

Group

A nonempty set  $G$  with binary operation  $*$  is called group if the binary operation  $*$  is associative and

- 1) for all  $a \in G$ ,  $\exists e \in G$  s.t.  $a * e = e * a = a$
- 2) For each  $a \in G$ ,  $\exists a^{-1} \in G$  s.t.  $a * a^{-1} = a^{-1} * a = e$ .

Examples

1)-  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ ,  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ ,  $(\mathbb{C}, +)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$

$(\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot)$ ,  $(\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Q}^*, \cdot)$ .

2).  $(\mathbb{Q}^+, \cdot)$ ,  $(\{1, -1, i, -i\}, \cdot)$ ,  $(\{1, \omega, \omega^2\}, \cdot)$ .

3). Set  $M(2, \mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ .

Then  $(M(2, \mathbb{R}), +)$  is group.

4). Set  $GL(2, \mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \wedge ad - bc \neq 0 \right\}$ .

Then  $(GL(2, \mathbb{R}), \cdot)$  is group.

5). Set  $SL(2, \mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \wedge ad - bc = 1 \right\}$

Then  $(SL(2, \mathbb{R}), \cdot)$  is a group.

6)  $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  is a group under addition modulo  $n$ .

7)  $U(n) = \{j \in \mathbb{Z}_n : (j, n) = 1\}$  is a group under multiplication modulo  $n$ .

i.e.,  $U(10) = \{1, 3, 7, 9\}$  is group under multiplication modulo 10.

$\theta_{10}$	1	3	7	9
1	1	3	7	9
3	3	9	1	7
7	7	1	9	3
9	9	7	3	1

8). The set of complex  $n$ th roots of unity

$$\left\{ \cos\left(\frac{2k\pi}{n}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2k\pi}{n}\right) : k=0,1,2,\dots,n-1 \right\}$$

is a group under multiplication.

9). The set  $\mathbb{R}^n = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \mid a_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$

is a group under componentwise addition.

### Properties of Groups:-

1). In a group  $G$ , there is only one identity element.

2). In a group  $G$ , the inverse of an element is unique.

3). For group elements  $a, b$ ,  $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$ .

### Order of a Group:-

The number of elements in a group  $G$  is called order of  $G$ , denoted by  $|G|$ .

### Order of an element

The order of an element  $g \in G$  is the smallest positive integer  $n$  such that  $g^n = e$ .

Example

Consider  $U(15) = \{1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14\}$   
 under multiplication modulo 15. The order of group  
 is 8. Order of each element can be found as

$$|1| = 1$$

$$2^1 = 2, \quad 2^2 = 4, \quad 2^3 = 8, \quad 2^4 = 16 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |2| = 4$$

$$4^1 = 4, \quad 4^2 = 16 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |4| = 2$$

$$7^1 = 7, \quad 7^2 = 49 = 4, \quad 7^3 = 7 \cdot 7^2 = 7 \cdot 4 = 28 = 13$$

$$7^4 = 7 \cdot 7^3 = 7 \cdot 13 = 91 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |7| = 4$$

$$\text{Similarly } |8| = 4, \quad |11| = 2, \quad |13| = 4, \quad |14| = 2.$$

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Example

Every nonzero element of  $\mathbb{Z}$  has infinite order.

Subgroups

A subset  $H$  of a group  $G$  is subgroup  
 if for any  $a, b \in H$ ,  $ab^{-1} \in H$ . (In case of addition  
 We denote as  $H \leq G$ .  $a - b \in H$ ).

Example

Let  $G$  be an Abelian group. Then

$$H = \{x \in G : x^2 = e\} \leq G.$$

Example

Let  $G$  be an Abelian group and  $H, K \leq G$ .

$$\text{Then } HK = \{hk : h \in H, k \in K\} \leq G.$$

Theorem. Let  $H, K \leq G$ . Then  $HK \leq G$  if and only if  $HK = KH$ .

## Cyclic subgroup generated by single element.

Let  $\alpha \in G$ , we define a subgroup of  $G$  generated by  $\alpha$  as

$$\langle \alpha \rangle = \{ \alpha^n : n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

If  $G$  is group under addition, then

$$\langle \alpha \rangle = \{ n\alpha : n \in \mathbb{Z} \}.$$

Example

1) In  $U(10)$ ,  $\langle 3 \rangle = \{3, 9, 7, 1\} = U(10)$ .

2) In  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}$ ,  $\langle 2 \rangle = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}$ .

3) In  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\langle 1 \rangle = \langle -1 \rangle = \mathbb{Z}$ .

