

**Math 211 Algebra Final**  
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1. **[Cauchy's Theorem].** Let  $G$  be finite group and  $p$  a prime divisor of  $|G|$ . Let  $X = \{(g_1, \dots, g_p) \in G^p = G \times \dots \times G : g_1, \dots, g_p = 1\}$ . Let  $H = \langle t \rangle \approx \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ .
  - a. Show that  $t(g_1, \dots, g_p) = (g_p, g_1, \dots, g_{p-1})$  defines an action of  $H$  on  $X$ . (5 pts.)
  - b. What are the possible sizes of the  $H$ -orbits? (5 pts.)
  - c. Show that  $G$  must have an element of order  $p$ . (10 pts.)
2.
  - a. Let  $G$  be a group. Find all subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times G$  in terms of subgroups of  $G$ . (5 pts.)
  - b. Let  $G$  be a simple group. Show that for any  $g \in G \setminus \{1\}$ ,  $G = \langle g^G \rangle$ . (5 pts.)
  - c. Let  $G_1, \dots, G_n$  be simple nonabelian subgroups. Show that  $G_1 \times \dots \times G_n$  has exactly  $2^n$  normal subgroups. (5 pts.)
  - d. Find the number of subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}/120\mathbb{Z}$ . (5 pts.)
  - e. Let  $p$  be a prime. Find number of subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ . (10 pts.)
3. Let  $G \neq 1$  be a finite  $p$ -group where  $p$  is a prime and  $\Phi$  a  $p$ -group of automorphisms of  $G$ . Show that there is a nontrivial element  $g \in G$  such that  $\varphi(g) = g$  for all  $\varphi \in \Phi$ . (15 pts.)
4. Let  $G$  be a group.
  - a. Show that if  $A \leq G$  is an abelian subgroup and if  $g \in N_G(A)$ , then the map  $\text{ad}(g) : A \rightarrow A$  defined by  $\text{ad}(g)(a) = [a, g]$  is a group homomorphism. Find its kernel. (7 pts.)
  - b. Let  $x, y, z \in G$ . Show  $[[x, y^{-1}], z]^y [[y, z^{-1}], x]^z [[z, x^{-1}], y]^x = 1$ . (3 pts.)
  - c. Conclude that if  $H$  and  $K$  are two subgroups of  $G$  and if  $[[H, K], K] = 1$ , then  $H \leq C_G(K')$ . (10 pts.)
  - d. **[Three Subgroup Lemma of P. Hall]** Let  $H, K, L$  be three normal subgroups of  $G$ . Using part b, show that  $[[H, K], L] \leq [[K, L], H][[L, H], K]$ . (5 pts.)
5. Let  $H \triangleleft G$ . Let  $S$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $H$ .
  - a. Show that there is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $T$  of  $G$  such that  $T \cap H = S$ . (5 pts.)
  - b. Show that  $G = HN_G(S)$ . (10 pts.)
6.
  - a. Show that any group of order  $< 60$  is solvable. (25 pts.)
  - b. Show that a nonsolvable group of order 60 is isomorphic to Alt 5. (25 pts.)