

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 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 classes 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 $K = (E, C_4^2, m_x, m_y)$
 $K_2 = (E, C_4^2)$, $K_3 = (C_4, C_4^3)$, $K_4 = (m_x, m_y)$; $K_5 = (\sigma_u, \sigma_v)$

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.

factor group: - The group K is called the factor group of G with respect to the normal subgroup (E, C_4^2) .

If H is a normal subgroup of G , the set of all the distinct cosets of H in G , together with the coset multiplication is called the factor group or quotient group of G with respect to H and is denoted by

$$K = G/H =$$

order of K is k

order of G is g

order of $H = h$

then $k = g/h$

Thus $g = kh$

Direct product of Groups:

The direct product of two groups, provide

- (i) the groups have no common elements except identity E
- (ii) each element of H commutes with every element of K .

If $H = \{H_1 = E, H_2, H_3, \dots, H_h\}$ of order h and $K = \{K_1 = E, K_2, K_3, \dots, K_k\}$ of order k is defined as a group G of order $g = hk$.

$$G = H \otimes K = \{E, EK_2, \dots, EK_k, H_2, H_2 K_2, \dots, H_h K_k\}$$

Thus both H and K are normal subgroups of G .

Isomorphism and Homomorphism

Isomorphism are relation between two groups with one-to-one correspondence between the elements of two groups G & G' . Thus all groups having similar multiplication tables having the same structure, then they are said to be isomorphic to each other.

Let $G = \{E, A, B, C, \dots\}$ and $G' = \{E', A', B', C', \dots\}$.
then

$$E \leftrightarrow E'; A \leftrightarrow A',$$

then $AB = C$ in the group G implies that $A'B' = C'$ in the group G' .

Similarly the group $\{1, i, -1, -i\}$ of numbers is isomorphic to the group $\{E, C_4, C_4^2, C_4^3\}$ of rotation under mapping

$$1 \leftrightarrow E, i \leftrightarrow C_4, -1 \leftrightarrow C_4^2, -i \leftrightarrow C_4^3.$$

Homomorphism: - If there is many-to-one correspondence or mapping from one group to another, then this type relation between two group is called homomorphism. There is a homomorphism from group G_1 to group G_2 if each elements of G_1 corresponds to unique element $\phi(A)$ of G_2 such that

$$\phi(A.B) = \phi(A)\phi(B)$$

where ϕ defines the image relationship between elements of group G_1 to group G_2 . If n elements of G_1 corresponds to G_2 one element, then there is n to 1 mapping.

or homomorphism from G_1 to G_2 .

Let $G_1 = \{E, A, B, C, \dots\}$ of order n
 and $G_2 = \{E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, \dots\}$ of
 order mn . Then suppose that it is possible
 to split the group G_2 into sets $(E_i), (A_i)$ etc.
 each containing n elements such that the
 the elements of G_2 can be mapped onto the
 elements of G_1 according to the scheme

| Group G_2 | \longrightarrow | Group G_1 |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n | \longrightarrow | E |
| A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n | \longrightarrow | A etc |

It is called to n -to-1 homomorphism.

The set E_i is a normal subgroup of G_2 .
 The set (E_i) of G_2 which is mapped
 onto E of G_1 is called the kernel of
 homomorphism.

The kernel of homomorphism from G_2
 to G_1 is a normal subgroup of G_2 .

The identity element shows the trivial
 example of homomorphism. There is a homo-
 morphism from any group G onto the group
 of order one containing only the identity element
 is a normal subgroup of any group.

Permutation Groups:-

Consider a system of n identical objects. If any two or more objects are interchanged then the system remains in its original state. Thus it is clear that each interchange of systems is invariant. If the system has n objects then there are $n!$ permutations to put objects on the states, hence its order is $n!$. It is known as the permutation group of n objects which is denoted as S_n .

For an example; let us consider three identical objects which have the possible permutations which are given as:-

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad F = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The labels 1, 2 and 3 stands for three objects and six possible states are

$$\Psi_1 = (1 \ 2 \ 3), \quad \Psi_2 = (2 \ 3 \ 1), \quad \Psi_3 = (3 \ 1 \ 2)$$

$$\Psi_4 = (2 \ 1 \ 3), \quad \Psi_5 = (3 \ 2 \ 1), \quad \Psi_6 = (1 \ 3 \ 2)$$

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The operations are to be interpreted as follows
The operation of A on any state ψ_i means that the object in position 2 is to be put in position 1, the object in position 3 to be put in position 2, and the object in position 1 is put to position 3.

$$A\psi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} (1 \ 2 \ 3) = (2 \ 3 \ 1) = \psi_2$$

$$C\psi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} (2 \ 3 \ 1) = (3 \ 2 \ 1) = \psi_5$$

Now

$$A(C\psi_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} (3 \ 2 \ 1) = (2 \ 1 \ 3) = \psi_4$$

Again

$$F\psi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} (2 \ 3 \ 1) = (2 \ 1 \ 3) = \psi_4$$

Therefore $AC\psi_2 = F\psi_2$

Hence it is seen that

$$AC\psi_i = F\psi_i \quad 1 \leq i \leq 6$$

If a permutation consist of an even number of transposition, it is called an even permutation if it consist of an odd number of transpositions it is called an odd permutation.

Here E, A and B are even permutation while C, D and F are odd permutations.

The product of two even or odd permutation is an even permutations, But the product of even permutation with odd permutation is an odd permutation

Example-1: Prove that a set of a group G is a system of generators of G if and only if no proper subgroup of G exists which contains all the elements of the set S .

Proof: - Let us consider a subset of G such that S is a system of generators of G . let us assume that there exists a proper subgroup H of G i.e. $S \subseteq H \subseteq G$. Since H is a group and S is contained in H , the powers and products of the elements of S give elements belonging to the group H alone, not G , which contradicts the assumption that S is a system of generators of G . Hence, if S is a system of generators of G , there exists no proper subgroup of G which contains S .

Now assume that there exists no proper subgroup of G which contains S . let us generate a group by

by taking all powers and products of the elements of S . Suppose this gives rise to the group K ; i.e. $K \subseteq G$. But by assumption, G contains no proper subgroup which contains S . Hence it follows that $K = G$, showing that S is a system of generators of G . Thus if no proper subgroup of G exists which contains S , then S is a system of generators of S .

Hence Proved

Exercise

1. Show that the following sets are group under law of compositions

(i) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ under matrix multiplication

(ii) the set of all complex numbers of unit magnitude under scalar multiplication

2. Generate the matrix group two of whose elements are

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Show that the group is of order 8 and has 5 classes, but is not isomorphic to C_{4V} .