

# DUKE MATH MEET- Power Round Solutions

1. (a)  $3^{-1} = 5, 5^{-1} = 3, 6^{-1} = 6$  (1 pts)  
 $Ord(3) = 6, Ord(5) = 6, Ord(6) = 2$  (1 pts)
- (b)  $\langle 2 \rangle = \{1, 2, 4\}$  (1 pts)  
 $\langle 3 \rangle = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} = T$  (1 pts)
2. (a) Let  $m = kn$ , then  $g^m = (m^k)^n = e^n = e$ . (2 pts)
- (b) Let  $ord_G(g) = n, d = kn + r, 0 \leq r < n$ . (1 pts)  
 $e = g^d = g^{kn+r} = (g^n)^k * g^r = e^k * g^r = g^r$ .  
 From the definition of  $n$  and  $0 \leq r < n$ ,  $r$  must be 0 or  $d$  is divisible by  $n$ . (1 pts)
3. (a) Check criteria for a subgroup:
  - i) For  $a = g^i$  and  $b = g^j \in \langle g \rangle$ ,  $a * b = g^i * g^j = g^{i+j}$  which is also in  $H$ . (0.5 pts)
  - ii) For each  $a = g^i \in \langle g \rangle$ , pick  $j$  such that  $i+j$  is a multiple of  $k$ . We have  $g^j$  is in  $G$  and  $g^i * g^j = g^{i+j} = e$  (from 2a) or  $g^j$  is the inverse of  $a$ . (0.5 pts)
 Finally, we have  $g^x = g^y$  iff  $g^{x-y} = e$  or  $x - y = 0 \pmod k$  (from 2b). Since there are  $k$  residues modulo  $k$ , there are  $k$  distinct elements  $g^x$  or  $|\langle g \rangle| = k$ . (1 pts)
- (b) From a),  $\langle g \rangle$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . By Theorem 1,  $|\langle g \rangle| = k$  divides  $|G|$ . (0.5 pts)  
 Now, from 2a, we have  $g^{|G|} = e$ . (0.5 pts)
- (c) Let  $ord_G(g^i) = n$ , then  $(g^i)^n = g^{in} = e$ . From 2b, we know  $in$  is divisible by  $k$ , but  $(i, k) = 1$ , so  $n$  is divisible by  $k$ . (1 pts)  
 From the definition of order,  $n$  must be  $k$ . (1 pts)
- (d) We use contrapositive: if  $\langle g \rangle \cap \langle b \rangle \neq \{e\}$ , then there exist  $g^i = b^j$ , where  $i, j \neq 0 \pmod k$ . Here, we can pick  $m$  and  $n$  such that  $im = jn = 1 \pmod k$ , or  $g^n = b^{jn} = b$  and  $b^m = g^{im} = g$ . (1 pts)  
 Now, for each  $g^k \in \langle g \rangle$ ,  $b^{mk} = g^k$  implies  $g^k \in \langle b \rangle$ . Hence,  $\langle g \rangle \subseteq \langle b \rangle$ .  
 Similarly,  $\langle b \rangle \subseteq \langle g \rangle$  and we are done. (1 pts)
4. (a)  $h * g_1 * g_2 * h^{-1} = (h * g_1 * h^{-1}) * (h * g_2 * h^{-1})$  (1 pts)
- (b) Let  $r = f_h(g) = h * g * h^{-1}$  and  $ord_G(r) = t$ .  
 $e = r^t = h * g * h^{-1} * h * g * h^{-1} * \dots * h * g * h^{-1}$   
 $= h * g * (h^{-1} * h) * g * (h^{-1} * \dots * h) * g * h^{-1} = h * g^t * h^{-1}$  (1 pts)  
 Hence,  $h^{-1} * e * h = h^{-1} * (h * g^t * h^{-1}) * h = g^t = h^{-1} * h = e$ .

From 2b,  $k$  divides  $t$ . (0.5 pts)

In addition, using similar transformation,  $r^k = h * g^k * h^{-1} = h * e * h^{-1} = e$ . From 2b,  $t$  divides  $k$ .

So  $t=k$ . (0.5 pts)

(c) Since the function is from  $G$  to  $G$ , it is enough to show injectivity. (1 pts)

$$\begin{aligned} f_h(g_1) = f_h(g_2) &\Rightarrow h * g_1 * h^{-1} = h * g_2 * h^{-1} \\ &\Rightarrow h^{-1} * (h * g_1 * h^{-1}) * h = h^{-1} * (h * g_2 * h^{-1}) * h \Rightarrow g_1 = g_2 \end{aligned} \quad (1 \text{ pts})$$

5. (a) From 3b, the order of  $g$  divides  $|P| = p^k$  so it must be a power of  $p$ .

(b) From  $|G| = 56 = 7 \cdot 8$ , by Sylow Theorem,  $n_7(G)$  divides 8 and  $n_7(G) \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$ , so  $n_7(G) = 1$  or 8. But  $n_7(G)$  can not be 1 because this implies there is only 1 Sylow 7-subgroup in  $G$ , so it must be normal from Sylow Theorem iii) which means  $G$  is not simple. Hence,  $n_7(G) = 8$ . (1 pts)

Consider any element  $g$  of order 7,  $g$  is in  $\langle g \rangle$  which is a Sylow 7-subgroup of  $G$  (from 3a), so  $g$  belongs to some Sylow 7-subgroup. From 3d, we know that the Sylow 7-subgroups in  $G$  either coincide or share only the identity element. From 3c, each Sylow 7-subgroup includes the identity and 6 distinct elements of order 7. Therefore, there are  $8 \cdot 6 = 48$  elements of order 7 in  $G$ . (1 pts)

(c) Assume  $G$  is simple,  $|G| = 520 = 13 \cdot 5 \cdot 8$ .

Since  $G$  is simple, for each  $p = 13, 5, \text{ and } 2$ ,  $G$  can not have just 1 Sylow  $p$ -subgroup since this implies this Sylow  $p$ -subgroup will be normal from Sylow iii) or  $G$  is not simple. (0.5 pts)

By Sylow Theorem,  $n_{13}(G)$  divides 40 and  $n_{13}(G) \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$ , so it must be 1 or 40. From above,  $n_{13}(G) = 40$ . Similar to part b, there are 40.12 elements of order 13. (0.5 pts)

By Sylow Theorem,  $n_5(G)$  divides 104 and  $n_5(G) \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$ , so it must be 1 or 26. From above,  $n_5(G) = 26$ . Similar to part b, there are 26.4 elements of order 5. (0.5 pts)

These elements of 2 different orders must be distinct so  $G$  has  $\geq 26.4 + 40.12 > 520$  elements which is a contradiction. (0.5 pts)