## 2023 秋:代数学一 (实验班) 期中考试

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判断题 在下表中填写 T 或 F (10 分)

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1. 若  $\phi: G \to G$  是一个群 G 到自身的满同态, 则它是一个同构.

If  $\phi : G \to G$  is a surjective homomorphism from a group G to itself, then  $\phi$  is an isomorphism.

False. This is true for finite groups but fails for infinite group in general. For example,  $G = \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ , multiplication by 2 induces a surjective homomorphism from G to itself, which is not an isomorphism.

2. 一个群同态  $\phi: G \to H$  是单射当且仅当其核 ker  $\phi$  是空集.

A group homomorphism  $\phi: G \to H$  is injective if and only if ker  $\phi$  is the empty set.

False. The kernel of a group homomorphism is never empty, as it always contains the identity element. A group homomorphism is injective if and only if its kernel is a singleton consisting of the identity element.

3. 在一个奇数阶的循环群中,一个生成元的平方也是生成元.

In a cyclic group of *odd* order, the square of a generator is also a generator.

True. If we view the cyclic group as  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  with n odd and generator 1, then 2 is also a generator.

4. 若  $G_1$  和  $G_2$  为群,则每个  $G_1 \times G_2$  的子群都形如  $H_1 \times H_2$ ,这里  $H_1 \leq G_1$  且  $H_2 \leq G_2$ .

Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be groups. Then every subgroup of  $G_1 \times G_2$  is of the form  $H_1 \times H_2$  for some subgroups  $H_1 \leq G_1$  and  $H_2 \leq G_2$ .

False. The simplest counterexample is, when  $G_1 = G_2 = \mathbf{Z}_2$ , the subgroup  $\langle (1,1) \rangle$  is not of the product form.

5. 设群 G 在集合 X 上作用. 若某个元素  $g \in G$  固定了 X 中的每个元素, 则 g = 1.

A group G acts on a set X. If for some  $g \in G$ , g fixes every element of X, then g = 1.

False. For example, for a trivial action, every element of the group G fixes every element of X.

6. 设 p 是一个素数,  $\alpha$  是一个自然数. 则每个阶为  $2p^{\alpha}$  的群 G 都是可解群.

Let p be a prime number and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then every group G of order  $2p^{\alpha}$  is solvable.

True. By Sylow's theorem, there exists a Sylow *p*-subgroup P of order  $p^{\alpha}$ . Since it has index 2 inside G, it is normal and  $G/P \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ . In addition, as a *p*-group, P is nilpotent and hence solvable. So G is solvable.

7. 交换环 R + I 和 J 为理想. 则理想 IJ 中每个元素是形如 ab 的样子, 其中  $a \in I$ ,  $b \in J$ .

Let R be a commutative ring and let I and J be ideals. Then every element of the ideal IJ is of the form ab with  $a \in I$  and  $b \in J$ .

False. An element of IJ is typically a *finite sum* of products of the form ab with  $a \in I$  and  $b \in J$ .

8. 在唯一分解整环中,每个非零元素都可以唯一的写成素元的乘积,在交换因子的意义下.

In a UFD, every nonzero element can be uniquely written as a product of prime elements, up to permutation.

False. This is not accurate: every nonzero nonunit element can be written as a product of prime elements, unique up to permutation and associates.

9. 设 F 是一个域, 一个非常数的多项式 f(x) 是不可约的当且仅当 F[x]/(f(x)) 是一个域.

Let F be a field, a nonconstant polynomial f(x) is irreducible if and only if F[x]/(f(x)) is a field.

True. The polynomial f(x) is irreducible if and only if it is prime (and nonzero), which is the same as generating a maximal ideal (because F[x] is a PID), which in turn is equivalent to F[x]/(f(x)) being a field.

10. 一个 p 群 G 作用在一个有限集合 X 上,则作用的不动点的个数和 #X 模 p 同余. Let G be a p-group acting on a finite set X. Then the number of fixed points of the action is congruent modulo p to #X.

