

Math 200A Homework Question Compendium

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1 One

1. *Given:* $\forall x \in G, x^2 = e$ *Show:* $G \in \mathbf{Ab}$
2. *Given:* $|G| < \infty, |G| \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ *Show:* $\exists g \in G \ni o(g) = 2$
3. *Given:* $G \in \mathbf{Ab}$ *Show:* $T(G) \leq G$ (where $T(G) = \{g \in G : |g| < \infty\}$)
4. *Show:* Every finite group is finitely generated.
 - *Show:* \mathbb{Z} is finitely generated
 - *Show:* $H \leq (\mathbb{Q}, +) \implies H$ is cyclic
 - *Show:* \mathbb{Q} is not finitely generated
5. *Show:* \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} has, for each coset, exactly one representative in $[0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$
 - *Show:* Every element of \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} has finite order.
 - *Show:* There are elements in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} of arbitrarily large order.
 - *Show:* $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} = T(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$
 - *Show:* $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{C}^x$
6. *Given:* $G/Z(G)$ is cyclic *Show:* G is abelian

7. *Given:* $H \trianglelefteq G, K \trianglelefteq G, H \cap K = e$ *Show:* $\forall h \in H, \forall k \in K, hk = kh$
8. *Given:* $|G| < \infty, H \leq G, N \trianglelefteq G, (|H|, [G : N]) = 1$ *Show:* $H \leq N$
9. *Given:* $|G| < \infty, N \trianglelefteq G, (|N|, [G : N]) = 1$ *Show:* N is the unique subgroup of order $|N|$

2 Two

1. *Given:* For every triplet in G , two elements commute *Show:* G is abelian
2. *Given:* $H_1, H_2, H_3 \leq G, G = H_1 \cup H_2$ *Show:* $G = H_1 \vee G = H_2$
3. *Given:* $G = H_1 \cup H_2 \cup H_3, G$ finite *Show:* $G = H_i \vee \forall i, [G : H_i] = 2$
4. *Show:* TFAE; $\text{clos}(H)$ is:
 - The smallest normal subgroup of G containing H .
 - The subgroup generated by all conjugates of H .
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$$\bigcap_{H \leq N \trianglelefteq G} N$$

- $\phi : G \rightarrow -, \phi(H) = e$, then ϕ factors through $G/\text{clos}(H)$
5. *Given:* $H, K \trianglelefteq HK \leq G$ *Show:*

$$\frac{HK}{H \cap K} \cong \frac{HK}{H} \times \frac{HK}{K}$$

6. *Given:* $H \leq G, N \trianglelefteq G, H \in \text{Hall}(G)$ *Show:*

$$H \cap N \in \text{Hall}(N) \wedge \frac{HN}{N} \in \text{Hall}\left(\frac{G}{N}\right)$$

7. *Given:* $|G| = n, G$ cyclic, $\sigma_i : G \rightarrow G \ni x \mapsto x^i$

- Show $\sigma_i \in \text{End}(G)$
- Show $\sigma_i \in \text{Aut}(G)$ iff $(i, n) = 1$
- $\sigma_i = \sigma_j$ iff $i = j \pmod n$
- $\tau \in \text{Aut}(G) \implies \exists i \ni \tau = \sigma_i$
- $\sigma_i \circ \sigma_j = \sigma_{ij}$

6. The map

$$\psi : Z_n^\times \rightarrow \text{Aut}(G) i \mapsto \sigma_i$$

is an isomorphism.

8. *Given:* G is cyclic *Show:* $\text{Aut}(G)$ is abelian of order $\phi(n)$
9. *Show:* $D_\infty \cong \langle a, b \mid b^2 = e, ba = a^{-1}b \rangle$
10. *Show:* $Q_8 \cong \langle a, b \mid a^2 = b^2, a^{-1}ba = b^{-1} \rangle$
11. *Show:* $\langle x, y \mid xy^2 = y^3, yx^2 = x^3y \rangle = \langle e \rangle$

