

Q1.  $\psi \in \text{Aut } G$  is called an inner automorphism if there is a  $g \in G$  such that  $\psi = \psi_g$ . Two elements  $a, b \in G$  are called conjugate if there is a  $g \in G$  such that  $\psi_g(a) = b$ . We write  $a \sim b$ . Show that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.

Q2 Show that for  $a, b \in G$  the elements  $ab$  and  $ba$  are conjugate.

Q3 Determine all automorphisms of the Klein four group.

Q4 Exercise. Show that the symmetry group of a rectangle (that is not a square) is the Klein four group

Q5. Exercise. Set  $\zeta := e^{2\pi i/n}$ , and let  $G = \{\zeta^k : k = 1, \dots, n\}$  be the group of the  $n$ th roots of unity, where the composition is standard multiplication in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

(1) Show that  $\varphi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G, m \mapsto \zeta^m$ , is a homomorphism.

(2) Calculate  $\ker(\varphi)$ .

Q6 Let  $G$  be a group. Show that: (1) If  $\text{Aut } G = \{\text{id}\}$  then  $G$  is abelian.

Q7 If  $x \mapsto x^2$  defines an automorphism of  $G$ , then  $G$  is abelian.

Q8 If  $x \mapsto x^{-1}$  defines an automorphism of  $G$ , then  $G$  is abelian

Q9  $G = H \times K$  be a nonabelian group that  $o(H) = p^2, o(K) = p^3$  ( $p$  is prime number), why is  $o(G) = p^5$ ?

Q10 If  $G/Z(G)$  is cyclic, then  $G$  is abelian.

If  $|G|$  is a  $p$ -power ( $p$  prime), then  $Z(G) \neq 1$

Q11 What is an example of an automorphism of a group  $G$  that does not belong to  $\text{Inn}(G)$ , the group of all inner automorphisms?

Q12 Prove that inner automorphism of Abelian groups is identity.  $f: g \rightarrow g^{-1}$  is a automorphism for Abelian groups.

Q13 If a cyclic group has an element of infinite order, how many elements of finite order does it have?

Q14 Let  $G = \langle g \rangle$  be a cyclic group of infinite order, where  $g \in G$  is a generator. What can you say about the order of the element  $g^k \in G$ ? Consider the cases  $k=0$  and  $k \neq 0$ .

Q15 Prove that Every cyclic group is abelian.

Q16 If  $g$  is an element of infinite order in a group, then  $g^k = g^l$  if and only if  $k = l$ . If  $g$  is an element of finite order  $m$  in a group, then  $g^k = g^l$  if and only if  $k \equiv l \pmod{m}$ .

Q17 An infinite cyclic group has exactly two generators

Q18 Let  $G$  be a cyclic group with only one generator. Then  $G$  has at most two elements. To see this, note that if  $g$  is a generator for  $G$ , then so is  $g^{-1}$ . If  $G$  has only one generator, it must be the case that  $g = g^{-1}$ . But then  $g^2 = e$ . Since  $g$  generates  $G$ , it follows that  $G$  has at most two elements.

Q19 Let  $H$  be a nonempty finite subset of a group  $G$ . Prove that if  $H$  is closed, then it is a subgroup. To see this, suppose  $h \in H$ . Since  $H$  is closed,  $h^n \in H$  for every positive integer  $n$ ,

and since  $H$  is finite, there exists  $m$  with  $m < |H|$  such that  $h^m = e$ . Then  $h^{m-1} = h^{-1}$ , so  $e \in H$ . Furthermore,  $h^{-1} = h^{m-1} \in H$ . Thus  $H$  is a subgroup.

Q20 Suppose  $a$  and  $b$  are elements of a group  $G$  and that  $ab$  has order  $n$ . Then  $ba$  also has order  $n$ . To see this, note that  $(ba)^n = a^{-1}(ab)^na$ . Thus if  $(ab)^n = e$ , then  $(ba)^n = e$ . The converse holds by symmetry, and so  $ab$  and  $ba$  have the same order.

Q21 Suppose  $G$  is a group which has only finitely many subgroups. We want to prove that  $G$  is finite. First of all, recall that if  $g \in G$ , then  $\langle g \rangle$  is a cyclic group containing  $g$ . If  $\langle g \rangle$  is infinite, then  $\langle g \rangle$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}$ . But the group  $\mathbb{Z}$  has infinitely many subgroups (one for each natural number), and then  $G$  would also have infinitely many subgroups, a contradiction. Hence each  $\langle g \rangle$  is finite. Since  $G$  has only finitely many subgroups, and since each of these is finite, and since every element of  $G$  is contained in a finite group,  $G$  has only finitely many elements.

Q22 The group  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  has the property that every proper subgroup is cyclic, but it itself is not cyclic.

Q23 Suppose that  $G$  is a group and  $a \in G$  is the unique element of order 2. Then  $ax = xa$  for all  $x \in G$ . To see this, let  $b := xax^{-1}$ . Then  $a = x^{-1}bx$ . Since  $a^2 = e$ ,  $b^2 = a$ , and an easy calculation shows that  $b^2 = e$ , so it has order 2. Since  $a$  is unique,  $a = b$ , and this implies that  $ax = xa$ .

Q24 For a prime  $p$ , any element of  $GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/(p))$  with order  $p$  is conjugate to a strictly upper-triangular matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . The number of  $p$ -Sylow subgroups is  $p + 1$ .

Q25 The number of elements of order  $p$  in  $GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/(p))$  is  $p^2 - 1$ .

Q26 If  $\#G = 20$  or  $100$  then  $G$  has a normal 5-Sylow subgroup.

Q27. Prove  $G = SL_2(\mathbb{Z}/(3))$ . This group has size 24 and a normal 2-Sylow subgroup.

Q28 A group of size 70 has a normal subgroup of size 35.

Q29 Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be groups of order 24 and 30, respectively. Let  $G_3$  be a nonabelian group that is a homomorphic image of both  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ . Describe  $G_3$ , up to isomorphism.

Q30 Prove that a finite group whose only automorphism is the identity map must have order at most two.

Q31 Let  $H$  be a nontrivial subgroup of  $S_n$ . Show that either  $H \subseteq A_n$ , or exactly half of the permutations in  $H$  are odd.

Q32 Let  $p$  be a prime number, and let  $A$  be a finite abelian group in which every element has order  $p$ . Show that  $\text{Aut}(A)$  is isomorphic to a group of matrices over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .

Q33 Let  $G$  be a group and let  $N$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$  of finite index. Suppose that  $H$  is a finite subgroup of  $G$  and that the order of  $H$  is relatively prime to the index of  $N$  in  $G$ . Prove that  $H$  is contained in  $N$ .