Read the following, which can all be found either in the textbook or on the course website.

- Chapters 8.4–5 of Visual Group Theory, or Chapter 9.2 of IBL Abstract Algebra.
- VGT Exercises 8.19, 8.23, 8/26, 8.27, 8.37(ab), 8.41, 8.43–8.50.

Write up solutions to the following exercises.

- 1. Let  $\mathbb{Q}$  be the group of rational numbers under addition,  $\mathbb{Q}^*$  the group of non-zero rational numbers under multiplication, and  $\mathbb{Q}^+$  the group of positive rational numbers under multiplication.
  - (a) Show that  $\mathbb{Q}^* \cong \mathbb{Q}^+ \times C_2$ . [*Hint*: Recall that  $C_2 = \{e^{0\pi i}, e^{\pi i}\} = \{1, -1\}$ .]
  - (b) Describe the quotient groups Q/⟨1⟩ and Q\*/⟨−1⟩. In particular, what do the elements (cosets) look like?
  - (c) Use the Fundamental Homomorphism Theorem to prove that  $\mathbb{Q}^*/\langle -1 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Q}^+$ .
- 2. For Parts (a)–(d), a group G is given together with a normal subgroup H. Illustrate the embedding  $\phi: H \to G$ , and the quotient map  $q: G \to G/H$ , chained together so that  $\operatorname{im}(\phi) = \operatorname{ker}(q)$ . An example for  $G = \mathbb{Z}_6$  and  $H = \mathbb{Z}_2$  is shown below:



- (a)  $G = \mathbb{Z}_6, H = \mathbb{Z}_3,$
- (b)  $G = D_3, H = C_3,$
- (c)  $G = A_4, H = V_4,$

(d)  $G = S_n$ ,  $H = A_n$  [don't draw the actual Cayley graphs for this one, just the maps].

Now, answer each of the following questions about each of your answers to Parts (a)-(d).

- (e) What map  $\theta$  into H would satisfy the equation  $\operatorname{im} \theta = \ker \phi$ ? Choose one with the smallest possible domain.
- (f) What map  $\theta'$  from G/H would satisfy the equation  $\operatorname{im}(q) = \operatorname{ker}(\theta')$ ? Choose one with the smallest possible codomain.
- (g) Add the two maps  $\theta$  and  $\theta'$  to your illustration.
- (h) The new chain of four homomorphisms is called a *short exact sequence*. It is one way to use homomorphisms to illustrate quotients, and it shows a connection between embeddings and quotient maps. Given a normal subgroup  $H \triangleleft G$ , show how to create a short exact sequence involving G and H.

- 3. Let A and B be normal subgroups of G. In this problem, you will prove the Diamond Isomorphism Theorem.
  - (a) Prove that the set  $AB := \{ab : a \in A, b \in B\}$  is a subgroup of G.
  - (b) Prove that  $B \triangleleft AB$  and  $A \cap B \triangleleft A$ .
  - (c) Prove that  $A/(A \cap B) \cong AB/B$ . [*Hint:* Construct a homomorphism  $\phi: A \to AB/B$ that has kernel  $A \cap B$ , then apply the FHT.]
  - (d) Draw a diagram, or lattice, of G and its subgroups AB, A, B, and  $A \cap B$ . Interpret the result in Part (c) in terms of this diagram.
- 4. For each part below, consider the group  $G = \langle A, B \rangle$  generated by the two matrices shown. Assume that matrix multiplication is the binary operation, and  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . To what common group is G isomorphic? Write down an explicit isomorphism (you only need to define it for the generators), and a group presentation for G.

(a) 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .  
(b)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .  
(c)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

5. In this exercise, you will prove that if A and B are normal subgroups and AB = G, then  $C/(A \cap R) \simeq (G/A) \times (G/B).$ 

$$G/(A \cap B) \cong (G/A) \times (G/B)$$

(a) Consider the following map:

$$\phi \colon AB \longrightarrow (G/A) \times (G/B), \qquad \phi(g) = (gA, gB).$$

Show that  $\phi$  is a homomorphism.

- (b) Show that  $\phi$  is surjective. That is, given any  $(g_1A, g_2B)$ , show that there is some  $g = ab \in AB$  such that  $\phi(g) = (g_1A, g_2B)$ . [*Hint*: Try  $g = a_2b_1$ .]
- (c) Find ker( $\phi$ ) [you need to prove your answer is correct] and then apply the Fundamental Homomorphism Theorem.
- 6. For each order given below, list all abelian groups of that order by writing each one as a product of cyclic groups of prime power order. Additionally, write each one as a product of cyclic groups organized by "elementary divisors."
  - (a) 8
  - (b) 54
  - (c) 400
  - (d)  $p^2q$ , where p and q are distinct primes.