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**Task 1:** Read Sections 10 and 11.

**Exercise 1:** For all  $i \in I$  an indexing set let  $H_i$  be a subgroup of  $G$  a group. Prove that  $\bigcap_{i \in I} H_i$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . Is  $\bigcup_{i \in I} H_i$  a subgroup of  $G$ ?

**Exercise 2:** Let  $G$  be a group and  $W$  a subset of  $G$ . Show that:

$$\langle W \rangle = \{g \in G \mid \exists w_1, \dots, w_r \in W \text{ and } n_1, \dots, n_r \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ with } g = w_1^{n_1} \cdots w_r^{n_r}\}.$$

Note that the  $w_1, \dots, w_r \in W$  need not be distinct.

**Exercise 3:** Let  $G$  be a group in which  $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$  for all  $a, b \in G$ . Show that  $G$  is abelian.

**Exercise 4:** Determine all groups up to order 6.

**Exercise 5:** Let  $p$  be a prime. Show that  $F = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  is a field, namely that every non-zero element in the commutative ring  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  has a multiplicative inverse. Compute  $|G|$  for  $G = \text{GL}_n(F), \text{SL}_n(F), \text{T}_n(F), \text{ST}_n(F), \text{D}_n(F)$ . Hint: You can first show that  $F$  is a domain, namely a commutative ring satisfying that if  $ab = 0$  for  $a, b \in F$ , then  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$ . You can then show that any domain with finitely many elements is a field.

**Exercise 6:** Let  $m_i \in \mathbb{Z}, m_i > 1$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , be pairwise relatively prime integers. Let  $m = m_1 \cdots m_n$ . Let  $\varphi(m)$  denote the order of the group  $(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^\times$ , recall that by setting  $\varphi(1) = 1$  the function  $\varphi : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$  is called the Euler phi function. Show that there exists an isomorphism  $(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^\times \cong (\mathbb{Z}/m_1\mathbb{Z})^\times \times \cdots \times (\mathbb{Z}/m_n\mathbb{Z})^\times$ . In particular, we have  $\varphi(m) = \varphi(m_1) \cdots \varphi(m_n)$ . Compute  $\varphi(p^r)$  for  $p$  prime and  $r \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**Exercise 7:** Prove the Cyclic Subgroup Theorem, that is, let  $H$  be a subgroup of the cyclic group  $g = \langle g \rangle$ , let  $e$  be the identity of  $G$ , and let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then prove that:

1.  $H = \{e\}$  or  $H = \langle g^m \rangle$  where  $m \geq 1$  is the least integer such that  $g^m \in H$ . If  $G$  is infinite then  $H = \{e\}$  or  $H$  is infinite. If  $G$  is finite of order  $n$  then  $m$  divides  $n$ .
2. If  $|G| = n$  and  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  divides  $n$  then  $\langle g^m \rangle$  is the unique subgroup of  $G$  of order  $n/|m|$ .
3. If  $|G| = n$  and  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  does not divide  $n$  then  $G$  does not have a subgroup of order  $m$ .
4. If  $|G| = n$  and then the number of subgroups of  $G$  is equal to the number of divisors of  $|G|$ .
5. If  $|G| = p$  prime then the only subgroups of  $G$  are  $\{e\}$  and  $G$ .

**Exercise 8:** Let  $G$  be an abelian group, let  $a, b \in G$  have finite order  $m, n$  respectively. Suppose that  $m$  and  $n$  are relatively prime, show that  $ab$  has order  $mn$ . Is this true if  $G$  is not abelian? Prove your claim or give a counterexample.

**Exercise 9:** Let  $n_1, \dots, n_r \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , set  $n = n_1 + \dots + n_r$ . Use Lagrange's Theorem to prove that  $\binom{n}{n_1, \dots, n_r} = \frac{n!}{n_1! \cdots n_r!}$  is an integer.