

Q7i: We compute the commutator subgroup of  $D_6$ . Any element of the commutator subgroup is of the form

$$(\sigma^i \rho^j)(\sigma^k \rho^l)(\sigma^i \rho^j)^{-1}(\sigma^k \rho^l)^{-1}$$

We can use the relations on  $D_{2n}$  as outlined in chapter 1.2 of the textbook, to compute this product.

$$\begin{aligned} (\sigma^i \rho^j)(\sigma^k \rho^l)(\sigma^i \rho^j)^{-1}(\sigma^k \rho^l)^{-1} &= (\sigma^i \rho^j \sigma^k \rho^l)(\rho^{-j} \sigma^{-i})(\rho^{-l} \sigma^{-k}) \\ &= (\sigma^i \rho^j \sigma^k \rho^l)(\rho^{-j} \sigma^i)(\rho^{-l} \sigma^k) \\ &= \sigma^i \rho^{j-l}(\sigma^k \rho^{-j})(\sigma^i \rho^{-l})\sigma^k \\ &= \sigma^i \rho^{j-l} \rho^j \sigma^k \sigma^i \rho^{-l} \sigma^k \\ &= \sigma^i \rho^{2j-l} \sigma^{i+k} \rho^{-l} \sigma^k \\ &= \sigma^i \rho^{2l-2j} \sigma^{i+2k} \\ &= \sigma^{2i+2k} \rho^{2(j-l)} \\ &= \rho^{2(j-l)} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the commutator subgroup of  $D_{2n}$  is simply just the set of all rotations. Therefore,  $D_6/D'_6$  is just  $\{e, \sigma\}$ . We can identify this subgroup with  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  with the isomorphism  $\phi(\sigma) = 1$ .

Q7ii: Similarly to 7i, we know that the commutator subgroup of  $D_8$  is all the rotations, hence

$$D_8/D'_8 \cong \{e, \sigma\} \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

Q7iii: We compute the commutator subgroup of  $\mathcal{Q}_8$ . We compute all elements of the form  $ghg^{-1}h^{-1}$ . First assume that either  $g$  is equal to  $\pm 1$ . We get that

$$ghg^{-1}h^{-1} = (\pm 1)h(\pm 1)^{-1}h^{-1} = (\pm 1)(\pm 1)^{-1}hh^{-1} = 1$$

If we had instead  $h = \pm 1$  we would have the exact same conclusion. Now if  $g = h$ , we get that

$$\begin{aligned} ghg^{-1}h^{-1} &= ggg^{-1}g^{-1} \\ &= gg^{-1} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Now finally suppose that  $g \neq h$  and both are not  $\pm 1$ . Note that this implies that  $g^{-1} = -g$ . We compute:

$$\begin{aligned} ghg^{-1}h^{-1} &= gh(-g)(-h) \\ &= g(hg)h \\ &= -g^2h^2 && \text{(from anticommutativity of } \mathcal{Q}_8) \\ &= -1 && \text{(since } g^2 = h^2 = -1) \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have that  $\mathcal{Q}'_8 = \{\pm 1\}$ . Hence

$$\mathcal{Q}_8/\mathcal{Q}'_8 \cong \{1, i, j, k\}$$