Higher Algebra

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1 The Mathematical Language of Symmetry

Definition 1.1 (Isometry)**.** A function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ is an isometry if $\|f(x) - f(y)\| = \|x - y\|$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$. i.e. preserves distances.

Definition 1.2 (Symmetry)**.** Let $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, a symmetry of F is a (surjective) isometry $T : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $T(F) = F$.

Properties 1.3. Let S, T be symmetries of $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. Then $S \cdot T : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ is also a symmetry of F.

Proof. Given $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

$$\begin{aligned} \|STx - STy\| &= \|Tx - Ty\| && (S \text{ is an isometry}) \\ &= \|x - y\|. && (T \text{ is an isometry}) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore ST is an isometry. Clearly ST is surjective as both S and T are surjective. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} ST(F) &= S(F) && (T(F) = F) \\ &= F. && (S(F) = F) \end{aligned}$$

So ST is a symmetry of F.

Properties 1.4. If G = set of symmetries of $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, then G satisfies:

i) Composition is associative, $ST(R) = S(TR)$ for all $S, T, R \in G$.

ii) $\mathrm{id}_{\mathbb{R}^n} \in G \quad (\mathrm{id}_{\mathbb{R}^n}(x) = x \quad$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$). Also, $\mathrm{id}_G T = T$ and $T \, \mathrm{id}_G = T$ for all $T \in G$.

iii) If $T \in G$, then T is bijective and $T^{-1} \in G$.

Proof. If $Tx = Ty$, then $\|Tx - Ty\| = 0$. So $\|x - y\| = 0, x = y$, therefore T is injective. By definition T is surjective, hence, T is bijective and therefore T^{-1} is surjective.

To prove T^{-1} is an isometry.

$$\begin{aligned} \left\|T^{-1}x - T^{-1}y\right\| &= \left\|TT^{-1}x - TT^{-1}y\right\| \\ &= \|\mathrm{id}\, x - \mathrm{id}\, y\| \\ &= \|x - y\|. \end{aligned}$$

To prove symmetry, $T^{-1}F = F$:

$$T^{-1}F = T^{-1}(T(F)) = F.$$

Thus $T^{-1} \in G$.

Definition 1.5 (Group)**.** A group is a set G equipped with a "multiplication map" $\mu : G \times G \to G$ such that

1) Associativity: $(gh)k = g(hk)$ for all $g, h, j \in G$.

2) Existence of identity: There exists $1 \in G$ such that $1g = g$ and $g1 = g$ for all $g \in G$.

3) Existence of inverses: $\forall g \in G,$ there exists $h \in G$ such that $gh = 1$ and $hg = 1$. Denoted by g^{-1}.

Properties 1.6. Basic facts about groups.

- "**Generalised Associativity**". When multiplying three or more elements, the bracketing does not matter. E.g. $(a(b(cd)))e = (ab)(c(de))$.

  Proof. Mathematical Induction as for matrix multiplication.

- **Cancellation Law**. If $gh = gk$ then $h = k$ for all $g, h, k \in G$.

  Proof. $gh = gk \implies g^{-1}(gh) = g^{-1}(gk) \implies (g^{-1}g)h = (g^{-1}g)k \implies 1h = 1k \implies h = k$.

2 Matrix Groups and Subgroups

Recall $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ and $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ which represent the set of real/complex invertible $n \times n$ matrices.

Proposition 2.1. $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ and $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ are groups when endowed with matrix multiplication.

Proof. Product of real invertible matrices is in $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$.

i) matrix multiplication is associative.

ii) identity matrix $I_n : I_n m = m$ and $mI_n = m$ for all $m \in GL_n(\mathbb{R})$

iii) if $m \in GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ then m^{-1}. $mm^{-1} = I$ and $m^{-1}m = I$.

Proposition 2.2. Let $G =$ group.

1) Identity is unique i.e. suppose $1, e$ are both identities then $1 = e$.

   Proof. $1 = 1 \cdot e = e$.

