

Let  $G$  be a finite group. For arbitrary sets  $U, V, W \subset G$ , denote by  $N_{UVW}$  the number of triples  $(x, y, z) \in U \times V \times W$  for which  $xyz$  is the unity.

Suppose that  $G$  is partitioned into three sets  $A, B$  and  $C$  (i.e. sets  $A, B, C$  are pairwise disjoint and  $G = A \cup B \cup C$ ). Prove that  $N_{ABC} = N_{CBA}$ .