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(1) Consider the following two matrices in $GL_2(\mathbb{C})$:

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}, y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } z = xy = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(a) Show that the set $Q_8 = \{\pm 1, \pm x, \pm y, \pm xy\}$, is a subgroup of $GL_2(\mathbb{C})$ and write out its group table.

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Solution:

(b) the group is closed under inverses:

$1^{-1} = 1$; $-1^{-1} = -1$; (follow from basic properties of the identity matrix).

$x^{-1} = -x$, since $\begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & +i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & +i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$y^{-1} = -y$, since $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$z^{-1} = -z$, since $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

(ii) the following group table shows that Q_8 is closed under matrix multiplication and thus, it is a subgroup of $GL_2(\mathbb{C})$.

	1	-1	x	-x	y	-y	xy	-xy
1	1	-1	x	-x	y	-y	xy	-xy
-1	-1	1	-x	x	-y	y	-xy	xy
x	x	-x	-1	1	xy	-xy	-y	y
-x	-x	x	1	-1	-xy	xy	y	-y
y	y	-y	-xy	xy	-1	1	x	-x
-y	-y	y	xy	-xy	1	-1	-x	x
xy	xy	-xy	y	-y	-x	x	-1	1
-xy	-xy	xy	-y	y	x	-x	1	-1

clearly, 1 is the identity and $-1 \cdot g = -g \forall g \in Q_8$. Finally, by properties of $GL_2(\mathbb{C})$ in particular associativity, we know that: $x(xy) = (xx)y = -1y = -y$, and so on. It remains only to show that for all elements $g \in G, g \neq 1, g \neq -1$: $g^2 = -1$.

$$xx = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} i^2 & 0 \\ 0 & (-i)^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = -1.$$

$$yy = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = -1.$$

$$zz = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} i^2 & 0 \\ 0 & i^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = -1, \text{ AND}$$

$$(-1)(-1) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1)(1)$$

Note also that $yx = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -\begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -xy$

(b) Find all the subgroups of Q_8 and prove that every subgroup is normal.
Solution: Since $|Q_8| = 8$, by Lagrange's theorem the only possibilities for the size of subgroups of Q_8 are 1, 2, 4, and 8. Subgroups of size 1 and 8 are the trivial subgroup $\langle 1 \rangle$ and Q_8 respectively. It remains to explore possibilities for subgroups of size 2 and 4.

Subgroups of size 2: By definition all subgroups must contain the identity. therefore, the only subgroup of size 2 is $\{1, -1\}$, since any other element would have to contain its inverse $\langle g, g^{-1} \rangle$, which would be more than 2 elements $\{1, g, g^{-1}\}$. Since $\langle -1 \rangle = \{1, -1\}$ and $-1 \in Z(Q_8)$, then $\langle -1 \rangle$ is normal.

Subgroups of size 4: From the group table is easy to see that $\{1, -1, x, -x\}$ is a subgroup (look at the first four columns and rows). In fact this is a cyclic subgroup: $\langle x \rangle = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\} = \{1, x, -1, -x\}$. Other cyclic subgroups are: $\langle y \rangle = \{1, y, y^2, y^3\} = \{1, y, -1, -y\}$ and $\langle xy \rangle = \{1, xy, (xy)^2, (xy)^3\} = \{1, xy, -1, -xy\}$. these are all possible groups of size four, since if you try to build any other subgroup, $\{1, x, -x, y, -y\}$, it will have to have the identity, then some other element say x and its inverse $-x$, but then another element say y would have to include its inverse $-y$, which makes 5 elements which can't be a subgroup.

