

Exercise 1. If $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(G)$ and ϕ_g is conjugation by g prove $\sigma\phi_g\sigma^{-1} = \phi_{\sigma(g)}$. Deduce that $\text{Inn}(G) \trianglelefteq \text{Aut}(G)$. 4.4.1

Solution. For any $h \in G$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma\phi_g\sigma^{-1}(h) &= \sigma\phi_g(\sigma^{-1}(h)) \\ &= \sigma(g\sigma^{-1}(h)g^{-1}) \\ &= \sigma(g)h\sigma(g^{-1}) \\ &= \sigma(g)h\sigma(g)^{-1} \\ &= \phi_{\sigma(g)}(h),\end{aligned}$$

by the properties of automorphisms. Therefore, the subgroup $\text{Inn}(G)$ is preserved under conjugation and is therefore normal in $\text{Aut}(G)$.

Exercise 2. Prove that if G is an abelian group of order pq , where p and q are distinct primes, then G is cyclic. 4.4.2

Solution. By Cauchy's Theorem, we have that G has an element, say x , of order p and an element, say y , of order q . Then $(xy)^{pq} = 1$. This implies that the order of xy divides pq . Then, the only options for $|xy|$ are $1, p, q, pq$. Since inverses have the same order, x and y are not inverses and $|xy| \neq 1$. Furthermore, $(xy)^p = y^p \neq 1$, since p does not divide q or vice versa. So $|xy| \neq p$ and similarly $|xy| \neq q$.

Exercise 3. Show that under any automorphism of D_8 , r has at most 2 possible images and s has at most 4 possible images. Deduce that $|\text{Aut}(D_8)| \leq 8$. 4.4.3

Solution. Since order of elements is preserved under automorphisms, the element r must map to an element of order 4, of which there are only two: r and r^3 . Similarly, s must map to an element of order 2, of which there are five: r^2, s, sr, sr^2, sr^3 . However, we have $r^2 \in Z(G)$ and $s \notin Z(G)$, so therefore s has at most 4 possible images. Since r and s generate D_8 , their mapping determines the full automorphism. Therefore, $|\text{Aut}(D_8)| \leq 2 \cdot 4 = 8$.