

Math 415
HW #9 Hints/Solutions
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In the problems that are to be turned in for a grade (the ‘*’ problems), I give a hint. For the other problems I explain how to solve the problem, though a proper write-up will need more details and explanation.

Section 14, #10. Since $|\mathbb{Z}_{60}| = 60$ and $|\langle 12 \rangle| = 5$, it follows from Lagrange’s Theorem that $\mathbb{Z}_{60}/\langle 12 \rangle$ has $60/5 = 12$ elements. It is not hard to check that $26 + \langle 12 \rangle$ has order 6, since $6 \cdot 26$ is divisible by 12.

16. Hint: Once you wind through all of the notation, this isn’t too bad. The group $i_{\rho_0}[H]$ will be a subgroup of order 2 in S_3 .

23. (f), (h), and (j) are False. Rest are True.

24. Hint: Normality is not not so bad. To describe the quotient S_n/A_n , first determine $|S_n/A_n|$. What is the only group of that order up to isomorphism?

28. This problem, like #23 requires finding all the subgroups of \mathbb{Z}_{20} . We did this in class on Monday!

27. The thing here is to get the right equivalence relation. We let $S =$ set of all subgroups of G . Then for H and $K \in S$, we say “ H is conjugate to K ” if and only if there exists a $g \in G$ so that $gHg^{-1} = K$. (That is, we need just 1 such g for them to be conjugate.) Reflexivity: Since $eHe^{-1} = H$, we see that H is conjugate to H . Symmetry: If H is conjugate to K , then we can pick a $g \in G$ so that $gHg^{-1} = K$. Then we check that $g^{-1}Kg = H$. Since $g^{-1}Kg = g^{-1}K(g^{-1})^{-1}$, we see that K is conjugate to H . Transitivity is similar.

29. Hint: You just slog it out. Note that any two conjugate subgroups are isomorphic and so must have the same order.

30. Hint: Use exercise 40 on p. 103.

38. Hint: Let $H = \{g \in G \mid \forall x \in G, i_g(x) = x\}$. The problem is asking you to show that H is a normal subgroup of G .

Section 15, #13. Hint: Check the answer in the back of the book....

14. The center is $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \{e\} = \{(0, e), (1, e), (2, e)\}$. The commutator is $\{0\} \times \langle \sigma \rangle = \{(0, e), (0, \sigma), (0, \sigma^2)\}$.

15. Hint: The center of $S_3 \times D_4$ is (the center of S_3) \times (the center of D_4). The commutator is more tricky.

34. Hint: Let H be a non-trivial subgroup of index 2 in G . Then $|H| = \frac{1}{2}|G|$. Show that H must be normal in G .

35. Hint: Use the multiplicative property of homomorphisms. It goes fairly smoothly.

37. Follow their hint. Keep in mind that you want to use the assumption that $G/Z(G)$ is cyclic to prove that G is abelian.