

# INF 240 - Exercise problems - 2

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**Exercise 1.** (Lidl & Niederreiter 1.2)

Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a multiplicative group, and let  $\emptyset \neq H \subseteq G$ .

1. Show that  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  if and only if

$$a, b \in H \implies ab^{-1} \in H \tag{1}$$

for all  $a, b \in G$ .

2. Show that if  $H$  is finite, then the condition in (1) can be replaced by

$$a, b \in H \implies ab \in H$$

for all  $a, b \in G$ .

**Exercise 2.** (Lidl & Niederreiter 1.4)

For a natural number  $m$ , Euler's function  $\varphi(m)$  is defined to be the number of integers  $k$  such that  $1 \leq k \leq m$  and  $\gcd(k, m) = 1$ . Show that for any  $m, n, s, p \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $p$  prime:

1.  $\varphi(p^s) = p^s \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)$ ;
2. if  $m$  and  $n$  are prime numbers, then  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ , then  $\varphi(mn) = \varphi(m)\varphi(n)$ .

**Exercise 3.** (Lidl & Niederreiter 1.7)

Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be a ring. Show that

$$(-a)(-b) = ab$$

for all  $a, b \in R$ .

**Exercise 4.** Consider the additive groups  $(\mathbb{Z}_8, +)$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}_{10}, +)$ .

1. Write out the Cayley tables for  $(\mathbb{Z}_8, +)$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}_{10}, +)$ ;
2. Find a normal subgroup  $H$  of  $(\mathbb{Z}_8, +)$  and a normal subgroup  $N$  of  $(\mathbb{Z}_{10}, +)$ ;
3. Construct the factor groups  $\mathbb{Z}_8/H$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}/N$ ;
4. Find the index and order of  $H$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  and of  $N$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}$ ;
5. Find generators of  $\mathbb{Z}_8$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}$ ,  $M$ , and  $N$ ;
6. Find the conjugacy classes and the center of  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  and of  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}$ .