

Group Members: _____

(1) Give an example of a proper, nontrivial subgroup of $\mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_8$ that **cannot** be expressed in the form $H_1 \oplus H_2$, where $H_1 \leq \mathbb{Z}_4$ and $H_2 \leq \mathbb{Z}_8$.

Theorem 8.2: Criterion for $G \oplus H$ to be Cyclic

Let G and H be finite cyclic groups. Then $G \oplus H$ is cyclic iff $|G|$ and $|H|$ are relatively prime.

Corollary 1: Criterion for $G_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus G_n$ to be Cyclic

An external direct product $G_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus G_n$ of a finite number of finite cyclic groups is cyclic if and only if $|G_i|$ and $|G_j|$ are relatively prime when $i \neq j$.

Corollary 2: Criterion for $\mathbb{Z}_{n_1 n_2 \cdots n_k} \approx \mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{n_2} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{n_k}$

Let $m = n_1 n_2 \cdots n_k$. Then \mathbb{Z}_m is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{n_2} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{n_k}$ iff n_i and n_j are relatively prime when $i \neq j$.

(2) Is $\mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_9 \approx \mathbb{Z}_{27}$? Why or why not? Is $\mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5 \approx \mathbb{Z}_{15}$? Why or why not?

(3) Use Corollary 2 and the fact that $G \oplus H \approx G \oplus K$ iff $H \approx K$ to determine whether $\mathbb{Z}_{10} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{12} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_6 \approx \mathbb{Z}_{15} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{12}$.

Definition. Let $n \geq 2$ be a positive integer, and let k be a divisor of n . Then $U_k(n) = \{x \in U(n) \mid x \bmod k = 1\}$.

Theorem 8.3: $U(n)$ as an External Direct Product

Suppose s and t are relatively prime. Then

$$U(st) \approx U(s) \oplus U(t).$$

Moreover, $U_s(st) \approx U(t)$ and $U_t(st) \approx U(s)$.

Proof Sketch: The candidate isomorphism is $f : U(st) \rightarrow U(s) \oplus U(t)$ defined by

$$f(x) = (x \bmod s, x \bmod t). \quad (1)$$

For $U_s(st) \approx U(t)$, the candidate isomorphism is $g : U_s(st) \rightarrow U(t)$ defined by

$$g(x) = x \bmod t. \quad (2)$$

It remains to show that f and g are operation-preserving bijections.

(4) Write down the Cayley Table for $U(15)$.

(5) Theorem 8.3 states that $U(15) \approx U(3) \oplus U(5)$. Write out $f(x)$ in Equation (1) for all $x \in U(15)$.

(6) Theorem 8.3 states that $U_3(15) \approx U(5)$ and $U_5(15) \approx U(3)$. Just as in Question (2), write out $g(x)$ in Equation (2) for all x in $U_3(15)$ and all $x \in U_5(15)$, respectively.

(7) Rewrite the Cayley table in Question (1) for $U(15)$, in the same order of columns and rows, except this time replacing the label $x \in U(15)$ with $f(x) = (x \bmod s, x \bmod t)$.

(8) Write down a group of the form $\mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{n_k}$ that is isomorphic to $U(15)$.

Theorem: Structure of $U(n)$

The groups $U(n)$ have the following structure. $U(2) = \{0\}$. $U(4) \approx \mathbb{Z}_2$.

$$\begin{aligned} U(2^n) &\approx \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-2}}, & \text{for } n \geq 3; \\ U(p^n) &\approx \mathbb{Z}_{p^n - p^{n-1}}, & \text{for } p \text{ an odd prime.} \end{aligned}$$

(9) Use the above theorems to write the following groups as the external direct products of cyclic groups: $U(10)$, $U(55)$, and $U(75)$.