True. By orbit-stabilizer formula,

$$\#X = \sum_{\mathcal{O}} \#(G/\mathrm{Stab}_G(x)).$$

When  $\operatorname{Stab}_G(x) \neq G$ , the quotient  $G/\operatorname{Stab}_G(x)$  has nontrivial *p*-power elements, so divisible by *p*, and when  $G = \operatorname{Stab}_G(x)$ , *x* is a fixed point of the action and  $\mathcal{O} = \{x\}$ .

## Grading table

T/F	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
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**解答题一** (10 分) 设 R 是一个唯一分解整环, Q 为其分式域. 设 f(x) 是 R[x] 中次数  $\geq 1$  的不可约多项式. 记 f(x) 在 Q[x] 中生成的理想为 I. 证明 Q[x]/I 是一个域. (如果你 引用书中或者讲义中的定理, 请明确指出你引用的定理是哪个.)

Let R be a UFD with fraction field Q and let f(x) be an irreducible polynomial of degree  $\geq 1$  in R[x]. Let I denote the ideal in Q[x] generated by f(x). Prove that Q[x]/I is a field. (If you want to cite a result from the lectures or books, make it clear which one you are using.)

证明. By Gauss Lemma, if f(x) factors as g(x)h(x) in Q[x], then we may adjust g(x) and h(x) by elements in Q so that both g(x) and h(x) belong to R[x]. But f(x) is irreducible in R[x], so one of g(x) and h(x) is a unit in R[x] and thus a unit in Q[x]. It follows that f(x) is irreducible in Q[x] and hence generates a maximal ideal, as Q[x] is a PID. From this, we know that Q[x]/I is a field.

解答题二 (15 分) 证明每个阶为  $1947 = 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 59$  的群都是循环群. Prove that every group of order  $1947 = 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 59$  is cyclic.

证明. Consider the number  $n_{59}$  of Sylow 59-group. By Sylow's theorems,  $n_{59}|3 \cdot 11$  and  $n_{59} \equiv 1 \mod 59$ . So  $n_{59} = 1$ , i.e. the Sylow 59-group  $P_{59}$  is a normal subgroup, which itself is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_{59}$ .

Next, consider the conjugation action of G on  $P_{59}$ :

$$\varphi: G \to \operatorname{Aut}(P_{59}) \cong \mathbf{Z}_{59}^{\times} \simeq \mathbf{Z}_{58}.$$

It is clear that  $P_{59} \subseteq \ker \varphi$ . So  $\# \operatorname{Im} \varphi$  divides 3dot 11. Yet as a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_{58}$ ,  $\# \operatorname{Im} \varphi$  has order divides 58. So  $\# \operatorname{Im} \varphi$  is trivial. In other words,  $P_{59} \subseteq Z(G)$ .

Now consider the number  $n_{11}$  and  $n_3$  of Sylow 11-subgroups and 3-subgroups. We have

$$n_{11} \equiv 1 \mod 11,$$
  $n_{11}|3 \cdot 59.$   
 $n_3 \equiv 1 \mod 3,$   $n_3|11 \cdot 59.$ 

In fact  $Z_{59}$  belonging to the center implies that  $n_3|11$  as the conjugation action of G on the set of Sylow 3-subgroups factors through the quotient by  $P_3$  and  $P_{59}$ . From these divisibilities, we see that  $n_{11} = n_3 = 1$ . So the Sylow 11-subgroup  $P_{11}$  and Sylow 3-subgroup  $P_3$  are both normal. It then follows that  $G = P_3 \times P_{11} \times P_{59} \cong \mathbf{Z}_{1947}$ .

**解答题三** (20 分) 对正整数  $n \ge 3$ , 用  $D_{2n}$  表示阶为 2n 的二面体群.

(1) 求 D<sub>8</sub> 中每个元素的阶.

(2) 证明: 对一个  $D_8$  的自同构  $\varphi$ ,  $\varphi(r)$  至多有 2 个选择,  $\varphi(s)$  至多有 4 个选择. 由此 证明  $\#Aut(D_8) \leq 8$ .

(3) 证明: *D*<sub>8</sub> ⊲ *D*<sub>16</sub>. (这里, 我们将 *D*<sub>8</sub> 中的旋转元视为 *D*<sub>16</sub> 中的旋转元的平方.)

(4) 证明: Aut $(D_8) \cong D_8$ .

