

Indeed, I'd suppose the following material has been covered up to now.

• Subgroups and their associated theorems

• Cyclic groups.

• Cosets and Lagrange theorem and its consequences.

• Normal subgroups and quotient groups ...

After the quiz, we will solve four problems.

① An instructive theorem: $HK = KH \iff HK$ is a subgroup of G .

② If G is a group in which $(a \cdot b)^i = a^i b^i$ for three consecutive integers i and $\forall a, b \in G$, G is abelian.

③ Counter example to problem 4 of set I/1.

④ Any subgroup of a cyclic group is itself a cyclic group.

Thm ①: \implies Let's check group axioms.

#1, Associative. \checkmark

#2, neutral element \rightarrow since $e \in H, e \in H \rightarrow ee = e \in HK$

#3 Closed?

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \alpha = hk \in HK \\ \beta = h'k' \in HK \end{array} \right\} \alpha\beta = hk h'k' = h(kh')k'$$

since $KH = HK \Rightarrow kh' = \bar{h}\bar{k}$ for some $\begin{cases} \bar{h} \in H \\ \bar{k} \in K \end{cases}$

$$\alpha\beta = h(\bar{h}\bar{k})k' = (h\bar{h})(\bar{k}k') \in HK \quad (\text{Closed } \emptyset)$$

#4 inverse.

$$\alpha^{-1} = k'^{-1}h^{-1} \in KH \quad \text{since } KH = HK$$

$$k'^{-1}h^{-1} = \bar{h}\bar{k} \quad \text{f.o.r. } \begin{cases} \bar{k} \in K \\ \bar{h} \in H \end{cases} \Rightarrow \alpha^{-1} = \bar{h}\bar{k} \in HK \quad \emptyset$$



For all $h \in H, k \in K \xrightarrow{\text{inv}} h^{-1} \in H, k^{-1} \in K \Rightarrow h^{-1}k^{-1} \in HK$

since HK itself is a group $\Rightarrow (h^{-1}k^{-1})^{-1} = kh \in HK$

$$\Rightarrow KH \subset HK \dots (*)$$

Consider any element $x \in HK$ since HK is a subgroup

so $x^{-1} \in HK$, so $x^{-1} = \tilde{h}\tilde{k}$.

$$\Rightarrow x = (x^{-1})^{-1} = \tilde{k}^{-1}\tilde{h}^{-1} \in KH.$$

Therefore, $(x \in HK \Rightarrow x \in KH) \Rightarrow HK \subset KH \quad (**)$

$$(*) \wedge (**) \rightarrow HK = KH.$$

② suppose it holds for $\{i, i+1, i+2\}$.

$$\underline{a(a^i \cdot b)b^i} = \underline{a^{i+1} \cdot b^{i+1}} \quad \text{assumption}$$

$$(a \cdot b)^{i+1} = (a \cdot b)(a \cdot b)^i \\ = \underline{a \cdot (b \cdot a^i)b^i}$$

Cancellation gives $a^i b = b a^i$

just take $i \rightarrow i+1$ and it gives $a^{i+1} b = b a^{i+1}$

Now,
$$a \cdot (a^i \cdot b) = a(b \cdot a^i) = (a \cdot b)(a^i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} b \cdot a^{i+1} &= a^{i+1} \cdot b \\ \parallel & \\ (b \cdot a) a^i & \end{aligned}$$

cancellation law

$$\rightarrow ab = ba$$

If

(i) $\exists e \in G : a \cdot e = a$ for all $a \in G$.

(ii) $\forall a \in G \exists y(a) \in G : y(a) \cdot a = e$.

(i) (right identity, left inverse) doesn't constitute a group

This (Right Identity + left inverse) doesn't constitute a group!

Let G be an arbitrary set with more than two elements.

$$\cdot : G \times G \longrightarrow G$$

$$\forall a, b \in G \quad a \cdot b = a$$

① closed \checkmark

$$\textcircled{2} \begin{cases} a \cdot (b \cdot c) = a \cdot b = a \\ (a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot c = a \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{Associative}$$

③ choose an arbitrary element $e \in G \rightarrow$

$$\forall a \in G \quad a \cdot e = a \rightarrow \text{(i) holds.}$$

④ Given $a \in G$, take the left inverse $y(a) = e$
(the chosen element) :

$$y(a) \cdot a = e \cdot a = e \rightarrow \text{(ii) holds.}$$

But clearly (G, \cdot) doesn't constitute a group!

We expect that inverses in G to be two-sided.

$$\text{but } a \cdot y(a) = a \cdot e = a \neq e \quad (!)$$

Similarly, neutral element isn't two-sided:

$$e \cdot a = e \neq a \quad !$$

So (i), (ii) are not good manifestation of group axioms!

$$G = \langle g \rangle$$

Let i be the smallest integer such that $g^i \in H$.

For any $g^j \in H$, divide j by i $\Rightarrow j = ai + b$
with $0 \leq b < i$.

$$g^j = g^{ai+b} \rightarrow g^b = g^j g^{-ai} = \underbrace{g^j}_{\in H} (\underbrace{g^i}_{\in H})^{-a} \in H$$

But i was the smallest one!

$$\Rightarrow b = 0 \Rightarrow g^j = (g^i)^a \rightarrow H = \langle g^i \rangle$$

BONUS (For someone OTB):

$$H \subset G, a \in G$$

show that $aHa^{-1} = \{aha^{-1} \mid h \in H\} \subset G$

i) $e \in aHa^{-1}$, since $e \in H \Rightarrow aea^{-1} = e \in aHa^{-1}$

ii) Associativity inherits.

iii) closed $x, y \in aHa^{-1} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x = ah_1a^{-1} \\ y = ah_2a^{-1} \end{cases}$

$$\text{so } xy = (ah_1a^{-1})(ah_2a^{-1}) = a \underbrace{h_1h_2}_H a^{-1} \in aHa^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv) Inverse : } x = \underbrace{ah_1a^{-1}}_{aHa^{-1}} &\rightarrow x^{-1} = (a^{-1})^{-1} h_1^{-1} a^{-1} \\ &= ah_1^{-1}a^{-1} \in aHa^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

what's the order of aHa^{-1} ?

$$\text{Take } f: H \rightarrow aHa^{-1} \quad f(h) = ah_1a^{-1}$$

$$\text{Injective : } f(h_1) = f(h_2) \implies h_1 = h_2$$

\downarrow

$$ah_1a^{-1} = ah_2a^{-1} \longrightarrow \text{multiply by } a^{-1}, a \longrightarrow$$

$$h_1 = h_2 \quad \square$$

surjective : Take an element $ah_1a^{-1} \in aHa^{-1}$,

by definition of aHa^{-1} , $\bar{h} \in H$

$$\text{so } f \text{ maps } \bar{h} \text{ to } f(\bar{h}) = a\bar{h}a^{-1}, \quad \square$$

$$\implies |O(H)| = |O(aHa^{-1})| \quad \checkmark$$