## Center of a group:-

The center of a group  $G$  is defined as

$$Z(G) = \{ \alpha \in G : g\alpha = \alpha g, \forall g \in G \}$$

$$\boxed{Z(G) \leq G}.$$

If  $G$  is Abelian, then  $Z(G) = G$ .

Group  $G$  is called centerless if  $Z(G) = \{e\}$ .

Example 2

The center of the quaternion group

$$Q_8 = \{1, -1, i, -i, j, -j, k, -k\}$$

is  $\{1, -1\}$ .



Centralizer of an element:- (Normalizer of an element).

The centralizer of an element  $a \in G$  is

$$C(a) = \{g \in G : ga = ag\}.$$

$$\boxed{C(a) \leq G}$$

Centralizer of a subgroup

The centralizer of a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is

$$C(H) = \{g \in G : gh = hg, \forall h \in H\}.$$

$$\boxed{C(H) \leq G}$$

Normalizer of a subgroup

The normalizer of a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is

$$N(H) = \{g \in G : gH = Hg\}$$

$$\boxed{N(H) \leq G}.$$

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Remark

1)-  $C(H) \leq N(H).$

2)-  $H \not\subseteq C(H)$  but  $H \leq C(C(H)).$

3)- For any two subsets (subgroups)  $H$  and  $K$  of  $G$

$$H \leq C(K) \Leftrightarrow K \leq C(H).$$

4)- If  $G$  is Abelian, then  $C(G) = Z(G) = G.$

5)-  $G$  is Abelian iff  $C(a) = G \quad \forall a \in G.$

6)-  $Z(G) = \bigcap_{a \in G} C(a).$  (7).  $C(a) = C(a^{-1}).$

QuestionLet  $G = GL(2, \mathbb{R})$ .

(a) Find  $C\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)$

(b) Find  $C\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ .

(c) Find  $Z(G)$ .

Cyclic Groups

A group  $G$  is called cyclic if  $G = \langle \alpha \rangle$  for some  $\alpha \in G$ .

Examples1)  $\mathbb{Z}$  is cyclic. 1 and -1 are generators.2)  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is cyclic. 1 is a generator.3)  $\mathbb{Z}_8 = \langle 1 \rangle = \langle 3 \rangle = \langle 5 \rangle = \langle 7 \rangle$ .

In general  $\mathbb{Z}_n = \langle k \rangle$  where  $(k, n) = 1$ .

4)  $U(10) = \langle 3 \rangle = \langle 7 \rangle$ .5)  $U(8)$  is noncyclic.

For what  $n$ ,  $U(n)$  is cyclic? (Not concentrate more than 2 minutes).

Criterion for  $a^i = a^j$ Let  $G$  be a group and  $a \in G$ .If  $|a|$  is infinite, then  $a^i = a^j \Leftrightarrow i = j$ .If  $|a|$  is finite, say  $|a| = n$ , then  $a^i = a^j \Leftrightarrow n \mid (i - j)$ .

## Results

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1).  $|a| = |\langle a \rangle|$

2).  $a^k = e \Rightarrow |a| \mid k.$

3). If  $|a| = n$ , then  $\langle a^k \rangle = \langle a^{\gcd(n,k)} \rangle$   
and  $|a^k| = \frac{n}{\gcd(n,k)}.$

4). If  $|a| = n$ , then  $|a^i| = |a^j|$  if and only if  $\gcd(n,i) = \gcd(n,j).$

5). If  $|a| = n$ , then  $\langle a \rangle = \langle a^j \rangle \Leftrightarrow \gcd(n,j) = 1.$

6). Every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic.

7). If  $|\langle a \rangle| = n$ , then for each positive divisor  $k$  of  $n$ ,  $\langle a^{n/k} \rangle$  is unique subgroup of order  $k$ .

(Discuss  $\mathbb{Z}_{30}$  as an example).

8). For each positive divisor  $k$  of  $n$ , the set  $\langle \frac{n}{k} \rangle$  is the unique subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  of order  $k$ .

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## Euler phi function:-

Let  $\phi(1) = 1$  and for any integer  $> 1$ , we define  $\phi(n)$  as the number of positive integers less than  $n$  and relatively prime to  $n$ .

i.e.  $\phi(n) = |\{j \in \mathbb{Z}_n : \gcd(n,j) = 1\}| = |U(n)|.$

For a prime  $p$ ,  $\phi(p^n) = p^n - p^{n-1}.$

Theorem Let  $G$  be a group of order  $n$ . If  $d|n$ , then there are  $\phi(d)$  elements of order  $d$ .

i.e.,  $\mathbb{Z}_8, \mathbb{Z}_{640}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_{80000}$  each have  $\phi(8) = 4$  elements of order 8.

