

**10.2**

- a. We know that 42 must divide  $32|H|$  since  $|H|$  is the order of 32 and adding 32  $H$  is the same as multiplying 32 by  $H$ , therefore

$$|H| = \frac{LCM(32, 48)}{32} = \frac{32 * 3 * 7}{32} = 21$$

And by Lagrange's thm we have

$$|H||G : H| = |G| = 48$$

so  $|G : H| = 2$

- b. Using the same logic above we have

$$|H| = \frac{LCM(24, 54)}{24} = \frac{24 * 3 * 3}{24} = 9$$

and so

$$|G : H| = \frac{|G|}{|H|} = \frac{54}{9} = 6$$

- c. Using the same logic:

$$|H| = \frac{LCM(100, 112)}{100} = \frac{2 * 2 * 7 * 100}{100} = 28$$

So

$$|G : H| = \frac{|G|}{|H|} = \frac{112}{28} = 4$$

**10.5** Given any element  $a \in G$ , by Lagrange's thm we have  $|\langle a \rangle|$  divides  $|G| = 8$ . Since  $G$  is not cyclic we know  $\langle a \rangle \neq G$  so  $|\langle a \rangle| \neq 8$ . Therefore the only options for  $|\langle a \rangle|$  are 1, 2, 4. Since all these numbers divide 4, we know that  $a^4 = e$

**10.6** We know that the intersection of two subgroups is a group. Therefore if we let  $A = H \cap K$ , we have that  $A$  is a subgroup of both  $H$  and  $K$  so by Lagrange's thm we have that  $|A|$  divides both  $|H| = 12$  and  $|K| = 5$ . The only number that divides both 12 and 5 is 1, so  $|A| = 1$  so  $A = \{e\}$

**10.14**

- a. This is because we know for the element  $x$  of order 6,  $|\langle x \rangle| = 6 = |G|$  and a subgroup of  $G$  that is the same size of  $G$  is equivalent to  $G$ . Therefore  $G = \langle x \rangle$  is cyclic
- b. By Lagrange's thm for any element  $a \in G$ ,  $|\langle a \rangle|$  divides  $|G| = 6$   $|\langle a \rangle|$  cannot equal 6 since  $G$  is not cyclic, so  $a$  must have either order 1, 2, or 3. We know that only  $e$  has order 1. We cannot have all the elements have order 2, otherwise we would have two elements  $a, b$ , then we would have  $ab$ , each having order 2 so they are their own inverses. So we have  $\{e, a, b, ab\}$  which is closed with size 4, so we must introduce another element  $c$ , which would bring us to  $\{e, a, b, c, ab, ac, bc, abc\}$  which is too large. Therefore there is some element  $a$  of order 3
- c. If we take some element  $b \in G : b \notin \langle a \rangle$ , we already know  $e, a, a^2 \in G$ . We know since  $b \notin \langle a \rangle$  that  $ab, a^2b \notin \langle a \rangle$  since  $b$  is not equal to any power of  $a$ . Looking at  $ab$ , we can deduce  $ab \neq a^2b$ , since applying  $b^{-1}$  on the right yields  $a \neq a^2$  which is true. Therefore we have

$$\{e, a, a^2, b, ab, a^2b\} \subseteq G$$

Are all unique elements

- d. We cannot have  $b^2$  be a separate element in the above set since  $|G| = 6$ , if  $b^2 = a$  then  $b = a^2$  which is not true, if  $b^2 = a^2$  then  $b = a$  which is not true, if  $b^2 = ab$  then applying  $b^{-1}$  on the right yields  $b = a$  which is not true, and finally if  $b^2 = a^2b$  then  $b = a^2$  which is not true. Therefore  $b^2 = e$ .
- e. We have  $(ba)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1} = a^2b$  but since we concluded  $a^2b$  has order 2  $(a^2b)^{-1} = a^2b = ba$ . Similarly  $(ba^2)^{-1} = ab = (ab)^{-1}$

**10.15** By Lagrange's thm we have  $|G| = |G : H||H|$  and  $|H| = |H : K||K|$  so  $|K| = \frac{|H|}{|H : K|}$ . We also have

$$|G : K| = \frac{|G|}{|K|}$$

Substituting the equalities for  $|G|$  and  $|K|$  yields

$$|G : K| = \frac{|H : K||G : H||H|}{|H|} = |G : H||H : K|$$

**10.16** Because  $|G|$  is odd we know the order of none of the elements except for the identity can be 2.

If the order of some element  $a \in G$  was 2 then  $|\langle a \rangle| = 2$  but by Lagrange's thm  $|\langle a \rangle|$  should divide  $|G|$  which cannot happen since  $|G|$  is odd.

Therefore for all elements  $a \in G$ , we know  $a^{-1} \neq a$

Therefore if we take the product of all the elements in  $G$ , we know that for every element in that product, it's inverse is present in that product as well. Since  $G$  is abelian we can

rearrange the product so that each element and it's inverse present in the product cancel out, to be left with  $e$

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**12.9**

**12.12**

**12.13**