# Abstract Algebra 1

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  - 1. Definition and Examples of Groups.

### Definition(1-1):

A set G is a group if it is satisfying the following four axioms

- i.  $\exists$  a binary operation  $G \times G \mapsto G$  (closure)  $(a, b) \mapsto ab$
- ii.  $a(bc) = (ab)c \ \forall a, b, c \in G \ (associativity),$
- iii.  $\exists 1 \in G \text{ s.t. } a1 = a = 1a \ \forall a \in G$
- iv.  $\forall a \in G, \exists a^{-1} \in G \text{ s.t. } aa^{-1} = 1 = a^{-1}a \text{ (inverse)}$

## Examples(1-2):

1.  $(\mathbb{R}^* = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\},\cdot)$  is a group.

**Solution:**  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}^*$ , we have

 $i.ab \in \mathbb{R}^*$ , ii. a(bc)=(ab)c, iii.  $\exists 1 \in \mathbb{R}^* \ni a1=a=1a$ , iv.  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}^*, \exists a^{-1}=\frac{1}{a} \in \mathbb{R}^* \ni aa^{-1}=1=a^{-1}a$ 

2.  $(\mathbb{Q}^* = \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\},\cdot)$  is a group.

3.  $(\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\},\cdot)$  is a group.

Solution: i, ii are clear,

iii. 
$$\exists 1 \in \mathbb{C}^* \ni (a+ib)1 = a+ib = 1(a+ib),$$

iv. 
$$(a+ib)^{-1} = \frac{a-ib}{a^2+b^2}$$

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

**Solution:** i, ii are clear, iii.  $\exists \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in GL(2, \mathbb{R}) \ni \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ iv. } \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{ad-bc} & \frac{-b}{ad-bc} \\ \frac{-c}{ad-bc} & \frac{a}{ad-bc} \end{pmatrix}$$

5.  $(S_3,\circ)$  is a group.

**Solution:**  $S_3 = \{i, (12), (13), (23), (123), (132)\}$ 

0	i	(12)	(13)	(23)	(123)	(132)
i	i	(12)	(13)	(23)	(123)	(132)
(12)	(12)	i	(132)	(123)	(23)	(13)
(13)	?	?	?	?	?	?
(23)	?	?	?	?	?	?
(123)	?	?	?	?	?	?
(132)	?	?	?	?	?	?

We note that axioms i, ii and iii from above table are satisfy axiom iv.

а	i	(12)	(13)	(23)	(123)	(123)
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$a^{-1}$	?	?	?	?	?	?

6.  $(G = \{0, -1, 1, 2\}, +)$  is not a group.

**Solution**: since  $1 + 2 = 3 \notin G$ 

7.  $(G = \{-1,1\},\cdot)$  is a group.

#### Solution:

	-1	10,2
-1	?	?
1	?	?

8. Let  $G = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be a set. Define a binary operation \* on G by the following table

*	a	b	c	d
а	а	b	с	d
b	b	с	d	а
С	c	d	а	b
d	d	а	b	с

Show that (G,\*) is a group.

**Solution**: axioms i,ii are satisfy from above table, iii. The identity element is a, axiom iv.

x	а	b	с	d
x <sup>-1</sup>	?	?	?	?

9.  $(G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}, \cdot)$  is a group.

#### Solution:

	1	-1	i	-i
1	?	?	?	?
-1	?	?	?	?
i	?	?	?	?
-i	?	?	?	?

10. Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}$ , a \* b = a + b + 2, show that (G,\*) is a group.

**Solution**:  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have i.  $a * b = a + b + 2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

ii. 
$$a * (b * c) = a * (b + c + 2) = a + b + c + 4, (a * b) * c = (a + b + 2) * c = a + b + c + 4,$$

iii. 
$$a * u = a + u + 2 = a, u = -2,$$

iv. 
$$a * z = -2 \implies a + z + 2 = -2 \implies z = -a - 4$$

11. Let  $G = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4\}$  with  $f_i$  s.t. i = 1,2,3,4 are mappings on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  s.t.  $f_1(x) = x, f_2(x) = -x, f_3(x) = \frac{1}{x}, f_4(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$ . Show that  $(G, \circ)$  is a group.

#### Solution:

0	$f_1$	$f_2$	$f_3$	$f_4$
$f_1$	?	?	?	?
$f_2$	?	?	?	?
$f_3$	?	?	?	?
$f_4$	?	?	?	?

12. Let  $G = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \{(a, b) : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq 0\}$  and \* be defined by (a, b) \* (c, d) = (ac, bc + d). Show that (G, \*) is a group.

**Solution**: i.  $(a,b)*(c,d) = (ac,bc+d) \in G$ 

ii. 
$$(a,b) * [(c,d) * (e,f)] = (a,b) * (ce,de+f) = (ace,bce+de+f),$$
  
 $f),[(a,b) * (c,d)] * (e,f) = (ac,bc+d) * (e,f) = (ace,bce+de+f),$ 

iii. 
$$(a,b)*(x,y) = (a,b) \Rightarrow (ax,bx+y) = (a,b) \Rightarrow x = 1,bx+y = b \Rightarrow b+y=b \Rightarrow y=0,$$

iv. 
$$(a, b) * (w, z) = (1,0) \Rightarrow (aw, bw + z) = (1,0) \Rightarrow w = \frac{1}{a}, ba^{-1} + z = 0$$

$$0 \Rightarrow z = \frac{-b}{a}$$

13. Let (G,\*) be an arbitrary group, the set of the functions from G into G with the composition  $(F_G,\circ)$  is forms a group, where  $F_G = \{f_a : a \in G\}, f_a : G \mapsto G$  s.t.  $f_a(x) = a * x, x \in G$ .

**Solution:** i. Let  $f_{a,f_b} \in F_G$ ,  $a,b \in G$ 

$$(f_{a^{\circ}}f_{b})(x) = f_{a}(f_{b}(x)) = f_{a}(b * x) = a * (b * x) = (a * b) * x = f_{a*b}(x) \in F_{G}$$

ii. 
$$(f_{a^{\circ}}f_b) \circ f_c = f_{a*b} \circ f_c = f_{(a*b)*c} = f_{a*(b*c)} = f_a \circ f_{b*c} = f_a \circ (f_b \circ f_c)$$

iii.  $f_e$  is an identity of  $F_G$ , since  $f_a \circ f_e = f_{a*e} = f_{e*a} = f_e \circ f_a = f_a$ 

iv. the inverse of  $f_a$  in  $F_G$  is  $f_{a^{-1}}$ , since  $f_a \circ f_{a^{-1}} = f_{a*a^{-1}} = f_{a^{-1}*a} = f_{a^{-1}} \circ f_a = f_a$ 

14. Let n be a positive integer and take  $w = \cos(\frac{2\pi}{n}) + i\sin(\frac{2\pi}{n}) \in \mathbb{C}$ , then  $(C_n = \{1, w, w^2, \dots, w^{n-1}\}, \cdot)$  is an abelian group.

**<u>Definition(1-3):</u>** A group (G,\*) is an abelian if  $a*b=b*a \ \forall a,b \in G$ .

Example(1-4): Determine whether the previous examples are abelian .



#### Exercises:

- 1. Determine whether (G,\*) an abelian group.
  - $G = \mathbb{Z}, a * b = a + b + 3$
  - $G = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \{(a, b) : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\} \text{ s.t. } (a, b) * (c, d) = (a + b, b + d + 2bd)$
  - $(G = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6\}, \circ)$  where  $f_1(x) = x, f_2(x) = \frac{1}{x}, f_3(x) = 1 x, f_4(x) = \frac{x-1}{x}, f_5(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}, f_6(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$
  - $G = \{(a,b): a,b \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq 0, b \neq 0\}$  s.t. (a,b)\*(c,d) = (ab,bd)
  - $(G = \{an: n \in \mathbb{Z}\}, +)$
  - $G = \mathbb{Q}^*, a * b = \frac{ab}{2}$
- 2. Show that,  $G = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ , is a group.
- 3. Show that,  $(C_8,\cdot)$  is an abelian group.

### 2. Some Properties of Groups

**Theorem(2-1):** If (G,\*) a group, then the left and right cancellation laws hold in G, that is:

1. 
$$a * b = a * c \Longrightarrow b = c$$

2. 
$$b * a = c * a \Longrightarrow b = c, \forall a, b, c \in G$$
.

**Proof:** 1. Suppose a \* b = a \* c, then  $\exists a^{-1} \in G$ 

$$\ni a^{-1} * (a * b) = a^{-1} * (a * c)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^{-1} * a) * b = (a^{-1} * a) * c$$

$$\Rightarrow e * b = e * c$$

$$\Rightarrow b = c$$
.

#### (2) (Homework).

**Theorem(2-2):** In a group (G,\*), there is exactly one element e in G such that  $e*a=a*e=a \forall a \in G$ .

**Proof:** Assume that G has two identity elements e and  $e^*$ , this means for all  $a \in G$ , we have a \* e = e \* a = a and  $a * e^* = e^* * a = a$ 

$$e * e^* = e^* * e = e$$
 and  $e^* * e = e * e^* = e^* \implies e = e^*$ .

**Theorem(2-3):** In a group (G,\*), the inverse element of each element of G is a unique.

**Proof:** Let  $a \in G$  and a has two inverses x and  $x^*$ , such that

$$a * x = x * a = e$$
 and  $a * x^* = x^* * a = e$ 

$$\Rightarrow x = x * e = x * (a * x^*) = (x * a) * x^* = e * x^* = x^*.$$

**Theorem(2-4):** If (G,\*) is a group, then

1. 
$$e^{-1} = e$$

2. 
$$(a^{-1})^{-1} = a \ \forall a \in G$$

3. 
$$(a*b)^{-1} = b^{-1}*a^{-1} \forall a, b \in G$$

**Proof:** 1. Let  $e^{-1} = x$ 

$$x * e = e * x = x ... 1$$

$$e * x = x * e = e \dots 2$$

From 1 and 2,  $x = e \implies e^{-1} = e$ .

$$(2) (a^{-1})^{-1} = (a^{-1})^{-1} * e = (a^{-1})^{-1} * (a^{-1} * a)$$
$$= ((a^{-1})^{-1} * a^{-1}) * a = e * a = a.$$

(3) since 
$$(a * b) \in G \Longrightarrow (a * b)^{-1} \in G$$

$$(a*b)*(a*b)^{-1} = (a*b)^{-1}*(a*b) = e$$

$$(a*b)*(a*b)^{-1} = e$$

$$a^{-1} * (a * b) * (a * b)^{-1} = a^{-1} * e$$

$$(a^{-1}*a)*b*(a*b)^{-1}=a^{-1}$$

$$e * b * (a * b)^{-1} = a^{-1}$$

$$b^{-1} * b * (a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}$$

$$e * (a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}$$

$$(a*b)^{-1} = b^{-1}*a^{-1}.$$

**Theorem(2-5):** Let (G,\*) be a group, then

- i.  $(a * b)^{-1} = a^{-1} * b^{-1}$  iff *G* is an abelian group.
- ii. If  $a = a^{-1}$ , then G is an abelian group.

**Proof:** i. ( $\implies$ ) let (*G*,\*) be a group and  $(a * b)^{-1} = a^{-1} * b^{-1}$ 

To prove (G,\*) is an abelian group.

Let  $a, b \in G$ , to prove  $a * b = b * a \ \forall a, b \in G$ 

$$a * b = ((a * b)^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$= (b^{-1} * a^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$= (b^{-1})^{-1} * (a^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$= b * a$$

 $(\Leftarrow)$  let (G,\*) be an abelian group, to prove  $(a*b)^{-1} = a^{-1}*b^{-1}$ 

$$(a*b)^{-1} = b^{-1}*a^{-1} = a^{-1}*b^{-1}.$$

(ii) let  $a = a^{-1}$ ,

to prove  $a * b = b * a \forall a, b \in G$ 

$$a * b = (a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1} = b * a.$$

**Remark(2-6):** The converse of above part is not true, for example let  $(G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}, \cdot)$  be an abelian group with  $a = i \Rightarrow a^{-1} = -i \Rightarrow a \neq a^{-1}$ .

**Theorem(2-7):** In a group (G,\*), the equations a\*x=b and y\*a=b have a unique solutions.

**Proof:** a \* x = b

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1} * (a * x) = a^{-1} * b$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $(a^{-1}*a)*x = a^{-1}*b$ 

$$\Rightarrow e * x = a^{-1} * b$$

$$\Rightarrow x = a^{-1} * b$$

To show the solution is a unique

Let 
$$x^* \in G \ni a * x^* = b$$

$$\Rightarrow a * x^* = a * x$$

$$\implies x^* = x$$
.

The proof of y \* a = b (**Homework**).

## 3. Certain Elementary Theorems on Groups.

**<u>Definition(3-1):</u>** Let (G,\*) be a group, the integer powers of  $a, a \in G$  is defined by:

1. 
$$a^n = a * a * ... * a (n-times)$$

2. 
$$a^0 = e$$

3. 
$$a^{-n} = (a^{-1})^n, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

4. 
$$a^{n+1} = a^n * a, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

## Example(3-2): In $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ , we have

$$3^0 = 0$$
,

$$3^2 = 3 + 3 = 6$$

$$3^{-3} = (3^{-1})^3 = (-3) + (-3) + (-3) = -9$$

## Example(3-3): In $(\mathbb{R},\cdot)$ , we have

$$2^0 = 1$$
,

$$2^3 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 8$$

$$2^{-4} = (2^{-1})^4 = (\frac{1}{2})^4 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{16}$$

## **Example(3-4):** In $(G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}, \cdot)$ , we have

$$i^0 = 1$$
,

$$i^2=i\cdot i=-1,$$

$$i^{-2} = (i^{-1})^2 = (-i)^2 = -i \cdot -i = -1$$

## <u>Theorem(3-5):</u> Let (G,\*) be a group and $a ∈ G, m, n ∈ \mathbb{Z}$ , then:

1. 
$$a^n * a^m = a^{n+m} \ \forall \ n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$$
 (Homework)

2. 
$$(a^n)^m = a^{nm} \quad \forall n, m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

3. 
$$a^{-n} = (a^n)^{-1} \ \forall \ n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

4.  $(a * b)^n = a^n * b^n \forall n \in \mathbb{Z} \iff G$  is an abelian group.

**Proof:** (2) let  $P(m): (a^n)^m = a^{nm}$ 

if 
$$m = 1 \implies P(1): (a^n)^1 = a^n = a^{n-1}$$

 $\Rightarrow$  P(1) is a true.

Suppose that P(k) is a true with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $k \le m$ 

$$\Rightarrow (a^n)^k = a^{nk}$$

We have to prove that P(k + 1) is a true

$$P(k+1)$$
:  $(a^n)^{k+1} = a^{n(k+1)}$ 

$$(a^n)^{k+1} = (a^n)^k * (a^n)^1$$

$$= a^{nk} * a^n$$

$$= a^{nk+n}$$

$$= a^{n(k+1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1)$$
 is a true

By the principle of mathematical indication

$$\Rightarrow P(m)$$
 is a true  $\forall m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

(3) if 
$$n = 1 \Rightarrow P(1): (a^{-1})^1 = a^{-1} = (a^1)^{-1}$$

Suppose that if n = k is a true

$$\Rightarrow P(k): (a^{-1})^k = (a^k)^{-1}$$

We must prove P(k+1) is a true

$$P(k+1):(a^{-1})^{k+1}=(a^{k+1})^{-1}$$

$$(a^{-1})^{k+1} = (a^{-1})^k * (a^{-1})^1$$
$$= (a^k)^{-1} * (a^1)^{-1}$$
$$= (a^{k+1})^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1)$$
 is a true

By the principle of mathematical indication

$$\Rightarrow P(n)$$
 is a true  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

(4) 
$$(\Longrightarrow)$$
 if  $n=2\Longrightarrow(a*b)^2=a^2*b^2$ 

$$(a*b)*(a*b) = a*a*b*b$$

$$a * (b * a) * b = a * (a * b) * b$$

$$(b*a)*b = (a*b)*b$$

$$b * a = a * b$$

 $\Rightarrow$  G is an abelian group

 $(\Leftarrow)$  let G be an abelian group and P(n):  $(a * b)^n = a^n * b^n$ 

If  $n = 1 \Longrightarrow (a * b)^1 = a^1 * b^1$  is a true

Suppose that P(k) is a true with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $k \le m$ 

$$\ni P(k): (a*b)^k = a^k * b^k$$

We must prove P(k + 1) is a true

$$P(k+1): (a*b)^{k+1} = (a*b)^k * (a*b)^1$$

$$= a^k * b^k * a^1 * b^1$$

$$= (a^k * b^k) * (b*a)$$

$$= a^k * (b^k * b) * a$$

$$= a^k * a * b^{k+1}$$

$$= a^{k+1} * b^{k+1}$$

 $\Rightarrow P(k+1)$  is a true  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

## **<u>Definition(3-6):</u>** (The order of a Group)

The number of elements of a group G is called the order of G and it is denoted by |G| or O(G). The group G is called a finite if  $|G| < \infty$  and an infinite group otherwise.

### **<u>Definition(3-7):</u>** (The order of an element)

The order of an element  $a, a \in G$  is the least positive integer n such that  $a^n = e$  where e is the identity element of G. We denoted to order a by |a| or O(a). This means |a| = n if  $a^n = e$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

Example(3-8):  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is an infinite group.



**Example(3-9):** The trivial group  $G = \{0\}$ , |G| = 1, G is the only group of order one.

**Example(3-10):** Find the order of G and the order of their elements, where  $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ .

**Solution:** 
$$|G| = 4$$
 and  $|1| = 1$ ,  $|-1| = 2$ 

$$|i| = 4$$
 and  $|-i| = 4$ .

#### **Exercises:**

- Find the order of  $(G = \{1, -1\}, \cdot)$  and the order of their elements.
- Find the order of  $(C_6, \cdot)$  and the order of their elements.
- Find the order of  $(S_3, \circ)$  and the order of their elements.
- Let  $G = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be a set. Define a binary operation \* on G by the following table

*	а	b	c	d
а	а	b	С	d
b	b	С	d	а
c	С	d	а	b
d	d	а	b	С

Find the order of G and their elements

#### 4. Two Important Groups

**Definition(4-1):** Let  $a, b, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , n > 0. Then a is congruent to b modulo n if a - b = nk,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and denoted by  $a \equiv b$  or  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ .

#### Examples(4-2):

- 1.  $17 \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ , since 17 5 = 12 = (6)(2).
- 2.  $8 \equiv 4 \pmod{2}$ , since 8 4 = 4 = (2)(2).
- 3.  $-12 \equiv 3 \pmod{3}$ , since -12 3 = -15 = (3)(-5)
- 4.  $5 \not\equiv 2 \pmod{2}$ , since  $5 2 = 3 \not\equiv (2)(k), \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Theorem(4-3):** The congruence modulo n is an equivalence relation on the set of integers.

**Proof:** let  $a, b, c, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , n > 0

$$a - a = 0 = (n)(0) \Longrightarrow a \equiv a \pmod{n}$$

⇒ the reflexive is a true.

If  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ , to prove  $b \equiv a \pmod{n}$ 

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n} \Rightarrow a - b = nk, \ k \in \mathbb{Z}$$
, so

$$b - a = -nk = n(-k), -k \in \mathbb{Z} \Longrightarrow b \equiv a \pmod{n}$$

⇒ the symmetric is a true.

If  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  and  $b \equiv c \pmod{n}$ , to prove  $a \equiv c \pmod{n}$ 

Since  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ , then a - b = nk and

 $b \equiv c \pmod{n}$ , then  $b - c = nk^*$ 

By adding these two equations

$$\Rightarrow a - c = n(k + k^*), k + k^* \in \mathbb{Z}$$

- $\Rightarrow a \equiv c \pmod{n}$
- ⇒ the transitive is a true.
- $\Rightarrow$  the congruence modulo n is an equivalent relation.

**<u>Definition(4-4):</u>** let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , n > 0. The congruence class of a modulo n, denoted by [a] is the set of all integers that are congruent to a modulo n.

This means, 
$$[a] = \{z \in \mathbb{Z} : z \equiv a \pmod{n}\}$$

$$=\{z\in\mathbb{Z};z=a+kn,k\in\mathbb{Z}\}$$

**Example(4-5):** if n = 2, find [0] and [1].

Solution: 
$$[0] = \{z \in \mathbb{Z} : z = 0 + 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$
  
=  $\{0, \pm 2, \pm 4, ...\}$ 

$$[1] = \{z \in \mathbb{Z} : z \equiv 1 \pmod{2}\}$$

$$= \{z \in \mathbb{Z} : z = 1 + 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$= \{\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \dots\}.$$

**Example(4-6):** if n = 3, find [1] and [7].

Solution: 
$$[1] = \{z \in \mathbb{Z} : z \equiv 1 \pmod{3}\}$$
  
=  $\{z \in \mathbb{Z} : z = 1 + 3k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$   
=  $\{1, -2, 4, 7, -5, ...\}$ 

[7] ( Homework)

**<u>Definition(4-7):</u>** The set of all congruence classes modulo n is denoted by  $Z_n$  ( which is read  $Z \mod n$ ). Thus,

$$Z_n = \{[0], [1], [2], \dots, [n-1]\}$$

Or 
$$Z_n = \{0,1,2,...,n-1\}$$

 $Z_n$  has n elements.

Example(4-8): 
$$Z_1 = \{0\}, Z_2 = \{0,1\}, Z_3 = \{0,1,3\}.$$

Now, we define the addition on  $Z_n$  (write  $+_n$ ) by the following: for any  $[a], [b] \in Z_n, [a] +_n [b] = [a+_n b].$ 

Similarly, we define the multiplication on  $Z_n$  (write  $\cdot_n$ ) by the following: for any  $[a], [b] \in Z_n, [a] \cdot_n [b] = [a \cdot_n b], \forall [a], [b] \in Z_n.$ 

It is easy to note that  $(Z_n, +_n)$  is an abelian group with identity [0] and for every  $[a] \in Z_n$ ,  $[a]^{-1} = [n-a]$ . This group is called the additive group of integers modulo n.

## Example(4-9): $(Z_4, +_4), Z_4 = \{0,1,2,3\}$

+4	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	0 1	2	3	0
2	2	3	0	1
3	3	0	1	2

- The closure is a true.
- ii. The associative is a true.
- iii. 0 is an identity element.
- iv. The inverse:  $1^{-1} = 4 1 = 3$ ,  $2^{-1} = 4 2 = 2$ ,  $3^{-1} = 4 3 = 1$ .
- v. An abelian:  $1+_42 = 3 = 2+_41$ ,  $1+_43 = 0 = 3+_41$ .

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#### Example(4-10): $(Z_4, \cdot_4)$ ,

*4	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3
2	0	2	0	2
3	0	3	2	。 1

It is clear that we cannot have a group, since the number 1 is an identity, but the numbers 0 and 2 have no inverses. Thus  $(Z_4, \cdot_4)$  is not group.

#### The Permutations:

**Definition(4-11):** A permutation or symmetric of a set A is a function from A into A that is both one to one and onto.  $f: A \mapsto A$  (one to one and onto) and  $\operatorname{Symm}(A) = \{f: f: A \mapsto A, f \text{ one to one and onto}\}$  the set of all permutation on A. If A is the finite set  $\{1,2,\ldots,n\}$ , then the set of all permutation of A is denoted by  $S_n$  where  $O(S_n) = n!$ , where  $n! = n(n-1)\ldots(3)(2)(1)$ .

**Example(4-12):** let  $A = \{1,2\}$ . Write all permutation on A.

**Solution:** 
$$f_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
,  $f_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$S_2 = \text{Symm}(A) = \{ f_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, f_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \}.$$

Example(4-13): let  $A = \{1,2,3\}$ . Write all permutation on A.

**Solution:** 
$$f_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$
,  $f_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $f_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

$$f_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad f_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad f_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$S_3 = \text{Symm}(A) = \{ f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6 \}, O(S_3) = (3)(2) = 6.$$

**Theorem(4-14):** If  $A \neq \emptyset$ , then the set of all permutation on A forms a group with composition of mapping. This means, let  $A \neq \emptyset$ , then  $(\text{Symm}(A), \circ)$  is a group.

**Proof:** Symm(A) = { $f: f: A \mapsto A$  is a mapping}

Since there is  $i_A: A \mapsto A$  a permutation on A

$$i_A \in \operatorname{Symm}(A) \Longrightarrow \operatorname{Symm}(A) \neq \emptyset$$

(i) Closure: let  $f, g \in \text{Symm}(A)$ 

$$f: A \mapsto A, g: A \mapsto A \Longrightarrow f \circ g: A \mapsto A \Longrightarrow f \circ g \in \text{Symm}(A)$$

- (ii) The associative is a true, since the composition of the mappings is an associative.
- (iii) The identity: since  $i_A \in \text{Symm}(A)$  and  $i_A \circ f = f \circ i_A = f$ , for all f in  $\text{Symm}(A) \Rightarrow i_A$  is an identity element.
- (iv) The inverse:  $\forall f: A \mapsto A, \exists f^{-1}: A \mapsto A \Rightarrow f^{-1} \in \operatorname{Symm}(A)$  and  $f \circ f^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ f = i_A \Rightarrow (\operatorname{Symm}(A), \circ)$  is a group.

Example(4-15): let  $A = \{1,2,3\}$ , then  $S_3 = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6\}$  and  $(S_3, \circ)$  is a group. This group is called a symmetric group.

