

① Either prove true/false:

① If $H, K \leq G$ then either HK or KH is a subgroup.

↳ False: In $GL_2(\mathbb{Z}_2)$, UT_2, LT_2 and $LT_2 UT_2$ are not subgroups as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and I is not in $GL_2(\mathbb{Z}_2)$.

② Every finite gp G is isomorphic to a subgroup of $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ for some n .

↳ True: By Cayley's theorem, $G \cong$ a subgroup of S_n for some n , and there is an isomorphic copy of S_n in $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ consisting of the permutation matrices.

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2) Let $G = H \ltimes U$ be a finite group, for groups H and U . Let p be prime, and let $Syl_p(G)$ denote the set of Sylow p -subgroups of G .

(a) Show that if $Syl_p(G) \cap Syl_p(U) \neq \emptyset$, then $Syl_p(G) = Syl_p(U)$.

(b) Suppose $Syl_p(G) \cap Syl_p(U) \neq \emptyset$ and $\gcd(|H|, |U|) = 1$. Prove that H acts transitively on $Syl_p(U)$ if and only if $Q \trianglelefteq U$ for some $Q \in Syl_p(G)$.

① All of the Sylow p -subgroups of G are conjugate to one another. If some $P \in Syl_p(G)$ is also a Sylow p -subgroup of U , then $|G| = p^k n$ and $|U| = p^k m$ for $p \nmid m, n$.

Now, note that as $G = H \ltimes U$, $U \trianglelefteq G$, and thus $gPg^{-1} \in U$ for all $g \in G$.

If G had a Sylow subgroup not in U , then P could not be conjugate to that subgroup, violating Sylow's theorem.

② Suppose first that $Q \trianglelefteq U$ for some $Q \in Syl_p(G)$. Note that as $Syl_p(G) = Syl_p(U)$, and all Sylow p -subgroups are conjugate in U , this implies that Q is the unique Sylow p -subgroup of U and thus it is trivial that H acts transitively on $Syl_p(U)$.

Conversely, say H acts transitively on $Syl_p(U)$ and let $Q \in Syl_p(U)$.

Then $|H(Q)| = \frac{|Syl_p(U)|}{|Stab_H(Q)|}$. Since $|Syl_p(U)|$ divides $|U|$, and $|Stab_H(Q)| \mid |H|$ with $\gcd(|U|, |H|) = 1$, we must have $|Stab_H(Q)| = 1$, so that H acts transitively on $Syl_p(U)$.

3) Let R be the subring of \mathbb{Q} consisting of fractions with odd denominators in reduced form; you may assume without proof that R is a ring.

(a) Prove that all irreducible elements of R , and all prime elements of R , are of the form $2u$ for some invertible element u of R .

(b) Prove that R is Euclidean. [Hint: consider the function $v : R \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ for which $v(2^k u) = k$ whenever u is a unit.]

① Let $r \in R$ be irreducible. Note the units of r are the odd integers, and the fractions w/ odd numerators + denominators. (\mathbb{Q} is an integral domain, and thus R is, so showing this for irreducibles takes care of primes too).

$r = ab$ and one of a, b is a unit.

claim $ab = 2u$ for u a unit.

Note 2 is not a unit as $1/2 \notin R$
 anything w/ more than 1 power of 2 in the numerator is not irreducible as $2 \cdot \frac{r}{2}$ is a product of two non-units. If r has no power of 2 in the numerator, then r is not irreducible since it is a unit.

② Let $a, b \in R$. If b is a unit, then

$a = (ab^{-1})b$ and we are done.

Otherwise, $b = 2^k u$ for $u \in R^\times$ and $k \geq 1$.

$a = 2^l v$, suppose $l \geq k$.

then $a = (2^k u)^{-1} a$

$2^l v = (2^k u)(2^{l-k} u^{-1} v)$

if $l < k$,

$2^l v = (2^k u) \left(\frac{a}{b} \right) = \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)$

$= 2^l (2^{k-l} \left(\frac{a}{u} \right)) = \left(\frac{a}{u} \right)$

(as v a unit, its numerator is not divisible by 2 so \exists a way to write $v = 2^{k-l} \left(\frac{a}{u} \right) = \left(\frac{a}{u} \right)$)

$\frac{a}{u}$ is not divisible by 2.

④ Done already, see Canonical Forms.xopp.

5) Let p be a prime number, \mathbb{F}_p be the field with p elements, and $F = \mathbb{F}_p(t)$, where t is an indeterminate.

- (a) Prove that the polynomial $x^p - t$ is irreducible over F . [Hint: consider factorizations over the polynomial ring $\mathbb{F}_p[t]$ and use Gauss's Lemma.]
- (b) Let α be a root of $x^p - t$, and let $E = F(\alpha)$. Find the degree of E over F , and find the automorphism group $\text{Aut}(E/F)$.

⑥ If $x^p - t$ is irreducible over $\mathbb{F}_p[t]$, it is irreducible over $\mathbb{F}_p(t)$ by Gauss's lemma, as $\mathbb{F}_p[t]$ is a UFD.

• Eisenstein's lemma: the constant term belongs to (t) but not $(t)^2 = (t^2)$

so by Eisenstein, $x^p - t$ is irreducible over $\mathbb{F}_p[t]$.

⑦ Since α a root of $x^p - t$, and this polynomial is irreducible over F ,

$$[E:F] = \deg(m_\alpha(x)) = p.$$

Since \mathbb{F}_p has p elements, $|\mathbb{F}_p^*| = p-1$ so $x^p = x \ \forall x \in \mathbb{F}_p$.

$\alpha = \sqrt[p]{t}$ and $(x - \sqrt[p]{t})^p = x^p - t$, so α is the only root of $x^p - t$.

Thus, $\text{Aut}(E/F)$ is trivial. \nwarrow still true if $p=2$ as $t = -t \in \mathbb{F}_2$.

6) Suppose F is a field, K is the splitting field of a degree 4 separable polynomial in $F[x]$, and $[K:F] = 8$.

(a) Find $\text{Gal}(K/F)$, up to isomorphism.

(b) How many degree two subextensions are there of K/F ?

K is an 8-dimensional vector space over F , and $|\text{Gal}(K/F)| = 8$.

Thus $\text{Gal}(K/F)$ is either D_8 or a subgroup of S_4 or A_4 .

• A_4 has no subgp of order 8.

• S_4 has only D_8 as an order 8 subgroup,

so $\text{Gal}(K/F) \cong D_8$.

⑧ * deg 2 subextension $F \subseteq E \subseteq K$ corresponds to

an index 2 subgp of D_8 , of which there is exactly 1.