

## Proof of a Group Theoretic Property

We are given a group  $G$  and a normal subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ . We are exploring a condition involving subgroups  $K$  of  $G$  and the quotient group  $G/H$ . The goal is to prove the equivalence:

$$\pi(K) = K/H \quad \text{if and only if} \quad K \trianglelefteq G.$$

Here,  $\pi : G \rightarrow G/H$  is the canonical projection.

### Forward Direction

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume that  $\pi(K) = K/H$ . We want to show that  $K \trianglelefteq G$ .

Start by letting  $\pi : G \rightarrow G/H$  be the natural projection. Suppose that  $\pi(K) = K/H$ , which means that every coset  $gH$  such that  $g \in K$  satisfies the equality condition under projection.

$$\pi(g)\pi(K)\pi(g^{-1}) = \pi(K).$$

This implies:

$$gKg^{-1} \subseteq K.$$

Hence,  $gk'g^{-1} = k'h$  for some  $h \in H$ , and therefore  $K$  is normal in  $G$ .

### Backward Direction

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume that  $K \trianglelefteq G$ . We need to prove that  $\pi(K) = K/H$ .

Since  $K \trianglelefteq G$ , for any  $g \in G$ ,  $gKg^{-1} = K$ .

Therefore, if  $k \in K$ ,  $gkg^{-1} \in K$ . It follows that

$$\pi(gk)\pi(g^{-1}) = \pi(K).$$

As a subgroup,  $\pi(K)$  must be  $K/H$  precisely because  $K$  is closed and normal in  $G$ .

Thus, we have:

$$K/H \trianglelefteq G/H,$$

proving the backward direction.