

Lemma: In a group  $\langle G, \cdot \rangle$ , then  
 $(a \cdot b)^{-1} = b^{-1} \cdot a^{-1}$ ,  $\forall a, b \in G$ .

Proof. We have:  
 $(a \cdot b) \cdot (a \cdot b)^{-1} = e_G$ , the identity in  $G$   
 $\Rightarrow \bar{a}^{-1} \cdot (a \cdot b) \cdot (a \cdot b)^{-1} = \bar{a}^{-1} \cdot e_G = \bar{a}^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow (\bar{a}^{-1} \cdot a) \cdot b \cdot (a \cdot b)^{-1} = \bar{a}^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow e_G \cdot b \cdot (a \cdot b)^{-1} = \bar{a}^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow b \cdot (a \cdot b)^{-1} = \bar{a}^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow (\bar{b}^{-1} \cdot b) \cdot (a \cdot b)^{-1} = \bar{b}^{-1} \cdot \bar{a}^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow e_G \cdot (a \cdot b)^{-1} = \bar{b}^{-1} \cdot \bar{a}^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow \boxed{(a \cdot b)^{-1} = \bar{b}^{-1} \cdot \bar{a}^{-1}}$ .

Problem: A group  $\langle G, \cdot \rangle$  is abelian,  
iff  $(a \cdot b)^{-1} = \bar{a}^{-1} \cdot \bar{b}^{-1}$ ,  $\forall a, b \in G$ .

Proof.

$(\Rightarrow)$ : Given  $G$  is an abelian group  
i.e.,  $a, b \in G$ ,  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$ .

R.T.P.  $(a \cdot b)^{-1} = \bar{a}^{-1} \cdot \bar{b}^{-1}$

We have:  $(a \cdot b)^{-1} = \bar{b}^{-1} \bar{a}^{-1}$  in a group  $G$ ,  
 $\forall a, b \in G$ .

Now,  $(a \cdot b)^{-1} = (b \cdot a)^{-1}$   
 $= \underline{\underline{\bar{a}^{-1} \cdot \bar{b}^{-1}}}$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ): Given  $(a \cdot b)^{-1} = \bar{a}' \cdot \bar{b}'$ ,  $\forall a, b \in G$ .

R.T.P.  $G$  is abelian i.e.,  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$ ,  
 $\forall a, b \in G$ .

We have:

$$(a \cdot b)^{-1} = \bar{a}' \cdot \bar{b}'$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{(a \cdot b) \cdot (a \cdot b)^{-1}} = (a \cdot b) \cdot \bar{a}' \cdot \bar{b}'$$

$$\Rightarrow e_G = a \cdot (b \cdot \bar{a}') \cdot \bar{b}' \text{, where } e_G \in G \text{ is the 'identity'}$$

$$\Rightarrow a \cdot (b \cdot \bar{a}') \cdot \underline{\bar{b}' \cdot b} = e_G \cdot b = b$$

$$\Rightarrow (a \cdot b) \cdot \bar{a}' = \underline{e_G} = b$$

$$\Rightarrow (a \cdot b) \cdot (\bar{a}' \cdot a) = b \cdot a$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a \cdot b = b \cdot a} \quad e_G$$

Problem [left and right cosets]

Given  $S_3 = \{e, (1\ 2), (1\ 3), (2\ 3), (1\ 2\ 3), (1\ 3\ 2)\}$  is a group

where  $e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  is identity element,

$$(1\ 2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, (1\ 3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$(2\ 3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, (1\ 2\ 3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(1\ 3\ 2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $H = \{e, (1\ 2)\} \subseteq S_3$ .

$H$  is a subgroup, because

$$(i) e \in H$$

$$(ii) \forall h_1, h_2 \in H, h_1 \cdot h_2^{-1} \in H$$

for example,  $h_1 = e, h_2 = (1\ 2)$

$$h_2^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then,  $h_1 \cdot h_2^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \in H$$

$$= (1\ 2) \in H$$

↳ The left cosets of  $G = S_3$  relative to subgroup  $H$  are:

$$e \cdot H = e \cdot \{e, (1\ 2)\} = \{e, (1\ 2)\}$$

$$(1\ 2) \cdot H = \{(1\ 2), e\}$$

$$(1\ 3) \cdot H = \{(1\ 3), (1\ 2\ 3)\}$$

$$(2\ 3) \cdot H = \{(2\ 3), (1\ 3\ 2)\}$$

$$(1\ 2\ 3) \cdot H = \{(1\ 2\ 3), (1\ 3)\}$$

$$(1\ 3\ 2) \cdot H = \{(1\ 3\ 2), (2\ 3)\}$$

∴ The distinct left cosets are:

$$e \cdot H, (1\ 3) \cdot H, \text{ and } (2\ 3) \cdot H.$$

↳ The right cosets of  $S_3$  relative to  $H$  are:

