

## Tutorial 1

## Group Theory

## EXAMPLES FROM HERSTEIN

1. a)  $G = \text{set of all integers, } a \cdot b = a - b$

$$\rightarrow \text{If } a, b \in G \Rightarrow a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a \cdot b = a - b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow a \cdot b \in G$$

Closed

$$\rightarrow \text{If } a, b, c \in G$$

$$a \cdot (b \cdot c) \Rightarrow a - (b - c) = a - b + c$$

$$(a \cdot b) \cdot c \Rightarrow (a - b) - c = a - b - c$$

$$\neq (a \cdot b) \cdot c$$

NOT Associative

$$\rightarrow \text{If } a \cdot e = a = a \cdot e \text{ for } \forall a \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow a - e = a = a - e = a$$

$$\text{if } e = 0$$

$$a \cdot e = a \rightarrow e \in G$$

Identity exists

$$\rightarrow \text{If } a \cdot a^{-1} = e$$

$$a - a^{-1} = 0$$

$$a^{-1} = a$$

$$\forall a \in G, a^{-1} \in G$$

Inverse exist

NOT a group

2b)  $G$  is set of +ve integers

$$a \cdot b = ab$$

$$\rightarrow \text{If } a, b \in G \Rightarrow a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$a \cdot b = ab \Rightarrow ab \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$\Rightarrow ab \in G$$

Closure

$$\rightarrow \text{If } a, b, c \in G$$

$$a \cdot (b \cdot c) = a \cdot (bc) = abc$$

$$(a \cdot b) \cdot c = (ab) \cdot c = abc$$

Associative

$$\rightarrow \text{If } a \cdot e = a = e \cdot a$$

$$ae = a$$

$$\Rightarrow e = 1 \quad e \in G$$

$\forall a \in G, e \in G$   
Identity exist

$$\rightarrow \text{If } a \cdot a^{-1} = a^{-1} \cdot a = e$$

$$aa^{-1} = 1$$

$$a^{-1} = \frac{1}{a}$$

Inverse is a rational numbers

$$a^{-1} \notin G$$

Not a group

$$d) G = a_0, a_1, \dots, a_6 \text{ where}$$

$$a_i \cdot a_j = a_{i+j} \quad i+j < 7$$

$$a_i \cdot a_j = a_{i+j-7} \quad i+j \geq 7$$

$$\rightarrow \text{For any } \forall a_n, a_m \in G$$

$$a_n \cdot a_m = a_{n+m}$$

$\rightarrow$  Cyclic Group  
Closure group

$$\rightarrow \text{For } a_1, a_2 \in G$$



$$a_x \cdot (a_y \cdot a_z) = a_x \cdot (a_{y+z})$$

$$(a_x \cdot a_y) \cdot a_z = a_{x+y+z} = (a_{x+y}) \cdot a_z = a_{x+y+z}$$

Associative

→ For  $\forall a_x \in G$

$$a_x \cdot a_e = a_e \cdot a_x = a_x$$

$$a_{x+e} = a_x$$

$a_e = 0$ ,  $a_0$  is identity element  
 $a_0$  is I

→ For  $\forall a_x \in G$

$$a_x \cdot a_N = a_e$$

$$a_{x+N} = a_e$$

$$N = -x$$

→ not possible

$$N = 7 - x$$

$$a_{x+7-x} = a_7 = a_{7-7} = a_0$$

$a_{7-x}$  is inverse.

d)  $G$  = set of all rational numbers with odd denom,  $a \cdot b = a + b$

→ For  $a, b \in G$

$$a \cdot b = a + b$$

Denomination will be product of 2 odd

numbers  $\Rightarrow$  always odd  $\in G$

$\Rightarrow$  closed

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \text{If } a \cdot (b \cdot c) &= a \cdot (b + c) \\ &= a + b + c \\ (a \cdot b) \cdot c &= (a + b) \cdot c \\ &= a + b + c \end{aligned}$$

Associative (Denom =  $a + b + c = \text{odd}$ )

