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**COHOMOLOGY OF GROUPS — EXERCISE SHEET 10**

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**EXERCISE 1**

Let  $A$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -module, written multiplicatively and let  $f : G \times G \longrightarrow A$  be a normalised 2-cocycle. Let  $E_f = A \times G$  with product

$$(a, g)(b, h) = (a^g b f(g, h), gh) \quad \forall (a, g), (b, h) \in E_f.$$

Using the 2-cocycle identity, prove that  $E_f$  is a group and that the left and right inverses coincide, that is:

$$(^{g^{-1}}a^{-1}f(g^{-1}, g)^{-1}, g^{-1}) = (^{g^{-1}}a^{-1}{}^{g^{-1}}f(g, g^{-1})^{-1}, g^{-1}) \quad \forall (a, g) \in E_f.$$

Moreover, verify that there is an extension  $1 \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow E_f \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow 1$  associated with the 2-cocycle  $f$  which induces the given  $G$ -action on  $A$ .

**EXERCISE 2**(a) Let  $A := C_4$  and  $G := C_2$ .

- Find all actions by group automorphisms of  $G$  on  $A$ .
- For each such action, compute  $H^2(G, A)$ .
- In each case, describe all extensions of  $A$  by  $G$  inducing the given action, up to equivalence.

(b) Let  $G := C_2 \times C_2$  and  $A := C_2$  regarded as a trivial  $\mathbb{Z}G$ -module. Assume known that  $H^2(G, A) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2)^3$ .

- Given  $1 \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow E \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow 1$  an arbitrary central extension of  $A$  by  $G$ , determine a presentation of the group  $E$  using a presentation of  $A$  and a presentation of  $G$ .
- Find all central extensions of  $A$  by  $G$ , up to equivalence, using the previous point.

(c) Classify groups of order 8 up to isomorphism.