## Homework #4

Due: Fri., Feb. 23rd, 2024 Please remember when submitting any work via email or in person to...

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**#1** The Matrix...

Consider  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_7^{2 \times 2}$ .

- (a) Explain why these matrices belong to  $GL_2(\mathbb{Z}_7)$ .
- (b) Compute  $A^2B^{-1}$ .
- (c) Find the cyclic subgroup generated by A (working in  $GL_2(\mathbb{Z}_7)$ ). What is the order of A?

#2 Orders of elements and number of such elements.

Note: It might be helpful to obtain a list of divisors of various numbers appearing here (like 350 and 98). I recommend using a tool like the website Wolfram Alpha.com. In Wolfram Alpha, you could type something like "divisors of 350" and it will give you a list.

(a) Make a table which lists the possible orders of elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_{350}$ . List of the number such elements in the second row.

Order =	1	???	
Number of such elements =	1	???	

How many generators does  $\mathbb{Z}_{350}$  have?

(b) Repeat part (a) for  $D_{98}$ 

Order =	1	???	
Number of such elements =	1	???	

Does  $D_{98}$  have a generator? What is/are they? or Why not?

- (c) How many elements of order 18 are there in  $\mathbb{Z}_{12345678}$ ? What is/are they? or Why are there none?
- (d) How many elements of order 18 are there in  $\mathbb{Z}_{123456789}$ ? What is/are they? or Why are there none?

#3 Let  $g \in G$  (for some group G). Suppose |g| = 728. List the distinct elements of  $\langle g^{455} \rangle$ .

#4 Let  $x, y \in G$  (for some group G). If there exists some  $g \in G$  such  $gxg^{-1} = y$ , we say x and y are conjugates.

(a) Show the relation:  $x \sim y$  iff y is a conjugate of x (i.e., there is some  $g \in G$  such that  $gxg^{-1} = y$ ) is an equivalence relation.

In other words, show  $\sim$  is reflexive: for all  $x \in G$ , we have  $x \sim x$ ;  $\sim$  is symmetric: if  $x \sim y$ , then  $y \sim x$ ; and  $\sim$  is transitive: if  $x \sim y$  and  $y \sim z$ , then  $x \sim z$ .

(b) Since conjugacy is an equivalence relation, this partitions G into equivalence classes:

$$[x] = \{y \in G \mid y \text{ is a conjugate of } x\}$$

Suppose G is abelian and  $x \in G$ . What is [x]?

(c) Find the conjugacy classes of  $D_4 = \langle x, y \mid x^4 = 1, y^2 = 1, (xy)^2 = 1 \rangle = \{1, x, x^2, x^3, y, xy, x^2y, x^3y\}$ .