Theorem:-

In a finite group, the number of elements of order  $d$  is a multiple of  $\phi(d)$ .

Properties of  $\phi(n)$ .

1)- For a prime  $p$ ,  $\phi(p) = p-1$ .

2)- For a prime  $p$ ,  $\phi(p^n) = p^n - p^{n-1}$ .

3)- If  $m$  and  $n$  are relatively prime, then  $\phi(mn) = \phi(m)\phi(n)$ .

4)-  $\phi(n) = n \prod_{p|n} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)$ , where  $p$  is prime.  
(or)

5)- If  $n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_r^{k_r}$  where  $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_r$  are prime numbers and each  $k_i \geq 1$ , then

$$\phi(n) = n \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_r}\right).$$

6)-  $\sum_{d|n} \phi(d) = n$

where the sum is over all positive divisors  $d$  of  $n$ .



## Permutation Groups

A permutation of a set  $A$  is a bijective function from  $A$  to  $A$ .

A permutation group of  $A$  is the collection of all permutations of  $A$  that forms a group under function composition.

For example, we define a permutation  $\alpha$  of the set  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  by

$$\alpha(1) = 2, \quad \alpha(2) = 3, \quad \alpha(3) = 1, \quad \alpha(4) = 4.$$

A convenient way is

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Consider

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma\gamma &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & 2 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma\sigma &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Here

$$\sigma\gamma \neq \gamma\sigma.$$

### Symmetric Group $S_3$

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Let  $S_3$  denote the permutations of  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ .

Then  $S_3$ , under function composition, is a group with six elements. The six elements are

$$\varepsilon = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \alpha^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \alpha\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \alpha^2\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Here  $\alpha\beta \neq \beta\alpha$ , so that  $S_3$  is non-Abelian.

### Symmetric Group $S_n$

Let  $A = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . The set of all permutations of  $A$  is called the symmetric group of degree  $n$  and order  $n!$ . This group is denoted by  $S_n$ .

$S_n$  is non-Abelian when  $n \geq 3$ .

The group  $S_4$  has 30 and  $S_5$  has 100 subgroups.

### Cycle Notation

An expression of the form  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m)$

where

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m) = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_m \\ a_2 & a_3 & \dots & a_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is called a cycle of length  $m$  or an  $m$ -cycle.

This can also be written as  $(a_1 a_2 \dots a_m) = (a_2 a_3 \dots a_m a_1)$   
 $= (a_3 a_4 \dots a_m a_1 a_2)$

and so on.

A cycle of length 2 is called a transposition.

Consider the permutation  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . //

In cycle notation, we write  $\alpha = (1\ 2)(3\ 4\ 6)(5)$   
or simply  $\alpha = (12)(346)$ .

Theorem 1.

1) Every permutation of a finite set can be written as a cycle or as a product of disjoint cycles.

2) If the pair of cycles  $\alpha = (a_1\ a_2\ \dots\ a_m)$  and  $\beta = (b_1\ b_2\ \dots\ b_n)$  have no entries in common, then  $\alpha\beta = \beta\alpha$ .  
(Disjoint cycles commute).

3) The order of a permutation on a finite set written in disjoint cycle form is the least common multiple of the lengths of the cycles.

4) The order of a  $k$ -cycle is  $k$ .

For example  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 & 7 & 6 & 4 & 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

Then  $\alpha = (1\ 2)(3\ 7)(4\ 6\ 5)$

and  $|\alpha| = \text{lcm}(2, 2, 3) = 6$

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5) Every permutation in  $S_n$ ,  $n > 1$ , is a product of 2-cycles. For example  $(1632)(457) = (12)(13)(16)(47)(45)$ .

6) If  $\varepsilon = \beta_1\beta_2\cdots\beta_r$ , where the  $\beta$ 's are 2-cycles, then  $r$  is even.

7) If  $\alpha = \beta_1\beta_2\cdots\beta_r = \gamma_1\gamma_2\cdots\gamma_s$ , where the  $\beta$ 's and  $\gamma$ 's are 2-cycles, then  $r$  and  $s$  are both even or both odd.



## Even and Odd Permutations:-

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A permutation that can be expressed as a product of an even (odd) number of 2-cycles is called an even (odd) permutation.

## Alternating group of Degree n:-

The set of even permutations in  $S_n$  forms a subgroup of  $S_n$ , called the alternating group of degree  $n$ , denoted as  $A_n$  and  $|A_n| = \frac{n!}{2}$ .

