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$$m_y \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ d & c \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} b & a \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

From above discussion it is clear that \rightarrow

$$C_4 m_x C_4^{-1} = m_y$$

Hence m_x and m_y are conjugate to each other.

(ii) & (iii) can be proved as above methods.

Classes

The above sets of elements are called the conjugacy classes or simply the classes of a group. The identity element E always constitutes a class by itself in any group, since for any element A of the group $A^{-1}EA = E$.

The rotations through angles of different magnitudes must belong to different classes. Thus C_4 and C_4^2 of C_{4v} belong to different classes. Now C_4 and C_4^3 of C_{4v} belong to the same class because of reflection changes the sense of the co-ordinate system.

m_x & m_y are reflection of position of square about 5-7 i.e. x-axis and 6-8 i.e. y-axis so these type of rotation is called same class. Similarly σ_u & σ_v are same class reflection.

m_x & σ_u do not belong to the same class since there is no operation in C_{4v} which can

bring to line 1-3 into the line 5-7

This type criteria are useful to obtain the classes of the molecular and the crystallographic point groups simply by inspection.

Multiplication of classes:-

" Let $C_i = (A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m)$ and $C_j = (B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n)$ be two classes which may be same or distinct of a group containing m and n elements respectively. The product or multiplication can be defined as

$$C_i C_j = (A_1 B_1, A_1 B_2, \dots, A_1 B_n, \dots, A_m B_1, \dots, A_m B_n)$$

Thus $C_i C_j$ consists of complete classes.

Now $A_1 B_k \in C_i C_j$ and $x, x^{-1} \in C_i C_j$, then

$$x^{-1} (A_1 B_k) x = (x^{-1} A_1 x) (x^{-1} B_k x) = A_2 B_5$$

Where $A_2 \in C_i$ and $B_5 \in C_j$. Thus

$$A_2 B_5 \in C_i C_j$$

The product of two classes of a group as a sum of complete classes of the group

$$C_i C_j = \sum_k a_{ijk} C_k$$

Where a_{ijk} are non-negative integers which gives the number of times the class C_k is contained in the product $C_i C_j$ and sum is over

all the classes of the group.

Subgroups:-

A set H is called a subgroup of a group G if H is itself a group under the same law of composition as that of G and if all the elements of H are also in G .

As an example: (E, C_4^2, m_x, m_y) , (E, σ_v) are the subgroups of $C_{4v} \equiv (E, C_4, C_4^2, C_4^3, m_x, m_y, \sigma_v, \sigma_v')$

Every group G has two trivial subgroups i.e. the identity element and group G itself.

A subgroup H of G is called a proper subgroup if $H \neq G$.

Example:- Prove that the elements belonging to a class in a larger group may not belong to a class in a smaller subgroup.

Proof:- Let us consider the classes of the two subgroups (E, C_4, C_4^2, C_4^3) and (E, C_4^2, m_x, m_y) . It is clear that every element constitutes a class by itself in both of this group. The elements C_4 and C_4^3 do not belong to the class in the group (E, C_4^2, m_x, m_y) because there is no operation in this group, which changes the sense of the co-ordinate system. Similarly m_x and m_y do not belong to the same class in the group (E, C_4, C_4^2, C_4^3) because there is no operation in this group which

can take the x axis into y axis. Hence the elements belonging to a class in a larger group may not belong to the class in a smaller group.

Cyclic groups:-

A group generated by a single element is a cyclic group. If A is an element of a group G , all integral powers of A such as A^2, A^3, \dots must also be in G . If G is a finite group there must exist a finite positive integer, n such that

$$A^n = E \quad (1)$$

where E is identity element. The smallest positive integer satisfying above relation (1) is known as order of the element A . Thus the group $(A, A^2, A^3, \dots, A^n \equiv E)$ is a cyclic group.