For a positive integer  $n \geq 3$ , let  $D_{2n}$  denote the dihedral group of order 2n.

(1) Find the orders of elements of  $D_8$ .

(2) Show that, for an automorphism  $\varphi: D_8 \to D_8$ ,  $\varphi(r)$  has at most 2 possible choices, and  $\varphi(s)$  has at most 4 possible choices. Deduce that  $\#\operatorname{Aut}(D_8) \leq 8$ .

(3) Show that  $D_8 \triangleleft D_{16}$  (here the rotation element of  $D_8$  is sent to the square of the rotation element of  $D_{16}$ .)

(4) Prove that  $\operatorname{Aut}(D_8) \cong D_8$ .

证明. (1) We write  $D_{2n} = \langle r, s \mid r^n = s^2 = 1, srs = r^{-1} \}$  in the usual notation. We list of order of elements in the following table.

Elements	1	r	$r^2$	$r^3$	s	sr	$sr^2$	$sr^3$
Order	1	4	2	4	2	2	2	2

(2) An automorphism must preserve the order of elements. So  $\varphi(r)$  can only be r or  $r^3$ . The element  $\varphi(s)$  has a priori five choices:  $r^2$ , s, sr,  $sr^2$ ,  $sr^3$ . But if  $\varphi(s) = r^2$ , then  $\operatorname{Im} \varphi \subseteq \langle r \rangle$ . It cannot be an isomorphism. So  $\varphi(s)$  has at most 4 choices. From this, we see that  $\#\operatorname{Aut}(D_8) \leq 8$ .

(3) If we write  $D_{16} = \langle r_{16}, s \mid r_{16}^8 = s^2 = 1, sr_{16}s = r_{16}^{-1} \rangle$ , then  $D_8 = \langle r_{16}^2, s \rangle$ . It suffices to check that

 $r_{16}D_8r_{16}^{-1} \subseteq D_8$  and  $sD_8s^{-1} \subseteq D_8$ .

(Then the equalities hold by counting the number of elements.) To check inclusion, it is enough to check for generators. The first inclusion follows from that

 $r_{16}r_{16}^2r_{16}^{-1} = r_{16}^2 \in D_8$  and  $r_{16}sr_{16}^{-1} = r_{16}^2s \in D_8$ .

The second inclusion follows from that

$$sr_{16}^2s^{-1} = r_{16}^{-2} \in D_8$$
 and  $sss^{-1} = s \in D_8$ .

(4) Now, consider the conjugation action of  $D_{16}$  on  $D_8$ :

$$\varphi: D_{16} \to \operatorname{Aut}(D_8).$$

We compute the kernel of this map  $\varphi$ , it is the set of elements that commutes with s and with  $r_{16}^2$ .

For elements of the type  $r_{16}^a$ , it clearly commutes with  $r_{16}^2$ , but  $sr_{16}^as^{-1} = r^{-a}$ , which is equal to  $r_{16}^a$  if and only if a = 4, i.e. the element  $r_{16}^8$ .

For elements of the form  $sr_{16}^a$ ,  $r_{16}^2sr_{16}^ar_{16}^{-2} = sr_{16}^{a-4}$ , so it never commutes with  $r^2$ .

It follows that ker  $\varphi = \{1, r_{16}^4\}$ . So  $\#\text{Im}(\varphi) = 8$ . Combining this with (2), we deduce that

$$\operatorname{Aut}(D_8) \cong \operatorname{Im}(D_{16}) \cong D_{16} / \langle r_{16}^4 \rangle.$$

It is clear that  $D_{16}/\langle r_{16}^4 \rangle \cong \langle r_{16}, s \mid r_{16}^4 = s^2 = 1, sr_{16}s = r_{16}^{-1} \rangle$  is isomorphic to  $D_8$ .

**解答题四** (15 分) 记群 G 的中心为 Z(G). 记  $\lambda : G \to S_G$  为群 G 在自己上的左平移 作用, 并简记  $\lambda_g = \lambda(g)$ , 即  $\lambda_g(h) = gh(g, h \in G)$ . 记  $\mu : G \to S_G$  为群 G 在自己上的右平 移作用, 并简记  $\mu_g = \mu(g)$ , 即  $\mu_g(h) = hg^{-1}(g, h \in G)$ .