Example:-

$$\begin{aligned} S_3 &= \{1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \beta, \alpha\beta, \alpha^2\beta\} \\ &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

In cycle notations

$$S_3 = \{E, (123), (132), (23), (12), (13)\}$$

$$= \{E, (13)(12), (12)(13), (23), (12), (13)\}$$

$\Rightarrow$  order of each non-identity element is 2 or 3.

$$A_3 = \{E, (123), (132)\}$$

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Conjugate Permutations:- Let  $\alpha, \beta \in S_n$ . Then  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are called conjugate if there exists  $\gamma \in S_n$  such that  $\gamma \circ \alpha \circ \gamma^{-1} = \beta$ .

Theorem:- Let  $\pi = (b_1 b_2 \dots b_r) \in S_n$ . Then for all  $\alpha \in S_n$ ,  $\alpha \circ \pi \circ \alpha^{-1} = (\alpha(b_1) \alpha(b_2) \dots \alpha(b_r))$ .



Two cycles in  $S_n$  are conjugate if and only if they have the same length.

Theorem Every element of  $A_n$  is a product of 3-cycles,  $n \geq 3$ .

Questions.

- 1). Express  $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 2 & 3 & 8 & 5 & 6 & 4 & 7 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  as a product of disjoint cycles and then as a product of transpositions.
- 2). Write all elements of  $S_4$ . Show that  $S_4$  has no elements of order  $\geq 5$ .
- 3). Find the order of  $(1234)(657)$  in  $S_7$ .
- 4). Let  $\alpha = (2\ 5\ 9)(1\ 3\ 6)$  and  $\beta = (157)(2469) \in S_9$ . Find  $\alpha \circ \beta \circ \alpha^{-1}$ .
- 5). Let  $(1\ 3\ 5\ 7)$  and  $(2\ 3\ 6\ 8) \in S_8$ . Find  $\alpha \in S_8$  such that  $\alpha \circ (1\ 3\ 5\ 7) \circ \alpha^{-1} = (2\ 3\ 6\ 8)$ .
- 6). Prove that  $(1\ 2\ \dots\ n-1\ n)^{-1} = (n\ n-1\ \dots\ 2\ 1)$ .
- 7). Show that the number of distinct cycles of length  $r$  in  $S_n$  is  $\frac{n!}{r(n-r)!} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$ .

## Cosets.

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Let  $G$  be a group and  $H \leq G$ . For any  $a \in G$ ,  
We define

$$aH = \{ah : h \in H\} \quad (\text{Left coset of } H \text{ containing } a)$$

and

$$Ha = \{ha : h \in H\} \quad (\text{Right coset of } H \text{ containing } a)$$

(In general  $aH \neq Ha$ ).

### Example

(1) Let  $G = S_3 = \{I, (123), (132), (12), (23), (13)\}$ .

and  $H = \{I, (13)\}$ . Then

$$IH = H$$

$$(12)H = \{(12), (12)(13)\} = \{(12), (132)\} = (132)H$$

$$(13)H = \{(13), (13)(13)\} = \{(13), I\} = H$$

$$(23)H = \{(23), (23)(13)\} = \{(23), (123)\} = (123)H.$$

Distinct cosets of  $H$  in  $G$  are

$$H, (12)H, (23)H$$

(2) Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}_9 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$

and  $H = \{0, 3, 6\}$

Then cosets of  $H$  in  $G$  are

$$0+H = \{0, 3, 6\} = 3+H = 6+H.$$

$$1+H = \{1, 4, 7\} = 4+H = 7+H.$$

$$2+H = \{2, 5, 8\} = 5+H = 8+H.$$

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## Properties of Cosets:-

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Let  $H \leq G$  and  $a, b \in G$ . Then

- 1)-  $a \in aH$ .
- 2)-  $aH = H$  if and only if  $a \in H$ .
- 3)-  $(ab)H = a(bH)$ .
- 4)-  $aH = bH$  if and only if  $a \in bH$ .
- 5)-  $aH = bH$  or  $aH \cap bH = \emptyset$ .
- 6)-  $aH = bH$  if and only if  $ab^{-1} \in H$  or  $a^{-1}b \in H$ .
- 7)-  $|aH| = |bH| = |Ha| = |Hb| = |H|$ .
- 8)-  $aH = Ha$  if and only if  $H = aHa^{-1}$ .
- 9)-  $aH \leq G$  if and only if  $a \in H$ .

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### Question:-

Find the cosets of  $H = \{1, 15\}$  in  $G = U(32)$ .

### Lagrange's Theorem:-

If  $G$  is a finite group and  $H \leq G$ ,  
then  $|H|$  divides  $|G|$ .