Moreover, all of these are normal. Let us check that $\langle x \rangle \trianglelefteq Q_8$. Let $g \in Q_8$. then $g\langle x \rangle g^{-1} = \langle x \rangle$. If $g=1$ or $g=-1$ or $g=x$ or $g=-x$ then $\langle x \rangle$ is trivial. Other cases: $y\langle x \rangle y^{-1} = \{y(1)y^{-1}, y(xy)y^{-1}, y(-1)y^{-1}, y(-x)y^{-1}\} = \{yy^{-1}, (yx)y^{-1}, -yy^{-1}, -yxy^{-1}\} = \{1, -x(yy^{-1}), -1, x(yy^{-1})\} = \{1, -x, -1, x\} = \langle x \rangle$. From this case follows that $(-y)\langle x \rangle (-y)^{-1} = \langle x \rangle$. Finally, $(xy)\langle x \rangle (xy)^{-1} = \{(xy)1(xy)^{-1}, (xy)x(xy)^{-1}, (xy)(-1)(xy)^{-1}, (xy)(-x)(xy)^{-1}\} = \{1, x(-xy)y^{-1}x^{-1}, -1, -x(-xy)y^{-1}x^{-1}\} = \{1, -x, -1, x\} = \langle x \rangle$, therefore $\langle x \rangle$ is normal. (this last case shows $(-xy)\langle x \rangle (-xy)^{-1} = \langle x \rangle$)

A similar argument shows that $\langle y \rangle$ and $\langle xy \rangle$ are normal. I will omit the details in interest of time/space.

therefore, Q_8 has 8 subgroups: $\langle 1 \rangle, \langle -1 \rangle, \langle x \rangle, \langle y \rangle, \langle xy \rangle, Q_8$, all normal.

(c) Find $Z(Q_8)$ and identify the group $Q_8/Z(Q_8)$.

Solution: clearly, $1, -1 \in Z(Q_8)$. this follows from properties of matrix multiplication by scalars: let $g \in Q_8$, then $-g = (-1)g = g(-1) = -g$ these two elements are the only elements in the center: $x \notin Z(Q_8)$ since $xy \neq -xy = yx$, which also shows that $y \notin Z(Q_8)$. Next, $xy \notin Z(Q_8)$ since $(xy)y = x(yy) = -x \neq x = -x(yy) = (yx)y = y(xy)$. Also, $-x \notin Z(Q_8)$ since $(-x)y \neq xy = y(-x)$. $-y \notin Z(Q_8)$. $x(-y) = -xy \neq xy = (-y)x$; Finally $-xy \notin Z(Q_8)$: $(-xy)y = x \neq y(-xy)$.

therefore $Z(Q_8) = \{1, -1\}$. By definition $Q_8/Z(Q_8) = \{gZ(Q_8) : g \in Q_8\}$.
 $= \{1Z(Q_8) = -1Z(Q_8), xZ(Q_8) = -xZ(Q_8), yZ(Q_8) = -yZ(Q_8), xyZ(Q_8) = -xyZ(Q_8)\}$.

$$Q_8/Z(Q_8) = \{ \{1, -1\}, \{x, -x\}, \{y, -y\}, \{xy, -xy\} \}$$

this is the Klein four-group as evidenced by its group table:

	$\{1, -1\}$	$\{x, -x\}$	$\{y, -y\}$	$\{xy, -xy\}$
$\{1, -1\}$	$\{1, -1\}$	$\{x, -x\}$	$\{y, -y\}$	$\{xy, -xy\}$
$\{x, -x\}$	$\{x, -x\}$	$\{1, -1\}$	$\{xy, -xy\}$	$\{y, -y\}$
$\{y, -y\}$	$\{y, -y\}$	$\{xy, -xy\}$	$\{1, -1\}$	$\{x, -x\}$
$\{xy, -xy\}$	$\{xy, -xy\}$	$\{y, -y\}$	$\{x, -x\}$	$\{1, -1\}$

this is even more obvious if we only take representatives of each set in G .

	1	x	y	xy
1	1	x	y	xy
x	x	1	xy	y
y	y	xy	1	x
xy	xy	y	x	1

here x is a representative of $\{x, -x\}$,
 y is a representative of $\{y, -y\}$,
 xy is a representative of $\{xy, -xy\}$,
 1 is a representative of $\{1, -1\}$.

