

2. (7 pts.) Consider the permutation group  $S_7$ , and let  $\sigma = (123)(13)(25)(146)(57)(752)$ .  
Give in disjoint cycle notation the element  $\sigma^{100} = [(123)(13)(25)(146)(57)(752)]^{100}$

$$\sigma = (146)(23)$$

$$|\sigma| = \text{lcm}\{2, 3\} = 6$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^{100} &= \sigma^{96} \sigma^4 = \sigma^4 \quad \text{since } 6 \mid 96 \\ &= (146)^4 (23)^4 = \boxed{(146)}\end{aligned}$$

3. (7 pts.) Suppose  $G$  is a cyclic group of order  $141,582,168 = 2^3 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 7^5 \cdot 13$ . How many elements of order 49 does  $G$  contain? Briefly justify your answer.

$G$  contains a unique subgroup  $H$  with  $|H| = 49$

$H$  has  $\phi(49) = 7 \cdot 6 = 42$  generators.

4. (10 pts.) Use the Fundamental Theorem of Finite Abelian Groups to list, up to isomorphism, all Abelian groups of order  $756 = 2^2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7$ . You do not need to justify your answer here; simply give a complete list without repetitions.

$$\mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{27} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_7$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{27} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_7$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_9 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_7$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_9 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_7$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_7$$

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Six total.

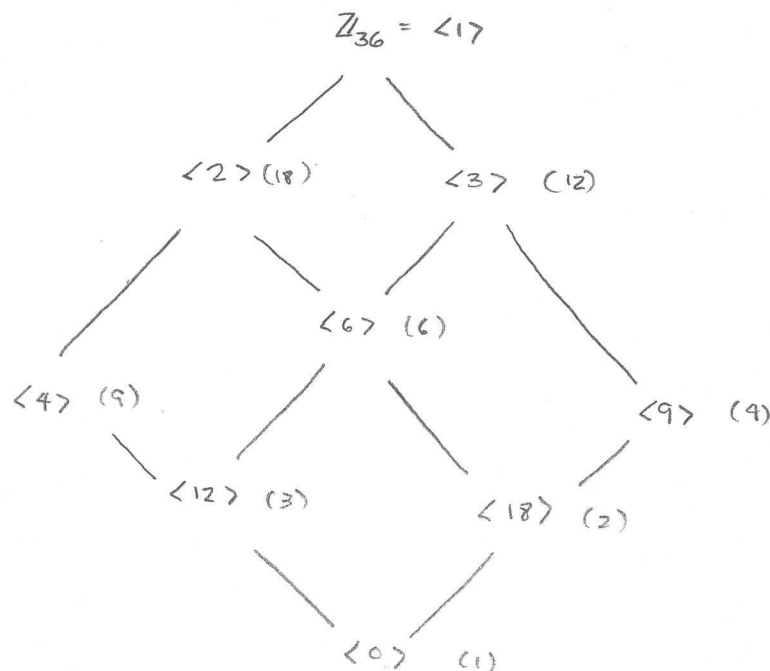
5. (16 pts.) Suppose  $G$  is a cyclic group of order  $n$ ,  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$ .

(a) Part of the Fundamental Theorem for Cyclic Groups characterizes all subgroups of a *finite* cyclic group  $G$ . (There are both existence and uniqueness statements.). State this part of the theorem.

5 pts.

(b) Now assume that  $n = 36$  and so  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{36}$ . Draw a subgroup lattice for  $\mathbb{Z}_{36}$ . Clearly, indicate generators for each subgroup.

6 pts.



The group order is shown next to the subgroup.

divisors of 36 are  
1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 12, 18, 36

(c) List all generators of  $\mathbb{Z}_{36}$ , and explain why these elements are generators.

5 pts.

generators =  $k$  s.t.  $\gcd(k, 36) = 1$  There are  $\phi(36) = \phi(4)\phi(9)$   
 $= 2 \cdot 6 = 12$   
of them  
 $= \{1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 25, 29, 31, 35\}$

Prop:  $1 \leq k < 36$  generators  $\mathbb{Z}_{36} \Leftrightarrow \gcd(k, 36) = 1$ .

## Part II.

6. (10 pts.) Fix  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $n \geq 2$ .

(a) Prove that for any  $\sigma \in S_n$ ,  $\sigma A_n = A_n \sigma$ . (Thus,  $A_n$  is a normal subgroup of  $S_n$ ,  $A_n \triangleleft S_n$ .)

We will show  $\sigma A_n \subseteq A_n \sigma$  and  $A_n \sigma \subseteq \sigma A_n$ .

Suppose first  $x \in \sigma A_n$ . Then  $x = \sigma \tau$  for  $\tau$  an even permutation. If  $\sigma$  is even

(b) Now explicitly list all the cosets of  $A_n$  in  $S_n$  and give  $(S_n : A_n)$ .

$$A_n, (12)A_n$$

7. (10 pts.) Let  $G$  be a group and fix an element  $a \in G$ . Define  $C_a = \{x \in G \mid xa = ax\}$ . Prove that  $C_a$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . (This subgroup is called the *centralizer* of  $a$  in  $G$ .)

Proof: Since  $ea = ae$ ,  $e \in C_a$  and  $C_a \neq \emptyset$ .

Suppose now that  $x, y \in C_a$ . Then  $xa = ax$  and  $ya = ay$ . Consider  $xya$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} xya &= x(ya) = x(ay) \text{ since } y \in C_a \\ &= (xa)y \text{ by associativity} \\ &= (ax)y \text{ since } x \in C_a. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $C_a$  is closed under products.

8. (10 pts.) Let  $\phi: G \rightarrow G'$  be a group homomorphism. Prove that if  $|G|$  is finite, then  $|\phi[G]|$  is finite and is a divisor of  $|G|$ .

Now suppose  $x \in C_a$  so that  $xa = ax$ . Then multiplying on the left and right by  $x^{-1}$  yields

$$xa = ax$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{-1}(xa)x^{-1} = x^{-1}(ax)x^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow ax^{-1} = x^{-1}a$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{-1} \in C_a.$$

Thus,  $C_a$  is closed under inverses. By the 2-step subgroup test,  $C_a \leq G$ .