

Math 101 - Problem Set 8
Due Tuesday, November 7

1. Consider the following groups of order 8: $D_8, Q_8, \mathbb{Z}_8, \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$. For each pair of groups, either show that the two groups are isomorphic, or explain why they're not.
2. Determine whether each of the following functions is a homomorphism or not.
 - (a) $\phi : \mathbb{R} - \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ under multiplication, defined $\phi(x) =$ the absolute value of x .
 - (b) $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ under addition, defined $\phi(x) =$ the greatest integer less than or equal to x (For example, $\phi(3.7) = 3$).
 - (c) $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ under addition, defined $\phi(x, y) = x - y$.
 - (d) $\phi : D_8 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_4$ defined $\phi(r^i s^j) = i \pmod{4}$.
3. For each of the functions in the previous problem that are in fact homomorphisms, describe the kernel and the image.
4. Let G be a group. Show that the function $f : G \rightarrow G$ defined $f(x) = x^{-1}$ is a homomorphism if and only if G is abelian.
5. Show that $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ (under addition) is not cyclic.
6. Show that every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic.
7. Using the statement you proved in the previous problem, list each subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_8 . How many distinct subgroups are there? How many elements of \mathbb{Z}_8 generate the entire group?