0	$f_1$	$f_2$	$f_3$	$f_4$	$f_5$	$f_6$
$f_1$	$f_1$	$f_2$	$f_3$	f <sub>4</sub>	$f_5$	$f_6$
$f_2$	$f_2$	$f_3$	$f_1$	$f_5$	$f_6$	$f_4$
$f_3$	$f_3$	$f_1$	$f_2$	f <sub>6</sub>	f <sub>4</sub>	$f_5$
f <sub>4</sub>	$f_4$	$f_6$	$f_5$	$f_1$	$f_3$	$f_2$
$f_5$	$f_5$	$f_4$	$f_6$	$f_2$	$f_1$	$f_3$
$f_6$	$f_6$	$f_5$	f <sub>4</sub>	$f_3$	$f_2$	$f_1$

 $(S_3, \circ)$  is not an abelian group.

**Definition(4-16):** (The dihedral group  $D_n$  of order 2n)



The *n*-th dihedral group is the group of symmetries of the regular *n*-gon,  $O(D_n) = 2n$ .

 $D_3$ : is the third dihedral group.  $O(D_3) = (2)(3) = 6$ .

**Example(4-17):** the group of symmetries of square  $D_4$  or  $G_S$ ,  $O(D_4) = 8$ ,  $G_S = D_4 = \{r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4, v, h, D_1, D_2\}$ , where  $r_i$  is a clockwise rotation.

- (i) Write all elements of  $G_S$  as a permutation. (**Homework**)
- (ii) Is  $(G_S, \circ)$  an abelian? Use table (**Homework**).

**Definition(4-18):** A permutation f of a set A is a cycle of length n if there exist  $a_1, a_2, ..., a_n \in A$  such that  $f(a_1) = a_2, f(a_2) = a_3, ..., f(a_{n-1}) = a_n, f(a_n) = a_1$  and f(x) = x for  $x \in A$  but  $x \notin \{a_1, a_2, ..., a_n\}$ . we write  $f = (a_1, a_2, ..., a_n)$ .

**Example(4-19):** If  $A = \{1,2,3,4,5\}$ , then

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = (1,3,5,4) \circ (2) = (1,3,5,4)$$

Observe that,

$$(1,3,5,4) = (3,5,4,1) = (5,4,1,3) = (4,1,3,5).$$

**Example(4-20):** Let  $A = \{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$  be a set of a group  $S_6$ . Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = (1,4,2) \circ (3) \circ (5,6) = (1,4,2) \circ (5,6)$$

And

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 4 & 3 & 5 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1,6) \circ (2,4,5) \circ (3) = (1,6) \circ (2,4,5)$$

These permutations above are not cycles.

**Theorem(4-21):** Every permutation f of a finite set A is a product of disjoint cycles.

**Definition(4-22):** A cycle of length two is a transposition.

**Example(4-23):** The permutation  $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = (24)$  is a transposition.

**Property(4-24):** Any permutation can be expressed as the product of transpositions. This means  $(a_1, a_2, ..., a_n) = (a_1 a_2)(a_1 a_3) ... (a_1 a_n)$ . Therefore any cycle is a product of transposition.

Example(4-25): We note that (16)(253) = (16)(25)(23).

<u>Definition(4-26):</u> A permutation is even or odd according as it can be written as the product of an even or odd number of transpositions.

**Example**(4-27): Let  $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \in S_3$ . Is f even or odd permutation.

**Solution:** 
$$f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = (132) = (13)(12)$$

f has two transpositions, thus f is an even permutation.

Example(4-28): Determine an even and odd permutation of  $D_4$ . (Homework)

<u>Definition(4-29):</u> (Alternating group)

The Alternating group on n letters denoted by  $A_n$  is the group consisting of all even permutations in the symmetric group  $S_n$ .

$$O(A_n) = \frac{n!}{2}, A_n \subset S_n$$

**Example(4-30):** Let  $S_3 = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6\}$ , then  $A_3 = \{i, f_2, f_3\}$  is a subgroup of  $S_3$ .  $O(A_3) = \frac{6}{2} = 3$ 

Example(4-31): Find  $A_4$  from  $S_4$ . (Homework)

#### 5. Subgroups and Their Properties

**<u>Definition(5-1):</u>** Let (G,\*) be a group and  $H \subset G$ , H a non-empty subset of G. Then (H,\*) is a subgroup of (G,\*), if (H,\*) is itself a group.

**<u>Definition(5-2):</u>** Let (G,\*) be a group and  $H \subset G$ , then (H,\*) is a subgroup of (G,\*) if,

- 1.  $\forall a, b \in H \Rightarrow a * b \in H$ ;
- 2. The identity element of G is an element of H,  $(e \in G \implies e \in H)$ :
- 3.  $\forall a \in H \implies a^{-1} \in H$ .

**Remark(5-3):** Each group (G,\*) has at least two subgroups  $(\{e\},*)$  and (G,\*), these subgroups are known trivial subgroups and improper, any subgroup different from these subgroups known proper subgroup.

Example(5-4):  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is a proper subgroup of  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ .

**Example(5-5):**  $(H = \{-1,1\},\cdot)$  is a proper subgroup of  $(G = \{-1,1,-i,1\},\cdot)$ .

Example(5-6):  $(H = \{0,2\}, +_4)$  is a proper subgroup of  $(Z_4, +_4)$ , but  $(H = \{0,3\}, +_4)$  not subgroup of  $(Z_4, +_4)$ .

Example(5-7):  $(\mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\},\cdot)$  is a subgroup of  $(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\},\cdot)$ .

Theorem(5-8): Let (G,\*) be a group and  $H \subseteq G$ , then (H,\*) is a subgroup of (G,\*) iff  $a*b^{-1} \in H$ ,  $\forall a,b \in H$ .

**Proof:** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) let (H,\*) be a subgroup of (G,\*) and  $a,b \in H$ , then  $a,b^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow a*b^{-1} \in H$ 

 $(\Leftarrow)$  let  $a * b^{-1} \in H$ , to prove (H,\*) be a subgroup of (G,\*)

- 1. Since  $H \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \exists b \in H \ni b * b^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow e \in H$ ;
- 2. Since  $b \in H$  and  $e \in H \implies e * b^{-1} \in H \implies b^{-1} \in H$ ;

3. Let  $a \in H$  and  $b^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow a * (b^{-1})^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow a * b \in H \Rightarrow (H,*)$  is a subgroup of (G,\*).

**Example(5-9):** Let  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  be a group and  $H = \{5a : a \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Show that (H, +) is a subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ .

**Solution:** let  $x, y \in H$ , to prove  $x + y^{-1} \in H$ 

$$x \in H \Longrightarrow x = 5a, a \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$y \in H \Longrightarrow y = 5b, b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$x + y^{-1} = 5a + (5b)^{-1} = 5a + 5(-b) = 5(a - b) \in H$$

 $\Rightarrow$  (H, +) is a subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ .

**Theorem(5-10):** If  $(H_i,*)$  is the collection of subgroup of (G,\*), then  $(\cap H_i,*)$  is also subgroup of (G,\*).

**Proof:** 1. Since  $\exists e \in H_i, \forall i \Longrightarrow e \in \cap H_i \Longrightarrow \cap H_i \neq \emptyset$ ;

2. let  $x, y \in \cap H_i$ , to prove  $x * y^{-1} \in \cap H_i$ 

Since  $x, y \in \cap H_i \Rightarrow x, y \in H_i, \forall i \Rightarrow x * y^{-1} \in H_i, \forall i$ 

 $\Rightarrow x * y^{-1} \in \cap H_i \Rightarrow (\cap H_i,*)$  is a subgroup of (G,\*).

**Theorem(5-11):** Let  $(H_i,*)$  be the collection of subgroups of (G,\*) and let  $H_k$  and  $H_j \in \{H_i\}$  such that there is  $H_e \in \{H_i\}$ ,  $H_k \subseteq H_\ell$  and  $H_j \subseteq H_\ell$ , then  $(\bigcup H_i,*)$  is also subgroup of (G,\*).

**Proof:** 1. Since  $\exists e \in H_i$  for some  $i \Rightarrow e \in \bigcup H_i \Rightarrow \bigcup H_i \neq \emptyset$ ;

2. let  $x, y \in \bigcup H_i$ , then  $x, y \in H_k$  or  $x, y \in H_j$ , so  $x, y \in H_\ell$ 

$$\Rightarrow x * y^{-1} \in H_{\ell} \Rightarrow x * y^{-1} \in \bigcup H_{i}$$

 $\Rightarrow$  (UH<sub>i</sub>,\*) is a subgroup of (G,\*).

**Theorem(5-12):** Let( $H_1,*$ ) and ( $H_2,*$ ) are two subgroups of (G,\*), then ( $H_1 \cup H_2,*$ ) is a subgroup of (G,\*) iff  $H_1 \subset H_2$  or  $H_2 \subset H_1$ .

**Proof:** ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) let  $(H_1 \cup H_2,*)$  is a subgroup of (G,\*),

to prove  $H_1 \subset H_2$  or  $H_2 \subset H_1$ 

suppose that  $H_1 \not\subset H_2$  and  $H_2 \not\subset H_1$ 

 $\Rightarrow \exists a \in H_1, a \notin H_2 \text{ and } \exists b \in H_2, b \notin H_1$ 

 $\Rightarrow a, b \in H_1 \cup H_2 \Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H_1 \cup H_2$ 

 $\Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H_1 \text{ or } a * b^{-1} \in H_2$ 

 $\Rightarrow a, b \in H_1$  or  $a, b \in H_2$ , but this is contradiction

 $\Rightarrow H_1 \subset H_2 \text{ or } H_2 \subset H_1$ 

 $(\Leftarrow)$  let  $H_1 \subset H_2$  or  $H_2 \subset H_1$ 

To prove  $(H_1 \cup H_2,*)$  is a subgroup of (G,\*)

If  $H_1 \subset H_2 \Longrightarrow H_1 \cup H_2 = H_2$  is a subgroup of (G,\*)

If  $H_2 \subset H_1 \Longrightarrow H_1 \cup H_2 = H_1$  is a subgroup of (G,\*)

 $\Rightarrow$   $(H_1 \cup H_2,*)$  is a subgroup of (G,\*).

**Remark(5-13):**  $(H_1 \cup H_2,*)$  need not be a subgroup of (G,\*), for example:

 $H_1 = \{r_1, r_3\}$  is a subgroup of  $G_S$ 

 $H_2 = \{r_1, v\}$  is a subgroup of  $G_S$ 

 $H_1 \cup H_2 = \{r_1, r_3, v\}$  is not a subgroup of  $G_S$ , since  $r_3 \circ v = h \notin H_1 \cup H_2$ .

**<u>Definition(5-14):</u>** Let (G,\*) be a group and (H,\*), (K,\*) are two subgroups of (G,\*), then the product of H and K is the set:

 $H * K = \{h * k : h \in H, k \in K\}$ 

#### Notes(5-15):

- 1. H \* H is write  $H^2$ ;
- 2. If  $H = \{a\}$ , then H \* K = a \* K. If  $K = \{b\}$ , then H \* K = H \* b;
- 3.  $H \cup K \subseteq H * K$ .

Theorem(5-16): Let (G,\*) be a group and (H,\*), (K,\*) are two subgroups of (G,\*), then

- 1.  $H * K \neq \emptyset$  and  $H * K \subseteq G$ .
- 2.  $H \subseteq H * K$  and  $K \subseteq H * K$ .
- 3. (H \* K,\*) is a subgroup of (G,\*) iff H \* K = K \* H.
- 4. If (G,\*) is an abelian group, then (H \* K,\*) is a subgroup of (G,\*).

#### Proof:

- 1.  $e \in H$  and  $e \in K \Rightarrow e * e = e \in H * K \Rightarrow H * K \neq \emptyset$ , and let  $x \in H * K \Rightarrow x = a * b \ni a \in H \subseteq G$ , and  $b \in K \subseteq G \Rightarrow a \in G$ , and  $b \in G \Rightarrow a * b = x \in G \Rightarrow H * K \subseteq G$ .
- 2. Let  $x \in H \Rightarrow x = x * e \in H * K \Rightarrow x \in H * K \Rightarrow H \subseteq H * K$ , similarly,  $K \subseteq H * K$ .
- 3. ( $\Rightarrow$ ) suppose (H \* K, \*) is a subgroup of (G, \*), to prove H \* K = K \* H, this means  $H * K \subseteq K * H$  and  $K * H \subseteq H * K$ , let  $x \in H * K \Rightarrow x = a * b \ni a \in H$  and  $b \in K$ , since H \* K is a subgroup of  $G \Rightarrow x^{-1} \in H * K$ , let  $x^{-1} = c * d \ni c \in H$  and  $d \in K$ ,  $x = (x^{-1})^{-1} = (c * d)^{-1} = d^{-1} * c^{-1} \ni d^{-1} \in K$  and  $c^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow x = d^{-1} * c^{-1} \in K * H \Rightarrow H * K \subseteq K * H$ , to prove  $K * H \subseteq H * K$  (**Homework**).
  - $(\Leftarrow)$  letH \* K = K \* H, to prove (H \* K,\*) is a subgroup of (G,\*)  $H * K \neq \emptyset$  and  $H * K \subseteq G$  (by 1)

Let 
$$x, y \in H * K$$
, to prove  $x * y^{-1} \in H * K$ 

$$x \in H * K \Longrightarrow x = a * b \ni a \in H \text{ and } b \in H$$

$$y \in H * K \Longrightarrow y = c * d \ni c \in H \text{ and } d \in H$$

$$x * y^{-1} = (a * b) * (c * d)^{-1}$$

$$= (a * b) * (d^{-1} * c^{-1})$$

$$= a * (b * d^{-1}) * c^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (b*d^{-1})*c^{-1} \in K*H = H*K$$

$$\Rightarrow (b*d^{-1})*c^{-1} \in H*K$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists p \in H, q \in K \ni (b * d^{-1}) * c^{-1} = p * q$$

$$\Rightarrow a * (b * d^{-1}) * c^{-1} = a + p + q \in H * K$$

$$\Rightarrow x * y^{-1} \in H * K$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 ( $H * K,*$ ) is a subgroup of ( $G,*$ ).

4. 
$$H * K \neq \emptyset$$
, let  $x, y \in H * K$ 

To prove 
$$x * y^{-1} \in H * K$$

$$x \in H * K \Longrightarrow x = a * b \ni a \in H \text{ and } b \in K$$

$$y \in H * K \Longrightarrow y = c * d \ni c \in H \text{ and } d \in K$$

$$x * y^{-1} = (a * b) * (c * d)^{-1}$$

$$= (a*b)*(d^{-1}*c^{-1})$$

$$= (a * b) * (c^{-1} * d^{-1})$$

$$= a * (b * c^{-1}) * d^{-1}$$

$$= (a * c^{-1}) * (b * d^{-1})$$

$$\Rightarrow x * y^{-1} \in H * K$$

 $\Rightarrow$  (H \* K,\*) is a subgroup of (G,\*).

**Example(5-17):** In  $(Z_8, +_8)$ , let  $H = \{0,4\}$  and  $K = \{0,2,4,6\}$ . Find  $H +_8 K$ .

**Solution:**  $H + {}_{8}K = \{0,2,4,6\}.$ 

Note(5-18): Let (H,\*) and (K,\*) are two subgroups of (G,\*), then:

- 1.  $H * K \neq K * H$ ;
- 2. (H \* K,\*) need not be a subgroup of (G,\*), give example (Homework).

**Example(5-18):** Is  $H = \{0,6\}$  is a subgroup of  $(Z_8, +_8)$ ? (Homework).

**Example(5-19):** Is  $H = \{0,12\}$  is a subgroup of  $(Z_4, +_4)$ ? (Homework).

**<u>Definition(5-20):</u>** The center of a group (G,\*) denoted by Cent(G) or C(G) is the set  $C(G) = \{c \in G: c * x = x * c, \forall x \in G\}.$ 

Note(5-21):  $C(G) \neq \emptyset$ , since  $\exists e \in G \ni e * x = x * e \forall x \in G \implies e \in C(G)$ .

**Example(5-22):** The group  $(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\},\cdot)$ ,  $C(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}$ , since  $(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\},\cdot)$  is an abelian group.

Example(5-23): The group  $(S_3, \circ)$ ,  $C(S_3) = \{f_1\}$ , since

$$C(S_3) = \{ f \in S_3 : f \circ g = g \circ f \ \forall g \in S_3 \} = \{ f_1 \}.$$

**Theorem(5-24):** Let (G,\*) be a group. Then(C(G),\*) is a subgroup of (G,\*).

**Proof:**  $C(G) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $C(G) = \{a \in G: x * a = a * x, \forall x \in G\} \subseteq G$ 

let  $a, b \in C(G)$ , to prove  $a * b^{-1} \in C(G)$ 

$$a \in C(G) \Longrightarrow a * x = x * a \forall x \in G$$

$$b \in C(G) \Longrightarrow b * x = x * b \forall x \in G$$

To prove 
$$(a * b^{-1}) * x = x * (a * b^{-1}) \forall x \in G$$

$$(a * b^{-1}) * x = a * (b^{-1} * x)$$

$$= a * (x^{-1} * b)^{-1}$$

$$= a * (b * x^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$= a * (x * b^{-1})$$

$$= (a * x) * b^{-1}$$

$$= (x * a) * b^{-1}$$

$$= x * (a * b^{-1})$$

$$\Rightarrow (a * b^{-1}) \in C(G)$$

 $\Rightarrow$  (C(G),\*) is a subgroup of (G,\*).

**Theorem(5-25):** Let (G,\*) be a group, then C(G) = G iff G is an abelian group.

**Proof:**  $(\Rightarrow) \forall a \in G \Rightarrow a \in C(G)$ 

$$\Rightarrow a * x = x * a \forall x \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow a * x = x * a \forall x, a \in G$$

 $\Rightarrow$  G is an abelian group.

 $(\Leftarrow)$  suppose that G is an abelian group, to prove C(G) = G

This means  $C(G) \subseteq G$  and  $G \subseteq C(G)$ 

By definition of C(G),  $C(G) \subseteq G$ 

To prove  $G \subseteq C(G)$ 

Let  $x \in G$ , G is an abelian group

$$\Rightarrow x * a = a * x \ \forall a \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in C(G)$$

$$\Rightarrow G \subseteq C(G)$$

$$\Rightarrow C(G) = G.$$

#### 6. More Results of Subgroups

#### Cyclic Group:

<u>Definition(6-1)</u>Let (G,\*) be a group and  $a \in G$ , the cyclic subgroup of G generated by a is denoted by  $\langle a \rangle$  and defined as

$$\langle a \rangle = \{ a^k : k \in \mathbb{Z} \} = \{ \dots, a^{-1}, a^0, a^1, \dots \}$$

If  $G = \langle a \rangle$ , then G is called a cyclic group.

**<u>Definition(6-2):</u>** A group (G,\*) is called cyclic group generated by a iff  $\exists a \in G \ni G = \langle a \rangle = \{a^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$ 

**Example(6-3):** In  $(Z_9, +_9)$ , find the cyclic subgroup generated by 2,3,1.

**Solution:** 
$$\langle 2 \rangle = \{2^k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{..., 2^{-3}, 2^{-2}, 2^{-1}, 2^0, 2^1, 2^2, 2^3, ...\}$$

= 
$$\{...,3,5,7,0,2,4,6,...\}$$
 =  $\{0,1,2,...,8\}$  =  $Z_9$ 

 $\Rightarrow$   $Z_9$  is a cyclic group generated by 2.

$$\langle 3 \rangle = \{..., 3^{-3}, 3^{-2}, 3^{-1}, 3^{0}, 3^{1}, 3^{2}, 3^{3}, ...\}$$
  
=  $\{..., 3, 6, 0, 3, 6, ...\}$ 

=  $\{0,3,6\}$  is a cyclic subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_9$ .

$$\langle 1 \rangle = \{..., 1^{-3}, 1^{-2}, 1^{-1}, 1^{0}, 1^{1}, 1^{2}, 1^{3}, ...\}$$
  
=  $\{..., 6, 7, 8, 0, 1, 2, 3, ...\}$ 

=  $Z_9$  is generated by 1.

**Example(6-4):** In  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ , find a cyclic group generated by 1,2, -1.

**Solution:** 
$$\langle 1 \rangle = \{1^k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, 1^{-3}, 1^{-2}, 1^{-1}, 1^0, 1^1, 1^2, 1^3, \dots\}$$
$$= \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\} = \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\langle 2 \rangle = \{2^k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{..., 2^{-3}, 2^{-2}, 2^{-1}, 2^0, 2^1, 2^2, 2^3, ...\}$$

$$= \{..., -6, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, 6, ...\} \neq Z_9$$

$$\langle -1 \rangle = \{(-1)^k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$= \{..., (-1)^{-3}, (-1)^{-2}, (-1)^{-1}, (-1)^0, (-1)^1, (-1)^2, (-1)^3, ...\}$$

$$= \{..., 2, 1, 0, -1, -2, ...\} = \mathbb{Z}$$

 $\Rightarrow$  ( $\mathbb{Z}$ , +) is a cyclic group generated by 1 and -1.

Example(6-5): Is( $S_3$ , $\circ$ ) a cyclic group?

Solution: 
$$\langle f_1 \rangle = \{f_1^k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, f_1^{-3}, f_1^{-2}, f_1^{-1}, f_1^0, f_1^1, f_1^2, f_1^3, \dots\}$$
$$= \{f_1\} \neq S_3$$

$$\langle f_2 \rangle = \{ f_2^k, k \in \mathbb{Z} \} = \{ \dots, f_2^{-2}, f_2^{-1}, f_2^0, f_2^1, f_2^2, \dots \}$$
  

$$= \{ \dots, f_2, f_3, f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots \}$$
  

$$= \{ f_1, f_2, f_3 \} \neq S_3$$

$$\langle f_3 \rangle = \{f_1, f_2, f_3\} \neq S_3$$

$$\langle f_4 \rangle = \{f_1, f_4\} \neq S_3$$

$$\langle f_5\rangle = \{f_1,f_5\} \neq S_3$$

$$\langle f_6 \rangle = \{f_1, f_6\} \neq S_3$$

 $\Rightarrow$  (S<sub>3</sub>, $\circ$ ) is not a cyclic group.

**Example(6-6):** In  $(Z_6, +_6)$ , find a cyclic subgroup generated by 1,2,5. (**Homework**)

Theorem(6-7): Every cyclic group is an abelian.

**Proof:** let (G,\*) be a cyclic group,  $\Longrightarrow \exists a \in G \ni G = \langle a \rangle = \{a^k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ 

To prove G is an abelian group



Let  $x, y \in G$ , to prove  $x * y = y * x \forall x, y \in G$ 

$$x\in G=\langle a\rangle\Longrightarrow x=a^m\ni m\in\,\mathbb{Z}$$

$$y \in G = \langle a \rangle \Longrightarrow y = a^n \ni n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$x * y = a^m * a^n = a^{m+n} = a^{n+m} = a^n * a^m = y * x$$

 $\implies$  *G* is an abelian group.

Note(6-8): The converse of above theorem is not true in general, for example.

$$(G = \{e, a, b, c\}, *) \ni a^2 = b^2 = c^2 = e$$

$$a^2 = e \Rightarrow a * a = e \Rightarrow a^{-1} = a$$

$$b^2 = e \Longrightarrow b * b = e \Longrightarrow b^{-1} = b$$

$$c^2 = e \Longrightarrow c * c = e \Longrightarrow c^{-1} = c$$

$$e^{-1} = e \Longrightarrow x^{-1} = x \ \forall \ x \in G$$

 $\Rightarrow$  (G,\*) is an abelian group, but (G,\*) is not a cyclic group, since

$$\langle e \rangle = \{e\} \neq G$$

$$\langle a \rangle = \{a^k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{e, a\} \neq G$$

$$\langle b \rangle = \{b^k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{e, b\} \neq G$$

$$\langle c \rangle = \{c^k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{e, c\} \neq G$$

 $\Rightarrow$  (G,\*) is not a cyclic.

<u>Theorem(6-9):</u>  $\langle a \rangle = \langle a^{-1} \rangle \ \forall \ a \in G.$ 

**Proof:**  $\langle a \rangle = \{ a^k, k \in \mathbb{Z} \} = \{ (a^{-1})^{-k}, -k \in \mathbb{Z} \}$ 

$$=\{(a^{-1})^m, m=-k \in \mathbb{Z}\}=\langle a^{-1}\rangle.$$

**Theorem(6-10):** If (G,\*) is a finite group of order n generated by a, then  $G =: \langle a \rangle = \{a^k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{a^1, a^2, ..., a^n = e\}$ , such that n is the least positive integer  $\exists a^n = e$ , this means O(a) = n = O(G).

**Example(6-11):** Show that  $(Z_n, +_n)$  is a cyclic group.

**Solution:**  $Z_n = \{0,1,...,n-1\}$ 

$$O(Z_n) = n$$
, to prove  $Z_n = \langle 1 \rangle$ 

$$\langle 1 \rangle = \{1^k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{1, 1^2, 1^3, \dots, 1^n = 0\}$$

$$= \{1,2,3,...,n = 0\} = Z_n$$

$$\Rightarrow Z_n = \langle 1 \rangle$$
 and  $O(Z_n) = O(1) = n$ .

**Definition(6-12):** (Division Algorithm for  $\mathbb{Z}$ )

If a, b are integers, with b > 0. Then there is a unique pair of integers  $q, r \ni a = bq + r, 0 \le r < b$ .

The number q is called the quotient and r is called the remainder when a is divided by b.

**Example(6-13):** Find the quotient q and remainder r, when 38 is divided by 7 according to the division algorithm.

**Solution:**  $38 = 7(5) + 3, 0 \le 3 < 7$ 

$$\Rightarrow q = 5, r = 3.$$

Example(6-14): a = 23, b = 7.

**Solution:**  $23 = 7(3) + 2, 0 \le 2 < 7$ 

$$\Rightarrow q = 3, r = 2.$$

Example(6-15): a = 15, b = 2.

**Solution:**  $15 = 2(7) + 1, 0 \le 1 < 2$ 

 $\Rightarrow q = 7, r = 1.$ 

Theorem(6-16): A subgroup of a cyclic group is a cyclic.

**Proof:** let G be a cyclic group generated by a and let H be a subgroup of G

If  $H = \{e\}$ , then  $H = \langle e \rangle$  is a cyclic

If  $H \neq \{e\}$  and  $H \neq G$  (H is a proper subgroup), then

$$x \in H \Longrightarrow x = a^m, m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$x^{-1}\in H\Longrightarrow x^{-1}=a^{-m},-m\in\mathbb{Z}$$

Let m be a least positive integer such that  $a^m \in H$ 

to prove 
$$H = \langle a^m \rangle = \{(a^m)^g : g \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

to prove 
$$H \subseteq \langle a^m \rangle, \langle a^m \rangle \subseteq \langle a^m \rangle$$

let 
$$y \in H \Longrightarrow y = a^s, s \in \mathbb{Z}$$

by division algorithm of s and m

$$s = mg + r \Longrightarrow r = s - mg$$

$$a^r = a^{s-mg} = a^s * (a^{-m})^g, 0 \le r < m$$

$$a^r \in H$$
 but  $0 \le r < m \Longrightarrow r = 0 \Longrightarrow s = mg$ 

$$a^s = (a^m)^g \in \langle a^m \rangle$$

$$y=a^s\in\langle a^m\rangle\Longrightarrow H\subseteq\langle a^m\rangle$$

To prove  $\langle a^m \rangle \subseteq H$ 

Let 
$$x \in \langle a^m \rangle \Longrightarrow x = (a^m)^g, g \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a^m \in H \Longrightarrow (a^m)^g \in H \Longrightarrow x \in H \Longrightarrow \langle a^m \rangle \subseteq H$$

 $\Rightarrow$  (*H*,\*) is a cyclic subgroup.

<u>Corollary(6-17):</u> If (G,\*) is a finite cyclic group of order n generated by a, then every subgroup of G is a cyclic generated by  $a^m \ni \frac{n}{m}$ .

**Proof:** suppose (G,\*) is a finite, O(G) = n

$$G = \langle a \rangle = \{a, a^2, \dots, a^n = e\}$$

Let (H,\*) be a subgroup of (G,\*), then(H,\*) is a cyclic

such that 
$$H = \langle a^m \rangle$$
, to prove  $\frac{n}{m}$   $(n = mg, g \in \mathbb{Z})$ 

 $e \in H \implies a^n \in H$ , by division algorithm of n, m

$$\Rightarrow n = mg + r, 0 \le r < m$$

$$r = n - mg \Longrightarrow a^r = a^n * (a^m)^{-g}$$

$$a^r \in H$$
, but  $0 \le r < m$ 

If 
$$r = 0 \Longrightarrow n = mg \Longrightarrow \frac{n}{m}$$
.

Example(6-18): Find all subgroups of  $(Z_{15}, +_{15})$ .

**Solution:**  $O(Z_{15}) = 15, H = \langle 1^m \rangle, \frac{15}{m}$ 

If 
$$m=1 \Longrightarrow H_1=Z_{15}$$

If 
$$m = 3 \implies H_2 = \{3,6,9,12\}$$

If 
$$m = 5 \Longrightarrow H_3 = \{5,10,0\}$$

If 
$$m = 15 \Longrightarrow H_4 = \{0\}.$$

Corollary(6-19): If (G,\*) is a finite cyclic group of prime order, then G has no a proper subgroup.

**Proof:** let (G,\*) be a finite group such that

O(G) = p (p is a prime number)

$$G = \langle a \rangle = \{a, a^2, \dots, a^p = e\}$$

Let (H,\*) be a cyclic subgroup

$$H = \langle a^m \rangle \ni \frac{p}{m} \Longrightarrow m = 1 \text{ or } m = p$$

If  $m = 1 \Rightarrow H = \langle a \rangle = G$  (not a proper subgroup)

If  $m = p \Longrightarrow H = \langle a^p = e \rangle = \{e\}$  (not a proper subgroup)

 $\implies$  *G* has no a proper subgroup.

**Example**(6-20): Find all subgroup of  $(Z_7, +_7)$ .

**Solution:**  $O(Z_7) = 7$ 

Let 
$$H = \langle 1^m \rangle$$
,  $\frac{7}{m} \Longrightarrow m = 1$  or  $m = 7$ 

If 
$$m = 1 \Longrightarrow H_1 = \langle 1 \rangle = Z_7$$

If 
$$m = 7 \Longrightarrow H_2 = \langle 1^7 \rangle = \{0\}.$$

**<u>Definition(6-21):</u>** A positive integer c is said to be a greatest common divisor of two non-zero numbers x, y iff

1. 
$$\frac{x}{c}$$
,  $\frac{y}{c}$ 

2. If 
$$\frac{x}{a}$$
,  $\frac{y}{a} \Longrightarrow \frac{c}{a}$ .

Example(6-22): Find g. c. d. (12,18).

**Solution:** g. c. d. (12,18) = 6, since

1. 
$$\frac{12}{6}$$
,  $\frac{18}{6}$ 

2. 
$$\frac{12}{3}$$
,  $\frac{18}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{6}{3}$ 

$$\frac{12}{1}$$
,  $\frac{18}{1} \Rightarrow \frac{6}{1}$ 

$$\frac{12}{2}$$
,  $\frac{18}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{6}{2}$ .

**Remark(6-23):** If (G,\*) is a finite cyclic group of order n generated by a, then the generator of G is  $a^k \ni g.c.d.(k,n) = 1$ .

**Example(6-24):** Find all generators of  $(Z_6, +_6)$ .

**Solution:**  $O(Z_6) = 6$ ,  $Z_6 = \langle 1 \rangle$ 

$$Z_6 = \langle 1^k \rangle \ni \text{g. c. d.}(k, 6) = 1, k = 1,2,3,4,5$$

$$k = 1 \Longrightarrow g. c. d. (1,6) = 1 \Longrightarrow Z_6 = \langle 1 \rangle$$

$$k = 2 \implies g. c. d. (2,6) \neq 1 \implies Z_6 \neq \langle 1^2 \rangle = \langle 2 \rangle$$

$$k = 3 \Rightarrow g. c. d. (3,6) \neq 1 \Rightarrow Z_6 \neq \langle 1^3 \rangle = \langle 3 \rangle$$

$$k = 4 \implies g. c. d. (4,6) \neq 1 \implies Z_6 \neq \langle 1^4 \rangle = \langle 4 \rangle$$

$$k = 5 \implies g. c. d. (5,6) = 1 \implies Z_6 = \langle 1^5 \rangle = \langle 5 \rangle$$

therefore, the generators of  $Z_6$  are 1,5.

**Theorem(6-25):** If (G,\*) is an infinite cyclic group generated by a, then:

- 1. The numbers  $a, a^{-1}$  are only generators of G;
- 2. Every subgroup of G except  $\{e\}$  is an infinite subgroup.

**Proof:** (1) suppose  $G = \langle a \rangle$ , to prove  $G = \langle a^{-1} \rangle$ 

Let 
$$a \in G \ni G = \langle a \rangle = \{..., a^{-2}, a^{-1}, a^0, a^1, a^2, ...\}$$

Let 
$$b \in G \ni G = \langle b \rangle = \{..., b^{-2}, b^{-1}, b^0, b^1, b^2, ...\}$$

$$a \in G = \langle a \rangle \Longrightarrow a = b^r, r \in \mathbb{Z} \dots 1$$

$$b \in G = \langle a \rangle \Longrightarrow b = a^s, s \in \mathbb{Z} \dots 2$$

Substitute 1 in 2, we get  $b = (b^r)^s \implies b^1 = b^{rs}$ 

$$1 = rs \implies r = s = 1$$
 or  $r = s = -1$ 

If 
$$r = s = 1 \Rightarrow a = b \Rightarrow G = \langle a \rangle$$

If 
$$r = s = -1 \Rightarrow b = a^{-1} \Rightarrow G = \langle a^{-1} \rangle$$
.

(2) let (H,\*) be a subgroup of  $(G,*) \ni H \neq \{e\}$ 

To prove (H,\*) is an infinite

Suppose that (H,\*) is a finite such that O(H) = k

(H,\*) is a cyclic subgroup

$$H = \langle a^m \rangle = \{(a^m)^1, (a^m)^2, ... (a^m)^k = e\}$$

 $a^{mk} = e \Rightarrow O(a) = mk \Rightarrow O(a) = O(G)$ , but this is contradiction

 $(G = \langle a \rangle, G \text{ is a finite})$ 

Thus, (H,\*) is an infinite.

**<u>Definition(6-26):</u>** Let (H,\*) be a subgroup of a group (G,\*). The set  $a*H = \{a*h: h \in H\}$  of G is the left coset of H containing a, while the subset  $H*a = \{h*a: h \in H\}$  is the right coset of H containing a.

**Example**(6-27): If  $(Z_6, +_6)$ ,  $a = 1, H = \{0,2,4\}$ , then

$$1 +_6 H = \{1,3,5\}, H +_6 1 = \{1,3,5\}$$

$$3+_6H = \{3,5,1\}, \ H+_63 = \{3,5,1\}$$

#### Notes(6-28):

1. a \* H is not subgroup (in general), give an example (**Homework**);

2.  $a * H \neq H * a$  (in general), for example

$$(S_3, \circ), \quad H = \{f_1, f_4\}, \quad a = f_2$$

$$f_2 \circ H = \{f_2, f_5\}, \quad H \circ f_2 = \{f_2, f_6\}$$

$$\implies f_2 \circ H \neq H \circ f_2.$$

**Theorem(6-29):** Let (H,\*) be a subgroup of (G,\*) and  $a \in G$ , then

1. H is itself left coset of H in G.

**Proof:**  $e \in G$ ,  $e * H = \{e * h : h \in H\} = H$ .

2. If (G,\*) is an abelian group, then a\*H=H\*a.

**Proof:**  $a * H = \{a * h : h \in H\} = \{h * a : h \in H\} = H * a$ .

The converse of above theorem is not true in general, for example

$$(S_3,\circ), H = \{f_1, f_2, f_3\}, a = f_4$$

$$f_4 \circ H = \{f_4, f_5, f_6\}, \qquad H \circ f_4 = \{f_4, f_6, f_5\}$$

$$\implies f_2 \circ H = H \circ f_2$$
, but  $(S_3, \circ)$  is not an abelian.

3. 
$$a \in a * H$$

**Proof:**  $a = a * e \in a * H$ .

4. 
$$a * H = H \text{ iff } a \in H$$

**Proof:** ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) suppose that a \* H = H, then by  $3 \Longrightarrow a \in H$ .

 $(\Leftarrow)$  suppose that  $a \in H$ , to prove a \* H = H

This means  $a * H \subseteq H$  and  $H \subseteq a * H$ 

Let 
$$x \in a * H \Rightarrow x = a * h \in H \Rightarrow a * H \subseteq H$$

To prove  $H \subseteq a * H$ 

Let 
$$b \in H \Longrightarrow b = e * b = (a * a^{-1}) * b = a * (a^{-1} * b) \Longrightarrow b \in a * H$$

$$\Rightarrow H \subseteq a * H \Rightarrow H = a * H.$$

5. 
$$a * H = b * H \text{ iff } a^{-1} * b \in H$$

**Proof:** 
$$(\Longrightarrow) a * H = b * H$$

$$a^{-1} * (a * H) = a^{-1} * (b * H)$$

$$(a^{-1} * a) * H = (a^{-1} * b) * H)$$

$$H = (a^{-1} * a) * H$$
, by  $4 \Longrightarrow a^{-1} * b \in H$ 

$$(\Leftarrow)$$
 suppose that  $a^{-1} * b \in H$ 

by 
$$4 \Rightarrow (a^{-1} * b) * H = H \Rightarrow b * H = a * H$$
.

6. 
$$a * H = b * H$$
 or  $(a * H) \cap (b * H) = \emptyset$ 

**Proof:** suppose that  $(a * H) \cap (b * H) \neq \emptyset$ 

To prove a \* H = b \* H

$$\exists x \ni x \in a * H \text{ and } x \in b * H$$

$$x = a * h_1 \text{ and } x = b * h_2 \ni h_1, h_2 \in H$$

$$a * h_1 = b * h_2 \Longrightarrow h_1 = a^{-1} * b * h_2$$

$$\implies h_1 * h_2^{-1} = a^{-1} * b \in H$$

by 
$$5 \Rightarrow a * H = b * H$$

or suppose  $a * H \neq b * H$ 

to prove 
$$(a * H) \cap (b * H) = \emptyset$$

suppose 
$$(a * H) \cap (b * H) \neq \emptyset$$

 $\exists x \in a * H \text{ and } x \in b * H$ 

$$x = a * h_1 \text{ and } x = b * h_2$$

$$a^{-1} * b = h_1 * h_2^{-1} \Longrightarrow a^{-1} * b \in H$$

 $\Rightarrow a * H = b * H$ , but this is contradiction

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $(a * H) \cap (b * H) = \emptyset.$ 

7. The set of all distinct left coset of H in G form a partition on G.

**Proof:** to prove  $G = \bigcup_{a \in G} a * H$  and  $a_i * H \cap a_j * H = \emptyset$ 

$$a_i * H, a_j * H$$
 are distinct  $\implies a_i * H \cap a_j * H = \emptyset$ 

To prove  $G = \bigcup_{a \in G} a * H$ 

 $a * H \subseteq G \forall a \in G$  (by definition of a coset)

$$\Rightarrow \bigcup_{\alpha \in C} \alpha * H \subseteq G \dots 1$$

$$\forall a \in G \Longrightarrow a \in a * H \Longrightarrow a \in \bigcup_{a \in G} a * H$$

$$\Rightarrow G \subseteq \bigcup_{a \in G} a * H \dots 2$$

From 1,2, we have  $G = \bigcup_{a \in G} a * H$ .

Note(6-30): Every coset (left or right) of a subgroup H of a group (G,\*) has the same number of elements as H.

**Example(6-31):** The group  $(Z_6, +_6)$  is an abelian. Find the partition of  $Z_6$  into coset of the subgroup  $H = \{0,3\}$ .

**Solution:**  $0 + H = \{0,3\} = H$ 



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

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

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

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

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

All the cosets of H are  $\{0,3\},\{1,4\},\{2,5\}$  and since  $(Z_6,+_6)$  is an abelian group, then the left coset is an equal to the right coset.

**Example(6-32):** In  $(S_3, \circ)$ , let  $H = \{f_1, f_4\}$ . Find the partition of  $S_3$  into left coset of H and the partition into right coset of H. (**Homework**)

**Definition(6-33):** Let (H,\*) be a subgroup of a group (G,\*). The number of left cosets or right cosets of H in G is called the index of H in G and denoted by [G:H].

**Note(6-34):** If (G,\*) is a finite group, then  $[G:H] = \frac{o(G)}{o(H)}$ .

Example(6-35):  $(S_3, \circ), H = \{f_1, f_2, f_3\}$ 

$$\Rightarrow [S_3:H] = \frac{O(S_3)}{O(H)} = \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

Example(6-36):  $(Z_6, +_6), H = \{0,3\}$ 

$$\Rightarrow [Z_6: H] = \frac{O(Z_6)}{O(H)} = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

Theorem(6-37): (Lagrange Theorem)

Let H be a subgroup of a finite group (G,\*). Then the order of H is a divisor of the order of G.

**Proof:** let G be a finite group  $\ni O(G) = n$  and H be a subgroup of  $G \ni O(H) = m$ 



To prove 
$$\frac{O(G)}{O(H)}$$
 (to prove  $\frac{n}{m}$ ,  $n = mk$ )

Since G is a finite  $\Longrightarrow$  [G: H] = k

Let  $a_1 * H$ ,  $a_2 * H$ , ...,  $a_k * H$  are left cosets of H

$$a_1 * H \cup a_2 * H \cup ... \cup a_k * H = G$$
 and  $a_i * H \cap a_j * H = \emptyset$ 

$$O(a_1 * H) + O(a_2 * H) + \dots + O(a_k * H) = O(G)$$

$$m + m + \dots + m \ (k\text{-times}) = n$$

$$mk = n \Longrightarrow \frac{n}{m} \Longrightarrow \frac{O(G)}{O(H)}$$

**Corollary(6-38):** If (G,\*) is a finite group, then the order of any element of G divides the order of G.

**Proof:** suppose that (G,\*) is a finite such that O(G) = n

Let  $a \in G \implies a$  has a finite order such that O(a) = m

To prove such that  $\frac{o(G)}{o(a)}$ 

Since  $a \in G \Rightarrow H = \langle a \rangle$  is a cyclic group

$$H = \{a, a^2, ..., a^m = e\}, O(a) = m \Longrightarrow \frac{O(G)}{O(H)}$$
 (by Lagrange Theorem)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{O(G)}{O(a)}$$

**Corollary(6-39):** If (G,\*) is a finite group, then  $a^{O(G)} = e \ \forall a \in G$ .

**Proof:** suppose that O(G) = n

Let  $a \in G \ni O(a) = m$  (by Corollary of Lagrange)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{O(G)}{O(a)} \Rightarrow \frac{n}{m} \Rightarrow n = mk$$

$$a^{O(G)} = a^n = (a^m)^k = e^k = e$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{O(G)} = e \ \forall a \in G.$$

Corollary(6-40): Every group of prime order is a cyclic.

**Proof:** let (G,\*) be a finite  $\ni O(G) = p \Longrightarrow \frac{p}{O(a)} \ \forall a \in G$ 

$$O(a) = 1$$
 or  $p$ 

If 
$$O(a) = 1 \Rightarrow a = e$$

If 
$$O(a) = p \Rightarrow O(a) = O(G) \Rightarrow G = \langle a \rangle$$

 $\Rightarrow$  G is a cyclic group.

Corollary(6-41): Every group of order less than 6 is an abelian.

**Proof:** let (G,\*) be a finite group  $\ni O(G) < 6$ 

$$O(G) = 1 \text{ or } 2 \text{ or } 3 \text{ or } 4 \text{ or } 5$$

If 
$$O(G) = 1 \Rightarrow G = \{e\} \Rightarrow G$$
 is an abelian

If O(G) = 2 or 3 or  $5 \Rightarrow G$  is a cyclic  $\Rightarrow G$  is an abelian

If 
$$O(G) = 4 \Rightarrow \frac{4}{O(a)} \Rightarrow O(a) = 1$$
 or 2 or 4

If 
$$O(a) = 1 \Rightarrow a = e$$

If 
$$O(a) = 2 \quad \forall a \in G \implies a^2 = e \implies a = a^{-1} \quad \forall a \in G$$

 $\Rightarrow$  G is an abelian

If 
$$O(a) = 4 \Rightarrow O(a) = O(G) \Rightarrow G = \langle a \rangle$$

 $\Rightarrow$  G is a cyclic  $\Rightarrow$  G is an abelian.

#### 7. Normal Subgroups and Quotient Groups

**<u>Definition(7-1):</u>** Let (G,\*) be a group and  $a,b \in G$ , then a is a conjugate to b and denoted by  $a \sim b$  iff  $\exists x \in G \ni b = x * a * x^{-1}$  and  $b \sim a$  iff  $\exists x \in G \ni a = x * b * x^{-1}$ .

$$a \neq b \text{ iff } b \neq x * a * x^{-1} \ \forall x \in G$$

**Example(7-2):** In  $(S_3, \circ)$ , is  $f_3 \sim f_2$ ?

**Solution:** 
$$x = f_1 \Longrightarrow f_1 \circ f_3 \circ f_1^{-1} = f_3 \ne f_2$$

$$x = f_2 \Longrightarrow f_2 \circ f_3 \circ f_2^{-1} = f_1 \circ f_2^{-1} = f_3 \ne f_2$$

$$x = f_3 \Longrightarrow f_3 \circ f_3 \circ f_3^{-1} = f_2 \circ f_2 = f_3 \ne f_2$$

$$x = f_4 \Longrightarrow f_4 \circ f_3 \circ f_4^{-1} = f_5 \circ f_4 = f_2$$

$$x = f_5 \Longrightarrow f_5 \circ f_3 \circ f_5^{-1} = f_6 \circ f_5 = f_2$$

$$x = f_6 \Rightarrow f_6 \circ f_3 \circ f_6^{-1} = f_4 \circ f_6 = f_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists x \in S_3 \ni x \circ f_3 \circ x^{-1} = f_2$$

$$\implies f_3 \sim f_2$$

Is  $f_1 \sim f_2$  and  $f_1 \sim f_1$ ? (**Homework**)

**Example(7-3):** In  $(Z_4, +_4)$ , is  $1 \sim 2$ ?

**Solution:** 
$$x = 1 \implies 1 + 41 + 41^{-1} = 2 + 43 = 5 = 1 \neq 2$$

$$x = 2 \Longrightarrow 2 + 41 + 42^{-1} = 3 + 42 = 5 = 1 \neq 2$$

$$x = 3 \Longrightarrow 3 + 41 + 43^{-1} = 3 + 41 = 4 = 0 \ne 2$$

$$x = 0 \Longrightarrow 0 + 41 + 40^{-1} = 1 \neq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \neq 2$$

**Remark(7-4):** If (G,\*) is an abelian group and  $a,b \in G$ , then  $a \sim b \iff a = b$ .

**Proof:** suppose that  $a \sim b \iff \exists x \in G \ni b = x * a * x^{-1}$ 

$$\Leftrightarrow b = x * x^{-1} * a \Leftrightarrow b = a$$

Theorem(7-5): The relation (conjugate) is an equivalent relation.

Proof: (1) reflexive

let  $a \in G$ , to prove  $a \sim a$ 

$$\exists e \in G \ni a = e * a * e^{-1} \Longrightarrow a \sim a$$

(2) symmetric

Let  $a, b \in G$  and  $a \sim b$ , to prove  $b \sim a$ 

$$a \sim b \implies \exists x \in G \ni b = x * a * x^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{-1} * b = a * x^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{-1} * b * x = a \Rightarrow b \sim a$$

(3) transitive

Let  $a, b, c \in G \ni a \sim b$  and  $b \sim c$ , to prove  $a \sim c$ 

$$a{\sim}b\Longrightarrow \exists x\in G\ni b=x*a*x^{-1}\dots 1$$

$$b \sim c \implies \exists y \in G \ni c = y * b * y^{-1} \dots 2$$

Substitute 1 in 2, we get

$$c = y * (x * a * x^{-1}) * y^{-1}$$

$$c = (y * x) * a * (y * x)^{-1}$$

$$c = z * a * z^{-1}$$
 (where  $z = y * x \in G$ )

 $\Rightarrow a \sim c$ .

**Definition(7-6):** Let (G,\*) be a group and  $a \in G$ , then the conjugate of a is denoted by c(a) and defined as

$$c(a) = \{b \in G: a \sim b\}$$

or 
$$c(a) = \{b \in G: a = x * a * b^{-1}\}$$

or 
$$c(a) = \{x * a * b^{-1}, \forall x \in G\}$$

The set of all elements conjugate to a is called the conjugate class of a.

Examples(7-7): Find the conjugate class of each element in the following groups:

- 1.  $(S_3,\circ)$  (Homework)
- 2.  $(G_{S,\circ})$  (Homework)
- 3.  $(G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}, \cdot) \ni i^2 = -1.$

**Solution:**  $c(i) = \{x \cdot i \cdot x^{-1}, \forall x \in G\}$ 

$$= \{1 \cdot i \cdot 1^{-1}, -1 \cdot i \cdot (-1)^{-1}, i \cdot i \cdot i^{-1}, -i \cdot i \cdot (-i)^{-1}\}$$

$$= \{i, i, i, i\} = \{i\}$$

$$c(1) = \{1\}, c(-1) = \{-1\}, c(-i) = \{-i\}.$$

**Example(7-8):** Find c(3) in  $(Z_4, +_4)$ .

Solution: 
$$c(3) = \{0+43+40^{-1}, 1+43+41^{-1}, 2+43+42^{-1}, 3+43+43^{-1}\}$$

= {3} (by Remark if G is an abelian group and  $a \sim b$ , then a = b)

Note(7-9): Let (G,\*) be a group and  $a \in G$ , then c(a) need not be a subgroup of (G,\*), for example in  $(S_3,\circ)$ ,  $c(f_3) = \{f_2,f_3\}$  is not a subgroup of  $S_3$ .

**Theorem(7-10):** Let (G,\*) be a group and  $a,b \in G$ , then

1. 
$$a \in c(a) \forall a \in G$$
.

**Proof:** since  $a \sim a \ \forall a \in G \ (\sim \text{ is a reflexive})$ 

$$a \in c(a) \Rightarrow c(a) \neq \emptyset$$

2. 
$$c(a) = c(b) \Leftrightarrow a \sim b \ \forall a, b \in G$$
.

