

8. (6 points) This problem has THREE parts. Let a and b be elements of finite order in a group G .

(a) LIST two hypothesis so that if a and b satisfy these hypotheses, then the order of ab is equal to the order of a times the order of b .

① $\theta(a)$ and $\theta(b)$ are relatively prime.

② $ab = ba$

(b) Give an EXAMPLE where the FIRST hypothesis holds, but the SECOND hypothesis fails and the conclusion fails.

Take σ and ρ in D_3 : $\theta(\sigma) = 2$ $\theta(\rho) = 3$ 2 and 3 are relatively prime but $\sigma\rho \neq \rho\sigma$ and $\theta(\sigma\rho) = 2 \neq 2 \cdot 3$

(c) Give an EXAMPLE where the SECOND hypothesis holds, but the FIRST hypothesis fails and the conclusion fails.

Take σ and ρ^2 in D_4 : $\sigma\rho^2 = \rho^2\sigma$ but $\theta(\sigma) = \theta(\rho^2) = 2$
and $\theta(\sigma\rho^2) = 2 \neq 2 \cdot 2$