ \{4\} + \{4\} & \{1,3,4\} + \{2\} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} F & \emptyset \\ \emptyset & F \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Therefore } B \text{ has inverse } B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \{2,4\} & \{1,3,4\} \\ \{1,3,4\} & \{2,3\} \end{bmatrix}$$

iii) Let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} F & \{2,4\} & \{1\} \\ \{1,3\} & F & \{3\} \\ \{2\} & \{2\} & F \end{bmatrix}$ . If possible find  $B^{-1}$ .

Note  $-\{2,4\} = \{2,4\}$

- First check if  $|B| \in U(A) = F$

$$|B| = F \begin{bmatrix} F & \{3\} \\ \{2\} & F \end{bmatrix} - \{2,4\} \begin{bmatrix} \{1,3\} & \{3\} \\ \{2\} & F \end{bmatrix} + \{1\} \begin{bmatrix} \{1,3\} & F \\ \{2\} & \{2\} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= F(F \cap F + -\{2\} \cap \{3\}) + \{2,4\}(\{1,3\} \cap F + -\{2\} \cap \{3\}) + \{1\}(\{1,3\} \cap \{2\} - \{2\} \cap F)$$

$$= F(F + \emptyset) + \{2,4\}(\{1,3\} + \emptyset) + \{1\}(\emptyset + \{2\})$$

$$= F + \emptyset + \emptyset = F$$

$\Rightarrow |B| = F \Rightarrow B^{-1}$  exist. Now find  $B^{-1}$  using row operation

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} F & \{2,4\} & \{1\} & F & \emptyset & \emptyset \\ \{1,3\} & F & \{3\} & \emptyset & F & \emptyset \\ \{2\} & \{2\} & F & \emptyset & \emptyset & F \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\{1,3\}R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ \{2\}R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} F & \{2,4\} & \{1\} & F & \emptyset & \emptyset \\ \emptyset & F & \{1,3\} & \{1,3\} & F & \emptyset \\ \emptyset & \emptyset & F & \{2\} & \emptyset & F \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\{2,4\}R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} F & \emptyset & \{1\} & F & \{2,4\} & \emptyset \\ \emptyset & F & \{1,3\} & \{1,3\} & F & \emptyset \\ \emptyset & \emptyset & F & \{2\} & \emptyset & F \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\{1,3\}R_3 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ \{1\}R_3 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1}}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} F & \emptyset & \emptyset & F & \{2,4\} & \{1\} \\ \emptyset & F & \emptyset & \{1,3\} & F & \{1,3\} \\ \emptyset & \emptyset & F & \{2\} & \emptyset & F \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{So } B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} F & \{2,4\} & \{1\} \\ \{1,3\} & F & \{1,3\} \\ \{2\} & \emptyset & F \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now check that } BB^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} F & \emptyset & \emptyset \\ \emptyset & F & \emptyset \\ \emptyset & \emptyset & F \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow BB^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} F & \{2,4\} & \{1\} \\ \{1,3\} & F & \{3\} \\ \{2\} & \{2\} & F \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F & \{2,4\} & \{1\} \\ \{1,3\} & F & \{1,3\} \\ \{2\} & \emptyset & F \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F & \emptyset & \emptyset \\ \emptyset & F & \emptyset \\ \emptyset & \emptyset & F \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore it's possible for B to have an inverse

$$\text{where } B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} F & \{2,4\} & \{1\} \\ \{1,3\} & F & \{1,3\} \\ \{2\} & \emptyset & F \end{bmatrix}$$

Question 2: Convince me that  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  is invertible over  $\mathbb{Z}_8$

Solution:-

\* B is invertible iff  $|B| \in U(\mathbb{Z}_8) = U(8)$  so Now Find the determinant of B. " $|B|$ "

$$|B| = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} - 5 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} + 4 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$-5 \pmod 8 = 3$$

$$-1 \pmod 8 = 7$$

$$-2 \pmod 8 = 6$$

$$2(5-6) + 3(5-6) + 4(3-3)$$

$$= 2(-1) + 3(-1) + 0$$

$$= 2(7) + 3(7) = 35 \pmod 8 = 3$$

Therefore  $|B| = 3$  since  $3 \in U(\mathbb{Z}_8) = U(8)$  Therefore B is invertible.

Now Find the inverse using row operation

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 5 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \text{Change} \\ \text{R}_1 \text{ with } \text{R}_2 \\ \text{R}_1 \leftrightarrow \text{R}_2 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{-2R_1+R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-3R_1+R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} -3 \pmod 8 = 5 \\ -1 \pmod 8 = 7 \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 0 & 5 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{3} R_2 \\ \frac{1}{7} R_3 \end{array}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{5}{7} & \frac{1}{7} \end{array} \right]$$

$\frac{1}{3}$  have a meaning in  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  since  $3 \in U(\mathbb{Z}_8) = U(8) \Rightarrow 3^{-1} \times 1 = 3 \in \mathbb{Z}_8$

$\frac{1}{7}$  have meaning in  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  since  $7 \in U(\mathbb{Z}_8) = U(8) \Rightarrow 7^{-1} \times 1 = 7 \in \mathbb{Z}_8$

$\frac{5}{7}$  same For  $\frac{5}{7} \Rightarrow 7 \in U(\mathbb{Z}_8) \Rightarrow 7^{-1} \times 5 = 3 \in \mathbb{Z}_8$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 7 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 - R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & -3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 5 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 7 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2R_3+R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 1 & -14 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{-14 \pmod 8 = 2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now check  $BB^{-1} = I$

$$\Rightarrow BB^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 24 & 32 \\ 8 & 9 & 16 \\ 24 & 24 & 41 \end{bmatrix} \pmod{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow B \text{ invertible since } B^{-1} \text{ exist} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

\* we note that  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  have no meaning since  $2 \notin U(\mathbb{Z}_8)$  and  $4 \notin U(\mathbb{Z}_8) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  are undefined in the Ring  $\mathbb{Z}_8$

\* Also we note that  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{5}$  have meaning in  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  since  $3 \in U(\mathbb{Z}_8)$  and  $5 \in U(\mathbb{Z}_8)$  so  $3^{-1} \times 1 = 3 \in \mathbb{Z}_8$  and  $5^{-1} \times 5 = 5 \in \mathbb{Z}_8$

Question 3: If our ring is  $R$ , we know that  $-4 = -1$  times  $4$ . Let  $A$  be a ring with identity. Prove that  $-a = -1 \cdot a$  for every  $a \in A$ .

Solution:-

Let  $a \in A$  prove  $-a = -1 \cdot a$  where  $-a$  is the additive inverse

We know that  $a \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot a = 0$

$$\text{Let } (1 + (-1)) = 0$$

So

$$0 \cdot a = (1 + (-1))a = (1 + (-1)) \cdot a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ((1 + (-1))a = 1 \cdot a + (-1)a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \cdot a + (-1)a = a + (-a) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \cdot a = a \quad \text{and} \quad (-1) \cdot a = -a$$

Therefore  $-a = (-1) \cdot a$ .

## 2.2.10 **Solution for HW-Seven**

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HW7

1) Let  $A$  be the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$ . Find  $Z(A)$ ,  $\text{Nil}(A)$ ,  $U(A)$  and  $\text{Id}(A)$

Solution

$$\mathbb{Z}_{12} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11\}$$

$$* Z(A) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2 \times 6 = 0, \quad 3 \times 4 = 0, \quad 4 \times 9 = 0, \quad 6 \times 6 = 0, \quad 6 \times 10 = 0 \\ 8 \times 9 = 0, \quad 8 \times 6 = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow Z(A) = \{0, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10\}$$

$\text{Nil}(A)$ : Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{12}$  where  $a^n = 0$  so we have  $6^2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Nil}(A) = \{0, 6\}$$

$$U(A) = U(\mathbb{Z}_{12}) = U(12) = \{1, 5, 7, 11\}$$

$\text{Id}(A)$ : Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{12}$  where  $a^2 = a$  so we have  $4^2 = 4, 9^2 = 9, 1^2 = 1, 0^2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Id}(A) = \{0, 1, 4, 9\}$$

2) Let  $A$  be the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_n \oplus \mathbb{Z}_m$ . How many units (invertible element) does  $A$  have?

Solution :- Find  $|U(A)|$

• we know  $(a, b)$  is invertible in  $A$  iff  $a$  is invertible in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  ( $a \in U(\mathbb{Z}_n) = U(n)$ ) and  $b$  is invertible in  $\mathbb{Z}_m$  ( $b \in U(\mathbb{Z}_m) = U(m)$ )

• since  $U(\mathbb{Z}_n) = U(n)$  has  $\phi(n)$  elements this mean  $a$  has  $\phi(n)$  possibility or choices

• since  $U(\mathbb{Z}_m) = U(m)$  has  $\phi(m)$  elements this mean  $b$  has  $\phi(m)$  possibility or choices

Therefore  $(a, b)$  has  $\phi(n)\phi(m)$  possibility this mean

$U(A)$  has  $\phi(n)\phi(m)$  units.  $\Rightarrow |U(A)| = \phi(n)\phi(m)$

$\Rightarrow$  Therefore  $A$  have  $\phi(n)\phi(m)$  units

3) Let  $A$  be the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_6 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{14}$ . Find  $\text{Char}(A)$ . Find  $U(A)$ .

Solution:-

• Find  $\text{Char}(A)$  where  $A = \mathbb{Z}_6 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{14}$

•  $\text{Char}(\mathbb{Z}_6) = \text{Char}((1)) = 6$

$\text{Char}(\mathbb{Z}_{14}) = \text{Char}((1)) = 14$

$\Rightarrow \text{Char}((1,1)) = \text{Lcm}(\text{Char}(1), \text{Char}(1))$

$$= \text{Lcm}(6, 14) = \frac{6 \times 14}{\text{gcd}(6, 14)} = \frac{84}{2} = 42$$

$$= 42$$

$\Rightarrow \text{Char}(A) = 42$

• Find  $U(A) = U(\mathbb{Z}_6 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{14}) = U(\mathbb{Z}_6) \oplus U(\mathbb{Z}_{14})$

•  $U(\mathbb{Z}_6) = U(6) = \{1, 5\}$

$|U(\mathbb{Z}_6)| \oplus |U(\mathbb{Z}_{14})|$

•  $U(14) = U(14) = \{1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 13\}$

$= 2 \times 6 = 12$

$\Rightarrow$  Therefore  $U(A) = \{ (1,1), (1,3), (1,5), (1,9), (1,11), (1,13) \}$   
 $\{ (5,1), (5,3), (5,5), (5,9), (5,11), (5,13) \}$

4) Let  $A$  be a ring such that  $A = R_1 \oplus R_2$  where  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are rings such that  $|R_1| \geq 2$  and  $|R_2| \geq 2$  prove that  $A$  is never an integral Domain.

Let  $a \in R_1$  and  $b \in R_2$  prove that  $A$  is not an integral domain

Since  $a \in R_1$  then  $(a, 0) \in R_1 \oplus R_2$  and since  $b \in R_2$

then  $(0, b) \in R_1 \oplus R_2$ .

$\Rightarrow (a, 0) \odot (0, b) = (0, 0)$

$\Rightarrow$  This means  $(a, 0)$  and  $(0, b)$  are zero divisors

$\Rightarrow$  Since  $(a, 0)$  and  $(0, b)$  are zero divisors

$\Rightarrow$  Therefore  $A$  is not an integral domain



5) let  $A$  be a commutative ring with  $1$   $u \in U(A)$  and  $w \in Nil(A)$   
prove that  $u+w \in U(A)$

Solution:

let  $u \in U(A)$  and  $w \in Nil(A)$  where  $w^n = 0$ ,  $n \geq 1$   
prove  $u+w \in U(A)$

$$\Rightarrow u+w = u(1+u^{-1}w) \quad , \quad \text{where } u^{-1}w \in Nil(A) \Rightarrow (u^{-1}w)^n = 0$$

• if  $n$  is odd then we have

$$(u^{-1}w)^{n+1} = (u^{-1}w+1) [(u^{-1}w)^{n-1} - (u^{-1}w)^{n-2} + \dots + -(u^{-1}w) + 1]$$

$$\text{let } [(u^{-1}w)^{n-1} - (u^{-1}w)^{n-2} + \dots + -(u^{-1}w) + 1] = a$$

$$\Rightarrow (u^{-1}w)^{n+1} = (u^{-1}w+1)a \quad \text{but } (u^{-1}w)^n = 0 \text{ since } (u^{-1}w) \in Nil(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = (u^{-1}w+1)a$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Therefore } (u^{-1}w+1) \in U(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow u+w = u(1+u^{-1}w) \quad , \quad \text{since } u \in U(A) \text{ and } (1+u^{-1}w) \in U(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow u+w \in U(A)$$

only Note if  $n$  is even we have  $(u^{-1}w)^n = 0$  if I multiply it by  $(u^{-1}w)$

we have  $(u^{-1}w)(u^{-1}w)^n = (u^{-1}w) \cdot 0 \Rightarrow (u^{-1}w)^{n+1} = 0$  so  $n+1$  is odd

so I can do the same step above:

$$(u^{-1}w)^{n+1} + 1 = (u^{-1}w+1) [(u^{-1}w)^n - (u^{-1}w)^{n-1} + \dots + -(u^{-1}w) + 1] \text{ so let}$$

$$[(u^{-1}w)^n - (u^{-1}w)^{n-1} + \dots + -(u^{-1}w) + 1] = a$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{since } (u^{-1}w)^{n+1} = 0$$

$$1 = (u^{-1}w+1)a \Rightarrow u^{-1}w+1 \in U(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow u+w = u(u^{-1}w+1) \text{ since } u \in U(A) \text{ and } (u^{-1}w+1) \in U(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow u+w \in U(A)$$

