

## Math 500: HW 3 due Friday, February 14, 2025.

**Webpage:** <http://dunfield.info/500>

**Office hours:** Wednesdays 1:30-2:30pm and Thursdays 2:00-3:00pm; additional times possible by appointment.

**Textbook:** Dummit and Foote, *Abstract Algebra*, 3rd edition.

**Supplemental text:** Charles Rezk, Lecture Notes for Math 500, posted on our course webpage.

1. Show that  $|\text{Aut}(D_8)| \leq 8$ , by constraining the possible images of  $r, s$  under an automorphism. Then show that  $\text{Aut}(D_8) \approx D_8$  using that  $D_8$  is isomorphic to a normal subgroup of  $D_{16}$ . Determine  $\text{Inn}(D_8)$  and  $\text{Out}(D_8)$ .
2. Exhibit all 2 and 3 Sylow subgroups of  $S_3 \times S_3$  and  $D_{12}$ .
3. Show that if  $|G| = 105$ , then  $G$  has a normal cyclic subgroup of index 3.
4. Show that if  $|G| = 315$  such that  $G$  has a normal 3-Sylow subgroup, then its center  $Z_G$  contains a 3-Sylow subgroup. Deduce that  $G$  is abelian.
5. Let  $P \in \text{Syl}_p(H)$ , and  $H \leq K$ . If  $P \trianglelefteq H$  and  $H \trianglelefteq K$ , prove that  $P$  is normal in  $K$ . Deduce that if  $P \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$  and  $H = N_G(P)$ , then  $N_G(H) = H$  (i.e., normalizers of Sylow  $p$ -subgroups are self-normalizing.)
6. Let  $P$  be a normal Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ , and  $H \leq G$ . Prove that  $P \cap H$  is the unique Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $H$ .
7. Let  $P \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$  and assume  $N \trianglelefteq G$ . Use the conjugacy part of Sylow's theorem to prove that  $P \cap N \in \text{Syl}_p(N)$ . Deduce that  $PN/N \in \text{Syl}_p(G/N)$ .
8. Let  $A, B$  be finite groups, and  $p$  a prime number which divides the orders of both. Show that every  $p$ -Sylow subgroup of  $A \times B$  is of the form  $P \times Q$ , with  $P \in \text{Syl}_p(A)$  and  $Q \in \text{Syl}_p(B)$ . Conclude that  $n_p(A \times B) = n_p(A) \times n_p(B)$ . Note: See Chapter 5.1 of [DF] for background on direct products.
9. Show that every finitely generated subgroup of  $\mathbb{Q}$  is cyclic.
10. Let  $(P, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set. Show that  $(P, \leq)$  has the ascending chain condition if and only if every non-empty subset  $S \subseteq P$  has a maximal element (that is,  $\exists m \in S$  such that for all  $s \in S$ ,  $m \leq s$  implies  $m = s$ ).

Credit: Problems 3, 9, and 10 are from [R] and the rest from [DF].