(2) Let G be a group and let N be a normal group. Let $\pi: G \rightarrow G/N$ denote the canonical homomorphism. Recall that we have shown that if H is any subgroup of G then HN is also a subgroup. +10

(i) Prove that if H is a subgroup of G then $\pi(H) = \pi(HN)$.

Pf: Let $H \leq G$. First note that for any $n \in N$, $nN = N$, since N is a subgroup so it is closed under the group operation.

(\subseteq) Let $X \in \pi(H)$. Note that X is a set. In fact $X = hN$, for some $h \in H$. But by previous observation, $N = nN$ for some $n \in N$. Hence, $X = hN = h(nN) = (hn)N$, for some $h \in H$ and $n \in N$. Therefore $X = aN$, $a = hn \in HN$, and so $X \in \pi(HN)$. The other direction is very similar:

(\supseteq) Let $X \in \pi(HN)$. then $X = (hn)N$ for some $hn \in HN$. But then $X = h(nN)$ by associativity and by previous observation $nN = N$, therefore $X = h(N) = hN$, where $h \in H$, and so $X \in \pi(H)$.

(\subseteq) and (\supseteq) prove that $\pi(H) = \pi(HN)$.

(ii) Prove that if $H \leq G, K \leq G$, then $\pi(H) = \pi(K) \Leftrightarrow HN = KN$.

Pf: Let $H \leq G$ and $K \leq G$.

(\Rightarrow) Suppose $\pi(H) = \pi(K)$.

(\subseteq) Let $x \in HN$. then $x = hn$ for some $h \in H, n \in N$. But $\pi(H) = \pi(K) = \{hN | h \in H\} = \{kN | k \in K\}$, which means that there exists $k \in K$ so that $x = kn$, for some $n \in N$. Hence, $x \in KN$.

(\supseteq) Let $x \in KN$. then $x = kn$ for some $k \in K, n \in N$. But $\pi(H) = \pi(K)$, so following a very similar argument as before, $x = kn \in \{hN | h \in H\}$, so there exists $h \in H$ so that $x = hn$, for some $n \in N$. Hence, $x \in HN$.

(\subseteq) and (\supseteq) prove that $HN = KN$. /

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $HN = KN$

(\subseteq) Let $X \in \pi(H)$. then $X = hN$ for some $h \in H$. As we observed before, pick an element $n \in N$. then $nN = N$. Hence, $X = (hn)N$. But $hn \in HN = KN \Rightarrow hn = kn'$, for some $k \in K$ and $n' \in N$. then, $X = (hn)N = (kn')N = k(n'N) = kN \Rightarrow X \in \pi(K)$. Likewise,

(\supseteq) Let $X \in \pi(K)$. then $X = kN$ for some $k \in K$. By a very similar argument $X = kN = (kn)N$, but $kn \in KN = HN \Rightarrow kn = hn'$, so $X = (kn)N = h(n'N) = hN \Rightarrow X \in \pi(H)$.

(\subseteq) and (\supseteq) prove that $\pi(H) = \pi(K)$. /

3. (a). Let G be a group and let x, y be distinct elements in G of order 2. Prove that if x and y commute then $\{e, x, y, xy\}$ is a subgroup of G isomorphic to $C_2 \times C_2$.

Pf: First, let us show that indeed $\{e, x, y, xy\}$ is a subgroup of G .

(i) Each element has an inverse: $e^{-1} = e$. $x^{-1} = x$ since x is of order 2. $y^{-1} = y$. Likewise, $(xy)^{-1} = xy$ because $(xy)(xy) = (x \cdot x)(y \cdot y) = e \cdot e = e$ by commutativity of x and y , but then $(xy)(xy) = (x \cdot x)(y \cdot y) = e \cdot e = e$.

(ii) the set is closed under the group operation. The only non-trivial cases we need to check are: $x(xy) = (xx)y = y$; $(xy)x = x(yx) = (xy)y = y$; $y(xy) = (yx)y = x(yy) = x$; $(xy)y = x(yy) = x$. So G is closed.

