

Problems 1 and 2 below use a problem from HW 6 #9 about **automorphisms** of groups, restated below. You may want to reference the Fact in your proofs.

Definition 1: Let G be a group. An isomorphism $\phi : G \rightarrow G$ is called an **automorphism**. (That is, an automorphism is an isomorphism from a group to itself.)

Fact (that you proved): Let G be a group and $g \in G$. The function $f_g : G \rightarrow G$ defined as

$$f_g(x) = gxg^{-1}$$

is an automorphism of G .

Definition 2: Let G be a group. An automorphism $f : G \rightarrow G$ defined by $f_g(x) = gxg^{-1}$ is called an **inner automorphism**.

1. (a) Prove that if G is a group with subgroup H , then the set $gHg^{-1} = \{ghg^{-1} : h \in H\}$ is a subgroup of G .

Proof:

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- (b) Prove that if a group G has exactly one subgroup H of order k , then H must be normal in G .

Proof:

2. (a) Let $G = S_3$ and $g = (12)$. Describe the inner automorphism f_g by filling out the table below. (Note that I filled out one row for you.)

x	$f_g(x)$
$()$	$(12)() (12) = ()$
(12)	
(13)	
(23)	
(123)	
(132)	

- (b) Let $G = \mathbb{Z}_3$ and $g = 1$. Describe the inner automorphism f_g by filling out the table below.

x	$f_g(x)$
0	
1	
2	

- (c) If G is abelian, what can you conclude about inner automorphisms of G ? Justify your answer.

Answer:

- (d) Let $G = \mathbb{Z}_3$. Describe an automorphism of G that is not an inner automorphism.

x	$f_g(x)$
0	
1	
2	

- (e) You have shown that some automorphisms can be constructed as inner automorphisms, but not all are of that form. Let $\text{Aut}(G)$ be the set of all automorphisms of the group G . Prove that this set forms a group under the operation of function composition. (That is, you are proving that $\text{Aut}(G) \leq S_G$.)

Proof:

3. Let the function $f : \mathbb{Z}_8 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{20}$ be defined at $f(n) = 5n$. Prove that f is a homomorphism and determine its kernel and its image.

Proof:

kernel:

image:

4. For each map below, determine if it is a homomorphism. (You don't have to **prove** it is or isn't a homomorphism.) If it is a homomorphism, determine its kernel and its image.

(a) $\phi : \mathbb{R}^* \rightarrow GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ defined by $\phi(a) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$.

Answer:

(b) $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ defined by $\phi(a) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Answer:

(c) $\phi : GL_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $\phi \left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \right) = a + d$

Answer:

(d) $\phi : GL_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$ defined by $\phi \left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \right) = ad - bc$

Answer:

(e) $\phi : M_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $\phi \left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \right) = b$ where $M_2(\mathbb{R})$ is the additive group of 2×2 matrices with entries in \mathbb{R} .

Answer:

5. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. Show that matrix multiplication, $x \rightarrow Ax$, defines a homomorphism $\phi : \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}^m$.

Proof:

6. If G is an abelian group and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, show that $\phi : G \rightarrow G$ defined by $g \mapsto g^n$ is a group homomorphism.

Proof:

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7. Show that a homomorphism defined on a cyclic group is completely determined by its action on the generator of the group.

Proof:

8. If H and K are normal subgroups of G and $H \cap K = \{e\}$, prove that G is isomorphic to a subgroup of $G/H \times G/K$.

Proof: