

Group Members: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ex. 7: Index 2 Subgroups are Normal**

Let  $|G|$  be a group and  $H \leq G$  such that  $|G : H| = 2$ . Then  $H \triangleleft G$ .

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(1) Prove the above theorem using the following steps.

(a) Write the form of the two left cosets of  $H$  in  $G$  as  $H, aH$ .

(b) Draw the simple diagram of the partition of  $G$  into these left cosets. What must be true about  $a$  to guarantee that  $H \neq aH$ ?

(c) Now consider  $H, Ha$ . Use the fact you observed about  $a$  to conclude that  $H \neq Ha$ . Why are these observations enough to conclude that  $H \triangleleft G$ ? (Refer to p.139 if necessary.)

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$A_4$  has no subgroup of order 6. (Second proof.)

**Theorem 9.3: The  $G/Z$  Theorem**

Let  $G$  be a group and let  $Z(G)$  be the center of  $G$ . If  $G/Z(G)$  is cyclic, then  $G$  is Abelian.

**Theorem 9.4:  $G/Z(G) \approx \text{Inn}(G)$** 

For any group  $G$ ,  $G/Z(G)$  is isomorphic to  $\text{Inn}(G)$ .

**Theorem 9.5: Cauchy's Theorem for Abelian Groups**

Let  $G$  be a finite Abelian group and let  $p$  be a prime that divides the order of  $G$ . Then  $G$  has an element of order  $p$ .

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(2) Prove that if  $G$  is a non-Abelian group of order  $pq$ , where  $p, q$  are primes, then  $|Z(G)| = 1$ . Use the following steps.

- (a) What does Lagrange's Theorem say about the possibilities for  $|Z(G)|$ ?
- (b) Which possibility can you immediately rule out from the hypothesis on  $G$ ?
- (c) Which possibility do you not have to check due to the conclusion of the statement?
- (d) For the other possibilities, what is  $|G/Z(G)|$ ? Apply Corollary 3 on p.142 and Theorem 9.3.

(3) Use the proof of Theorem 9.4 to directly compute  $\text{Inn}(D_4)$  by partitioning  $D_4$  into the left cosets of  $Z(D_4)$  and selecting one representative of each coset. See p.33.