

1. (a) Let  $a$  be an arbitrary element in  $H$  since it is non-empty. We note that  $a^{|G|} = e$  by Corollary 12.4, so  $e \in H$ . This implies that  $a^{|G|-1} = a^{-1}$ , so  $a^{-1} \in H$ . Lastly, for any  $a, b \in H$ , we get that  $ab \in H$ . Thus, we proved that  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .  $\square$

- (b) **Claim 1:** Let  $a \in G$ . If  $o(a) = d$ , then if there exist a  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $a^k = e$  then  $d \mid k$ .

By contradiction,  $d \nmid k$ , then by the Division Algorithm, there exist  $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  where  $a^k = a^{qd} \cdot a^r = e$  where  $0 < r < d$ . However,  $a^{qd} = e^q = e$ , so  $a^r = e$ . This contradicts the minimality of  $o(a)$ . Hence,  $r$  must be 0 and  $d \mid k$ .

**Claim 2:** Let  $a \in G$ . For any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $o(a^k) = \frac{o(a)}{\gcd(o(a), k)}$ .  $\square$

Let  $d = o(a)$  and  $w = d/\gcd(d, k)$ . Then  $wk = d(k/\gcd(d, k))$  is divisible by  $d$  and so  $a^{kw} = e$ . Furthermore, suppose we have a  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $a^{kn} = e$ . By Claim 1, we get that  $d \mid kn$ , so:

$$\frac{d}{\gcd(k, d)} \mid \frac{k}{\gcd(k, d)} n$$

We note that  $\gcd(d/\gcd(k, d), k/\gcd(l, d)) = 1$ . By Corollary 2.20,  $w \mid n$ . This implies the smallest value for  $n$  is  $w$ . (Yes, this is just a re-write of the solution for HW3 2(b))  $\square$

**Claim 3:** For any positive integer  $d \mid m$ , there are exactly  $\phi(d)$  elements of  $G$  with order  $d$

Since  $G$  is cyclic, there exist some  $g \in G$  with  $o(g) = m$  where  $G = \{g, g^2, \dots, g^m\}$ . For any  $d \mid m$ , there exist an integer  $q$  where  $dq = m$ . Let  $a = g^q \in G$  thus  $a^d = g^{dq} = e$  and  $o(a) = d$ . Otherwise,  $o(a) < d$  implies  $q \cdot o(a) < dq = m$ , contradicting the minimality of  $m$ . Since  $o(a) = d$ , we note that  $a, a^2, \dots, a^d$  are all unique because if there exist  $a^j = a^k$  for  $1 \leq j < k \leq d$ , then  $e = a^{k-j}$ , contradicting  $d$ 's minimality. We apply Claim 2 to get that for  $1 \leq k \leq d$  that  $o(a^k) = d/\gcd(d, k)$ . It is clear that if  $o(a^k) = q$ , then  $\gcd(d, k) = 1$ . We showed all of the  $a^k$  are unique, so there exist at least  $\phi(d)$  elements with order  $d$ .

We now prove all orders  $b \in G$  with order  $d$  must be in the form  $a^k$ . Let  $b = g^r$  for  $1 \leq r \leq m$ . We apply Claim 2 again to get that  $o(g^r) = m/\gcd(m, r)$  thus  $\gcd(m, r) = d/m = q$ . This further implies that  $q \mid r$ , so there exist an integer  $k$  where  $1 \leq k \leq d$  that  $qk = r$ . Thus,  $g^r = (g^q)^k = a^k$ . This proves that there exist exactly  $\phi(d)$  elements with order  $d$ .  $\square$

**Claim 4:** For any positive integer  $d \mid m$ , there is a unique subgroup of  $G$  of order  $d$ .

Let  $a \in G$  where  $o(a) = d$  and  $a = g^{m/d}$ , which exists by Claim 3. We then denote the set  $H = \{a, a^2, \dots, a^d\}$ . For any  $1 \leq i, j \leq d$ ,  $a^i \cdot a^j = a^{i+j}$ . If  $i + j \leq d$ , then  $a^{i+j} \in H$ . Otherwise, we note that  $a^{i+j} = a^{i+j-d} \cdot a^d = a^{i+j-d}$ . Since  $i + j \leq 2j$  so  $i + j - d \leq d$ ,  $a^{i+j} \in H$ . By (a),  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . Note that all elements in  $H$  are unique by our proof of Claim 3, so it is also order  $d$ .

It remains to prove  $H$  is the only subgroup of order  $d$  in  $G$ . Suppose there exist a subgroup  $E \leq G$  with order  $d$ . Let  $b \in E$ , then  $b^d = e$  by Corollary 12.4. We note that  $b = g^r$  for some  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $g^{rd} = e$ . By Claim 1,  $m \mid rd$ , which implies that  $m/d \mid r$ . Hence, there exist some integer  $k$  where  $1 \leq k \leq d$  and  $b = g^r = (g^{m/d})^k = a^k$ . Hence,  $b \in H$  and  $E \subseteq H$ . Since they have the same order, by the pigeonhole principle,  $E = H$ .  $\square$