

### Brauer's theorem.

1. Let  $G$  be a dihedral group of order  $2n$  (see Seminar 3, Problem 3), where  $n$  is odd. Prove that all involutions of  $G$  are conjugate. Is the same true for  $n$  even?
2. Let  $G$  be a finite group and let  $x \in G$  be an arbitrary element. Denote by  $C_G(x) = \{g \in G \mid x^g = x\}$  the centralizer of  $x$  in  $G$  and by  $x^G = \{x^g \mid g \in G\}$  the conjugacy class of  $x$  in  $G$ . Prove that

$$|C_G(x)| \cdot |x^G| = |G|.$$

3. Let  $s, t$  be two involutions in a finite group  $G$ . Prove that either  $s$  and  $t$  are conjugate in  $G$  or there exists an involution  $z \in G$  commuting with both  $s$  and  $t$ .
4. Given a group  $G$ , define a graph  $\Gamma$  as follows: the vertices of  $\Gamma$  are the involutions of  $G$ . Two involutions are joined by an edge if and only if they commute. Prove that the distance between two nonconjugate involutions in  $\Gamma$  is at most 2.
5. Denote by  $c$  the maximum of the orders of centralizers of involution in a group  $G$ . Prove that if  $G$  contains two nonconjugate involutions then  $|G| < c^3$ .