$$H \cdot e = \{e, (1\ 2)\} = H$$

$$H \cdot (1\ 2) = \{(1\ 2), e\} = H$$

$$H \cdot (1\ 3) = \{(1\ 3), (1\ 3\ 2)\}$$

$$H \cdot (2\ 3) = \{(2\ 3), (1\ 2\ 3)\}$$

$$H \cdot (1\ 2\ 3) = \{(1\ 2\ 3), (2\ 3)\} = H \cdot (2\ 3)$$

$$H \cdot (1\ 3\ 2) = \{(1\ 3\ 2), (1\ 3)\} = H \cdot (1\ 3)$$

$\therefore$  The distinct right cosets are:  
 $H \cdot e$ ,  $H \cdot (1\ 3)$ , and  $H \cdot (2\ 3)$ .



Problem: If  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $\langle G, \cdot \rangle$  and  $h \in H$ , then  $h \cdot H = H \cdot h = H$ .

Proof. Given  $H$  is a subgroup of a group  $G$   
 $\therefore \forall h_1, h_2 \in H, h_1, h_2^{-1} \in H$

Given  $h \in H$ .

R.T.P.  $h \cdot H = H$  i.e.,  $h \cdot H \subseteq H$  and  $H \subseteq h \cdot H$

(i)  $h \cdot H \subseteq H$  i.e.,  $h \cdot H \subseteq H$  and  $H \subseteq h \cdot H$

$h \cdot H =$  left coset of  $H$  in  $G$   
 $= \{h \cdot h' \mid h' \in H\}$

$H \cdot h =$  right coset of  $H$  in  $G$   
 $= \{h' \cdot h \mid h' \in H\}$ .

(i) Let  $h' \in H$ .

Then,  $h \cdot h' \in H$ , by the closure of  $H$

Also,  $\boxed{h \cdot h' \in h \cdot H}$

we have:  $\left. \begin{array}{l} h \cdot h' \in h \cdot H \\ \text{and } h \cdot h' \in H \end{array} \right\}$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{h \cdot H \subseteq H} \dots (1)$

Again, let  $h' \in H$

Then,  $h' = e \cdot h'$ , where  $e \in H$  is the identity

$$= (h \cdot h^{-1}) \cdot h'$$

$$= h \cdot (h^{-1} \cdot h'), \quad h^{-1} \in H$$

$$\in h \cdot H$$

Since  $h^{-1} \in H$  and  $h' \in H \Rightarrow h^{-1} \cdot h' \in H$

$$\therefore H \subseteq h.H \quad \dots (2)$$

from (1) & (2):  $\boxed{h.H = H}$

(ii) Let  $h' \in H$ .

R.T.P (a)  $H.h \subseteq H$ , where  $H.h = \{h'.h \mid h' \in H\}$

$$\therefore h \in H, h' \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{h'.h \in H.h}, \text{ by def}^n.$$

Since  $H$  is a subgroup, so

$$h' \in H \text{ and } h \in H \Rightarrow \boxed{h'.h \in H}$$

$$\therefore H.h \subseteq H \quad \dots (3)$$

(b) Again, let  $h' \in H$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } h' &= h'. \underbrace{(h^{-1}.h)}_e \\ &= (h'.h^{-1}).h \\ &\in H.h \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Since } h' \in H, h^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow h'.h^{-1} \in H.$$

$$\therefore H \subseteq H.h \quad \dots (4)$$

from (3) & (4):  $\boxed{H.h = H}$

## Problem:

Given  $\forall g \in G$ ,  
 $N_g = \{ h \mid h \cdot g \cdot h^{-1} = g \}$  which  
is the "normalizer" of  $g$ .

R.T.P.  $N_g$  is a subgroup of  $G$ ,  
 $\forall g \in G$ .

i.e., R.T.P.:  $\forall h_1, h_2 \in N_g, \underline{h_1 \cdot h_2^{-1}} \in N_g$ .

i.e., R.T.P.

$$\forall h_1, h_2 \in N_g, (h_1 \cdot h_2^{-1}) \cdot g \cdot (h_1 \cdot h_2^{-1})^{-1} = g$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } & (h_1 \cdot h_2^{-1}) \cdot g \cdot (h_1 \cdot h_2^{-1})^{-1} \\ &= h_1 \cdot h_2^{-1} \cdot g \cdot (h_2^{-1})^{-1} \cdot h_1^{-1} \\ &= h_1 \cdot (h_2^{-1} \cdot g \cdot h_2) \cdot h_1^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  R.T.P.  $\forall h_1, h_2 \in N_g,$   
 $h_1 \cdot (h_2^{-1} \cdot g \cdot h_2) \cdot h_1^{-1} = g$

