

MODERN ALGEBRA 1: HOMEWORK 5

- (1) Chapter 2: 7.1
- (2) Chapter 2: 8.1
- (3) Let G be a group of order p , where p is a prime. Show that G must be isomorphic to \mathbf{Z}_p .
- (4) Chapter 2: 8.10
- (5) Suppose $H \subset G$ is a subgroup such that $aHa^{-1} \subset H$ for all $a \in G$. Show that H is normal. (This is a trick we used in class.)
- (6) Give an example of a group G and a normal subgroup $H \triangleleft G$ such that G is not isomorphic to $H \times (G/H)$. Give an example where H and G/H are abelian, but G is not. (It is OK to kill two birds with one stone.)
Remember this example for the future.
- (7) The *center* $Z(G)$ of a group G is the subset of elements that commute with every other element:

$$Z(G) = \{g \in G \mid gx = xg \text{ for all } x \in G.\}.$$

Show that $Z(G)$ is a normal subgroup of G .

- (8) Recall the group of complex numbers of absolute value 1

$$U = \{z \in \mathbf{C} \mid |z| = 1\},$$

where the group operation is multiplication.

- (a) Show that $\mathbf{R}^+ / \mathbf{Z}^+$ is isomorphic to U . (*Hint: An isomorphism can be constructed using exponentiation.*)
- (b) Find one element of finite order and one element of infinite order in $\mathbf{R}^+ / \mathbf{Z}^+$.