3 Three

1. *Given:* $G \sim X$ transitively, $H \trianglelefteq G$
 - *Show:* $H \sim X$, but possibly not transitively
 - *Show:* G acts transitively on $\{\mathcal{O}_h : h \in H\}$
 - *Show:* $\forall i, j, |\mathcal{O}_{h_i}| = |\mathcal{O}_{h_j}|$
 - *Given:* $x \in \mathcal{O}_h$ *Show:* $|\mathcal{O}_h| = |H : H \cap G_x|$
 - *Show:* $|\{\mathcal{O}_h\}_{h \in H}| = [G : HG_x]$
2. *Given:* \mathcal{K} a conjugacy class in S_n , $\{\mathcal{O}_s : s \in S_n\}$ orbits of an A_n -action on S_n *Show:* $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{O}_s \vee \mathcal{K} = \mathcal{O}_{s_i} \cup \mathcal{O}_{s_j}$ *Show:* Case 2 occurs iff $\{k_i\}$, the cycle lengths in disjoint cycle form, are odd and distinct
3. i: $|G| < \infty, H < G$
 - *Show:* $\{gHg^{-1} : g \in G\} = [G : N_G(H)]$
 - *Show:*

$$G \neq \bigcup_{g \in G} gHg^{-1}$$

4. Prove Cauchy's Theorem. Given $p \mid o(G) < \infty$,

$$X = \left\{ (a_i)_{i=1}^p \in G^p \mid \prod_{i=1}^p a_i = e \right\}$$

- *Show:* $(a_1 a_2 \cdots a_p) = e \implies (a_2 a_3 \cdots a_p a_1) = e$
 - *Show:* $(Z_p, +) \sim X$ and $\bar{1} \sim (a_1 a_2 \cdots a_p) = (a_2 a_3 \cdots a_p a_1)$
 - *Show:* $|X| = |G|^{p-1}$
 - *Show:* $\{\mathcal{O}_x : |\mathcal{O}_x| = 1\} > 1$ and $\exists a \in G \ni a^p = e$
5. *Given:* $G \sim X$, $|G| < \infty$, $1 < |X| < \infty$
 - *Show:* $\exists g \in G \ni \forall x \in X, g \sim x \neq x$
 - *Show:* This holds if $|G| = \infty$, but not if $|X| = \infty$ as well.
 6. *Given:* $H \leq G$. *Show:* $\text{core}(H)$ is
 - The largest $N \trianglelefteq G, N \subseteq H$
 - Generated by all normal subgroups contained in H
 - Given by $\bigcap_{g \in G} gHg^{-1}$
 - The kernel of $G \sim \frac{G}{H} \ni x \sim gH = (xg)H$
 7. *Given:* $[H : G] = n < \infty$
 - *Show:* $[\text{core}(H) : G]$ divides $n!$
 - *Show:* G simple $\implies o(G) \mid n! \wedge |G| < \infty$
 8. *Given:* A_n is simple for $n \geq 5$ *Show:* $\nexists H \in A_n \ni [H : A_n] < n$ *Show:* $\exists H [H : A_n] = n$
 9. *Given:* r beads of n colors *Show:* How many distinct circular bracelets can be made.

4 Four

1. *Given:* $H \text{ char } G$ *Show:* $H \trianglelefteq G$
2. *Given:* $H \text{ char } K \trianglelefteq G$ *Show:* $H \trianglelefteq G$
3. *Given:* $K = \langle k \rangle \trianglelefteq G$ *Show:* $H \leq K \implies H \trianglelefteq G$
4. *Show* $H \trianglelefteq K \trianglelefteq G \not\implies H \trianglelefteq G$
5. *Given:* $P \leq H \leq K \leq G < \infty, P \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$ *Show:* $P, H \trianglelefteq K \implies P \trianglelefteq K$
6. *Show:* $N_G(N_G(P)) = N_G(P)$
7. *Given:* $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(G)$ *Show:* $\sigma \text{Inn}(G) \sigma^{-1} = \text{Inn}(G)$ iff $\forall g \in G, g^{-1} \sigma(g) \in Z(G)$
8. *Show:* $\text{Inn}(G) \text{ char } \text{Aut}(G)$
9. *Given:* $H \subseteq G, P \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$
 - *Show:* $\exists g \in G \ni gPg^{-1} \in \text{Syl}_p(H)$
 - *Given:* $H \trianglelefteq G$ *Show:* $P \cap H \in \text{Syl}_p(H)$
 - *Given:* $P \trianglelefteq G$ *Show:* $P \cap H \in \text{Syl}_p(H)$ and $|\text{Syl}_p(H)| = 1$
10. *Given:* $|G| = pqr, p < q < r$ *Show:* $\exists P_i \in \text{Syl}_i(G) \trianglelefteq G$
11. *Given:* $|G| = 595$ *Show:* All sylow subgroups are normal
12. *Given:* $|G| = p(p+1)$ *Show:* $\exists N \trianglelefteq G$ where $|N| = p$ or $p+1$

