

problem 10 Ans:

Step 1: A set  $G_1$  is with a binary operation  $*$  is a group if it satisfies -

- (i) Closure: For all  $a, b \in G_1$ ,  $a * b \in G_1$
  - (ii) Associativity:  $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$
  - (iii) Identity element: any  $e \in G_1$  such,  $a * e = e * a = a$  for all  $a \in G_1$
  - (iv) Inverse element: for each  $a \in G_1$ , there exist  $a^{-1} \in G_1$  such  $a * a^{-1} = e$
- if  $a * b = b * a$  for all  $a, b \in G_1$ , the group is abelian

Step 2: Take set of odd integers

Let,

$$O = \{ \dots -3, -1, 1, 3, \dots \}$$

with binary operation  $(+)$  (usual addition)

Step 3: verify group axioms -

① closure  $\text{odd} + \text{odd} = \text{Even}$

Thus closure fails

② Associativity -

$$(a+b)+c = a+(b+c) \text{ but irrelevant}$$

but irrelevant since closure failed.

③ Identity element

The additive identity in  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is 0

0 is not odd so fails.

④ inverse element

For an odd integer  $a$ , its inverse under addition is  $-a$ .

Example: if  $3 \in \mathbb{O}$ , inverse is  $-3$ , which is also odd.



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step 4! since closure and identity fails  
the set of odd integers with  $+$  is not  
a group. Therefore it cannot be an abelian  
group either.

Final ans:

The set of odd integers under addition  
is not an abelian group because-

→ it's not closed (odd + even  $\notin$  odd)

→ It does not contain the identity  
element (since 0 is not odd)

problems 2. Ans:

① if  $|G| = pq$  with distinct prime  $p, q$  then

$G$  is abelian. Ans: False.

why? By ~~the~~ Sylow theory the Sylow- $q$

subgroup normal, so  $G$  is

a semidirect product  $p \ltimes q$ . if  $p \nmid (q-1)$

the semidirect product force to be direct

but  $p \mid (q-1)$  nontrivial.

problem 2

② if  $G = p^n$  ( $p = \text{prime}$ ) the  $G$  is abelian

iff it has  $(p+1)$  subgroup of order  $p$ .

Ans: True.

why: Only group of order  $p^n$  are



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$C_p^r$  and  $C_p \times C_p$ . Thus having  $p+1$  subgroups of order  $p$  characterized abelian  $C_p \times C_p$  case

③ for finite  $G$  and proper  $H \leq G$   
union of all conjugate  $H$  cannot equal  $G$

Ans: TRUE

why: Let  $\text{conj } H_1, H_2, \dots, H_k$ . Each intersect  
another in a proper subset and shows  
 $|U_i H_i| \leq k(|H|-1) + 1 \leq [G:H] (|H|-1) + 1 < |G|$   
so union is smaller than  $G$ .

④ If  $N \triangleleft G$ ,  $N$  cyclic and  $G/N$  cyclic then  
 $G$  is abelian.

Ans: false.

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why! In general nonabelian group tensor

elements need to be closed under

multiplication. Example: finite dihedral

group  $D_8$ . its rotation subgroup

$N \cong C_4$  is cyclic and normal.

$D_8/N \cong C_2$  is cyclic yet  $D_8$  nonabelian

⑤ Any group  $G$  set of finite order forms  
a sub group.

Ans: False.

$\Rightarrow$  nonabelian group tensor element need  
not to be closed under multiplication

Example: the finite dihedral  $D_8$

has many reflection of order 2.



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⑦ if  $a^4 = b^2$  and  $ab = ba$  then  $(ab)^6 = e$

Ans: False.

why! if  $a, b$  commute then  $(ab)^6 = a^6 b^6$ .

from  $b^2 = a^4$  we get  $b^6 = (b^2)^3 = a^{12}$ .

so  $(ab)^6 = a^{18}$  there is no reason  $a^{18} = e$  in

general. in finite cyclic group take

$a = g, b = g^2$  then  $a^4 = g^4 = b^2$

they commute  $(ab)^6 = g^{18} \neq e$

⑧  $[G:H] = n$ , for any  $x \in G, x^n \in H$

Ans: False.

why! General true statement is  $x^n \in H$

for all  $x \in G$ . Reason the perm action.

of  $G$  of  $n$  cosets gives.  $\phi: G \rightarrow S_n$

the order of  $\phi(x)$  divides  $n!$  so  $x^{n!} \in \ker \phi =$

$\bigcap_{g \in G} gHg^{-1} \subseteq H$ . exponent  $n$  is not sufficient

⑨ If  $G$  has exactly one subgroup of order  $p^k$  for each  $k \leq n$  (and  $p^n \mid |G|$ ) then  $G$  has normal Sylow  $p$ -subgroup.

Ans: True.

Why! Let  $P$  be the subgroup of order  $p^n$ . Any conjugate of  $P$  has the same order of  $p^n$  the ~~there~~ hence must  $P$  equal by uniqueness. Thus  $P$  is normal and is the Sylow  $p$  subgroup.

⑩ If  $|G| = p^n m$  with  $p$  prime and  $p \nmid m$  and if  $H \leq G$  with  $|H| = p^n$  then  $H$  is normal in  $G$ .

Ans: True.



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why! A subgroup of order  $p^n$  is a  
sylow  $p$ -subgroup. By sylow theorem  
the number  $n_p$  of such subgroup divides  
 $m$  and satisfies  $n_p \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .

since  $p \nmid m$ , the only divisor of  $m$   
congruent to  $1 \pmod{p}$  is  $1$ , so  $n_p = 1$   
uniqueness implies ~~normality~~ normality.