Homework #7

1. Recall that the center of a group is a normal subgroup. $Z = Z(D_6) = \{1, x^3\}$ where $D_6 = \{1, x, \dots, x^5, y, xy, \dots, x^5y\}$. Find the distinct cosets of Z in D_6 then write down a Cayley table for D_6/Z . Is D_6/Z abelian? Is it cyclic? Explain your answer.

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2. Let $\varphi: D_n \to \{\pm 1\}$ be defined by $\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} +1 & x \text{ is a rotation} \\ -1 & x \text{ is a reflection} \end{cases}$

Show that φ is a homomorphism. What is the kernel of φ ? What does the first isomorphism theorem tell us here?

- 3. Quotients in \mathbb{Z}_n .
 - (a) Let $H = \langle 5 \rangle \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_{100}$. First $H = \{???\}$. Then compute the cosets of H in \mathbb{Z}_{100} . Write down a Cayley table for \mathbb{Z}_{100}/H . What familiar group is this isomorphic to?
 - (b) Let k, ℓ, n be positive integers such that $n = k\ell$ (i.e. k divides n). Make a conjecture about what the quotient $\mathbb{Z}_n/\langle k \rangle$ is isomorphic to. Then prove your conjecture.

Hint: Define the map $\varphi(x) = x$ from \mathbb{Z}_n to your target group and then use the first isomorphism theorem. Don't forget to show that φ is a well-defined homomorphism.

4. Let G be a finite group, H a normal subgroup of G, and $g \in G$. Show that |gH| (in the quotient group G/H) divides |g| (in G).