

Introduction to mathematical cryptography  
Homework problems  
Week 3

5. Assume  $G$  is a group, and  $H_1, H_2$  are subgroups of  $G$ . Prove that if  $H_1 \cup H_2$  is also a subgroup of  $G$ , then  $H_1 \subseteq H_2$  or  $H_2 \subseteq H_1$  (or equivalently, if  $H_1 \not\subseteq H_2$  and  $H_2 \not\subseteq H_1$ , then  $H_1 \cup H_2$  is not a subgroup of  $G$ ).
6. Prove that if  $A$  and  $B$  are independent events in a probability space, then  $A$  and  $B^c$  are also independent.

**Note:** Please, provide complete arguments everywhere, and explain how you arrived at your answer/solution. Giving the result without explanation leads to score deduction.