

§ 7

7.1  $\Rightarrow$  Suppose  $N \trianglelefteq G$ . Then (by Def<sup>n</sup> 7.1)  
 $N^g = N \quad \forall g \in G. \therefore g^{-1}ng \in N \quad \forall n \in N \text{ and } \forall g \in G.$

$\Leftarrow$  Now suppose  $g^{-1}ng \in N \quad \forall n \in N \text{ and } \forall g \in G.$   
 $\therefore N^x \subseteq N \quad \forall x \in G \quad (*)$

Let  $g \in G$  — we show that  $N^g = N$ . By  $(*)$   
 $N^g \subseteq N$ . Also by  $(*)$   $N^{g^{-1}} \subseteq N$ . Hence  
 $N = N^1 = N^{(g^{-1}g)} = (N^{g^{-1}})^g \subseteq N^g$  (using 1.3.1).  
 Thus  $N^g = N$  and so  $N \trianglelefteq G$  (by Def<sup>n</sup> 7.1).

7.2 (i) Lemma 4.7  $\Rightarrow Z(G) \neq 1$ . Since  $G \neq Z(G)$  ( $G$  is not abelian),  $|Z(G)| = p$  or  $p^2$   
 by Lagrange's theorem. If  $|Z(G)| = p^2$ , then  
 $|G/Z(G)| = p$ , and so  $G/Z(G) \cong \mathbb{Z}_p$ . In particular,  
 $G/Z(G)$  is cyclic. By Lemma 7.6  $G$  is abelian,  
 a contradiction. So  $|Z(G)| \neq p^2. \therefore |Z(G)| = p$ .

(ii) Let  $g \in G \setminus Z(G)$ . Note that  $Z(G) \subseteq C_G(g)$ .

Since  $C_G(g) \leq G$ ,  $|C_G(g)| = p, p^2$  or  $p^3$  by Lagrange's theorem. If  $|C_G(g)| = p$ , then  $Z(G) = C_G(g)$  which is impossible as  $g \in C_G(g)$  and  $g \notin Z(G)$ . If  $|C_G(g)| = p^3$ , then  $C_G(g) = G$  and so  $g \in Z(G)$  whereas  $g \notin Z(G)$ .

$$\therefore |C_G(g)| = p^2 \text{ and so } |g^G| = [G : C_G(g)] \\ = \frac{|G|}{|C_G(g)|} = \frac{p^3}{p^2} = p.$$

Now  $Z(G)$  consists of  $p$  conjugacy classes (as  $|Z(G)| = p$ ) and, using (ii),  $G \setminus Z(G)$  consists of  $\frac{p^3 - p}{p} = p^2 - 1$  conjugacy classes.

$\therefore G$  has  $p + p^2 - 1$  conjugacy classes.

$$7.3 \quad HN = \bigcup_{h \in H} hN = \bigcup_{h \in H} Nh = NH.$$

↑  
Lemma 7.2(iv) as  $N \trianglelefteq G$

$\therefore NH \leq G$  by Lemma 3.5.

7.4 (i) Since  $N_1 \leq G$  and  $N_2 \leq G$ ,  $N_1 \cap N_2 \leq G$ .

Let  $g \in G$  and  $n \in N_1 \cap N_2$ . Since  $N_i \trianglelefteq G$ ,  $g^{-1}ng \in N_i$  ( $i=1,2$ ) by Lemma 7.2 (iii) (see q 7.1)

$\therefore g^{-1}ng \in N_1 \cap N_2$  and hence  $N_1 \cap N_2 \trianglelefteq G$  by Lemma 7.2 (iii).

(ii) By q 7.3  $N_1 N_2 \leq G$ . Let  $g \in G$  and  $n \in N_1 N_2$ . Then  $n = n_1 n_2$  for some  $n_1 \in N_1$  and  $n_2 \in N_2$ . Now

$$g^{-1}ng = g^{-1}n_1 n_2 g = g^{-1}n_1 g g^{-1}n_2 g \in N_1 N_2$$

since  $g^{-1}n_1 g \in N_1$ ,  $g^{-1}n_2 g \in N_2$  (as  $N_1 \trianglelefteq G$ ,  $N_2 \trianglelefteq G$ ).

$\therefore N_1 N_2 \trianglelefteq G$  by Lemma 7.2 (iii).

7.5 (i) Let  $h \in H$  and  $n \in H \cap N$ . Since  $N \trianglelefteq G$ ,  $h^{-1}nh \in N$ . Because  $H \leq G$  and  $n, h \in H$ ,

$h^{-1}nh \in H$  also.  $\therefore h^{-1}nh \in H \cap N$ . We already

have  $H \cap N \leq H$  and so  $H \cap N \trianglelefteq H$  by

Lemma 7.2 (iii).

(ii) Already know  $C_G(N) \leq G$ . Let  $g \in G$

and  $c \in C_G(N)$ . Aim to show  $g^{-1}cg \in C_G(N)$ .

