

Q.1 Define cosets and let  $a \in G$  be arbitrary and  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$ . Then  $aH = H = aH \Leftrightarrow a \in H$ .

Soln. cosets:  $\rightarrow$  Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $(G, \cdot)$ .

Let  $a \in G$  be arbitrary. We define

$$aH = \{ah : h \in H\} \text{ and } Ha = \{ha : h \in H\}$$

then  $aH$  is called left coset of  $H$  in  $G$  generated by  $a$ , and  $Ha$  is called right coset of  $H$  in  $G$  generated by  $a$ .

Proof: ~~Let  $a \in G$  be arbitrary and let~~

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  and let  $a \in G$  be arbitrary.

Step I. We have to show that

$$Ha = H \Leftrightarrow a \in H$$

Let us first suppose  $Ha = H$ , to show  $a \in H$

$$e \in H, a \in H \Rightarrow ea \in Ha \Rightarrow a \in Ha$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in H. \text{ For } H = Ha$$

Now, let  $a \in H$ , to show  $Ha = H$

$$\text{Let } xa \in Ha \Rightarrow xa \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow xa \in H, a \in H; \text{ For } a \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow xa \in H \quad [\because H \text{ is a subgroup}]$$

Thus, any  $xa \in Ha \Rightarrow xa \in H$

This prove that  $Ha \subset H$  ——— ①

$$a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H \quad [\because H \text{ is a subgroup}]$$

$$\text{For any } y \in H, a^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow ya^{-1} \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow (ya^{-1})a \in Ha$$

$$\Rightarrow y \in Ha \text{ for } ya^{-1}a = ye = y$$

Thus any,  $y \in H \Rightarrow y \in Ha$  ——— ②

$$\Rightarrow H \subset Ha$$

Now from ① and ②, we get

$$H = Ha$$

Step II. we have to show that  $aH = H \Leftrightarrow a \in H$

We can prove step II by making the parallel arguments as in I.

Proved

Q.2. If  $a$  and  $b$  are arbitrary distinct elements of a group  $G$  and  $H$  is any subgroup of  $G$ , then

$$Ha = Hb \Leftrightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$$

$$aH = bH \Leftrightarrow ba^{-1} \in H$$

Proof: Let  $a$  and  $b$  be arbitrary elements of a group  $G$  such that  $a \neq b$ .

Let  $e$  be the identity of  $G \Rightarrow e \in H$

Firstly, we shall show that

$$Ha = Hb \Leftrightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$$

$$Ha = Hb \Rightarrow (Ha)b^{-1} = (Hb)b^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow H(ab^{-1}) = H(bb^{-1}) = He = H$$

$$\Rightarrow H(ab^{-1}) = H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$$

Conversely,  $ab^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow H(ab^{-1}) = H$

$$\Rightarrow (H(ab^{-1}))(b) = Hb$$

$$\Rightarrow (Ha)(b^{-1}b) = Hb$$

$$\Rightarrow (Ha)e = Hb \Rightarrow Ha = Hb$$

Therefore, we have  $Ha = Hb \Leftrightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$

Similarly; we can prove  $aH = bH \Leftrightarrow ba^{-1} \in H$ .

Q.3. There exists a one-one correspondence between subgroups  $H$  of  $G$  and a left coset  $aH$  of  $H$  in  $G$ . proved.

Proof: Let us consider a map  $f: H \rightarrow aH$ , defined by

$$f(h) = ah \text{ for every } h \in H$$

The mapping  $f$  is clearly onto  $aH$ , because for each  $ah \in aH$  then exist an  $h \in H$  such that  $f(h) = ah$

Now, let  $h_1, h_2 \in H$  such that  $f(h_1) = f(h_2)$  i.e.  $ah_1 = ah_2$

$$\Rightarrow h_1 = h_2$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is one-one

Thus,  $f$  maps  $H$  such that  $f$  is one-one and onto.

Hence, there is a one-to-one correspondence between  $H$  and  $aH$ .

proved.