

Latex Homework 10th Grade  
Unit 3 - Abstract Algebra - Group Homomorphisms  
Week 1 - Examples and Definitions

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## 1

Gallian Ch 3.30:

Prove that the dihedral group of order 6 does not have a subgroup of order 4.

*Proof.* Say  $H$  is the subgroup of  $D_3$  of order 4. If  $\rho \in H$ , there are too many elements in  $H$ . If  $\rho \notin H$ , then  $H = \{Id., \tau, \tau\rho, \tau\rho^2\}$ . However,  $\tau \cdot \tau\rho = \rho$  but  $\rho \notin H$ . Therefore,  $H$  is not a subgroup of  $D_3$  with order 4.  $\square$

## 2

Gallian Ch 1-4 Supplement, problem 41, page 98:

Give an example of a group  $G$  with infinitely many distinct subgroups  $H_1, H_2, H_3, \dots$  such that  $H_1 \subseteq H_2 \subseteq H_3 \subseteq \dots$

$$(\mathbb{Q}, +) \subseteq (\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}], +) \subseteq (\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}], +) \subseteq \dots \subseteq (\mathbb{R}, +)$$

## 3

Gallian Ch 10.7: If  $\phi$  is a homomorphism from  $G$  to  $H$  and  $\sigma$  is a homomorphism from  $H$  to  $K$ , show that  $\sigma\phi$  is a homomorphism from  $G$  to  $K$ . How are  $\text{Ker}\phi$  and  $\text{Ker}\sigma\phi$  related? If  $\phi$  and  $\sigma$  are onto and  $G$  is finite, describe  $[\text{ker}(\sigma\phi) : \text{ker}(\phi)]$  in terms of  $|H|$  and  $|K|$ .

$$\text{ker}(\phi) = \{a | \phi(a) = 0\}$$

$$\text{ker}(\sigma\phi) = \{a | \sigma\phi(a) = 0\}$$

$$\text{ker}(\sigma\phi) \subseteq \text{ker}(\phi)$$

$$\text{ker}(\sigma\phi) : \text{ker}(\phi) = \frac{|\text{ker}(\sigma\phi)|}{|\text{ker}(\phi)|} = \frac{|K|/|G|}{|H|/|G|} = \frac{|K|}{|H|}$$