

Q1/ (i) Let G be a group with subgroups H and K . Assume that (1) H and K are both normal in G . (2) $H \cap K = \{1\}$. (3) $G = HK$. Then, show that $G \cong H \times K$. (4+4) marks

(ii) What is mean by:

- (1) The general linear group, GL_n (2) Algebraically closed field with some examples
(3) Exact sequence and short exact sequence (4) Descending decomposition

Q2/ (i) Show that two elements $\sigma, \sigma' \in S_X$ are conjugate **iff** $\lambda(\sigma) = \lambda(\sigma')$, where $\lambda(\sigma)$ and $\lambda(\sigma')$ are cycle type of σ and σ' , respectively. (6+6) marks

(ii) Define "Center of a group". If $|G|$ is a power of a prime p , then show that G has nontrivial center.

Q3/ (i) Let H be a subgroup of a group G . Let $g \in G$. Show that (5+5) marks

(1) $gHg^{-1} = \{ghg^{-1} : h \in H\}$ is a subgroup of G . (2) $|gHg^{-1}| = |H|$.

(ii) Let G be a group, $a \in G$. Define $\sigma_a(x)$. Show that σ_a is an isomorphism.

Q4/ (i) Prove or disprove. (5+5) marks

Let (G, \cdot) be a finite cyclic group of order n . Then, $(G, \cdot) \cong (\mathbf{Z}_n, +_n)$, where \mathbf{Z}_n is the set of integers modulo n .

(ii) Show that every quotient group of a cyclic group is cyclic.

Q5/ (i) What is the conditions on a group $(G, *)$ to become an abelian group ? State (5) of them.

(ii) Write "True" or "False" of the following: (5+5) marks

(1) Given a and b are elements of a group $(G, *)$, with $a*b = b*a$, then $(a*b)^k = a^k * b^k$, for some integer $k \in \mathbf{Z}$, where \mathbf{Z} is the set of integers.

(2) Given $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ with $i^2 = -1$, then (G, \cdot) is a cyclic group.

(3) Let $(G, *)$ be a group and $a, b \in G$. If a is of order n , then $a^i = a^j$ **iff** $i \equiv j \pmod{n}$.

(4) If the quotient group $(G / \text{Cent } G, \otimes)$ is cyclic, then $(G, *)$ is cyclic.

(5) If the equation $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{n}$ has a solution x_1 , then $x_2 = n - x_1$ is also a solution.

Good Luck

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