Moreover, we have shown that G is abelian. Hence, by theorem proved in class $G \cong C_{n_1} \times C_{n_2} \times \dots \times C_{n_k}$, for a number k of cyclic subgroups.

In this case we can build the isomorphism we want as follows:
Note: $C_2 \cong \langle x \rangle$ and $C_2 \cong \langle y \rangle$, where $\langle x \rangle = \{e, x\}$, $\langle y \rangle = \{e, y\}$, and $\langle x \rangle \times \langle y \rangle = \{(e, e), (e, y), (x, e), (x, y)\}$. Let $f: \langle x \rangle \times \langle y \rangle \rightarrow \{e, x, y, xy\}$ be given by $f(a, b) = a \cdot b$. This is clearly a 1-1, onto mapping. Moreover f is a homomorphism: $f((a_1, b_1) \cdot (a_2, b_2)) = f((a_1 a_2, b_1 b_2)) = (a_1 a_2)(b_1 b_2) = (a_1 b_1)(a_2 b_2) = f(a_1, b_1) f(a_2, b_2)$. This shows that $G \cong C_2 \times C_2$.

(b) Let G be a finite abelian group of order 8. Prove that G is isomorphic to one of the following 3 groups: C_8 , $C_4 \times C_2$ or $C_2 \times C_2 \times C_2$.

Pf: Let G be an abelian group of order 8. By theorem proved in class, we know that an abelian, finite group is isomorphic to the direct product of cyclic subgroups. Pick $g \in G, g \neq e$. Look at $\langle g \rangle$. By Lagrange's theorem $|\langle g \rangle| = 1, 2, 4$ or 8 . It cannot be 1 since $g \neq e$. If $|\langle g \rangle| = 8$, then $\langle g \rangle = G$. So G is a cyclic group of order 8, clearly $G \cong C_8$. otherwise, $|\langle g \rangle| = 2$. If $|\langle g \rangle| = 4$, then $\langle g \rangle \cong C_4$, and by the previous mentioned theorem $G \cong C_4 \times C_2$; since C_2 is the only other subgroup s.t. $|g| = 8 = |C_4 \times C_2| = 8$. Finally, if $|\langle g \rangle| = 2$, and there are no other cyclic subgroups of order 4 then by previous mentioned theorem $G \cong C_2 \times C_2 \times C_2$. these are all possibilities.

4. (a) Let $N \trianglelefteq G$. Prove that the one-to-one correspondence π between the subgroups of G that contain N and all of the subgroups of G/N preserve normal subgroups, that is:

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If $K \leq G$ and $N \subseteq K$ then $K \trianglelefteq G \Leftrightarrow \pi(K) \trianglelefteq G/N$.

Pf: Let $K \leq G$ and $N \subseteq K$.

(\Rightarrow) Suppose $K \trianglelefteq G$. Let $X \in G/N$ and let $Y \in \pi(K)$. Then, $X = gN$ for some $g \in G$ and $Y = kN$, for some $k \in K$. But then,

$$\begin{aligned} X \circ Y \circ X &= gN \circ kN \circ g^{-1}N \\ &= (gN \circ kN) \circ g^{-1}N && \text{by associativity} \\ &= gkN \circ g^{-1}N && \text{by definition of } N \\ &= gkg^{-1}N \end{aligned}$$

But by hypothesis K is normal in G , so $gkg^{-1} \in K$ and therefore,

$(gkg^{-1})N \in \pi(K)$. therefore, $\pi(K) \trianglelefteq G/N$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $\pi(K) \trianglelefteq G/N$. then, for any $X \in G/N$ and any $Y \in \pi(K)$, we have

$X \circ Y \circ X^{-1} \in \pi(K)$. But $X = gN$ for some $g \in G$ and $Y = kN$ for some $k \in K$.
 $gN \circ kN \circ g^{-1}N \in \pi(K) \Rightarrow gkg^{-1}N \in \pi(K) \Rightarrow gkg^{-1} \in K$ by definition of $\pi(K)$.

this holds for any $g \in G$ and for any $k \in K$. therefore $K \trianglelefteq G$.