2) Inverses are unique.

   Proof. If $g \in G, gh = hg = 1$ and $gk = kg = 1$ then $h = k$.

3) For $g, h \in G$ we have $(gh)^{-1} = h^{-1}g^{-1}$.

   Proof. $(gh)(h^{-1}g^{-1}) = ghh^{-1}g^{-1} = g1g^{-1} = gg^{-1} = 1$. Similarly, $(h^{-1}g^{-1}(gh) = 1)$.

Definition 2.3 (Subgroup)**.** Let G be a group with multiplication μ. A subset $H \subseteq G$ is called a subgroup of G (denoted $H \leq G$) if it satisfies:

i) $1_G \in H$ (contains identity),

ii) if $g, h \in H$ then $gh \in H$ (closed under multiplication),

iii) if $g \in H$ then $g^{-1} \in H$ (closed under inverse).

Proposition 2.4. H is a group with the induced multiplication map $\mu_H : H \times H \to H$ by $\mu_H(g, h) = \mu(g, h)$.

Proof. (ii) tells us that μ_H makes sense. μ_H is associative because μ is. H has an identity from (i). H has inverses from (iii).

Proposition 2.5. Set of orthogonal matrices $O_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{M \in GL_n(\mathbb{R}) : M^T = M^{-1}\} \leq GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ forms a group. Namely the set of symmetries of an $n-1$ sphere, i.e. an n dimensional circle.

Proof. Check axioms.

i) $I_n \in O_n(\mathbb{R})$

ii) If $M, N \in O_n(\mathbb{R})$ then $(MN)^T = N^T M^T = N^{-1}M^{-1} = (MN)^{-1}$, so $MN \in O_n(\mathbb{R})$.

iii) If $M \in O_n(\mathbb{R})$ then $(M^{-1})^T = (M^T)^{-1} = (M^{-1})^{-1}$ so $M^{-1} \in O_n(\mathbb{R})$.

Proposition 2.6. Basic subgroup facts.

i) Any group G has two trivial subgroups: itself and $1 = \{1_G\}$.

ii) If $J \leq H$ and $H \leq G$ then $J \leq G$.

Here are some notations. For $g \in G$ where G is a group.

i) If n positive integer, define $g^n = g \cdot g \cdots g$ (n times)

ii) $g^0 = 1$

iii) n positive: $g^{-n} = (g^{-1})^n$ or $(g^n)^{-1}$.

iv) For $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $g^m \cdot g^n = g^{m+n}$ and $(g^m)^n = g^{mn}$.

Definition 2.7. The order of a group G, denoted $|G|$ is the cardinality of G. For $g \in G$, the order of g is the smallest positive integer n such that $g^n = 1$. If no such integer exists, order is ∞.

3 Permutation Groups

Definition 3.1 (Permutations)**.** Let S be a set. Let $\mathrm{Perm}(S)$ be the set of permutations of S. This is the set of bijections of form $\sigma : S \to S$.

Proposition 3.2. $\mathrm{Perm}(S)$ is a group when endowed with composition of functions.

Proof. Composition of bijections is a bijection. The identity is id_S and group inverse is the inverse function.

Definition 3.3 (Symmetric Group)**.** Let $S = \{1, \ldots, n\}$. The symmetric group S_n is $\mathrm{Perm}(S)$.

Two notations are used. With the two line notation, represent $\sigma \in S_n$ by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \cdots & n \\ \sigma(1) & \sigma(2) & \sigma(3) & \cdots & \sigma(n) \end{pmatrix}$$

($\sigma(i)$'s are all distinct, hence σ is one to one and bijective). Note this shows $|S_n| = n!$.

With the cyclic notation, let $s_1, s_2, \ldots, s_k \in S$ be distinct. We define a new permutation $\sigma \in \mathrm{Perm}(S)$ by $\sigma(s_i) = s_{i+1}$ for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, k-1, \sigma(s_k) = \sigma(s_1)$ and $\sigma(s) = s$ for $s \notin \{s_1, s_2, \ldots, s_k\}$. Denoted $(s_1 s_2 \ldots s_k)$ and called a k-cycle.

