

# Problem set 7

**Exercise 1.** Prove that the number of even permutations in  $\mathbb{S}_n$  equals to the number of odd permutations.

**Exercise 2.** Suppose that a finite group  $G$  has a subgroup  $H$  such that  $|G| = 2|H|$ . Prove that  $H$  is normal.

**Definition 0.1.** Two elements  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  in the group  $G$  are conjugate if there exists an element  $h \in G$ , such that  $g_1 = hg_2h^{-1}$ .

**Exercise 3.**

- Prove that being conjugate is an equivalence relation. Classes of equivalence are called "conjugacy classes".
- Prove that a subgroup is normal if and only if it is a union of conjugacy classes.
- Find all conjugacy classes and normal subgroups of  $\mathbb{S}_4$ .

**Exercise 4.** a) Prove that for any group  $G$  and an element  $g \in G$  the map

$$\varphi: G \longrightarrow G$$

given by the formula

$$x \longrightarrow gxg^{-1}$$

is an isomorphism. It is called an inner automorphism.

- Prove that a composition of two inner automorphisms of  $G$  is an inner automorphism. Prove that inner automorphisms form a group.
- Find the group of inner automorphisms of  $\mathbb{S}_3$ .

**Problem 1.** Given line  $l$ , a circle and points  $M, N$  that lie on the circle and do not lie on  $l$ . Consider map  $P$  of line  $l$  to itself; let  $P$  be the composition of the projection of  $l$  to the given circle from point  $M$  and the projection of the circle to  $l$  from point  $N$ . (If point  $X$  lies on line  $l$ , then  $P(X)$  is the intersection of line  $NY$  with line  $l$ , where  $Y$  is the distinct from  $M$  intersection point of line  $MX$  with the given circle.) Prove that  $P$  is a projective transformation.

**Problem 2 (Sylvester's theorem).** Consider  $n$  lines in the plane, not all of which pass through the same point. Prove that there exists a point in which exactly two of the lines intersect.

**Problem 3.** Consider a finite projective plane. Suppose that there exists a point, contained in  $q + 1$  lines. a) Let  $l$  be a line and  $p$  be a point not on  $l$ . Construct a bijection between the points on  $l$  and lines through  $p$ .

- Prove that all lines have exactly  $q + 1$  points and every point is contained in  $q + 1$  lines.
- Prove that the number of points equals to the number of lines and equals to  $q^2 + q + 1$ .
- Draw a picture of  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{F}_3}^2$  and show it to me.