

**Math 7200**  
**Make-up Midterm Examination**  
**October 19, 1999**

1. Let  $G = \langle a \rangle$  be a cyclic group of order 24.
  - (a) Let  $b = a^6$ ,  $c = a^4$ ,  $H = \langle b \rangle$ , and  $K = \langle c \rangle$ . What is  $|H|$  and  $|K|$ ? Prove that your answers are correct.
  - (b) Determine generators for each of the subgroups  $H \cap K$  and  $HK$ , and determine the orders of each of these subgroups.
  - (c) Is  $G$  the internal direct product of  $H$  and  $K$ ? Justify your answer.
2. Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over a field  $F$  and let  $W$  be a subspace. The *codimension* of  $W$ , denoted  $\text{codim } W$ , is defined by the formula

$$\text{codim } W = \dim V - \dim W.$$

If  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are subspaces of  $V$ , prove that

$$\text{codim}(W_1 \cap W_2) \leq \text{codim } W_1 + \text{codim } W_2.$$

3. Let  $V$  be a vector space of dimension 3 over  $\mathbf{C}$ , let  $\mathcal{B} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$  be an ordered basis for  $V$  and let  $T \in L(V)$  be the linear operator defined by

$$T(v_1) = 0, \quad T(v_2) = -v_1, \quad T(v_3) = 5v_1 + v_2.$$

- (a) Compute the matrix  $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$ .
  - (b) Show that  $T$  is nilpotent, i.e.,  $T^k = 0$  for some  $k$ .
  - (c) Determine a basis  $\mathcal{C} = (w_1, w_2, w_3)$  of  $V$  so that the matrix  $[T]_{\mathcal{C}}$  is in Jordan canonical form.
4. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on the complex vector space  $V$ . Assume that you are given the following data concerning  $T$ :
  - (a)  $c_T(X) = (X - 1)^4(X - 2)^5(X - 3)$
  - (b)  $\nu_{\text{geom.}}(1) = 2$  and  $\nu_{\text{geom.}}(2) = 1$ . Find all Jordan forms for  $T$  consistent with these data, and for each possible Jordan form, give the minimal polynomial.