Example 3.4. For $n = 4$,

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \in S_4 \quad \text{means} \quad \begin{matrix} \sigma(1) = 2, & \sigma(2) = 3 \\ \sigma(3) = 1, & \sigma(4) = 4. \end{matrix}$$

In cyclic notation this is $(123)(4)$ or (123) where the cycle is $1 \to 2 \to 3 \to 1$.

Note that a 1-cycle is the identity and the order of a k-cycle is k. So $\sigma^k = 1$ and $\sigma^{-1} = \sigma^{k-1}$.

Definition 3.5 (Disjoint Cycles)**.** Cycles $s_1 \dots s_k$ and $t_1 \dots t_k$ are disjoint if $\{s_1, \dots, s_k\} \cup \{t_1, \dots, t_k\} = \emptyset$.

Definition 3.6 (Commuativity)**.** In any group, two elements g, h commute if $gh = hg$.

Proposition 3.7. Disjoint cycles commute.

Proposition 3.8. Any permutation σ of a finite set S is a product of disjoint cycles.

Example 3.9. $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 1 & 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \in S_6$ does $1 \to 2 \to 4 \to 1$, $3 \to 6 \to 3$ and $5 \to 5$.
Thus $\sigma = (124)(36)$ since (5) is the identity.

Proposition 3.10. Let σ be a permutation of a finite set S. Then S is a disjoint union of subsets, say $S_1, \dots, S_r$, such that σ permutes the elements of each S_i cyclically.

Definition 3.11 (Transposition)**.** A transposition is a $2-$cycle i.e. (ab).

Proposition 3.12. i) The k-cycle $(s_1 s_2 \dots s_k) = (s_1 s_k)(s_1 s_{k-1}) \dots (s_1 s_3)(s_1 s_2)$

Example 3.13. $(3625) = (35)(32)(36) = (36)(62)(25)$

Proof. The RHS produces the mapping below which is equivalent to the LHS.

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 &\to s_2 \\ s_2 &\to s_1 \to s_3 \\ s_3 &\to s_1 \to s_4 \\ &\vdots \\ s_{k-1} &\to s_1 \to s_k \\ s_k &\to s_1. \end{aligned}$$

ii) Any permutations in S_n is a product of transpositions.

Proof. We can write any $\sigma \in S_n$ as product of (disjoint) cycles. By part i), each cycle is a product of transpositions. So we can write σ as product of transpositions.

4 Generators and Dihedral Groups

Lemma 4.1. Let $\{H_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a (non-empty) collection of subgroups of G. Then $\bigcap_{i \in I} H_i \leq G$.

Proof.

1) Why is $1 \in \bigcap_{i\in I} H_i$? Because $1 \in H_i$ for all i.

2) Closed under multiplication? If $g, h \in \bigcap_{i\in I} H_i$, then $g, h \in H_i$ for all $i \implies gh \in H_i$ for all $i \implies gh \in_{i\in I} H_i$.

3) Closed under taking inverse? If $g \in \bigcap_{i\in I} H_i$ then $g \in H_i$ for all i as H_i are subgroups, every element has an inverse. So an inverse exists for all elements in H_i for all i.

Proposition - Definition 4.2. Let G be a group and $S \subseteq G$. Let $\mathcal{J}$ be the set of subgroups $J \leq G$ containing S.

i) [Definition] The subgroup generated by S, $\langle S\rangle$ is $\bigcap J \in \mathcal{J} \leq J \leq G$. i.e. it's the intersection of all subgroups of G containing S.

Proof. Lemma 4.1 implies $\langle S\rangle$ is a subgroup of G.

ii) [Proposition] $\langle S\rangle$ is the set of elements of the form $g = s_1 s_2 \ldots s_n$ where $n \geq 0$ and $s_i \in S \cup S^{-1}$. Define $g = 1$ when $n = 0$.

Proof. Let $H = \{s_1 \ldots s_n : s_i \in S \cup S^{-1}\}$. First, $H \subseteq \langle S\rangle$. Need to prove that $s_i \cdots s_n \in$ every J. Each $s_i \in J$ because $s_i = s$ or s^{-1} for some $s \in S \leq J$ and J closed under inversion. Therefore, $s_1 \ldots s_n \in J$ by closure under multiplication. Hence $s_1 \ldots s_n \in \bigcap_{J\in\mathcal{J}} J = \langle S\rangle$.

Second, $\langle S\rangle \subseteq H$. Need to prove H is a subgroup containing S. Closure under multiplication: $(s_1 \ldots s_n)(t_1 \ldots t_m) = s_1 \ldots s_n t_1 \ldots t_m$ also closure under inversion: $(s_1 \ldots s_n)^{-1} = s_1^{-1} \ldots s_n^{-1} \in H$ since $s_i^{-1} \in S$ for all i. Identity: $s, s^{-1} \in S \neq \emptyset \implies ss^{-1} = 1 \in H$.

Definition 4.3 (Finitely Generated)**.** A group G is finitely generated $f.g.$ if $G = \langle S\rangle$ for a finite subset $S \subseteq G$. G is cyclie if we can take $|S| = 1$.

Example 4.4. Take $G \in \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ with $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right) & -\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right) \\ \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right) & -\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right) \end{pmatrix}$ and $\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$. Find the subgroup generated by $\{\sigma, \tau\}$.

Notice both σ, τ are symmetries of any n-gon. Any element of $\langle\sigma, \tau\rangle$ has form

$$\sigma^{i_1}\tau^{j_1}\sigma^{i_2}\tau^{j_2}\ldots\sigma^{i_r}\tau^{j_r} \quad \text{for } i_1, \ldots, i_r, j_1, \ldots, j_r \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

We have relations: $\sigma^n = 1, \tau^2 = 1$ and $\tau\sigma\tau^{-1} = \sigma^{-1}$. We use these relations to push all σ's to the left and all τ's to the right to achieve the form $\sigma^i\tau^j$ where $0 \leq i < n$ and $j = 0, 1$.

Proposition - Definition 4.5. $\langle\sigma, \tau\rangle =$ dihedral group of $2n$, denoted D_n (sometimes D_{2n}).

$$D_n = \{1, \sigma, \ldots, \sigma^{n-1}, \tau, \sigma\tau, \sigma^2\tau, \ldots, \sigma^{n-1}\tau\} \text{ and } |D_n| = 2n.$$

Proof. Need to show $2n$ elements are all distinct. $\det(\sigma^i) = 1$ (because $\det(\sigma) = 1$), $\det(\tau) = -1$ and $\det(\sigma^i\tau) = -1$. We conclude, $\{1, \sigma, \ldots, \sigma^{n-1}\} \cap \{\tau, \sigma\tau, \ldots, \sigma^{n-1}\tau\} = \emptyset$ because $\sigma^k = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{2k\pi}{n}\right) & -\sin\left(\frac{2k\pi}{n}\right) \\ \sin\left(\frac{2k\pi}{n}\right) & \cos\left(\frac{2k\pi}{n}\right) \end{pmatrix}$ are distinct. If $\sigma^i\tau = \sigma^j\tau$ then $\sigma^i = \sigma^j$ then $i = j$.

5 Alternating and Abelian Groups

Definition 5.1 (Symmetric Functions)**.** Let $f(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ be a function of n variables. Let $\sigma \in S_n$. We define function $(\sigma f)(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = f(x_{\sigma(1)}, \ldots, x_{\sigma(n)})$. We say that f is symmetric if $\sigma f = f$ for all $\sigma \in S_n$.

Example 5.2. Suppose $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^3 x_2^2 x_3$ and $\sigma = (12)$ then $\sigma f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_2^3, x_1^2 x_3$. Not symmetric because $x_1^3 x_2^2 x_3 \neq x_2^3 x_1^2 x_3$. But $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 x_2^2$ is symmetric in two variables.

