

Abstract Algebra
Problem Set 7

1. Fill in the blank:
The group $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$ is cyclic if and only if
Then prove the statement.
2. Let G be a group, and let $a \in G$. Prove that $\langle a^{-1} \rangle = \langle a \rangle$.
3. Prove that \mathbb{Z}_n has an even number of generators if $n > 2$.
4. Show that the group of positive rational numbers under multiplication is not cyclic.
5. What are the orders of elements in D_{15} ? How many elements have each of those orders?
6. Show that A_8 contains an element of order 15.
7. Let p be a prime. Show that in a cyclic group G of order $p^n - 1$, every element is a p th power (that is, every element can be written in the form g^p for some $g \in G$).
8. Prove that $U(2^n)$ ($n \geq 3$) is not cyclic.