

1. If  $\phi : G \rightarrow H$  is a homomorphism with kernel  $\ker(\phi)$ , then  $\phi$  is injective iff  $\ker(\phi) = \{e\}$

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Given that  $\phi$  is injective, let  $g \in G$  such that  $\phi(g) = e$ . From the homomorphism, we know that  $\phi(e) = e$ . Hence,  $\phi(g) = \phi(e)$ . By the injectivity,  $g = e$ . Therefore,  $\ker(\phi) = \{e\}$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Given that  $\ker(\phi) = \{e\}$ , let  $g_1, g_2 \in G$  such that  $\phi(g_1) = \phi(g_2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(g_1) &= \phi(g_2) \\ \phi(g_1)\phi(g_2)^{-1} &= e \\ \phi(g_1)\phi(g_2^{-1}) &= e \\ \phi(g_1g_2^{-1}) &= e\end{aligned}$$

Since  $e$  is the only element in  $K$ ,  $g_1g_2^{-1} = e$ . It implies that  $g_1 = ((g_2)^{-1})^{-1} = g_2$ . Therefore,  $\phi$  is injective. ■

2. Let  $C$  be the center of  $G$ . Prove  $C \trianglelefteq G$ .

*Proof.* We have proved that the center of  $G$  is a subgroup of  $G$  in write up 7. Now we need to show it is a normal subgroup. Let  $c \in C, g \in G$ .  $gcg^{-1} = cgg^{-1} = c$ . Therefore,  $C \trianglelefteq G$ . ■

3. Prove that any intersection of normal subgroups of  $G$  is itself a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

*Proof.* Let  $H$  and  $K$  be two arbitrary normal subgroups of  $G$ . We need to first prove that  $H \cap K$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

First  $H \cap K$  must contain the identity because both  $H$  and  $K$  contain it. Second, let  $a, b \in H \cap K$ . It implies that  $a, b \in H$  and  $a, b \in K$ . That is  $ab \in H$  and  $ab \in K$ , and hence  $ab \in H \cap K$ . Third, let  $a^{-1} \in H \cap K$ . It implies that  $a^{-1} \in H$  and  $a^{-1} \in K$ . Hence,  $a^{-1} \in H \cap K$ .

Then, let  $g \in G$  and  $a \in H \cap K$ . We know that  $gag^{-1} \in H$  because  $H$  is a normal subgroup. Similarly,  $gag^{-1} \in K$ . Hence,  $gag^{-1} \in H \cap K$ .

Therefore, we can conclude that any intersection of normal subgroups of  $G$  is itself a normal subgroup of  $G$ . ■

4. Let  $\phi : G \rightarrow H$ , where  $\phi$  is surjective. Prove that if  $G$  is cyclic, then  $H$  is cyclic. (assumed homomorphism)

*Proof.* Since  $G$  is cyclic, we have an element  $x$  such that  $G = \langle x \rangle$ . Let  $g \in G$  and we can represent  $g$  as  $x^m$  where  $m$  is an integer. Hence,  $\phi(g) = \phi(x^m) = (\phi(x))^m = h \in H$  by homomorphism. Then we know that  $H \subseteq \langle \phi(x) \rangle$ . We also know from the surjectivity that  $\langle \phi(x) \rangle \subseteq H$ . Therefore,  $H = \langle \phi(x) \rangle$ , which proves that  $H$  is cyclic. ■

5. Let  $\phi : G \rightarrow H$ , where  $\phi$  is surjective. Prove that if every element of  $G$  has finite order, then every element of  $H$  also has finite order. (assumed homomorphism)

*Proof.* Since every element of  $G$  has a finite order, let  $\text{ord}(g) = m$  and  $g^m = e, g \in G, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $h = \phi(g)$ . We have  $\phi(g^m) = \phi(e) = e$  and  $\phi(g^m) = (\phi(g))^m$  from homomorphism. Hence,  $\phi(g^m) = e = (\phi(g))^m = h^m$ . Therefore,  $h \in H$  has finite order (any factor of  $m$ ). Since the choice of  $g$  is arbitrary, every other element of  $H$  also has finite order. ■