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2. Theorem: If  $H$  is a subgroup of a group  $G$ , then

$$(i) aH = bH \Leftrightarrow a^{-1}b \in H, \forall a, b \in G.$$

$$(ii) Ha = Hb \Leftrightarrow ab^{-1} \in H, \forall a, b \in G.$$

Proof: Given that  $H \leq G$ .

We now have,

$$aH = bH \Leftrightarrow a^{-1}(aH) = a^{-1}(bH)$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow eH = (a^{-1}b)H$$

$$\Leftrightarrow H = (a^{-1}b)H \quad [\because eH = H]$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow a^{-1}b \in H \quad [ \because xH = H \Leftrightarrow x \in H ].$$

(ii) We have,

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

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

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

$$\Leftrightarrow H(ab^{-1}) = H \quad [ \because He = H ].$$

$$\Leftrightarrow ab^{-1} \in H \quad [ Hx = H \Leftrightarrow x \in H ].$$

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

3. Theorem: If  $H$  is a subgroup of a group  $G$ , then prove that any two right coset of  $H$  in  $G$  either disjoint or equal.

If  $H$  is a subgroup of a group  $G$ , then prove that either  $Ha = Hb$  or  $Ha \cap Hb = \emptyset$  are disjoint.

Proof: Let  $Ha$  and  $Hb$  be any two right cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ .

We are to show that,

$$\text{either } Ha \cap Hb = \emptyset \text{ or } Ha = Hb.$$

Let  $H_a \cap H_b \neq \emptyset$ . To show  $H_a = H_b$ .

Let  $x \in H_a \cap H_b$ .

$$\Rightarrow x \in H_a \text{ \& } x \in H_b.$$

$$\Rightarrow x = h_a a \text{ \& } x = h_b b, \text{ where } h_a, h_b \in H.$$

$$\Rightarrow h_a a = h_b b$$

$$\Rightarrow (h_a) b^{-1} = (h_b) b^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow h (ab^{-1}) = h_b (bb^{-1})$$

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

$$\Rightarrow h (ab^{-1}) = h_b \Rightarrow h^{-1} h (ab^{-1}) = h^{-1} h_b$$

$$\Rightarrow e (ab^{-1}) = h^{-1} h_b$$

$$\Rightarrow ab^{-1} = h^{-1} h_b$$

$$\Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H \text{ [ } \because H \leq G \text{ ]}$$

$$\Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow H_a = H_b \text{ [ } \because H_a = H_b \Leftrightarrow ab^{-1} \in H \text{ ]}$$

Similarly if  $H_a \neq H_b$ , then we can show that  $H_a \cap H_b = \emptyset$ .

Theorem: Let  $H$  is a subgroup of a group  $G$ , then prove that either  $aH = bH$  or  $aH$  &  $bH$  are disjoint.



4. Theorem :- If  $H$  is a subgroup of a group  $G$ , then prove that union of all distinct right (or left) coset of  $H$  in  $G$  is equal to the group  $G$ .

Proof :- Let  $R_c$  be the collection of all right co-sets of  $H$  in  $G$ .  
 i.e.,  $R_c = \{H_a \mid a \in G\}$ .

We need to show that,

$$\bigcup_{a \in G} H_a = G.$$

Since every member of  $R_c$  is a subset of  $G$ ,

$$\therefore \bigcup_{a \in G} H_a \subseteq G \quad (i)$$

Again let  $a \in G$

$$\Rightarrow a = e a \in H_a \quad [\because e \in H].$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in H_a$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in \bigcup_{a \in G} H_a$$

$$\therefore G \subseteq \bigcup_{a \in G} H_a \quad (ii)$$

$\therefore$  from (i) & (ii) we get -

$$G = \bigcup_{a \in G} H_a \quad \text{Proved} \quad \#$$

5. Theorem :- The number of distinct right cosets of  $H$  in  $G$  is equal to the no. of distinct left co-sets of  $H$  in  $G$ .

6. Theorem :- Any two right cosets or left cosets of  $H$  in  $G$  contains equal no. of distinct elements.

$$\text{i.e., } o(Ha) = o(Hb) \text{ or } o(aH) = o(bH).$$

Note :- Since  $H$  is itself is a left coset as well as right coset, therefore no. of distinct elements in any  $\neq$  right or left coset of  $H$  in  $G$  is equal to that of  $H$ .

$$\therefore o(H) = o(Ha) = o(Hb) \text{ etc.}$$

$$\& o(H) = o(aH) = o(bH) \text{ etc.} \quad \#$$