6) let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1 and  $e \in \text{Id}(A)$ . prove that  $1-e \in \text{Id}(A)$  and  $1-2e \in U(A)$

solution

• prove that  $1-e \in \text{Id}(A)$ , prove  $(1-e)^2 = (1-e)$

$$\Rightarrow (1-e)^2 = (1-e)(1-e) = 1 + (-e) + (-e) + e^2$$

$$= 1 + (-2e) + e^2$$

since  $e \in \text{Id}(A) \Rightarrow e^2 = e$

$$\Rightarrow e^2 = e \quad = 1-e$$

$\Rightarrow$  Therefore  $1-e \in \text{Id}(A)$

• prove that  $1-2e \in U(A)$ , prove that  $(1-2e)^2 = 1$

$$\Rightarrow (1-2e)^2 = (1-2e)(1-2e) = 1 + (-2e) + (-2e) + 4e^2$$

since  $e \in \text{Id}(A)$

$$e^2 = e \Rightarrow = 1 + (-4e) + 4e$$

$$= 1$$

$\Rightarrow$  Therefore  $(1-2e) \in U(A)$ .

7) let  $B = \{0, 3, 6, 9, 12\}$  show that  $(B, +, \cdot)$  is a subring of the ring  $(\mathbb{Z}_{15}, +, \cdot)$ . IS  $B$  an ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}_{15}$ ? Note that  $B$  is a ring too!. What is the "1" of the ring  $B$ ? IS the "1" of  $B$  same "1" of  $\mathbb{Z}_{15}$ ? what is the  $\text{Char}(B)$ ? IS  $\text{Char}(B)$  different from  $\text{Char}(\mathbb{Z}_{15})$ ?  
 ? is  $B$  is a field?

Solution: By constructing Cayley's table For  $(B, +)$  and  $(B, \cdot)$

+	0	3	6	9	12	·	3	6	9	12
0	0	3	6	9	12	3	9	3	12	6
3	3	6	9	12	0	6	3	6	9	12
6	6	9	12	0	3	9	12	9	6	3
9	9	12	0	3	6	12	6	12	3	9
12	12	0	3	6	9					

- 1) Show that  $(B, +, \cdot)$  is a subring of the ring  $(\mathbb{Z}_{15}, +, \cdot)$
- $B$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{Z}_{15}$ ,  $B \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_{15}$
  - $0 \in B$  Additive inverse
  - $3 + (-6) = 3 + (9) = 12 \in B$ ,  $3, 6 \in B$  Additive inverse
  - $3 \times 6 = 18 \pmod{15} = 3 \in B$ ,  $3, 6 \in B$   $-3 = 12$ ,  $-6 = 9$

$\Rightarrow$  Therefore  $(B, +, \cdot)$  is a subring of  $A$ .

2) Is  $B$  an ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}_{15}$ ?

yes, since  $B$  is a subring and also if we take for example  $7 \in \mathbb{Z}_{15}$  and  $3 \in B$  this gives us  $3 \times 7 = 21 \pmod{15} = 6$  where  $6 \in B$

$\Rightarrow$  Therefore  $B$  is an ideal.

3) What is "1" of the ring  $B$ ?

6 is the "1" multiplicative identity of  $B$

because  $6 \times 3 = 3$ ,  $6 \times 12 = 12$ ,  $6 \times 9 = 9$  Therefore "1" = 6

4) Is the "1" of the  $B$  the same "1" of  $\mathbb{Z}_{15}$ ?

No, because 6 is the multiplicative identity of  $B$  and 1 is the multiplicative identity of  $\mathbb{Z}_{15}$ .

5) What is  $\text{Char}(B)$ ?

The  $\text{Char}(B)$  is 5 because when we multiply the identity with 5 gives zero where  $5(6) = 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 = 0$  Therefore  $\text{Char}(B) = 5$ .

6) Is the  $\text{Char}(B)$  different from  $\text{Char}(\mathbb{Z}_{15})$ ? Yes because

the  $\text{Char}(B)$  is 5 but  $\text{Char}(\mathbb{Z}_{15}) = 15$  because  $1 \times 15 = 0$

IS  $B$  is a Feild? Yes

- $B$  is a Commutative ring with identity " $1$ " = 6

Since  $B$  is a Subring this mean it's a ring and each element is commutative like :-

$$3 \times 9 = 9 \times 3 = 12, \quad 3 \times 12 = 12 \times 3 = 6$$

So this mean  $B$  is an Abelian group under multiplication

- each Non-Zero element invertible under multiplication:

$$3 \times 12 = 6 \Rightarrow 3^{-1} = 12, \quad 9 \times 9 = 6 \Rightarrow 9^{-1} = 9.$$

$\Rightarrow$  Since  $B$  is a Commutative ring with identity and each non-zero element in  $U(B)$

$\Rightarrow$  Therefore  $B$  is a feild.

Also Note  $B$  has No zero divisor  $Z(B) = \{0\}$  This mean  $B$  is a finite integral domain "From class Notes"

Every finite integral domain is a Feild

$\Rightarrow$   $B$  is a Feild.

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### **3 Section 3: Assessment Tools (unanswered)**

## 3.1 Homework

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### 3.1.1 **HW-One**

**HW I (WARM UP), MTH 532, Spring 2020**

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- QUESTION 1.** (i) Let  $D$  be a group and  $a \in D$ . Given  $|a| = m < \infty$ . Show that  $D = \{a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^m\}$  is a subgroup of  $D$  with  $m$  elements [hint: Since  $D$  is finite, just show that  $D$  is closed ]
- (ii) Let  $D$  be a group and  $a \in D$ . Given  $|a| = m < \infty$ . Assume that  $a^n = e$  (recall  $e$  is the identity of  $D$ ). Prove that  $m \mid n$ .
- (iii) Let  $D$  be a group and  $a \in D$ . Given  $|a| = m < \infty$ . Let  $b \in D$  such that  $b = a^k$  where  $\gcd(k, m) = 1$ . Prove that  $|b| = m$ .
- (iv) Let  $D = (\mathbb{Z}_{20}, +)$ . Given  $H = \{0, 4, 8, 12, 16\}$  is a subgroup of  $D$ . Find all left cosets of  $H$ .
- (v) Let  $D = (\mathbb{Q}, +)$ . Then  $H = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is a subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ . Prove that  $H$  has infinitely many left cosets. Give me 5 distinct left cosets of  $H$ .
- (vi) Let  $F = \{6, 12, 18, 24\}$ . Convince me that  $F$  is a group under multiplication module 30 by constructing the Caley's Table. What is  $e$ ? What is  $12^{-1}$ ? What is  $24^{-1}$ ?

