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conjugacy class

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$$(g,x)\mapsto gxg^{-1}$$

Since conjugation is an equivalence relation, we obtain a partition of G into equivalence classes, called *conjugacy classes*. So, the conjugacy class of X (represented C_x or C(x) is given by

$$C_x = \{ y \in X : y = gxg^{-1} \text{ for some } g \in G \}$$