

**Instructions**

- Submit the assignment at the end of class on or before the due date.
  - Yours answers should be precise and clearly written.
  - Cheating/plagiarizing in any form will be heavily penalized.
  - Late submissions will receive a mark of zero.
  - For the definition of cyclic group, you are allowed to refer any material.
  - Any doubts regarding the assignment can be raised in the discussion forum on moodle.
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1. (10 points) Use the Orbit-counting (Burnsides) Lemma to find a formula for the number of ways of coloring the faces of a cube with  $k$  colors. Assume that two colored cubes which differ by a rotation are identical. Repeat for coloring's of the edges, and of the vertices.
2. (10 points) Prove the following statement
  1. Every cyclic group of order  $n$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .
  2. Every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic.
  3. For any cyclic group of order  $n$ ; prove that given any divisor  $d$  of  $n$ , there exists a unique subgroup of order  $d$ .
  4. In a cyclic group of order  $n$ , how many generators are there ?
  5. Prove the following equality:

$$\sum_{d|n} \phi(d) = n$$

where  $\phi$  is euler's totient function.

3. (10 points) Suppose you manufacture an identity card by punching two holes in an  $3 \times 3$  grid. How many distinct cards can you produce? Use Orbit-counting (Burnsides) Lemma.
4. (20 points)
  1. Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group such that it does not have any non-trivial subgroup. By non-trivial subgroup we mean that subgroup other than identity and complete group. Then prove that  $G$  is a cyclic group whose order is a prime number. **(3 points)**
  2. Let  $G$  and  $H$  be two finite abelian groups and  $\theta$  be a homomorphism from  $G$  to  $H$ . Prove that for every element  $a \in G$ , the order of  $\theta(a)$  divides order of  $a$ . **(2 points)**
  3. Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group and  $p$  be a prime divisor of  $o(G)$ . Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  such that  $p$  does not divide  $o(H)$  but  $G/H$  has an element of order  $p$ . Then prove that  $G$  also has an element of order  $p$ .  $o(G)$  represents the order of group  $G$ . **(7 points)**
  4. Now using induction on the order of group, prove that for every finite abelian group  $G$  and every prime divisor  $p$  of  $o(G)$ , there exists an element in  $G$  of order  $p$ . **(8 points)**