

Problems 1, 2 and 3 are from the Topics in Algebra final exam.

1. A subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is called characteristic if  $\phi(H) \leq H$  for every isomorphism  $\phi : G \rightarrow G$ . A subgroup  $F$  of  $G$  is called fully invariant if  $\phi(F) \leq F$  for every homomorphism  $\phi : G \rightarrow G$  (hence for every endomorphism).
  - (a) Prove that every fully invariant subgroup is a characteristic subgroup and that every characteristic subgroup is a normal subgroup.
  - (b) Prove that the commutator subgroup  $G'$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  by showing that it is a fully invariant subgroup.
  - (c) Give an example of a group  $G$  with a subgroup  $K$  that is normal but not characteristic.
  - (d) Prove that  $Z(G)$ , the center of  $G$  is a characteristic subgroup of  $G$  (and hence a normal subgroup) but that it need not be fully invariant. [Hint: let  $G = S_3 \times (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$  ]
  
2. List all abelian subgroups (up to isomorphism) of order 100. For each group in the list, list all of its possible subgroups.
  
3. Let  $G$  be a finite (additive) group of order  $mn$ , where  $(m,n) = 1$ . Let  $G_m = \{g \in G : o(g) \mid m\}$  and let  $G_n$  be defined similarly. Prove the following:
  - (a)  $G_m$  and  $G_n$  are subgroups of  $G$  with  $G_m \cap G_n = \{0\}$ .
  - (b)  $G = G_m + G_n = \{g + h : g \in G_m, h \in G_n\}$ .
  - (c)  $G \cong G_m \times G_n$ .
  - (d)  $G_n \cong G/G_m$  and  $G_m \cong G/G_n$ .
  - (e)  $mG = \{mg : g \in G\} = G_n$  and  $nG = \{ng : g \in G\} = G_m$ .
  
- 4 [Fall 2000] Assume that  $H \leq K \leq G$  are subgroups such that  $H \triangleleft K$  and  $K \triangleleft G$ . Is  $H$  necessarily normal in  $G$ ? Why or Why not.