- (1) 证明: 左作用  $\lambda$  和右作用  $\mu$  交换, 即对  $g,h \in G, \lambda_g \circ \mu_h = \mu_h \circ \lambda_g$ .
- (2) 证明:  $\lambda_g = \mu_g$  当且仅当 g 是中心 Z(G) 中阶为 1 或 2 的元素.
- (3) 证明: 交  $\lambda(G) \cap \mu(G)$  恰好等于  $\lambda(Z(G)) = \mu(Z(G))$ .

Let G be a group with center Z(G). Let  $\lambda : G \to S_G$  be the left translation action of G on itself, and we write  $\lambda_g = \lambda(g)$  so that  $\lambda_g(h) = gh$  for  $g, h \in G$ . Similarly, let  $\mu : G \to S_G$ be the right translation action of G on itself, and we write  $\mu_g := \mu(g)$  so that  $\mu_g(h) = hg^{-1}$ .

(1) Prove that the action of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  commute with each other, i.e. for  $g, h \in G$ ,  $\lambda_g \circ \mu_h = \mu_h \circ \lambda_g$ .

- (2) Prove that  $\lambda_g = \mu_g$  if and only if g is an element of order 1 or 2 in the center Z(G).
- (3) Prove that the intersection  $\lambda(G) \cap \mu(G)$  in G is equal to  $\lambda(Z(G)) = \mu(Z(G))$ .

证明. (1) For  $x \in G$ , we have

$$\lambda_g \circ \mu_h(x) = \lambda_g(xh^{-1}) = gxh^{-1}.$$
$$\mu_h \circ \lambda_g(x) = \mu_h(gx) = gxh^{-1}.$$

So  $\lambda_g \circ \mu_h = \mu_h \circ \lambda_g$ , i.e. the left and right actions commute.

(2) If  $\lambda_g = \mu_g$ , then for any  $x \in G$ , we have  $\lambda_g(x) = \mu_g(x)$ , i.e.  $gx = xg^{-1}$ . Setting x = 1 gives  $g^2 = 1$ . Putting this back to  $gx = xg^{-1}$  gives that gx = xg for every  $x \in G$ . So  $g \in Z(G)$ . Conversely, when  $g^2 = 1$  and  $g \in Z(G)$ , this implies that  $\lambda_g = \mu_g$ .

(3) An element in the intersection  $\lambda(G) \cap \mu(G)$  corresponds to an equality  $\lambda_g = \mu_h$ for some  $g, h \in G$ . This means that for  $x \in G$ ,  $\lambda_g(x) = \mu_h(x)$  or equivalently  $gx = xh^{-1}$ . Putting x = 1 gives  $g = h^{-1}$ . Putting this back to the equality  $gx = xh^{-1}$  gives gx = xg, i.e.  $g \in Z(G)$ . This implies that  $\lambda(G) \cap \mu(G)$  is contained in  $\lambda(Z(G))$  and in  $\mu(Z(G))$ .

Conversely, if we take any  $g \in Z(G)$ ,  $\lambda_g(x) = gx = xg = \mu_{g^{-1}}(x)$ . So  $\lambda(Z(G)) = \mu(Z(G))$  is contained in  $\lambda(G) \cap \mu(G)$ .

**解答题五** (15 分) 设 *R* 是一个唯一分解整环, 恰有两个互不相伴的素元 *p*, *q* 使得任意 一个素元都与 *p* 或 *q* 相伴.

- (1) 对正整数 m, n, 证明理想  $(p^m, q^n) = R$ .
- (2) 证明 R 是一个主理想整环.

Let R be a UFD with two nonassociate prime elements p and q such that every prime element is an associate of either p or q.

(1) Given positive integers m, n, prove that the ideal  $(p^m, q^n) = R$ .

(2) Deduce that R is a PID.

iE明. (1) Consider  $p^m + q^n \in (p^m, q^n)$ . We note that neither p nor q divides  $p^m + q^n$ , so pand q does not appear in the factorization of  $p^m + q^n$ . Yet R has only two primes,  $p^m + q^n$ must be a unit. So  $(p^m, q^n) = R$ .

