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**Theorem 6.3 Properties of Isomorphism Acting on Groups.**

Suppose that  $\phi$  is an isomorphism from a group  $G$  onto a group  $\bar{G}$ . Then

1.  $G$  is Abelian iff  $\bar{G}$  is Abelian.
  2.  $G$  is cyclic iff  $\bar{G}$  is cyclic.
  3.  $\phi^{-1}$  is an isomorphism from  $\bar{G}$  onto  $G$ .
  4. If  $K$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , then  $\phi(K) = \{\phi(k) \mid k \in K\}$  is a subgroup of  $\bar{G}$ .
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(1) Describe how to apply Theorem 6.2 to prove Theorem 6.3 part 1. Technical details are not necessary.

(2) Describe how to apply Theorem 6.2 to prove Theorem 6.3 part 2. Technical details are not necessary.

(3) We know that if  $\phi$  is a bijection, then so is  $\phi^{-1}$ . Prove that  $\phi^{-1}$  is operation preserving in order to prove Theorem 6.3 part 4.

(4) Use a subgroup test to prove Theorem 6.3 part 4. This should look similar to a problem on Exam 1.

**Definition: Automorphism.**

An isomorphism from a group  $G$  to itself is called an *automorphism* of  $G$ .

**Definition: Inner Automorphism Induced by  $a \in G$ .**

Let  $G$  be a group, and let  $a \in G$ . The function  $\phi_a$  defined by  $\phi_a(x) = axa^{-1}$  for all  $x$  in  $G$  is called the inner automorphism of  $G$  induced by  $a$ .

(5) Recall that Theorem 6.2 part 5 says that an isomorphism preserves the order of an element. That means for an automorphism  $\phi$  of a cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ ,  $\phi(1)$  must be a generator of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ . Fill out the table with the automorphisms of  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  by specifying for each automorphism where each element is mapped.

$\mathbb{Z}_8$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	0
$\phi_a$								
$\phi_b$								
$\phi_c$								
$\phi_d$								
$\phi_e$								
$\phi_e$								

(6) Now compute the compositions  $\phi_b \circ \phi_c$  and  $\phi_c \circ \phi_d$ . What are those results?

$\mathbb{Z}_8$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	0	Result
$\phi_b \circ \phi(c)$									
$\phi_b \circ \phi(d)$									

(7) Prove that if  $G$  is Abelian, then there is a unique inner automorphism of  $G$ .

(8) Refer to Table 5.1 on page 105 for this question. Compute the inner automorphisms  $\phi_{\alpha_1}$  and  $\phi_{\alpha_5}$  by tabulating the image of each permutation in  $A_4$  under  $\phi_{\alpha_5}$ . Do by looking up entries in Table 5.1 and without actually computing products of permutations.

$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$	$\alpha_3$	$\alpha_4$	$\alpha_5$	$\alpha_6$	$\alpha_7$	$\alpha_8$	$\alpha_9$	$\alpha_{10}$	$\alpha_{11}$	$\alpha_{12}$
$\phi_{\alpha_1}$											
$\phi_{\alpha_5}$											

**For thought.** Visualize the inner automorphism  $\phi_{\alpha_5}$  by practicing the rotations on the tetrahedron.