**Proof:** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) suppose that c(a) = c(b), to prove  $a \sim b$ 

By 
$$1, a \in c(a) = c(b) \Rightarrow a \in c(b) \Rightarrow a \sim b$$

 $(\Leftarrow)$  suppose that  $a \sim b$ , to prove c(a) = c(b)

This means  $c(a) \subseteq c(b)$  and  $c(b) \subseteq c(a)$ 

Let  $x \in c(b) \Rightarrow x \sim a$  and  $a \sim b \Rightarrow x \sim b$ 

$$\Rightarrow x \in c(b) \Rightarrow c(a) \subseteq c(b) \dots 1$$

Let  $x \in c(b) \Rightarrow x \sim b$  and  $a \sim b \Rightarrow x \sim a$ 

$$\Rightarrow x \in c(a) \Rightarrow c(b) \subseteq c(a) \dots 2$$

From 1, 2, we get c(a) = c(b)

3. 
$$c(a) \cap c(b) = \emptyset$$
 iff  $a \neq b$  (Homework)

4. 
$$c(a) \cap c(b) = \emptyset$$
 or  $c(a) = c(b)$  (Homework)

5. 
$$b \in c(a) \Leftrightarrow c(a) = c(b)$$

**Proof:** ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) let  $b \in c(a) \Longrightarrow b \sim a \Longrightarrow c(a) = c(b)$  (by Theorem)

$$(\Leftarrow) c(a) = c(b) \Rightarrow a \sim b \Rightarrow b \sim a \Rightarrow b \in c(a).$$

6. 
$$c(a) = \{a\} \forall a \in G \iff G \text{ is an abelian group.}$$

**Proof:**  $c(a) = \{a\} \ \forall a \in G \iff x * a * x^{-1} = a \ \forall a \in G$ 

 $\Leftrightarrow x * a = a * x \Leftrightarrow G$  is an abelian group.

7. 
$$c(a) = \{a\} \iff a \in C(G)$$
 (Homework)

8. 
$$c(e) = \{e\}$$
 (Homework)

**Definition(7-11):** Let (G,\*) be a group and  $a \in G$ , then the normalizer of a is denoted by N(a) and defined as  $N(a) = \{x \in G: x * a = a * x\}$ .

**Example(7-12):** In  $(Z_8, +_8)$ . Find N(3).

Solution:  $N(3) = \{x \in Z_8: x +_8 3 = 3 +_8 x\}$ =  $\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7\} = Z_8$ 

**Theorem(7-13):** Let (G,\*) be a group and  $a \in G$ , then

1. (N(a),\*) is a subgroup of (G,\*).

**Proof:**  $N(a) = \{x \in G : x * a = a * x\} \subseteq G$ 

Since  $e * a = a * e \Rightarrow e \in N(a) \Rightarrow N(a) \neq \emptyset$ 

Closure: let  $x, y \in N(a)$ , to prove  $x * y \in N(a)$ 

$$x \in N(a) \Longrightarrow x * a = a * x$$

$$y \in N(a) \Longrightarrow y * a = a * y$$

$$(x * y) * a = x * (y * a) = x * (a * y) = (x * a) * y = (a * x) * y$$

$$= a * (x * y) \Rightarrow x * y \in N(a)$$

Let  $x \in N(a)$ , to prove  $x^{-1} \in N(a)$ 

Since  $x \in N(a) \Rightarrow x * a = a * x \Rightarrow x * a * x^{-1} = a$ 

 $\Rightarrow a * x^{-1} = x^{-1} * a \Rightarrow x^{-1} \in N(a) \Rightarrow (N(a),*)$  is a subgroup.

- 2.  $C(G) = \cap N(a) \forall a \in G$  (Homework)
- 3.  $N(a) = G \ \forall a \in G \Leftrightarrow (G,*)$  is an abelian.

**Proof:** ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) suppose that  $N(a) = G \ \forall a \in G$ , to prove G is an abelian

$$\forall x \in G = N(a) \Longrightarrow x \in N(a) \ \forall a \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in N(a) \ \forall x, a \in G \Rightarrow x * a = a * x \forall x, a \in G$$

 $\implies$  (G,\*) is an abelian

 $(\Leftarrow)$  suppose that (G,\*) is an abelian, to prove N(a) = G

This means  $N(a) \subseteq G$  and  $G \subseteq N(a)$ 

 $N(a) \subseteq G$  (by definition of N(a))

To prove  $G \subseteq N(a)$ 

Let  $x \in G$  and G is an abelian

$$\Rightarrow x * a = a * x \ \forall x, a \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in N(a) \ \forall a \in G \Rightarrow G \subseteq N(a) \Rightarrow G = N(a) \ \forall a \in G$$

4. 
$$N(a) = G \iff a \in G$$
 (Homework)

5. 
$$c(a) = [G:N(a)]$$

**Proof:** 
$$c(a) = \{x * a * x^{-1} : \forall x \in G\}$$

$$[G:N(a)] = \{x * N(a), \forall x \in G\}$$

Define 
$$f: [G: N(a)] \rightarrow c(a) \ni f(x * N(a)) = x * a * x^{-1} \forall x \in G$$

To prove f is a map, f is an one to one, f is an onto (**Homework**)

6. If 
$$(G,*)$$
 is a finite group, then  $\frac{O(G)}{O(c(a))}$ 

**Proof:** by  $1 \Rightarrow (N(a),*)$  is a subgroup of (G,\*)

By Lagrange Theorem 
$$\Rightarrow \frac{O(G)}{O(N(a))}$$

$$O(G = O(N(a)) \cdot [G:N(a)] = O(N(a)) \cdot O(c(a))$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{O(G)}{O(c(a))}$$

**<u>Definition(7-14):</u>** Let (H,\*), (K,\*) are two subgroups of (G,\*), then H is a conjugate subgroup of K iff  $\exists x \in G \ni K = x * H * x^{-1}$  and denoted by  $H \sim K$ .

$$H \not\sim K \Leftrightarrow K \neq x * H * x^{-1} \forall x \in G$$

**Example**(7-15): In  $(S_3, \circ)$ ,  $H = \{f_1, f_6\}$ ,  $K = \{f_1, f_5\}$ . Is  $H \sim K$ ?

**Solution:** this means,  $\exists x \in S_3 \ni x \circ H \circ x^{-1} = K$ ?

$$x = f_1 \Longrightarrow f_1 \circ \{f_1, f_6\} \circ f_1^{-1} = \{f_1 \circ f_1 \circ f_1^{-1}, f_1 \circ f_6 \circ f_1^{-1}\}$$

$$=\{f_1,f_6\}\neq K$$

$$x = f_2 \Rightarrow f_2 \circ \{f_1, f_6\} \circ f_2^{-1} = \{f_2 \circ f_1 \circ f_2^{-1}, f_2 \circ f_6 \circ f_2^{-1}\}$$

$$= \{f_1, f_5\} = K$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists x = f_2 \ni H \sim K$$
.

**Example(7-16):** In  $(Z_{12}, +_{12}), H = \{0,4,8\}, K = \{0,3,6,9\}$ . Is  $H \sim K$ ?

**Solution:** this means,  $\exists x \in Z_{12} \ni x +_{12} H +_{12} x^{-1} = K$ 

$$x = 1 \Longrightarrow 1 +_{12} \{0,4,8\} +_{12} 1^{-1} = H \neq K$$

Since 
$$x +_{12}H +_{12}x^{-1} = x +_{12}x^{-1} +_{12}H = H \neq K$$

 $\Rightarrow H + K.$ 

**Example(7-17):** In  $(G_S, \circ)$ , let  $H = \{r_1, r_4\}, K = \{r_1, r_2\}$ . Is  $H \sim K$ ?

(Homework)

**Theorem(7-18):** Let (H,\*), (K,\*) are two subgroups of (G,\*) and  $H \sim K$ , then O(H) = O(K).

**Proof:** since  $H \sim K \implies \exists x \in G \ni K = x * H * x^{-1}$ 

To prove  $O(H) = O(K) = O(x * H * x^{-1})$ 

Define 
$$f: (H, *) \to (x * H * x^{-1}, *) \ni f(h) = x * h * x^{-1} \forall h \in H$$

To prove f is a map?

Let  $h_1 = h_2$ , to prove  $f(h_1) = f(h_2)$ 

Since 
$$h_1 = h_2 \implies x * h_1 * x^{-1} = x * h_2 * x^{-1} \implies f(h_1) = f(h_2)$$

 $\Rightarrow f$  is a map.

Is f an one to one ? let  $f(h_1) = f(h_2)$ 

$$\Rightarrow x * h_1 * x^{-1} = x * h_2 * x^{-1}$$

 $\Rightarrow h_1 = h_2 \Rightarrow f$  is an one to one.

Is f an onto?  $R_f = \{f(h): \forall h \in H\} = \{x * h * x^{-1}: \forall h \in H\}$ 

 $= x * H * x^{-1} \Longrightarrow f$  is an onto.

$$\Rightarrow O(H) = O(x * H * x^{-1}) = O(K).$$

<u>Theorem(7-19):</u> Let (H,\*) be a subgroup of (G,\*) and  $x \in G$ , then  $(x * H * x^{-1},*)$  is a subgroup of (G,\*).

**Proof:**  $e \in G$  and  $e * H * e^{-1} = H \neq \emptyset \Longrightarrow x * H * x^{-1} \neq \emptyset$ 

$$x*H*x^{-1} = \{x*h*x^{-1} \colon \forall h \in H\}$$

Let  $a, b \in x * H * x^{-1}$ , to prove  $a * b^{-1} \in x * H * x^{-1}$ 

Let 
$$a \in x * H * x^{-1} \implies a = x * h_1 * x^{-1} \ni h_1 \in H$$

Let 
$$b \in x * H * x^{-1} \implies b = x * h_2 * x^{-1} \ni h_2 \in H$$

$$a * b^{-1} = (x * h_1 * x^{-1}) * (x * h_2 * x^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$= (x * h_1 * x^{-1}) * (x * h_2^{-1} * x^{-1})$$

$$= (x * h_1) * (x^{-1} * x) * (h_2^{-1} * x^{-1})$$

$$x * (h_1 * h_2^{-1}) * x^{-1} \in x * H * x^{-1}$$

 $\Rightarrow$   $(x * H * x^{-1},*)$  is a subgroup of (G,\*).

**Note(7-20):** The relation of conjugate is equivalent relation on the set of all subgroups of G. (**Homework**)

**Definition(7-21):** Let (H,\*) be a subgroup of (G,\*), then the conjugate class of H is denoted by C(H) and define as

$$C(H) = \{x * H * x^{-1} : \forall x \in G\}$$

**Example(7-22)**  $(S_3, \circ), H = \{f_1, f_4\}$ ; find C(H).

**Solution:**  $C(H) = \{x * H * x^{-1} : \forall x \in S_3\}$ 

= 
$$\{f_1 \circ \{f_1, f_4\} \circ f_1^{-1}, f_2 \circ \{f_1, f_4\} \circ f_2^{-1}, \dots, f_6 \circ \{f_1, f_4\} \circ f_6^{-1}\}$$

$$= \{\{f_1, f_4\}, \{f_1, f_6\}, \dots, \{f_1, f_5\}\}$$

Example(7-23):  $(G = \{e, a, b, c, d\}, *), a^2 = b^2 = c^2 = e$ , is the four-Klien group. G is an abelian,  $H = \{e, a\} \subseteq G$ , find C(H).

**Solution:**  $C(H) = \{x * H * x^{-1} : \forall x \in G\}$ 

$$= \{x * x^{-1} * H: \forall x \in G\} = H.$$

**<u>Deffinition(7-24):</u>** Let (H,\*) be a subgroup of (G,\*), then the normalizer of H is denoted by N(H) and defined as

$$N(H) = \{x \in G: x * H = H * x\}$$

**Example(7-25):** The group  $(G_S, \circ), H = \{r_2, r_3\}, \text{ find } N(H).$ 

**Solution:**  $N(H) = \{x \in G_S : x \circ H = H \circ x\}$ 

$$x = r_1 \Longrightarrow r_1 \circ H = H \circ r_1$$

$$x = r_2 \Longrightarrow r_2 \circ H = H \circ r_2$$

$$N(H) = \{r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4, h, v, D_1, D_2\} = G_S$$

**Examples(7-26):** Find C(H), N(H) to each of the following:

- 1. The group  $(S_3, \circ)$ ,  $H_1 = \{f_1, f_5\}$ ,  $H_2 = \{f_1, f_4\}$ . (**Homework**)
- 2. The group  $(G_S, \circ)$ ,  $H_1 = \{r_3, r_1, v, h\}$ ,  $H_2 = \{r_1, D_1\}$ . (**Homework**)
- 3. The group  $(Z_{12}, +_{12}), H = \{0,4,8\}.$  (**Homework**)

**Theorem(7-27):** Let (H,\*) be a subgroup of (G,\*), then

1. (N(H),\*) is a subgroup of (G,\*) containing H.

**Proof:** since  $e * H = H * e \Rightarrow e \in N(H) \neq \emptyset$ 

$$N(H) = \{x \in G \ni x * H = H * x\} \subseteq G$$

Let  $a, b \in N(H)$ , to prove  $a * b^{-1} \in N(H)$ 

This means  $(a * b^{-1}) * H = H * (a * b^{-1})$ 

Since  $a \in N(H) \implies a * H = H * a$ 

$$b \in N(H) \Longrightarrow b * H = H * b$$

$$b * H * b^{-1} = H \Longrightarrow H * b^{-1} = b^{-1} * H \Longrightarrow b^{-1} \in N(H)$$

$$(a*b^{-1})*H = a*(b^{-1}*H) = a*(H*b^{-1}) (b^{-1} \in N(H))$$

$$= (a * H) * b^{-1} = (H * a) * b^{-1} = H * (a * b^{-1})$$

$$\Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in N(H) \Rightarrow (N(H),*)$$
 is a subgroup of  $(G,*)$ 

To prove  $H \subseteq N(H)$ 

Let 
$$a \in H \implies a * H = H$$
,  $H * a = H \implies a * H = H * a$ 

$$\Rightarrow a \in N(H) \Rightarrow H \subseteq N(H)$$

2. If (G,\*) is an abelian group, then N(H) = G.

**Proof:** suppose that G is an abelian group, to prove N(H) = G

This means  $N(H) \subseteq G$ ,  $G \subseteq N(H)$ 

By definition of  $N(H) \Rightarrow N(H) \subseteq G$ 

Let 
$$x \in G \implies x * H = H * x \implies x \in N(H) \implies G \subseteq N(H)$$

$$\Rightarrow G = N(H)$$

- 3. O(C(H)) = O([G:N(H)]) (Homework)
- 4. If (G,\*) is a finite group, then  $\frac{O(G)}{O(C(H))}$

**Note(7-28):** If N(H) = G, then (G,\*) is an abelian group. (**Homework**)

**<u>Definition(7-29):</u>** A subgroup (H,\*) is called a self-conjugate iff C(H) = H, this means  $x * H * x^{-1} = H \ \forall x \in G$ .

**Example(7-30):** In  $(S_3, \circ)$ ,  $H_1 = \{f_1, f_2, f_3\}$ ,  $H_2 = \{f_1, f_5\}$ 

 $C(H_1) = H_1 \Longrightarrow H_1$  is a self-conjugate

 $C(H_2) \neq H_2 \Longrightarrow H_2$  is not a self-conjugate.

**Definition(7-31):** A subgroup (H,\*) is called a normal subgroup of (G,\*) denoted by  $H\Delta G \Leftrightarrow H$  is a self-conjugate

Or 
$$H \triangleright G \iff x * H * x^{-1} = H \ \forall x \in G$$

$$H \Leftrightarrow G \iff \exists x \in G \ni x * H * x^{-1} \neq H$$

**Example(7-32):** The group  $(G_S, \circ), H = \{r_3, r_1, v, h\}$ 

$$C(H) = H \Longrightarrow H \rhd G_S$$

Example(7-33): The group  $(S_3, \circ)$ ,  $H = \{f_1, f_5\}$ 

$$C(H) \neq H \Longrightarrow H \not \Rightarrow S_3$$

**Example(7-34):** The group  $(Z_4, +_4), H = \{0,4\}$ 

$$C(H) = H \Longrightarrow H \rhd Z_4$$

**Theorem(7-35):** Let (H,\*) be a subgroup of (G,\*), then

1. 
$$H \triangleright G \iff x * H = H * x \ \forall x \in G$$
.

**Proof:**  $H \triangleright G \iff x * H * x^{-1} = H \ \forall x \in G$ 

$$\Leftrightarrow x * H = H * x \ \forall x \in G$$

2. 
$$H \triangleright G \iff N(H) = G$$

**Proof:** ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) suppose that  $H \rhd G$ , to prove N(H) = G

This means  $N(H) \subseteq G, G \subseteq N(H)$ 

 $N(H) \subseteq G$  (by definition of N(H))

To prove  $G \subseteq N(H)$ 

Let  $x \in G \implies x * H = H * x \implies x \in N(H) \implies G \subseteq N(H)$ 

$$\Rightarrow G = N(H)$$

 $(\Leftarrow)$  suppose that G = N(H), to prove  $H \rhd G$ 

$$\forall x \in G \Longrightarrow x \in N(H) \Longrightarrow x * H = H * x \Longrightarrow H \rhd G \text{ (by 1)}$$

3. 
$$H \triangleright G \Leftrightarrow c(a) \subseteq H \ \forall a \in H$$

**Proof:** :  $(\Longrightarrow)$  suppose that  $H \rhd G$ , to prove  $c(a) \subseteq H \ \forall a \in H$ 

Since  $H \triangleright G$  by definition  $x * H * x^{-1} = H \implies x * H * x^{-1} \subseteq H$ 

$$c(a) = \{x * a * x : \forall a \in H\} \subseteq H$$

 $(\Leftarrow)$  suppose that  $c(a) \subseteq H \ \forall a \in H$ 

To prove  $H \triangleright G$ , this means  $x * H * x^{-1} = H$ 

Which is 
$$x * H * x^{-1} \subseteq H$$
,  $H \subseteq x * H * x^{-1}$ 

$$c(a) \subseteq H \Longrightarrow x * H * x^{-1} \subseteq H \dots 1$$

To prove  $H \subseteq x * H * x^{-1}$ 

Let  $b \in H \Longrightarrow b = e * b * e$ 

$$b = (x * x^{-1}) * b * (x * x^{-1}) = x * (x^{-1} * b * x) * x^{-1}$$

$$b = x * h * x^{-1} \in x * H * x^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow H \subseteq x * H * x^{-1} \dots 2$$

From 1,2, we get  $H = x * H * x^{-1} \forall a \in G \Longrightarrow H \rhd G$ 

4. 
$$H \triangleright G \Leftrightarrow (x * H) * (y * H) = (x * y) * H \forall x, y \in G$$

**Proof:** ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) suppose that  $H \rhd G \Longrightarrow H * x = x * H$ 

$$(x * H) * (y * H) = (x * H * y) * H = x * (H * y) * H$$

$$= x * (y * H) * H = (x * y) * (H * H) = (x * y) * H$$

 $(\Leftarrow)$  suppose that  $H \Leftrightarrow G \Rightarrow \exists x \in G \ni x * H * x^{-1} \neq H$ 

$$(x * H) * (x^{-1} * H) \neq H * H \Longrightarrow (x * x^{-1}) * H \neq H$$

 $\Rightarrow e * H \neq H$ , but this is contradiction  $\Rightarrow H \triangleright G$ 

Theorem(7-36): Let (G,\*) be a group, then

- 1.  $\{e\} \triangleright G$  (Homework)
- 2.  $G \triangleright G$  (Homework)
- 3.  $C(G) \triangleright G$  (Homework)

**Theorem(7-37):** Every subgroup of an abelian group is a normal subgroup.

**Proof:** let (G,\*) be an abelian group and (H,\*) be a subgroup of (G,\*),

to prove  $x * H * x^{-1} = H \forall x \in G$ 

$$x * H * x^{-1} = (x * x^{-1}) * H = e * H = H \Longrightarrow H \rhd G.$$

Note(7-38): The converse of above theorem is not true, for example

$$(G = \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\}, \cdot) \ni i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$$

ij = k

 $ji = -k \implies ij \neq ji \implies G$  is not an abelian.

The subgroups of *G* are  $\{1\}$ , G,  $\{\pm 1\}$ ,  $\{\pm 1, \pm i\}$ ,  $\{\pm 1, \pm j\}$ ,  $\{\pm 1, \pm k\}$ 

**Theorem(7-39):** Let (H,\*) be a subgroup of  $(G,*) \ni [G:H] = 2$ , then  $H \triangleright G$ .

**Proof:** since [G:H] = 2, then there are two distinct left (right) cosets of H in  $G. H, a * H \ni a \in G - H$  (left cosets of H in G)

 $H, H * H \ni a \in G - H$  (right cosets of H in G)

$$H \cup a * H = G, H \cap a * H = \emptyset ... 1$$

$$H \cup H * a = G, H \cap H * a = \emptyset \dots 2$$

If 
$$a \in H \Rightarrow a * H = H = H * a \Rightarrow a * H = H * a \forall a \in H$$

If 
$$a \in G - H \Longrightarrow a * H = G - H = H * a \Longrightarrow a * H = H * a \forall a \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow a * H = H * a \forall a \in G \Rightarrow H \rhd G.$$

Note(7-40): The converse of above theorem is not true, for example

$$(G_S, \circ), H = \{r_1, r_4\}, H \rhd G_S, \text{ but } [G_S: H] = 4 \neq 2.$$

**Note(7-41):** If  $H \triangleright G$ , then  $H \cap G \not \triangleright G$ ,  $(H * K) \not \triangleright G$ , where H, K are two subgroups of the group (G,\*).

Consider 
$$(S_3, \circ)$$
,  $H = \{f_1\} \triangleright S_3$  and  $K = \{f_1, f_4\} \not \supseteq S_3$ 

$$H * K = \{f_1, f_4\} \not \supseteq S_3$$
, since  $C(H * K) \neq H * K$ .

$$(G_S, \circ), H = \{r_1, r_3, h, v\}, K = \{r_1, v\}$$

$$H \cap K = \{r_1, v\} \not \supseteq G_S$$
, since  $C(H * K) \neq H * K$ 

 $H \triangleright G_S, K \not \supseteq G_S.$ 

**Definition(7-42):** A group (G,\*) is called a simple group iff G has no proper normal subgroup.

#### Examples(7-43):

- 1. The group  $(S_3, \circ)$  is not a simple, since  $H = \{f_1, f_2, f_3\} \triangleright S_3$ .
- 2. The group  $(G_S, \circ)$  is not a simple, since  $H = \{r_1, r_3, h, v\} \triangleright G_S$ .
- 3. The group  $(Z_6, +_6)$  is not a simple, since  $H = \{0,3\} \triangleright Z_6$ .
- 4. The group  $(Z_3, +_3)$  is a simple group, since  $Z_3$  has no proper subgroup.

**<u>Definition(7-44):</u>** Let  $H \triangleright G$  and  $\frac{G}{H} = \{x * H : x \in G\}$ . Define  $\otimes$  on  $\frac{G}{H}$  as follows: $(x * H) \otimes (y * H) = (x * y) * H \ \forall x, y \in G, (\frac{G}{H}, \otimes)$  is called a quotient group of G by H.

**Theorem(7-45):** Let  $H \triangleright G$ , then  $(\frac{G}{H}, \otimes)$  is a group.

**Proof:** 
$$\frac{G}{H} = \{x * H : x \in G\}$$
, since  $e * H = H \in \frac{G}{H} \neq \emptyset$ 

Closure: let 
$$a * H, b * H \in \frac{G}{H}$$
,  $(a * H) \otimes (b * H) = (a * b) * H \in \frac{G}{H}$ 

Associative: let  $a * H, b * H, c * H \in \frac{G}{H}$ 

$$[(a*H)\otimes(b*H)]\otimes(c*H) = [(a*b)*H]\otimes(c*H)$$

$$= ((a*b)*c)*H = (a*(b*c))*H = (a*H)\otimes[(b*c)*H]$$

$$= (a*H) \otimes [(b*H) \otimes (c*H)]$$

Identity: 
$$e * H = H \in \frac{G}{H}$$

$$(a*H)\otimes(e*H)=(a*e)*H=a*H \ \forall a*H\in\frac{G}{H}$$

$$(e*H)\otimes(a*H)=(e*a)*H=a*H$$

 $\Rightarrow e * H$  is an identity element of  $\frac{G}{H}$ 

Inverse: let  $a * H \in \frac{G}{H}$ , to prove  $(a * H)^{-1} = a^{-1} * H$ 

$$(a*H)\otimes(a^{-1}*H) = (a*a^{-1})*H = e*H = H$$

$$(a^{-1} * H) \otimes (a * H) = (a^{-1} * a) * H = e * H = H$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall a * H \in \frac{G}{H} \exists a^{-1} * H \in \frac{G}{H} \Rightarrow (\frac{G}{H}, \otimes)$$
 is a group.

**Example(7-46):** In the group  $(Z_6, +_6)$ ,  $H = \{0,3\}$ , find  $\frac{Z_6}{H}$  (if exist).

**Solution:**  $H \triangleright Z_6 \Longrightarrow \frac{Z_6}{H}$  exist

$$o+_6H=H$$

$$1 +_6 H = \{1,4\}$$

$$2+_6H = \{2,5\}$$

$$3+_6H = \{3,0\} = H$$

$$4+_6H = \{4,1\} = 1+_6H$$

$$5+_6H = \{5,2\} = 2+_6H$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{Z_6}{H} = \{H, 1+_6H, 2+_6H\}$$

$$O\left(\frac{Z_6}{H}\right) = 3$$

$\otimes$ H 1+ <sub>6</sub> H 2+ <sub>6</sub> H	8	Н	1+ <sub>6</sub> H	2+ <sub>6</sub> H
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Н	Н	1+ <sub>6</sub> H	2+ <sub>6</sub> H
1+ <sub>6</sub> H	1+ <sub>6</sub> H	2+ <sub>6</sub> H	Н
2+ <sub>6</sub> H	2+ <sub>6</sub> H	Н	1+ <sub>6</sub> H

 $\Rightarrow (\frac{Z_6}{H}, \otimes)$  is a quotient group, H is an identity.

$$(1+_6H)^{-1} = 1^{-1} +_6H = 5 +_6H = 2 +_6H$$

$$(2+_6H)^{-1} = 2^{-1}+_6H = 4+_6H = 1+_6H$$

**Example(7-47):** In the group  $(Z_{20}, +_{20})$ ,  $H = \langle 5 \rangle$ , find  $\frac{Z_{20}}{H}$  (if exist).(**Homework**)

**Example(7-48):** In the group  $(S_3,\circ)$ ,  $H = \{f_1, f_2, f_3\}$ , find  $\frac{S_3}{H}$  (if exist).

**Solution:** since  $H \triangleright S_3 \Longrightarrow \frac{S_3}{H}$  exist

$$f_1 \circ H = H$$

$$f_2 \circ H = \{f_2, f_3, f_1\} = H$$

$$f_3 \circ H = \{f_3, f_1, f_2\} = H$$

$$f_4 \circ H = \{f_4, f_6, f_5\}$$

$$f_5 \circ H = \{f_5, f_4, f_6\} = f_4 \circ H$$

$$f_6\circ H=\{f_6,f_5,f_4\}=f_4\circ H$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{S_3}{H} = \{H, f_4 \circ H\}$$

But if  $H = \{f_1, f_4\}, H \Leftrightarrow S_3 \Longrightarrow \frac{S_3}{H}$  is not exist.