### Index of a subgroup:-

If  $H \leq G$ , then the number of distinct  
left (or right) cosets of  $H$  in  $G$  is called  
index of  $H$  in  $G$ , denoted as  $[G:H]$  or  $|G:H|$ .



## Consequences of Lagrange's Theorem

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1). If  $G$  is a finite group and  $H \leq G$ , then

$$[G:H] = \frac{|G|}{|H|}$$

2). If  $a \in G$ , then  $|a|$  divides  $|G|$ .

3). A group of prime order is cyclic.

(4) In a finite group  $G$ ,  $a^{|G|} = e$ ,  $\forall a \in G$ .

5) Let  $a$  be an integer and  $p$  be a prime, then

$$a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}.$$

## Converse of Lagrange's Theorem

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The converse of Lagrange's Theorem is false.

For example,  $A_4$  has no subgroup of order 6, where as  $|A_4| = 12$ .

( $A_4$  is the smallest <sup>order</sup> subgroup for which <sup>converse of</sup> Lagrange's Theorem is not true).

## Theorem

For any two subgroups  $H$  and  $K$  of a finite group  $G$ ,

$$|HK| = \frac{|H| |K|}{|H \cap K|}$$

## Example

A group of order 75 can have at most one subgroup of order 25. For this, suppose  $H$  and  $K$  are two subgroups of order 25. Since  $|H \cap K| \mid |H|$  so  $|H \cap K| = 1$  or 5 results in  $|HK| = \frac{25 \cdot 25}{|H \cap K|} = 625$  or 125.



## Exercises :-

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- 1). Find all right cosets of  $G\mathbb{Z}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- 2). Let  $|G| = pq$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are prime integers. Show that every proper subgroup of  $G$  is cyclic.
- 3). Let  $H \leq G$ . Define a relation  $\sim$  on  $G$  by for all  $a, b \in G$ ,  $a \sim b$  if and only if  $b^{-1}a \in H$ . Show that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $G$  and the equivalence classes of  $\sim$  are the cosets  $aH$ ,  $a \in G$ .
- 4). Let  $|G| = pq$  ( $p > q$ ), where  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct primes. Show that  $G$  has at most one subgroup of order  $p$ .
- 5). Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $A, B \leq G$  such that  $A \subseteq B$ . Prove that

$$[G:A] = [G:B][B:A].$$

- 6). Let  $|G| = 35$  and  $A, B \leq G$  such that  $|A| = 3$  and  $|B| = 7$ . Show that  $G = AB$ .
- 7). We define double coset of  $H$  and  $K$  in a group  $G$  as
$$H\alpha K = \{hak : h \in H, k \in K\}$$
where  $\alpha \in G$  and  $H, K \leq G$ .  
Prove that  $|H\alpha K| = \frac{|H||K|}{|H \cap \alpha K \alpha^{-1}|}$ ,  $\forall \alpha \in G$ .

## Normal Subgroup

A subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  is called normal subgroup if  $aN = Na$ , for all  $a \in G$ .

We denote this by  $N \trianglelefteq G$ .

## Normal Subgroup Test:-

A subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  is normal if and only if  $xNx^{-1} \subseteq N$ ,  $\forall x \in G$ , or  $xnx^{-1} \in N$   
 $\forall x \in G$  and  $n \in N$ .

## Examples

- 1). Every subgroup of an Abelian group is normal.
- 2).  $A_n \trianglelefteq S_n$  for all  $n \geq 2$ .
- 3). Every subgroup of index 2 is normal.
- 4).  $Z(G) \trianglelefteq G$ .
- 5). Let  $H \trianglelefteq G$  and  $K \leq G$ , then  $HK \leq G$ .
- 6). If  $H$  is a unique subgroup of finite order of  $G$ , then  $H \trianglelefteq G$ .

7).  $SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \trianglelefteq GL(2, \mathbb{R})$ .

8). If  $H, K \trianglelefteq G$ , then  $H \cap K \trianglelefteq G$ .

9). Let  $H \leq G$ . Then  $\bigcap_{g \in G} gHg^{-1} \trianglelefteq G$ .

10).  $H \trianglelefteq G$  if and only if  $N(H) = G$ .

11).  $H \trianglelefteq N(H)$ .

Simple Group- A group  $G$  is simple if  $G \neq \{e\}$  and the only normal subgroups of  $G$  are  $\{e\}$  and  $G$ .

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## Factor Groups:-

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Let  $G$  be a group and  $H \trianglelefteq G$ . The set  $G/H = \{gH : g \in G\}$  is a group under the operation  $(g_1H)(g_2H) = g_1g_2H$ .

This is called factor (quotient) group.

### Example:-

1).  $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} = \{0+4\mathbb{Z}, 1+4\mathbb{Z}, 2+4\mathbb{Z}, 3+4\mathbb{Z}\}.$

2). Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}_{18}$  and  $H = \langle 6 \rangle = \{0, 6, 12\}.$

Then  $G/H = \{0+H, 1+H, 2+H, 3+H, 4+H, 5+H\}.$

3). Let  $G = U(32) = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31\}$  and  $H = \{1, 17\}.$  Then

$$G/H = \{H, 3H, 5H, 7H, 9H, 11H, 13H, 15H\}.$$

In case of finite group  $G$ ,  $\left| \frac{G}{H} \right| = \frac{|G|}{|H|}.$

$A_n$  is simple if  $n \geq 5$ .

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### Theorem:-

For a group  $G$ , if  $G/Z(G)$  is cyclic, then  $G$  is commutative.

### Exercise:-

Let  $G$  be a commutative group. Show that  $G$  is simple if and only if  $G$  is of prime order.



Natural Homomorphism:-

Let  $H \trianglelefteq G$ . Define a map  $\phi: G \rightarrow G/H$  by  

$$\phi(\alpha) = \alpha H \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in G.$$

Then  $\phi$  is a homomorphism from  $G$  onto  $G/H$  and  $\text{Ker } \phi = H$ . This homomorphism is called the natural homomorphism of  $G$  onto  $G/H$ .

Example:-

Consider  $S_3$  and the normal subgroup

$$H = \{I, (123), (132)\}.$$

Define  $\phi: S_3 \rightarrow S_3/H$  by

$$\phi(\alpha) = \alpha H \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in S_3.$$

Then  $\phi$  is a homomorphism which is onto and  $\text{ker } \phi = H$ .

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Question:- Determine all homomorphisms from  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}_{30}$ .

Sol:- Such a homomorphism is completely specified by image of 1. That is, if  $1 \mapsto a$ , then  $x \mapsto xa$ .

Lagrange's theorem requires that  $|a|$  divides 30 and also  $|a| \mid 12 = 12$ . So  $|a| = 1, 2, 3$ , or 6.

Thus  $a = 0, 15, 10, 20, 5$  or 25.

Hence there are six  $(= \gcd(12, 30))$  homomorphisms from  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}_{30}$ .

Result:- In general,  $|\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}_m, \mathbb{Z}_n)| = \gcd(m, n)$ .

In particular, if  $(m, n) = 1$ , then  $|\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}_m, \mathbb{Z}_n)| = 1$ .



Example. The mapping  $\phi: S_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$  that takes an even permutation to 0 and an odd permutation to 1, is a homomorphism with  $\ker \phi = A_n$ .

Examples of Isomorphisms:-

1).  $U(10) \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$  and  $U(5) \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ .

2). Any infinite cyclic group is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}$  and any finite cyclic group is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

3).  $U(10) \not\cong U(12)$

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4). Let  $G = SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ . Define a map  $\phi: SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow SL(2, \mathbb{R})$

by  $\phi_M(A) = M A M^{-1}$ , for all  $A \in SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ ,

where  $M$  is any fixed  $2 \times 2$  real matrix with

$|M| = 1$ . Then  $\phi_M$  is an isomorphism.

Properties of Isomorphisms acting on elements:-

Suppose that  $\phi: G \rightarrow G'$  is an isomorphism. Then;

1).  $\phi(e) = e'$

2).  $\phi(g^n) = [\phi(g)]^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $g \in G$ .

3). For any  $a, b \in G$ ,  $ab = ba$  if and only if  $\phi(a)\phi(b) = \phi(b)\phi(a)$ .

4).  $G = \langle a \rangle$  if and only if  $G' = \langle \phi(a) \rangle$ .

5). For all  $a \in G$ ,  $|a| = |\phi(a)|$ .

6). If  $G$  is finite, then  $G$  and  $G'$  have exactly the same number of elements of every order.

## Properties of Isomorphisms acting on groups:-

Suppose that  $\phi: G \rightarrow G'$  is an isomorphism. Then

- 1).  $\phi^{-1}: G' \rightarrow G$  is an isomorphism.
- 2).  $G$  is Abelian if and only if  $G'$  is Abelian.
- 3).  $G$  is cyclic if and only if  $G'$  is cyclic.
- 4).  $\phi(Z(G)) = Z(G')$ .

