

1 Let G be a group and let $N \trianglelefteq G$ be a normal subgroup. Prove that the cosets xN and yN commute in G/N if and only if $x^{-1}y^{-1}xy \in N$. (The element $x^{-1}y^{-1}xy$ is called the **commutator** of x and y .)

2 Let $H = \{\text{id}, (1\ 2)(3\ 4), (1\ 3)(2\ 4), (1\ 4)(2\ 3)\} \leq S_4$. (You should convince yourself that H is in fact a subgroup of S_4 ; however, you do not need to prove it here.)

- (a) Prove that $H \trianglelefteq S_4$.
- (b) What is the cardinality of S_4/H ? Write a complete list (with no repetitions) of the cosets of H in S_4 .
- (c) Write the group operation table for the quotient group S_4/H .
- (d) Give an example of a homomorphism with domain S_4 and kernel H .

3 Consider the function $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^\times$ defined by $\varphi(x) = |x|$.

- (a) Prove that φ is a homomorphism.
- (b) Find the kernel and the image of φ .
- (c) What does the First Isomorphism Theorem say when applied to φ ?
- (d) Describe the fibers of φ .

4 Let G be a group. Recall from HW 15 Problem 3 the inner automorphism group

$$\text{Inn}(G) = \{\gamma_g \mid g \in G\},$$

where γ_g is the automorphism

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_g: G &\rightarrow G \\ x &\mapsto gxg^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

(a) Prove that

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma: G &\rightarrow \text{Inn}(G) \\ g &\mapsto \gamma_g\end{aligned}$$

is a surjective homomorphism.

(b) Use the First Isomorphism Theorem to prove that $G/Z(G) \cong \text{Inn}(G)$.