**Submit your solution on Saturday Feb 15, 2020 at 12.**

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### 3.1.2 **HW-Two**

**HW II , MTH 532, Spring 2020**

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**QUESTION 1.** (i) Let  $D$  be a group,  $a \in D$  such that  $|a| = n < \infty$ . Let  $m$  be a positive integer and  $r = \gcd(m, n)$ . Prove that  $|a^m| = n/r$ . **I do not want to see a proof of this, the proof exists in the solution-book that I posted, but you need to know this fact and use it**

- (ii) Let  $D = (Z_{24}, +)$ . Find  $|9|$ ,  $|14|$ ,  $|18|$ ,  $|11|$  (hint: note that  $Z_{24} = \langle 1 \rangle$  and for example  $8 = 1^8$ , then use (i)).
- (iii) Let  $a, b \in D$ . Assume that  $|b| = m < \infty$ . Prove that  $|a^{-1}ba| = m$ .
- (iv) Let  $D = Z_n \oplus Z_m$ ,  $n, m \geq 2$  (of course the binary operations are addition mod  $n$  and addition mod  $m$ ). Let  $(a, b) \in D$ . Prove that  $|(a, b)| = \text{LCM}[|a|, |b|]$  [hint: note that if  $k, w$  are integers, then  $\text{LCM}[k, w] = kw/\gcd(k, w)$ , for example  $\text{LCM}[8, 12] = 8 \cdot 12/4 = 24$ ]
- (v) Let  $D = Z_n \oplus Z_m$ . Prove that  $D$  is cyclic if and only if  $\gcd(n, m) = 1$ . [hint: use part IV]
- (vi) Let  $D = Z_6 \oplus Z_{14}$ .
- Convince me that  $D$  is not cyclic. Find the value of the integer  $m$  such that the order of each element in  $D$  is  $\leq m$ .
  - Find  $|(3, 5)|$  and  $|(4, 10)|$  [Hint: note  $3 = 1^3$  and  $5 = 1^5$ , now use (i) and (iv)].
  - Give me two subgroups of  $D$ , say  $H_1, H_2$  such that  $|H_1| = |H_2| = 2$ .
  - Does  $D$  have a cyclic subgroup of size (order) 21? If yes find a generator to such subgroup.

**Submit your solution any time on SUNDAY before midnight, Feb 23, 2020 .**

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### 3.1.3 **HW-Three**

**HW III , MTH 532, Spring 2020**

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**QUESTION 1.** (i) Fact (you may use it whenever it is needed, for a proof just see it in any Algebra TextBook, but you must KNOW this FACT). Let  $H$  be a subset of a group  $D$  (note that  $H$  can be finite or infinite). Then  $H$  is a subgroup of  $D$  if and only if  $a^{-1} * b \in H$  for every  $a, b \in H$  ( $a, b$  need not be distinct).

(ii) Let  $F, L$  be subgroups of a group  $D$ . Prove that  $M = F \cap L$  is a subgroup of  $D$  (hint: Use (i) above)

(iii) by (ii),  $N = 12Z \cap 15Z$  is a subgroup of  $(Z, +)$ . Since  $Z$  is cyclic, we know  $N = aZ$ . Find  $a$ .

(iv) Let  $D$  be an abelian group with 9 elements. Given that  $D$  has two distinct subgroups,  $H_1, H_2$  such that  $|H_1| = |H_2| = 3$ . Convince me that it is impossible that  $D = (Z_9, +)$ . What will be an example of such group  $D$ ?

(v) Let  $f \in S_n$  such that  $f$  is  $m$ -cycle. Convince me that if  $m$  is odd integer, then  $f \in A_n$  and if  $m$  is an even integer, then  $f \notin A_n$ .

(vi) Let  $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 4 & 3 & 6 & 8 & 7 & 2 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \in S_8$ .

a. Find  $|f|$ . Is  $F \in A_8$ ? explain

b. Does  $A_8$  has an abelian subgroup with 15 elements? [Hint: If you show that  $A_5$  has a cyclic subgroup with 15 elements, then you are done, since cyclic implies abelian]

(vii) Let  $f = (1\ 4\ 3)(1\ 4) \in S_4$ . Find  $|f|$ . Let  $k = (1\ 4\ 3)(1\ 5) \in S_5$ . Find  $|k|$ .

(viii) Given  $H = \{(1), (1\ 4\ 3), (1\ 3\ 4)\}$  is a subgroup of  $S_5$  (this is given, you do not need to check unless you do not believe me). Find the left coset  $(1\ 5) \circ H$  and find the right coset  $H \circ (1\ 5)$ . What do you observe? Can we say that  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $S_5$ ?

(ix) Let  $a, b$  be element of a group such that  $a * b = b * a$ . Assume  $|a| = n$  and  $|b| = m$ . Let  $k = |a * b|$ . Prove  $k \mid nm$ .

(x) Give me an example of two elements  $a, b$  in a group where  $|a| = n, |b| = m$  and  $|a * b| = k$ , but  $k \nmid nm$  [hint: Stare at the element  $k$  in vii and some how find  $a$  and  $b$  !]

(xi) Let  $a, b$  be element of a group such that  $a * b = b * a$ . Assume  $|a| = n, |b| = m$  and  $\gcd(n, m) = 1$ . Let  $k = |a * b|$ . Prove  $k = nm$ . [Hint: you may want to use the fact from number theory that if  $\gcd(w, d) = 1, d \mid c$  and  $w \mid c$ , then  $wd \mid c$ , of course  $w, d, c$  are some positive integers]

(xii) Let  $F : (D_1, *_1) \rightarrow (D_2, *_2)$  be a group-homomorphism and  $H < D_1$ . Prove that  $F(H)$  is a subgroup of  $D_2$  (note it is possible that  $H = D_1$ ) [Hint: Use part (i) above]

(xiii) Let  $F : (Z_{24}, +) \rightarrow (Z_{15}, +)$  be a group homomorphism such that  $F(1) \neq 0$ . Find  $F(Z_{24})$ . [Hint: Note that  $Z_n$  is cyclic,  $F(Z_{24})$  is a subgroup of  $Z_{15}$  by xii and  $|F(a)|$  must be a factor of  $|a|$  for every  $a \in Z_{24}$  by class-Theorem ]. Find  $F(1), F(8), F(12)$ .

