

# ALGEBRA 1

## HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT VIII

(Turn in underlined problems.)

Read over Chapters 4 and 5 (we discussed this already).

### SECTION

4.2

4.3

4.4

4.5

5.2

5.5

### PROBLEMS

8, 9

13 (what about 3 classes?), 20

1, 18, 19

24, 29, 38

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1, 6, 14, 18

### ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS

1. The action of  $G$  on itself by left multiplication induces an action of  $G$  on the subset lattice of  $G$ . Show that the  $G$ -set  $\langle \text{Sub}(G); G \rangle$  contains orbits of every possible isomorphism type.

2. Show that if  $G$  is a finitely generated group and  $H$  is a subgroup of finite index, then  $H$  is a finitely generated group. (Hint: Prove that, after a change of language,  $\langle G/H; G \rangle$  is a finitely presentable algebra in a finite language. Then use an earlier HW problem.)

3. Show that the inner automorphism group of  $G$  cannot be a cyclic group of order greater than 1.

4. Show that any  $p$ -subgroup  $Q$  of a finite group is contained in a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup. (Hint: let  $Q$  act on the set of Sylow  $p$ -subgroups by conjugation. Show that  $Q$  must fix some Sylow  $P$ , and that  $Q \leq P$ .)

5. Show that every group  $G$  satisfying  $|G| \leq 35$  has a normal Sylow subgroup, except  $S_4$ . (Hints: Assume that  $G$  has no normal Sylow subgroup,

and conclude that  $|G| \neq p^k, pq, p^2q, pqr$  where  $p, q, r$  are distinct primes. Conclude that  $|G| = 24$ , and that  $G$  has four Sylow 3-subgroups. The conjugation action of  $G$  on these subgroups induces a homomorphism  $\rho: G \rightarrow S_4$  whose image contains all 3-cycles, hence  $A_4 \leq \rho(G) \leq S_4$ . Eliminate the possibility that  $\rho(G) = A_4$ .)

6. A theorem of Zassenhaus states that a finite group  $G$  has cyclic Sylow subgroups iff  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_m \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_n$  for some relatively prime  $m$  and  $n$ . Use this theorem to determine all integers  $k$  with the property that there exists only one isomorphism type of group of size  $k$ .