

5pt **5.4.13.** Prove that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $D_{8n}$  is not isomorphic to  $D_{4n} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

*Solution.*  $D_{8n}$  contains an element of order  $4n$  whereas  $D_{4n} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  does not. Indeed, the order of any element of  $D_{4n}$  either is 2 or divides  $2n$ , so for any  $(a, b) \in D_{4n} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ , if  $|a|$  is even, then  $|(a, b)| = |a| \leq 2n$ , and if  $|a|$  is odd, then  $|a| \leq n$ , so  $|(a, b)| \leq 2n$ .

5pt **A1.** Prove that every element of the group  $\bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}_n$  has finite order, and find an element of  $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}_n$  of an infinite order.

*Solution.* For any element  $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k, 0, 0, 0, \dots)$  of  $\bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}_n$  we have  $k!a = 0$ , so  $a$  has finite order.

For the element  $a = (1, 1, 1, \dots)$ , for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $ka = (k, k, k, \dots) \neq 0$  since the  $(k+1)$ -st entry  $k$  is nonzero in  $\mathbb{Z}_{k+1}$ .

10pt **A2.** Let subgroups  $H, K \leq G$  satisfy  $HK = G$  and  $hk = kh$  for all  $h \in H$  and  $k \in K$ , and let  $N = H \cap K$ . Prove that  $G \cong H *_N K$  under an isomorphism that “respects”  $H$  and  $K$ :  $h \leftrightarrow (h, 1)$  and  $k \leftrightarrow (1, k)$ .

*Solution.* Since  $N \leq K$ ,  $N$  centralizes  $H$  (elements of  $N$  commute with all elements of  $H$ ). Since  $N \leq H$ ,  $N$  centralizes  $K$ . Since  $HK = G$ ,  $N$  centralizes  $G$ , that is,  $N \leq Z(G)$ , so  $N \leq Z(H)$  and  $N \leq Z(K)$ .

The embedding homomorphisms from  $N$  to  $H$  and  $K$  define the central product  $H *_N K = (H \times K)/D$  where  $D = \{(a, a^{-1}) : a \in N\}$ . Define a homomorphism  $\varphi: H \times K \rightarrow G$  by  $\varphi(h, k) = hk$ ,  $h \in H$ ,  $k \in K$ . Since  $G = HK$ ,  $\varphi$  is surjective. We have  $\varphi(h, k) = 1$  iff  $hk = 1$  iff  $h = k^{-1} \in H \cap K = N$ , that is,  $\ker(\varphi) = D$ . By the 1-st isomorphism theorem,  $\varphi$  induces an isomorphism  $G \cong (H \times K)/D$ . And, under  $\varphi$ ,  $(h, 1) \leftrightarrow h$  for any  $h \in H$  and  $(1, k) \leftrightarrow k$  for any  $k \in K$ .

10pt **A3.** Let  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , and let  $d = \gcd(n, m)$  and  $l = \text{lcm}(n, m)$ . Prove that  $\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m \cong \mathbb{Z}_l \times \mathbb{Z}_d$ .

*Solution.* Let  $n = p_1^{r_1} \cdots p_k^{r_k}$  and  $m = p_1^{s_1} \cdots p_k^{s_k}$  where  $p_i$  are distinct primes and some of  $r_i, s_i$  may be equal to 0. Then  $d = p_1^{\min\{r_1, s_1\}} \cdots p_k^{\min\{r_k, s_k\}}$  and  $l = p_1^{\max\{r_1, s_1\}} \cdots p_k^{\max\{r_k, s_k\}}$ . By the Chinese remainder theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m &\cong \left( \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{r_1}} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_k^{r_k}} \right) \times \left( \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{s_1}} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_k^{s_k}} \right) \cong \left( \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{r_1}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{s_1}} \right) \times \cdots \times \left( \mathbb{Z}_{p_k^{r_k}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_k^{s_k}} \right) \\ &\cong \left( \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{\max\{r_1, s_1\}}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{\min\{r_1, s_1\}}} \right) \times \cdots \times \left( \mathbb{Z}_{p_k^{\max\{r_k, s_k\}}} \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_k^{\min\{r_k, s_k\}}} \right) \\ &\cong \left( \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{\max\{r_1, s_1\}}} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_k^{\max\{r_k, s_k\}}} \right) \times \left( \mathbb{Z}_{p_1^{\min\{r_1, s_1\}}} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_k^{\min\{r_k, s_k\}}} \right) \cong \mathbb{Z}_l \times \mathbb{Z}_d. \end{aligned}$$

(Which is, by the way, the “invariant factors” decomposition of this group.)

