

Problem Set 4(60 points)

Question 1 (Zee I.3 Q9). [10 points] Show that A_4 is an invariant subgroup (in fact, maximal) of S_4 .

Question 2 (Zee I.3 Q11). [10 points] Calculate the derived subgroup of the dihedral group.

Question 3 (Zee I.3 Q12). [10 points] Given two group elements f and g , show that, while in general $fg \neq gf$, fg is equivalent to gf (that is, they are in the same equivalence class).

Question 4 (Zee I.3 Q14). [10 points] Using Cayley's theorem, map V to a subgroup of S_4 . List the permutation corresponding to each element of V . Do the same for Z_4 .

Question 5 (Zee I.3 Q16). [10 points] In a Coxeter group, show that if $n_{ij} = 2$, then a_i and a_j commute.

Question 6 (Zee I.2 Q19). [10 points] Show that the derived subgroup of S_n is A_n . (In the text, with the remark about even permutations we merely showed that it is a subgroup of S_n .)

Question 7 (Zee I.3 Q20). [10 points] A set of real-valued functions f_i of a real variable x can also define a group if we define multiplication as follows: given f_i and f_j , the product $f_i \cdot f_j$ is defined as the function $f_i(f_j(x))$. Show that the functions $I(x) = x$ and $A(x) = (1 - x)^{-1}$ generate a three-element group.¹² Furthermore, including the function $C(x) = x^{-1}$ generates a six-element group.

Question 8 (Herstein 2.6 Q10). [20 points] If H is a subgroup of G , let $N(H) = \{g \in G \mid gHg^{-1} = H\}$. Prove

(a) $N(H)$ is a subgroup of G .

(b) H is normal in $N(H)$.

(c) If H is a normal subgroup of the subgroup K in G , then $K \subset N(H)$ (that is, $N(H)$ is the largest subgroup of G in which H is normal).

(d) H is normal in G if and only if $N(H) = G$.

Question 9 (Herstein 2.6 Q11). [10 points] If N and M are normal subgroups¹ of G , prove that NM is also a normal subgroup of G .

Question 10 (Herstein 2.6 Q20). [20 points] Let G be a group such that $(ab)^p = a^p b^p$ for all $a, b \in G$, where p is a prime number. Let $S = \{x \in G \mid x^{p^m} = e \text{ for some } m \text{ depending on } x\}$. Prove

(a) S is a normal subgroup of G .

(b) If $\bar{G} = G/S$ and if $\bar{x} \in \bar{G}$ is such that $\bar{x}^p = \bar{e}$ then $\bar{x} = \bar{e}$.

Question 11 (Herstein 2.7 Q6). [20 points] If N, M are normal subgroups of G , prove that $NM/M \approx N/N \cap M$

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¹normal subgroup = invariant subgroup

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