

## 1. A function problem

- (a) Let  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be defined by  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 1$ .
- i. Show  $f$  is not 1-1.
  - ii. Show  $f$  is not onto.
  - iii. Let  $A = \{-1, 0, 1, 3, 13\}$ . Find  $f(A) = \{f(x) \mid x \in A\}$  (the image of the set  $A$  under the map  $f$ ).
  - iv. Let  $A = \{-1, 0, 1, 3, 13\}$ . Find  $f^{-1}(A) = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid f(x) \in A\}$  (the inverse image of  $A$ ).
- (b) Let  $g : X \rightarrow Y$ . Prove that  $g$  is onto if and only if  $g^{-1}(B) \neq \emptyset$  (the inverse image of  $B$  is non-empty) for all non-empty subsets of  $Y$ :  $\emptyset \neq B \subset Y$ .

Recall that for  $A \subseteq X$  and  $B \subseteq Y \dots$

$$f(A) = \{f(x) \mid x \in A\} \subseteq Y \quad \text{and} \quad f^{-1}(B) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) \in B\} \subseteq X$$

## 2. Dihedral groups: generators and relations style. Recall that ...

$$D_5 = \langle x, y \mid x^5 = 1, y^2 = 1, \text{ and } (xy)^2 = 1 \rangle = \{1, x, x^2, x^3, x^4, y, xy, x^2y, x^3y, x^4y\}$$

- (a) Write down the Cayley table for  $D_5$ .
- (b) Find the inverse of each element (i.e.  $1^{-1} = ???$ ,  $x^{-1} = ???$ , etc.).
- (c) Find the order of each element.
- (d) Find all of the **distinct** cyclic subgroups of  $D_5$ .
- (e) What is in  $Z(D_5)$  (recall that  $Z(G)$  is the *center* of  $G$ )?

## 3. The Matrix problem

- (a) Compute  $A^{-1}B^2$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_9)$
- (b) Find the cyclic subgroup generated by  $A$ . What is the order of  $A$ ?

4. [Gallian Chapter 3 #42] Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  (a group). The set  $C(H) = \{x \in G \mid xh = hx \text{ for all } h \in H\}$  is called the *centralizer* of  $H$ . Prove that  $C(H)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .