

- Find a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_{20} \oplus U(16)$  that is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5$ . Provide the isomorphism (but you do not need to prove your map works). Let  $H = \{0, 4, 8, 12, 16\}$  which is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_{20}$  of order 5. Let  $K = \{1, 5, 9, 13\}$  which is a subgroup of  $U(16)$  of order 4. Now  $H \oplus K$  is a subgroup of  $G = \mathbb{Z}_{20} \oplus U(16)$ . Now define isomorphism  $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \rightarrow K \oplus H$  as  $\phi(x, y) = (5^x, 4y)$ . Then  $\phi$  is an isomorphism.
- Consider the group  $\mathbb{Z}_{90} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{36}$ .
  - Without computing all of them, determine how many elements of order 15 are there in  $\mathbb{Z}_{90} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{36}$ ? 8 choices for  $\mathbb{Z}_{90}$  3 choices for  $\mathbb{Z}_{36}$  plus 4 choices for  $\mathbb{Z}_{90}$  and 2 choices for  $\mathbb{Z}_{36}$  leads to a total of 32 elements of order 15.
  - Determine the number of cyclic groups of order 15 in  $\mathbb{Z}_{90} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{36}$ . **Provide a generator for each of the subgroups.** We know that each group of order fifteen has a unique generator so  $32/8 = 4$  cyclic groups.
- In this problem, we show why the operation we defined on cosets only makes sense when the subgroup is normal.
  - Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$  with the property that for all  $a, b \in G$ ,  $aHbH = abH$ . Prove that  $H$  must be normal. Consider any element  $g \in G$ . Then  $gH$  and  $g^{-1}H$  are two left cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ . This  $gHg^{-1}H$  is also a left coset of  $H$  in  $G$ . Also  $gHg^{-1}H = gg^{-1}H = eH$ . Now  $eH = geg^{-1}H \in gHg^{-1}H \implies e \in gHg^{-1}H$ . Also  $e \in H$  as  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . So we get  $H$  and  $gHg^{-1}H$  are two left cosets having one common element  $e$ . We know from the property of equivalence classes that two left cosets are either equal or have no elements in common. Therefore  $H = gHg^{-1}H$ . Now for all  $h_1, h_2 \in H$  and  $g \in G$ ,  $gh_1g^{-1}h_2 = gHg^{-1}H \implies gh_1g^{-1}h_2 \in H \implies gh_1g^{-1}h_2h_2^{-1} = Hh_2^{-1} \implies gh_1g^{-1} \in H$  for all  $h_1 \in H$  and all  $g \in G$  implies  $H$  is normal in  $G$ .
  - Give an example of a group  $G$  and subgroup  $K$  such that  $aKbK \neq abK$  for some  $a, b \in G$ .  $G = \mathbb{R}^*$   $K = 2^x$  for all integers.
- Let  $H$  be a normal subgroup of a finite group  $G$  and let  $x \in G$ . If  $\gcd(|x|, |G/H|) = 1$ , show that  $x \in H$ . Let  $|x| = a$  and  $|G/H| = b$ . We are given that  $\gcd(|x|, |G/H|) = 1$  so we know there exists  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $ma + nb = 1$ . Now consider the coset  $xH$ .  $(xH)^a = eH = H \implies x^a \in H$ . Likewise we have  $(xH)^b = H \implies x^b \in H$ . Now we can write  $x = x^1 = x^{ma+nb} = x^{am}x^{bn} \in H$ . Since  $x^a \in H$   $(x^a)^m \in H$ . Similarly  $(x^b)^n \in H$  so  $x \in H$ .
- The following theorem and proof is presented in the textbook (Theorem 9.7 in the 9th edition).

**Theorem.** Let  $G$  be group of order  $p^2$  where  $p$  is prime. Then  $G$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p$ .

**Proof.** Let  $G$  be a group of order  $p^2$ , where  $p$  is a prime. If  $G$  has an element of order  $p^2$ , then  $G$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$ . **(1) So, by Corollary 2 of Lagrange's Theorem, we may assume that every nonidentity element of  $G$  has order  $p$ .** First we show that for any element  $a$ , the subgroup  $\langle a \rangle$  is normal in  $G$ . **(2) If this is not the case, then there is an element  $b$  in  $G$  such that  $bab^{-1}$  is not in  $\langle a \rangle$ .** **(3) Then  $\langle a \rangle$  and  $\langle bab^{-1} \rangle$  are distinct subgroups of order  $p$ .** Since  $\langle a \rangle \cap \langle bab^{-1} \rangle$  is a subgroup of both  $\langle a \rangle$  and  $\langle bab^{-1} \rangle$ , we have that  $\langle a \rangle \cap \langle bab^{-1} \rangle = \{e\}$ . **(4) From this it follows that the distinct left cosets of  $\langle bab^{-1} \rangle$  are  $\langle bab^{-1} \rangle, a\langle bab^{-1} \rangle, a^2\langle bab^{-1} \rangle, \dots, a^{p-1}\langle bab^{-1} \rangle$ .** Since  $b^{-1}$  must lie in one of these cosets, we may write  $b^{-1}$  in the form  $b^{-1} = a^i(bab^{-1})^j = a^iba^jb^{-1}$  for some  $i$  and  $j$ . Canceling the  $b^{-1}$  terms, we obtain  $e = a^iba^j$  and

therefore  $b = a^{-i-j} \in \langle a \rangle$ . **(5) This contradiction verifies our assertion that every subgroup of the form  $\langle a \rangle$  is normal in  $G$ .** To complete the proof, let  $x$  be any nonidentity element in  $G$  and  $y$  be any element of  $G$  not in  $\langle x \rangle$ . **(6) Then, by comparing orders and using Theorem 9.6, we see that  $G = \langle x \rangle \times \langle y \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p$ .**

The author left out a lot of the details in the proof (as usual). Most sentences could use more explanation, but the 6 sentences in bold in particular require more justification. Replace those sentences with the missing details to write a more detailed proof (and add some paragraph spacing to make it more readable). In a finite group the order of each element divides the order of the group. Assume the subgroup  $\langle a \rangle$  is normal in  $G$ . The subgroup is normal iff  $gag^{-1} \in \langle a \rangle$ . For all  $g \in G$ . That won't turn out to be correct because we will have an element  $b$  in  $\langle a \rangle$  such that it has order  $p$ . So  $bab^{-1} \notin \langle a \rangle$  as it will not satisfy the condition of a normal subgroup. Now as  $bab^{-1} \notin \langle a \rangle$  we have two subgroups of order  $p$  namely  $\langle bab^{-1} \rangle$  and  $\langle a \rangle$  because the order couldn't be one and the only other choice is  $p$ . Since the intersection of two subgroups is always a subgroup we are left with these two subgroups having an order of one namely it is the identity.  $b^{-1}$  must lie in one of these two cosets. This contradicts the assumption that  $b \in \langle a \rangle$  and  $\langle bab^{-1} \rangle = \langle a \rangle$ . Hence every subgroup of the form  $\langle a \rangle$  is normal in  $G$ . Hence satisfying the condition of the theorem.  $G = \langle x \rangle \oplus \langle b \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_p \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p$