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### 3.1.4 **HW-Four**

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- QUESTION 1.** (i) Let  $D$  be a group with 27 elements. You just observed that  $C(D)$  has at least 4 elements. Prove that  $D$  is abelian.
- (ii) You need this fact, so you must know it and make use of it. Assume that  $H, K$  are subgroups of a group  $(D, *)$ . Note that  $H * K = \{h * k \mid h \in H, k \in K\}$ . Then  $|H * K| = \frac{|H||K|}{|H \cap K|}$ . (no proof is needed)
- (iii) Let  $D$  be a finite group,  $K, H$  are normal subgroups of  $D$  such that  $H * K = D$  and  $H \cap K = \{e\}$ .
- Prove that  $K \approx D/H$  [Hint note that  $|D/H| = |K|$ , define  $f : K \rightarrow D/H$  such that  $f(k) = k * H$  for every  $k \in K$ . Show that  $f$  is group homomorphism and then you only need to show that  $f$  is 1-1.]
  - Prove that  $H \approx D/K$ .
  - Prove that  $D \approx \frac{D}{H} \oplus \frac{D}{K} \approx K \oplus H$ . [hint: Define  $f : D \rightarrow \frac{D}{H} \oplus \frac{D}{K}$  such that  $f(d) = (d * H, d * K)$  for every  $d \in D$ . Show that  $f$  is a group homomorphism. Then show that  $f$  is 1-1 (note both groups have same cardinality. Then use (a) and (b) and finish the proof.)]
- (iv) Let  $H, K$  be subgroups of a group  $D$ . In general,  $H * K$  need not be a subgroup of  $D$ . However, if  $K$  is a normal subgroup of  $D$ , then prove that  $K * H$  is a subgroup of  $D$ . [hint: Just show  $a^{-1} * b \in K * H$  for every  $a, b \in K * H$ ]
- (v) Let  $D$  be a group with 38 elements,  $K, H$  are subgroups of  $D$  such that  $|K| = 19$  and  $|H| = 2$  such that  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $D$ . Prove that  $D \approx Z_{38}$  [hint: note that  $|D/K| = 2$  and hence  $K$  is a normal subgroup of  $D$  by class notes and use (iii) (c), Show that  $D$  is cyclic and hence by class notes  $D \approx Z_{38}$  ]
- (vi) Let  $D$  be an infinite cyclic group. Prove that  $D$  has exactly two generators. [Hint: We know  $D \approx Z$ . Hence how many generators does  $Z$  have?]
- (vii) Let  $U(n) = \{a \in Z_n \mid \gcd(a, n) = 1\}$ . Prove that  $U(n)$  is a group under multiplication mod  $n$  with  $\phi(n)$  elements. [Hint: Closure is clear, if  $x, y \in U(n)$ , then  $\gcd(x, n) = \gcd(y, n) = 1$  and hence  $\gcd(xy, n) = 1$ . Thus  $xy \in U(n)$ . To prove the inverse, you need to use Fermat-Euler result: let  $a \in U(n)$ , since  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$  we know that  $n \mid (a^{\phi(n)} - 1)$  and this means that  $a^{\phi(n)} = 1 \pmod{n}$ . Thus  $a^{-1} = a^{(\phi(n)-1)} \pmod{n}$ ]. Example:  $U(12) = \{1, 5, 7, 11\}$  is a group (abelian) with  $\phi(12) = 4$  elements under multiplication mod(12).
- (viii) (must KNOW, no need for a proof, nice result on  $U(n)$ ) . Assume  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k}$  (prime factorization of  $n$  where  $p_1 < p_2 < \cdots < p_k$ ). Then we know  $\phi(n) = (p_1 - 1)p_1^{(\alpha_1-1)} \cdots (p_k - 1)p_k^{(\alpha_k-1)}$ . Then (BEAUTIFUL RESULT) If  $n$  is even then  $(p_1 = 2)$  and
- $$U(n) \approx Z_2 \oplus Z_{2^{(\alpha_1-2)}} \oplus Z_{(p_2-1)} \oplus Z_{p_2^{(\alpha_2-1)}} \oplus \cdots \oplus Z_{(p_k-1)} \oplus Z_{p_k^{(\alpha_k-1)}}. \text{ (note if } \alpha_1 = 1 \text{ then remove } Z_2 \oplus Z_{2^{(\alpha_1-2)}} \text{, note } U(2) = \{1\} \text{). If } n \text{ is odd, then}$$
- $$U(n) \approx Z_{(p_1-1)} \oplus Z_{p_1^{(\alpha_1-1)}} \oplus Z_{(p_2-1)} \oplus Z_{p_2^{(\alpha_2-1)}} \oplus \cdots \oplus Z_{(p_k-1)} \oplus Z_{p_k^{(\alpha_k-1)}}. \text{ Example Assume } n = 2^3 5^7 11^3. \text{ Hence } \phi(n) = 2^2(4)5^6(10)11^2. \text{ (n is even). Hence } U(n) \approx Z_2 \oplus Z_2 \oplus Z_4 \oplus Z_{5^6} \oplus Z_{10} \oplus Z_{11^2}. \text{ Example } n = (2)7^8 13^2. \text{ (n is even). } \phi(n) = (6)7^7(12)13^1. \text{ Hence } U(n) \approx Z_6 \oplus Z_7 \oplus Z_{12} \oplus Z_{13}$$
- (ix) Prove that  $U(n)$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , is cyclic if and only if  $n = 4$  or  $n = p^k$  or  $n = 2p^k$  for some ODD prime  $p$  and  $k \geq 1$ . [hint: note that if  $p$  is prime odd then  $\gcd(p - 1, p) = 1$ , also note that if  $p$  is odd, then  $p - 1$  is even. Use (viii) and old HW!).
- (x) Prove that  $U(64)$  has an element of order 16, but it has no elements of order 32. (Hint: of course you are not going to calculate the order of each element!, use (viii) and old HW).
- (xi) Prove that  $D = (Z_5, +) \oplus U(18)$  is cyclic, and hence  $D \approx (Z_m, +)$ . Find  $m$ .
- (xii) prove that  $(Q^*, \cdot)$  is not cyclic. [Hint: We know  $Q^*$  is a group under normal multiplication. Note that in an infinite cyclic group  $D$  we have  $|a| = \infty$  for each  $a \in D - \{e\}$  (class notes).

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### 3.1.5 **HW-Five**

## HW V , MTH 532, Spring 2020

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### Observations

- (i) Let  $p, q$  be two primes numbers ( $p, q$  need not be distinct) If  $H, K$  are two distinct groups with  $p$  elements and  $q$  elements, respectively, then  $H \cap K = \{e\}$ . Note that if  $p = q$ , but  $H, K$  are distinct, we still have  $H \cap K = \{e\}$ .
- (ii) If  $|H| = p^m$  and  $|K| = q^n$ , where  $q, p$  are distinct prime integers, then  $H \cap K = \{e\}$ .
- (iii) If  $D = Z_5 \oplus Z_{25} \oplus Z_3$ , then  $D$  has many subgroups with 25 elements. For, let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $Z_{25}$  with 5 elements. We know that such  $H$  is unique (since  $Z_{25}$  is cyclic). Hence  $W = Z_5 \oplus H \oplus \{0\}$  and  $K = \{0\} \oplus Z_{25} \oplus \{0\}$  are subgroups with 25 elements. Also since  $|(a, 1, 0)| = 25$  for every  $a \in Z_5$ , we conclude that for each  $a \in Z_5$ , the group  $F_a$  generated by  $(a, 1, 0)$  is a cyclic subgroup of  $D$  with 25 elements. Also note that  $W, K, F_a$  ( $a \neq 0$ ) are distinct subgroups and each is with 25 elements, note if  $a = 0$ , then  $F_a = K$ .

**QUESTION 1.** Let  $D$  be an abelian group with  $2^3 5^2$  elements

- (i) Suppose that  $D$  has exactly one subgroup with 4 elements. Find all non-isomorphic groups with these properties. [hint: Observations above might be useful]
- (ii) Suppose that  $D$  has exactly one subgroup with 4 elements and it has exactly one subgroup with 5 elements. Find all non-isomorphic groups with these properties.

