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# center of a Hausdorff topological group is closed

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**Theorem -** Let  $G$  be a Hausdorff topological group. Then the center of  $G$  is a closed normal subgroup.

**Proof:** Let  $Z$  be the center of  $G$ . We know that  $Z$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Let us see that it is closed.

Let  $s \in \overline{Z}$ , the closure of  $Z$ . There exists a net  $\{s_\lambda\}$  in  $Z$  converging to  $s$ . Then, for every  $g \in G$ , we have that

- $gs_\lambda \longrightarrow gs$

- $s_\lambda g \longrightarrow sg$

But since  $Z$  is the center of  $G$  we have that  $gs_\lambda = s_\lambda g$ , and as  $G$  is Hausdorff one must have  $sg = gs$ . This implies that  $s \in Z$ , i.e.  $Z$  is closed.  $\square$