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the derived subgroup is normal

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We are going to prove:

"The derived subgroup (or commutator subgroup) $[G, G]$ is normal in G "

Proof:

We have to show that for each $x \in [G, G]$, gxg^{-1} it is also in $[G, G]$.

Since $[G, G]$ is the subgroup generated by the all commutators in G , then for each $x \in [G, G]$ we have $x = c_1 c_2 \cdots c_m$ -a word of commutators- so $c_i = [a_i, b_i]$ for all i .

Now taking any element of $g \in G$ we can see that

$$\begin{aligned} g[a_i, b_i]g^{-1} &= ga_i b_i a_i^{-1} b_i^{-1} g^{-1} \\ &= ga_i g^{-1} g b_i g^{-1} g a_i^{-1} g^{-1} g b_i^{-1} g^{-1} \\ &= (ga_i g^{-1})(g b_i g^{-1})(ga_i g^{-1})^{-1}(g b_i g^{-1})^{-1} \\ &= [ga_i g^{-1}, g b_i g^{-1}], \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$g[a_i, b_i]g^{-1} = [ga_i g^{-1}, g b_i g^{-1}]$$

so a conjugation of a commutator is another commutator, then for the conjugation

$$\begin{aligned} gxg^{-1} &= gc_1 c_2 \cdots c_m g^{-1} \\ &= gc_1 g^{-1} g c_2 g^{-1} g \cdots g^{-1} g c_m g^{-1} \\ &= (gc_1 g^{-1})(g c_2 g^{-1}) \cdots (g c_m g^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

is another word of commutators, hence gxg^{-1} is in $[G, G]$ which in turn implies that $[G, G]$ is normal in G , QED.