**QUESTION 2.** Let  $D$  be a cyclic group with 100 elements. Convince me that  $(AUT(D), o)$  is an abelian group and find  $m_1, \dots, m_k$  such that  $AUT(D) \approx Z_{m_1} \oplus \dots \oplus Z_{m_k}$ . [hint: Use my lecture! and HW 4].

**QUESTION 3.** Prove that every group with  $n = 17 \cdot 3^2$  is abelian. Find all non-isomorphic groups with  $n$  elements. [Hint: See my first lecture on Sylow !]

**QUESTION 4.** Let  $D$  be a group with 5.11.29. Prove that  $D$  has exactly one subgroup with 29 elements, say  $H$ , and  $H \subseteq C(D)$ . [hint: see my part 2 lecture on sylows].

**QUESTION 5.** Let  $D$  be a group with 216 elements. Prove that  $D$  is not simple. [hint: note that  $216 = 2^3 \cdot 3^3$  and it is possible that  $n_3 = 4$ . Use the technique as in my part 2 lecture on Sylow's Theorem to construct a group homomorphism with non-trivial kernel.]

**QUESTION 6.** Let  $D$  be a group with 5.7.17 elements. Prove that  $D$  is not simple. Assume that  $n_{17} \neq 1$ . How many elements in  $D$  have order 17? [hint: Find  $n_5$ ...so you may discover that  $D$  is not simple. see OBSERVATION (i) above..., then it should be clear how many elements in  $D$  have order 17]

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### 3.1.6 HW-Six

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**(1) you need to know this fact: Fix  $n \geq 2$  and  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1. Then  $B \in U(A^{n \times n})$  if and only if  $|B| \in U(A)$ , i.e. using street language , an  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$  is invertible over  $A$  if and only if determinant of  $B$  is a unit of  $A$  (an element in a ring  $A$  is called unit, if it has inverse under multiplication)**

**For example A matrix  $B \in U(Z_m^{n \times n})$  if and only if  $|B| \in U(Z_m) = U(m)$ . A matrix  $B \in U(Z^{n \times n})$  if and only if  $|B| \in U(Z) = \{1, -1\}$**

**(2) You need to know the meaning of FRACTIONS in a ring: Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1 and  $a, b \in A$ . Then  $\frac{a}{b}$  has a meaning in  $A$  if and only if  $b \in U(A)$ . If  $b \in U(A)$ , then  $\frac{a}{b}$  means  $b^{-1}a$ .**

**For example  $\frac{4}{5}$  has a meaning in the ring  $Z_6$  since  $5 \in U(Z_6) = U(6)$  and  $\frac{4}{5}$  means the element  $5^{-1}4 = 2 \in Z_6$ . Since  $4 \notin U(Z_{14}) = U(14)$ ,  $\frac{5}{4}$  is undefined in the ring  $Z_{14}$ .**

**QUESTION 1.** Let  $F = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $A = P(F)$  ( $P(F)$  is the power set of  $F$ , note  $|P(F)| = 16$ ). We know  $(A, +, \cdot)$  is a commutative ring with identity  $1 = F$  (see class notes,  $a + b = (a - b) \cup (b - a)$  and  $ab = a \cap b$  for every  $a, b \in A$ ). Also, we know that  $U(A) = \{F\}$  and hence a matrix  $B \in U(A^{n \times n})$  if and only if  $|B| = F$ . Also, from class notes, we know  $-a = a$  and  $a^2 = a$  for every  $a \in A$

For example  $B = \begin{bmatrix} \{1, 3\} & \{2, 4\} \\ \{1, 2, 4\} & \{1, 2, 3\} \end{bmatrix} \in U(F^{2 \times 2})$ . You only need to know what  $+$  means and what  $\cdot$  means in the ring  $A$ . Then all techniques you learned from basic linear algebra can be applied on  $A$ . In a basic linear algebra course your ring is  $R$ , but here your ring is  $A$ .

For example we know that if  $B = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  is invertible over  $R$  then  $B^{-1} = \frac{1}{|B|} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$ . We can use this fact for any  $2 \times 2$  matrix over a commutative ring with identity.

So  $|B| = \{1, 3\}\{1, 2, 3\} + -\{2, 4\}\{1, 2, 4\} = \{1, 3\} \cap \{1, 2, 3\} + \{2, 4\} \cap \{1, 2, 4\} = \{1, 3\} + \{2, 4\} = (\{1, 3\} - \{2, 4\}) \cup (\{2, 4\} - \{1, 3\}) = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} = F \in U(A)$ . Hence  $B$  is invertible. Thus  $B^{-1} = \frac{F}{F} \begin{bmatrix} \{1, 2, 3\} & \{2, 4\} \\ \{1, 2, 4\} & \{1, 3\} \end{bmatrix} =$

$$F \begin{bmatrix} \{1, 2, 3\} & \{2, 4\} \\ \{1, 2, 4\} & \{1, 3\} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \{1, 2, 3\} & \{2, 4\} \\ \{1, 2, 4\} & \{1, 3\} \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that  $BB^{-1} = B^{-1}B = \begin{bmatrix} F & \phi \\ \phi & F \end{bmatrix} = I_2$  since in our  $A$ ,  $1 = F$  and  $0 = \phi$ .

(i) Let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} \{1, 2\} & \{2, 4\} \\ \{3, 4\} & \{1, 3\} \end{bmatrix}$ . Does  $B^{-1}$  exist? if yes, then find it. If no, then explain.

(ii) Let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} \{2, 3\} & \{1, 3, 4\} \\ \{1, 3, 4\} & \{2, 4\} \end{bmatrix}$ . Does  $B^{-1}$  exist? if yes, then find it. If no, then explain.

(iii) Let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} F & \{2, 4\} & \{1\} \\ \{1, 3\} & F & \{3\} \\ \{2\} & \{2\} & F \end{bmatrix}$ . If possible find  $B^{-1}$  [Hint: Use the techniques you learned from linear Algebra.

Use row operations and try to change the matrix  $[B] \begin{bmatrix} F & \phi & \phi \\ \phi & F & \phi \\ \phi & \phi & F \end{bmatrix}$  into  $\begin{bmatrix} F & \phi & \phi \\ \phi & F & \phi \\ \phi & \phi & F \end{bmatrix} | [C]$ . If you succeed then

$C = B^{-1}$ , if you did not succeed, then  $B$  is not invertible over  $A$ .

**QUESTION 2.** Convince me that  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  is invertible over  $Z_8$ . Again use the techniques you learned in

linear algebra but here addition means addition mod 8 and multiplication means multiplication mod 8 and in view of the comments in (2) observe that  $1/2, 1/4$  have no meaning in  $Z_8$  but  $1/3, 1/5$  have meaning!

