

1. §14, # 12: The problem is to compute the order of the element $x := (3, 1) + \langle (1, 1) \rangle$ in the factor group $(\mathbf{Z}_4 \times \mathbf{Z}_4) / \langle (1, 1) \rangle$. Thus, x is the coset of the cyclic group $H := \langle (1, 1) \rangle$ containing $(3, 1)$. It is helpful to note that $H = \{(0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$. Thus the order of x is the smallest positive integer m such that $(3, 1)$ belongs to H . Note that $(3, 1)$ does not belong to H . On the other hand, $2(3, 1) = (6, 2) = (2, 2) \in H$. Thus x has order 2.
2. §14 # 34. Let G be a group and H a subgroup. Suppose that H is the only subgroup of G of some given order m . Then H is normal. Indeed, to prove that H is normal, it suffices to show that for every g in G , the set $gHg^{-1} := \{ghg^{-1} : h \in H\}$ is H . But this set gHg^{-1} is another subgroup of G , and has the same order as H , and hence must be equal to H .