

8. Let  $G = K \rtimes H$  be a Frobenius group in the usual notation. If  $|H|$  is even, show that  $K$  is abelian.

*Proof.* Let  $h \in H$  be an element of order 2, and let  $\varphi : K \rightarrow K$  be the bijective map defined in exercise 7 ( $\varphi(x) = x^{-1}x^h$ ). The conjugation action of  $h$  on  $K$  defines an automorphism of  $K$ . We have

$$\varphi(x)^h = hx^{-1}hx = \varphi(x)^{-1},$$

and since  $\varphi$  is bijective it follows that the automorphism of  $K$  defined by  $h$  is  $g \mapsto g^{-1}$ . Clearly this map is an automorphism iff  $K$  is abelian. □