

$$\varepsilon = (12)(12) \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{no. of 2-cycles} \\ = 2 \text{ (even)} \end{array}$$

It is an even permutation.

## Chapter 9

### Normal Subgroups and Factor Groups:

#### Normal Subgroup:

A subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is called a normal subgroup of  $G$  if  $aH = Ha \quad \forall a \in G$

Here  $aH \rightarrow$  left coset of  $H$  containing  $a$   
 $Ha \rightarrow$  right coset of  $H$  containing  $a$ .

Notation:  $(H \triangleleft G)$

✓  
 $H$  is normal subgroup of  $G$ .

#### Subgroup?

$H$  is subgroup of  $G$   
 $H \leq G$

Thm

#### Normal Subgroup Test:

A subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is normal in  $G$  if

and only if  $xHx^{-1} \subseteq H \quad \forall x \in G$ .

Proof:

First, let  $H$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

$$\therefore xH = Hx \quad \forall x \in G$$

Now let  $h \in H, x \in G$ ,

$$\underline{\underline{\text{TS}}} \quad xh\bar{x}^{-1} \in H.$$

$$\text{Now, } xh \in xH$$

$$\Rightarrow xh \in Hx \quad (\because xH = Hx)$$

$$\Rightarrow xh\bar{x}^{-1} \in Hx\bar{x}^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow xh\bar{x}^{-1} \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow xH\bar{x}^{-1} \subseteq H \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \because x \text{ \& } h \text{ are} \\ \text{arbitrary elements} \\ \text{of } G \text{ \& } H \text{ respectively} \end{array} \right)$$

Conversely ( $\Leftarrow$ ) let  $xH\bar{x}^{-1} \subseteq H \quad \forall x \in G$ .

$$\text{Given that } xH\bar{x}^{-1} \subseteq H$$

$$\Rightarrow xH \subseteq Hx \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\therefore |xH| = |Hx|$$

$$\text{using eqn ①, } xH = Hx \quad \forall x \in G$$

$$\begin{array}{l} A \subseteq B \\ |A| = |B| \\ \Rightarrow A = B. \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

Example ① Every subgroup of an Abelian group is normal.

$$ab = ba \quad \forall a, b \in G.$$

$$H \leq G, \quad aH = Ha \quad (\because ah = ha)$$

$$\Rightarrow H \triangleleft G.$$

② The center  $Z(G)$  of a group  $G$  is always normal in  $G$ .

③  $A_3$  is normal in  $S_3$

$$A_3 = \{ (1), (132), (123) \}$$

$$S_3 = \{ (1), (12), (23), (13), (132), (123) \}$$

$$\phi A_3 = A_3 \quad \forall \phi \in S_3$$

## Factor Group (or Quotient Group):

If  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ , then the set of left (or right) cosets of  $H$  in  $G$  form a group - called the factor group of  $G$  by  $H$ .

In other words: If  $H \triangleleft G$ , then the set

$G/H = \{aH \mid a \in G\}$  is called a factor group under the operation  $(aH)(bH) = abH$

Thm: If  $H$  is a normal subgroup of a group  $G$ , then the set  $G/H = \{aH \mid a \in G\}$  is a group under the operation  $(aH)(bH) = abH \quad \forall aH, bH \in G/H$ .

Proof:

$$\phi: G/H \times G/H \rightarrow G/H$$

$$\phi\{(aH), (bH)\} = abH$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \exists: A & \rightarrow & B \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \cdot & & \cdot \end{array}$$

$f: A \rightarrow B$   
 well defined one-one  
 $x = y \Rightarrow f(x) = f(y)$   
 $\neg f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow \neg x = y$

Suppose that  $aH = a'H, bH = b'H$   
 $\therefore (aH)(bH) = (a'H)(b'H) \quad \text{--- (1)}$

IS  $abH = a'b'H.$

Now,  $aH = a'H$  and  $bH = b'H$

$aH = a'H$   
 $\Rightarrow aH = a'h'$   
 $\Rightarrow a' = aH(h')^{-1} = ah$

$\Rightarrow a' = ah_1$  and  $b' = bh_2$  for some  $h_1, h_2 \in H$ .

