

## Algebra 1 Homework 4

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### 2.7 #1:

First we need to show that  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ . For a fixed  $g \in G$ , consider the coset  $gN$ . Elements in  $gN$  are of the form  $gn$ . Where  $n$  has the property that for any  $x \in G$  there is an  $h \in H$  with  $n = xhx^{-1}$ . Let  $x = g^{-1}$ , then we have  $n = g^{-1}h_*g$ , and also that  $gn = h_*g$  for some  $h_* \in H$ .

To conclude we need to prove that  $h_* \in \cap xHx^{-1} = N$  then we'll have  $gn = h_*g = eh_*e^{-1}g \in Ng$ . We know  $h_* = gng^{-1}$  where  $n \in N$ . Consider a  $y \in G$  then  $yh_*y^{-1} = ygng^{-1}y^{-1} = (yg)n(yg)^{-1}$ . However, we know  $yg$  is an arbitrary element in  $G$  and  $n \in eHe^{-1} = H$ . So we conclude,  $h_* \in N$  and  $gn = h_*g \in Ng$ . So  $gN = Ng$  and  $N$  is normal in  $G$ .

Now to prove that  $N$  is the largest normal subgroup contained in  $H$ . Let  $M$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$  contained in  $H$ . Consider  $m \in M$  we know that  $m \in H$  by supposition and that because  $M$  is normal, for all  $g \in G$ ,  $gmg^{-1} \in M$ . So  $m \in N$ . Any normal subgroup contained in  $H$  must be a subset of  $N$ .

### 2.7 #2.

- Reflexivity:  $a \sim a$  because  $a \in HaK$ . Because  $H$  and  $K$  are both subgroups and  $eae \in HaK$ .
  - Symmetry: Suppose  $a \sim b$ . This means  $a \in HbK$ . For some  $h \in H$  and  $k \in K$ ,  $a = hbk$ . With some algebra:  $h^{-1}ak^{-1} = b$ , so  $b \in HaK$ .
  - Transitivity: Suppose  $a \sim b$  and  $b \sim c$ . So  $a \in HbK$  and  $b \in HcK$ , so  $a = h_1bk_1$  and  $b = h_2ck_2$ , therefore  $a = (h_1h_2)c(k_1k_2)$ , and  $a \in HcK$ . So  $a \sim c$  and we're done.
2. Suppose  $f(aW) = f(bW)$

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$$aWxK = bWxK$$

This implies  $\exists e, k_1 \in K$  such that:

$$aWx = bWxk_1$$

As well  $\exists e, w \in W$  such that:

$$awx = bxk_1$$

$$a(xk_2x^{-1})x = bxk_1$$

$$axk_2 = bxk_1$$

$$b^{-1}axk_2 = xk_1$$

$$b^{-1}ax = xk_1k_2^{-1}$$

$$b^{-1}a = xk_1k_2^{-1}x^{-1}$$

$$\rightarrow b^{-1}a \in xKx^{-1}$$

We also know by supposition that  $a$  and  $b$  are in  $H$ , and that since  $H$  is a subgroup  $b^{-1}a$  is also in  $H$ . So  $b^{-1}a \in W \rightarrow aW = bW$ . So we know  $f$  is injective.

Next part: Let  $L$  be the set of representatives of left cosets of  $W$  in  $H$ . Consider:  $L_h = \{hxK | h \in L\}$ . We need  $L_{h_1} \cap L_{h_2} = \emptyset$  when  $h_1 \neq h_2$  and  $\cup L_h = HxK$ .

First, suppose  $a \in L_{h_1}$  and  $a \in L_{h_2}$ . This means that  $a = h_1 x k_1$  and  $a = h_2 x k_2$ . So  $h_1 x k_1 = h_2 x k_2$  implies  $h_2^{-1} h_1 = x k_2 k_1^{-1} x^{-1}$ . This means  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  lie in the same left coset of  $W$ . So we know the  $L_h$  are disjoint.

Secondly, suppose  $a \in HxK$ . This means  $a = h x k$ , thus  $a \in L_h$ . So for every  $a \in HxK$  there is an  $L_h$  that contains  $a$ . So  $\cup L_h = HxK$ . Also  $\cup L_h$  cannot exceed  $HxK$  because each  $L_h$  contains only elements from  $HxK$ .

