

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
Department of Mathematics
MATH 2070A Algebraic Structures 2019-20
Homework 5
Due Date: 17th October 2019

Compulsory Part

1. Let $G = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8\}$. Define a binary operation $*$ on G as follows:

$$l * k = \overline{l \cdot k},$$

where \cdot represents the multiplication of integers, and for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ the symbol \overline{n} denotes the remainder of the division of n by 9. Given that $G = (G, *)$ is group. Show that G is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_6 .

2. Let G, G' be isomorphic cyclic groups. Show that for any generator g of G (i.e. $G = \langle g \rangle$) and any group isomorphism $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$, the element $\phi(g)$ is a generator of G' .

3. Let:

$$G = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

- (a) Show that $(G, *)$ is a group, where $*$ is matrix multiplication.
(b) Show that $(G, *)$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$.

4. Show that a group G is abelian if and only if the map

$$\phi : G \rightarrow G$$

$$\phi(g) = g^{-1}, \quad g \in G,$$

is a group homomorphism.

Optional Part

1. Let $G = \{1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23\}$. Define a binary operation $*$ on G as follows:

$$l * k = \overline{l \cdot k},$$

where \cdot represents the multiplication of integers, and for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ the symbol \overline{n} denotes the remainder of the division of n by 24.

- (a) Given that $G = (G, *)$ is group, show that G is *not* isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_8 .
(b) G is isomorphic to one of the following groups. Make a guess which one.
i. $S_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$.
ii. $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_5$.
iii. $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$.

2. Let $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$ be a bijective group homomorphism. Show that the inverse map $\phi^{-1} : G' \rightarrow G$ is also a group homomorphism.
3. Show that $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_6 .
4. Show that any non-abelian group of order 6 is isomorphic to S_3 .
5. Let n be a positive integer. Define $\phi : (\mathbb{Z}, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_n, +_n)$ as follows:

$$\phi(k) = \bar{k}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z},$$

where \bar{k} denotes the remainder of the division of k by n .

- (a) Show that ϕ is a group homomorphism.
 - (b) Find $\ker \phi$ and the index $[\mathbb{Z} : \ker \phi]$.
 - (c) Find all group homomorphism(s) $\psi : \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, if any exists.
6. Find the total number of group isomorphisms:
 - (a) from U_5 to U_5 .
 - (b) from U_{12} to \mathbb{Z}_{12} .

7. Define $\phi : (\mathbb{R}, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$ as follows:

$$\phi(x) = e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (a) Show that ϕ is a group homomorphism.
 - (b) Find $\ker \phi$ and $\text{im } \phi$.
8. Define a relation \cong on groups as follows:

$$G \cong G' \quad \text{if } G \text{ is isomorphic to } G',$$

Show that \cong is an equivalence relation.

9. Let G be a group. An isomorphism $\sigma : G \rightarrow G$ from G onto itself is called an **automorphism** of G . Show that the set $\text{Aut}(G)$ of automorphisms of G forms a group under composition.
10. (a) Let G be a group and $S \subset G$ be a generating set for G , i.e. we have $G = \langle S \rangle$. Let $\lambda : G \rightarrow G'$ and $\mu : G \rightarrow G'$ be two homomorphisms from G into a group G' such that $\lambda(s) = \mu(s)$ for any $s \in S$. Show that $\lambda = \mu$.
 - (b) Use (a) to compute the order of $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_{15})$. (More generally, what is the order of the automorphism group of a cyclic group of order n ?)