Theorem(7-49): The quotient group of an abelian is an abelian.

**Proof:** suppose that (G,\*) is an abelian group and (H,\*) is a subgroup of  $(G,*) \ni H \rhd G \Longrightarrow \frac{G}{H}$  is a group

Let 
$$a * H, b * H \in \frac{G}{H} \Longrightarrow (a * H) \otimes (b * H) = (a * b) * H$$

= 
$$(b * a) * H = (b * H) \otimes (a * H) \Rightarrow (\frac{G}{H}, \otimes)$$
 is an abelian group.

**Theorem(7-50):** If (G,\*) is a cyclic group, then  $(\frac{G}{H}, \otimes)$  is a cyclic group.

**Proof:** suppose that (G,\*) is a cyclic group, H is a subgroup of G.

$$\Rightarrow \exists a \in G \ni G = \langle a \rangle = \{a^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \text{ since } G \text{ is a cyclic} \Rightarrow G \text{ is an abelian}$$

$$\Rightarrow H \rhd G \Rightarrow \frac{G}{H}$$
 is a group. To prove  $\frac{G}{H}$  is a cyclic group, this means there is  $a * H \in$ 

$$\frac{G}{H} \ni \frac{G}{H} = \langle a * H \rangle = \{(a * H)^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \text{ to prove}$$

$$\tfrac{G}{H} \subseteq \langle a * H \rangle, \langle a * H \rangle \subseteq \tfrac{G}{H}, \ \text{let} \ x * H \in \tfrac{G}{H} \Longrightarrow x \in G = \langle a \rangle \Longrightarrow x = a^r, r \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$x * H = a^r * H = (a * a * ... * a) * H(r-times)$$

$$= a * H \otimes ... \otimes a * H(r-times)$$

$$(a*H)^r \in \langle a*H \rangle \Longrightarrow x \in \langle a*H \rangle \Longrightarrow \frac{G}{H} \subseteq \langle a*H \rangle$$

To prove 
$$\langle a * H \rangle \subseteq \frac{G}{H}$$
, let  $y * H \in \langle a * H \rangle$ 

$$y*H=(a*H)^s\ni s\in\mathbb{Z}$$

$$y*H=a^s*H\in \frac{G}{H}\Longrightarrow y*H\in \frac{G}{H}\Longrightarrow \langle a*H\rangle\subseteq \frac{G}{H}\Longrightarrow \langle a*H\rangle=\frac{G}{H}$$

Therefore,  $(\frac{G}{H}, \otimes)$  is a cyclic group.

Note(7-51): The converse of above theorem is not true, for example:

$$(S_3,\circ), H = \{f_1, f_2, f_3\} \triangleright S_3 \Longrightarrow \frac{S_3}{H} \text{ is a group, } \frac{S_3}{H} = \{H, f_4 \circ H\}$$

$$O\left(\frac{S_3}{H}\right) = 2$$
 (prime order),  $\frac{S_3}{H}$  is a cyclic group, but  $(S_3, \circ)$  is not a cyclic

$$\frac{S_3}{H} = \langle f_4 \circ H \rangle = \{ f_4 \circ H, (f_4 \circ H)^2 \} = \{ f_4 \circ H, f_1 \circ H = H \}$$

**Theorem(7-52):** Let (G,\*) be a group and  $(\frac{G}{C(G)}, \otimes)$  is a cyclic group, then (G,\*) is an abelian group.

Note(7-53): The converse of this theorem is not true, for example:

 $(G = \{e, a, b, c, d\}, *), a^2 = b^2 = c^2 = e, G \text{ is an abelian (not a cyclic)}$ 

$$C(G) = G \Longrightarrow \frac{G}{C(G)} = \frac{G}{G} = \{e, a, b, c, d\} \Longrightarrow \frac{G}{C(G)}$$
 is not a cyclic.

**<u>Definition(7-54):</u>** Let (G,\*) be a group. If  $a,b \in G$ , then the commutator of a,b is  $[a,b] = a*b*a^{-1}*b^{-1}$ .

The commutator  $[a,b] = e \Leftrightarrow a * b = b * a$ , this means a,b are commute, the identity element e = [e,e] is a commutator.

Example(7-55): In the group( $Z_4$ ,  $+_4$ ).

$$[3,2] = 3 + 42 + 43^{-1} + 42^{-1} = 3 + 42 + 41 + 42 = 0$$

Example(7-56): In the group( $\mathbb{Z}$ , +).

$$[5,4] = 5 + 4 + 5^{-1} + 4^{-1} = 5 + 4 - 5 - 4 = 0$$

**Note(7-57):** The commutator is an identity iff (G,\*) is an abelian group.

**<u>Definition(7-58):</u>** Let (G,\*) be a group, then the commutator subgroup of (G,\*) denoted by [G,G] is the collection of all the finite products of commutators in G.

$$[G,G] = \left\{ \prod [a_i,b_i] \colon a_i,b_i \in G \right\} = \left\{ [a_1,b_1] * [a_2,b_2] * \dots * [a_k,b_k] \right\}$$

**Theorem(7-59):** The group ([G, G],\*) is a normal subgroup.

**Proof:** to prove [G, G] is a subgroup of G.

$$[G,G] \neq \emptyset$$
, since  $[e,e] \in [G,G], e \in G$ 

Let  $x, y \in [G, G]$ , to prove  $x * y^{-1} \in [G, G]$ 

$$x = [a_1, b_1] * ... * [a_n, b_n]$$

$$y = [c_1, d_1] * ... * [c_n, d_n]$$

$$x * y^{-1} = [a_1, b_1] * \dots * [a_n, b_n] * ([c_1, d_1] * \dots * [c_n, d_n])^{-1}$$

$$= [a_1, b_1] * ... * [a_n, b_n] * [c_1, d_1] * ... * [c_n, d_n] \in [G, G]$$

Thus,  $x * y^{-1} \in [G, G] \Longrightarrow [G, G]$  is a subgroup of G.

To prove [G, G] is a normal subgroup, let  $x \in [G, G]$ 

To prove 
$$x * [G, G] * x^{-1} \subseteq [G, G]$$
, let  $a \in x * [G, G] * x^{-1}$ 

$$a = x * c * x^{-1}, c \in [G, G] = x * c * x^{-1} * e = x * c * x^{-1} * c^{-1} * c$$

$$= x * c * (x^{-1} * c^{-1}) * c = [x, c] * c$$

Therefore,  $a \in [G, G] \Rightarrow [G, G]$  is a normal subgroup of G.

**Theorem(7-60):** Let (H,\*) be a normal subgroup of G, then  $(\frac{G}{H}, \otimes)$  is an abelian iff  $[G,G] \subseteq H$ .

**Proof:** suppose that  $a * H, b * H \in \frac{G}{H}$  and  $\frac{G}{H}$  is an abelian

$$\Leftrightarrow (a*b)*H = (b*a)*H \Leftrightarrow H*(a*b) = H*(b*a)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a*b*(b*a)^{-1} \in H \Leftrightarrow [a,b] \in H$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [G,G]\subseteq H\ \forall [a,b]\in [G,G], a,b\in G.$$

<u>Corollary(7-61):</u> Prove that  $(\frac{G}{[G,G]}, \otimes)$  is an abelian group. (**Homework**)

#### 8. Homomorphism, Examples and Basic Concepts

**<u>Definition(8-1):</u>** Let  $(G,*), (G',\circ)$  be two groups and  $f:(G,*) \to (G',\circ)$  be a mapping, then f is called a homomorphism iff  $f(a*b) = f(a) \circ f(b) \forall a,b \in G$ .

**Example(8-2):** Let  $f: (\mathbb{R}, +) \to (\mathbb{R}^+, \cdot), \ni f(a) = 2^a \ \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Is f a homo. ?

**Solution:** let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R} \Longrightarrow f(a+b) = 2^{a+b} = 2^a \cdot 2^b = f(a) \cdot f(b)$ 

thus, f is a homo.

Example (8-3): Let  $f: (\mathbb{Z}, +) \to (\mathbb{Z}, +), \exists f(x) = 3x + 2 \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Is f a homo. ?

**Solution:** let  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \Longrightarrow f(x + y) = 3(x + y) + 2$ 

$$= 3x + 3y + 2 \dots 1$$

$$f(x) + f(y) = (3x + 2) + (3y + 2) = 3x + 3y + 4 \dots 2$$

We have  $1 \neq 2 \Longrightarrow f(x+y) \neq f(x) + f(y)$ 

Therefore, f is not a homo.

**Example(8-4):** Let  $f:(S_3,\circ) \to (S_3,\circ), \ni f(x) = x \ \forall x \in S_3$ . Is f a homo. ? (Homework)

Example(8-5): Let  $f: (Z_6, +_6) \to (Z_6, +_6), \ni f(x) = x \ \forall x \in Z_6$ . Is f a homo. ? (Homework)

**Example(8-6):** Let  $f: (\mathbb{R}, +) \to (\mathbb{Z}, +), \exists f(a) = 2a - 1 \ \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Is f a homo. ?

**Solution:**  $f(a + b) = 2(a + b) - 1 = 2a + 2b - 1 \dots 1$ 

$$f(a) + f(b) = (2a - 1) + (2b - 1) = 2a + 2b - 2 \dots 2$$

We have  $1 \neq 2 \Longrightarrow f(a+b) \neq f(a) + f(b)$ 

Therefore, f is not a homo.

Example(8-7): Let  $f: (\mathbb{Z}, +) \longrightarrow (\{1, -1\}, \cdot),$ 

$$\ni f(a) = \left\{ \begin{array}{cc} 1 & a \ even \\ -1 & a \ odd \end{array} \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}. \text{ Is } f \text{ a homo. } ? \right.$$

**Solution:** let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ 

1.  $a,b \in E$ 

$$f(a + b) = 1$$
,  $(a + b \in E)$ ,  $f(a) \cdot f(b) = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$ 

2. 
$$a, b \in O \implies a + b \in E$$

$$f(a + b) = 1$$
,  $(a + b \in E)$ ,  $f(a) \cdot f(b) = -1 \cdot -1 = 1$ 

3. If  $a \in E$ ,  $b \in O \implies a + b \in O$ 

$$f(a+b) = -1$$
,  $(a+b \in 0)$ ,  $f(a) \cdot f(b) = 1 \cdot -1 = -1$ 

Therefore,  $f(a + b) = f(a) \cdot f(b) \ \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \implies f$  is a homo.

**Example(8-8):** Let  $f: (G,*) \to (G,*) \ni f(a) = x * a * x^{-1} \forall a \in G$ . Is f a homo.

**Solution:** let  $a, b \in G \ni f(a * b) = x * (a * b) * x^{-1} ... 1$ 

$$f(a) * f(b) = (x * a * x^{-1}) * (x * b * x^{-1})$$

$$= x * (a * b) * x^{-1} ... 2$$

We have  $1 = 2 \implies$  therefore, f is a homo.

**Example(8-9):** Let  $f:(G,*) \to (G',\cdot) \ni f(a) = e' \ \forall a \in G$ . Is f a homo. ?

**Solution:** let  $a, b \in G \ni f(a * b) = e' = e' \cdot e' = f(a) \cdot f(b)$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  Therefore, f is a trivial homo.

**Example(8-10):** Let  $H \triangleright G$  and  $f: (G,*) \rightarrow \left(\frac{G}{H}, \bigotimes\right) \ni f(a) = a * H \forall a \in G$ . Is f a homo. ?

**Solution:** let  $a, b \in G \ni f(a * b) = (a * b) * H \dots 1$ 

$$f(a) \otimes f(b) = (a * H) \otimes (b * H) = (a * b) * H \dots 2$$

We have  $1 = 2 \implies$  Therefore, f is a natural homo.

**<u>Definition(8-11):</u>** Let  $f:(G,*) \to (G',\circ)$  be a mapping, then

- 1. f is called a monomorphism (mono.) iff f is a homo. and one to one.
- 2. f is called an epimorphism (epi.) iff f is a homo. and onto.
- 3. f is called an isomorphism (iso.) iff f is a homo., one to one and onto.

**<u>Definition(8-12):</u>** Any two groups  $(G,*), (G',\circ)$  are isomorphic iff there is an isomorphism map between them and denoted by  $G \cong G'$ .

This means,  $G \cong G' \Leftrightarrow \exists f : (G,*) \to (G',\circ)$  and f is an isomorphism.

**Example(8-13):** Let  $(G = \{2^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \cdot)$ , show that  $(\mathbb{Z}, +) \cong (G, \cdot)$ .

**Solution:** define  $f: (\mathbb{Z}, +) \to (G, \cdot) \ni f(n) = 2^n \ \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ 

Homo.? let  $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \Longrightarrow f(n_1 + n_2)$ 

$$=2^{n_1+n_2}=2^{n_1}\cdot 2^{n_2}=f(n_1)\cdot f(n_2) \Rightarrow f \text{ is a homo.}$$

One to one? let  $f(n_1) = f(n_2)$ , to prove  $n_1 = n_2$ 

$$2^{n_1} = 2^{n_2} \Longrightarrow n_1 = n_2 \Longrightarrow f$$
 is a one to one

Onto? 
$$R_f = \{f(n): n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{2^n: n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = G \implies f \text{ is an onto}$$

 $\Rightarrow f$  is an isomorphism  $\Rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}, +) \cong (G, \cdot)$ 

**Theorem(8-14):** Let  $f:(G,*) \to (G',\cdot)$  be an isomorphism, then

1. f(e) = e' such that e the identity of G.

**Proof:** let  $a \in G \Rightarrow a * e = a \Rightarrow f(a * e) = f(a)$ 

$$f(a) \cdot f(e) = f(a)$$

Let 
$$f(a) \in G' \Rightarrow f(a) \cdot e' = f(a) \Rightarrow f(a) \cdot f(e) = f(a) \cdot e'$$

$$\Rightarrow f(e) = e'$$
.

2. 
$$f(a^{-1}) = (f(a))^{-1} \forall a \in G$$

**Proof:** let 
$$a \in G \implies a * a^{-1} = e \implies f(a * a^{-1}) = f(e) = e'$$

$$f(a) \cdot f(a^{-1}) = f(e) = e'$$

let 
$$f(a) \in G' \Longrightarrow f(a) \cdot (f(a))^{-1} = e'$$

$$f(a) \cdot f(a^{-1}) = f(a) \cdot (f(a))^{-1} \Longrightarrow (a^{-1}) = (f(a))^{-1}.$$

3. If (H,\*) is a subgroup of a group (G,\*), then  $(f(H),\cdot)$  is a subgroup of  $(G',\cdot)$ .

**Proof:**  $f(H) = \{f(x) : x \in H\} \subseteq G'$ 

$$e \in H \Longrightarrow f(e) \in f(H) \Longrightarrow e' \in f(H) \neq \emptyset$$

Let  $a, b \in f(H)$ , to prove  $a \cdot b^{-1} \in f(H)$ 

$$a \in f(H) \Longrightarrow a = f(x) \ni x \in H$$

$$b \in f(H) \Longrightarrow b = f(y) \ni y \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow x * y^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow a \cdot b^{-1} = f(x) \cdot \left(f(y)\right)^{-1} = f(x) \cdot f(y^{-1})$$

$$= f(x * y^{-1}) \Longrightarrow a \cdot b^{-1} = f(x * y^{-1}) \in f(H)$$

4. If  $(K,\cdot)$  is a subgroup of  $(G',\cdot)$ , then  $(f^{-1}(K),*)$  is a subgroup of (G,\*).

**Proof:** 
$$f^{-1}(K) = \{x \in G: f(x) \in K\} \subseteq G$$

$$f(e) = e' \Longrightarrow e \in f^{-1}(K) \Longrightarrow f^{-1}(K) \neq \emptyset$$

Let 
$$x, y \in f^{-1}(K)$$
, to prove  $x * y^{-1} \in f^{-1}(K)$ 

$$x \in f^{-1}(K) \Longrightarrow f(x) \in K$$

$$y \in f^{-1}(K) \Longrightarrow f(y) \in K$$

$$f(x)\cdot \big(f(y)\big)^{-1}\in K \Longrightarrow f(x)\cdot f(y^{-1})\in K \Longrightarrow f(x*y^{-1})\in K$$

$$\Rightarrow x * y^{-1} \in f^{-1}(K) \Rightarrow (f^{-1}(K),*)$$
 is a subgroup of  $(G,*)$ .

5. If  $H \triangleright G$  and f an onto, then  $f(H) \triangleright G'$ .

**Proof:** let  $y \in G'$ ,  $a \in f(H)$ , to prove  $y \cdot a \cdot y^{-1} \in f(H)$ 

$$y \in G'$$
 and  $f$  is an onto  $\Longrightarrow \exists x \in G \ni f(x) = y$ 

$$a \in f(H) \Longrightarrow a = f(h) \ni h \in H$$

$$x \in G, h \in H \text{ and } H \rhd G \Longrightarrow x * h * x^{-1} \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x * h * x^{-1}) \in f(H) \Rightarrow f(x) \cdot f(h) \cdot f(x^{-1}) \in f(H)$$

$$\Rightarrow y \cdot a \cdot y^{-1} \in f(H) \Rightarrow f(H) \rhd G'.$$

6. If 
$$K \triangleright G'$$
, then  $f^{-1}(K) \triangleright G$ .

**Proof:**  $(f^{-1}(K),*)$  is a subgroup of (G,\*), to prove  $f^{-1}(K) \triangleright G$ 

Let 
$$x \in G \Longrightarrow f(x) = y \in G'$$

$$a \in f^{-1}(K) \Longrightarrow f(a) \in K$$

$$f(x) \in G'$$
,  $f(a) \in K$  and  $K \triangleright G'$ 

$$f(x) \cdot f(a) \cdot (f(x))^{-1} \in K \Longrightarrow f(x) \cdot f(a) \cdot f(x^{-1}) \in K$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x*a*x^{-1}) \in K \Rightarrow x*a*x^{-1} \in f^{-1}(K) \Rightarrow f^{-1}(K) \rhd G.$$

**Theorem(8-15):** The relation of isomorphic is an equivalent.

**Proof:** Reflexive: to prove  $(G,*) \cong (G,*)$ ,  $\exists i: (G,*) \to (G,*) \ni i(x) = x \ \forall x \in G$  and i is a homomorphism, one to one and onto, thus i is an isomorphism  $\Longrightarrow (G,*) \cong (G,*)$ .

Symmetric: let  $(G,*) \cong (G',\cdot)$ , to prove  $(G',\cdot) \cong (G,*)$ ,  $\exists f: (G,*) \rightarrow (G',\cdot) \ni f$  is an isomorphism, f is a bijective

 $\Rightarrow \exists f^{-1}: (G', \cdot) \to (G, *) \Rightarrow f^{-1}$  is an one to one and onto, to prove  $f^{-1}$  is a homomorphism, let  $a, b \in G', f$  is an onto  $\Rightarrow \exists x, y \in G \ni f(x) = a, f(y) = b, f^{-1}(a \cdot b) = f^{-1}(f(x) \cdot f(y)) = f^{-1}(f(x * y)) = x * y = f^{-1}(a) * f^{-1}(b)$ 

Thus,  $f^{-1}$  is a homomorphism,  $f^{-1}$  is an isomorphism,

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $(G',\cdot) \cong (G,*).$ 

Transitive: let  $(G,*) \cong (G',\cdot)$  and  $(G',\cdot) \cong (G'',\odot)$ , to prove

 $(G,*)\cong (G'', \odot), \exists f:(G,*)\to (G', \circ)\ni f$  is an isomorphism,  $\exists g:(G', \circ)\to (G'', \odot)\ni g$  is an isomorphism.  $\exists g\circ f:(G,*)\to (G'', \odot)\ni g\circ f$  is a bijective. Let  $a,b\in G,(g\circ f)(a*b)=g\big(f(a*b)\big)=g\big(f(a)\cdot f(b)\big)=g\big(f(a)\big)\odot g\big(f(b)\big)=(g\circ f)(a)\odot (g\circ f)(b)$ 

Hence,  $g \circ f$  is a homomorphism  $\Rightarrow g \circ f$  is an isomorphism

 $\Rightarrow$   $(G,*) \cong (G'', \odot) \Rightarrow \cong$  is an equivalent relation.

# Theorem(8-16): Prove that

1. Every two finite cyclic group of the same order are isomorphic.

**Proof:** let  $(G,*), (G',\cdot)$  are two finite cyclic groups,  $\ni O(G) = O(G') = n$  G is a cyclic  $\Longrightarrow \exists a \in G \ni G = \langle a \rangle = \{a^k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{a^1, a^2, ..., a^k = e\}$  G' is a cyclic  $\Longrightarrow \exists b \in G' \ni G' = \langle b \rangle = \{b^n, n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{b, b^2, ..., b^n = e\}$ 

Define  $f: (G,*) \to (G', \cdot) \ni f(a^k) = b^k \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , let  $a^r = a^s \Longrightarrow r \equiv s \pmod{n} \Longrightarrow r - s = ng \ni g \in \mathbb{Z} \Longrightarrow r = ng + s \Longrightarrow b^r = b^{ng+s} = (b^n)^g \cdot b^s \Longrightarrow b^r = b^s$ , thus f is a map.

Let  $f(a^r) = f(a^s) \Rightarrow b^r = b^s \Rightarrow r \equiv s \pmod{n} \Rightarrow r - s = ng \Rightarrow r = ng + s \Rightarrow a^r = (a^n)^g \cdot a^s \Rightarrow a^r = a^s \Rightarrow f \text{ is a one to one.}$ 

 $R_f = \{f(a^k): \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{b^k: \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = G' \Longrightarrow f \text{ is an onto.}$ 

$$f(a^r * a^s) = f(a^{r+s}) = b^{r+s} = b^r \cdot b^s = f(a^r) \cdot f(a^s) \implies f$$
 is an isomorphism  $\implies G \cong G'$ .

2. Every finite cyclic group is an isomorphism to  $(Z_n, +_n)$ .

**Proof:** let (G,\*) be a finite cyclic group  $\ni O(G) = m$ 

$$G = \langle a \rangle = \{a^1, a^2, ..., a^m = e\}$$

- (1) if  $m < n \Rightarrow O(G) < O(Z_n) \Rightarrow f$  is not an onto  $\Rightarrow G \not\cong Z_n$
- $(2) \quad \text{if } m = n \Longrightarrow G \cong Z_n \$

define  $f: (G,*) \to (Z_n, +_n) \ni f(a^k) = k \ \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , let  $a^r = a^s \Rightarrow r \equiv s \pmod{n} \Rightarrow r = s \Rightarrow f(a^r) = f(a^s) \Rightarrow f \text{ is a map.}$ 

Let  $f(a^r) = f(a^s) \Rightarrow r \equiv s \pmod{n} \Rightarrow r = ng + s \Rightarrow a^r = a^s \Rightarrow f$  is an one to one.

 $f(a^r * a^s) = f(a^{r+s}) = r + s = r + s = f(a^r) + f(a^s) \implies f$  is a homomorphism.

 $R_f = \{f(a^k): \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^+\} = \{k: \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^+\} = Z_n \Longrightarrow f \text{ is an onto} \Longrightarrow f \text{ is an isomorphism} \Longrightarrow (G,*) \cong (Z_n,+_n).$ 

3. Every two infinite cyclic group are isomorphic.

**Proof:** let  $(G,*), (G', \cdot)$  are infinite cyclic groups.

$$G = \langle a \rangle = \{ \dots, a^{-2}, a^{-1}, a^0, a^1, a^2, \dots \}$$



$$G' = \langle b \rangle = \{ \dots, b^{-2}, b^{-1}, b^0, b^1, b^2, \dots \}$$

Define  $f: (G,*) \to (G',\cdot) \ni f(a^k) = b^k \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$ 

- f is a map (Homework)
- f is an one to one (Homework)
- f is an onto (**Homework**)
- f is a homomorphism (Homework)
  - 4. Every infinite cyclic group is an isomorphic to (Z, +).

**Proof:** since G is a cyclic  $\Longrightarrow G = \langle a \rangle = \{..., a^{-2}, a^{-1}, a^0, a^1, a^2, ...\}$ 

$$G \longrightarrow \cdots, a^{-2}, a^{-1}, a^{0}, a^{1}, a^{2}, \dots$$

$$\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \cdots, a^{-2}, a^{-1}, a^0, a^1, a^2, \dots$$

Define  $f: (G,*) \to (\mathbb{Z},+) \ni f(a^k) = k \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$  (check)

**Definition(8-17):** Let (G,\*) be a group, define

- (1)  $\operatorname{Hom}(G) = \{f : f : (G,*) \to (G,*) \ni f \text{ is a homomorphism}\}$
- (2) Aut(G) =  $\{f: f: (G,*) \rightarrow (G,*) \ni f \text{ is an isomorphism}\}$

Theorem(8-18): Let (G,\*) be a group, then

(Aut(G),∘) is a group.

