

1. (a) Prove that  $\text{Aut}((\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^k) \cong \text{GL}_k(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})$ ,

where  $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^k = \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}}_{k\text{-times}}$  and

$$\text{GL}_k(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) = \left\{ A \in M_k(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) \mid \exists B \in M_k(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) . \begin{matrix} AB = BA = I \\ \end{matrix} \right\}$$

(b) Prove that  $\Theta: \text{GL}_k(\mathbb{Z}/mn\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \text{GL}_k(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}) \times \text{GL}_k(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})$

is an isomorphism where  $m$  and  $n$  are coprime

positive integers and

$$\Theta(x) = (x \pmod m, x \pmod n).$$

2. Prove that there is no group  $G$  s.t.  $G^{(1)} \cong S_4$ .

(Hint: Show that  $S_4$  does not have an element of order 6.)

• Notice that  $N = \{(1), (1 2)(3 4), (1 3)(2 4), (1 4)(2 3)\}$

is a normal subgroup of  $S_4$ .

• Use the previous steps to conclude that, if

$$H = S_4, \text{ then } H^{(1)} = A_4, H^{(2)} = N, H^{(3)} = 1. \text{ And}$$

so  $H/H^{(1)} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{/2\mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $H/H^{(2)} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{/3\mathbb{Z}}$  and  
 $H/H^{(2)} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{/2\mathbb{Z}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{/3\mathbb{Z}}$  ( $\cong S_3$ ). In particular,  
 $Z(H/H^{(2)}) = \{\bar{1}\}$ .

- Notice that, if  $K \triangleleft H$  and  $H$  is abelian,  
then  $K/M$  acts on  $M$  via conjugation, i.e.  
 $(kM) \cdot x := kxk^{-1}$  is well-defined for  
 $k \in K$  and  $x \in M$ .)

3. Suppose  $A, B \triangleleft G$ . Prove that, if  $G/A$  and  $G/B$   
are abelian, then  $G/A \cap B$  is abelian.

4. a) Find  $|GL_n(\mathbb{Z}_{/p\mathbb{Z}})|$ . [Hint: If the first  $i$  columns  
are fixed, we have  $p^n - p^i$  choice for the  $(i+1)^{th}$  column.]

b) Prove that, if  $P$  is a  $p$ -subgroup of  $GL_n(\mathbb{Z}_{/p\mathbb{Z}})$ ,  
then  $\exists g \in GL_n(\mathbb{Z}_{/p\mathbb{Z}})$  such that

$$gPg^{-1} \subseteq \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a_{ij} \\ 0 & \ddots \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid a_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}_{/p\mathbb{Z}} \text{ for } i < j \right\}$$

5. Let  $G$  be a finite group. Suppose

$$n \mid |G| \Rightarrow |\{g \in G \mid g^n = 1\}| \leq n.$$

Prove that  $G$  is cyclic.

[Hint: Let  $\Psi(m) := |\{g \in G \mid \text{ord}(g) = m\}|$ .

- Show that if  $\Psi(m) \neq 0$ , then  $\Psi(m) = \Phi(m)$ .

- Use  $\sum_{m \mid n} \Phi(m) = n$ .

6. Suppose  $N \triangleleft G$  and  $P \in \text{Syl}_p(N)$ . Prove that

$$G = N_G(P)N.$$

7. Suppose  $p < q < r$  are primes. If  $G$  is a finite group of order  $pqr$ , then a Sylow  $r$ -subgroup is normal.

Chapter 7.1, Problem 26, 28.

Chapter 7.2, Problem 3, 5.

Chapter 7.3, Problem 33.

Let  $R$  be a unital ring, and  $J \subseteq M_n(R)$ . Then

$$J \triangleleft M_n(R) \iff \exists I \triangleleft R, J = M_n(I).$$

(Hint:  $E_{ii} A E_{jj} = a_{ij} E_{ij}$  where  $E_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$ )