

Throughout this exercise sheet G denotes a finite group. Each Exercise is worth 4 points.

EXERCISE 21

Let G be a finite group of odd order, and let r denote the number of conjugacy classes of G . Use character theory to prove that

$$r \equiv |G| \pmod{16}.$$

[Hint: Label the set $\text{Irr}(G)$ of irreducible characters taking dual characters into account.]

EXERCISE 22

Prove that the character table is determined by the class multiplication constants, and conversely.

EXERCISE 23

Prove the following assertions:

- (a) if $\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)$, then $Z(\chi)/\ker(\chi) \cong Z(G/\ker(\chi))$;
- (b) $\bigcap_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)} Z(\chi) = Z(G)$.

EXERCISE 24 (Facultative, requires Galois Theory)

Assume G is a finite cyclic group of order $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, and let $S := \{g \in G \mid \langle g \rangle = G\}$. Let χ be a character of G such that $\chi(g) \neq 0$ for each $g \in S$. Prove that:

- (a) the Galois group $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_m)/\mathbb{Q})$ permutes S ;
- (b) $\prod_{g \in S} |\chi(g)|^2 \in \mathbb{Q}$, and hence an integer;
- (c) $\prod_{g \in S} |\chi(g)|^2 \geq 1$;
- (d) deduce that $\sum_{g \in S} |\chi(g)|^2 \geq |S|$.