

**MAT 347**  
**Classification of groups of order  $p^3$**   
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1. Classify groups of order 8 up to isomorphism.

The outcome of this (or any other) classification should include:

- (a) a list of groups of order 8,
- (b) a proof that every group of order 8 is isomorphic to one on the list, and
- (c) a proof that no two different groups in the list are isomorphic to each other.

*Suggestion:* Here are some results you already know that may help you in this problem:

- Lagrange's theorem.
- Let  $G$  be a group. If  $x^2 = 1$  for every  $x \in G$  then ...
- Let  $G$  be a group and  $H \leq G$ . If  $|G : H|$  ..., then  $H \trianglelefteq G$ .
- Let  $G$  be a group and let  $H, K \leq G$ .  
If ..., then  $HK$  is a subgroup.
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If ..., then the subgroup  $HK$  is isomorphic to  $H \times K$ .
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If ..., then the subgroup  $HK$  is isomorphic to a semidirect product  $H \rtimes K$ .
- Let  $G$  be a group whose order is a power of a prime. Then  $Z(G)$ ...
- Let  $G$  be a group. If  $a$  is the only element in  $G$  of order 2, then ...
- The classification of elementary abelian  $p$ -groups.

2. (Try this only if you finish problem 1.)

Let  $p$  be an odd prime. Classify groups of order  $p^3$  up to isomorphism.