Definition 5.3 (Difference Product)**.** The difference product in (n variables) is

$$\Delta(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = \Pi_{i<j}(x_i - x_j).$$

Lemma 5.4. Let $f(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ be a function in n variables. Let $\sigma, \tau \in S_n$, then $(\sigma\tau) \cdot f = \sigma \cdot (\tau f)$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
(\sigma \cdot (\tau f))(x_1, \ldots, x_n) &= (\tau f)(x_{\sigma(1)}, \ldots, x_{\sigma(n)}) && \text{(by definition)} \\
&= f(y_{\tau(1)}, \ldots, y_{\tau(n)}) && (\text{where } y_i = x_\sigma(i)) \\
&= f(x_{\sigma(\tau(1))}, \ldots, x_{\sigma(\tau(n))}) \\
&= f(x_{(\sigma\tau)(1)}, \ldots, x_{(\sigma\tau)(n)}) \\
&= ((\sigma\tau) \cdot f)(x_1, \ldots, x_n).
\end{aligned}$$

Note, the second and third step follows because $x_{\sigma(1)}$ is not necessarily x_1, so τ is applied to x_1 first, then σ can be applied.

Proposition - Definition 5.5. For $\sigma \in S_n$ write $\sigma = \tau_1\tau_2 \ldots \tau_m$ where τ_i are transpositions. Then

$$\sigma \cdot \Delta = \begin{cases} \Delta & \text{if } m \text{ even (call } \sigma \text{ an even permutation)} \\ -\Delta & \text{if } m \text{ odd (call } \sigma \text{ an odd permutation)} \end{cases}$$

Proof. Sufficent to prove for a single transposition (i.e. $m = 1$) because by the above Lemma,

$$\sigma\Delta = \tau_1(\tau_2 \ldots (\tau_{m-1}(\tau_m\Delta)) \ldots) = \tau_1((-1)^{m-1}\Delta) = (-1)^m\Delta.$$

Let's assume $\sigma = (ij), i < j$. There are 3 cases:

i) $x_i - x_j \implies x_j - x_i$ (factor of -1).

ii) $x_r - x_s$ where i, j, r, s all distinct $\implies x_r - x_s$ (factor of +1).

iii) $x_r - x_s$ where one of r, s is equal to i or j. There are several subcases:

   (a) $r < i < j$: $x_r - x_i \implies x_r - x_j$ but also $x_r - x_j \implies x_r - x_i$, no change (factor of +1).

(b) $i < r < j$: $(x_i - x_r)(x_r - x_j) \implies (x_j - x_r)(x_r - x_i)$ (factor of $+1$).

(c) $i < j < r$: similar to (a) (factor of $+1$).

So only change in i). Multiplying the three cases together yields $\sigma \cdot \Delta = -\Delta$.

Corollary - Definition 5.6 (Alternating Group)**.** The alternating group (on n symbols) is

$$A_n = \{\sigma \in S_n : \sigma \text{ is even}\}.$$

This is a subgroup of S_n. Also A_n is generated by $\{\tau_1\tau_2 : \tau_1, \tau_2 \text{ are transposition}\}$.

Example 5.7. $A_3 = \{1, (123), (132)\}, S_3 \setminus A_3 = \{(12), (13), (23)\}.|A_n| = n!/2$ except for $n = 1, A_1 = S_1 = \{1\}$.

Definition 5.8 (Abelian Group)**.** A group G is abelian if any two elements commute.

In abelian groups, often switch to additive notation:

i) product $gh \implies g + h$

ii) identity $1 \implies 0$

iii) power $g^n \implies ng$

iv) inverse $g^-1 \implies -g$

This notation follows from $\mathbb{Z}$ endowed with addition which forms an abelian group.

6 Cosets and Lagrange's Theorem

Let $H \leq G$ be a subgroup. This will apply to all statements in this section unless mentioned otherwise.