$\rightarrow$  If  $\forall a \in G$

$$a \cdot e = e \cdot a = a$$

$$a + e = e + a = a$$

$$e = 0 \Rightarrow e = \text{odd number}$$

$$e \in G$$

Identity exists

$\rightarrow$  If  $\forall a \in G$

$$a \cdot a^{-1} = a^{-1} \cdot a = e$$

$$a + a^{-1} = a^{-1} + a = e = 0$$

$$a^{-1} = -a$$

$$a^{-1} \in G$$

Inverse exists

It is a group

②. If  $G$  is abelian group,  
 $\forall a, b \in G, a \cdot b = b \cdot a$

$$\text{For } n=1, (a \cdot b)' = a' \cdot b'$$

$$\text{Assume } (a \cdot b)^n = a^n \cdot b^n$$

$$\text{Then } (a \cdot b)^{n+1} = a^{n+1} \cdot b^{n+1}$$



$$a_1, a_2, \dots$$

$$a_{14} = a_7 + a_7$$

$$a_{13} = a$$

$$(a \cdot b)^n = a^n \cdot b^n$$

$$(a \cdot b)(a \cdot b)^n = (a \cdot b)(a^n \cdot b^n)$$

$$(a \cdot b)^{n+1} = (a \cdot a^n)(b \cdot b^n)$$

$$= a^{n+1} \cdot b^{n+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a \cdot b)^n = a^n \cdot b^n \text{ for every } n \geq 0$$

Hence Proved.

(3) Given  $(a \cdot b)^2 = a^2 \cdot b^2$

$$= (ab)(a \cdot b) = a^2 \cdot b^2$$

$$a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b = a \cdot a \cdot b \cdot b$$

[Left & right cancellation]

$$b \cdot a = a \cdot b$$

$\forall a, b \in G \Rightarrow G$  is abelian

(9) (a) If Group  $G$  is having 3 elements

Order = 3,  $a, b \in G$  with  $a \neq b$

If  $a = e$  (identity)  
 $a \cdot b = b \cdot e = e \cdot b = b \cdot a$

If  $b = e$ ,  $b \cdot a = b \cdot e = e \cdot b = a \cdot b$   
 $\Rightarrow b \cdot a = a \cdot b$

Thus when  $a/b$  is  $e$  it is abelian

When  $a$  and  $b$  are not identity  
 $a \cdot b \neq a$  (if  $a \cdot b = a \Rightarrow b = e$ )  
 $a \cdot b \neq b$

Since there are only 3 elements  
 say  $\{a, b, e\}$

So, due to closure property, they should be inverse each other  
 $a \cdot b = e$  &  $b \cdot a = e$   
 $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$

$\Rightarrow G$  is abelian for  $o(G) = 3$



b) let  $|G| = 4$  for some  $a, b \in G$

if either  $a/b = e$   
if  $a = e \Rightarrow a \cdot b = e = b \cdot a$   
 $b = e \Rightarrow a \cdot b = a = b \cdot a$

if neither  $a$  &  $b$  are ~~inverses~~  
 $a \cdot b \neq a, a \cdot b \neq b$

let 3rd element be  $c$

$G \rightarrow \{a, b, c, e\}$

so either  $a \cdot b = e$  (which means  $a, b$  are inverses)

$$\Rightarrow a \cdot b = e = b \cdot a$$



$$a = b^{-1}, b = a^{-1}$$

$$a \cdot b = b \cdot a = b b^{-1} = e$$

Or  $a \cdot b = c$

Then  $a, b \neq e$  and  $a, b$  are not inverses

if  $a \cdot b = c$

then  $b \cdot a$  cannot be  $a$  or  $b$  or  $e$   
so due to closure prop  
 $b \cdot a = c$

$\Rightarrow G$  is abelian

(c)  $|G| = 5$

Since order of  $G$  is prime,  $G$  is a cyclic group. Since every cyclic group is abelian

$G$  is abelian



11) If  $G$  is a group of even order  
 Prove it has an element  $a \neq e$ ,  
 satisfying  $a^2 = e$ .

Assume no element is present with  
 $a^2 = e$  except  $a = e$  for  $a \in G$   
 $\Rightarrow a^2 \neq e$   $a \cdot a \neq e$   
 $\Rightarrow a \neq a^{-1}$

For every non identity element  $a$  there exist  
 $a^{-1}$  in a group  
 So,  $a$  can be paired into mutually disjoint  
 subset of order 2.

