

MTH 751 TUTORIAL 2
DISCUSSION PROBLEMS

- (1) Read sections 2.8 and 2.9.
- (2) If $H < G$ then the factor group $N_G(H)/C_G(H)$ is isomorphic to a subgroup of $\text{Aut}(H)$.
- (3) Let G be a group acting on a set S containing at least two elements. Assume that G is transitive; that is, given any $x, y \in S$, there exists $g \in G$ such that $gx = y$. Prove
 - (a) for $x \in S$, the orbit x of x is S ;
 - (b) all the stabilizers G_x (for $x \in S$) are conjugate;
 - (c) if G has the property: $\{g \in G \mid gx = x, \forall x \in S\} = \{e\}$ (which is the case if $G < S_n$ for some n and $S = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$) and if $N \triangleleft G$ and $N < G_x$ for some $x \in S$, then $N = \{e\}$;
 - (d) for $x \in S$, $|S| = [G : G_x]$; hence $|S|$ divides $|G|$.
- (4) Exhibit an automorphism of \mathbb{Z}_6 that is not an inner automorphism.
- (5) If $G/Z(G)$ is cyclic, then G is abelian.
- (6) Problems from Herstein, Chapter 2
 - (a) Page 71; Problems 1, 2, 5, 16, 19.