Now,  $a'b'H = ah_1bh_2H$

$(aH = H \subseteq a' \in H)$

$= ah_1bH$

$= a\underbrace{h_1H}b \quad (\because H \trianglelefteq G, bH = Hb)$

$= aHb$

$= abH.$

### ① Closure (Binary operation):

Let  $aH, bH \in G/H$ .

$\Rightarrow (aH)(bH) = abH \in G/H.$

$(\because ab \in G \forall a, b \in G)$   
 $\hookrightarrow abH$  is left coset of  $H$

## ② Associativity:

$$aH, bH, cH \in G/H.$$

$$aH \{ (bH)(cH) \} = aH \{ bH \} = abH.$$

$$\text{and } \{ (aH)(bH) \} (cH) = \{ abH \} (cH) = abH.$$

operation is ~~Associative~~.

## ③ Identity:

$e \in G$  is the identity in  $G$ .

$eH = H$  is the identity of  $G/H$ .

$$(aH)(eH) = (ae)H = aH \quad \forall aH \in G/H.$$

$$\text{and } (eH)(aH) = (ea)H = aH \quad \forall aH \in G/H.$$

## ④ Inverse:

$\forall a \in G, \exists a^{-1} \in G$  ( $G$  is a group)

$$\forall (aH) \in G/H, (aH)^{-1} = a^{-1}H.$$

$$(aH)(a^{-1}H) = (aa^{-1})H = eH = H$$

$$\text{and } (a^{-1}H)(aH) = (a^{-1}a)H = eH = H.$$

## Thm      The $G/Z$ Theorem:

Let  $G$  be a group and  $Z(G)$  be the center of  $G$ . If  $G/Z(G)$  is cyclic, then  $G$  is abelian.

Proof:  $\because Z(G)$  is normal in  $G$   
 $\therefore G/Z(G)$  is defined.

Given that  $G/Z(G)$  is cyclic group.

So let  $gZ(G)$  be the generator of  $G/Z(G)$ .

Now let  $a, b \in G$

$$\Rightarrow aZ(G), bZ(G) \in G/Z(G)$$

$\Rightarrow$  there exists integers  $m$  and  $n$  such that

$$\{gZ(G)\}^m = aZ(G) \text{ and}$$

$$\{gZ(G)\}^n = bZ(G).$$

$\rightarrow$   $\dots$

$$\Rightarrow \exists z \in Z(G) \text{ s.t. } a z = z a \text{ and } b z = z b$$

$$\begin{aligned} a z &= z a \\ \Rightarrow a &= a z z^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} \{ z z(G) \}^m &= z z(G) \cdot z z(G) \cdots z z(G) \\ &= \underbrace{(z \cdot z \cdots z)}_{m \text{ times}} z(G) = z^m z(G) \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow a = z^m x \text{ and } b = z^n y \text{ for some } x, y \in Z(G).$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} ab &= z^m x z^n y = z^m (x z^n) y \\ &= z^m (z^n x) y \quad \left( \because Z(G) \text{ is Normal in } G \right) \\ &= (z^m z^n) x y \\ &= (z^{m+n}) x y \\ &= (z^n z^m) x y \\ &= (z^n z^m) y x \quad \left( \because x, y \in Z(G) \right) \\ &= z^n (z^m y) x \\ &= z^n (y z^m) x \\ &= (z^n y) (z^m x) = ba. \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore a$  &  $b$  are arbitrary elements of  $G$



$$\therefore ab = ba \quad \forall a, b \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow G \text{ is abelian.}$$

Q. Construct the Cayley table for  $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ .

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$$\mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots\}$$

$$4\mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 4, \pm 8, \pm 12, \dots\}$$

$4\mathbb{Z}$  is a Subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . (Homework)