Last part (this was mostly copy + pasted): Let  $R$  be the set of representatives of right cosets of  $M = x^{-1}Hx \cap K$  in  $K$ . Consider:  $R_k = \{Hxk | k \in R\}$ . We need  $R_{k_1} \cap R_{k_2} = \emptyset$  when  $k_1 \neq k_2$  and  $\cup R_k = HxK$ .

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3. Suppose  $H$  and  $K$  are finite. First we will prove that  $|W| = |M|$ . Let  $f : W \rightarrow M$  by  $f(w) = x^{-1}wx$ . If  $w \in W$  then we know  $w \in H$  and  $\exists k \in K$  where  $w = xkx^{-1}$ . Now,  $f(w) = x^{-1}wx = x^{-1}xkx^{-1}x = k \in K$ . So  $f(w) \in K$  and also  $f(w) \in x^{-1}Hx$ . The function is a bijection with inverse given by  $f^{-1}(m) = xmx^{-1}$ . So  $|W| = |M|$ .

We can show that  $|HxK| = |H||K|/|W|$  relatively easily. If  $h_1 x k_1 = h_2 x k_2 \in HxK$  then that means  $h_1 W = h_2 W$ . So this tells us the number of elements in  $HxK$  is the product of the number of elements in  $H$  and  $K$ , not counting elements congruent mod  $W$ . Thus:

$$|HxK| = \frac{|H||K|}{|W|} = \frac{|H||K|}{|M|}.$$

## 2.8.

1.
  - Let  $x, y \in C_G(A)$ , consider  $xy^{-1}$ . We know  $ax = xa$  for all  $a \in A$  and  $ay = ya \rightarrow a = yay^{-1} \rightarrow y^{-1}a = ay^{-1}$ . Therefore  $axy^{-1} = (ax)y^{-1} = (xa)y^{-1} = x(ay^{-1}) = xy^{-1}a$  and  $xy^{-1} \in C_G(A)$ . So  $C$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
  - Let  $x, y \in N_G(A)$ , consider  $xy^{-1}$ . We know  $xAx^{-1} = A$  and  $yAy^{-1} = A \rightarrow A = y^{-1}Ay$ . Therefore  $xy^{-1}A(xy^{-1})^{-1} = x(y^{-1}Ay)x^{-1} = xAx^{-1} = A$ . We're done,  $N_G(A)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
  - Let  $x \in C_G(A)$ , so for all  $a \in A$   $xa = ax$ . This implies that  $xA = Ax$ . This means  $xAx^{-1} = A$ , so  $x \in N_G(A)$ .
2. Suppose that  $A$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $n \in N_G(A)$ . We have  $nAn^{-1} = A$  by definition of  $N_G(A)$ . This means  $nA = An$  for all  $n \in N_G(A)$  and thus  $A \trianglelefteq N_G(A)$  and we're done.
3. Consider  $g \in G$ . We know that for all  $z \in Z(G)$ ,  $gz = zg$ . So  $gZ(G) = Z(G)g$  and thus  $Z(G) \trianglelefteq G$ .

4. Let  $[G : H] = 2$ . Consider  $g \in G$  either  $g \in G - H$  or  $g \in H$ , if  $g \in H$  then clearly  $gH = Hg$ . If  $g \in G - H$  then  $gH = G - H$  because  $H$  has index 2 and there are only 2 cosets. From the same logic we have  $Hg = G - H$ , so  $gH = Hg$  and  $H$  is normal.

For an example, consider  $D_6$ .  $[D_6 : \langle s \rangle] = 3$  but  $sr \neq rs$  so  $\langle s \rangle$  is not a normal subgroup of  $D_6$ .

5. If  $n$  is even,  $Z(D_{2n}) = \langle r^{n/2} \rangle$ . If  $n$  is odd  $Z(D_{2n}) = e$ . We know the rotations will always commute, and that  $sr = r^{-1}s$ . This means only elements with  $r = r^{-1}$  will be in  $Z(D_{2n})$ , that is  $r^2 = 1$ . So the center of the odd groups is just the identity, and for the even ones it is the identity and  $r^{n/2}$ .
6. Let  $N$  be a subgroup of  $Q_8$ . We know from the structure of  $Q_8$  that for every  $q \in Q$  and every  $n \in N$  either  $qn = nq$  or  $qn = -nq$ . If  $N$  is just the group containing 1 then we're done. If  $N$  contains an element  $n \neq 1$ , then  $N$  must contain  $-n$  because  $i * (-i) = j * (-j) = k * (-k) = 1$  and  $-(-1) = 1$ . So  $N = -N$  as long as  $N \neq \{1\}$ . Then we have  $qN = Nq$  for all  $q \in Q$ . Done.

