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Directions: Be sure to include in-line citations, including page numbers if appropriate, every time you use the results of discussion, a text, notes, or technology. **Only write on one side of each page.**

"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing."

– George Bernard Shaw

You may submit at most four (4) of these problems.

1. Do both of the following.
 - (a) Show that the multiplicative group of n th roots of unity is isomorphic to \mathbf{Z}_n .
 - (b) Let $G = \mathbf{R} \setminus \{-1\}$ and define a binary operation on G by $a * b = a + b + ab$.
Prove that G is a group under this operation. Also show that G is isomorphic to the multiplicative group of nonzero real numbers.
2. Prove that D_4 cannot be isomorphic to the internal direct product of two of its proper subgroups.
3. Prove that $S_3 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$ is isomorphic to D_6 . Make a conjecture about D_n and prove your conjecture.
4. Do both of the following.
 - (a) Prove or disprove. Every abelian group of order divisible by 3 contains a subgroup of order 3.
 - (b) Prove or disprove. Every nonabelian group of order divisible by 6 contains a subgroup of order 6.
5. Let G be a group of order 20. If G has subgroups H and K of orders 4 and 5, respectively and $hk = kh$ for every $h \in H$ and $k \in K$, prove that G is the internal direct product of H and K .
 - (a) Do two of the following.
Prove or disprove. Let G, H, K be groups. If $G \times H \cong G \times K$, then $H \cong K$.
 - (b) Prove or disprove. There is a noncyclic abelian group of order 51.
 - (c) Prove or disprove. There is a noncyclic abelian group of order 52.
6. Do either of the following.
 - (a) Prove that S_n is isomorphic to a subgroup of A_{n+2} .
 - (b) Prove that D_n is isomorphic to a subgroup of S_n .
7. Recall that if X is any set then the set of all permutations $\pi : X \rightarrow X$ is a group S_X under function composition. Recall also that if G is a group then the set $\text{Aut}(G)$ of all automorphisms of G is a subgroup of S_G .
 - (a) Find $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{Z}_6)$
 - (b) Find $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{Z})$

8. Recall that if G is a group and if $g \in G$ then the map ϕ_g defined by $\phi_g(x) = gxg^{-1}$ is an automorphism of G . We call the set of all such conjugation maps the set of **inner** automorphisms of G , $\text{Inn}(G) = \{\phi_g : \phi_g(x) = gxg^{-1} \text{ for all } x \in G\}$.

(a) Find two nonisomorphic groups H and G for which $\text{Aut}(G) \cong \text{Aut}(H)$

(b) Prove that $\text{Inn}(G)$ is a subgroup of $\text{Aut}(G)$.

9. Do **one** of the following.

(a) Let n_1, \dots, n_k be positive integers. Show that

$$\prod_{i=1}^k \mathbf{Z}_{n_i} \cong \mathbf{Z}_{n_1 \cdots n_k}$$

if and only if $\gcd(n_i, n_j) = 1$ for $i \neq j$.

(b) If G is the internal direct product of H_1, \dots, H_n , prove that G is isomorphic to

$$\prod_{i=1}^n H_i$$