Proof: 1,2 and 3 (check)

Inverse: let  $f:(G,*) \to (G,*)$ , f is an isomorphism, since f is a bijective  $\Rightarrow \exists f^{-1}:(G,*) \to (G,*)$  and since f is an isomorphism  $\Rightarrow f^{-1}$  is an isomorphism  $\Rightarrow f^{-1} \in \operatorname{Aut}(G)$  and  $f \circ f^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ f = i \Rightarrow (\operatorname{Aut}(G), \circ)$  is a group.

(2) (Aut(G),∘) is a subgroup of (Symm(G),∘).

**Proof:** Aut(G) = { $f: f: (G,*) \rightarrow (G,*) \ni f$  is an isomorphism}

$$Symm(G) = \{f: f: (G,*) \to (G,*) \ni f \text{ is a bijective}\}\$$

 $\operatorname{Aut}(G) \neq \emptyset$ , since  $\exists i : (G,*) \rightarrow (G,*) \ni i$  is an isomorphism

 $Aut(G) \subseteq Symm(G)$  and  $(Aut(G), \circ)$  is a group

 $\Rightarrow$  (Aut(G), $\circ$ ) is a subgroup of (Symm(G), $\circ$ ).

**<u>Definition(8-19):</u>** Let (G,\*) be a group and  $x \in G$ . Define  $f_x: (G,*) \to (G,*) \ni f_x(a) = x * a * x^{-1}, \forall a \in G$ , then  $f_x$  is called an inner automorphism of G and  $Inn(G) = \{f_x: \forall x \in G\}$  or  $I(G) = \{f_x: \forall x \in G\}$ .

**Theorem(8-20):** Let (G,\*) be a group and  $x \in G$ , then:

(1)  $f_x$  is an isomorphism map.

**Proof:** 
$$f_x(a) * f_x(b) = (x * a * x^{-1}) * (x * b * x^{-1})$$

$$= x * a * (x^{-1} * x) * b * x^{-1} = x * a * b * x^{-1} = f_x(a * b)$$

Thus,  $f_x$  is a homomorphism.

Let 
$$f_x(a) = f_x(b) \Rightarrow x * a * x^{-1} = x * b * x^{-1} \Rightarrow a = b \Rightarrow f_x$$
 is an one to one.

$$R_{f_x} = \{f_x(a) : \forall a \in G\} = G \implies f_x \text{ is an isomorphism map.}$$

(2)  $(I(G), \circ)$  is a subgroup of  $(Aut(G), \circ)$ .

**Proof:**  $I(G) = \{f_x : f_x : (G,*) \to (G,*) \ni f_x \text{ is an isomorphism}\}\$ 

$$\operatorname{Aut}(G) = \{f : f : (G,*) \to (G,*) \ni f \text{ is an isomorphism}\}\$$

$$a \in G \Longrightarrow f_e \in I(G) \neq \emptyset$$

$$f_e(a) = e * a * e^{-1} = a \Longrightarrow I(G) \subseteq Aut(G)$$

Closure: let 
$$f_x, f_y \in I(G), (f_x \circ f_y)(a) = f_x(f_y(a)) = f_x(y * a * y^{-1}) = x * (y * a * y^{-1}) * x^{-1} = (x * y) * a * (x * y)^{-1} = f_{x*y}(a)$$

Inverse: let  $f_x \in I(G)$ ,  $x^{-1} \in G \Rightarrow f_{x^{-1}} \in I(G)$ ,  $f_x \circ f_{x^{-1}} = f_{x*x^{-1}} = f_e \Rightarrow f_{x^{-1}} \circ f_x = f_{x^{-1}*x} = f_e \Rightarrow (f_x)^{-1} = f_{x^{-1}} \Rightarrow (I(G), \circ)$  is a subgroup of  $(Aut(G), \circ)$ .

(3)  $I(G) \triangleright Aut(G)$ 

**Proof:**  $I(G) = \{f_x : f_x : (G,*) \rightarrow (G,*) \ni f_x \text{ is an isomorphism}\}\$ 

 $Aut(G) = \{f: f: (G,*) \rightarrow (G,*) \ni f \text{ is an isomorphism}\}\$ 

Let  $g \in \text{Aut}(G), f_x \in I(G), (g \circ f_x \circ g^{-1})(a) = g \circ f_x(g^{-1}(a)) = g(f_x(g^{-1}(a))) = g(x * g^{-1}(a) * x^{-1}) = g(x) * a * g(x^{-1}) = g(x) * a * (g(x))^{-1} = f_{g(x)}(a) \in I(G) \Rightarrow I(G) \Rightarrow \text{Aut}(G).$ 

**<u>Definition(8-21):</u>** Let  $f:(G,*) \to (G',\cdot)$  be a group homomorphism, then the kernel of f denoted by  $\ker f$  and defined by  $\ker f = \{x \in G: f(x) = e'\}$ 

Example(8-22): let  $f:(\mathbb{R},+) \to (\mathbb{R}^+,\cdot) \ni f(x) = 3^x$ , find ker  $f \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Solution:** f is a homomorphism (check)  $\Longrightarrow$  kerf an exist,

 $\ker f = \{x \in \mathbb{R}: f(x) = 1\} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}: 3^x = 1\} = \{x = 0\}$ 

**Example(8-23):** Let  $f:(G,*) \to (G',\cdot) \ni f$  is a trivial homomorphism, find  $\ker f \ \forall x \in G$ .

**Solution:**  $f(x) = e' \ \forall x \in G, f \text{ is a homomorphism} \Rightarrow \ker f \text{ is an exist.}$ 

 $\ker f = \{x \in G: f(x) = e'\} = G.$ 

Example (8-24): let  $f: (\mathbb{Z}, +) \to (Z_3, +_3) \ni f(x) = [x] \ \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , find ker  $f \ \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Solution:** f is a homomorphism (check)

 $Ker f = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}: f(x) = [0]\} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}: [x] = [0]\} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}: x \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}: x = 3k \ \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{0, \pm 3, \pm 6, \dots\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}.$ 

**Theorem(8-25):** Let  $f:(G,*) \to (G',\cdot)$  be a group homomorphism, then:

(1) (Ker f,\*) is a subgroup of (G,\*).

**Proof:**  $\ker f = \{x \in G : f(x) = e'\} \subseteq G, f(e) = e' \Longrightarrow e \in \ker f \neq \emptyset.$ 

Let  $a, b \in \ker f$ ,  $f(a * b^{-1}) = f(a) \cdot f(b^{-1}) = f(a) \cdot f(b))^{-1} = e' \cdot (e')^{-1} = e' \Rightarrow f(a * b^{-1}) = e' \Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in \ker f \Rightarrow (\operatorname{Ker} f, *) \text{ is a subgroup of } (G, *).$ 

(2)  $\operatorname{Ker} f \triangleright G$ 

**Proof:** (Kerf,\*) is a subgroup of (G,\*).

Let  $x \in G, a \in \operatorname{Ker} f, f(x * a * x^{-1}) = f(x) \cdot f(a) \cdot f(x^{-1}) = f(x) \cdot e' \cdot (f(x))^{-1} = e' \Rightarrow x * a * x^{-1} \in \operatorname{Ker} f \Rightarrow G.$ 

(3)  $\operatorname{Ker} f = \{e\} \operatorname{iff} f \text{ is an one to one.}$ 

**Proof:** ( $\Longrightarrow$ ) suppose that Ker $f = \{e\}$ 

Let 
$$f(a) = f(b) \Rightarrow f(a) \cdot (f(b))^{-1}$$

$$= f(b) \cdot (f(b))^{-1} \Longrightarrow f(a) \cdot f(b^{-1}) = e'$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a*b^{-1}) = e' \Rightarrow a*b^{-1} \in \operatorname{Ker} f \Rightarrow a*b^{-1} = e \ \Rightarrow a = b$$

 $(\Leftarrow)$  let  $a \in \text{Ker} f$ 

$$f(a) = f(e) \Rightarrow a = e \Rightarrow \text{Ker} f = \{e\}.$$

## 9. Fundamental Theorems of Homomorphism

#### The First Fundamental Theorem of Isomorphism:

**Theorem(9-1):** Let  $f:(G,*) \to (G',\cdot)$  be an onto, homomorphism, then

$$(\frac{G}{\ker f}, \otimes) \cong (G', \cdot).$$

**Proof:** f is an onto  $\Longrightarrow R_f = \{f(a) : a \in G\} = G'$ 

 $\ker f \rhd G \Longrightarrow \frac{G}{\ker f}$  is a group.

Define 
$$\left(\frac{G}{\ker f}, \otimes\right) \to (G', \circ) \ni g(a * \ker f) = f(a) \ \forall a \in G$$

Let  $a * \ker f = b * \ker f \Rightarrow a^{-1} * b \in \ker f \Rightarrow f(a^{-1} * b) = e'$ 

$$\Rightarrow f(a^{-1}) \cdot f(b) = e' \Rightarrow (f(a))^{-1} \cdot f(b) = e' \Rightarrow f(b) = f(a)$$

$$\Rightarrow g(a * \ker f) = g(b * \ker f) \Rightarrow g \text{ is a map.}$$

Let 
$$g(a * \ker f) = g(b * \ker f) \Rightarrow f(a) = f(b)$$

$$\Rightarrow e' = \left(f(a)\right)^{-1} \cdot f(b) = f(a^{-1}) \cdot f(b) \Rightarrow e' = f(a^{-1} * b)$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1} * b \in \ker f \Rightarrow a * \ker f = b * \ker f \Rightarrow g$$
 is an one to one.

$$R_g = \{g(a * \ker f) : a \in G = \{f(a) : a \in G\} = G' \implies g \text{ is onto.}$$

$$g[(a * \ker f) \otimes (b * \ker f)] = g((a * b) * \ker f)$$

$$= f(a * b) = f(a) \cdot f(b) = g(a * \ker f) \cdot g(a * \ker f)$$

 $\Rightarrow$  g is a homomorphism, hence g is an isomorphism

$$\Rightarrow (\frac{G}{\ker f}, \otimes) \cong (G', \cdot)$$

Example(9-2): Let 
$$f: (\mathbb{Z}, +) \longrightarrow (\{1, -1\}, \cdot) \ni f(a) = \begin{cases} 1 & a \in E \\ -1 & a \in O \end{cases}$$

 $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , show that  $(Z_2, +_2) \cong (\{1, -1\}, \cdot)$  by two ways.

- (1) Since  $O(Z_2) = O(\{1, -1\}) = 2$  and  $(Z_2, +_2), (\{1, -1\}, \cdot)$  are cyclic groups  $\Rightarrow (Z_2, +_2) \cong (\{1, -1\}, \cdot)$
- (2) By use the first theorem of isomorphism if is clear that f is a homomorphism.  $R_g = \{f(a) : a \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{1, -1\} = \operatorname{Cod} f$

$$\Rightarrow f \text{ is an onto } \Rightarrow (\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\ker f}, \otimes) \cong (\{1, -1\}, \cdot)$$

$$\ker f = \{a \in \mathbb{Z}: f(a) = 1\} = E \Longrightarrow (\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{E}, \otimes) \cong (\{1, -1\}, \cdot)$$

 $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is a cyclic group  $\Longrightarrow (\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{E}, \bigotimes)$  is a cyclic

$$O\left(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{E}\right) = 2 \Longrightarrow (Z_2, +_2) \cong (\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{E}, \otimes) \Longrightarrow (Z_2, +_2) \cong (\{1, -1\}, \cdot)$$

**Corollary(9-3):** Let (G,\*) be a group, then  $(\frac{G}{Z(G)}, \otimes) \cong (I(G), \circ)$ , where Z(G) is a center of G.

**Proof:** define  $g:(G,*) \to (I(G),\circ) \ni g(x) = f_x \forall x \in G$ 

$$I(G) = \{f_x : x \in G\}$$

Let 
$$x = y \Rightarrow x + a = y + a \Rightarrow x * a * x^{-1} = y * a * y^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_x(a) = f_y(a) \Rightarrow g(x) = g(y) \Rightarrow g$$
 is a map.

$$g(x * y) = f_{x*y} = f_x \circ f_y = g(x) \circ g(y) \Longrightarrow g$$
 is a homomorphism.

$$R_g = \{g(x) : x \in G\} = \{f_x : \forall x \in G\} = I(G) \Longrightarrow g \text{ is an onto.}$$

By the first theorem of isomorphism  $\Rightarrow (\frac{G}{kerf}, \otimes) \cong (I(G), \circ)$ 

$$\begin{aligned} kerf &= \{x \in G \colon g(x) = e'\} = \{x \in G \colon f_x(a) = f_e(a) \\ &= \{x \in G \colon x \ast a \ast x^{-1} = a \ \forall a \in G\} = \{x \in G \colon x \ast a = a \ast x \ \forall a \in G\} \\ &= Z(G) \Longrightarrow (\frac{G}{Z(G)}, \otimes) \cong (I(G), \circ) \end{aligned}$$

### The Second Theorem of Isomorphism:

**Theorem(9-4):** Let (H,\*), (K,\*) be two subgroups of  $(G,*) \ni K \triangleright H$ , then

- (1) (H \* K,\*) is a subgroup of (G,\*)
- (2)  $K \triangleright H * K$
- (3)  $(H \cap K) \triangleright H$
- $(4) \quad \left(\frac{H*K}{K}, \otimes\right) \cong \left(\frac{H}{H \cap K}, \otimes\right)$

**Proof:** since  $K > H * K \Longrightarrow (\frac{H * K}{K}, \bigotimes)$  is a group.

And since  $(H \cap K) \triangleright H \Rightarrow (\frac{H}{H \cap K}, \otimes)$  is a group.

Define 
$$f: (H * K,*) \rightarrow \left(\frac{H}{H \cap K}, \bigotimes\right) \ni f(a * b) = a * (H \cap K) \forall a \in H$$

$$a * b = c * d \Rightarrow c^{-1} * a = d * b^{-1} \Rightarrow c^{-1} * a \in H, c^{-1} * a \in K$$

$$\Rightarrow c^{-1} * a \in H \cap K \Rightarrow c * (H \cap K) = a * (H \cap K)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(c*d) = f(a*b) \Rightarrow f \text{ is a map.}$$

$$R_f = \{f(a * b) : \forall a \in H\} = \{a * (H \cap K) : a \in H\} = \frac{H}{H \cap K}$$

Thus, f is an onto.

$$f[(a*b)*(c*d)] = f[(a*c*c^{-1}*b)*(c*d)]$$

$$= f[(a*c)*(c^{-1}*b*c)*d]$$

Since  $c \in G, b \in K, K \rhd G \Longrightarrow c * b * c^{-1} \in K$ 

Let 
$$c * b * c^{-1} = r \in K$$

$$f[(a*b)*(c*d)] = f[(a*c)*(r*d)] = (a*c)*(H \cap K)$$

$$= [a * (H \cap K)] \otimes [c * (H \cap K)] = f(a * b) \otimes f(c * d) \Longrightarrow f \text{ is a homo.}$$

By the first theorem of isomorphism  $\Rightarrow \frac{H*K}{kerf} \cong \frac{H}{H \cap K}$ 

$$kerf = \{a * b \in H * K \ni f(a * b) = e'\}$$

$$= \{a * b \in H * K \ni a * (H \cap K) = H \cap K\}$$

$$= \{a * b \in H * K \ni a \in H \cap K\}$$

$$=\{a*b\in H*K\ni a\in H, a\in K\}$$

$$= \{a * b \in H * K \ni a \in K, b \in K\} = K$$

Therefore, 
$$\frac{H*K}{K} \cong \frac{H}{H \cap K}$$

### The Third Fundamental Theorem of Isomorphism:

**Theorem(9-5):** Let (H,\*), (K,\*) be two normal subgroups of  $(G,*) \ni H \subseteq K$ , then:

- (1)  $H \triangleright K$
- (2)  $\binom{K}{H}, \otimes$   $\triangleright \binom{G}{H}, \otimes$
- $(3) \quad \left(\frac{\frac{G}{H}}{\frac{K}{H}}, \otimes\right) \cong \left(\frac{G}{K}, \otimes\right)$

**Proof:** 1. Since (H,\*), (K,\*) are subgroups and  $H \subseteq K$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  (*H*,\*) is a subgroup of (*K*,\*)

Let  $x \in K$ ,  $a \in H$ ,  $x \in K \subseteq G \Longrightarrow x \in G$ ,  $a \in H$ ,  $H \rhd G \Longrightarrow x * a * x^{-1} \in H$ 

Thus,  $H \triangleright K$ .

**Proof:** 2. since  $H > K \Longrightarrow (\frac{K}{H}, \bigotimes)$  is a group

Since 
$$H \triangleright G \Longrightarrow (\frac{G}{H}, \bigotimes)$$
 is a group

$$\frac{K}{H} = \{a * H : a \in K\} \subseteq \{a * H : a \in G\} = \frac{G}{H}$$

$$\frac{K}{H} \subseteq \frac{G}{H} \Longrightarrow (\frac{K}{H}, \otimes)$$
 is a subgroup of  $(\frac{G}{H}, \otimes)$ 

Let 
$$x * H \in \frac{G}{H}$$
,  $\alpha * H \in \frac{K}{H}$ 

$$(x*H)\otimes(a*H)\otimes(x*H)^{-1}$$

$$= ((x*a)*H) \otimes (x^{-1}*H) = (x*a*x^{-1})*H$$

$$\Rightarrow (x*a*x^{-1})*H \in \frac{K}{H} \Rightarrow (\frac{K}{H}, \otimes) \rhd (\frac{G}{H}, \otimes)$$

**Proof:** 3. 
$$\frac{K}{H} \triangleright \frac{G}{H} \Longrightarrow (\frac{\frac{G}{H}}{\frac{K}{H}}, \bigotimes)$$
 is a group.

$$K \rhd G \Longrightarrow (\frac{G}{H}, \bigotimes)$$
 is a group.

Define 
$$f: \left(\frac{G}{H}, \bigotimes\right) \to \left(\frac{G}{K}, \bigotimes\right) \ni f(a * H) = a * K \forall a \in G$$

$$a*H=b*H\Longrightarrow a^{-1}*b\in H\subseteq K\Longrightarrow a^{-1}*b\in K\Longrightarrow a*K=b*K$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a * H) = f(b * H) \Rightarrow f \text{ is a map.}$$

$$R_f = \{f(a * H) : a \in G\} = \{a * K : a \in G\} = \frac{G}{K} \Longrightarrow f \text{ is an onto.}$$

$$f[(a*H)\otimes(b*H)] = f[(a*b)*H = (a*b)*K = (a*K)\otimes(b*K)$$

$$= f(a * H) \otimes f(b * H) \Rightarrow f$$
 is a homomorphism.

By the first theorem of isomorphism 
$$\Rightarrow (\frac{\frac{G}{H}}{kerf}, \otimes) \cong (\frac{G}{K}, \otimes)$$

$$\ker f = \{a * H : f(a * H) = e' = \{a * H : a * K = K\}$$

$$= a * H \in \frac{G}{H} : a \in K\} = \frac{K}{H}$$

Therefore, 
$$(\frac{\frac{G}{H}}{\frac{K}{H}}, \bigotimes) \cong (\frac{G}{K}, \bigotimes)$$
.



### 10. The Jordan-Holder Theorem and Related Concepts.

#### Definition(10-1):

By a *chain* for a group (G,\*) is meant any finite sequence of subsets of

 $G = H_0 \supset H_1 \supset \cdots \supset H_{n-1} \supset H_n = \{e\}$  descending from G to  $\{e\}$  with the property that all the pairs  $(H_{i,*})$  are subgroups of (G,\*).

#### Remark(10-2):

The integer n is called the length of the chain. When n = 1, then the chain in definition (1-1) will called the trivial.

#### Example(10-3):

Find all chains in a group  $(Z_4, +_4)$ .

**Solution:** The subgroups of a group  $(Z_4, +_4)$  are :

- $H_1 = (Z_4, +_4)$
- $H_2 = (\{0\}, +_4)$
- $H_3 = (\langle 2 \rangle, +_4) = (\{0,2\}, +_4)$

The chains of a group  $(Z_4, +_4)$  are

 $Z_4 \supset \{0\}$  is a chain of length one

 $Z_4 \supset \langle 2 \rangle \supset \{0\}$  is a chain of length two.

## Example(10-4):

In the group  $(Z_{12}, +_{12})$  of integers modulo 12, the following chains are normal chains:

$$Z_{12} \supset \langle 6 \rangle \supset \{0\},\$$

$$Z_{12}\supset \langle 2\rangle\supset \langle 4\rangle\supset \{0\},$$

$$Z_{12} \supset \langle 3 \rangle \supset \langle 6 \rangle \supset \{0\},$$

$$Z_{12} \supset \langle 2 \rangle \supset \langle 6 \rangle \supset \{0\}.$$

All subgroups are normal, since  $(Z_{12}, +_{12})$  is a commutative group.

### <u>Definition(10-5):</u> (Normal Chain)

If  $(H_i,*)$  is a normal subgroup of a group (G,\*) for all i=1,...,n, then the chain  $G=H_0\supset H_1\supset \cdots \supset H_{n-1}\supset H_n=\{e\}$  is called a *normal chain*.

### Example(10-6):

Find all chains in the following groups and determine their length and type.

- (Z<sub>6</sub>, +<sub>6</sub>);
- (Z<sub>8</sub>, +<sub>8</sub>);
- (Z<sub>18</sub>, +<sub>18</sub>) (Homework);
- (Z<sub>21</sub>, +<sub>21</sub>) (Homework).

**Solution:** The subgroups of a group  $(Z_6, +_6)$  are :

$$H_1 = (Z_6, +_6)$$

$$H_2 = (\{0\}, +_6)$$

$$H_3 = (\langle 2 \rangle, +_6) = (\{0, 2, 4\}, +_6)$$

$$H_4 = (\langle 3 \rangle, +_6) = (\{0,3\}, +_6)$$

Then the chains in  $(Z_6, +_6)$  are:

 $Z_6 \supset \{0\}$  is a trivial chain of length one

 $Z_6 \supset \langle 2 \rangle \supset \{0\}$  is a normal chain of length two

 $Z_6 \supset \langle 3 \rangle \supset \{0\}$  is a normal chain of length two.

The subgroups of a group  $(Z_8, +_8)$  are :

$$H_1 = (Z_8, +_8)$$

$$H_2 = (\{0\}, +_8)$$

$$H_3 = (\langle 2 \rangle, +_8) = (\{0, 2, 4, 6\}, +_8)$$

$$H_4 = (\langle 4 \rangle, +_6) = (\{0,4\}, +_8)$$

Then the chains in  $(Z_8, +_8)$  are:

 $Z_8 \supset \{0\}$  is a trivial chain of length one

 $Z_8 \supset \langle 2 \rangle \supset \{0\}$  is a normal chain of length two

 $Z_8 \supset \langle 4 \rangle \supset \{0\}$  is a normal chain of length two

 $Z_8 \supset \langle 2 \rangle \supset \langle 4 \rangle \supset \{0\}$  is a normal chain of length three.

## **Definition(10-7): (Composition Chain)**

In the group (G,\*), the descending sequence of sets

$$G=H_0\supset H_1\supset \cdots\supset H_{n-1}\supset H_n=\{e\}$$

forms a composition chain for (G,\*) provided

- 1.  $(H_i,*)$  is a subgroup of (G,\*),
- 2.  $(H_{i,*})$  is a normal subgroup of  $(H_{i-1,*})$ ,
- 3. The inclusion  $H_{i-1} \supseteq K \supseteq H_i$ , where (K,\*) is a normal subgroup of  $(H_{i-1},*)$ , implies either  $K = H_{i-1}$  or  $K = H_i$ .

## Remark(10-8):

Every composition chain is a normal, but the converse is not true in general, the following example shows that.

## Example(10-9):

In the group  $(Z_{24}, +_{24})$ , the normal chain

$$Z_{24} \supset \langle 2 \rangle \supset \langle 12 \rangle \supset \{0\}$$

is not a composition chain, since it may be further refined by inserting of the set(4) or (6). On other hand,

$$Z_{24} \supset \langle 2 \rangle \supset \langle 4 \rangle \supset \langle 8 \rangle \supset \{0\}$$

and

$$Z_{24} \supset \langle 3 \rangle \supset \langle 6 \rangle \supset \langle 12 \rangle \supset \{0\}$$

are both composition chains for  $(Z_{24}, +_{24})$ .

### Example(10-10):

Find all chains in the following groups and determine their length and type.

- (Z<sub>8</sub>, +<sub>8</sub>);
- (Z<sub>12</sub>, +<sub>12</sub>);
- (Z<sub>18</sub>, +<sub>18</sub>) (Homework).

**Solution:** The subgroups of a group  $(Z_8, +_8)$  are :

$$H_1 = (Z_8, +_8)$$

$$H_2 = (\{0\}, +_8)$$

$$H_3 = (\langle 2 \rangle, +_8) = (\{0, 2, 4, 6\}, +_8)$$

$$H_4 = (\langle 4 \rangle, +_8) = (\{0,4\}, +_8)$$

Then the chains in  $(Z_8, +_8)$  are:

 $Z_8 \supset \{0\}$  is a trivial chain of length one.

 $Z_8 \supset \langle 2 \rangle \supset \{0\}$  is a normal chain of length two, but it is not composition chain, since there is a normal subgroup  $\langle 4 \rangle$  in  $Z_8$ , such that  $\langle 2 \rangle \supset \langle 4 \rangle$ .