We assume count of possible subsets = some  
 +ve integer  $n$ . as  $G$  is finite group.  
 $O(G) = 2n + 1$

$\Rightarrow$  Order of  $G$  is odd  $\rightarrow$  against the  
 $\rightarrow$  Assumption wrong  
 There must be an element  $a \in G$ ,  $a \neq e$   
 such that  $a^2 = e$  when  $O(G)$  is even

(14) Since  $G$  is associative  $\rightarrow$  Semi-group  
 Let  $S$  be finite semigroup.

$$S = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n\} - (1)$$

Consider any  $a_i \in S$  then

$$S' = \{a_1 a_i, a_2 a_i, \dots, a_n a_i\}$$

$S'$  belongs to  $S \rightarrow$  closure prop.

$$O(S') = O(S) = n$$

$$S' \subseteq S$$



$$\text{If } a_i a_l = a_j a_l$$

$$a_i \neq a_j$$

(All elements of  $S$  distinct)

for any  $a_i \in S \exists a_j \in S \Rightarrow a_i = a_j a_l$

there exists some  $a_k \in S$  such that

$$a_l = a_k a_l$$

$$a_i a_l = a_i (a_k a_l) = (a_i a_k) a_l$$

Right cancell

$$a_i = a_i a_k$$

$a_k$  is identity right  
- (1)

We can similarly find  $a_k a_i = a_k \forall i$  - (2)

$a_k$  is left identity

Thus

$$a_k = a_k a_k = a_k$$

$$a_k = a_k$$

Left identity = right identity

If  $i = k$  in (1)

$$\exists a_m \text{ such } e = a_k = a_m a_l$$

$i = k$  in (2)

$$\exists a_n \text{ such } e = a_n = a_n a_l$$

$$a_n = a_m = a_l^{-1}$$

Since the group has identity & inverse,  
it is a group

20. Let  $G$  be set of all real  $2 \times 2$   $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$   
where  $ad - bc \neq 0$  is a rational

Prove  $G$  is group under multiplication



→ Closure law,

For  $a, b \in G$   ~~$a * b$~~

$$a \cdot b = a * b \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ap + br & aq + bs \\ cp + dr & cq + ds \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = (ad - bc)(ps - qr) \neq 0$$

Closure

→

For matrix  $A, B, C \in G$

$$A \cdot (B \cdot C) = A \cdot (BC) = ABC$$

$$(A \cdot B) \cdot C = AB \cdot C = ABC$$

→ Let identity  $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$|I| \neq 0, I \in G$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

Identity exist

→

For 'inverse'  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in G$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{\text{Adj}(A)}{|A|} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}}{ad - bc}$$



$$A \cdot A^{-1} = e = A^{-1} \cdot A$$

$\Rightarrow$  Inverse exists

$\Rightarrow (G, *)$  is ~~at~~ a group.

21.  $G = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$  where  $ad \neq 0$

$\rightarrow$  Closure  
 $(ad - b \times 0 = ad) \in G$

For all  $a, b \in G$

$$a \cdot b = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ 0 & r \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (ad)(pr) \neq 0$$

$$a \cdot b \in G$$

Closure satisfied

$\rightarrow$  Associative

$$\text{For } a \cdot (b \cdot c) = a \cdot [(ad)(pr)]$$

$$= (xy)(ad)(pr)$$

$$(a \cdot b) \cdot c = (xyad) \cdot pr$$

$$= xyadpr$$

$\rightarrow$  Let  $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$a \cdot e = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = ad$$

$$e \cdot a = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix} = ad$$

Identity exist

→ For inverse

$$A^{-1} = \frac{\text{Adj}(A)}{|A|} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -a & 0 \end{bmatrix}}{ad}$$

$$|A^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|A|} = \frac{1}{ad} \neq 0$$

$$A^{-1} \in G$$

$$A \cdot A^{-1} = e = A^{-1} \cdot A$$

Inverse exists

⇒  $G$  is a group under multiplication

22)  $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$

→ Closure

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b & 0 \\ 0 & b^{-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ab & 0 \\ 0 & a^{-1}b^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \in G$$

→ Associativity holds for all matrices

→ Identity  $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

AB

$$A I = A$$

→  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj}(A)}{|A|} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} a^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix}}{1}$

Inverse exists



→  $G$  is a group.

(24). Let  $G = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  such that  $ad - bc \neq 0$   
Using matrix multiplication P.T  $O(G) = 6$ .

$a, b, c, d$  modulo 2 can be 0 or 1  
Also  $ad - bc \neq 0$

$$ad \neq bc$$

$$G = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$O(G) = 6$$

(25). a) No. of ways to find  $a, b, c, d = 0$   
 $ad - bc = 0$ .

