

Problem set 3

Exercise 1. Consider a group G and its subgroup H . We call two elements x and y equivalent ($x \sim y$) if $xy^{-1} \in H$.

1. Prove that \sim is an equivalence relation. The corresponding classes of equivalence are called left cosets.
2. Prove that all left cosets have the same number of elements.
3. Prove that if $|G|$ is finite, then $|H|$ divides $|G|$.

Exercise 2. Prove that

- a) Similarities preserve angles and send circles to circles.
- b) A composition of two homotheties with coefficients λ_1, λ_2 with $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \neq 1$ is a homothety with coefficient $\lambda_1 \lambda_2$.
- c) If a composition of three homotheties is the identity map, then their centers lie on the same line.
- d) **[Monge's theorem]** Outer tangent lines to the circles S_1 and S_2 , S_2 and S_3 , S_3 and S_1 intersect in the points A, B and C respectively. Prove that points A, B and C lie on the same line.

Exercise 3. Let z be the point of the intersection of two tangent lines at ζ and ζ' to the circle of radius one with the center at 0. Prove that

$$z = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{\zeta} + \frac{1}{\zeta'}}.$$

This expression is called the harmonic mean.

Problem 1 (Newton's theorem). The midpoints of the diagonals in a quadrilateral circumscribed about a circle are collinear with the center of the circle.

Problem 2. Let S be a set of $n + 1$ integers from 1 to $2n$. Prove that at least two elements in S are coprime.

Problem 3. Suppose that a regular n -gon with vertices A_1, \dots, A_n is inscribed in a unit circle. Prove that

$$\prod_{i=2}^n |A_1 A_i| = n.$$