

Exercise 9.14: What is the order of the element $14 + \langle 8 \rangle$ in the factor group $\mathbb{Z}_{24}/\langle 8 \rangle$? Note that $\langle 8 \rangle = \{8, 16, 0\}$. Note that $\langle 14 + \langle 8 \rangle \rangle = \{14 + \langle 8 \rangle, 4 + \langle 8 \rangle, 18 + \langle 8 \rangle, 8 + \langle 8 \rangle\}$ thus $|\langle 14 + \langle 8 \rangle \rangle| = 4$.

Exercise 9.18: What is the order of the factor group $\mathbb{Z}_{60}/\langle 15 \rangle$?

Well $\langle 15 \rangle = \{15, 30, 45, 0\}$ thus $|\langle 15 \rangle| = 4$. Noting that each pair of distinct elements in the factor group share no common element and all elements will appear in at least one element of the factor group, noting that $a \in a + \langle 15 \rangle$, we can say that there are exactly $|\mathbb{Z}_{60}|/|\langle 15 \rangle| = 15$ elements in the factor group.

Exercise 9.23: Determine the order of $(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z})/\langle (4, 2) \rangle$. Is the group cyclic?

Noting that for each $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, $(0, x) + \langle (4, 2) \rangle$ is a unique element in the factor group. We can see this by simply supposing to the contrary that for $x \neq y \in \mathbb{Z}$, $(0, x) + \langle (4, 2) \rangle = (0, y) + \langle (4, 2) \rangle \rightarrow (\exists n)(4, 2 + x) = (4n, 2n + y) \rightarrow n = 1 \rightarrow x = y$. We can now say that the order of the given group is infinite since we have found at least $|\mathbb{Z}|$ elements of $(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z})/\langle (4, 2) \rangle$. Suppose $(x, y) + \langle (4, 2) \rangle$ is a generator of $(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z})/\langle (4, 2) \rangle$. Note that any element of an element of $\langle (x, y) + \langle (4, 2) \rangle \rangle$ can be represented as $(xn + 4m, yn + 2m)$ for some integers n, m . We are now saying that $(\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z})(\exists n, m \in \mathbb{Z})$ s.t. $xn + 4m = a$ and $yn + 2m = b$. Suppose $2 \nmid x$ in this case note that $2 \nmid (xn + 4m)$, a contradiction since we can choose a to be odd, a similar argument holds for $2 \nmid y$ being false. We now can conclude x and y are odd. Note that our statement implies that $(\forall a \in \mathbb{Z})(\exists n, m \in \mathbb{Z})$ s.t. $xn + 4m + yn + 2m = a$. Note that $2 \mid (x + y)$. Note that $2 \mid xn + 4m + yn + 2m = (x + y)n + 6m$, however this is a contradiction since we can choose a to be odd. We conclude that $(x, y) + \langle (4, 2) \rangle$ is not a generator of $(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z})/\langle (4, 2) \rangle$, and thus that $(\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z})/\langle (4, 2) \rangle$ is non-cyclic.

Exercise 9.24: The group $(\mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{12})/\langle (2, 2) \rangle$ is isomorphic to one of \mathbb{Z}_8 , $\mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$, or $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$. Determine which one by elimination.

Define $H = \langle (2, 2) \rangle = \{(0, 0), (2, 2), (0, 4), (2, 6), (0, 8), (2, 10)\}$. Note that $\langle (1, 1) + H \rangle = \{(1, 1) + H, (0, 0) + H\}$, and $\langle (2, 4) + H \rangle = \{(2, 4) + H, (0, 0) + H\}$, thus since \mathbb{Z}_8 only has one element of order 2 we know that $(\mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{12})/\langle (2, 2) \rangle \not\cong \mathbb{Z}_8$. Note that $\langle (2, 1) + H \rangle = \{(2, 1) + H, (0, 2) + H, (2, 3) + H, (0, 0) + H\}$, thus since $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$ only has elements of order 2 we know that $(\mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{12})/\langle (2, 2) \rangle \not\cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$. By elimination $(\mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{12})/\langle (2, 2) \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$.

Exercise 9.27: Let $G = U(16)$, $H = \{1, 15\}$, and $K = \{1, 9\}$. Are H and K isomorphic? Are G/H and G/K isomorphic?

Note that H and K are sub groups and all sub groups of order two are isomorphic thus $H \cong K$.

