

**Skill Check 5***Due: Tuesday, 11/10/20*

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1.  $\alpha = (1327)(4568)$ ,  $\beta = (157)$ .
  - a)  $\alpha\beta = (16845)(273)$ .
  - b)  $|\alpha| = 4$ ,  $|\beta| = 3$ , and  $|\alpha\beta| = 15$ .
2.
  - a)  $U(5)$  is isomorphic to  $U(10)$ .
  - b)  $\mathbb{Q}$  is NOT isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}$ .  $\mathbb{Q}$  is countable but the operations aren't preserved.
  - c)  $S_3$  is isomorphic to  $D_3$ .
3. Show that  $\phi : \mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$  defined by  $\phi(a + bi) = a - bi$  is an automorphism of  $\mathbb{C}^*$ .
  1. For every complex number in  $g \in \mathbb{C}^*$ , we can write  $g$  as  $g = a + bi$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . By the definition of the mapping,  $\phi$ , we can see that the element  $h = a - bi$  to  $g$ . Therefore  $\phi$  is onto.
  2. Let  $g = a + bi$  and  $h = c + di$  be elements in  $\mathbb{C}^*$  and suppose that  $\phi(g) = \phi(h)$ , i.e.

$$\phi(a + bi) = \phi(c + di).$$

Then  $a - bi = c - di$ . It follows that  $a = c$  and  $b = d$  and so  $g = h$ . Therefore  $\phi$  is injective.

3.  $\phi((a + bi)(c + di)) = \phi((ac - bd) + i(ad + bc)) = (ac - bd) - i(ad + bc)$ . On the other hand,

$$\phi(a + bi)\phi(c + di) = (a - bi)(c - di) = (ac - bd) - i(ad + bc).$$

Thus,  $\phi$  preserves multiplication. Since  $\phi$  is an isomorphism from  $\mathbb{C}^*$  onto itself,  $\phi$  is an automorphism.