Let  $n$  be an arbitrary element of  $N$ .

Since  $N^g = N$ ,  $n = g^{-1}n_1g$  for some  $n_1 \in N$ .

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} (g^{-1}cg)n &= g^{-1}cg g^{-1}n_1g \\ &= g^{-1}cn_1g \\ &= g^{-1}n_1cg \quad (\text{as } c \in C_G(N) \text{ and } n_1 \in N) \\ &= g^{-1}n_1g g^{-1}cg \\ &= n(g^{-1}cg) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore g^{-1}cg \in C_G(N)$  and so  $N \trianglelefteq G$  by Lemma 7.2(ii').

7.6 (i)

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$\overline{(23)}$	$\overline{(23)}$	$\overline{(12)}$	$\overline{(1234)}$	$\overline{(234)}$	$\overline{(123)}$	$\overline{(1)}$

(ii) By (i)  $G/N$  is not abelian, and so, as  $|G/N|=6$ ,  $G/N \cong S_3$  (by HINT).

(iii) Three subgroups of  $G/N$  of order 2 are:-  $\langle \overline{(1234)} \rangle$ ,  $\langle \overline{(12)} \rangle$  and  $\langle \overline{(23)} \rangle$ . The three subgroups of  $G$  of order 8 containing  $N$  are:-

$$\overline{(1)} \cup \overline{(1234)} = \{ (1), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23), (1234), (13), (1432), (24) \} = \langle (1234), (13) \rangle.$$

$$\overline{(1)} \cup \overline{(12)} = \{ (1), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23), (12), (34), (1324), (1423) \} = \langle (1324), (34) \rangle$$

$$\overline{(1)} \cup \overline{(23)} = \{ (1), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23), (23), (1342), (1243), (14) \} = \langle (1243), (23) \rangle$$

7.7 (i)  $x^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \in N \therefore \text{order } \bar{x} = 2$

$$y^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \in N \therefore \text{order } \bar{y} = 2$$

$$z^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \in N \therefore \text{order } \bar{z} = 2$$

$$w^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \notin N$$

$$\omega^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in N \therefore \text{order } \bar{\omega} = 3$$

(ii) Partial multiplication:-

	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{x}$	$\bar{y}$	$\bar{z}$
$\bar{1}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{x}$	$\bar{y}$	$\bar{z}$
$\bar{x}$	$\bar{x}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{z}$	$\bar{y}$
$\bar{y}$	$\bar{y}$	$\bar{z}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{x}$
$\bar{z}$	$\bar{z}$	$\bar{y}$	$\bar{x}$	$\bar{1}$

$\Rightarrow \{\bar{1}, \bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}\}$  is a subgroup of  $G/N$ .

(Example of calculations:-

$$xy = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \overline{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}} = \overline{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

$$\text{as } \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ So } \bar{x}\bar{y} = \bar{z}.$$

(iii)  $\bar{\omega}^{-1}\bar{x}\bar{\omega} = \overline{\omega^{-1}x\omega}$ . Now

$$\omega^{-1}x\omega = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = y$$

$$\therefore \bar{\omega}^{-1}\bar{x}\bar{\omega} = \bar{y}.$$

$$\bar{\omega}^{-2}\bar{x}\bar{\omega}^2 = \overline{\omega^{-2}x\omega^2}$$

$$(\text{note } \omega^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ so } \omega^{-2} = \omega)$$

$$\omega^{-2}x\omega^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \omega^{-2} = \omega$$

$$\text{Now } \overline{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}} = \overline{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}} \text{ as } \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \bar{\omega}^{-2}\bar{x}\bar{\omega}^2 = \bar{z}$$

(iv)  $G/N \cong A_4$ .

7.8 (Notation as in question and HINTS)

$\phi: G/N \rightarrow G/M$  defined by  $\bar{g}\phi = \tilde{g}$ .

(a) If  $\bar{g} = \bar{g}_1$ , then  $gg_1^{-1} \in N$  (by Theorem 1.5(ii)).

So  $gg_1^{-1} \in M$  since  $N \leq M$ . Hence  $\tilde{g} = \tilde{g}_1$  (by Theorem 1.5(ii)).

$$\therefore \bar{g}\phi = \tilde{g} = \tilde{g}_1 = \bar{g}_1\phi.$$

$$(b) \ker \phi = \{ \bar{g} \in G/N \mid \bar{g}\phi = 1_{G/M} \} = \\ \{ \bar{g} \in G/N \mid \tilde{g} = \tilde{1} \} = \{ \bar{g} \in G/N \mid g \in M \} = M/N.$$

(c) Let  $\tilde{g} \in G/M$  (so  $g \in G$ ). Then  $\bar{g} \in G/N$  and  $\bar{g}\phi = \tilde{g}$ . Thus the image of  $\phi$  is  $G/M$ .

$$\text{So } (G/N)/(M/N) = (G/N)/\ker \phi \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{im } \phi = G/M$$

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$$\therefore (G/N)/(M/N) \cong G/M.$$