→  $ad - bc = 0 \rightarrow$  No. of ways of finding  
 $ad = 0 \rightarrow 6 - 1 = 5$

No. of ways of finding  $bc = 0$ .  
 $6 - 1 = 5$

$$\text{Total ways} = 5 * 5 = 25$$

→  $ad - bc \neq 0 \rightarrow$  No. of ways of finding  $a$ .  
 $= 2$

No. To find  $a = 2$

To find  $b = 2$

" " "  $c = 2$

" " "  $d = 1$

$$\text{Total ways} = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 1 = 8$$

$$O(G) = 34 - 25 - 8 = 1$$

b) No. of ways in which  $ad - bc = 1$  are

i)  $ad = 0 \rightarrow bc = -1$ . Ways to find  $ad = 5$

ways to find  $bc=2$   
 ii)  $bc=0 \Rightarrow ad=-1$   
 ways to find  $ad=2$   
 $bc=5$

iii)  $ad \neq 0 \Rightarrow bc \neq 0$   
 ways to find  $ad=2$   
 " " find  $bc=2$   
 Total ways  $= 20 + 4 = 24$

$$O(G) = 24$$

$$\Rightarrow O(G)$$

26) a) No. of ways in which  $ad - bc = 0$

i)  $ad - bc = 0$

No. of ways in which  $ad=0$   
 $\Rightarrow 2p-1$

$$\text{Total ways} = (2p-1)^2$$

ii)  $ad = bc = 0$

No. of ways of choosing  $a = (p-1)$   
 Total way  $= (p-1)^3$

No. of ways of choosing  $a, b, c, d$  such  
 $ad - bc \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow p^4 - (2p-1)^2 - (p-1)^3$$

$$O(G) = p^4 - p^3 - p^2 + p$$

b) No. of ways in which  $ad - bc = 1$

$$\Rightarrow ad=0, bc=-1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\text{Total ways} = (2p-1)(p-1)$$



$$\rightarrow bc=0 \rightarrow ad=1$$

$$\text{Total ways} = (2p-1)(p-1)$$

$$ad \neq 0 \text{ \& } bc \neq 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{No. of ways of choosing } ad = p-1$$

$$\text{No. of ways } bc = p-1$$

$$\text{Total way} = (p-1)(p-1)$$

$$\text{No. of ways} = (2p-1)(p-1) + (p-1)(p-1)$$

$$o(G) = p^3 - p$$

- ① Let  $(G, *)$  be a group. Prove
- Identity element is unique in  $(G, *)$
  - Inverse of  $a^{-1}$  is  $a$ ,  $a \in G$
  - Left cancellation
  - Right cancellation

②.  $G$  has to contain atleast one identity element. Suppose both  $e, e'$  are identity element in  $G$ .

As  $e$  is identity

$$e * e' = e \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$e'$  is identity

$$e' * e = e \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = e' \quad \text{from (1), (2)}$$

Thus identity element is unique.

- ③. If  $a \in G$ , then  $a^{-1} \in G$

$$a * a^{-1} = e$$

$$\rightarrow a^{-1} * a = e$$

$$\text{so } (a^{-1})^{-1} = a$$

①. let  $a, b, c \in G$  and  $a * b = a * c$

$$b = e * b$$

$$= (a * a^{-1}) * b$$

$$= a^{-1} * (a * b)$$

$$= a^{-1} * (a * c)$$

$$= e * c$$

$$b = c$$

Left cancellation law

②. let  $a, b, c \in G$  and  $b * a = c * a$

$$b = b * e$$

$$= b * (a * a^{-1})$$

$$= (b * a) * a^{-1}$$

$$= (c * a) * a^{-1} = c * e$$

$$= c$$

$$b = c$$

$\rightarrow$  Right cancellation law

①. Already done

②. Already done

③. let  $G$  be finite group

Suppose

$$(ab)^3 = a^3 b^3 \quad \forall a, b \in G$$

$$(ab)^3 = a^3 b^3$$

$$(ab)(ab)(ab) = a^3 b^3$$



$$(ba)(ba) = a^2 b^2 \quad (\text{cancellation})$$

$$(ba)^2 = a^2 b^2$$

$$(ba)^3 = b^2 a^3$$

$$ba (ba)^2 = b^3 a^3$$

$$a^3 b^2 = b^2 a^3$$

And every element of  $G$  can be uniquely represented as cube

$$a^2 b^2 = b^2 a^2$$

$$(ba)(ba) = b^2 a^2$$

$$ab = ba \quad \text{Proved.}$$

④. P.T any subgroup of a cyclic group is a cyclic group.

