

Abstract Algebra      Prof. JLF King  
 MAS4301 4864      **Z-Home**      Touch: 6May2016

**Hello.** The order of your hand-in should be: PROBLEM SHEET (P-S, this side up), TYPESETTING CONVENTIONS (if any), followed by the write-up to each question.

General instructions are on the CHECKLIST.

**Z1:** Please write a proof for #24Page132. Isomorphic as rings? (Jog:  $\sqrt{2}$ -gp and matrix-gp iso.)

**Z2:** Please write a proof for #26Page132. (Jog: The quaternion 4-gp is not iso. to  $\mathbb{D}_4$ .)

**Z3:** Prove #34Page90. Pictures will help. (Jog: A gp with exactly one nt-proper subgp looks like what?)

**Z4:** Please write a proof for #16Page148. [Hint: Lagrange's Thm.] (Jog:  $a^{\varphi(N)} \equiv_N 1$ .)

**Z5:** On the  $4 \times 4$  TTT (TicTacToe) board, let  $G$  denote the TTT-automorphism group. This is the set of self-bijections of  $[1..4] \times [1..4]$  which preserve all TTTs. A particular TTT-auto is the *swizzle*,  $S$ : It exchanges each corner square with the central square that it (diagonally) touches; and it does The Right Thing (tm) on the edge squares.

**a** Find a TTT-auto  $T$  which is **not** in the subgp  $\langle \text{Isometries}, S \rangle$ , yet  $\langle \text{Isometries}, S, T \rangle$  is all of  $G$ .

**b** Compute the order of  $G$ . Find a set of *involutions* which generates  $G$ . What is a *minimum cardinality* generating set for  $G$ ?

Compute the center of  $G$ ; what is its order?

**c** For  $K = 1, 2, \dots$ , let  $G_K$  denote the TTT-automorphism gp of the  $K \times K$  board. Writing  $K$  as  $K = 2H$  or  $K = 2H + 1$ , as  $K$  is even or odd, compute the order of  $G_K$  in terms of  $H$ . How many *really different* (i.e. non-isomorphic) first moves are there?

What is the smallest generating set that you can find for  $G_K$ ?

**d** On the  $4 \times 4 \times 4$  TicTacToe board (Qubic), what is a 3-dim'al analog of The Swizzle? How many *really different* first moves are there? (ExtraCredit: Give a generating set for the gp TTT-autos,  $G_{\text{Qubic}}$ .)

**Z6:** Turnstile: It has 20 *tokens* in an oval-track, as well as a *spinner* that reverses the order of 4-consecutive tokens at the 12o'clock position.

**i** Show that every pattern is obtainable. [Hint: Obtain an adjacent transposition.]

**ii** Let  $N := \# \text{Tokens}$ . For odd  $N > 4$ , show that a transposition is NOT obtainable. Are all even patterns obtainable?

**iii** The *width* of the spinner is  $W=4$ . What can you say for general  $W \geq 3$  and various (all?)  $N$ ?

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<b>Z1:</b>	___ ___	35pts
<b>Z2:</b>	___ ___	35pts
<b>Z3:</b>	___ ___	65pts
<b>Z4:</b>	___ ___	25pts
<b>Z5:</b>	___ ___ ___	135pts
<b>Z6:</b>	___ ___ ___	135pts
<b>Total:</b>	___ ___ ___	430pts

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