

1. Let  $H$  and  $K$  be finite subgroups of a group  $G$ .

(a) Recall that  $HK = \{hk : h \in H, k \in K\}$ , and show

$$|HK| = \frac{|H||K|}{|H \cap K|}.$$

(b) For  $x \in G$ , the set  $HxK = \{h x k : h \in H, k \in K\}$  is called a *double coset* of  $H$  and  $K$ . Show that  $G$  is a disjoint union of double cosets and

$$|HxK| = \frac{|H||K|}{|H \cap xKx^{-1}|}.$$

(c) If all double cosets of the form  $HxH$  for  $x \in G$  have the same number of elements, show that  $H \triangleleft G$ .

2. Let  $G$  be a  $p$ -group where  $p$  be a prime integer.

(a) If  $|G| = p^2$ , show that  $G$  is abelian.

(b) If  $|G| = p^3$ , show that either  $G$  is abelian or  $|Z(G)| = p$ , where  $Z(G)$  is the center of  $G$ .

3. Let  $p$  be a prime integer and  $G$  be a  $p$ -group. If  $H \triangleleft G$  and  $|H| = p$ , prove that  $H$  is contained in the center of  $G$ .

4. Let  $G$  be an infinite group and  $H$  a subgroup of finite index. Show that  $G$  has a normal subgroup  $K$  of finite index, with  $K < H$ .

5. Let  $G$  be an infinite group containing an element  $x \neq e$  having only finitely many conjugates. Prove that  $G$  is not simple.

6. Let  $G$  be a finite group such that  $\text{Aut}(G)$  acts transitively on the set  $G \setminus \{e\}$ . Show that  $G$  is a  $p$ -group for some prime  $p$ , and that  $G$  is abelian.

7. Let  $G$  be a group with  $|G| = mp^n$  where  $p$  is a prime and  $m < p$ . Show that  $G$  has exactly one  $p$ -Sylow subgroup, and that this subgroup is normal.

8. Let  $G$  be a finite group of odd order which acts transitively on a set  $S$ . For  $s \in S$ , show that the orbits of the action of  $G_s$  on  $S \setminus \{s\}$  have lengths which are equal in pairs.

9. Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $p$  a prime number. An element  $g \in G$  is called  $p$ -unipotent if its order is a power of  $p$ , and  $p$ -regular if its order is not divisible by  $p$ .
- (a) Let  $x \in G$ . Show that there exists a unique ordered pair  $(u, r)$  of elements of  $G$  such that  $u$  is  $p$ -unipotent,  $r$  is  $p$ -regular, and  $x = ur = ru$ .  
(Hint: First consider the case where  $G$  is the cyclic group generated by  $x$ .)
- (b) Let  $P$  be a  $p$ -Sylow subgroup of  $G$ ,  $C$  the centralizer of  $P$ , and  $E$  the set of  $p$ -regular elements of  $G$ . Show that

$$|E| \equiv |E \cap C| \pmod{p}.$$

- (c) Deduce that  $p$  does not divide the order of  $E$ .  
(Hint: Use induction on the cardinality of  $G$  to reduce to the case where  $C = G$ ; then use (a)).
10. Let  $G$  be a finite group,  $P$  a Sylow subgroup of  $G$ , and  $N$  the normalizer of  $P$ . Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be subsets of the center of  $P$  which are conjugate, i.e.,  $sX_1s^{-1} = X_2$  for some element  $s \in G$ .
- (a) Show that there exists  $n \in N$  such that  $nxn^{-1} = xs^{-1}$  for all  $x \in X_1$ .
- (b) Deduce that two elements of the center of  $P$  are conjugate in  $G$  if and only if they are conjugates in  $N$ .