Definition 6.1 (Coset)**.** A left coset of H in G is a set of the form $gH = \{gh : h \in H\} \subseteq G$ for some $g \in G$. The set of left cosets is denoted byt G/H.

Example 6.2. Let $H = A_n \leq S_n = G$ for $n \geq 2$. Let τ be any transposition. We claim that $\tau A_n = \{\text{odd permutations}\}$.

$\subseteq$: $\tau A_n = \{\tau\sigma : \sigma \text{ even}\}$, they are all odd.

$\supseteq$: Suppose σ is odd, then $\sigma = \tau \cdot (\tau^{-1}\sigma) \in \tau A_n$.

Theorem 6.3. Define a relation on $G : g \equiv g'$ if and only if $g \in g'H$. Then $\equiv$ is an equivalence relation, the equivalence classes are the left cosets. Therefore $G = \dot{\bigcup}_{i \in I} g_i H$ (disjoint union).

Proof.

i) Reflexive. i.e. $g \in gH$ for all $g \in G$. True because $1 \in H$.

ii) Symmetry. Suppose $g \in g'H$, need to prove $g' \in gH$. Since $g \in g'H$ we have $g = g'H$ for some $h \in H$. $g' = gh^{-1}$ so $g' \in gH$ (as $h^{-1} \in H$).

iii) Transitivity. Suppose $g \in g'H$ and $g' \in g''H$. Then $g = g'h$ and $g' = g''h'$ for $h, h' \in H$.

Therefore $g = (g''h)h = g''(h'h) \in g''H$ from associativity and $h'h \in H$.

Thus $\equiv$ is an equivalence relation and G is a disjoint union of equivalence classes.

Note $1H = H$ is always a coset of G and the coset containing $g \in G$ is gH.

Example 6.4. $H = A_n \leq S_n = G$ cosets are exactly S_n and τS_n where $S_n = A_n \dot{\bigcup} \tau A_n$.

Definition 6.5 (Index)**.** The index of H in G is the number of left cosets, i.e. $|G/H|$. Denoted by $[G : H]$.

Lemma 6.6. Let $g \in G$. Then H and gH have the same cardinality.

Proof. Bijection, $H \to gH, h \mapsto gh$. Surjective and injective (multiply on lefy by g^{-1}).

Theorem 6.7 (Lagrange's Theorem)**.** Assume G finite. Then $|G| = |H|[G : H]$ i.e. $|G/H| = |G|/|H|$.

Proof. Using Lemma 6.6, we have:

$$G = \bigcup_{i=1}^{[G:H]} g_i H \quad \text{(disjoint union)} \implies |G| = \sum_{i=1}^{[G:H]} |g_i H| = \sum_{i=1}^{[G:H]} |H| = [G : H]|H|.$$

Example 6.8. $A_n \leq S_n$. $[S_n : A_n] = 2 \implies |S_n| = 2|A_n| \implies n! = 2 * n!/2$.

All above statements hold for right cosets which have form $Hg = \{hg : h \in H\}$ denoted $H\backslash G$. The number of left cosets are equal the number of right cosets.

7 Normal Subgroups and Quotient Groups

Let $G =$ group and $J, K \subseteq G$. Define the subset product $JK = \{jk : j \in J, k \in K\}$.

Proposition 7.1. Let $G =$ group.

i) If $J' \subseteq J \subseteq G$ and $K \subseteq G$ then $KJ' \subseteq KJ$.

ii) If $H \leq G$, then $HH = H (= H^2)$.

iii) For $J, K, L \subseteq G$ then $(JK)L = J(KL) = \{jkl : j \in J, k \in K, \ell \in L\}$

Proposition - Definition 7.2 (Normal Subgroup)**.** Let $N \leq G$. We say N is a normal subgroup of G and write $N \trianglelefteq G$ if any of the following equivalent conditions hold:

i) $gN = Ng$ for all $g \in G$.

ii) $g^{-1}Ng = N$ for all $g \in G$.

iii) $g^{-1}Ng \subseteq N$ for all $g \in G$

Proof. (i) $\iff$ (ii), multiply both sides on the left by g^{-1}. (ii) $\implies$ (iii) by definition. (iii) $\implies$ (ii), assume $g^{-1}Ng \subseteq N$ for all $g \in G$, apply this with g^{-1} : $(g^{-1})Ng^{-1} \subseteq N \implies N \subseteq g^{-1}Ng$. Therefore $g^{-1}Ng = N$.