Note that any element of G squared is either 1 or 9. By brute force calculation:

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1 >> mod([1:2:15]'.^[1:10],16)
2 ans =
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4      1      1      1      1      1      1      1      1      1      1
5      3      9     11      1      3      9     11      1      3      9
6      5      9     13      1      5      9     13      1      5      9
7      7      1      7      1      7      1      7      1      7      1
8      9      1      9      1      9      1      9      1      9      1
9     11      9      3      1     11      9      3      1     11      9
10     13      9      5      1     13      9      5      1     13      9
11     15      1     15      1     15      1     15      1     15      1
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13 >> diary off

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Thus we can say if $a \in G$ then $a^2 \in K$. Take an arbitrary non identity element of G/K , aK . Note that $(aK)^2 = a^2K = K = e$ thus all non identity elements are of order 2. Note that in G/H , $\langle 11H \rangle = \{11H, 9H, 3H, H\}$ and thus G/H has an element of order 4. Since G/H has an element of order 4 and G/K does not we know that they are not isomorphic.

Exercise 9.36: Determine all subgroups of R^* (nonzero reals under multiplication) of index 2.

Define $H = R^+$, the positive reals. Note that H clearly has closure since the multiple of two positives is positive, and also has inverses since if a is positive $1/a$ will also be positive, thus H is a subgroup of R^* . Note that the coset $-1H$ is all negative numbers, thus combining H with this coset covers all of R^* . We can say H is index 2.

Suppose K is a subgroup of index 2 of R^* and $K \neq H$.

Suppose $H \subset K$. Noting that $H \neq K$ we can say there exists some negative number call it $(-a) \in K$. Noting that $1/a \in H$, we can say that $(-a)1/a = -1 \in K$. Since K contains every positive number and contains -1 we can say $K = R^*$, a contradiction with K being index 2. We conclude that $H \not\subset K$ and thus there is some positive number not an element of K .

Define a to be a positive number not in K . Note that $b = \sqrt{a} \notin K$ and that $b \in R^+$. Note that $aK \cup K = R^*$, definition of index 2. Thus $b \in aK$. Thus there exists some $k \in K$ such that $b = ak = b^2k$ thus $1/b = k$ thus $b \in K$. This is a contradiction. Thus we conclude no such K exists and that H is the only subgroup index 2.

Exercise 9.37: Let G be a finite group and let H be a normal subgroup of G . Prove that the order of the element gH in G/H must divide the order of g in G .

Suppose $g \in G$ and $|g| = n$. Note that $(gH)^n = g^nH = eH$, thus we know that $|gH| \mid |g|$.

Exercise 9.40: Let ϕ be an isomorphism from a group G onto a group \bar{G} . Prove that if H is a normal subgroup of G , then $\phi(H)$ is a normal subgroup of \bar{G} .

Note that $\phi(H)$ is a subgroup of \bar{G} . Choose $\bar{g} \in \bar{G}$. Choose $\bar{h} \in \phi(H)$. Let's define the associated values, $\phi(g) = \bar{g}$ and $\phi(h) = \bar{h}$. Note that $\bar{g}\bar{h}(\bar{g})^{-1} = \phi(g)\phi(h)\phi(g^{-1}) = \phi(ghg^{-1}) = \phi(k)$. Note that since H is a normal subgroup we can say that $ghg^{-1} = k \in H$, thus $\phi(k) \in \phi(H)$. We now know that $(\forall \bar{g} \in \bar{G})(\forall \bar{h} \in \phi(H))\bar{g}\bar{h}(\bar{g})^{-1} \in \phi(H)$. We now conclude H is a normal subgroup of \bar{G} .

Exercise 9.43: Show, by example, that in a factor group G/H it can happen that $aH = bH$ but $|a| \neq |b|$.

Consider $G = Z_2$, $H = Z_2$. Note that $1H = 2H$ but $1 = |1| \neq |2| = 2$.

Exercise 9.50: If $|G| = pq$, where p and q are primes that are not necessarily distinct, prove that $|Z(G)| = 1$ or pq .

Suppose $|Z(G)| \neq 1$. let a be the element of $Z(G)$ with the highest order.

Suppose $|a| = pq$. In this case G is cyclic and thus $|Z(G)| = |G| = pq$.

Suppose $|a| \neq pq$. in this case $|a| \mid |G| = pq$ and thus $|a| = p$ or $|a| = q$ WLOG let $|a| = p$.

Take $b \notin \langle a \rangle$. Consider the group $G / \langle a \rangle$. Note that $|b|$

Exercise 9.58: If N and M are normal subgroups of G , prove that NM is also a normal subgroup of G .

Choose $a \in G$. Note that $b = aNa^{-1} \in N$ and $c = aMa^{-1} \in M$, thus we note that $bc \in NM$.

Note that $bc = aNa^{-1}aMa^{-1} = aNMa^{-1}$. We have now proven $(\forall a \in G)aNMa^{-1} \in G$, thus NM is a normal subgroup of G .