

## Homework 7

1. a) The group  $G$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_4$ . There are 2 isomorphisms,

$$\{A \mapsto 2, B \mapsto 3, C \mapsto 1, D \mapsto 0\}$$

and

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- b) With  $4! = 24$  permutations of elements of  $G$ ,  $24 - 2 = 22$  of those are not isomorphisms. We see that there are 2 isomorphisms because the element  $D$  can only be mapped to the identity and that  $A$  can only be mapped to 2 because they are both of order 2. There are 2 positions left to for use to freely choose.

2. We use the result of problem 4 that order of elements are preserved.

- a) The group  $U(5)$  is isomorphic to  $U(10)$  because the mapping  $\phi$  defined as follows is an isomorphism. Define  $\phi$  by

$$\{1 \mapsto 1, 2 \mapsto 3, 3 \mapsto 7, 4 \mapsto 9\}.$$

The group  $U(5)$  is cyclic and is generated by 2 and 3. On the other hand,  $U(12)$  is not cyclic since every element is of order 2. Since isomorphisms preserve every elements order, there is no isomorphism between  $U(5)$  and  $U(12)$ . Thus  $U(5)$  is not isomorphic to  $U(12)$ .

- b) Every element of  $U(24)$  is of order 2. But the element  $9 \in U(20)$  is of order 4. With isomorphisms preserving order of elements, no such isomorphism exists between them and are therefore not isomorphic.

3. Let  $G = \{a + b\sqrt{2} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$  and  $H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 2b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}$ .

Define  $\phi : G \rightarrow H$  by

$$\phi(a + b\sqrt{2}) = \begin{bmatrix} a & 2b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}.$$

The mapping is onto since both elements of  $G$  and  $H$  are specified by two rational numbers. We can take  $a$  and  $b$  from the matrix and identify an element in  $G$  that maps to it, under  $\phi$ . Next we'll show the mapping is 1-1. Suppose

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & 2b_1 \\ b_1 & a_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & 2b_2 \\ b_2 & a_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Rewriting that in terms of some elements of  $G$ , we have that

$$\phi(a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}) = \phi(a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2}).$$

On the other hand, component-wise comparison tells us that  $a_1 = a_2$  and  $b_1 = b_2$ . Thus,

$$1 + b_1\sqrt{2} = a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2}.$$

Therefore,  $\phi$  is 1-1. Finally, we show that  $\phi : G \rightarrow H$  is operation preserving. Let  $g_1 = a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}$  and  $g_2 = a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(g_1 + g_2) &= \begin{bmatrix} a_1 + a_2 & 2b_1 + 2b_2 \\ b_1 + b_2 & a_1 + a_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & 2b_1 \\ b_1 & a_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & 2b_2 \\ b_2 & a_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \phi(g_1) + \phi(g_2).\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $(G, \cdot)$  is isomorphic to  $(H, +)$ .

4. Suppose  $(G, \cdot)$  and  $(H, *)$  are groups and  $\phi : G \rightarrow H$  is an isomorphism. If  $|a| = \infty$ , we have that for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$a^n \neq e_G.$$

Since isomorphisms preserve multiplication,  $\phi(a^n) = \phi^n(a)$ , implies

$$\phi^n(a) \neq e_H \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Thus,  $|\phi(a)| = \infty$ . Because  $\phi$  is an isomorphism, so is its inverse and the same argument can be made in the other direction. Therefore,

$$|a| = \infty \iff |\phi(a)| = \infty.$$

We now consider the case that  $|a| = n$  is finite and let  $|\phi(a)| = m$ , which is also finite.  $\phi(a^n) = \phi^n(a) = e_H$  implies  $m$  divides  $n$  so that  $m \leq n$ . On the other hand,

$$\phi^{-1}[\phi^m(a)] = \phi^{-1}\phi(a^m) = a^m$$

implies  $n$  divides  $m$  so that  $n \leq m$ . It follows that  $n = m$ . Thus,

$$|a| = |\phi(a)|.$$

5. Suppose  $G$  is a cyclic group of infinite order generated by some  $a \in G$ . Define  $\phi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  by

$$\phi(a^k) = k.$$

This map is onto because every  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  is identified with  $a^k \in G$ . Suppose that

$$\phi(a^l) = \phi(a^k),$$

then  $l = k$ . Because  $|a| = \infty$ , Theorem 4.1 tells us that  $l = k \iff a^k = a^l$ . Thus  $\phi$  is 1-1. Finally, we show that  $\phi$  preserves multiplication.

$$\phi(a^k a^j) = \phi(a^{k+j}) = k + j = \phi(a^k) + \phi(a^j).$$

6. Let  $\phi_a : G \rightarrow G$  be defined by  $\phi_a(x) = axa^{-1} \forall x \in G$ . We begin by showing that  $\phi_a$  is onto. Let  $y \in G$ . By closure of  $G$ , the element  $axa^{-1} \in G$ . Since

$$\phi_a(a^{-1}ya) = a(a^{-1}ya)a^{-1} = y,$$

we have that  $\phi_a$  is onto. Now suppose that  $\phi_a(x) = axa^{-1} = aya^{-1} = \phi_a(y)$ . Applying the Cancellation Property, we have that  $x = y$ . Thus  $\phi_a$  is 1-1. Finally, we show that  $\phi_a$  is operation preserving. Let  $x, y \in G$ .

$$\phi_a(xy) = a(xy)a^{-1}.$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_a(x)\phi_a(y) &= (axa^{-1})(aya^{-1}) \\ &= axa^{-1}aya^{-1} \\ &= axya^{-1}.\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\phi_a$  is an automorphism.