Theorem - Definition 7.3 (Quotient Group)**.** Let $N \trianglelefteq G$. Then subset product is a well-defined multiplication map on G/N which makes G/N into a group, called the quotient group. Also:

i) $(gN)(g'N) = (gg')N$

ii) $1_{G/N} = N$

iii) $(gN)^{-1} = g^{-1}N$.

Proof. Why is this well-defined? Why is the product of 2 cosets another coset?

Take cosets $gN = \{g\}N$ and $g'N$. Calculate

$$\begin{aligned}(gN)(g'N) &= g(Ng')N && \text{(associative)}\\ &= g(g'N)N && (N \trianglelefteq G)\\ &= (gg')(NN) && \text{(associative)}\\ &= gg'N && (N^2 = N)\end{aligned}$$

This is a coset. Also proves (i). For (ii), $(gN)N = g(NN) = gN \implies N(gN) = (Ng)N = (gN)N = gN$, N is an identity. For (iii), $(g^{-1}N)(gN) = g^{-1}(Ng)N = g^{-1}(gN)N = (g^{-1}g)(NN) = 1 \cdot N = N$.

8 Group Homomorphisms

Definition 8.1 (Homomorphism)**.** Given groups G, H. A function $\phi : H \to G$ is a homomorphism of groups if $\phi(hh') = \phi(h)\phi(h')$ for all $h, h' \in H$.

Proposition - Definition 8.2 (Isomorphisms and Automorphisms)**.** Let $\phi : H \to G$ be a group homomorphism. The following are equivalent:

- There exists a group homomorphism, $\psi : G \to H$ such that $\psi\phi = \text{id}_H$ and $= \phi\psi = \text{id}_G$
- ϕ is bijective.

We call ϕ is a group isomorphism. If $H = G$, ϕ is an automorphism.

Proposition 8.3. If $\phi : H \to G, \psi : K \to H$ are group homomorphism then $\phi \cdot \psi : K \to G$ is a homomorphism.

Proof. $(\phi \cdot \psi)(kk') = \phi(\psi(kk')) = \phi(\psi(k)\psi(k')) = \phi(\psi(k))\phi(\psi(k'))$

Proposition 8.4. Let $\phi : H \to G$ be a group homomorphism.

i) $\phi(1_H) = 1_G$.

ii) $\phi(h^{-1}) = \phi(h)^{-1}$ for all $h \in H$.

iii) if $H' \leq H$ then $\phi(H') \leq G$.

Proposition - Definition 8.5. Let G be a group with $g \in G$. Conjugation by g is the map $C_g : G \to G; h \mapsto ghg^{-1}$. Then C_g is an automorphism with inverse $C_{g^{-1}}$.

Proof. C_g is a homomorphism: $C_g(h_1h_2) = C_g(h_1)C_g(h_2)$. Check: $C_g(h_1h_2) = gh_1h_2g^{-1} = gh_1g^{-1}gh_2g^{-1} = C_g(h_1)C_g(h_2)$. Now check $C_{g^{-1}}$ is an inverse. $C_{g^{-1}}(C_g(h)) = C_{g^{-1}}(ghg^{-1}) = g^{-1}ghg^{-1}g = h$. Similarly $C_g(C_{g^{-1}})(h) = h$, therefore $(C_g)^{-1} = C_{g^{-1}}$.

Corollary - Definition 8.6. For $H \leq G$, a conjugate of H (in G) is a subgroup of G of the form $gHg^{-1} := c_g(H)$.