

**HOMEWORK**  
**MATH 330**

- (1) Let  $n > 1$  be an integer which is not prime. Prove that there exists a prime  $p$  such that  $p|n$  and  $p \leq \sqrt{n}$ .
  
- (2) pg 76, # 37: Let  $\mathbb{E}$  denote the set of positive even integers. An element  $p \in \mathbb{E}$  is called an  $\mathbb{E}$ -*prime* if  $p$  cannot be written as a product of two elements of  $\mathbb{E}$ . Determine a simple criteria for when elements of  $\mathbb{E}$  can be *uniquely* factored into a product of  $\mathbb{E}$ -primes.
  
- (3) pg 73, #15: Suppose today is Monday.
  - (a) What day of the week will it be 100 days from now?
  - (b) What day of the week will it be 10,000 days from now?
  - (c) What day of the week will it be 1,000,000 days from now?
  
- (4) pg 73, #21: Show that if  $n$  is a positive odd integer then the sum of any  $n$  consecutive integers is divisible by  $n$ .
  
- (5) Let  $a, b, c$  be integers such that  $c|a$  and  $c|b$ . Prove that  $c$  divides any linear combination of  $a$  and  $b$ .
  
- (6) pg 92, # 7: Show that if  $a, b, n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime, then  $a^n$  and  $b^m$  are relatively prime.
  
- (7) pg 93, # 21.

- (8) For each of the relations defined on  $\mathbb{Q}$ , either prove that it is an equivalence relation or show which properties of an equivalence relation fail.
- (a)  $x \sim y$  whenever  $x - y \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
  - (b)  $x \sim y$  whenever  $x \leq y$ .
  - (c)  $x \sim y$  whenever  $xy \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
  - (d)  $x \sim y$  whenever  $|x - y| \leq 1$ .

(9) pg 132, #36.

(10) pg 133, #42.

(11) Let  $a$  and  $n$  be positive integers. Prove that  $a^{\frac{1}{n}}$  is either an integer or is irrational.

(12) pg 148, # 7-10.

(13) pg 150, # 39.

(14) Section 5.1, # 43.

(15) Section 5.3, # 53.

(16) Section 7.1, # 12.

(17) Section 7.1, # 56.

(18) Section 7.1, # 57.

(19) Section 7.1, # 60.

(20) pg 248, Section 7.2, #69.

(21) pg 376, Section 9.1, #35.

(22) pg 377, Section 9.1, #38.

(23) pg 377, Section 9.1, #41.

(24) pg 377, Section 9.1, #48.

(25) pg 389, Section 9.2, #33.

(26) Prove that for all  $n \geq 1$ , there exists a polynomial  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  with  $\deg(f(x)) = n$  such that  $f(x)$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .

(27) pg 453, Section 12.1, #2.

(28) pg 455, Section 12.1, #22.

(29) pg 456, Section 12.1, #48.

(30) Let  $F$  be a field and  $f(x) \in F[x]$ . Prove that  $\alpha \in F$  is a root of  $f(x)$  if and only if  $(x - \alpha) \mid f(x)$ .

(31) pg 471, Section 12.3, #20.

- (32) Determine which of the following are groups.
- (a)  $(\mathbb{Z}, -)$ .
  - (b)  $(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$
  - (c)  $(\{r \in \mathbb{Q} \mid r \geq 0\}, +)$ .
  - (d)  $(\{r \in \mathbb{Q} \mid r > 0\}, \cdot)$ .
- (33) Prove or disprove each of the following:
- (a)  $\{f \in S_n \mid f(1) = 1\}$  is a subgroup of  $S_n$ .
  - (b)  $\{e\} \cup \{f \in D_n \mid f \text{ is a rotation}\}$  is a subgroup of  $D_n$ .
  - (c)  $\{e\} \cup \{f \in D_n \mid f \text{ is a reflection}\}$  is a subgroup of  $D_n$ .
- (34) Prove that isomorphism is an equivalence relation on groups.
- (35) Suppose  $X$  is set with  $n$  elements. Prove that  $Bij(X) \cong S_n$ .
- (36) Let  $H$  and  $K$  be subgroups of a group  $G$ . Prove that  $H \cap K$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
- (37) Section 8.1, pg 291, #49.