 $Z_8 \supset \langle 4 \rangle \supset \{0\}$  is a normal chain of length two, but it is not composition chain, since there is a normal subgroup  $\langle 2 \rangle$  in  $Z_8$ , such that  $\langle 2 \rangle \supset \langle 4 \rangle$ .

 $Z_8 \supset \langle 2 \rangle \supset \langle 4 \rangle \supset \{0\}$  is a composition chain of length three.

The subgroups of a group  $(Z_{12}, +_{12})$  are :

$$H_1 = (Z_{12}, +_{12})$$

$$H_2 = (\{0\}, +_{12})$$

$$H_3 = (\langle 2 \rangle, +_{12}) = (\{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}, +_{12})$$

$$H_4 = (\langle 3 \rangle, +_{12}) = (\{0,3,6,9\}, +_{12})$$

$$H_5 = (\langle 4 \rangle, +_{12}) = (\{0,4,8\}, +_{12})$$

$$H_6 = (\langle 6 \rangle, +_{12}) = (\{0,6\}, +_{12})$$

Then the chains in  $(Z_{12}, +_{12})$  are:

 $Z_{12} \supset \{0\}$  is a trivial chain of length one.

 $Z_{12} \supset \langle 2 \rangle \supset \{0\}$  is a normal chain of length two.

 $Z_{12} \supset \langle 3 \rangle \supset \{0\}$  is a normal chain of length two.

 $Z_{12} \supset \langle 4 \rangle \supset \{0\}$  is a normal chain of length two.

 $Z_{12} \supset \langle 6 \rangle \supset \{0\}$  is a normal chain of length two.

 $Z_{12} \supset \langle 2 \rangle \supset \langle 4 \rangle \supset \{0\}$  is a composition chain of length three.

 $Z_{12} \supset \langle 3 \rangle \supset \langle 6 \rangle \supset \{0\}$  is a composition chain of length three.

## Example(10-11):

Let (G,\*) be the group of symmetries of the square.

A normal chain for (G,\*) which fails to be a composition chain is

$$G \supset \{R_{180}, R_{360}\} \supset \{R_{360}\}.$$

#### Example(10-12): (Homework)

Determine the following chain whether normal, composition:

$$G \supset \{R_{90}, R_{180}, R_{270}, R_{360}\} \supset \{R_{180}, R_{360}\} \supset \{R_{360}\}.$$

#### Example(10-13):

The group (Z, +) has no a composition chain, since the normal subgroups of (Z, +) are the cyclic subgroups  $(\langle n \rangle), +)$ , n a nonnegative integer, Since the inclusion  $(kn) \subseteq \langle n \rangle$  holds for all  $k \in Z_+$ , there always exists a proper subgroup of any given group.

#### Definition(10-14):

A normal subgroup (H,\*) is called a *maximal normal subgroup* of the group (G,\*) if  $H \neq G$  and there exists no normal subgroup (K,\*) of (G,\*) such that  $H \subset K \subset G$ .

### Example(10-15):

In the group  $(Z_{24}, +_{24})$ , the cyclic subgroups  $(\langle 2 \rangle, +_{24})$  and  $(\langle 3 \rangle, +_{24})$  are both maximal normal with orders 12 and 8, respectively.

## Example(10-16):

Determine the maximal normal subgroups in the group  $(Z_{12}, +_{12})$ .

**Solution:** The normal subgroups of  $(Z_{12}, +_{12})$  are:

$$H_1 = (\langle 2 \rangle, +_{12}) = (\{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}, +_{12})$$

$$H_2 = (\langle 3 \rangle, +_{12}) = (\{0,3,6,9\}, +_{12})$$

$$H_3 = (\langle 4 \rangle, +_{12}) = (\{0,4,8\}, +_{12})$$

$$H_4 = (\langle 6 \rangle, +_{12}) = (\{0,6\}, +_{12})$$

The maximal normal subgroups of  $(Z_{12}, +_{12})$  are  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , since there is no normal subgroup in  $Z_{12}$  containing  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ .

#### Remark(10-17):

A chain  $G = H_0 \supset H_1 \supset \cdots \supset H_{n-1} \supset H_n = \{e\}$  is a composition of a group (G,\*), if each normal subgroup  $(H_i,*)$  is a maximal normal subgroup of  $(H_{i-1},*)$ , for all  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ .

#### Example(10-18);

In the group  $(Z_{12},+_{12})$  the chains  $Z_{12}\supset \langle 2\rangle\supset \langle 4\rangle\supset \{0\}$  is a composition of  $Z_{12}$ , since

- $\langle 2 \rangle$  is a maximal normal subgroup of  $Z_{12}$ ,
- (4) is a maximal normal subgroup of (2),
- {0} is a maximal normal subgroup of (4), and

 $Z_{12} \supset \langle 3 \rangle \supset \langle 6 \rangle \supset \{0\}$  is a composition of  $Z_{12}$ , since

- (3) is a maximal normal subgroup of Z<sub>12</sub>,
- (6) is a maximal normal subgroup of (3),
- {0} is a maximal normal subgroup of (6).

### Theorem(10-19):

A normal subgroup (H,\*) of the group (G,\*) is a maximal if and only if the quotient  $(G/H, \otimes)$  is a simple.

#### Proof:

$$\Rightarrow$$
) Let  $H \supseteq K \Rightarrow \frac{K}{H} \supseteq \frac{G}{H} \Rightarrow H = K \text{ or } K = G$ 

Since H is a maximal,  $\Rightarrow \frac{K}{H} = H$  or  $\frac{K}{H} = \frac{G}{H} \Rightarrow \frac{G}{H}$  is a simple

 $\Leftarrow$ ) let  $G/_H$  be a simple

 $\Rightarrow$   $^{G}/_{H}$  has two normal subgroups which are e\*H and  $^{G}/_{H}$ , but e\*H=H

Therefore H is a maximal

#### Corollary(10-20):

The group  $(^G/_H, \otimes)$  is a simple, if  $|^G/_H|$  is a prime number.

#### Examples(10-21);

- 1. Show that  $(\langle 2 \rangle, +_{12})$  is a maximal normal subgroup of  $(Z_{12}, +_{12})$ .
- Show that ((3), +<sub>15</sub>) is a maximal normal subgroup of (Z<sub>15</sub>, +<sub>15</sub>).
   (Homework)

Solution(1):  $(\langle 2 \rangle, +_{12}) = (\{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}, +_{12})$ 

 $|G/H| = \frac{|G|}{|H|} = \frac{|Z_{12}|}{|(2)|} = \frac{12}{6} = 2$  is a prime  $\Rightarrow \frac{Z_{12}}{(2)}$  is a simple (by Corollary (10-20)).

From Theorem (10-19), we get that  $\langle 2 \rangle$  is a maximal normal subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$ .

## Corollary(10-22):

A normal chain  $G = H_0 \supset H_1 \supset \cdots \supset H_{n-1} \supset H_n = \{e\}$  is a composition of a group (G,\*), if  $\binom{H_i}{H_{i-1}}, \otimes$  is a simple group for all  $i=1,\ldots,n$ .

## Example(10-23);

Show that  $Z_{60} \supset \langle 3 \rangle \supset \langle 6 \rangle \supset \langle 12 \rangle \supset \{0\}$  is a composition chain of a group  $(Z_{60}, +_{60})$ .

Solution:  $\frac{|Z_{60}|}{|(3)|} = \frac{60}{20} = 3$  is a prime  $\Rightarrow \frac{Z_{60}}{(3)}$  is a simple.

So, we get that  $\langle 3 \rangle$  is a maximal normal subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_{60}$ .

$$\frac{|\langle 3 \rangle|}{|\langle 6 \rangle|} = \frac{20}{10} = 2$$
 is a prime  $\Rightarrow \frac{\langle 3 \rangle}{\langle 6 \rangle}$  is a simple.

So, we get that (6) is a maximal normal subgroup of (3).

$$\frac{|\langle 6 \rangle|}{|\langle 12 \rangle|} = \frac{10}{5} = 2$$
 is a prime  $\Rightarrow \frac{\langle 6 \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle}$  is a simple.

So, we get that  $\langle 12 \rangle$  is a maximal normal subgroup of  $\langle 6 \rangle$ .

$$\frac{|\langle 12 \rangle|}{|\langle 0 \rangle|} = \frac{5}{1} = 5$$
 is a prime  $\Rightarrow \frac{\langle 12 \rangle}{\langle 0 \rangle}$  is a simple.

So, we get that  $\{0\}$  is a maximal normal subgroup of  $\langle 12 \rangle$ .

By corollaries (10-19) and (1-21), we have that  $Z_{60} \supset \langle 3 \rangle \supset \langle 6 \rangle \supset \langle 12 \rangle \supset \{0\}$  is a composition chain of a group  $(Z_{60}, +_{60})$ .

## Theorem(10-24):

Every finite group (G,\*) with more than one element has a composition chain.

### Theorem(10-25): (Jordan-Holder)

In a finite group (G,\*) with more than one element, any two composition chains are equivalent.

## Example(10-26):

In a group  $(Z_{60}, +_{60})$ , show that the two chains

$$Z_{60} \supset \langle 3 \rangle \supset \langle 6 \rangle \supset \langle 12 \rangle \supset \{0\}$$

$$Z_{60}\supset\langle 2\rangle\supset\langle 6\rangle\supset\langle 30\rangle\supset\{0\},$$

are compositions and equivalent.

### **Solution:**

$$({}^{\mathbb{Z}_{60}}/_{\langle 3 \rangle}, \otimes) \cong ({}^{\langle 2 \rangle}/_{\langle 6 \rangle}, \otimes), \text{ since } \left|{}^{\mathbb{Z}_{60}}/_{\langle 3 \rangle}\right| = \frac{60}{20} = 3 = \left|{}^{\langle 2 \rangle}/_{\langle 6 \rangle}\right| = \frac{30}{10},$$

$$(\stackrel{\langle 3 \rangle}{}/_{\langle 6 \rangle}, \otimes) \cong (\stackrel{Z_{60}}{}/_{\langle 2 \rangle}, \otimes), \text{ since } \left| \stackrel{\langle 3 \rangle}{}/_{\langle 6 \rangle} \right| = \frac{20}{10} = 2 = \left| \stackrel{Z_{60}}{}/_{\langle 2 \rangle} \right| = \frac{60}{30},$$

$$(\stackrel{\langle 6 \rangle}{}/_{\langle 12 \rangle}, \otimes) \cong (\stackrel{\langle 30 \rangle}{}/_{\{0\}}, \otimes), \text{ since } \left| \stackrel{\langle 6 \rangle}{}/_{\langle 12 \rangle} \right| = \frac{10}{5} = 2 = \left| \stackrel{\langle 30 \rangle}{}/_{\{0\}} \right| = \frac{2}{1},$$

$$(\stackrel{\langle 12 \rangle}{}/_{\{0\}}, \otimes) \cong (\stackrel{\langle 6 \rangle}{}/_{\langle 30 \rangle}, \otimes), \text{ since } \left| \stackrel{\langle 12 \rangle}{}/_{\{0\}} \right| = \frac{5}{1} = 5 = \left| \stackrel{\langle 6 \rangle}{}/_{\langle 30 \rangle} \right| = \frac{10}{2}.$$

Therefore, by Jordan-Holder theorem the two chains

$$Z_{60} \supset \langle 3 \rangle \supset \langle 6 \rangle \supset \langle 12 \rangle \supset \{0\}$$

$$Z_{60}\supset\langle 2\rangle\supset\langle 6\rangle\supset\langle 30\rangle\supset\{0\},$$

are compositions and equivalent.

#### Exercises(10-27):

- Check that the following chains represent composition chains for the indicated group.
- a. For  $(Z_{36}, +_{36})$ , the group of integers modulo 36:

$$Z_{36} \supset \langle 3 \rangle \supset \langle 9 \rangle \supset \langle 18 \rangle \supset \{0\}.$$

b. For  $(G_s,*)$ , the group of symmetries of the square:

$$G \supset \{R_{180}, R_{360}, D_1, D_2\} \supset \{R_{360}, D_1\} \supset \{R_{360}\}.$$

c. For  $(\langle a \rangle, *)$ , a cyclic group of order 30:

$$\langle a \rangle \supset \langle a^5 \rangle \supset \langle a^{10} \rangle \supset \{e\}.$$

d. For  $(S_3, \circ)$ , the symmetric group on 3 symbols:

$$S_3 \supset \{i, (123), (132)\} \supset \{i\}.$$

- Find a composition chain for the symmetric group (S<sub>4</sub>,°).
- Prove that the cyclic subgroup (\( \lambda n \rangle, + \rangle \) is a maximal normal subgroup of (Z, +) if and only if n is a prime number.

 Establish that the following two composition chains for (Z<sub>36</sub>,+<sub>36</sub>) are equivalent:

$$Z_{24} \supset \langle 3 \rangle \supset \langle 6 \rangle \supset \langle 12 \rangle \supset \{0\},$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_{24}\supset \langle 2\rangle\supset \langle 4\rangle\supset \langle 12\rangle\supset \{0\}.$$

- Find all composition chains for (Z<sub>36</sub>, +<sub>36</sub>).
- Find all composition chains for (G<sub>s</sub>,\*).

### 11. P- Groups and Related Concepts.

### **Definition(11-1):** (p- Group)

A finite group (G,\*) is said to be p-group if and only if the order of each element of G is a power of fixed prime p.

### Definition(11-2): (p- Group)

A finite group (G,\*) is said to be p-group if and only if  $|G| = p^k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where p is a prime number.

### Example(11-3):

Show that  $(Z_4, +_4)$  is a p-group.

**Solution:**  $Z_4 = \{0,1,2,3\}$  and  $|Z_4| = 4 = 2^2$ 

⇒ Z<sub>4</sub> is a 2- group, with

$$o(0) = 1 = 2^0$$

$$o(1) = 4 = 2^2$$

$$o(2) = 2 = 2^1$$
,

$$o(3) = 4 = 2^2$$
.

#### **Example(11-4):**

Determine whether  $(Z_6, +_6)$  is a p-group.

**Solution:**  $Z_6 = \{0,1,2,3,4,5\}$  and  $|Z_6| = 6 \neq P^k$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  Z<sub>6</sub> is not p- group.

### Example(11-5): (Homework)

Determine whether  $(G_s, \circ)$  is a p-group.

### Examples(11-6):

- $(Z_8, +_8)$  is a 2- group, since  $|Z_8| = 8 = 2^3$ ,
- $(Z_9, +_9)$  is a 3- group, since  $|Z_9| = 9 = 3^2$ ,
- $(Z_{25}, +_{25})$  is a 5- group, since  $|Z_{25}| = 25 = 5^2$ .

### **Theorem(11-7):**

Let  $H\Delta G$ , then G is a p-group if and only if H and G/H are p-groups.

**<u>Proof:</u>** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume that G is a p- group, to prove that H and  $^{G}/_{H}$  are p- groups.

Since G is a p-group  $\Rightarrow$  o(a) =  $p^x$ , for some  $x \in Z^+$ ,  $\forall a \in G$ .

Since  $H \subseteq G \Longrightarrow \forall a \in H \text{ group} \Longrightarrow o(a) = p^x$ , for some  $x \in Z^+$ .

So, H is a p- group.

To prove G/H is a p- group.

Let  $a * H \in {}^{G}/_{H}$ , to prove o(a \* H) is a power of p.

$$(a * H)^{p^x} = a^{p^x} * H = e * H = H, (a^{p^x} = e \text{ since G is a p-group})$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 o(a \* H) = p<sup>x</sup>

 $(\Leftarrow)$  Suppose that H and G/H are p-groups, to prove G is a p-group.

Let  $a \in G$ , to prove o(a) is a power of p.

$$(a * H)^{p^x} = H ... (1) (G/H)$$
 is a p-group)

$$(a * H)^{p^x} = a^{p^x} * H \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2), we have  $a^{p^x} * H = H \implies a^{p^x} \in H$  and H is a p-group,

$$\Rightarrow o(a^{p^x}) = p^r, r \in Z^+$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^{p^x})^{p^r} = e \Rightarrow a^{p^{x+r}} = e, x + r \in \mathbb{Z}^+,$$

$$\Rightarrow o(a) = p^{x+r}$$

Therefore, G is a p- group ■

#### Examples(11-8):

Apply theorem(2-7) on  $(Z_{32}, +_{32})$ .

### **Solution:**

$$|Z_{32}| = 32 = 2^5$$
 is a 2- group.

By theorem (2-7), H and  $^{\rm G}/_{H}$  are 2- groups.

$$o(G)/o(H) \implies o(H) = 2^x, 0 \le x \le 5.$$

$$o(H) = 2^0$$
 or  $2^1$  or  $2^2$  or  $2^3$  or  $2^4$  or  $2^5$ ,

$$o(H) = 2^{\circ}$$
 is a 2-group  $\Longrightarrow o(G/H) = \frac{o(G)}{o(H)} = \frac{2^{\circ}}{2^{\circ}} = 2^{\circ}$  is a 2-group.

$$o(H) = 2^1$$
 is a 2-group  $\Rightarrow o(G)/o(H) = 2^4$ 

$$o(H) = 2^2$$
 is a 2-group  $\Rightarrow o(G)/o(H) = 2^3$ 

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 is a 2-group  $\Rightarrow o(G)/o(H) = 2^2$ 

$$o(H) = 2^4$$
 is a 2-group  $\Rightarrow o(G)/o(H) = 2$ 

$$o(H) = 2^5$$
 is a 2-group  $\Rightarrow o(G)/o(H) = 1$ .

#### Remark(11-9);

If G is a non-trivial p-group, then  $Cent(G) \neq e$ .

#### Theorem(11-10):

Every group of order p2 is an abelian.

**Proof:** Let G be a group of order p<sup>2</sup>, to prove G is an abelian.

Let Cent(G) is a subgroup of G.

By Lagrange Theorem o(G)/o(Cent(G)),

$$\Rightarrow p^2 /_{o(Cent(G))}$$

$$\Rightarrow o(Cent(G)) = p^0 \text{ or } p^1 \text{ or } p^2$$

If  $o(\text{Cent}(G)) = p^0 \implies \text{Cent}(G) = \{e\}$ , but this is contradiction with remark(2-9), so  $o(\text{Cent}(G)) \neq p^0$ .

If 
$$o(Cent(G)) = p^2 = o(G) \Longrightarrow Cent(G) = G$$

 $\implies$  G is an abelian.

If 
$$o(Cent(G)) = p^1 \Rightarrow o(G/Cent(G)) = \frac{p^2}{p^1} = p$$

G/Cent(G) is a cyclic.

Therefore, G is an abelian

#### Remark(11-11):

The converse of theorem(2-10) is not true in general, for example  $(Z_8, +_8)$  is an abelian, but  $o((Z_8) = 2^3 \neq p^2)$ .

### Exercises(11-12):

- Let P and Q be two normal p-subgroups of a finite group G. Show that PQ is a normal p-subgroup of G.
- Determine whether (Z<sub>125</sub>, +<sub>125</sub>) is a p-group.
- Determine whether (Z<sub>121</sub>, +<sub>121</sub>) is a p-group.
- Determine whether (Z<sub>41</sub>, +<sub>41</sub>) is a p-group.
- Determine whether (Z<sub>16</sub>, +<sub>16</sub>) is a p-group.
- Determine whether (Z<sub>625</sub>, +<sub>625</sub>) is a p-group.
- Determine whether (Z<sub>185</sub>, +<sub>185</sub>) is a p-group.
- Determine whether (Z<sub>128</sub>, +<sub>128</sub>) is a p-group.
- Determine whether (Z<sub>256</sub>, +<sub>256</sub>) is a p-group.
- Determine whether (Z<sub>100</sub>, +<sub>100</sub>) is a p-group.
- Show that  $G_{\ell} = \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\}$ , is a p-group.

## 12. Sylow Theorems

## Definition(12-1): (Sylow p- Subgroup)

Let (G,\*) be a finite group and p is a prime number, a subgroup (H,\*) of a group G is called *sylow p- subgroup* if

- 1. (H,\*) is a p- group,
- (H,\*) is not contained in any other p- subgroup of G for the same prime number p.

### Example(12-2);

Find sylow 2- subgroups and sylow 3- subgroup of the group  $(Z_{24}, +_{24})$ .

**Solution:** The proper subgroups of the group  $(Z_{24}, +_{24})$  are

- 1.  $(\langle 2 \rangle, +_{24}) \Rightarrow o(\langle 2 \rangle) = 12 \neq P^k \Rightarrow \langle 2 \rangle$  is not p-subgroup.
- 2.  $(\langle 3 \rangle, +_{24}) \Rightarrow o(\langle 3 \rangle) = 8 = 2^3 \Rightarrow \langle 3 \rangle$  is a 2-subgroup.
- 3.  $(\langle 4 \rangle, +_{24}) \Rightarrow o(\langle 4 \rangle) = 6 \neq P^k \Rightarrow \langle 4 \rangle$  is not p-subgroup.
- 4.  $(\langle 6 \rangle, +_{24}) \Rightarrow o(\langle 6 \rangle) = 4 = 2^2 \Rightarrow \langle 6 \rangle$  is a 2-subgroup.
- 5.  $(\langle 8 \rangle, +_{24}) \Rightarrow o(\langle 8 \rangle) = 3 = 3^1 \Rightarrow \langle 8 \rangle$  is a 3-subgroup.
- 6.  $(\langle 12 \rangle, +_{24}) \Rightarrow o(\langle 12 \rangle) = 2 = 2^1 \Rightarrow \langle 12 \rangle$  is a 2-subgroup.

### <u>Theorem(12-3): (First Sylow Theorem)</u>

Let (G,\*) be a finite group of order  $p^kq$ , where p is a prime number is not dividing q, then G has sylow p- subgroup of order  $p^k$ .

### Example(12-4):

Find sylow 2- subgroup of the group  $(Z_{12}, +_{12})$ .

**Solution:** 
$$o(Z_{12}) = 12 = (4)(3) = (2^2)(3)$$
, and  $2 \nmid 3$ 

- $\Rightarrow$  by first sylow theorem, the group  $(Z_{12}, +_{12})$  has sylow 2- subgroup of order  $2^2$ .
- $\Rightarrow$  ((3),  $+_{12}$ ) is a sylow 2- subgroup.

## Example(12-5):

Find sylow 7- subgroup of the group  $(Z_{42}, +_{42})$ .

**Solution:** 
$$o(Z_{42}) = 42 = (7)(6)$$
, and  $7 \nmid 6$ 

- $\Rightarrow$  by first sylow theorem, the group  $(Z_{42}, +_{42})$  has sylow 7- subgroup of order  $7^1$ .
- $\Rightarrow$  ((6), +42) is a sylow 7- subgroup.

### Example(12-6):

Find sylow 3- subgroup of the group  $(Z_{24}, +_{24})$ .

**Solution:** 
$$o(Z_{24}) = 24 = (3)(8) = (3^1)(8)$$
, and  $3 \nmid 8$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  by first sylow theorem, the group  $(Z_{24}, +_{24})$  has sylow 3- subgroup of order  $3^1$ .

$$\Rightarrow$$
 ((8), +<sub>24</sub>) is a sylow 3- Subgroup.

#### Theorem(12-7):

Let p a prime number and G be a finite group such that  $p^x \setminus o(G), x \ge 1$ , then G has a subgroup of order  $p^x$  which is called sylow p- subgroup of G.

#### Example(12-8):

Are the following groups  $(S_3,\circ)$  and  $(G_s,\circ)$  have sylow p- subgroups.

### Solution:

$$(S_3, \circ), O(S_3) = 6 = (2)(3),$$

 $2 \setminus 6 \Rightarrow \exists$  a subgroup H such that o(H) = 2 which is called sylow 2- subgroup.

Also,  $3 \setminus 6 \Rightarrow \exists$  a subgroup K such that o(K) = 3 which is called sylow 3-subgroup.

$$(G_s, \circ)$$
,  $o(G_s) = 2^3$  is 2-subgroup.

Every subgroup of  $G_s$  is 2-subgroup,  $o(H) = 2^0$  or  $2^1$  or  $2^2$  or  $2^3$ .

## <u>Theorem(12-9):</u> (Second Sylow Theorem)

The number of distinct sylow p-subgroups is k = 1 + tp, t = 0,1,... which is divide the order of G.

## Example(12-10):

Find the distinct sylow p-subgroups of  $(S_3,\circ)$ .

#### Solution:

$$o(S_3) = 6 = (2)(3),$$

 $2 \setminus 6 \Rightarrow \exists$  a subgroup *H* such that o(H) = 2.

The number of sylow 2-subgroups is  $k_1 = 1 + 2t$ , t = 0,1,... and  $k_1 \setminus 6$ 

if 
$$t = 0 \Longrightarrow k_1 = 1$$
 and  $1 \setminus 6$ 

if 
$$t = 1 \Longrightarrow k_1 = 3$$
 and  $3 \setminus 6$ 

if 
$$t = 2 \Longrightarrow k_1 = 5$$
 and  $5 \nmid 6$ 

if 
$$t = 3 \Longrightarrow k_1 = 7$$
 and  $7 \nmid 6$ 

so, there are two sylow 2-subgroups.

 $3 \setminus 6 \Rightarrow \exists$  a subgroup K such that o(K) = 3.

The number of sylow 3-subgroups is  $k_2 = 1 + 3t$ , t = 0,1,... and  $k_2 \setminus 6$ 

if 
$$t = 0 \implies k_2 = 1$$
 and  $1 \setminus 6$ 

if 
$$t = 1 \implies k_2 = 4$$
 and  $4 \nmid 6$ 

if 
$$t = 2 \Longrightarrow k_2 = 7$$
 and  $7 \nmid 6$ 

So, there is one sylow 3-subgroup.

## Example(12-11):

Find the number of sylow p-subgroups of G such that o(G) = 12.

