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## MAS 4301 – Review Final Exam

Throughout,  $(G, \cdot, e)$  denotes a group and  $H \leq G$ .

### Definitions and Statements

- (1) Definition of an *operation*.
- (2) Definition of an *associative* operation. Definition of an *commutative* operation.
- (3) Definition of an *identity* and of an *inverse*.
- (4) Definition of a *subgroup*.
- (5) Definition of an *abelian* group.
- (6) Definition of the cyclic subgroup generated by  $g$ :  $\langle g \rangle$
- (7) Definition a *cyclic group*.
- (8) Define  $Z(G)$  and  $C_G(g)$ .
- (9) Given a group  $G$  and a subgroup  $H$ , define the left coset of  $H$  with representative  $g$ :  $gH$ .
- (10) Definition of a *permutation*. Definition of an *even* permutation.
- (11) Definition of the *order* of an element:  $o(g)$ .
- (12) Let  $y \in G$ . A *conjugate* of  $y$  is
- (13) The *conjugacy class* containing  $g \in G$  is
- (14) Let  $g \in G$ . Define  $gHg^{-1}$ .
- (15) What is the equivalence relation that produces cosets as its equivalence classes?
- (16) What does it mean for  $g_1H = g_2H$
- (17) What it mean for the subgroup  $H$  to be *normal*.
- (18) Define  $[G : H]$  the index of  $H$  in  $G$ .
- (19) The dihedral group  $D_n$ .
- (20) The symmetric group  $S_n$ .
- (21) Supply the definition of a *group homomorphism*.
- (22) Supply the definition of a *group isomorphism*.
- (23) Supply the definition of a *group automorphism*.
- (24) Suppose  $\rho : G \rightarrow H$  is a group homomorphism. Define  $\text{Ker } \rho$ .
- (25) What is a *simple* group?
- (26) State the First Isomorphism Theorem.
- (27) What is a *Hamiltonian* group?

### Problems

- (1) Know how to take the product of cycles in  $S_n$  and come up with the cycle decomposition. Write a  $\sigma \in S_n$  as a product of transposition. Find orders of elements in  $S_n$ .
- (2) What are the possible orders of elements in  $S_n$ .
- (3) Find orders of elements in a group by constructing the cyclic subgroup generated by an element.
- (4) Determine whether for a given  $n$ ,  $U(n)$  is cyclic.
- (5) Multiply two matrices. Find the inverse of an element in  $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$  or  $GL_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ .
- (6) How many generators does  $Z_n$  have?
- (7) Given a matrix  $A \in GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ , find  $\langle A \rangle$ .
- (8) Find orders of elements in direct products.
- (9) Determine whether two groups are isomorphic. If they are not give a (correct) reason why.

- (10) Let  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_7)$  be the automorphism induced by  $\sigma(1) = 4$ . Find  $o(\sigma)$ .
- (11) When is the operation on cosets well-defined? So  $g_1H * g_2H = (g_1g_2)H$ ?
- (12) Find a set representatives of the distinct cosets of a given  $H$ . For example, consider  $G = D_4$  and  $H = \langle r^2 \rangle$ . Then  $[G : H] = 4$ . Find representatives of the 4 distinct left cosets of  $H$ .
- (13) Suppose  $G = \langle x, y | x^n = y^m = e \text{ and } xy = yx^k \rangle$ 
  - (a) Prove by induction that  $x^jy = yx^{jk}$ .
  - (b) Write  $xy^2 = y^2x^j$  for appropriate  $j$ .
  - (c) Compute  $\langle xy \rangle$  and find the order of  $xy$ .
- (14) Draw the lattice of subgroups of  $S_3$ .
- (15) Draw the lattice of subgroups of  $D_4$ .
- (16) Draw the lattice of subgroups of  $Q_8$ .
- (17) Draw the lattice of subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .
- (18) Draw the lattice of subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}_{pq}$ .
- (19) Draw the lattice of subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2q}$ .
- (20) Draw the lattice of subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p$ .

## Proofs

- (1) Prove using induction.
- (2) State and prove Lagrange's Theorem.
- (3) Prove that every cyclic group is abelian.
- (4) Prove that every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic.
- (5) Let  $G$  be an abelian group. Prove that the elements of finite order form a subgroup of  $G$ .
- (6) Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  and  $g \in G$ . Prove that  $gHg^{-1}$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
- (7) Prove that  $Z(G)$  or  $C_G(g)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
- (8) Prove that addition and multiplication on  $Z_n$  is well-defined.
- (9) Prove that the set of cosets of a subgroup form a partition of  $G$ .
- (10) Prove the following. Let  $G$  be a cyclic group of order  $n$  and suppose that  $a$  is a generator for  $G$ . Then  $a^k = e$  if and only if  $n$  divides  $k$ .
- (11) Let  $(G, *, e)$  be a group. Prove that the identity is unique.
- (12) Let  $(G, *, e)$  be a group. Prove that the inverse of an element is unique.
- (13) Prove that  $|\langle g \rangle| = o(g)$ .
- (14) Prove that the intersection of subgroups is a subgroup.
- (15) For a subgroup  $H \leq G$  and  $g \in G$ , prove that  $|gH| = |H|$ .
- (16) Prove that for every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $(aba^{-1})^n = ab^n a^{-1}$ .
- (17) Prove that  $(g_1 \cdots g_n)^{-1} = g_n^{-1} \cdots g_1^{-1}$ .
- (18) Prove that  $|H| = |gHg^{-1}|$ .
- (19) Prove that a given subgroup is normal, e.g.  $\text{Ker } \varphi, Z(G)$ .
- (20) Prove that  $gHg^{-1} \leq G$ .
- (21) Given that  $\phi : G \rightarrow H$  is a homomorphism, prove that  $\phi(e_G) = e_H$ .
- (22) Given that  $\phi : G \rightarrow H$  is a homomorphism, prove that  $\phi(g^{-1}) = \phi(g)^{-1}$ .
- (23) Given that  $\phi : G \rightarrow H$  is a homomorphism, prove that  $\phi(G) \leq H$ .
- (24) Given that  $\phi : G \rightarrow H$  is a homomorphism, prove that if  $G$  is abelian, then  $\phi(G)$  is abelian.
- (25) Given that  $\phi : G \rightarrow H$  is a homomorphism, prove that if  $G$  is cyclic, then  $\phi(G)$  is cyclic.
- (26) Prove that if  $G/Z(G)$  is cyclic, then  $G$  is abelian.
- (27) Prove that  $\varphi_g : H \rightarrow gHg^{-1}$  defined by  $\varphi_g(h) = ghg^{-1}$  is an isomorphism.
- (28) Prove that a given map is a homomorphism (resp. isomorphism or automorphism).
- (29) Prove that a composition of homomorphisms is a homomorphism.
- (30) Is the map  $f : G/H \rightarrow K$  well-defined? For example  $\varphi : \mathbb{Z}_7 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{10}$  defined by  $\varphi(x) = 2x$ .