

## L13: The three isomorphism theorems

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Thm 1  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  a group hom  $\Leftrightarrow G/\ker \varphi \cong \text{im } \varphi$ .

Def Let  $B \leq G$ , we define the normalizer of  $B$  in  $G$  to be  
 $N_G(B) = \{g \in G \mid gBg^{-1} = B\}.$

Lemma  $B \triangleleft N_G(B) \leq G$

Thm 2 Let  $A, B \leq G$  and suppose  $A \leq N_G(B)$ . Then

$$\frac{AB}{B} \cong \frac{A}{A \cap B}$$

where  $AB := \{ab \in G \mid a \in A, b \in B\}.$

In particular i)  $AB \leq G$

ii)  $B \triangleleft AB$

iii)  $A \cap B \triangleleft A$

Pf i)  $a_1 b_1 \cdot a_2 b_2 = a_1 a_2 \underbrace{a_2^{-1} b_1 a_2}_{\in B} b_2 \in AB$

$$(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1} a^{-1} = a^{-1} \underbrace{a b a^{-1}}_{\in B}$$

ii)  $AB \leq N_G(B) \cdot N_G(B) = N_G(B)$

Define  $\varphi: A \rightarrow \frac{AB}{B}$  by  $\varphi(a) = [a]$ .

Since  $\varphi$  is surj. ( $[ab] = abB = [a]$ ) we get

$$A/\ker \varphi \cong \frac{AB}{B}$$

But  $\ker \varphi \ni a \Leftrightarrow [a] = [e] \Leftrightarrow a \in B$

hence  $\ker \varphi = A \cap B$ , which also shows  $A \cap B \triangleleft A$ .

Thm 3 Suppose we are given  $H, K \triangleleft G$  s.t.  $H \leq K$ . Then

$$\frac{G/H}{K/H} \cong G/K$$

In part  $K/H \triangleleft G/H$ .

Pf Start with <sup>surj</sup>  $\psi_1: G \rightarrow G/K$  since  $H \leq K = \ker \psi_1$  we obtain  
 $\psi_2: G/H \rightarrow G/K$  still surj.  
 $\ker \psi_2 \ni [x]_{G/H} \Leftrightarrow x \in K \Leftrightarrow [x] \in K/H$  which implies the thm.  $\square$