

# 1

$G$  is a finite group and  $A, B \subseteq G$ . Prove that if  $|A| + |B| > |G|$ , then  $AB = G$ .

**Proof:**

Trivially  $AB \subseteq GG \subseteq G$ , because  $G$  is a group and is closed under multiplication.

$X = \{a^{-1} : a \in A\}$ . From the cancelativity of  $G$ :  $|X| = |A|$  and also for the right "coset"  $Xg : |Xg| = |A|$ . Then  $\exists x \in Xg \cap B$ , because there is more elements in  $Xg$  and  $B$  together than in  $G$ . This means, that  $\exists b \in B, a' \in A : b = a'^{-1}g$ . Then  $a' \cdot (a'^{-1} \cdot g) = g \in AB \Rightarrow G \subseteq AB$ .

# 2

Prove, that every element of a finite field  $F$  is a sum of two squares  $(x^2 + y^2)$ .

**Proof:**

Consider a field of characteristics  $p$ . If  $p = 2$ , then obviously  $0 = 0^2 + 0^2, e = e^2 + 0^2$ .

For  $p > 2$ :  $X = \{x^2 | x \in F \setminus \{0\}\}$  and has  $\frac{p-1}{2}$  elements (because both  $a, (-a)$  map to  $a^2$ ). The total size of  $X' = \{x^2 | x \in F\}$  is  $\frac{p+1}{2}$ .

$\forall f \in F : Y_f = \{f - x^2 | x \in F\}$ .  $Y_f$  must also have the same number of elements ( $\frac{p+1}{2}$ ) from the same principle ( $k - x^2 = k - (-x)^2$ ).

Since  $X', Y_f \subseteq F$  and  $|X'| + |Y_f| = p + 1 > p = |F|$ , then  $\forall f \in F : \exists a \in X' \cap Y_f : x^2 = a = f - y^2 \rightarrow f = x^2 + y^2$ .