**QUESTION 3.** If our ring is  $R$ , we know that  $-4 = -1$  times 4. Let  $A$  be a ring with identity. Prove that  $-a = -1.a$  for every  $a \in A$  (i.e., prove that the additive inverse of  $a$  equals the additive inverse of the identity "1" times  $a$ ). (Hint: use that fact that  $a.0 = 0 = 0.a = 0$  for every  $a \in A$ )

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### 3.1.7 **HW-Seven**

**HW SEVEN , MTH 532, Spring 2020**

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**QUESTION 1.** Let  $A$  be the ring  $Z_{12}$ . Find  $Z(A)$ ,  $Nil(A)$ ,  $U(A)$  and  $Id(A)$ .

**QUESTION 2.** Let  $A$  be the ring  $Z_n \oplus Z_m$ . How many units (invertible elements) does  $A$  have? i.e., Find  $|U(A)|$  [Hint: it is trivial to see that  $(a, b)$  is invertible in  $A$  iff  $a$  is invertible in  $Z_n$  and  $b$  is invertible in  $Z_m$ , some how the question is related to  $\phi(k)$ ]

**QUESTION 3.** Let  $A$  be the ring  $Z_6 \oplus Z_{14}$ . Find  $Char(A)$ . Find  $U(A)$ .

**QUESTION 4.** Let  $A$  be a ring such that  $A = R_1 \oplus R_2$ , where  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are rings such that  $|R_1| \geq 2$  and  $|R_2| \geq 2$ . Prove that  $A$  is never an integral domain.

**QUESTION 5.** Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1,  $u \in U(A)$  and  $w \in Nil(A)$ . Prove that  $u + w \in U(A)$ . (hint: Note that  $u + w = u(1 + u^{-1}w)$  and  $u^{-1}w \in Nil(A)$ . Also note that if  $m$  is an odd integer, then high school math tells us that  $x^m + 1 = (x + 1)[(x^{m-1} - x^{m-2} + \dots + -x + 1)]$ )

**QUESTION 6.** Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1 and  $e \in Id(A)$ . Prove that  $1 - e \in Id(A)$  and  $1 - 2e \in U(A)$ .

**QUESTION 7.** Let  $B = \{0, 3, 6, 9, 12\}$ . Show that  $(B, +, \cdot)$  is a subring of the ring  $(Z_{15}, +, \cdot)$ . Is  $B$  an ideal of  $Z_{15}$ ? note that  $B$  is a ring too!. What is "1" of the ring  $B$ ? Is the "1" of  $B$  the same "1" of  $Z_{15}$ ? What is  $Char(B)$ ? Is  $Char(B)$  different from  $Char(Z_{15})$ ? Is  $B$  a field? [hint: Just do the Caley's table of  $(B, +)$  and the Caley's table of  $(B, \cdot)$ , stare really well, then start answering the questions!, remember  $+$  means addition mod 15 and  $\cdot$  means multiplication mod 15]

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## 3.2 Exams

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### 3.2.1 **Exam One**

**EXAM I , MTH 532, Spring 2020**

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**QUESTION 1.** Given  $D$  is a group with 48 elements. Assume that  $D$  has an element  $a \in C(D)$  such that  $|a| = 16$ . Prove that  $D$  is cyclic.

**QUESTION 2.** Does  $U(54)$  have an element of order 18? If yes, how many elements of order 18 does  $U(54)$  have?

**QUESTION 3.** Let  $f : (Z_{18}, +) \rightarrow (U(50), \cdot)$  be a group homomorphism such that  $f(1) \neq 1$ . Find  $f(0)$ . Find  $\text{Ker}(f)$ .

**QUESTION 4.** Let  $D$  be a group with 100 elements. Assume that  $D$  has a subgroup  $H$  with 20 elements such that  $H \subseteq C(D)$ . Prove that  $D$  is an abelian group.

**QUESTION 5.** (i) **EXTRA CREDIT, but you need it to solve (ii).** Let  $D$  be a finite group and  $H$  be a subgroup of  $D$  such that  $[D : H] = m$  for some integer  $m$  (note that  $[D : H] = |D|/|H| =$  number of all distinct left cosets of  $H$ ). Prove that there is a group homomorphism, say  $f$ , from  $D$  into  $S_m$  such  $\text{Ker}(f) \subseteq H$ .

(ii) Let  $D$  be a finite simple group. Assume that  $H, K$  are subgroups of  $D$  such that  $[D : H] = p_1$  and  $[D : K] = p_2$  for some prime integers  $p_1, p_2$ . Prove that  $p_1 = p_2$ . (nice result!)

**QUESTION 6.** Let  $D$  be a group with  $p^m$  elements, where  $p$  is a prime integer and  $m \geq 2$ . Prove that  $D$  has a normal subgroup with  $p^{m-1}$  elements. [Hint : Show that  $D$  must have a subgroup  $H$  with  $p^{m-1}$  elements by class note result (which result?). Then use class - lecture (result) to show that  $H$  is normal in  $H$  (which result?).]

**QUESTION 7.** Let  $D$  be a group with  $(5^2)(7^2)$  elements. Prove that  $D$  is an abelian group. Find all non-isomorphic groups with  $(5^2)(7^2)$  elements?

**QUESTION 8.** Let  $a = (1\ 2\ 3) \circ (1\ 3\ 4\ 2\ 5) \in S_6$ . Is  $a \in A_6$ ? Find  $|a|$ .

**QUESTION 9.** Let  $D$  be a group with 105 elements ( $105 = (3)(5)(7)$ ).

(i) Prove that  $D$  is not simple. [Hint: Assume  $D$  is simple. How many elements of orders 7, 5, 3 does  $D$  have? is this possible?

(ii) Assume that  $n_7 = 1$  (i.e.,  $D$  has exactly one sylow-7-subgroup). Prove that  $D$  has a normal cyclic subgroup with 35 elements [hint: Use a result from HW, use a result from class notes! and of course sylow's theorems] .

**Submit your solution by 3 pm (as at most), March 28, 2020 .**

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## 3.2.2 Exam Two

**EXAM II , MTH 532, Spring 2020**

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**Submit your solution any time before 00: 15, (I will deduct points after 00 : 17) .**

**QUESTION 1.** (i) Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1 and  $B$  be a commutative ring ( $B$  may not have "1"). Assume  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a ring-homomorphism. Prove that  $f(1) \in Id(B)$  (i.e., show that  $f(1)$  is an idempotent element of  $B$ ).

(ii) Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1 and  $B = 2Z$  ( $B$  is the set of all even integers). Assume  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a ring-homomorphism. Prove that  $f(a) = 0$  for every  $a \in A$ .

(iii) Let  $A, B$  be fields and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a ring-homomorphism such that  $f(a) \neq 0$  for some  $a \in A$ . Prove that  $f$  is injective (i.e., prove that  $f$  is one-to-one).

(iv) Let  $f : Z_6 \rightarrow Z_9$  be a ring-homomorphism. Prove that  $f(a) = 0$  for every  $a \in Z_6$ .

