

Let G be a group. Let $H \trianglelefteq G$ (i.e., H is a normal subgroup of G).

Let $\phi : G \rightarrow G/H$ be the quotient map.

For $g \in G$, we have $\phi(g) = gH$.

Now, let $K \leq G$ be a subgroup.

Then $\phi(K) = \{kH : k \in K\} = KH/H$.

Also, $\ker(\phi|_K) = K \cap H$.

So by the first isomorphism theorem:

$$K/(K \cap H) \cong KH/H$$

Now, if $K \leq H$, then $K \cap H = K$ and $KH = H$, so:

$$K/K \cong H/H \Rightarrow \{1\} \cong \{1\}$$

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This is consistent.

Now, consider the case where $K \not\leq H$ and $H \not\leq K$ as well.

Then KH is a subgroup of G .

Since $H \trianglelefteq G$ and $K \trianglelefteq KH$, we have $KH = HK$ and $KHG = KHG$.

Then:

$$G/KH \cong (G/H)/(KH/H)$$

This is the third isomorphism theorem.

Also, $K \cap KH = K$ and:

$$G/(K \cap KH) \cong (G/K) \times (G/H)$$

if $G = KH$ and $K \cap H = \{1\}$ (direct product).

Let $a, b \in G$. Then:

$$ab = ba? \quad \text{Not necessarily, unless } G \text{ is abelian}$$

If $k \in K$, then $\phi(k) = kH$.

Since $K \trianglelefteq KH$, we have $gkg^{-1} \in K$ for all $g \in G$.

In particular, for $h \in H$, we have $hkh^{-1} \in K$.

But since $H \trianglelefteq G$, we also have $khk^{-1} \in H$.

So K and H normalize each other.

Then $[K, H] \leq K \cap H$.

If $K \cap H = \{1\}$, then $[K, H] = \{1\}$, so K and H commute elementwise.

Then $KH \cong K \times H$.

This is a common situation in group theory.