Cosets:-

Consider a subgroup $H = (H_1 \equiv E, H_2, \dots, H_h)$ of order h of a group G which is of order g , let X be any element of G , construct all the products such as XE, XH_2, \dots etc. and denote the set of these elements by

$$XH = (XE, XH_2, XH_3, \dots, XH_h) \quad (1)$$

Now there arise two cases - X may be in the subgroup H or X may not be in H . If

x is a member of H , the set xH must be identical to the group H by the definition of a group. In the set xH , after rearranging all elements the set H is again obtained, hence it can be written as

$$xH = H \quad \text{if } x \in H$$

On the other hand, if H is a subgroup, x does not belong to H , then it can be shown that no elements of the set xH belong to H . Now we take opposite assumption, i.e. suppose that $xH_i \in H \quad \forall i (1 \leq i \leq h)$

Now since H is a group, H_i^{-1} also belongs to H . hence

$(xH_i)H_i^{-1} = x \in H$, contradict the hypothesis. i.e. $x \notin H$.

This proves that H and xH have no common element, hence

$$xH \cap H = \phi$$

The set xH is called left coset of H in G . similarly

$$Hx = (xH_1, xH_2, xH_3, \dots, xH_h)$$

if $x \notin H$.

The set Hx is called right coset. here $x, H_i \in G$, but $x \notin H$.

Theorem:- If a group H of order h is a subgroup of group G of order g , then g is an integral multiple of h .

Proof:- Let $H = \{E, H_2, H_3, \dots, H_h\}$ be the subgroup of G . Let us consider new element $x \in G$, but $x \notin H$. All the element $xH_i \in G$ ($1 \leq i \leq h$), but $xH_i \notin H$. Thus we get new h element of the group G :

$$H \cup xH = \{E, H_2, H_3, \dots, H_h, x, xH_2, \dots, xH_h\}$$

If this does not exhaust the group G , then pick up an element Y from the remaining elements of G such that Y belongs neither to H nor to xH . Again form a group YH such that

$$H \cap YH = \phi$$

Now we prove that the set YH and xH are disjoint. If an element YH_i were to be identical to an element xH_j ($i \leq i, j \leq h$). then we have

$$YH_i = xH_j$$

$$Y = xH_j H_i^{-1} \equiv xH_k \quad \text{say } H_k \in xH$$

with $1 \leq k \leq h$

contrary to the hypothesis.

Thus we have new set of elements of G , making altogether $3h$ elements

$$H \cup xH \cup YH = \{E, H_2, \dots, H_h, x, xH_2, \dots, xH_h, Y, YH_2, \dots, YH_h\}$$

If this still does not exhaust the group G , then we pick up one of the remaining elements of G and continue the process. There are every time h new elements are obtained, they must all belong to G . Thus, order of G is integral multiple of h .

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Normal subgroups and factor groups:-

Normal Subgroup:- The group H is called a normal subgroup or invariant subgroup of G if the left and right cosets of a coset of subgroup H are same for all elements $X \in G$, $X \in H$. Thus

$$XH = HX$$

$$X^{-1}HX = H \quad \forall X \in G.$$

Thus every element of XH is equal to some element of HX , or

$$XH_i = H_j X$$

$$\Rightarrow XH_j X^{-1} = H_i$$

Thus H_i is conjugate element of H_j . Thus normal subgroup consists of complete classes of the bigger group. If a subgroup H consists of complete class of G , then H is a normal subgroup of G .

Example:-1 Write down the normal subgroup of C_{4v} .

Sol:- The normal subgroup of C_{4v} is $K_1 = (E, C_4^2, m_x, m_y)$
 $K_2 = (E, C_4^2)$, $K_3 = (C_4, C_4^3)$, $K_4 = (m_x, m_y)$; $K_5 = (\sigma_u, \sigma_v)$

Example: 2 Prove that set K is a group under the given law of composition. Where $K = \{(E, C_4^2), (C_4, C_4^3), (m_x, m_y), (\sigma_u, \sigma_v)\}$

Proof:- The set K is defined as $K = \{K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4\}$

Now we consider the product of K_2, K_3

$$K_2 \cdot K_3 = (C_4, C_4^3)(m_x, m_y) = (\sigma_u, \sigma_v, \sigma_u, \sigma_v) = (\sigma_u, \sigma_v) = K_4$$

Thus $K_4 \in G = K$

Similarly another axiom can be proved. Thus the set K is a group under multiplication law.