

SOME SAMPLE FINAL QUESTIONS

1. Give the subgroup diagram of $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_6$. Label each vertex with the corresponding group.
2. a. Prove that if G is a finite group and $g \in G$ is an element, then the order of g divides the order of G .
 b. Prove or disprove: If G is a finite group and the positive integer n divides the order of G , then there exists an element in G of order n .
 c. Prove Fermat's Little Theorem: If p is a prime and if $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ is relatively prime to p , then $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.
3. Prove that a group of order 6 contains an element of order 2. (Do not use Cauchy's theorem.)
4. Prove that the quaternion group Q_8 is not isomorphic to the dihedral group D_4 .
5. Consider the binary operation defined on the set $\{a, b, c, d\}$ given in the following table.

$*$	a	b	c	d
a	b	d	a	c
b	d	c	b	a
c	a	b	c	d
d	c	a	d	b

- a. Is there an identity element for this operation? If so, what is it?
- b. What is the inverse of d for this operation? Briefly explain your answer.
- c. What is the order of a for this operation? Briefly explain your answer.
6. Let G be the group of bijections $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, with group operation composition of functions. (You don't need to prove that this is a group.)
 - a. What is the identity element of this group?
 - b. Give an example of an element of order 3 in this group.
 - c. Give an example of an element of infinite order in this group.
 - d. Is this group abelian?
7. Give an example or prove none exists.
 - a. A one-to-one homomorphism $U(\mathbb{Z}_8) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_8$.
 - b. A non-abelian subgroup of an abelian group.
 - c. A non-cyclic infinite group.
 - d. A normal subgroup H of $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ such that the factor group $\mathbb{R}/H$ has exactly two elements.
 - e. A subgroup H of S_4 such that H is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ and H is not a normal subgroup of S_4 .

8. Answer True or False to the following and prove your answers.
- a. If H, K are groups, then $H \times K$ is isomorphic to $K \times H$.
 - b. For every group G and element $g \in G$, there exists some subgroup H of G such that $g \in H$ and such that H is cyclic.
 - c. If p is prime and G is a group of order p^3 , then G has an element of order p . (Do not use Cauchy's theorem.)
 - d. If n is an integer and G is a group of order n^3 , then G has an element of order n . (Hint. Try $n = 4$.)