

1. Prove that  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  is a normal subgroup of  $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

2. Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}$  and  $H = \{(0,0), (1,2), (0,4), (1,6)\}$ . Compute the cosets of  $H$  and write down a multiplication table for  $G/H$ .

3. The dihedral group  $D_8$  has a presentation as a finitely generated group as

$$D_8 = \langle x, y : x^2 = y^4 = 1, \quad yx = xy^3 \rangle.$$

One can identify  $x$  and  $y$  with the following symmetries of a square:  $x$  is reflection through the horizontal line passing through the middle of the square and  $y$  denotes the counterclockwise rotation by 90 degrees. Make a multiplication table for  $D_8$  using  $\{1, y, y^2, y^3, x, xy, xy^2, xy^3\}$ .

4. The subgroup  $K = \{1, y^2\}$  is a normal subgroup of  $D_8$ . Compute the cosets of  $K$  and compute a multiplication table for  $D_8/K$ .

5. Let  $G$  be a group. An element  $b \in G$  is a conjugate of  $a \in G$  if there exists  $g \in G$  so that  $b = g^{-1}ag$ . Define a relation  $\sim$  on  $G$  by

$$b \sim a \Leftrightarrow b \text{ is a conjugate of } a.$$

(a) Prove that  $\sim$  defines an equivalence relation on  $G$ .

(b) For  $G = S_3$ , describe the equivalence classes of  $\sim$ . Are these equivalence classes the cosets of a subgroup of  $S_3$ ?

(c) Prove or disprove: in every group,  $ba$  is conjugate to  $ab$ .

(d) The matrices  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  are conjugate in  $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

6. Compute the order of  $(8\ 5\ 1\ 7)(4\ 5\ 6\ 9)(10\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 1) \in S_{10}$ .

7. Prove that if  $H$  and  $K$  be subgroups of a group  $G$  then  $H \cap K$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

**Prove or disprove:**

8. In a group, if  $a$  and  $b$  have finite order, then  $ab$  has finite order.
9. In a group, if  $a$  and  $b$  have finite order, then  $ab$  and  $ba$  have the same order.
10. In a group, if  $|a| = n$  and  $|b| = k$ , then  $|ab| = \text{lcm}(n, k)$ .
11.  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$  are isomorphic.
12.  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$  are isomorphic.
13. There exists a nontrivial homomorphism  $S_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ .
14. There exists a nontrivial homomorphism  $S_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ .
15. There exists a nontrivial homomorphism from  $S_3$  to a group with 81 elements.
16. The map  $\phi : \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow S_3$  defined by  $\phi(0) = e$  and  $\phi(1) = (12)$  is a monic homomorphism.
17. The map  $\phi : \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow S_3$  defined by  $\phi(0) = e$  and  $\phi(1) = (12)$  is left invertible homomorphism.
18. Let  $G$  and  $G'$  be groups with  $|G| = 18$  and  $|G'| = 15$ . There exists a homomorphism  $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$  with  $|\ker \phi| = 6$ .