

# Abstract Algebra Homework 7

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This problem set includes problems 10.3 numbers 4d), 11.3 numbers 7, 16, 17 and 11.4 number 5.

4) Let  $T$  be the group of nonsingular upper triangular  $2 \times 2$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $U$  consist of matrices of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

4d) Show that  $T/U$  is abelian.

Proof: Note that we have already showed that  $U$  is normal in  $T$  in part 4c). To show that  $T/U$  is abelian, we need to show that  $(AU)(BU) = (BU)(AU)$  for all  $A, B \in T$ .

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}$  and let  $B = \begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ 0 & c' \end{pmatrix}$ . Then we have that

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} aa' & ab' + bc' \\ 0 & cc' \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$BA = \begin{pmatrix} a'a & a'b + b'c \\ 0 & c'c \end{pmatrix}.$$

This shows that  $AB \neq BA$  in general. However, we want to show that  $(AU)(BU) = (BU)(AU)$ . Note that  $(AU)(BU) = ABU$  and  $(BU)(AU) = BAU$  since  $U$  is normal. Let  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & z \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in U$  where  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then we have that

$$ABU = \begin{pmatrix} aa' & z(ab' + bc') \\ 0 & cc' \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$BAU = \begin{pmatrix} a'a & z(a'b + b'c) \\ 0 & c'c \end{pmatrix}.$$

Notice that  $aa' = a'a$  and  $cc' = c'c$  since  $a, a', c, c' \in \mathbb{R}$ . So we see that  $ABU$  and  $BAU$  only differ in the upper right entry. This does not matter though since  $U$  is matrices of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Notice that both  $z(ab' + bc')$  and  $z(a'b + b'c) \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus,  $AB$  and  $BA$  define the same coset in  $U$ , meaning that  $ABU = BAU$ . Thus  $T/U$  is abelian.  $\square$

7) In the group  $\mathbb{Z}_{24}$ , let  $H = \langle 4 \rangle$  and  $N = \langle 6 \rangle$ .

a) List the elements in  $H + N$  and  $H \cap N$ .

b) List the cosets in  $HN/N$ , showing the elements in each coset.

c) List the cosets in  $H/(H \cap N)$ , showing the elements in each coset.

d) Give the correspondence between  $HN/N$  and  $H/(H \cap N)$  described in the proof of the Second Isomorphism Theorem.

16) If  $H$  and  $K$  are normal subgroups of  $G$  and  $H \cap K = \{e\}$ , prove that  $G$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $G/H \times G/K$ .

17) Let  $\phi : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  be a surjective group homomorphism. Let  $H_1$  be a normal subgroup of  $G_1$  and suppose that  $\phi(H_1) = H_2$ . Prove or disprove that  $G_1/H_1 \cong G_2/H_2$ .

Proof: We will disprove that  $G_1/H_1 \cong G_2/H_2$  by giving a counterexample. \_\_\_\_\_  $\square$

Give  
counter  
example.

5) Let  $G$  be a group and let  $i_g$  be an inner automorphism of  $G$  and define a map  $G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(G)$  by  $g \mapsto i_g$ . Prove that this map is a homomorphism with image  $\text{Inn}(G)$  and kernel  $Z(G)$ . Use this result to conclude that

$$G/Z(G) \cong \text{Inn}(G)$$