

$$\begin{aligned}
 213 &\rightarrow \{(1,2)\} \\
 231 &\rightarrow \{(1,2)(2,3)\} \\
 312 &\rightarrow \{(2,3)(1,2)\} \\
 321 &\rightarrow \{(2,3)(1,2)(2,3)\} \\
 &\rightarrow \{(2,3)(1,2)(2,3)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi(k) = (n, n-1)(n-1, n-2) \dots (k+1, k)$$

## Algebra II - Mid-Term - 100 Marks

March 3, 2025: Time: Three hours

- Write clearly. No marks will be given for unreadable statements.
- Write all the necessary steps and clearly mention the results you are using.
- Negative marks will be awarded for incomplete statements and unnecessary statements.
- Before beginning an answer to a question write the question number clearly like **Question 1**.
- Show that all the transpositions  $(1,2), (2,3), \dots, (n-1,n)$  generate  $S_n$ . (7 marks)
- Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  be elements in  $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Determine the order of the following: (i)  $A$ , (ii)  $B$ , (iii)  $AB$  (18 marks)
- Show that there is a bijection between  $HgK/K$  and  $g^{-1}Hg/(g^{-1}Hg \cap K)$ . (5 marks)
- Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a  $G$  such that  $|G/H| < \infty$ . Show that there are only finitely many subgroups of the form  $gHg^{-1}$  where  $g \in G$ . (5 marks)
- Let  $G = \{e, \theta, a, b, c, \theta a, \theta b, \theta c\}$  where  $a^2 = b^2 = c^2 = \theta$ ,  $\theta^2 = e$ ,  $ab = \theta ba = c$ ,  $bc = \theta cb = a$ ,  $ca = \theta ac = b$ .  
(a) Determine  $Z(G)$ , the center of  $G$ . (5 marks)

- (b) Determine all subgroups of  $G$ . Which of them are normal? (8 marks)
- (c) Prove or disprove: There exists an homomorphism from the Quaternion group to the symmetric group  $S_4$ . If yes explain how you get the homomorphism and compute the kernel. If no justify your answer. (10 marks)
6. Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  such that for all  $g \in G$  there exists  $g' \in G$  such that  $Hg = g'H$ . Then show that  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ . (5 marks)
7. Let  $G$  be a group of order  $p^k m$  where  $p$  is a prime and  $(p, m) = 1$ . Let  $H$  be a subgroup of order  $p^k$  and  $K$  a subgroup of order  $p^d$  where  $0 < d \leq k$  and  $K \not\subseteq H$ . Show that  $HK$  is not a subgroup of  $G$ . (5 marks)
8. Let  $p$  be a prime and let  $G$  be a group of order  $p^n$ . Suppose  $G$  acts on a finite set  $X$ . Let  $Y = \{x \in X : gx = x \text{ for all } g \in G\}$ . Then show that  $|X| \equiv |Y| \pmod{p}$ . (5 marks)
9. Let  $G$  be a group and  $\phi_g : G \rightarrow G$  be a map given by  $\phi_g(x) = gxg^{-1}$ .  
 (a) Show that  $\phi_g$  induces an automorphism of  $G$ . (4 marks)  
 (b) Show that  $G/Z(G) \cong \text{Inn}(G)$  where  $\text{Inn}(G) := \{\phi_g : g \in G\}$ . (4 marks)  
 (c) Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$ . Prove or disprove:  $\text{Aut}(G) = \text{Inn}(G)$  (4 marks)
10. Let  $p \geq 3$  be a prime and let  $G$  be a non-abelian group of order  $2p^2$ . Show that  $G$  is a non-abelian group which is a direct product of two sylow subgroups. Describe all the subgroups of this group (10 marks)
11. Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $G' = \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$ .

- (a) Describe all homomorphisms from  $G \rightarrow G'$ . (3 marks)
- (b) Which of them are isomorphisms? (2 marks)