- (38) Section 8.1, pg 290, #33-36 (Fill out the multiplication table of  $D_4$ , writing each element in the form  $y^i x^j$  for  $0 \leq i \leq 3$  and  $0 \leq j \leq 1$ ).
- (39) Section 8.1, pg 292, #57.
- (40) Section 8.1, pg 293, #65.
- (41) Section 8.1, pg 293, #67.
- (42) Section 8.4, pg 361, #3, 4, 8, 15
- (43) Write the permutation  $f$  from Problem 42 as a product of transpositions.

(44) Section 8.2, pg 319, #11.

(45) Section 8.2, pg 319, #24.

(46) Section 8.2, pg 320, #30.

(47) Section 8.2, pg 320, #33.

(48) Section 8.2, pg 320, #41.

(49) Section 8.2, pg 320, #43.

(50) Section 8.2, pg 321, #52.

(51) Section 8.2, pg 321, #57.

(52) Section 8.3, pg 344, #35, 36.

(53) Section 8.3, pg 345, #59.

(54) Prove the Second Isomorphism Theorem: Suppose  $G$  is a group,  $H \leq G$ , and  $N \trianglelefteq G$ . Then

- (a)  $HN \leq G$ .
- (b)  $H \cap N \trianglelefteq H$ .
- (c)  $HN/N \cong H/(H \cap N)$ .

(55) Prove the Third Isomorphism Theorem: Suppose  $G$  is a group,  $N \trianglelefteq G$ , and  $N \trianglelefteq K \trianglelefteq G$ . Then

- (a)  $K/N \trianglelefteq G/N$ .
- (b)  $(G/N)/(K/N) \cong G/K$ .

Let  $G$  be a group. An isomorphism  $\phi: G \rightarrow G$  is called an *automorphism* of  $G$ . Let  $Aut(G)$  denote the set of all automorphisms of  $G$ .

(56) Prove that  $Aut(G)$  is a subgroup of  $Bij(G)$ .

(57) Let  $g \in G$  and let  $\gamma_g: G \rightarrow G$  be the function defined by  $\gamma_g(a) = g^{-1}ag$  for all  $a \in G$ . Prove that  $\gamma_g \in Aut(G)$ .  $\gamma_g$  is called an *inner automorphism* of  $G$ .

(58) Let  $Inn(G)$  denote the set of all inner automorphisms of  $G$ , that is  $Inn(G) = \{\gamma_g \mid g \in G\}$ . Prove that  $Inn(G)$  is a normal subgroup of  $Aut(G)$ .

(59) Prove that  $Inn(G) \cong G/Z(G)$ .

- (60) Let  $\sigma \in S_n$  be a  $k$ -cycle. Prove that every conjugate of  $\sigma$  is a  $k$ -cycle.
- (61) Let  $x$  and  $y$  be conjugate elements of a group  $G$ . Prove that  $x^n = e$  if and only if  $y^n = e$ , hence  $x$  and  $y$  have the same order.
- (62) Let  $G$  be a group acting on a set  $X$ . Let  $x \in X$ , and define  $Stab_G(x) = \{g \in G \mid g \cdot x = x\}$ . Prove that  $Stab_G(x)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
- (63) Let  $G$  be a group acting on a set  $X$ . Let  $x, y \in X$  such that  $y = g \cdot x$ . Prove that  $Stab_G(y) = gStab_G(x)g^{-1}$ .
- (64) Let  $H \leq G$  and let  $X$  denote the set of left cosets of  $H$ . Define an action of  $G$  on  $X$  by  $g \cdot xH = gxH$ . First describe  $Stab_G(H)$  and then describe  $Stab_G(xH)$  for an arbitrary  $x \in G$ .
- (65) Let  $G$  be a finite group acting on a finite set  $X$  with exactly  $n$  distinct orbits. For  $g \in G$ , define  $Fix(g) = \{x \in X \mid g \cdot x = x\}$ . Prove that

$$n = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} |Fix(g)|$$