(2) Let I be a nonunit ideal of R. For each nonzero element x of I, it factors as  $x = p^{m(x)}q^{n(x)}u(x)$  in R, where  $m(x), n(x) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  and u(x) is a unit. Let  $m := \min_x m(x)$  and  $n := \min_x n(x)$ . We claim that  $I = (p^m q^n)$ . Clearly, by definition,  $p^m q^n$  divides every  $x = p^{m(x)}q^{n(x)}u(x)$ . It remains to show that  $p^m q^n \in I$ .

Let  $x \in I \setminus \{0\}$  and  $y \in I \setminus \{0\}$  be so that m = m(x) and n = n(y). If n = n(x) or m = m(y), then  $p^m q^n$  is a unit multiple of x or y, respectively, and thus  $p^m q^n \in I$ . Now we assume that n > n(x) and m > m(y). By (1), we know that

$$(q^{n(x)-n}u(x), p^{m(y)-m}u(y)) = R.$$

So there exists  $r, s \in R$  such that

$$rq^{n(x)-n}u(x) + sp^{m(y)-m}u(y) = 1.$$
$$p^{m}q^{n} = rp^{m}q^{n(x)}u(x) + sp^{m(y)}q^{n}u(y) = rx + sy$$

So  $p^m q^n \in I$ . Thus R is a PID.

## **解答题六** (15 分)

对素数 p, 用  $\Phi_p(x) := \frac{x^p - 1}{x - 1} \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  记 p 次分圆多项式.

(1) 证明  $\Phi_p(x)$  在  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  中不可约. (可以引用一般性定理,不可以直接引用关于  $\Phi_p$  的 定理.)

(2) 记  $\zeta_p = e^{2\pi i/p}$  为一个本元 p 次单位根. 证明: 将 x 映到  $\zeta_p$  建立了一个如下的同构

$$\mathbb{Z}[x]/(\Phi_p(x)) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p] = \{a_0 + a_1\zeta_p + \dots + a_{p-2}\zeta_p^{p-2} \mid a_0, \dots, a_{p-2} \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

特别地,  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p]$  是一个整环.

(3) 证明: 如果 n 是一个正整数在  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p]$  中被  $\zeta_p - 1$  整除, 则 n 是 p 的倍数.

(在这道题中,不可以使用代数数论中的工具.证明只可以使用对多项式环和商环的讨论.)

Let p be a prime number. Let  $\Phi_p(x) := \frac{x^p - 1}{x - 1} \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  denote the pth cyclotomic polynomial.

(1) Show that  $\Phi_p(x)$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ . (It is okay to use a "general" theorem, but not okay to use a result specific to  $\Phi_p(x)$ .)

(2) Let  $\zeta_p = e^{2\pi i/p}$  denote a primitive *p*th root of unity. Prove that there is an isomorphism

$$\mathbb{Z}[x]/(\Phi_p(x)) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p] = \{a_0 + a_1\zeta_p + \dots + a_{p-2}\zeta_p^{p-2} \mid a_0, \dots, a_{p-2} \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

sending x to  $\zeta_p$ . In particular  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p]$  is an integral domain.

(3) Show that if n is an integer such that  $\zeta_p - 1$  divides n in  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p]$ , then n is divisible by p.

(You are not allowed to use heavy tools from algebraic number theory. Just manipulate with the polynomial ring and its quotients.)

i廷明. (1) Note that  $\Phi_p(x+1) = \frac{(x+1)^p - 1}{x} = x^{p-1} + px^{p-2} + \dots + p$ . By Eisenstein criterion, p divides all the non-leading coefficients and  $p^2$  does not divide the constant coefficient; so  $\Phi_p(x+1)$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ , and thus  $\Phi_p(x)$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ . By Gauss' lemma,  $\Phi_p(x)$  is also irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ .

(2) The natural homomorphism

$$\varphi: \mathbb{Z}[x] \to \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p]$$

sending x to  $\zeta_p$  clearly has the property that ker  $\varphi$  contains  $\Phi_p(x)$ . So we have a homomorphism

$$\bar{\varphi}: \mathbb{Z}[x]/(\Phi_p(x)) \to \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p].$$

For the quotient  $\mathbb{Z}[x]/(\Phi_p(x))$ , each coset can be represented by a polynomial  $a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_{p-2}x^{p-2}$  (as any terms that have degree  $\geq p-1$  can be substituted into lower degree terms using  $\Phi_p(x)$ ). From this, it is clear that  $\bar{\varphi}$  is an isomorphism.

