

Chapter 9: Normal subgroups and Factor groups.

Def: Normal subgroup.

A subgroup H of a group G is called a normal subgroup of G if $aH = Ha$ for all a in G . We denote this by $H \triangleleft G$.

left coset right coset

exp: $G = \mathbb{Z}_6$, $H = \{0, 3\}$

$$0+H = H = H+0$$

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

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

So H is Normal subgroup.

Note: every subgroup of An Abelian group is Normal.

exp: $G = S_3$, $H = \{e, p_1, p_2\}$

S_3 : Not Abelian

$$H = \{e, (123), (132)\}$$

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

$$(12)(123) = (1)(23)$$

$$(12)(132) = (13)(2)$$

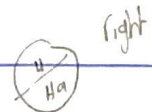
$$H(12) = \{(12), (13), (23)\}$$

So H is Normal subgroup.

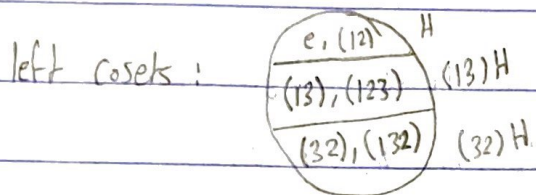
→ if $H \triangleleft G$ and $[G:H] = 2$ then $H \triangleleft G$.

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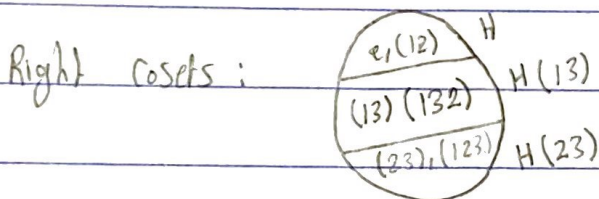
exp: $G = S_3$, $H = \{e, (12)\}$ $H \ntriangleleft S_3$.



$$(13)H \neq H(13)$$

$$(32)H \neq H(32)$$

So H is Not Normal.



Note: every subgroup of any group of index=2 is Normal in G .

exp: $A_n \triangleleft S_n$.

Thm 9.1: Normal subgroup test:

Proof using

A subgroup H of G is Normal in G iff $xHx^{-1} \subseteq H$ for all x in G .

$\Rightarrow H \triangleleft G$ iff $\forall h \in H, g \in G \rightarrow ghg^{-1} \in H$

Thm 9.2: Factor groups.

let G be a group and let H be a Normal subgroup of G . The set $G/H = \{aH : a \in G\}$ is a group under the operation $(aH)(bH) = abH$

exp: $G = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$

$H = (4\mathbb{Z}, +)$

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\Rightarrow cosets = $\{0+H, 1+H, 2+H, 3+H\}$

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Thm 9.3: The G/Z Theorem.

let G be a group and let $Z(G)$ be a center of G . If $G/Z(G)$ is cyclic then G is Abelian.

Thm 9.4: $G/Z(G) \cong \text{Inn}(G)$.

For any group G , $G/Z(G)$ is isomorphic to $\text{Inn}(G)$.