## Cayley's Theorem:-

Every group is isomorphic to a group of permutations of its own elements.

$$\left( G \cong F(G) = \{f_a : a \in G, f_a(b) = ab\} \right. \\ \left. \text{under } \phi(a) = f_a \right).$$

Example:- Let  $\gcd(|G|, |H|) = 1$ , then trivial homomorphism is the only homomorphism <sup>(isomorphism)</sup> from  $G$  into  $H$ .

Example:-

$$(\mathbb{Q}, +) \neq (\mathbb{Q}^*, \cdot)$$

since every nonidentity element of  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$  is of infinite order while  $-1$  is a nonidentity element of  $(\mathbb{Q}^*, \cdot)$  which is of finite order.

Example:-

$$(\mathbb{Z}, +) \neq (\mathbb{Q}, +)$$

since  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is cyclic and  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$  is non cyclic.

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### Properties of Homomorphisms:-

Let  $\phi: G \rightarrow G'$  be a homomorphism and  $g \in G$ .

Then:

- 1)  $\phi(e) = e'$
- 2)  $\phi(g^n) = [\phi(g)]^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- 3) If  $|g|$  is finite, then  $|\phi(g)|$  divides  $|g|$ .
- 4)  $\text{Ker } \phi \trianglelefteq G$ .
- 5)  $\phi(a) = \phi(b)$  if and only if  $a \text{Ker } \phi = b \text{Ker } \phi$ .
- 6) If  $\phi(g) = g'$ , then  $\phi^{-1}(g') = \{x \in G : \phi(x) = g'\} = g \text{Ker } \phi$ .

### Properties of Subgroups under Homomorphisms:-

Let  $\phi: G \rightarrow G'$  be a homomorphism and

$H \leq G$ . Then:

- 1)  $\phi(H) = \{\phi(h) : h \in H\} \trianglelefteq G'$ .
- 2) If  $H$  is cyclic, then  $\phi(H)$  is cyclic.
- 3) If  $H$  is Abelian, then  $\phi(H)$  is Abelian.
- 4) If  $H \trianglelefteq G$ , then  $\phi(H) \trianglelefteq \phi(G)$ .
- 5) If  $|H| = n$ , then  $|\phi(H)|$  divides  $n$ .
- 6) If  $|\text{Ker } \phi| = n$ , then  $\phi$  is an  $n$ -to-1 mapping from  $G$  onto  $\phi(G)$ .
- 7) If  $K' \leq G'$ , then  $\phi^{-1}(K') = \{k \in G : \phi(k) \in K'\} \leq G$ .
- 8) If  $K' \trianglelefteq G'$ , then  $\phi^{-1}(K') \trianglelefteq G$ .
- 9)  $\phi$  is one-one if and only if  $\text{Ker } \phi = \{e\}$ .

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Homomorphism:-

A map  $\phi: G \rightarrow G'$  is called homomorphism if  $\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$  for all  $a, b \in G$ .

Kernel of a Homomorphism:-

Let  $\phi: G \rightarrow G'$  be a homomorphism. We define  $\text{Ker } \phi = \{g \in G : \phi(g) = e'\}$ .

Examples:-

1)- A map  $\phi: GL(2, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$  defined by  $\phi(A) = |A|$  is a homomorphism with  $\text{ker}(\phi) = SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ .

2)- The map  $\phi: \mathbb{R}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$  defined by  $\phi(x) = |x|$  is a homomorphism with  $\text{ker } \phi = \{-1, 1\}$ .

3)- The map  $\phi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$  defined by  $\phi(x) = x \bmod n$  is a homomorphism with  $\text{ker } \phi = \langle n \rangle$ .

Definitions:-

A homomorphism  $\phi: G \rightarrow G'$  is called a:

- i) monomorphism, if  $\phi$  is one-one (injective).
- ii) epimorphism, if  $\phi$  is onto (surjective).
- iii) isomorphism, if  $\phi$  is one-one and onto (bijective).
- iv) endomorphism, if  $G = G'$ .
- v) automorphism, if  $\phi$  is an isomorphism and  $G = G'$ .



First Isomorphism Theorem:-

Let  $\phi: G \rightarrow G'$  be a homomorphism. Then

$$G/\text{Ker } \phi \cong \phi(G).$$

Example:-

$$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}_n.$$

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Second Isomorphism Theorem:-

Let  $H, K \leq G$  with  $K \trianglelefteq G$ . Then

$$H/(H \cap K) \cong HK/K.$$

Example

Consider the group  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  and its subgroups

$H = \langle 2 \rangle$  and  $K = \langle 3 \rangle$ . Then

$$H + K = \langle 2 \rangle + \langle 3 \rangle = \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{and} \quad H \cap K = \langle 6 \rangle.$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\langle 2 \rangle}{\langle 6 \rangle} \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\langle 3 \rangle}.$$

Notice that

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

while

$$\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\langle 3 \rangle} = \{0 + \langle 3 \rangle, 1 + \langle 3 \rangle, 2 + \langle 3 \rangle\}.$$

The mapping  $\phi: \frac{\langle 2 \rangle}{\langle 6 \rangle} \longrightarrow \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\langle 3 \rangle}$

defined by  $\phi(0 + \langle 6 \rangle) = 0 + \langle 3 \rangle$ ,  $\phi(2 + \langle 6 \rangle) = 2 + \langle 3 \rangle$ ,

$\phi(4 + \langle 6 \rangle) = 1 + \langle 3 \rangle$  is the required isomorphism.

### Third Isomorphism Theorem:-

Let  $H_1, H_2 \trianglelefteq G$  with  $H_1 \subseteq H_2$ . Then

$$\frac{(G/H_1)}{(H_2/H_1)} \cong \frac{G}{H_2}$$

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#### Example:-

Let  $G = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ ,  $H_1 = \langle 6 \rangle$  and  $H_2 = \langle 3 \rangle$

Then  $H_1 \subseteq H_2$  and

$$\frac{G}{H_2} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\langle 3 \rangle} = \{0 + \langle 3 \rangle, 1 + \langle 3 \rangle, 2 + \langle 3 \rangle\}$$

$$\frac{G}{H_1} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\langle 6 \rangle} = \{0 + \langle 6 \rangle, 1 + \langle 6 \rangle, 2 + \langle 6 \rangle, 3 + \langle 6 \rangle, 4 + \langle 6 \rangle, 5 + \langle 6 \rangle\}$$

$$\frac{H_2}{H_1} = \frac{\langle 3 \rangle}{\langle 6 \rangle} = \{0 + \langle 6 \rangle, 3 + \langle 6 \rangle\}$$

Now

$$\frac{(G/H_1)}{(H_2/H_1)} = \left\{ 0 + \langle 6 \rangle + \frac{\langle 3 \rangle}{\langle 6 \rangle}, 1 + \langle 6 \rangle + \frac{\langle 3 \rangle}{\langle 6 \rangle}, 2 + \langle 6 \rangle + \frac{\langle 3 \rangle}{\langle 6 \rangle} \right\}.$$

It is clear that

$$\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\langle 3 \rangle} \cong \frac{(\mathbb{Z}/\langle 6 \rangle)}{(\langle 3 \rangle/\langle 6 \rangle)}$$

### Group of automorphisms:-

Let  $G$  be a group, then the collection of all automorphisms of  $G$ ,  $\text{Aut}(G)$  is a group under the composition of functions.

#### Inner automorphisms:-

Let  $G$  be a group and  $a \in G$ . We define inner automorphism  $\partial_a : G \rightarrow G$  by  $\partial_a(g) = aga^{-1}$ ,  $\forall g \in G$ .

We denote by  $\text{Inn}(G)$  the set of all inner automorphisms of  $G$ .

$$\boxed{\text{Inn}(G) \trianglelefteq \text{Aut}(G)}$$

Theorem:- Let  $G$  be a group and  $H \leq G$ . Then

$$\frac{N(H)}{C(H)} \cong \text{a subgroup of } \text{Aut}(G).$$

and 
$$\frac{G}{Z(G)} \cong \text{Inn}(G).$$

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Exercises:-

- 1)- Show that  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_n) \cong U(n)$ .
- 2)- Show that  $|\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_p)| = \phi(p) = p-1$ , where  $p$  is a prime.
- 3)- Show that  $\text{Aut}(S_3) = \text{Inn}(S_3) \cong S_3$ .
- 4)- Determine  $\text{Aut}(S_4)$ .
- 5)- Let  $G$  be a cyclic group of order  $n$ .  
Prove that  $|\text{Aut}(G)| = \phi(n)$ .
- 6)- Let  $G$  be a group such that  $Z(G) = \{e\}$ .  
Prove that  $Z(\text{Aut}(G)) = \{e\}$ .

Characteristic Subgroup:-

Let  $G$  be a group and  $H \leq G$ .  $H$  is called a characteristic subgroup of  $G$  if  $\phi(H) \subseteq H$ ,  $\forall \phi \in \text{Aut}(G)$ .

Properties:-

- 1). Every characteristic subgroup of  $G$  is normal.
- 2).  $Z(G)$  is characteristic subgroup of  $G$ .
- 3). Every subgroup of a cyclic group is characteristic.
- 4). The product and intersection of two characteristic subgroups is characteristic.