**2.9 #1.** Let  $G$  have prime order. We know that if  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  then  $|H|$  divides  $|G|$ . However, since  $|G|$  is prime, we have  $|H| = 1$  or  $|H| = |G|$ . Thus  $H = G$  or  $H = 1$  and  $G$  has no nontrivial subgroups. This proves  $G$  has no non-trivial subgroups.

Also,  $\forall g \in G$  we know  $g^{|G|} = 1$ , we also know that the order of each element must divide evenly into  $|G|$ , therefore every element has order either  $|G|$  or  $|1|$ , we conclude there is at least one generator for  $G$ , so  $G$  is cyclic.

**2.9 #2.**

Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a subgroup of  $Z(G)$ , also suppose  $G/H$  is cyclic. Let  $G/H = \langle g \rangle$  and let  $a, b \in G$ . We can write  $a = g^n h_1$  and  $b = g^m h_2$ . Then we use group properties:

$$\begin{aligned}
 ab &= g^n h_1 g^m h_2 \\
 \text{Since } h_1 \in Z(G) &= g^n g^m h_1 h_2 \\
 &= g^{n+m} h_1 h_2 \\
 &= g^m g^n h_2 h_1 \\
 \text{Since } h_2 \in Z(G) &= g^m h_2 g^n h_1 \\
 &= ba
 \end{aligned}$$

So we have  $G$  is Abelian.

**2.10.**

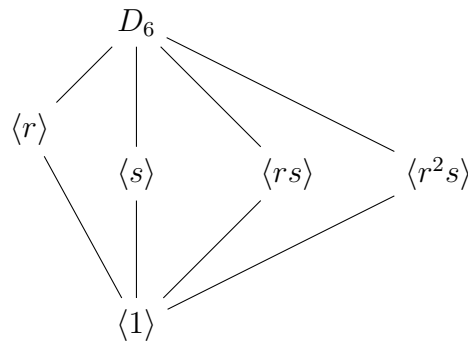


Figure 1: Subgroups of  $\mathbb{D}_6$

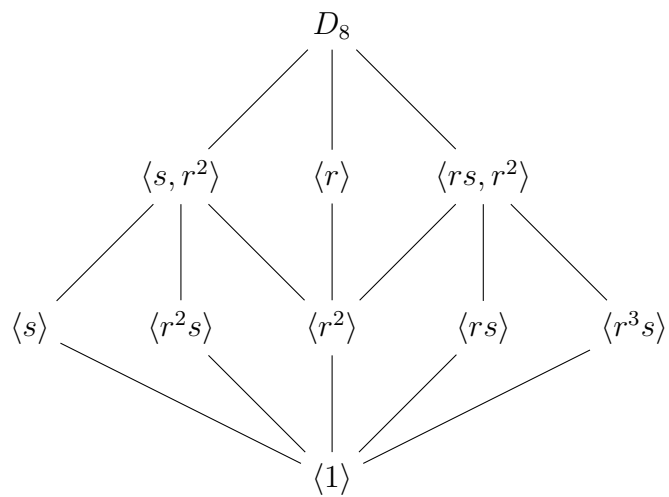


Figure 2: Subgroups of  $\mathbb{D}_8$

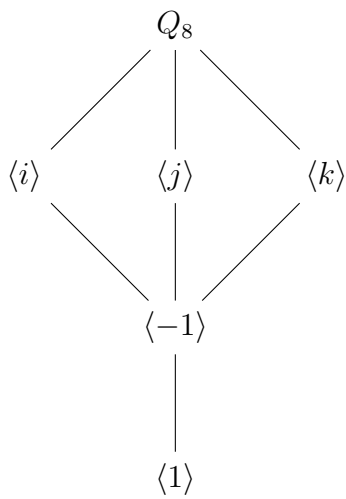


Figure 3: Subgroups of  $\mathbb{Q}_8$