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}$  is abelian  $\Rightarrow 4\mathbb{Z}$  is a normal subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$  is defined.

$$0 + 4\mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 4, \pm 8, \pm 12, \dots\} = 4\mathbb{Z}$$

$$1 + 4\mathbb{Z} = \{1, 5, 9, \dots, -3, -7, -11, \dots\}$$

$$2 + 4\mathbb{Z} = \{2, 6, 10, \dots, -2, -6, -10, \dots\}$$

$$3 + 4\mathbb{Z} = \{3, 7, 11, \dots, -1, -5, -9, \dots\}$$

$$4 + 4\mathbb{Z} = \{4, 8, 12, \dots, 0, -4, -8, \dots\} = 4\mathbb{Z}.$$

The distinct left cosets of  $4\mathbb{Z}$  are  $4\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $1+4\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $2+4\mathbb{Z}$  and  $3+4\mathbb{Z}$  only.

Similarly,  $5+4\mathbb{Z} = 1+4\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $6+4\mathbb{Z} = 2+4\mathbb{Z}$ , ...

$$(4\mathbb{Z} = 0+4\mathbb{Z})$$

	$0+4\mathbb{Z}$	$1+4\mathbb{Z}$	$2+4\mathbb{Z}$	$3+4\mathbb{Z}$
$0+4\mathbb{Z}$	$0+4\mathbb{Z}$	$1+4\mathbb{Z}$	$2+4\mathbb{Z}$	$3+4\mathbb{Z}$
$1+4\mathbb{Z}$	$1+4\mathbb{Z}$	$2+4\mathbb{Z}$	$3+4\mathbb{Z}$	$0+4\mathbb{Z}$
$2+4\mathbb{Z}$	$2+4\mathbb{Z}$	$3+4\mathbb{Z}$	$0+4\mathbb{Z}$	$1+4\mathbb{Z}$
$3+4\mathbb{Z}$	$3+4\mathbb{Z}$	$0+4\mathbb{Z}$	$1+4\mathbb{Z}$	$2+4\mathbb{Z}$

$$(aH)(bH) = abH.$$

$$(a+4\mathbb{Z}) + (b+4\mathbb{Z}) = (a+b)+4\mathbb{Z}$$

Results: ( $G/2$  theorem)

① If  $G/H$  is cyclic, where  $H$  is a subgroup of  $Z(G)$ , then  $G$  is abelian.

② Converse of  $G/2$  theorem

If  $G$  is not abelian, then  $G/2G$  is not cyclic.

Q. Construct the Cayley table for  $G/K$ ,  
 where  $G = D_4$ ,  $K = \{I_0, R_{180}\}$

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clearly,  $K$  is a subgroup of  $D_4$ .

$$D_4 = \{R_0, R_{90}, R_{180}, R_{270}, H, V, D, D'\}$$

$$xK = Kx \quad \forall x \in D_4. \quad \text{--- H.W.}$$

$$R_0 K = \{I_0, R_{180}\} = K.$$

$$R_{90} K = \{R_{90}, R_{270}\}$$

$$R_{180} K = \{R_{180}, R_0\} = K$$

$$R_{270} K = \{R_{270}, R_{90}\} = R_{90} K.$$

$$H K = \{H, V\}$$

$$V K = \{V, H\} = H K.$$

$$D K = \{D, D'\}$$

$$D' K = \{D, D'\} = D K.$$

these are four distinct left cosets of  $K$  in  $D_8$   
namely,  $K$ ,  $R_{90}K$ ,  $HK$  and  $DK$ .

	$K$	$R_{90}K$	$HK$	$DK$
$K$	$K$	$R_{90}K$	$HK$	$DK$
$R_{90}K$	$R_{90}K$	$K$	$DK$	$HK$
$HK$	$HK$	$DK$	$K$	$R_{90}K$
$DK$	$DK$	$HK$	$R_{90}K$	$K$

$$(aK)(bK)$$

$$= abK$$