(3) If n is divisible by  $\zeta_p - 1$ , then  $n = (\zeta_p - 1)g(\zeta_p)$  for some polynomial  $g(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ . Using the isomorphism from (2), we see that

$$n + (\Phi_p(x)) = (x - 1)g(x) + (\Phi_p(x)).$$

So there exists some polynomial  $h(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  such that

$$n - (x - 1)g(x) = \Phi_p(x)h(x)$$

Evaluating this equality at x = 1 gives  $n = \Phi_p(1)h(1)$ . But  $\Phi_p(1) = p$  so n is divisible by p.

**解答题七** (10 分) 对素数 *p*, *G* 是一个 *p*-群. 设 *A* 是一个 *G* 中的极大正规交换群. 证 明: *A* 是 *G* 中的极大交换群.

Let p be a prime, let G be a finite p-group. Let A be a maximal normal abelian subgroup of G. Prove that A is also a maximal abelian subgroup of G.

i正明. Suppose that A is strictly contained in another abelian group A'. Let H be the subgroup of G generated by  $gA'g^{-1}$  for all  $g \in G$ ; clearly H is a normal subgroup of G and contains A.

We claim that H centralize A. For this, it is enough to check that for every  $a' \in A'$  and  $g \in G$ ,  $ga'g^{-1}$  commutes with every element  $a \in A$ . Indeed,

$$ga'g^{-1} \cdot a \cdot ga'^{-1}g^{-1} = ga' \cdot g^{-1}ag \cdot a'^{-1}g^{-1}.$$

But A is normal, so  $g^{-1}ag \in A$ ; so a' commutes with  $g^{-1}ag$ , and thus the above is equal to

$$g \cdot g^{-1}ag \cdot a' \cdot a'^{-1}g^{-1} = a.$$

Now consider  $\overline{G} := G/A$  and let  $\pi : G \to \overline{G}$  be the projection. Write  $\overline{H}$  for the image of H, which is a nontrivial p-group. By a proposition we have proved in class,  $\overline{H}$  intersects nontrivially with the center  $Z(\overline{G})$ . Pick any element  $\overline{n} \in \overline{H} \cap Z(\overline{G})$ , and set  $\overline{N} := \langle \overline{n} \rangle \subseteq \overline{G}$ . Since  $\overline{N} \subseteq Z(\overline{G})$ ,  $\overline{N}$  is a normal subgroup of  $\overline{G}$ , and thus N is a normal subgroup of G.

In addition, if we pick a preimage  $n \in H$  of  $\bar{n} \in \bar{H}$ , then n centralizes A and thus N is abelian.

This then gives a normal abelian subgroup N strictly containing A, we arrive at a contradiction.  $\hfill \Box$ 

An alternative proof is to take the centralizer  $Z_G(A)$  of A inside G. Since A is normal,  $Z_G(A)$  is a normal subgroup of G: for any  $z \in Z_G(A)$ ,  $g \in G$ , we want to show that  $gzg^{-1} \in Z_G(A)$ , i.e. for  $a \in A$ ,

$$gzg^{-1} \cdot a \cdot gz^{-1}g^{-1} = gz \cdot g^{-1}ag \cdot z^{-1}g^{-1} = g(g^{-1}ag)zz^{-1}g^{-1} = a,$$

where we used that  $g^{-1}ag \in A$  by normality of A. So  $gzg^{-1} \in Z_G(A)$  and thus  $Z_G(A) \triangleleft G$ .

If A is not a maximal abelian subgroup, then  $A \subsetneq Z_G(A)$  is a strict inclusion.

Consider the subgroup  $Z_G(A)/A \subseteq G/A$ ; it is a normal subgroup. We note that  $(Z_G(A)/A) \cap Z(G/A)$  is nontrivial. Picking an element from this intersection, and the rest of the argument is similar to above.