**QUESTION 2.** Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1 and let  $I$  be a proper ideal of  $A$  that is not a maximal ideal of  $A$ . Hence, we know that  $I \subset M$  for some maximal ideal  $M$  of  $A$ . Let  $a \in M - I$ . Prove that  $a + I$  is not an invertible element of the ring  $A/I$  (i.e., show that  $a + I \notin U(A/I)$ ).

**QUESTION 3.** Let  $A$  be a finite commutative ring with 1 and  $a \in A$ . Suppose that  $a \notin Z(A)$ . Prove that  $a \in U(A)$ .

**QUESTION 4.** Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1 and  $f(X) \in A[X]$  such that  $f(X) \neq 0$  and  $f(X) \in Z(A[X])$ . For every  $n \geq 1$ , prove that there exists a polynomial  $k(X) \in A[X]$  of degree  $n$  such that  $k(X)f(X) = 0$ .

**QUESTION 5.** Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1 and  $I$  be a prime ideal of  $A$ . Prove that  $Nil(A) \subseteq I$ .

**QUESTION 6.** (i) Let  $A = Z_4 \oplus Z_6$ . Find all prime ideals of  $A$ .

(ii) Let  $A = Z_{12} \oplus Z_8$ . Find  $Nil(A)$ .

(iii) Let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Is  $B$  invertible over  $Z_9$ ? If yes, then find  $B^{-1}$ . If No, then explain.

(iv) Let  $A = Z_{10}[X]$  and  $f(X) = 2X^3 + 5X + 4 \in A$ . Is  $f(X) \in Z(A)$ ?

(v) Give me an example of a commutative ring  $A$  with 1 such that  $Char(A) = 5$  and  $Z(A) \neq \{0\}$ .

(vi) Let  $A = Z_{18}[X]$  and  $f(X) = 6X^2 + 12X + 17 \in A$ . Is there a polynomial  $k(X) \in A$  such that  $k(X)f(X) = 1$ ? If yes, then explain (you do not need to find  $k(X)$ ). If no, then tell me why not.

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### 3.2.3 **Final Exam**

## Final Exam , MTH 532, Spring 2020

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**QUESTION 1.** Let  $F$  be a finite field with  $2^{12}$  elements.

- (i) **(3 points)** Let  $a \in F$ . Then  $a$  is a root of an irreducible monic polynomial of degree  $m$  over  $Z_2$ . Find all possibilities of  $m$ .
- (ii) **(3 points)** We know that  $(F^*, \cdot)$  is a cyclic group and hence  $(F^*, \cdot) = \langle a \rangle$  for some  $a \in F^*$ . Prove that the degree of  $Irr(a, Z_2) = 12$ ? (i.e., prove that the degree of the unique irreducible monic polynomial over  $Z_2$  that has  $a$  as a root is 12)
- (iii) **(3 points)** We know  $|F^*| = 2^{12} - 1 = 4095$ . Since  $819 \mid 4095$ , then we know that  $F^*$  has a unique cyclic subgroup, say  $H = \langle b \rangle$  for some  $b \in F^*$  with 819 elements. What is the degree of  $Irr(b, Z_2)$ ? **justify your answer**
- (iv) **(4 points)** Let  $P_{12}$  be the set of all irreducible monic polynomials of degree 12 over  $Z_2$ . Find  $|P_{12}|$ . Show the work.
- (v) **(8 points)** Find all elements of the Galois group  $Aut(F/Z_2)$ . For each subgroup  $H$  of  $Aut(F/Z_2)$  find the corresponding subfield of  $F$ , say  $L_H$ , that is fixed by  $H$ .

**QUESTION 2.** Let  $E$  be the 5th cyclotomic extension field of  $Q$

- (i) **(2 points)**  $E = Q(a)$  for some  $a \in C$  ( $C$  is the ring (field) of all complex numbers). Find  $a$ .
- (ii) **(6 points)** Let  $a$  as in (i), find  $Irr(a, Q)$ , find  $[E : Q]$ , and find all roots of  $Irr(a, Q)$  inside  $E$ . Is  $Aut(E/Q)$  a cyclic group under composition? how many elements does  $Aut(E/Q)$  have?
- (iii) **(2 points)** Find a basis  $B$  (in terms of  $a$ ) of  $E$  over  $Q$ .
- (iv) **(2 points)** write  $a^6 + a^5 + a^4$  as a linear combination of the elements in the basis  $B$  ( $B$  is as in iii).
- (v) **(4 points)** For each subgroup of  $Aut(E/Q)$  with 2 elements, say  $H$ , find the corresponding subfield of  $E$ , say  $L_H$ , that is fixed by  $H$ .

**QUESTION 3.** Let  $E = Q(\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{7})$ .

- (i) **(3 points)**. We know that  $E = Q(a)$  for some  $a \in R$ . Find  $Irr(a, Q)$  (i.e., find the unique irreducible monic polynomial over  $Q$  that has  $a$  as a root. What is  $[E : Q]$ ?
- (ii) **(3 points)** It is clear that  $L = Q(\sqrt{35})$  is a subfield of  $E$ . Find the subgroup, say  $H$ , of  $Aut(E/Q)$  that fixes the field  $L$ .
- (iii) **(3 points)** Is the field  $Q(\sqrt{5})$  isomorphic to the field  $Q(\sqrt{7})$ ? If yes, then construct such ring-isomorphism (field-isomorphism)? If no, then explain briefly why not?

**QUESTION 4. (3 points)** Let  $E$  be the splitting field of the polynomial  $f(x) = x^7 - 18$ . We know that  $E$  is a Galois Extension of  $Q$ . Prove that  $Aut(E/Q)$  is a non-abelian group.

**QUESTION 5.** (i) **(2 points)** Give me an example of an integral domain that is not a UFD (Unique Factorization Domain).

- (ii) **(2 points)** Give me an example of a Unique Factorization Domain that is not a principal ideal domain
- (iii) **(4 points)** Let  $A$  be a principal ideal domain. Prove that every prime ideal of  $A$  is a maximal ideal of  $A$ . [Hint: Every proper ideal is a principal ideal, and every proper ideal is contained in a maximal ideal].
- (iv) **(4 points)** Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1. Suppose that  $A$  has exactly one maximal ideal. Prove that  $Id(A) = \{0, 1\}$ . [Hint: note if  $x \notin U(A)$ , then the ideal  $(x) = xA$  is a proper ideal of  $A$ ].
- (v) **(4 points)** Let  $A$  be an integral domain,  $P$  be a prime ideal of  $A$ , and  $I$  be a proper ideal of  $A$  such that  $I \cap P = \{0\}$ . Prove that there exists a prime ideal  $F$  of  $A$  such that  $I \subseteq F$  and  $F \cap P = \{0\}$  [Hint: Let  $W = P - 0$ , note  $I \cap W = \emptyset$ ]

**QUESTION 6. ( 4 points).** Let  $F$  be a group with 12 elements. Prove that  $F$  must have a normal subgroup with 3 elements OR  $F$  must have a normal subgroup with 4 elements.

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