5 Five

1. *Given:* $G = H \rtimes_{\psi} K$

$$\psi : K \rightarrow \text{Aut}(H) k \mapsto \psi(k)$$

$$\theta \in \text{Aut}(H) \quad \rho : K \rightarrow K$$

$$\phi_{\theta} : \text{Aut}(H) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(H) \rho \mapsto \theta \circ \rho \circ \theta^{-1}$$

$$\psi_2 : K \rightarrow \text{Aut}(H) k \mapsto (\phi_{\theta} \circ \psi)(k)$$

$$\psi_3 : K \rightarrow \text{Aut}(H) k \mapsto (\psi \circ \rho)(k)$$

$$\text{Show: } H \rtimes_{\psi} K \cong H \rtimes_{\psi_2} K \cong H \rtimes_{\psi_3} K$$

2. Classify groups of order $pq, p < q, p \mid q-1$
3. Classify groups of order 20.
4. Classify groups of order 75.
5. *Show:* $|G| < 60 \implies G$ is not simple.
6. *Show:* $|G| < 60 \implies G$ is solvable
7. *Given:* $|G| < \infty, H \leq G$ maximal $\implies [G : H] = p$, a prime. *Show:* $|G|$ is solvable
 - *Given:* $P \in \text{Syl}_p(G) \wedge \exists H \ni N_G(P) \leq H \leq G$ *Show:* $[G : H] = 1 \pmod p$

- Given: $p \mid o(G)$, the largest such prime Show: $\exists P \trianglelefteq G \in Syl_p(G)$,
8. $|G| < \infty$
- Given: G is characteristically simple Show: $\exists H$ (simple) $\ni G \cong H^n$. Show: Whether or not the converse holds
 - Given: $N \trianglelefteq G$ minimal Show: N is characteristically simple, $N \cong H^n$

6 Six

- Given: G is nilpotent Show: $H \leq G \implies H, G/H$ are nilpotent
- Show: $G/Z(G)$ is nilpotent $\implies G$ is nilpotent
- Given: $|G| < \infty$ Show: $|G|$ is nilpotent iff $a, b \in G, (a, b) = 1 \implies ab = ba$
- Show: D_{2n} is nilpotent iff $n = 2^i$
- Given: $|G| < \infty$
 - Show $\Phi(G)$ char G
 - Show $\Phi(G)$ is nilpotent
 - Given: $|P| = p^e$ Show: $P/\Phi(P)$ is an elementary abelian p -group Show: $N \trianglelefteq P, P/N$ is elementary abelian $\implies \Phi(P) \subseteq N$
- Given: R a commutative ring, $x, y \in R$ nilpotent
 - Show: $x + y$ is nilpotent Show: $\{x \in R : x \text{ is nilpotent}\} \trianglelefteq R$
 - Given: $u \in R^\times, x \in R$ nilpotent Show: $u + x \in R^\times$
 - Show: An counterexample to 1 when R is noncommutative.
- Given: R a commutative ring, $R[[x]]$ its formal power series
 - Show: $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i \in R[[x]]^\times \iff a_0 \in R^\times$
 - Show: R a domain $\implies R[[x]]$ a domain
 - Given: R a field Show: $I = \{r \in R[[x]] : r_0 = 0\}$ is a maximal ideal of $R[[x]]$ Show: I is the unique maximal ideal
- Given: R a commutative ring, G a finite group, RG a group ring.
 - Given: $\mathcal{K} = \{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m\}$ a conjugacy class in G Show:

$$K = \sum_{i=1}^m k_i \in RG \implies K \in Z(RG)$$
 - Given: $\mathcal{K}_1 \dots \mathcal{K}_r$ distinct conjugacy classes in G , $K_i = \sum_j k_j \ni k_j \in \mathcal{K}_i$ Show: $Z(RG) = \{\sum a_l K_l : \forall 1 \leq l \leq r, a_l \in R\}$ (All R -linear combinations of the \mathcal{K}_i)
- Given: R a ring, $M_n(R)$ its matrix ring
 - Given: $I \trianglelefteq R$ (two-sided) Show: $M_n(I) \trianglelefteq M_n(R)$ Show:

$$\frac{M_n(R)}{M_n(I)} \cong M_n\left(\frac{R}{I}\right)$$
 - Show: $\forall I_M \trianglelefteq M_n(R), I$ is of the form $M_n(I)$ for some $I \trianglelefteq R$ Show: R a division ring $\implies M_n(R)$ is a simple ring.

7 Seven

8 Eight