10pt **A4.** Let  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $d = \gcd(n, m)$ ,  $l = \text{lcm}(n, m)$ . Then  $\mathbb{Z}_d$  is a common factor of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_m$ . Prove that  $\mathbb{Z}_n \times_{\mathbb{Z}_d} \mathbb{Z}_m \cong \mathbb{Z}_l$ .

*Solution.* The subgroup  $H = \mathbb{Z}_n \times_{\mathbb{Z}_d} \mathbb{Z}_m$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m$  has order  $nm/d = l$ . (Indeed, given any  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ , there are  $m/d$  elements  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_m$  such that  $b \bmod d = a \bmod d$ .) On the other hand, the element  $(1, 1)$  of  $H$  has order  $l$ . Hence,  $(1, 1)$  generates  $H$ , and  $H \cong \mathbb{Z}_l$ .

**5.2.2,3(a,b,c).** Give the list of elementary divisors and the invariant factors of all abelian groups of the order:

5pt (a)  $270 = 2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5$

*Solution.* The possible collections of elementary divisors of groups of this order are  $(2, 3^3, 5)$ ,  $(2, 3^2, 3, 5)$ , and  $(2, 3, 3, 3, 5)$ ; the corresponding collections of invariant factors are  $(270)$ ,  $(90, 3)$ , and  $(30, 3, 3)$ .

5pt (b)  $9801 = 3^4 \cdot 11^2$

*Solution.* The possible collections of elementary divisors are

$$(3^4, 11^2), (3^3, 3, 11^2), (3^2, 3^2, 11^2), (3^2, 3, 3, 11^2), (3, 3, 3, 3, 11^2), \\ (3^4, 11, 11), (3^3, 3, 11, 11), (3^2, 3^2, 11, 11), (3^2, 3, 3, 11, 11), (3, 3, 3, 3, 11, 11);$$

the corresponding collections of invariant factors are

$$(3^4 \cdot 11^2), (3^3 \cdot 11^2, 3), (3^2 \cdot 11^2, 3^2), (3^2 \cdot 11^2, 3, 3), (3 \cdot 11^2, 3, 3, 3), \\ (3^4 \cdot 11, 11), (3^3 \cdot 11, 3 \cdot 11), (3^2 \cdot 11, 3^2 \cdot 11), (3^2 \cdot 11, 3 \cdot 11, 3), (3 \cdot 11, 3 \cdot 11, 3, 3).$$

5pt (c)  $320 = 2^6 \cdot 5$

*Solution.* The possible collections of elementary divisors are

$$(2^6, 5), (2^5, 2, 5), (2^4, 2^2, 5), (2^4, 2, 2, 5), (2^3, 2^3, 5), (2^3, 2^2, 2, 5), (2^3, 2, 2, 2, 5), \\ (2^2, 2^2, 2^2, 5), (2^2, 2^2, 2, 2, 5), (2^2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 5), (2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 5);$$

the corresponding collections of invariant factors are

$$(2^6 \cdot 5), (2^5 \cdot 5, 2), (2^4 \cdot 5, 2^2), (2^4 \cdot 5, 2, 2), (2^3 \cdot 5, 2^3), (2^3 \cdot 5, 2^2, 2), (2^3 \cdot 5, 2, 2, 2), \\ (2^2 \cdot 5, 2^2, 2^2), (2^2 \cdot 5, 2^2, 2, 2), (2^2 \cdot 5, 2, 2, 2, 2), (2 \cdot 5, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2).$$

5pt **5.2.4(b).** Determine which pairs of abelian groups listed are isomorphic (where the expression  $[n_1, \dots, n_k]$  denotes the group  $\mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_k}$ ):  
 $[2^2, 2 \cdot 3^2], [2^2 \cdot 3, 2 \cdot 3], [2^3 \cdot 3^2], [2^2 \cdot 3^2, 2].$

*Solution.* In the “elementary divisors” form these groups are, respectively,  $[2^2, 2, 3^2]$ ,  $[2^2, 3, 2, 3]$ ,  $[2^3, 3^2]$ , and  $[2^2, 3^2, 2]$ . Thus, only the 1st and the 4th of these groups are isomorphic.