

ALGEBRAIC THEORY I HW 2: DUE FRIDAY 10/01/2021

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Question 1. Let G_1 and G_2 be finite groups with $\gcd(|G_1|, |G_2|) = 1$. Show that $\text{Aut}(G_1 \times G_2) \cong \text{Aut}(G_1) \times \text{Aut}(G_2)$.

Question 2. Let $n \geq 1$ be an integer. For $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, let $\bar{x} = x + n\mathbb{Z} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$, and let $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times = \{\bar{x} : x \in \mathbb{Z}, \gcd(x, n) = 1\}$.

1. Show that $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$ is an abelian multiplicative group.
2. Show that $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$.

For an integer $n \geq 1$, let C_n denote a multiplicative cyclic group of order n , let S_n denote the symmetric group on n elements, and let $D_n = \langle a, b : a^n = 1, b^2 = 1, bab^{-1} = a^{-1} \rangle$ denote a dihedral group of order $2n$.

Question 3. Let $H = \langle x \rangle \cong C_2$ and $N = \langle y \rangle \cong C_{15}$ be cyclic groups generated by $x \in H$ and $y \in N$, respectively.

1. Show that $\text{Aut}(C_{15}) \cong C_2 \times C_4$.
2. Let $\alpha : H \rightarrow \text{Aut}(N)$ be a homomorphism and let $\alpha(x)(y) = y^r$, with $r \in \{0, 1, \dots, 14\}$. What possible values can r be?
3. For each possible value of α (and hence r) from Item 2, determine which of the following four groups is isomorphic to $N \rtimes_\alpha H$: C_{30} , D_{15} , $C_3 \times D_5$, $C_5 \times S_3$.

Question 4. Show there is no simple group of order 5103.

Question 5. Show there is no simple group of order 4851.