

Homework

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Exercise 1-3

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- Closure: If $a, b \in G$, there are $c, d \in G$ such that $a = c^m, b = d^m$. Then $ab = c^m d^m = (cd)^m \in G$ (Because group G is an abelian group).
- Identity: $e = e^m \in G$.
- Inverse: If $a = b^m \in G$, then $a^{-1} = (b^m)^{-1} = (b^{-1})^m \in G$.

Above all, $H \leq G$.

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For all $a, b \in gHg^{-1}$, there are $c, d \in H$ such that $a = gcg^{-1}, b = gdg^{-1}$.
Then $a^{-1}b = (gcg^{-1})^{-1}gdg^{-1} = gc^{-1}g^{-1}gdg^{-1} = gc^{-1}dg^{-1}$.
Because $c^{-1}d \in H$, we have $a^{-1}b \in gHg^{-1}$.
Finally, we get $gHg^{-1} \leq G$.

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For all $b, c \in C(a)$, we have $ba = ab$ and $ca = ac$.
Then $b^{-1}c = (aba^{-1})^{-1}aca^{-1} = ab^{-1}a^{-1}aca^{-1} = ab^{-1}ca^{-1}$, which imply that $ab^{-1}c = b^{-1}ca, b^{-1} \in C(a)$.
Above all, $C(a) \leq G$.

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$g \in C(G) \Leftrightarrow \forall a \in G, ga = ag \Leftrightarrow \forall a \in G, g \in C(a) \Leftrightarrow g \in \bigcap_{a \in G} C(a)$, then we have:

$$C(G) = \bigcap_{a \in G} C(a)$$

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- $\langle m, n \rangle \subseteq \langle d \rangle$: $a \in \langle m, n \rangle \Rightarrow \exists k_1, k_2, a = k_1 m + k_2 n = (k_1 \frac{m}{d} + k_2 \frac{n}{d})d \Rightarrow a \in \langle d \rangle$.
- $\langle d \rangle \subseteq \langle m, n \rangle$: By the Euclid theorem, $\exists k_1, k_2, d = k_1 m + k_2 n$. If $a \in \langle d \rangle$, we have $a = kd = k(k_1 m + k_2 n) = (kk_1)m + (kk_2)n$, which means $a \in \langle m, n \rangle$.

Above all, $\langle m, n \rangle = \langle d \rangle$.

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It's obvious that $m = \pm n$ imply $\langle m \rangle = \langle n \rangle$, we only need to prove $\langle m \rangle = \langle n \rangle \Rightarrow m = \pm n$.

If $\langle m \rangle = \langle n \rangle$, we have $m \in \langle m \rangle = \langle n \rangle$, which means $n \mid m$. We can get $m \mid n$ by the same method. But $n \mid m$ and $m \mid n$ means $m = \pm n$. That's all.