**Solution:** 
$$o(G) = 12 = (3)(2^2)$$

 $3 \setminus 12 \Rightarrow \exists$  a subgroup H such that o(H) = 3.

The number of sylow 3-subgroups is  $k_1 = 1 + 3t$ , t = 0,1,... and  $k_1 \setminus 12$ 

if 
$$t = 0 \Longrightarrow k_1 = 1$$
 and  $1 \setminus 12$ 

if 
$$t = 1 \Longrightarrow k_1 = 4$$
 and  $4 \setminus 12$ 

if 
$$t = 2 \Longrightarrow k_1 = 7$$
 and  $7 \nmid 12$ 

if 
$$t = 3 \Longrightarrow k_1 = 10$$
 and  $10 \nmid 12$ 

So, there are two sylow 3-subgroups of G.

The number of sylow 2-subgroups is  $k_2 = 1 + 2t$ , t = 0,1, ... and  $k_2 \setminus 12$ 

if 
$$t = 0 \implies k_2 = 1$$
 and  $1 \setminus 12$ 

if 
$$t = 1 \Longrightarrow k_2 = 3$$
 and  $3 \setminus 12$ 

if 
$$t = 2 \Longrightarrow k_2 = 5$$
 and  $5 \nmid 12$ 

if 
$$t = 3 \Longrightarrow k_2 = 7$$
 and  $7 \nmid 12$ 

So, there are two sylow 2-subgroups of G.

#### Remark(12-12):

The group G has exactly one sylow p-subgroup H if and only if  $H\Delta G$ .

## Example(12-13):

$$(S_3, \circ), H = \{f_1 = i, f_2 = (123), f_3 = (132)\}$$

 $H\Delta G \Rightarrow H$  is a sylow 3-subgroup of  $S_3$ ,

So, there is one sylow 3-subgroup of  $S_3$ .

## Exercises(12-14);

- Show that there is no simple group of order 200.
- Show that there is no simple group of order 56.
- · Show that there is no simple group of order 20.
- Show that whether (G<sub>ℓ</sub>,·) is a sylow.

## 13. Solvable Groups and Their Applications

#### Definition(13-1):

A group (G,\*) is called a solvable group if and only if, there is a finite collection of subgroups of (G,\*),  $H_0, H_1, ..., H_n$  such that

1. 
$$G = H_0 \supset H_1 \supset \cdots \supset H_{n-1} \supset H_n = \{e\},\$$

2. 
$$H_{i+1}\Delta H_i \ \forall i = 0, ..., n-1,$$

3. 
$$H_i/H_{i+1}$$
 is a commutative group  $\forall i = 0, ..., n-1$ .

#### Theorem(13-2):

Every commutative group is a solvable group.

#### Proof:

Suppose that (G,\*) is a commutative, to show that (G,\*) is a solvable.

Let 
$$G = H_0$$
 and  $H_1 = \{e\}$ 

- 1.  $G = H_0 \supset H_1 = \{e\}$
- 2.  $H_1\Delta H_0$  satisfies, since  $\{e\}\Delta G$ , or (every subgroup of commutative group is a normal)
- 3.  $G/\{e\} \cong G$  is a commutative group, or (the quotient of commutative group is a commutative)

So, (G,\*) is a solvable group,

## Example(13-3):

Show that  $(S_3, \circ)$  is a solvable group.

**Solution:** let 
$$H_0 = S_3$$
,  $H_1 = \{f_1 = i, f_2 = (123), f_3 = (132)\}$ ,  $H_2 = \{f_1\}$ 

- 1.  $S_3 = H_0 \supset H_1 \supset H_2 = \{e\}$
- 2.  $H_2\Delta H_1$  satisfies, since  $\{f_1\}\Delta\{f_1, f_2, f_3\}$ ,  $H_1\Delta H_0$  is true,

3. To prove  $H_i/H_{i+1}$  is a commutative group  $\forall i = 0,1$ 

$$o\left(\frac{H_1}{H_2}\right) = \frac{o(H_1)}{o(H_2)} = \frac{3}{1} = 3 < 6 \Longrightarrow \frac{H_1}{H_2}$$
 is a commutative group

$$o\left(\frac{H_0}{H_1}\right) = \frac{o(H_0)}{o(H_1)} = \frac{6}{3} = 2 < 6 \Longrightarrow \frac{H_0}{H_1}$$
 is a commutative group

Therefore,  $(S_3, \circ)$  is a solvable group.

### Example(13-4): (Homework)

Show that  $(G_s, \circ)$  is a solvable group.

### **Theorem(13-5):**

Every subgroup of a solvable group is a solvable.

**Proof:** let (H,\*) be a subgroup of (G,\*) and (G,\*) is a solvable group.

To prove (H,\*) is a solvable.

Since G is a solvable  $\Longrightarrow$ 

there is a finite collection of subgroups of (G,\*),  $G_0, G_1, ..., G_n$  such that

1. 
$$G = G_0 \supset G_1 \supset \cdots \supset G_{n-1} \supset G_n = \{e\},\$$

$$2. \ G_{i+1}\Delta G_i \ \forall i=0,\dots,n-1,$$

3. 
$$G_i/G_{i+1}$$
 is a commutative group  $\forall i = 0, ..., n-1$ .

Let 
$$H_i = H \cap G_i$$
,  $i = 0, ..., n$ 

$$H_0=H\cap G_0, H_1=H\cap G_1, \dots, H_n=H\cap G_n=\{e\}$$

Each  $H_i$  is a subgroup of (G,\*).

1. 
$$H = H_0 \supset H_1 \supset \cdots \supset H_{n-1} \supset H_n = \{e\}$$
 is hold

2. 
$$H_{i+1}\Delta H_i \quad \forall i=0,\ldots,n-1,$$
  $H_i=H\cap G_i,\ H_{i+1}=H\cap G_{i+1}, \quad \text{since}$   $G_{i+1}\Delta G_i \Longrightarrow H_{i+1}\Delta H_i$ 

3. To prove  $H_i/H_{i+1}$  is a commutative group  $\forall i = 0, ..., n-1$ .

Let 
$$f_i: H_i \longrightarrow {^G_i}/{_{G_{i+1}}}$$
,  $i=0,\ldots,n-1$  such that  $f_i(x)=x*G_{i+1} \forall x\in H_i\subseteq G_i$ .

To prove  $f_i$  is a homomorphism,

$$f_i(x * y) = f_i(x) \otimes f_i(y)$$
?

$$f_i(x * y) = x * y * G_{i+1} = (x * G_{i+1}) \otimes (y * G_{i+1}) = f_i(x) \otimes f_i(y)$$

So,  $f_i$  is a homomorphism

 $f_i$  is onto?

$$R_{f_i} = \{f_i(x) : x \in H_i\} = \{x * G_{i+1} : x \in H_i\} = f_i(H_i) \neq \frac{G_i}{G_{i+1}}$$

$$f_i(H_i) \subseteq {^G_i}/_{G_{i+1}} \Longrightarrow f_i$$
 is not onto

$$H_i/_{\ker f_i} \cong f_i(H_i)$$
 (by theorem of homomorphism)

$$\ker f_i = \{x \in H_i : f_i(x) = e'\} = \{x \in H_i : x * G_{i+1} = G_{i+1}\} = \{x \in H_i : x \in G_{i+1}\}$$
$$= \{x \in H_i : x \in H \cap G_{i+1}\} = H_{i+1}$$

so, 
$$\binom{H_i}{H_{i+1}}$$
,  $\otimes$   $\cong$   $(f_i(H_i), \otimes)$ 

$$f_i(H_i) \subseteq {}^{G_i}/{}_{G_{i+1}}$$
 and  ${}^{G_i}/{}_{G_{i+1}}$  is a commutative

Hence,  $f_i(H_i)$  is a commutative

Therefore,  $H_i/H_{i+1}$  is a commutative

So, (H,\*) is a solvable

#### **Theorem(13-6):**

Let  $H\Delta G$  and G is a solvable, then G/H is a solvable.

### Theorem(13-7):

Let  $H\Delta G$  and both H, G/H are solvable, then (G,\*) is a solvable.

**Proof:** since (H,\*) is a solvable  $\Rightarrow$ 

there is a finite collection of subgroups of (G,\*),  $H_0, H_1, ..., H_n$  such that

1. 
$$G = H_0 \supset H_1 \supset \cdots \supset H_{n-1} \supset H_n = \{e\},\$$

2. 
$$H_{i+1}\Delta H_i \quad \forall i=0,\ldots,n-1,$$

3. 
$$H_i/H_{i+1}$$
 is a commutative group  $\forall i = 0, ..., n-1$ .

Since  $(G/_H, \otimes)$  is a solvable  $\Rightarrow$ 

there is a finite collection of subgroups of (G,\*),  $\frac{G_0}{H}$ ,  $\frac{G_1}{H}$ , ...,  $\frac{G_r}{H}$  such that

1. 
$$\frac{G}{H} = \frac{G_0}{H} \supset \frac{G_1}{H} \supset \cdots \supset \frac{G_r}{H} = \{e\} = H$$
,

2. 
$$\frac{G_{i+1}}{H}\Delta \frac{G_i}{H} \quad \forall i=0,\dots,r-1,$$

3. 
$$\frac{G_i}{H} / \frac{G_{i+1}}{H}$$
 is a commutative group  $\forall i = 0, ..., r-1$ .

To prove (G,\*) is a solvable group.

$$\frac{G}{H} = \frac{G_0}{H} \Longrightarrow G = G_0$$

$$\frac{G_r}{H} = H \Longrightarrow G_r = \{e\} \text{ or } G_r = H$$

$$H\Delta G_r \Longrightarrow H \subseteq G_r \Longrightarrow G_r = H$$

So, there is a finite collection  $G_0, G_1, \dots, G_r = H_0, H_1, \dots, H_n$  such that

$$1. \ G=G_0\supset G_1\supset \cdots\supset G_r=H=H_0\supset H_1\supset \cdots\supset H_n=\{e\}.$$

2. To prove 
$$G_{i+1}\Delta G_i \quad \forall i=0,\ldots,r-1$$

Let  $x \in G_i$  and  $a \in G_{i+1}$  to prove  $x * a * x^{-1} \in G_{i+1}$ 

$$x \in G_i \Longrightarrow x * H \in \frac{G_i}{H}$$

$$a \in G_{i+1} \Longrightarrow a * H \in \frac{G_{i+1}}{H}$$

$$\frac{G_{i+1}}{H} \Delta \frac{G_i}{H} \Longrightarrow (x * H) \otimes (a * H) \otimes (x * H)^{-1} \in \frac{G_{i+1}}{H}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x*a*x^{-1})*H \in \frac{G_{i+1}}{H} \Rightarrow x*a*x^{-1} \in G_{i+1} \Rightarrow G_{i+1} \Delta G_i$$

3. To prove  $\frac{G_i}{G_{i+1}}$  is a commutative group  $\forall i = 0, ..., r-1$ 

$$\frac{\frac{G_i}{H}}{\frac{G_{i+1}}{H}}$$
 is a commutative group and  $\frac{\frac{G_i}{H}}{\frac{G_{i+1}}{H}} \cong \frac{G_i}{G_{i+1}} (\frac{\frac{G}{H}}{\frac{K}{H}} \cong \frac{G}{K})$ 

$$\Rightarrow \frac{G_i}{G_{i+1}}$$
 is a commutative group

Therefore, (G,\*) is a solvable group  $\blacksquare$ 

## Exercises(13-8);

- Show that every p-group is a solvable group.
- Show that (S<sub>4</sub>, °) is a solvable group.
- Show that (Z<sub>4</sub>, +<sub>4</sub>) is a solvable group.
- Show that (Z<sub>8</sub>, +<sub>8</sub>) is a solvable group.
- Show that (Z<sub>5</sub>, +<sub>5</sub>) is a solvable group.
- Show that  $(Z_6, +_6)$  is a solvable group.
- Show that (Z<sub>12</sub>, +<sub>12</sub>) is a solvable group.

Show that (Z<sub>24</sub>, +<sub>24</sub>) is a solvable group.

### 14. Applications of Group Theory

#### 14-1 Cayley Theorem

#### Theorem(14-1-1): (Cayley Theorem)

Every group is an isomorphic to a group of permutations.

This means if (G,\*) is any group, then  $(G,*) \cong (F_G,\circ)$ , where  $F_G = \{f_a : a \in G\}, f_a : G \longrightarrow G \ni f_a(x) = a * x, \forall x \in G.$ 

**Proof:** define  $g: G \to F_G$  by  $g(a) = f_a, \forall a \in G$ 

To prove g is a homomorphism, one to one and onto.

1. g is a homomorphism, let  $a, b \in G$ 

 $g(a * b) = f_{a*b} = f_a \circ f_b = g(a) \circ g(b) \Rightarrow g$  is a homomorphism.

2. g is a one to one, let g(a) = g(b),  $\forall a, b \in G$ 

$$\Rightarrow f_a = f_b \Rightarrow f_a(x) = f_b(x) \Rightarrow a * x = b * x \Rightarrow a = b$$

 $\Rightarrow$  g is a one to one.

3. 
$$g$$
 is a onto,  $g(G) = \{g(a) : a \in G\} = \{f_a : a \in G\} = F_G$ 

Therefore,  $G \cong F_G \blacksquare$ 

### Corollary(14-1-2):

Every finite group (G,\*) of order n is an isomorphic to  $(S_n,\circ)$ .

### Example(14-1-3):

Consider the following Cayley table of a group  $(G = \{e, a, b, c\}, *)$ 

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*	e	а	b	С
e	е	а	b	с
а	а	e	с	b
b	b	c	е	а
С	с	b	а	e

Show that (G,\*) is an isomorphic to a subgroup of  $(S_4,\circ)$ .

#### Solution:

$$f_e = \begin{pmatrix} e & a & b & c \\ e & a & b & c \end{pmatrix}, f_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = (1)(2)(3)(4) = (1)$$

$$f_a = \begin{pmatrix} e & a & b & c \\ a & e & c & b \end{pmatrix}, \quad f_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = (12)(34)$$

$$f_b = \begin{pmatrix} e & a & b & c \\ b & c & e & a \end{pmatrix}, \quad f_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = (13)(24)$$

$$f_c = \begin{pmatrix} e & a & b & c \\ c & b & a & e \end{pmatrix}, \quad f_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (14)(23)$$

Hence, (G,\*) is an isomorphic to the subgroup of  $(S_4,\circ)$ :

$$\{(1), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)\}.$$

### Example(14-1-4): (Homework)

Let  $(G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}, \cdot)$  be a group, apply Cayley Theorem on G.

## Example(14-1-5): (Homework)

Show that  $(Z_3, +_3)$  is an isomorphic to a subgroup of  $(S_3, \circ)$ .

### Exercises(14-1-6):

- Apply Cayley Theorem on (Z<sub>4</sub>, +<sub>4</sub>).
- Apply Cayley Theorem on (G = {±1, ±i, ±j, ±k},·).

- Apply Cayley Theorem on (G = {1, −1},·).
- Apply Cayley Theorem on  $(G = \{A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, C = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, D = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \cdot).$

#### 14-2 Direct Product

#### Definition(14-2-1):

Let (H,\*) and (K,\*) be two normal subgroups of (G,\*), then (G,\*) is called an internal direct product of H and K (G is a decomposition by H and K) if and only if G = H \* K and  $H \cap K = \{e\}$ .

### Example(14-2-2):

Consider the following Cayley table of a group  $(G = \{e, a, b, c\}, *), a^2 = b^2 = c^2 = e$ 

* (	e	а	b	С	
e	е	а	b	с	
а	а	е	с	b	
b	b	С	е	а	
с	С	b	а	е	
25.0	5000		1280	0.73	

Let  $H = \{e, a\}$  and  $K = \{e, b\}$ , show that  $G = H \otimes K$  is a decomposition by H and K.

**Solution:** H,  $K\Delta G$  since G is a commutative group



$$H * K = \{e, a, b, c\} \text{ and } H \cap K = \{e\}$$

Hence,  $G = H \otimes K$  is decomposition by H and K.

#### Example(14-2-3):

Let (G,\*) be any group with H = G and  $K = \{e\}$ , show that

 $G = H \otimes K$  is a decomposition by H and K.

Solution:  $H, K\Delta G$ 

$$H*K=G*\{e\}=G$$

$$H \cap K = G \cap \{e\} = \{e\}$$

Therefore,  $G = H \otimes K$  is a decomposition by H and K.

### Example(14-2-4):

Let  $(Z_4, +_4)$  be a group. Is  $Z_4$  has a proper decomposition.

**Solution:** the subgroups of  $Z_4$  are  $Z_4$ ,  $\{0,2\}$ ,  $\{0\}$ 

Let 
$$H = Z_4$$
 and  $K = \{0,2\}$ 

$$H \otimes_4 K = Z_4 \otimes_4 \{0,2\} = Z_4$$

$$H \cap K = Z_4 \cap \{0,2\} = \{0,2\}$$

So, 
$$Z_4 \neq Z_4 \otimes \{0,2\}$$

Let 
$$H = \{0\}$$
 and  $K = \{0,2\}$ 

$$H \otimes_4 K = K \neq \mathbb{Z}_4$$

Therefore, Z<sub>4</sub> has no proper decomposition.

## Theorem(14-2-5):

Let H and K be two subgroups of G and  $G = H \otimes K$ , then  $G/H \cong K$  and  $G/K \cong H$ .

#### Proof:

Since 
$$G = H \otimes K \Longrightarrow H * K = G$$
 and  $H \cap K = \{e\}$ 

$$G_{H} = H * K_{H}$$
 and  $H * K_{H} \cong K_{H \cap K}$  (by second theorem of isomorphic)

$$G/_H \cong K/_{\{e\}} \Longrightarrow G/_H \cong K$$
 and

$$G_{K} = H * K_{K}$$
 and  $H * K_{K} \cong H_{H \cap K}$ 

$$^{\mathrm{G}}/_{K}\cong ^{\mathrm{H}}/_{\{e\}} \Longrightarrow ^{\mathrm{G}}/_{K}\cong Hlacksquare$$

#### Definition(14-2-6):

Let  $(G_1,*)$  and  $(G_2,\circ)$  be two groups, define  $G_1 \times G_2 = \{(a,b): a \in G_1, b \in G_2\}$  such that  $(a,b)\odot(c,d) = (a*c,b\circ d) \ni a,c \in G_1,b,d \in G_2$ . Then  $(G_1 \times G_2,\odot)$  is a group which is called an external direct product of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ .

### Example(14-2-7): (Homework)

Show that  $(G_1 \times G_2, \odot)$  is a group.

## Example(14-2-8):

Let 
$$G_1 = (Z_3, +_3)$$
 and  $G_2 = (Z_2, +_2)$ . Find  $G_1 \times G_2$ .

#### Solution:

$$G_1 \times G_2 = Z_3 \times Z_2 = \{(0,0), (0,1), (1,0), (1,1), (2,0), (2,1)\}$$

$$(1,1)\odot(2,1) = (0,0)$$

$$o(Z_3 \times Z_2) = o(Z_3) \cdot o(Z_2) = 6.$$

### Theorem(14-2-9):

Let  $(G_1,*)$  and  $(G_2,\circ)$  be two groups, then

- 1.  $(G_1 \times G_2, \odot)$  is an abelian if and only if both  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are abelian.
- 2.  $G_1 \times \{e_2\} \triangle G_1 \times G_2$ .
- 3.  $\{e_1\} \times G_2 \triangle G_1 \times G_2$ .
- 4.  $G_1 \cong G_1 \times \{e_1\}$ .
- 5.  $G_2 \cong \{e_2\} \times G_2$ .

## Proof:

1.  $(\Longrightarrow)$  suppose that  $G_1 \times G_2$  is an abelian, to prove  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are abelian.

Let 
$$(a, e_2), (b, e_2) \in G_1 \times G_2 \ni a, b \in G_1, e_2 \in G_2$$

Since  $G_1 \times G_2$  is an abelian, then

$$(a, e_2) \odot (b, e_2) = (b, e_2) \odot (a, e_2)$$

$$(a*b,e_2)=(b*a,e_2)\Longrightarrow a*b=b*a$$

Hence,  $(G_1,*)$  is an abelian.

Similarly that  $(G_2,*)$  is an abelian.

 $(\Leftarrow)$  suppose that  $(G_1,*)$  and  $(G_2,\circ)$  are abelian, to prove  $G_1 \times G_2$  is an abelian.

Let 
$$(a,b),(c,d) \in G_1 \times G_2$$
, to prove  $(a,b) \odot (c,d) = (c,d) \odot (a,b)$ 

$$(a,b)\odot(c,d)=(a*c,b*d)$$

$$(c,d)\odot(a,b)=(c*a,d\circ b)$$

$$a * c = c * a$$
 ( $G_1$  is an abelian)

 $b \circ d = d \circ b$  ( $G_2$  is an abelian)

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $(a,b)\odot(c,d) = (c,d)\odot(a,b)$ 

Therefore,  $G_1 \times G_2$  is an abelian.

2. To prove  $G_1 \times \{e_2\} \triangle G_1 \times G_2$ 

$$G_1 \times \{e_2\} = \{(a, e_2) : a \in G_1\} \neq \emptyset$$

To prove  $(G_1 \times \{e_2\}, \odot)$  is a subgroup of  $G_1 \times G_2$ 

Let  $(a, e_2), (b, e_2) \in G_1 \times \{e_2\}$ 

$$(a, e_2) \odot (b, e_2)^{-1} = (a, e_2) \odot (b^{-1}, e_2^{-1}) = (a * b^{-1}, e_2)$$

So,  $(G_1 \times \{e_2\}, \odot)$  is a subgroup of  $G_1 \times G_2$ .

To prove  $G_1 \times \{e_2\} \triangle G_1 \times G_2$ 

Let  $(x, y) \in G_1 \times G_2$  and  $(a, e_2) \in G_1 \times \{e_2\}$ 

To prove  $(x, y) \odot (a, e_2) \odot (x, y)^{-1} \in G_1 \times \{e_2\}$ 

$$(x*a*x^{-1},y*e_2*y^{-1})=(x*a*x^{-1},e_2)\in G_1\times\{e_2\}$$

Hence,  $G_1 \times \{e_2\} \triangle G_1 \times G_2$ .

- 3. (Homework).
- 4. To prove  $G_1 \cong G_1 \times \{e_2\}$ .

## Proof:

Define  $f: (G_1, *) \longrightarrow (G_1 \times \{e_2\}, \odot) \ni f(a) = (a, e_2)$ 

f is a map? let  $a_1, a_2 \in G_1$  and  $a_1 = a_2 \Longrightarrow (a_1, e_2) = (a_2, e_2) \Longrightarrow f(a_1) = f(a_2)$ , so f is a map

f is an one to one ? let  $f(a_1) = f(a_2) \Longrightarrow (a_1, e_2) = (a_2, e_2) \Longrightarrow a_1 = a_2$ , so f is a one to one.

f is a homomorphism ?  $f(a*b) = (a*b,e_2) = (a,e_2) \odot (b,e_2) = f(a) \odot f(b)$ , so f is a homomorphism

f is an onto?  $R_f = \{f(a): a \in G_1\} = \{(a, e_2): a \in G_1\} = G_1 \times \{e_2\}$  so f is an onto.

Therefore,  $(G_1,*) \cong (G_1 \times \{e_2\}, \odot) \blacksquare$ 

5. (Homework)

#### Theorem(14-2-10):

Let  $(G_1,*)$  and  $(G_2,\circ)$  be two p-groups, then  $(G_1 \times G_2, \odot)$  is a p-group.

#### **Proof:**

Since  $G_1$  is p-group  $\Longrightarrow o(G_1) = p^{k_1}, k_1 \in Z^+$ 

Since  $G_2$  is p-group  $\Longrightarrow o(G_2) = p^{k_2}, k_2 \in Z^+$ 

$$o(G_1 \times G_2) = o(G_2) \times o(G_1) = p^{k_1} \times p^{k_2} = p^{k_1 + k_2}, k_1 + k_2 \in Z^+$$

Therefore,  $G_1 \times G_2$  is a p-group  $\blacksquare$ 

#### Exercises(14-2-11):

- Let  $H = \{0,2,4\}$  and  $K = \{0,3\}$  are subgroups of  $(Z_6, +_6)$ , show that  $Z_6 = H \otimes K$  is a decomposition.
- Let H = {0}, show that Z<sub>7</sub> = H ⊗ Z<sub>7</sub> is a decomposition.
- Find Z<sub>3</sub> × Z<sub>7</sub>.
- Is S<sub>3</sub> × Z<sub>2</sub> an abelian?
- Is G<sub>s</sub> × Z<sub>2</sub> an abelian?
- Is S<sub>3</sub> × G<sub>S</sub> an abelian?
- Is {±1, ±i} × Z<sub>2</sub> an abelian?
- Is  $Z_4 \times Z_8$  a *p*-group?
- Is Z<sub>5</sub> × Z<sub>25</sub> a *p*-group?
- Is Z<sub>11</sub> × Z<sub>121</sub> a p-group?
- Is Z<sub>7</sub> × Z<sub>49</sub> a p-group?
- Is Z<sub>27</sub> × Z<sub>3</sub> a *p*-group?
- Is Z<sub>5</sub> × Z<sub>125</sub> a p-group?

- Is Z<sub>2</sub> × Z<sub>64</sub> a p-group?
- Is Z<sub>4</sub> × Z<sub>128</sub> a p-group?
- Is Z<sub>9</sub> × Z<sub>81</sub> a p-group?
- Is Z<sub>27</sub> × Z<sub>81</sub> a p-group?
- Is Z<sub>128</sub> × Z<sub>8</sub> a p-group?
- Is Z<sub>2</sub> × Z<sub>256</sub> a p-group?