

Recall: (Lagrange's Theorem) Let $|G| < \infty$ and $H \leq G$.
We have $|H| \mid |G|$.

Corollary: Let G be a finite group.

(1) For any $g \in G$, $|g| \mid |G|$.

(2) If $|G| = p = \text{prime}$, then G is cyclic.

proof: (1) Recall that $|g| = |\langle g \rangle|$.

From Lagrange's Theorem, $|\langle g \rangle| \mid |G|$.

Hence $|g| \mid |G|$.

(2) Let $g \in G$, $g \neq e_G$.

Know $\{e_G\} \subset \langle g \rangle$ and $|\langle g \rangle| \mid |G| \Leftrightarrow |\langle g \rangle| \mid p$.

Hence $|\langle g \rangle| = 1, p$.

However $|\langle g \rangle| \neq 1$ since $g \neq e_G$.

So $|\langle g \rangle| = p$, thus $\langle g \rangle = G$.

Exercise: Let $G = (\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z})^\times$. Calculate all left cosets of $H = \langle [5]_8 \rangle$

$$\langle [5]_8 \rangle = \{ [5]_8^k : k \in \mathbb{Z} \} = \{ [1]_8, [5]_8 \}$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z})^\times = \{ [1]_8, [3]_8, [5]_8, [7]_8 \}$$

$$gH = \{ [1]_8 H = H = \{ [1]_8, [5]_8 \}, [3]_8 H = \{ [3]_8, [7]_8 \} = [7]_8 H \}$$

Note: If we have a group G and a subgroup H , we don't always have $gH = Hg$.

Definition: Given a subgroup $H \leq G$, we say H is a normal subgroup and write $H \trianglelefteq G$ if $gH = Hg$ for every $g \in G$.

Equality of sets

Warning: $gH = Hg$ does NOT mean $gh = hg \forall h \in H$.

Example: Let $G = D_3$. Let $H = \langle r \rangle = \{e, r, r^2\}$. Claim: $H \trianglelefteq D_3$.

Note that $|H| = 3$ and $|D_3| = 6$. There are two distinct cosets.

$$H = \{e, r, r^2\}$$

$$\sigma H = \{\sigma, \sigma r, \sigma r^2\}$$

$$He = \{e, r, r^2\} = eH$$

$$H\sigma = \{\sigma, r\sigma, r^2\sigma\}$$

Note $eH = He$ and $\sigma H = H\sigma$. Thus $H \trianglelefteq D_3$.

However, $\sigma r \neq r\sigma$ and ...

$$(123)(123) = (132)$$

$$(123)(132) = (1)(2)(3) = e$$

Exercise: (1) Let $G = S_3$ and $H = \langle (123) \rangle$. Compute the left and right cosets of H .

Is H normal?

$$H = \{e, (123), (132)\}$$

$$S_3 = \{e, (123), (132), (23), (12), (13)\}$$

→ Two unique cosets

$$eH = \{e, (123), (132)\} = H$$

$$(12)H = \{(12), (13), (23)\} = H(12)$$

Hence $H \trianglelefteq G$.

Recall Prop 18.

$$G = \bigsqcup_{g \in G} gH$$

$$gK = Kg, \quad gN = Ng$$

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$$g = K_1 g K_1^{-1}$$

$$K_1 g K_1^{-1} n = n_1 g$$

Let $n \in N, h \in K$

(2) Let G be a group. Prove $H \trianglelefteq G$ iff for every $g \in G, gHg^{-1} = H$,

where $gHg^{-1} = \{ghg^{-1} : h \in H\}$

proof. (\Rightarrow) Assume $ghg^{-1} \in gHg^{-1}$.

Since H is normal, $gh = h_1g$ for some $h_1 \in H$.

Thus $ghg^{-1} = h_1gg^{-1} = h_1 \in H$.

So $ghg^{-1} \in H$, i.e., $gHg^{-1} \subseteq H$.

Let $h \in H$. Since $H \trianglelefteq G$, $hg = gh_1$ for some $h_1 \in H$.

Thus $h = gh_1g^{-1} \in gHg^{-1}$, i.e., $H \subseteq gHg^{-1}$.

Thus $gHg^{-1} = H$.

(\Leftarrow) Assume $gHg^{-1} = H \quad \forall g \in G$. WTS $gH = Hg \quad \forall g \in G$.

Let $gh \in gH$. We have $ghg^{-1} \in gHg^{-1} = H$, so

$ghg^{-1} = h_1$ for some $h_1 \in H$. Thus $gh = h_1g$, so $gH \subseteq Hg$.

Let $hg \in Hg$. We have

Theorem: Let $H \trianglelefteq G$. If $aH = cH$ and $bH = dH$, then $abH = cdH$ for any $a, b, c, d \in G$.

Proof: Let $abh \in abH$. Since $aH = cH$, $\exists h_1 \in H$ s.t. $ae_1 = ch_1$ for some $h_1 \in H$.

Since $bH = dH$, $bh = dh_2$ for some $h_2 \in H$.

Note now that $abh = ch_1dh_2$.

Since $H \trianglelefteq G$, we have $h_1d = dh_3$ for some $h_3 \in H$.

Thus $abh = ch_1dh_2 = cdh_3h_2 \in H$.

Hence $abH \subseteq cdH$.

Show $cdH \subseteq abH$ as exercise. \square

Exercise: Let $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$ be a homomorphism. Show $\text{Ker } \varphi \trianglelefteq G$.

Proof: Let $K = \text{Ker } \varphi$.

We can show $gKg^{-1} = K \quad \forall g \in G$.

Let $gkg^{-1} \in gKg^{-1}$. We have $\varphi(gkg^{-1}) = \dots = e_H$.

Thus $gkg^{-1} \in K$, and $gKg^{-1} \subseteq K$.

Let $k \in K$. W.T.S. $k = gkg^{-1}$ for some $k_1 \in K$.

Note