Let  $G = [a]$  be cyclic grp

$H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

If  $H = G$  or  $H = \{e\}$ ,  
 $H$  is also a cyclic group.

If  $H$  is proper subgroup,  $H$  contains one element other than  $e$

$$a^m \in H \rightarrow a^{-m} \in H$$

Let  $m$  be least +ve integer,  $\forall a^m \in H$

Let  $a^m \in H \rightarrow$  division algorithm

there exists two integers  $q, r$ .

$$n = mq + r$$

$$n - mq = r$$

$$0 \leq r < m$$

Since

$$a^m \in H \rightarrow (a^m)^q \in H$$

$$a^m \in H$$

$$(a^m)^{-1} = a^{-m} \in H$$

Now  $a^n \in H$

$$a^{-m} \in H$$

$$a^{n-m} \in H$$

But since  $a^r \in H \rightarrow n-mq = r$   
 $m$  is least +ve,  
 $r = 0$

So,  $a^n = a^{ma}$

$$a^n = (a^m)^a$$

$$H = \langle a^m \rangle$$

Every subgroup of  $G$  is cyclic.

Q.5) How many generators a cyclic group of order  $n$  can have?

When the order of cyclic group is  $n$ , there will be 'one' generator. For every number between 1 to  $n$  that is relatively prime to  $n$ .

Example:  $Z_8 = \langle 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 \rangle$

$$\langle 0 \rangle = \{0\}$$

$$\langle 1 \rangle = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$$

$$\langle 2 \rangle = \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$$

$$\langle 3 \rangle = \{0, 3, 6, 3, 0\}$$

$$\langle 4 \rangle = \{0, 4\}$$

$$\langle 5 \rangle = Z_8$$

$$\langle 6 \rangle = \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$$

$$\langle 7 \rangle = Z_8$$

$\therefore P(n) = 4 \Rightarrow$  no. of relatively prime to 8.



Q. 6) IF  $a \in G$  s.t.  $a^m = e$ , P.T.  $O(a) \mid m$ .

Given that  $a^m = e$ ,  $a \in G$ .

$\Rightarrow a$  has finite order  $\Rightarrow K = O(a)$ .

By the division algorithm, there exists unique integers  $r, q$ ,  $\ell$

$$m = Kq + r$$

$$\text{Now, } e = a^m = a^{Kq+r} = a^{Kq} \cdot a^r = (a^K)^q a^r$$
$$= e^q a^r = a^r$$

But since  $K$  is the smallest positive integer possible,  $r = 0$

$$m = Kq + r = Kq + 0$$

$$\frac{m}{K} = q$$

$$\frac{m}{K} = q$$

$$O(a)$$

$\therefore$  order of  $a$  divides  $m$ .

Q. 7) IF  $G$  has no non trivial subgroups s.t.  $G$  must be finite of prime order.

Let there be group  $G$  of order  $O(G) = n$

Since it has no non-trivial subgroups, there only  $G$  and  $\{e\}$  are its subgroups where  $e$  is identity.

Now, by Lagrange's theorem,  $O(G) = K O(H)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  order of group  $G$  is divisible by order of subgroups  $H$ .

Since the subgroups are  $G$  and  $\{e\}$  their orders are  $n$  and  $1$ .

So,  $n$  has only two factors  $= n$  and  $1$ .  
This means  $n$  is a prime number.

∴  $G$  must be prime of prime order.

q.8) Let  $G$  be group that the intersection of all its sub group, which are different from  $\{e\}$  is a sub group and different from identity. Prove that every element in  $G$  has finite order.

Let  $\cap \{e\} \neq H \leq G$ .  $H = K \neq \{e\}$

Let  $H_i = \langle a^i \rangle$  are sub-groups of  $G$ .

Since  $K \leq H$

(∵ Subgroup of cyclic group)

= for some integer,  $n$

Since  $\langle a^n \rangle \leq \langle a^i \rangle$

$$n = iK \text{ i.e. } i/n$$

As  $n$  is a fixed given positive no it has only finitely many divisions. Since  $K \neq e$ , we only have finitely many  $H_i \neq e$  i.e. There exists a  $j$  such that  $H_j = \langle a^j \rangle = e$  i.e.  $a^j = e$ .