

Chapter 3: 16, 17, 31, 33, 44, 45, 52.

Additional suggested exercises: 35, 46, 47, 54.

Due date: Friday, 9/26

NOTE: the numbers listed above correspond to the printed version of the textbook, generated from 2013/08/16 source files .

- 16. Give a specific example of a group G and elements $g, h \in G$ where $(gh)^n \neq g^n h^n$.
- 17. Give examples of three different groups with eight elements. Why are the groups different?
- 31. Show that if G is a finite group of even order, then there is an $a \in G$ such that a is not the identity and $a^2 = e$.
- 33. Find all the subgroups of $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$. Use this information to show that $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ is not the same group as \mathbb{Z}_9 . (See Example 40 for a short description of the product of groups.)
- 44. Prove that the intersection of two subgroups of a group G is also a subgroup of G .
- 45. Prove or disprove: If H and K are subgroups of a group G , then $H \cup K$ is a subgroup of G .
- 52. Prove or disprove: Every nontrivial subgroup of a nonabelian group is nonabelian.

Additional suggested exercises.

- 35. Compute the subgroups of the symmetry group of a square.
- 46. Prove or disprove: If H and K are subgroups of a group G , then $HK = \{hk : h \in H \text{ and } k \in K\}$ is a subgroup of G . What if G is abelian?
- 47. Let G be a group and $g \in G$. Show that

$$Z(G) = \{x \in G : gx = xg \text{ for all } g \in G\}$$

is a subgroup of G . This subgroup is called the *center* of G .

- 54. Let H be a subgroup of G . If $g \in G$, show that $gHg^{-1} = \{g^{-1}hg : h \in H\}$ is also a subgroup of G .