

- (1) Let  $\phi$  be a homomorphism from  $G$  to  $\bar{G}$  and  $\sigma$  be a homomorphism from  $\bar{G}$  to  $\tilde{G}$ .

- (a) Prove that  $\psi := \sigma \circ \phi$  is a homomorphism from  $G$  to  $\tilde{G}$ .

*Proof.* Take  $p$  and  $q \in G$ . Then we have that  $\psi(pq) = \sigma(\phi(pq)) = \sigma(\phi(p)\phi(q)) = \sigma(\phi(p))\sigma(\phi(q)) = \psi(p)\psi(q)$ . Therefore,  $\psi := \sigma \circ \phi$  is a homomorphism from  $G$  to  $\tilde{G}$ .  $\square$

- (b) Prove that  $\ker(\phi) \leq \ker(\psi)$ .

*Proof.* To prove that  $\ker(\phi) \leq \ker(\psi)$  we need to establish that  $\ker(\phi) \subseteq \ker(\psi)$ . By taking some  $p \in \ker(\phi)$  then we have that  $\psi(p) = \sigma(\phi(p)) = \sigma(\bar{e}) = \tilde{e}$ . Since  $p \in \ker(\psi)$  we can say that  $\ker(\phi) \subseteq \ker(\psi)$  and thus  $\ker(\phi) \leq \ker(\psi)$  is established.  $\square$

- (2) Show that a homomorphism defined on a cyclic group is completely determined by its action on a generator of the group.

*Proof.* Take some homomorphism  $h : G \rightarrow \bar{G}$ . If  $\langle a \rangle = G$ , then  $h(a^k) = h(a)^k$ , and since every element of  $G$  is in the form  $a^k$  their images are all determined by the image of  $a$  and the product in the image group.  $\square$

- (3) Let  $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  be defined by

$$\phi(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos x & \sin x \\ -\sin x & \cos x \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Prove that  $\phi$  is a homomorphism.

*Proof.* For any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  then we can define

$$\phi(x+y) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(x+y) & \sin(x+y) \\ -\sin(x+y) & \cos(x+y) \end{bmatrix}$$

Then using basic trig properties we can rewrite the matrix as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y & \cos x \sin y + \sin x \cos y \\ -\sin x \cos y - \cos x \sin y & -\sin x \sin y + \cos x \cos y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos x & \sin x \\ -\sin x & \cos x \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \cos y & \sin y \\ -\sin y & \cos y \end{bmatrix}$$

So we have that  $\phi(x+y) = \phi(x)\phi(y)$ , therefore  $\phi$  is a homomorphism.  $\square$

- (b) Prove that  $\ker(\phi) = \langle 2\pi \rangle$ .

*Proof.* Any element  $p \in \ker(\phi)$  if and only if

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos p & \sin p \\ -\sin p & \cos p \end{bmatrix}$$

is equal to the  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix. Since  $\cos p = 1$  and  $\sin p = 0$  only holds true if  $p = 2\pi k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore, it is established that  $\ker(\phi) = \langle 2\pi \rangle$ .  $\square$

- (4) Let  $\phi : \mathbb{C}^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  be defined by  $\phi(z) = z^n$ .

- (a) Prove that  $\phi$  is a homomorphism.

*Proof.* Take some  $z$  and  $y \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ . Then we can write  $z = a(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$  and  $y = b(\cos \psi + i \sin \psi)$  and  $a, b > 0$  with  $\theta, \psi \in [0, 2\pi)$ . Via DeMoivre's theorem we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(z y) &= (z y)^n = [a(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)b(\cos \psi + i \sin \psi)]^n = a^n b^n [\cos(\theta + \psi) + i \sin(\theta + \psi)]^n \\ &= a^n b^n [\cos(n\theta + n\psi) + i \sin(n\theta + n\psi)] \\ &= a^n [\cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta)] b^n [\cos(n\psi) + i \sin(n\psi)] = z^n y^n = \phi(z)\phi(y) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it is established that  $\phi$  is a homomorphism.  $\square$

(b) Prove that  $\ker(\phi) = \Omega_n := \{\exp(2k\pi i/n) : k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ .

*Proof.* Again, take  $z = a(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$  and  $y = b(\cos \psi + i \sin \psi)$  where both  $x, y \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then the only case when  $z = y$  is when  $a = b$  and  $\theta = 2\pi k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . So,  $z = a(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) \in \ker(\phi)$  iff  $z^n = 1$  so we can write  $r^n(\cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta)) = (\cos(2\pi k) + i \sin(2\pi k)), k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . This is only the case when  $a^n = 1$  and  $n\theta = 2\pi k$ . So,  $z \in \ker(\phi)$  only when  $z = \cos(2\pi k/n) + i \sin(2\pi k/n) = (\cos(2\pi/n) + i \sin(2\pi/n))^k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , however  $z = (\cos(2\pi/n) + i \sin(2\pi/n))^{k \bmod n}$ . So we have that  $\ker(\phi) = \Omega_n := \{\exp(2k\pi i/n) : k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ .  $\square$

(c) Prove that  $\mathbb{C}^\times / \Omega_n \cong \mathbb{C}^\times$ .

*Proof.* If  $z = a(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$  and  $y = a^{1/n}(\cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta))$  and both  $z, y \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ , then  $\phi(w) = z$ . Therefore  $\phi(\mathbb{C}^\times) = \mathbb{C}^\times$  and  $\mathbb{C}^\times / \Omega_n \cong \mathbb{C}^\times$ .  $\square$