

## WrittenHW 3

1. ( $\approx$  #8) Consider the set  $S = \{5, 15, 25, 35\}$ . Does  $S$  form a group under multiplication modulo 40? If so, what is the identity element and describe any relationships between  $S$  and  $U(8)$ .
2. ( $\approx$  #16) In a group, prove that  $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$ . Draw an analogy between the statement  $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$  and the act of putting on and taking off your socks and shoes. Find an example that shows that it is possible to have  $(ab)^{-2} \neq b^{-2}a^{-2}$ . Find a distinct nonidentity elements  $A$  and  $B$  from a non-Abelian group with the property that  $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$ .
3. ( $\approx$  #26) Let  $G$  be a group and  $a, b \in G$ . Prove  $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$  if and only if  $ab = ba$ .
4. ( $\approx$  #32) In  $D_n$ , let  $r = R_{360/n}$ , and let  $f$  be any reflection. Show that  $frf = r^{-1}$  then use this relation to write the following elements in the form  $r^i$  or  $r^i f$  where  $0 \leq i < n$ .
  - (a) In  $D_4$ ,  $fr^{-2}fr^5$
  - (b) In  $D_5$ ,  $r^{-3}fr^4fr^{-2}$
  - (c) In  $D_6$ ,  $fr^5fr^{-2}f$

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1. ( $\approx$  #14\*) If  $H$  and  $K$  are subgroups of  $G$ , is  $H \cap K$  a subgroup of  $G$ ? Prove your conclusion or find a counterexample.
2. ( $\approx$  #22) Is the center of a group Abelian? Prove your conclusion or find a counterexample.
3. ( $\approx$  #28) Consider the elements  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  from  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ .  
Using textbook notation: Find  $|A|$ ,  $|B|$  and  $|AB|$ .  
Alternative notation: Find  $o(A)$ ,  $o(B)$  and  $o(AB)$ .
4. ( $\approx$  #46\*) Let  $G$  be a group of functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^*$ , where the operations of  $G$  is multiplication of functions. Let  $H = \{f \in G \mid f(1) = 1\}$ . Is  $H$  a subgroup of  $G$ ? Prove your conclusion or find a counterexample.
5. ( $\approx$  #50acd) Find the smallest subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}$  containing:
  - (a) 8 and 14
  - (b) 6 and 15
  - (c)  $m$  and  $n$