

Problems 2

1. Let $H \subset G$ be a subgroup of G . Show that the following assertions are equivalent :
 - (i) H is a normal subgroup of G ;
 - (ii) $H = gHg^{-1}, \forall g \in G$;
 - (iii) $ghg^{-1} \in H, \forall g \in G, \forall h \in H$.

2. Let $\varphi : G \rightarrow H$ be a group homomorphism.
 - (a) Show that $\text{Im}(\varphi)$ is a subgroup of H .
 - (b) Show that $\ker(\varphi)$ is a normal subgroup of G .
 - (c) Show that $\ker(\varphi) = 1_G \iff \varphi$ is injective.

3. Decide whether the following maps are morphisms of groups. If yes, compute their kernel and image. Decide whether they are isomorphisms or not.
 - (a) $f : M_n(\mathbb{R}, +) \rightarrow M_n(\mathbb{R}, +), A \mapsto A + A^t$;
 - (b) $f : GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow GL_n(\mathbb{R}), A \mapsto A^t$;
 - (c) $\det : GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \mapsto \mathbb{R}^*$;
 - (d) $f : \mathbb{C}^* \mapsto \mathbb{R}^*, z \mapsto |z|$.

4. Let $H \subset G$ such that $[G : H] = 2$. Show that H is a normal subgroup of G .

5. Let $n \geq 3$. Show that $Z(S_n) = \{\text{id}\}$.

6. Let $(G, *)$ be a finite group and let $\varphi : (G, *) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ be a non-constant morphism of groups. Show that

$$\sum_{x \in G} \varphi(x) = 0.$$