Math 371 Homework#5

Due on 2/21 at the beginning of Lecture

1. Prove the semidirect product $H \rtimes_{\varphi} K$ defined in the class gives a group structure on $H \times K$. Let H and K be two groups and $\phi \colon K \to \operatorname{Aut}(H)$ be a group homomorphism. Define a binary operation on $H \times K$ by $(h, k)(h', k') = (h\varphi(k)(h'), kk')$. Check this binary operation gives a group structure.

2. Artin, Chapter 7, 8.6

Let G be a group of order 55

- (a) Prove that G is generated by elements x and y with relations $x^{11} = 1, y^5 = 1$ and $yxy^{-1} = x^r$.
- (b) Find the possible values of r.
- (c) Prove there are two isomorphism classes of G.