

1. Let  $H$  denote the subgroup  $\{1, -1\}$  of the multiplicative group  $\mathbb{R}^*$ . Let  $G$  be a subgroup of  $S_n$ , and define a function  $f : G \rightarrow H$  by

$$f(w) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } w \text{ is an even permutation} \\ -1 & \text{if } w \text{ is an odd permutation} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Prove that  $f$  is a homomorphism from  $G$  to  $H$ .
- (b) What is the kernel of  $f$ ?
- (c) If we let  $G = \langle (13), (24) \rangle$  be the subgroup of  $S_5$  generated by  $(13)$  and  $(24)$ , what is  $\ker f$  and  $\text{Im} f$ ?
- (d) If  $G = \langle (13)(24), (12)(34) \rangle$  is the subgroup of  $S_5$  generated by  $(13)(24)$  and  $(12)(34)$ , what is  $\ker f$  and  $\text{Im} f$ ?
- (e) What is the kernel of  $f$  and the image of  $f$  if we let  $G = \langle (12)(345) \rangle$  be the subgroup of  $S_5$  generated by  $(12)(345)$ ?
2. Consider the map  $\phi : \mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$  defined by

$$\phi(z) = z^4$$

- a.) Prove that  $\phi$  is a homomorphism.
- b.) List the elements in the kernel of  $\phi$ .
- Note: Since 1 is the identity element in  $\mathbb{C}^*$ , the kernel of  $\phi$  is  $\ker \phi = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^* : \phi(z) = 1\}$ .
- c.) Is  $\phi$  an isomorphism? (If yes, prove that it is both surjective *and* injective; if no, prove that it's not injective *or* not surjective.)
3. Consider the map  $\psi : \mathbb{Z}_{12} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{10}$  defined by

$$\psi(m) = 3m$$

- a.) Prove that  $\psi$  is *not* a homomorphism.
4. Consider the map  $\psi : \mathbb{Z}_{12} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{12}$  defined by

$$\psi(m) = 3m$$

- a.) Prove that  $\psi$  is a homomorphism.
- b.) List the elements in the kernel of  $\psi$ .
- Note: Since 0 is the identity element in  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$ , the kernel of  $\psi$  is  $\ker \psi = \{m \in \mathbb{Z}_{12} : \psi(m) = 0\}$ .
- c.) Is  $\psi$  an isomorphism? (If yes, prove that it is both surjective *and* injective; if no, prove that it's not injective *or* prove that it is not surjective.)
5. Let  $H = \langle (12), (345) \rangle$  denote the subgroup of  $S_5$  generated by  $(12)$  and  $(345)$ .

Prove or disprove: There is an isomorphism from  $\mathbb{Z}_6 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  to  $H$ .

6. Prove or disprove: there is an isomorphism from  $\mathbb{Z}_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  to  $U(10) = \{1, 3, 7, 9\}$ .
7. Let  $J$  denote the subgroup of  $S_5$  generated by  $(13)$  and  $(24)$ . Prove or disprove: there is an isomorphism from  $\mathbb{Z}_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  to  $J = \langle (13), (24) \rangle$ .

8. Prove or disprove: there is an isomorphism from  $\mathbb{Z}_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  to  $U(8) = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ .

9. Prove or disprove: there is an isomorphism from  $\mathbb{Z}_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  to  $\mathbb{T}_4$ , where

$$\mathbb{T}_4 \text{ is the 4-th roots of unity } \{1, i, -1, -i\} = \{1, e^{i(\pi/2)}, e^{i(\pi/2)2}, e^{i(\pi/2)3}\}.$$

10. (a) Complete the table so that it depicts the Cayley table (“multiplication” table) of a group  $G = \{e, x, y, z\}$ , with  $e$  as the identity element.

There may be more than one way to complete a table, and if so you need to give all possibilities.

(Note: Many copies of this table are printed below so that you can use them for your scratch work.)

	$e$	$x$	$y$	$z$
$e$				
$x$				
$y$			$e$	
$z$				

	$e$	$x$	$y$	$z$
$e$				
$x$				
$y$			$e$	
$z$				

	$e$	$x$	$y$	$z$
$e$				
$x$				
$y$			$e$	
$z$				

	$e$	$x$	$y$	$z$
$e$				
$x$				
$y$			$e$	
$z$				

(b) Circle one of the tables you have completed. Write down a minimal generating set.

(c) Draw the Cayley diagram for the minimal generating set that you wrote above.

(d) What is the order of the element  $y$  in the group whose Cayley table you circled above?

11. Fill in the table so that it depicts the Cayley table of a group  $G = \{e, a, b\}$ , with  $e$  as the identity element. There may be more than one way to complete a table, and if so you need to give all possibilities.

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	$e$	$a$	$b$
$e$			
$a$			
$b$			

	$e$	$a$	$b$
$e$			
$a$			
$b$			

	$e$	$a$	$b$
$e$			
$a$			
$b$			

	$e$	$a$	$b$
$e$			
$a$			
$b$			

(a) Circle one of the tables you have completed. Write down a minimal generating set.

(b) Draw the Cayley diagram for the minimal generating set that you wrote above.

(c) What is the order of the element  $b$  in the group whose Cayley table you circled above?

12. Let  $G$  and  $H$  be groups, and let  $e_G$  and  $e_H$  denote their identity elements. Let  $f : G \rightarrow H$  be a homomorphism of groups.

(a) Prove that  $f$  sends  $e_G$  to  $e_H$ .

(b) For each  $x \in G$ , prove that the inverse of  $f(x)$  in  $H$  is  $f(x^{-1})$ .

(c) Let  $K$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Prove that the image  $f(K)$  is a subgroup of  $H$ .

(d) Let  $J$  be a subgroup of  $H$ . Prove that the preimage  $f^{-1}(J)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

(e) Prove that  $\ker f$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .