

Problems 1 and 2 below use a problem from HW 6 #9 about **automorphisms** of groups, restated below. You may want to reference the Fact in your proofs.

**Definition 1:** Let  $G$  be a group. An isomorphism  $\phi : G \rightarrow G$  is called an **automorphism**. (That is, an automorphism is an isomorphism from a group to itself.)

**Fact (that you proved):** Let  $G$  be a group and  $g \in G$ . The function  $f_g : G \rightarrow G$  defined as

$$f_g(x) = gxg^{-1}$$

is an automorphism of  $G$ .

**Definition 2:** Let  $G$  be a group. An automorphism  $f : G \rightarrow G$  defined by  $f_g(x) = gxg^{-1}$  is called an **inner automorphism**.

1. (a) Prove that if  $G$  is a group with subgroup  $H$  and  $g \in G$ , then the set  $gHg^{-1} = \{ghg^{-1} : h \in H\}$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

**Proof:**

- (b) Prove that if a group  $G$  has exactly one subgroup  $H$  of order  $k$ , then  $H$  must be normal in  $G$ .

**Proof:**

2. (a) Let  $G = S_3$  and  $g = (12)$ . Describe the inner automorphism  $f_g$  by filling out the table below. (Note that I filled out one row for you.)

$x$	$f_g(x)$
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(12)	
(13)	
(23)	
(123)	
(132)	

- (b) Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}_3$  and  $g = 1$ . Describe the inner automorphism  $f_g$  by filling out the table below.

$x$	$f_g(x)$
0	
1	
2	

- (c) If  $G$  is abelian, what can you conclude about inner automorphisms of  $G$ ? Justify your answer.

**Answer:**

- (d) Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}_3$ . Describe an automorphism of  $G$  that is not an inner automorphism.

$x$	$f_g(x)$
0	
1	
2	

- (e) You have shown that some automorphisms can be constructed as inner automorphisms, but not all are of that form. Let  $Aut(G)$  be the set of all automorphisms of the group  $G$ . Prove that this set forms a group under the operation of function composition. (That is, you are proving that  $Aut(G) \leq S_G$ .)

**Proof:**

3. Recall that the elements of group  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  are equivalence classes. Specifically,  $\mathbb{Z}_8 = \{[0], [1], \dots, [7]\}$  where  $[k] = \{k + 8n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  even though we often actually write  $\mathbb{Z}_8 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 7\}$ . Similarly,  $\mathbb{Z}_{20} = \{[0], [1], \dots, [19]\}$  where  $[k] = \{k + 20n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

For clarity, you may want to use  $[k]_8$  and  $[k]_{20}$  to distinguish between whether an equivalence class with representative  $k$  is an element in  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_{20}$ .

- (a) Show that the map  $f : \mathbb{Z}_8 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{20}$  defined as  $f(k) = 4k$  is **not** well-defined. (That is, different representatives of  $[k]_8$  may be mapped to different elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_{20}$ .)

**Answer:**

- (b) Show that the map  $f : \mathbb{Z}_8 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{20}$  defined as  $f(k) = 5k$  is well-defined.

**Answer:**

- (c) Prove that the map  $f : \mathbb{Z}_8 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{20}$  defined as  $f(k) = 5k$  is a group homomorphism and determine the kernel and image of  $f$ .

**kernel:**

**image:**

4. For each map below, determine if it is a homomorphism. (You don't have to **prove** it is or isn't a homomorphism.) If it is a homomorphism, determine its kernel and its image.

(a)  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^* \rightarrow GL_2(\mathbb{R})$  defined by  $\phi(a) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Answer:**

(b)  $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow GL_2(\mathbb{R})$  defined by  $\phi(a) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Answer:**

(c)  $\phi : GL_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $\phi \left( \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \right) = a + d$

**Answer:**

(d)  $\phi : GL_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$  defined by  $\phi \left( \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \right) = ad - bc$

**Answer:**

(e)  $\phi : M_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $\phi \left( \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \right) = b$  where  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$  is the additive group of  $2 \times 2$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Answer:**

5. Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Show that matrix multiplication,  $x \rightarrow Ax$ , defines a homomorphism  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}^m$ .

**Proof:**

6. If  $G$  is an abelian group and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , show that  $\phi : G \rightarrow G$  defined by  $g \mapsto g^n$  is a group homomorphism.

**Proof:**

7. Show that a homomorphism defined on a cyclic group is completely determined by its action on the generator of the group.

**Proof:**

8. If  $H$  and  $K$  are normal subgroups of  $G$  and  $H \cap K = \{e\}$ , prove that  $G$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $G/H \times G/K$ .

**Proof:**