

Problem 1 (4.2).

1. Let G be a finite group and H a subgroup of index n . Define $N := \bigcap_{x \in G} xHx^{-1}$ which we know is a normal subgroup of G contained in H by a prior problem. Now let G/N act on G/H by $gN \cdot g'H \mapsto gg'H$. To see this is well defined let $g'H \in G/H$. Then

$$gN \cdot g'H = gg'NH = gg'H$$

However this action is equivalent to a homomorphism $\varphi : G/N \rightarrow S_{|G/H|=n}$ which by the first isomorphism theorem implies that G/N is isomorphic to some subgroup of S_n and as such $|G/N| = |G : N| \mid n!$ completing the proof.

2. Let G be a finite group where p is the smallest prime factor of $|G| = n$. Let H be a subgroup of G with index p . Then by problem 4.2.1 there exists a subgroup $N \trianglelefteq G$ such that $N \leq H$ and $|G : N| \mid p!$. However $|G : N|$ cannot be less than p because if it were then with $|G| = |N||G : N|$ we would have $|G|$ divisible by a smaller prime. On the other hand $|G : N|$ cannot be larger than p . If it were then $pm \mid |G|$ where m is a product of numbers smaller than p again contradicting that p is the smallest prime that divides $|G|$.

Thus $|G : N| = p$ which via Lagrange's Theorem gives us that $|H| = |N|$. However since $N \leq H$ it must be the case that $N = H$.

Therefore H is a normal subgroup.

3. Let G be a group and H a subgroup of index 2. Then there are only two cosets for H which are H, gH for some $g \in G \setminus H$. However since there are only two this implies that $gH = Hg$. Since this holds for all cosets of H we have that H is normal.

Therefore any subgroup of index 2 is normal.

4. Let N be a normal subgroup and K a conjugacy class K with some representative $k \in K$. If $K \cap N = \phi$ then we're done. Otherwise suppose that $K \cap N \neq \phi$. Then there is some $\alpha \in K \cap N$. Then $\alpha = gkg^{-1}$ for some $g \in G$. This implies that $g^{-1}\alpha g = k$ however since $\alpha \in N$ so is $g^{-1}\alpha g = k$. Therefore $k \in N$ and as such $K \subset N$.

Problem 2 (4.3).

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Problem 3 (4.4.1).

Proof. Let G be a group of order $11^2 13^2$. Then let P be a Sylow 11-subgroup and Q a Sylow 13-subgroup. Then $n_{11}(G) \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$ and $n_{13}(G) \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$. However the only number that work for $n_{11}(G)$ and $n_{13}(G)$ is 1 since $n_p \mid |G : P|$. As such the groups P, Q are the only subgroups of their size. However Sylow p -subgroups are closed under conjugation and as such this implies that P and Q are normal. This means that the product PQ is well defined. The order of PQ is $|PQ| = \frac{|P||Q|}{|P \cap Q|}$. However the intersection $P \cap Q = \{e\}$ as the order of any element of P or Q divides the order of the subgroup and the orders of P and Q are relatively prime. As such

$|PQ| = |P||Q| = 11^2 13^2 = |G|$ and so $PQ = G$. However since P, Q are order of a prime squared they are Abelian and the normality implies $PQ = QP$ which shows that G is Abelian.

Therefore any group of order $11^2 13^2$ is Abelian. \square

Problem 4 (4.4.2).

Proof. Let $|G| = 77 = 7 \cdot 11$. Then there are subgroups with $|H| = 7$ and $|K| = 11$. Since they are of prime order they are cyclic with generators h and k respectively. However since 7 and 11 are relatively prime hk has order $7 \cdot 11 = 77$ which implies that G is cyclic. \square

Problem 5 (4.4.3).

Proof. Since $30 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$ there are subgroups of size 3 and 5 which we'll call H and K respectively. However since H and K are of prime order they are cyclic and as such $\langle h \rangle = H$ and $\langle k \rangle = K$. Since the orders of h, k are relatively prime the order of hk is fifteen. \square