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Algebra.

Q. 1. Define subgroup and prove that if H be a subgroup of a group G , prove that the identity of H is the same as that of G .

Soln. Subgroup: $\rightarrow$ Let (G, o) be any group and H any sub-set of G . If the set H together with the operation o forms a group (H, o) , then (H, o) is a sub-group of (G, o) . For example.

The additive group of even integers H is a sub-group of the additive group of integers G .

Proof: Let e and e' be the identities of G and H respectively. Then we have to prove that $e' = e$.

Let $a \in H$. Then $e'o = a$ [by identity axiom]

Since, H is a subgroup of the group G , therefore

$$\begin{aligned} a \in H &\Rightarrow a \in G \\ &\Rightarrow ea = a \text{ [by identity axiom]} \end{aligned}$$

Hence in G , we have

$$e'a = ea \Rightarrow e' = e \text{ [by right cancellation]} \quad \text{proved.}$$

Q. 2. prove that if H_1 and H_2 are two subgroups of G under the operation o then $H_1 \cap H_2$ is also a subgroup of G .

Proof: Since H_1 and H_2 are two subgroups of the group G under the operation o . We have to prove that $H_1 \cap H_2$ is also a subgroup of G .

$$\text{Let } a, b \in H_1 \cap H_2 \Rightarrow a, b \in H_1 \text{ and } a, b \in H_2.$$

$$\text{As } b \in H_1 \text{ and } H_1 \text{ is a group itself, } b^{-1} \in H_1.$$

$$\text{So, } a, b \in H_1 \Rightarrow a, b^{-1} \in H_1 \Rightarrow aob^{-1} \in H_1. \text{ Similarly } aob^{-1} \in H_2.$$

$$\therefore a, b \in H_1 \cap H_2 \Rightarrow aob^{-1} \in H_1 \cap H_2$$

$\therefore H_1 \cap H_2$ is a subgroup of G .

proved.

Q.3. Let G be a group and N is a normal subgroup of G .
Let f be a mapping from G to G/N defined by
 $f(x) = Nx, \forall x \in G$.

Then f is a homomorphism of G into G/N and kernel $f = N$.

Proof: When we define a mapping

$$f: G \rightarrow G/N \text{ such that } f(x) = Nx, \forall x \in G.$$

Let $Nx \in G/N$, then $x \in G$.

We have, $f(x) = Nx \Rightarrow f$ is onto G/N .

Let $a, b \in G$, then $f(ab) = Nab = (Na)(Nb) = f(a) \cdot f(b)$

$\therefore f$ is a homomorphism of G into G/N . [$\because N$ is normal]

Thus, every quotient group of a group is a homomorphic image of the group.

Let K be the kernel of f . The identity of the quotient group G/N is the coset N .

$$\text{So, } K = \{y \in G: f(y) = N\}$$

We have to prove that $K = N$.

Let $K \in K$, then $f(K) = N$ i.e. identity of G/N .
By definition of f , $f(K) = NK$.

$$\text{Now, } NK = N \Rightarrow K \in N \Rightarrow K \subseteq N. \text{ --- (I)}$$

Now, let $n \in N$. Then $Nn = N$.

$$\text{We have, } f(n) = Nn = N \Rightarrow n \in K$$

$$\therefore N \subseteq K \text{ --- II}$$

From I and II, we conclude that
 $N = K$. Proved.

Q.4. Define Coset.

Soln: Let G be a group, H a sub-group of G and let $a \in G$.
We define two sub-sets of G , to be denoted by aH and Ha , as follows:

$$aH = \{ah_1, ah_2, \dots\} \text{ and } Ha = \{h_1a, h_2a, \dots\}, \text{ where } h_1, h_2, \dots \in H.$$

The sub-set aH so obtained is called a left coset of H in G and the sub-set Ha is called a right coset of H in G .

In general $aH \neq Ha$.