

1. Determine all of the homomorphisms from  $Z_{20}$  to itself. For each homomorphism, determine its kernel.

Since  $Z_{20}$  is cyclic, a homomorphism is uniquely determined by the image of a generator (for simplicity, we'd consider the image of 1). There are thus 20 homomorphisms: we could denote them  $\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_{19}$  according to the definition  $\varphi_k(1) = k$ , which would induce the general rule  $\varphi_k(x) = kx$ . The kernels will be as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \ker \varphi_0 &= Z_{20} = \{0, 1, \dots, 19\} \\ \ker \varphi_1 &= \ker \varphi_3 = \ker \varphi_7 = \ker \varphi_9 = \ker \varphi_{11} = \ker \varphi_{13} = \ker \varphi_{17} = \ker \varphi_{19} = \{0\} \\ \ker \varphi_2 &= \ker \varphi_6 = \ker \varphi_{10} = \ker \varphi_{14} = \ker \varphi_{18} = \langle 10 \rangle = \{0, 10\} \\ \ker \varphi_4 &= \ker \varphi_8 = \ker \varphi_{12} = \ker \varphi_{16} = \langle 5 \rangle = \{0, 5, 10, 15\} \\ \ker \varphi_5 &= \ker \varphi_{15} = \langle 4 \rangle = \{0, 4, 8, 12, 16\} \\ \ker \varphi_{10} &= \langle 2 \rangle = \{0, 2, \dots, 18\} \end{aligned}$$

2. Prove that if  $H \trianglelefteq G$  and  $K \trianglelefteq G$  and  $H \cap K = \{e\}$ , then  $G$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $G/H \oplus G/K$ .

We shall build an injective homomorphism  $\varphi$  from  $G$  into  $G/H \oplus G/K$ ; since this is an injection, it can be made bijective by limiting its domain, and will then become an isomorphism, so that  $\varphi(G)$  is a subgroup of  $G/H \oplus G/K$  which is isomorphic to  $G$ .

Our homomorphism will be defined very naïvely: let  $\varphi(g) = (gH, gK)$ . It is abundantly clear by the way multiplications of cosets of normal groups and multiplications in direct products are calculated that this will in fact be a homomorphism:

$$\varphi(g_1)\varphi(g_2) = (g_1H, g_1K)(g_2H, g_2K) = (g_1H g_2H, g_1K g_2K) = ((g_1g_2)H, (g_1g_2)K) = \varphi(g_1g_2)$$

so now all that remains is to prove that this homomorphism is injective. Suppose  $\varphi(g) = \varphi(g')$ . Thus  $(gH, gK) = (g'H, g'K)$ , so  $gH = g'H$  and  $gK = g'K$ . We may thus conclude, based on our knowledge of when cosets coincide, that  $g^{-1}g' \in H$  and  $g^{-1}g' \in K$ . However, the only thing which is both an element of  $H$  and of  $K$  is  $e$ , so  $g^{-1}g' = e$  and thus  $g = g'$ .

3. Prove that if  $G$  and  $H$  are finite groups and  $|G|$  and  $|H|$  are relatively prime, for any homomorphism  $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$ ,  $\ker \varphi = \{e\}$ .

We know from the First Isomorphism Theorem (or even some simpler results) that  $|\varphi(G)| = \frac{|G|}{|\ker \varphi|}$ , so  $|\varphi(G)|$  is a divisor of  $|G|$ . Since  $\varphi(G) \leq H$ , Lagrange's Theorem also requires that  $|\varphi(G)|$  be a divisor of  $|H|$ . However, since  $|G|$  and  $|H|$  are relatively prime, their only common divisor is 1, so  $|\varphi(G)| = 1$ , and thus the above equality derived from the First Isomorphism Theorem becomes  $1 = \frac{|G|}{|\ker \varphi|}$ , and so  $|\ker \varphi| = |G|$ . Since  $\ker \varphi \subseteq G$  and the two sets have the same finite size,  $\ker \varphi = G$ .

4. Determine, with proof, how many nonisomorphic Abelian groups there are of order 360.

Note that  $360 = 2^3 3^2 5^1$ . We may say with absolute certainty, from the Fundamental Theorem of Abelian Groups, that a group  $G$  of order 360 can be written as a direct product of three groups of order  $2^3$ ,  $3^2$ , and 5. The third of these is uniquely determined to be  $Z_5$ ; the second could be either  $Z_9$  or  $Z_3 \oplus Z_3$ ; and the first is one of  $Z_8$ ,  $Z_4 \oplus Z_2$ , or  $Z_2 \oplus Z_2 \oplus Z_2$ . Thus, there are in fact 6 different Abelian groups of order 360.

5. You are told that a group  $G$  is an Abelian group of order 16 and that there are elements  $a$  and  $b$  of  $G$  which both have order 4, and for which  $a^2 \neq b^2$ . Which isomorphism classes could contain this group?

There are 5 partitions of the number 4, which correspond to 5 possible Abelian groups of order 16 by the Fundamental Theorem of Abelian Groups. So even without the condition on  $a$  and  $b$ , we can limit the candidates for group  $G$  to the following four:  $Z_{16}$ ,  $Z_8 \oplus Z_2$ ,  $Z_4 \oplus Z_4$ ,  $Z_4 \oplus Z_2 \oplus Z_2$ , and  $Z_2 \oplus Z_2 \oplus Z_2 \oplus Z_2$ . We can consider each of these individually.

**Case I:**  $G = Z_2 \oplus Z_2 \oplus Z_2 \oplus Z_2$ . This group has no elements of order 4 and thus no such  $a$  and  $b$  exist.

**Case II:**  $G = Z_8 \oplus Z_2$ .  $(x, y)$  has order 4 only if at least one of  $x$  and  $y$  has order 4. No element of  $Z_2$  has order 4, and 2 and 6 are the only elements of  $Z_8$  of order 4. Thus  $a$  and  $b$  must be of the form  $(2, x)$  and/or  $(6, y)$ . However  $(2, x)^2 = (4, 0)$  and  $(6, y)^2 = (4, 0)$ , so  $a^2$  and  $b^2$  cannot be unequal.

**Case III:**  $G = Z_4 \oplus Z_4$ . The elements  $a = (1, 0)$  and  $b = (0, 1)$  satisfy the given conditions on  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Case IV:**  $G = Z_4 \oplus Z_2 \oplus Z_2$ .  $(x, y, z)$  has order 4 only if at least one of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  has order 4. No element of  $Z_2$  has order 4, and 1 and 3 are the only elements of  $Z_4$  of order 4. Thus  $a$  and  $b$  must be of the form  $(1, y, z)$  and/or  $(3, y', z')$ . However  $(1, y, z)^2 = (2, 0)$  and  $(3, y', z')^2 = (2, 0)$ , so  $a^2$  and  $b^2$  cannot be unequal.

**Case V:**  $G = Z_{16}$ . This group has exactly two elements of order 4: 4 and 12, but  $2 \cdot 4 = 2 \cdot 12$ , so this does not satisfy the necessary conditions for  $a$  and  $b$ .

Thus we see that  $G$  must be isomorphic to  $Z_4 \oplus Z_4$ .