

Proof:

1. First, prove the relation to be equivalent:

- Reflective: $a \sim a \Rightarrow f(a) = f(a)$, TRUE.
- Symmetric: $a \sim b \Rightarrow f(a) = f(b) \Rightarrow f(b) = f(a) \Rightarrow b \sim a$, TRUE.
- transitive: $a \sim b, b \sim c \Rightarrow f(a) = f(b), f(b) = f(c) \Rightarrow f(a) = f(c) \Rightarrow a \sim c$, TRUE.

2. Then, prove its equivalence classes to be the fibers of f :

Let C be the set of equivalence classes of A under \sim , and let F be the set of fibers of f . We will show that $C = F$.

Take an arbitrary element $a \in A$. The equivalence class of $a \in A$ is:

$$\begin{aligned} \{x \in A \mid x \sim a\} &= \{x \in A \mid f(x) = f(a)\} \\ &= f^{-1}\{f(a)\} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

which by definition is the fiber of f .

Since a was arbitrary, every equivalence class is a fiber of f , i.e. $C \subseteq F$.

Conversely, let F' be an arbitrary fiber of f for some $b \in B$. Then by definition,

$$\begin{aligned} F' &= f^{-1}\{b\} \\ &= \{x \in A \mid f(x) = b\} \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

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Since f is surjective, $\exists a \in A$ s.t. $f(a) = b$. Consider the equivalence class of a :

$$\begin{aligned} \{x \in A \mid x \sim a\} &= \{x \in A \mid f(x) = f(a)\} \\ &= \{x \in A \mid f(x) = b\} \\ &= F'. \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Since F' was arbitrary, every fiber of f is an equivalence class, i.e. $F \subseteq C$. Thus, $C = F$. ■

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Prove by contradiction:

1. Consider an arbitrary **column** in the multiplication table of G . Suppose that the column is *not* a permutation of G .

Then there would be at least two identical elements in this column, which we denote as a . This implies that

$$\exists x, y \in G, x \neq y, \text{ s.t. } xa = ya \quad (4)$$

Applying x^{-1} from right on both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} x^{-1}xa &= x^{-1}ya \\ a &= x^{-1}ya \\ \Rightarrow x^{-1}y &= e. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Since inverse of an element is unique, $y = x$, which is a contradiction.

2. Similarly, consider arbitrary **row** in the multiplication table of G . Suppose that this row is *not* a permutation of G , i.e. there are at least two repeating elements, denoted as b . This implies

$$\exists x, y \in G, x \neq y, \text{ s.t. } xa = xb. \quad (6)$$

Applying a^{-1} from left on both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} xaa^{-1} &= xba^{-1} \\ x &= xba^{-1} \\ \Rightarrow ba^{-1} &= e. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Since inverse of an element is unique, $b = a$, a contradiction. ■

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