

**ABSTRACT ALGEBRA
EXERCISE SHEET 4**

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Problem 1 (10 points, Noether's first isomorphism theorem). Let G be a group and H and N be normal subgroups of G such that H is contained in N . Show:

$$(G/H)/(N/H) \cong G/N,$$

as groups.

Problem 2 (5+(5+10*) points, graphs). Let $\Gamma := (V, E)$ be a graph, i.e. V is a non-empty set (vertexes) and E is a subset of

$$\{W \subseteq V \mid |W| = 2\}$$

(edges). A bijection f of V is called an automorphism of Γ (we write $\text{Aut}(\Gamma)$ for the set of those) if for all $x, y \in V$ we have

$$\{x, y\} \in E \text{ iff. } \{f(x), f(y)\} \in E.$$

- (i) Show that $\text{Aut}(\Gamma)$ is a group.
- (ii) Consider $V = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

(a) Find $\text{Aut}(\Gamma)$ for

$$E = \{\{x, y\} \mid x, y \in V, x \neq y\} \setminus \{\{1, 2\}\}.$$

(b) Find all subgroups H of \mathfrak{S}_4 for which there is a set of edges E such that $\text{Aut}(\Gamma) = H$.

Problem 3 (10 points, dihedral groups). We consider the graph $\Gamma = (V, E)$ for $V := \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$, $n \geq 3$, and

$$E = \{\{[z], [z+1]\} \mid z \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

Compute the order of the automorphism group of Γ .

Problem 4 (10 points, free groups). Let F_n , $n \in \mathbb{N}$, be the free group on n letters. Show that its abelization $F_n/[F_n : F_n]$ is group isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}^n, +)$.