

$G$  group  
 $H$  subgroup

To define: set (left) Coset, denoted by  $G/H$

Break  $G$  into disjoint union of subsets:

$\Leftrightarrow$  find an equivalence reln on  $G$ .

$G$ :

$H$	$\dots$	$\dots$
$gH$	$\dots$	$\dots$
$g'H$	$\dots$	$\dots$

Define a reln  $x \sim y$  on  $G$  by  $x \sim y$  if  $x^{-1}y \in H$  (L for left)

reflexive:  $x \sim x$  since  $x^{-1}x = 1 \in H$

Symmetric:  $x \sim y \Leftrightarrow x^{-1}y \in H \Leftrightarrow \underbrace{y^{-1}x}_{H \text{ subgroup}} \in H \Leftrightarrow y \sim x$

transitive:  $(x^{-1}y)(y^{-1}z) = x^{-1}z$ .

it is maximal s.t.

$G =$  disjoint union of eq. classes.  $C \subset G$  is an eq. class if  $\forall x, y \in C \Rightarrow x \sim y$

Lemma: If  $C \subset G$  is an eq. class then  $\forall x \in C$   $\begin{matrix} H & \xrightarrow{\psi} & C \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ h & \xrightarrow{\psi} & xh \end{matrix}$  is a bijection

$G/H$  is the set of eq. classes w.r.t. the reln  $\sim$

$$G = \bigsqcup_{i \in I} C_i$$

Pick  $g_i \in C_i \forall i \in I$ . Then  $G = \bigsqcup_{i \in I} g_i H$

eg:  $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$

eg  $S_5 \leq S_6$  (elements in  $S_5$  just don't move 6)

$\parallel$   
 $\{ \dots, 6, \dots \}$

$$\sigma \in S_6 : \sigma(6)=6\}$$

$$\pi_1 \sim \pi_2 \Leftrightarrow \pi_1^{-1} \pi_2 \in S_5 \Leftrightarrow (\pi_1^{-1} \pi_2)(6)=6 \Leftrightarrow \pi_1(6) = \pi_2(6)$$

$$S_6/S_5 \longleftrightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$\pi \longrightarrow \pi(6)$$

Consequences: if  $G$  is finite,  $|G/H| = |G|/|H|$ .

eg: How many subgroups are there in a group of prime order? 2:  $\{e\} \neq G$ .

eg:  $\forall x \in G, \text{ord}(x) \mid |G|$  ( $\nexists$  element of order 7 in  $S_5$ ).

Ex: let  $a, b \in G$  s.t.  $ab = ba$ . Then  $\text{ord}(ab) \mid \text{lcm}(\text{ord}(a), \text{ord}(b))$

Since  $(ab)^l = a^l b^l = e$ . where  $l = \text{lcm}(\text{ord}(a), \text{ord}(b)) = \text{if}(\text{ord}(a), \text{ord}(b)) = 1$ .