

## Midterm

September 21st

To do a later question in a problem, you can always assume a previous question even if you have not answered it.

### Problem 1 :

1. Show that a group homomorphism  $f$  is injective if and only if  $\ker(f) = \{1\}$ .
2. Define what a  $k$ -cycle in  $S_n$  is.
3. Show that two disjoint cycles commute.

### Problem 2 :

Let  $G$  be a group whose only subgroups are  $\{1\}$  and  $G$ . Show that  $G$  is isomorphic to  $\{1\}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  for some prime  $p$ .

### Problem 3 :

1. Let  $A = \{1, s, r^2, sr^2\} \subset D_8$ , compute  $C_{D_8}(A)$  and  $N_{D_8}(A)$ .
2. Show that  $Z(D_{2n}) = \{1\}$  if  $n$  is odd.

### Problem 4 :

Let  $G$  be a group. For all  $g \in G$ , we define  $f_g : G \rightarrow G$  by  $f_g(x) := g \cdot x \cdot g^{-1}$ .

1. Show that  $f_g$  is a group automorphism.
2. Show that  $\theta : g \mapsto f_g$  is a group homomorphism from  $G$  into  $\text{Aut}(G)$ .
3. Show that  $\ker(\theta) = Z(G)$