

6. It is not hard to show that every  $2 \times 2$  rotation matrix  $R \in \mathbf{SO}(2)$  can be written as

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{with } 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi.$$

Then  $\mathbf{SO}(2)$  can be considered as a subgroup of  $\mathbf{SO}(3)$  by viewing the matrix

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

as the matrix

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

7. The set of  $2 \times 2$  upper-triangular matrices of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, \quad a, c \neq 0$$

is a subgroup of the group  $\mathbf{GL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ .

8. The set  $V$  consisting of the four matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} \pm 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \pm 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is a subgroup of the group  $\mathbf{GL}(2, \mathbb{R})$  called the *Klein four-group*.

**Definition 2.5.** If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  and  $g \in G$  is any element, the sets of the form  $gH$  are called *left cosets of  $H$  in  $G$*  and the sets of the form  $Hg$  are called *right cosets of  $H$  in  $G$* . The left cosets (resp. right cosets) of  $H$  induce an equivalence relation  $\sim$  defined as follows: For all  $g_1, g_2 \in G$ ,

$$g_1 \sim g_2 \quad \text{iff} \quad g_1H = g_2H$$

(resp.  $g_1 \sim g_2$  iff  $Hg_1 = Hg_2$ ). Obviously,  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.

Now, we claim the following fact:

**Proposition 2.7.** *Given a group  $G$  and any subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ , we have  $g_1H = g_2H$  iff  $g_2^{-1}g_1H = H$  iff  $g_2^{-1}g_1 \in H$ , for all  $g_1, g_2 \in G$ .*

*Proof.* If we apply the bijection  $L_{g_2^{-1}}$  to both  $g_1H$  and  $g_2H$  we get  $L_{g_2^{-1}}(g_1H) = g_2^{-1}g_1H$  and  $L_{g_2^{-1}}(g_2H) = H$ , so  $g_1H = g_2H$  iff  $g_2^{-1}g_1H = H$ . If  $g_2^{-1}g_1H = H$ , since  $1 \in H$ , we get  $g_2^{-1}g_1 \in H$ . Conversely, if  $g_2^{-1}g_1 \in H$ , since  $H$  is a group, the left translation  $L_{g_2^{-1}g_1}$  is a bijection of  $H$ , so  $g_2^{-1}g_1H = H$ . Thus,  $g_2^{-1}g_1H = H$  iff  $g_2^{-1}g_1 \in H$ .  $\square$