

For each problem below, G is a group with subgroups H and K .

1. (a) List all possible (disjoint) cycle structures of A_5 . (Here are some of the questions you should be asking yourself. Can A_5 have a permutation consisting of single 5-cycle? 4-cycle? 3-cycle? ... Can A_5 have a permutation consisting of a 3-cycle and a (disjoint) 2-cycle?...) **Answer:**

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- (b) List all possible (disjoint) cycle structures of A_6 . **Answer:**

2. All questions below are about D_5 , the 5th dihedral group.

- (a) Write out all the elements of D_5 using permutation notation. (Assume the letters $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ are in cyclic order along the regular 5-gon.)

Answer:

- (b) Make a specific choice of r and s such that every element of D_5 can be written in the form $s^a r^b$ in that order for appropriate choice of a and b .

Answer:

- (c) Using your choice of r and s above write every element of D_5 in the form $r^b s^a$ in that order for appropriate choice of a and b .

Answer:

3. Let G be a group and let $a \in G$. Define $f_a(x) : G \rightarrow G$ by $f(x) = ax$. We claim f is a permutation of G .

(a) Assume $G = U(9) = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8\}$ and $a = 8$. Describe $f_8(x)$, the permutation of $U(9)$ determined by 8, using cycle notation.

Answer:

(b) Prove that for any group G and any $a \in G$, $f_a(x)$ is a permutation of G . (You should **start** by remembering the definition of a permutation.)

Proof:

4. For each group G and subgroup H , identify all the left and right cosets of H in G . Use the notation we used in class. It is sufficient to simply state them. You do not need to give an explanation of your work.

(a) $G = \mathbb{Z}, H = 3\mathbb{Z}$

Answer:

(b) $G = \mathbb{Z}_{12}, H = \langle 4 \rangle$

Answer:

(c) $G = S_4, H = A_4$

Answer:

(d) $G = S_4, H = D_4$

Answer:

(e) $G = S_4, H = \{(), (123), (132)\}$ (Find left cosets only.)

Answer:

(f) Give an example of a group G and subgroup H of G such that H will have an infinite number of left cosets in G .

Answer:

5. Let G be a group, H a subgroup of G , and $g_1, g_2 \in G$. Prove each implication below **using first principles**. This means you can use only definitions. You cannot use Lemma 6.3. (You are proving part of Lemma 6.3 in this problem.)

(a) Prove that if $g_1H \subseteq g_2H$, then $g_1H = g_2H$.

Proof:

(b) Prove that $g_1H = g_2H$ if and only if $g_1^{-1}g_2 \in H$. (You may use part (a) from this problem.)

Proof:

6. Let G be a group and H a subgroup of G . Prove that if $ghg^{-1} \in H$, for every $g \in G$ and for every $h \in H$, then $gH = Hg$ for all $g \in G$. (This is, under the condition $ghg^{-1} \in G$, left and right cosets are the same. Give a careful argument here.)

Proof:

7. Suppose that $[G : H] = 2$. Prove that for every $a, b \in G \setminus H$, $ab \in H$.

Proof:

8. Prove that if $[G : H] = 2$, then $gH = Hg$ for every $g \in G$.

Proof: