

HW # 5 (1)

7.3#2

(a) $\ker(\phi)$ is normal & free.

• $\ker(\phi) \leq H$: if $x \in \ker(\phi)$, then
 $x \cdot H = H \Rightarrow x \in H$.

• Suppose $N \trianglelefteq G$ and $N \leq H$. We'll show
that $N \subseteq \ker(\phi)$.

Indeed, let $x \in N$. N normal $\Rightarrow g^{-1}xg \in N$
 $\forall g \in G \Rightarrow g^{-1}xg \in H \forall g \in G \Rightarrow x(gH) = gH \forall g \in G$

But this is what it means for x to
be in the kernel of ϕ .

(b) $[G:H] = n \Rightarrow |S| = n$. Hence $|\text{Sym}(S)| = n!$

By the 1st homomorphism theorem,
 $\frac{|G|}{|\ker(\phi)|} \mid |\text{Sym}(S)|$.

So $|G| \nmid \underbrace{|\text{Sym}(S)|}_n \Rightarrow |\ker(\phi)| > 1$.

Thus, $\ker(\phi)$ is a nontrivial normal subgroup
of G . (By (a), $\ker(\phi) \leq H$.)

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7.3#5 By Cauchy's Thm (7.2.10), G has

a subgroup $H \leq G$ of order 7.

$$\Rightarrow [G:H] = 4.$$

But $\underbrace{28}_{16!} + \underbrace{24}_{4!}$, so exercise #2

implies H contains a nontrivial normal subgroup of G . Since $|H|=7$, its only nontrivial subgroup is all of H .

$$\Rightarrow H \trianglelefteq G, |H|=7.$$

If $K \trianglelefteq G$, $|K|=4$ by Thm 7.1.3,

$$G \cong H \times K.$$

• $|H|=7 \Rightarrow$ cyclic \Rightarrow abelian

• $|K|=4 \Rightarrow K = \mathbb{Z}_4$ or $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \Rightarrow$ abelian.

So G is abelian.

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7.3 #17 We use induction on $|G|$.

- $|G|=p$ — nothing to prove.
- Assume the result holds for all $|G|=p^k$, $1 \leq k < n$.
We want to show it also holds for $|G|=p^{n+1}$.

By Burnside (Thm 7.2.8), $e \neq z \in Z(G)$.

So let $H \leq Z(G)$ have order p .

Note that $H \trianglelefteq G$.

then consider

$$\pi: G \rightarrow G/H.$$

Since $|G/H|=p^n$, for any $0 < k < n$, there's a normal subgroup of order p^k in G/H by our inductive hypothesis.

Prop 3.8.7 then implies that these subgroups of G/H correspond to normal subgroups of G of orders p^{k+1} , $0 < k < n$.

As $H \trianglelefteq G$ has order p (the only one we're missing), we have the result. \square

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7.3#11 Lemma 7.3.7 says that

$$|S| \equiv |S^G| \pmod{p}. \text{ So } p \nmid |S|$$

$$\Rightarrow p \nmid |S^G| \Rightarrow |S^G| \neq 0.$$

7.3#13

a) For any pair $a, b \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, we see that $(a \ b) a = b$.

b) Let $a, b, c \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ be distinct. Then $(bc)(ac)a = b$.

c) Let $v, w \in V$ be vectors.

Case 1: If $w = \alpha v$ for some $\alpha \in F$, then

we note $(\alpha I)v = w$ and $(\alpha I) \in GL_n(F)$.

Case 2: If w, v are linearly independent, ~~we~~ pick a basis of V containing ~~v, w~~ $\{v, w, e_3, \dots, e_n\}$.

~~Then let~~
In this basis, $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $w = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

Let $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & \\ 1 & 0 & & & \\ \hline & & 1 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $g \in GL_n(F)$.

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d) $S = G \cdot x$ for any $x \in S$.

$\Rightarrow |S| = |G \cdot x| = [G : G_x]$ by orbit-stabilizer.

If $|S| > 1$, then for any $s \in S$, there exists some $t \in S$ with $s \neq t$ and a $g \in G$ satisfying $g(s) = t$. $\Rightarrow s \notin S^G$.

7.4#1 G abelian $\Rightarrow G$ has only 1 Sylow p subgroup. Call it K .

Let $S = \{e\} \cup \{g \in G \mid \text{ord}(g) = p^k \text{ for some } k\}$.

We want to show $S = K$.

• Clearly $S \supseteq K$.

• Conversely, let $x \in S$. Then $\langle x \rangle$ is

a p -group.

$\Rightarrow \langle x \rangle$ is contained in a Sylow p -subgroup.

$\Rightarrow \langle x \rangle \subseteq K$

$\Rightarrow x \in K$. \square

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7.4 #3 $|S_4| = 24$.

- Sylow-3 subgroup has order 3, so $\langle (1\ 2\ 3) \rangle$ works.
- Sylow-2 subgroup has order 8, we can show $\langle (1\ 2\ 3\ 4), (1\ 3) \rangle$ works.

7.4 #4

D_5 — see problem #5.

$|D_6| = 12 = 2^2 \cdot 3$.

Let $D_6 = \langle \sigma, \tau \mid \sigma^6 = \tau^2 = e, \sigma\tau = \tau\sigma^{-1} \rangle$

Calculate that:

- Sylow-2's are $\langle \sigma^3, \tau \rangle, \langle \sigma^3, \sigma\tau \rangle, \langle \sigma^3, \sigma^2\tau \rangle$.
- Sylow 3 is $\langle \sigma^2 \rangle$.

7.4 #5

$|D_{p^k}| = 2 \cdot p^k$.

$D_{p^k} = \langle \sigma, \tau \mid \sigma^{p^k} = \tau^2 = e, \sigma\tau = \tau\sigma^{-1} \rangle$

Calculate that: —

- Sylow-2's are $\langle \sigma^i \tau \rangle$ for $0 \leq i < p^k$.
- Sylow 3's are Sylow p is $\langle \sigma \rangle$.

7.4 #6 | Solution is in back of book.