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Normal subgroup : $aH = Ha \quad \forall a \in G$

E.g : all subgroups of a commutative group.

$$H = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, \dots, h_n\}$$

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$$Ha = \{h_1a, h_2a, \dots, h_na\}$$

These 2 sets are same
i.e. all the elements
present in aH are
also present in Ha .

→ that doesn't mean $ah_1 = h_1a$

$ah_1 = h_3a$ → possible

Defn : A subgroup H of a group G is said to be normal if $aH = Ha \quad \forall a \in G$. This is denoted by

$$H \triangleleft G$$

Supposition: Let G be a group & H be a subgroup of G , such that $[G:H] = 2$
 \hookrightarrow no. of distinct (left/right) cosets of H in G is 2

Then H is a normal subgroup in G .

Proof: Since $[G:H] = 2$ the 2 distinct cosets are eH (i.e. H) & $G-H$.

Let, $a \in G \rightarrow 2$ cases arise.

Case ①: Let, $a \in H$

$$aH = H = Ha$$

$$\therefore aH = Ha \quad (\text{Proved: } H \text{ is normal subgroup})$$

Case ②: Let, $a \in G-H$

$aH = G-H$, since $aH \cap H = \emptyset$
 we have only 2 cosets of H in $G \rightarrow (G-H) \& H$

Similarly $H a = G-H$, by same logic
 $\therefore Ha = aH \quad \forall a \in G$

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$\therefore H$ is normal subgroup

Prob: The centre of a group defined as

$$Z(G) = \{x \in G : xg = gx \quad \forall g \in G\}$$

Prove that $Z(G)$ is a Normal subgroup of G .

$Z(G)$ can't be empty as the only element that can lie in $Z(G)$ is identity element, if not others.

$$x \in Z(G) \mid x \in G - Z(G)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$x \in Z(G)$$

Proof: Let, $a \in G$.

$$\text{R.T.P.} : aZ(G) = Z(G), \quad \forall a \in G$$

$$\text{Let, } p \in aZ(G) \Rightarrow p = a x g, \text{ for some } p \in$$

$$p = g a g^{-1}, \text{ for some } g \in G$$

$$= x, g a$$

$$= Z(G) \cdot a.$$

$$\therefore p \in Z(G) \cdot a.$$

$$\therefore a Z(G) \subseteq Z(G) \cdot a \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{Let, } p \in Z(G) \cdot a.$$

$$p = g a \text{ for some } g \in G$$

$$= g a, a \text{ for some } x, \in G$$

$$= x, g a$$

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$$= a \cdot Z(G).$$

$$\therefore p \in a Z(G).$$

$$\therefore Z(G) \cdot a \subseteq a Z(G)$$

$$\therefore a Z(G) = Z(G) \cdot a$$

Proved

$$\text{Let } Z(G) = H$$

$$\text{Let, } p \in a H$$

$$p = a h \text{ for some } h \in H$$

$$= h g a \text{ for some } h, \in H$$

$$\in H a$$

$$a H \subseteq H a$$

Same as previous

Proposition: Let G be a group & H be a subgroup of G

Then H is a normal subgroup iff $h \in H \ \& \ x \in G$

implies $x h x^{-1} \in H$ \rightarrow Necessary & sufficient condition

for a subgroup to be a normal subgroup

Proof: Let H be a normal subgroup of G .

$$\forall x \in G \Rightarrow x H = H x$$

These are sets

$$\therefore x h_0 = h_1 x \text{ for some } h_0, h_1 \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow x h x^{-1} = h_1 \in H$$

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Conversely Let, $x \in G$ & $h \in H$, such that

$$x h x^{-1} \in H$$

$$\therefore x h x^{-1} = h_1 \text{ for some } h_1 \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow x h = h_1 x \quad \forall x \in G.$$

$$\text{Let } p \in xH$$

$$\therefore p = x h_2 \text{ for some } h_2 \in H$$

$$= h_3 x \quad (\because x h = h_1 x) \text{ for some } h_3 \in H$$

$$h_3 x \in Hx$$

$$\therefore xH \subseteq Hx$$

Similarly $q \in Hx$

$$\therefore q = h_4 x \text{ for some } h_4 \in H$$

$$= x h_5 \text{ for some } h_5 \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow x h_5 \in xH$$

$$\therefore Hx \subseteq xH$$

$$\therefore Hx = xH \quad (\text{Proved}) \quad H \text{ is a n.s.g. of } G$$

Using this proposition we solve the previous prob

let $x \in G$ & $h \in Z(G)$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{denoted by } H \therefore h x = x h$$

$$\therefore x h x^{-1} = h x x^{-1} = h \cdot e = h$$

$$\therefore x h x^{-1} \in Z(G)$$

$\therefore Z(G)$ is a normal subgroup of G