

## AAL, Ex. 6.

1. (a) Prove that  $A_n$  is generated by all of its 3-cycles.  
(b) Prove that  $S_n$  is generated by  $(1, 2)$  and  $(1, 2, \dots, n)$   
(c\*) Prove that if  $m < n$ , then  $S_n$  is generated by  $(1, 2, \dots, m)$  and  $(1, 2, \dots, n)$  unless  $n$  and  $m$  are odd. In this case these two elements generate  $A_n$ .
2. Prove that  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  generate  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$
3. Let  $G$  be an abelian group.
  - (a) Prove: a subgroup  $H \leq G$  is maximal if and only if  $|G : H|$  is a prime number.
  - (b) Suppose  $G$  is multiplicatively written. Prove:  $\phi(G) = \cap G^p$  with  $p$  ranging over the set of prime numbers.
4. Let  $G$  be a finite group. Prove:  $G$  is nilpotent if and only if each subgroup of  $G$  is subnormal (A subgroup  $H$  is subnormal iff. there exists  $k$  and  $H \trianglelefteq N_1 \trianglelefteq N_2 \trianglelefteq \dots \trianglelefteq N_k = G$ ).
5. Let  $G$  be a finite  $p$ -group and  $\phi(G)$  the Frattini subgroup of  $G$ . We know that  $G/\phi(G)$  is isomorphic to (the vector space)  $C_p^d$  for some positive integer  $d$ .
  - (a) Verify that there is a natural homomorphism from  $Aut(G)$  to  $Aut(G/\phi(G))$ .
  - (b) Prove that the order of the kernel of this homomorphism divides  $|\phi(G)|^d$ .
6. What is  $\phi(\mathbb{Z})$ ?
7. What is  $\phi(GL(3, \mathbb{Q}))$ ?