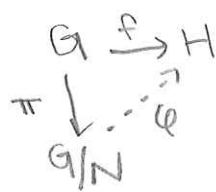
(b) Prove that every finite group G has a homomorphic image that is a simple group, that is, a nontrivial group with no normal subgroups other than $\{e\}$ and itself.

Pf: By induction on the size of the group. But first note that if G is a simple group, then take $f: G \rightarrow G$ to be the identity. f is an isomorphism and so the homomorphic image of G , i.e., G itself will give the result. therefore,

Suppose G is neither trivial nor simple and $|G| > 1$. So G has a nontrivial proper normal subgroup, call it N . We proved in class that $|G/N| = \frac{|G|}{|N|} < |G|$.

Hence, we can apply the inductive hypothesis to G/N . So, there exists a nontrivial simple subgroup $H \leq G/N$, so we have the map $\varphi: G/N \rightarrow H$, where φ is an onto homomorphism.

So we have the following diagram



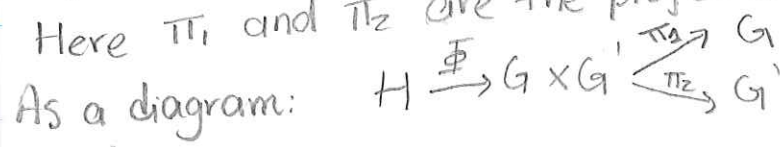
where as usual π is the canonical map $\pi(g) = gN$.
 By theorem proved in class, consider the composition $\pi \circ \varphi$, this is an onto map. Moreover, $f = \varphi \circ \pi$, so f is an onto map.

Therefore, $f(G) = (\varphi \circ \pi)(G)$ is a homomorphic image of G . By construction and inductive hypothesis H is simple. since $f(G) = (\varphi \circ \pi)(G) = H$, we have found for any finite group G a homomorphic image that is a simple group.

(11.8) Let G, G' and H be groups. Establish a bijective correspondence between homomorphisms $\Phi: H \rightarrow G \times G'$ from H to the product group and pairs (φ, φ') consisting of a homomorphism $\varphi: H \rightarrow G$ and a homomorphism $\varphi': H \rightarrow G'$.

Solution: Let $S = \{ \Phi \mid \Phi: H \rightarrow G \times G', \text{ a homomorphism} \}$ and let $T = \{ (\varphi, \varphi') \mid \varphi: H \rightarrow G \text{ a homomorphism and } \varphi': H \rightarrow G' \text{ a homomorphism} \}$.

Define $f: S \rightarrow T$ by $f(\Phi) = (\varphi, \varphi')$, where $\varphi = \pi_1 \circ \Phi$ and $\varphi' = \pi_2 \circ \Phi$.



claim: f is 1-1 and onto.

1-1: Let $\Phi_1, \Phi_2 \in S$. Suppose that $f(\Phi_1) = f(\Phi_2)$. We want to show that $\Phi_1 = \Phi_2$. Let $h \in H$. then,

$$\begin{aligned} f(\Phi_1) = f(\Phi_2) &\Leftrightarrow (\varphi_1, \varphi'_1) = (\varphi_2, \varphi'_2) && \text{by definition of } f \\ \Leftrightarrow (\pi_1 \circ \Phi_1, \pi_2 \circ \Phi_1) &= (\pi_1 \circ \Phi_2, \pi_2 \circ \Phi_2) && \text{by definition of } \varphi, \varphi' \\ \Leftrightarrow \pi_1 \circ \Phi_1 = \pi_1 \circ \Phi_2 &\text{ and } \pi_2 \circ \Phi_1 = \pi_2 \circ \Phi_2 && \end{aligned}$$

Now, consider $(\pi_1 \circ \Phi_1)(h) = \pi_1(\Phi_1(h)) = \varphi_1(h) = \varphi_2(h) = \pi_1(\Phi_2(h)) = (\pi_1 \circ \Phi_2)(h)$.
 Likewise $(\pi_2 \circ \Phi_1)(h) = \pi_2(\Phi_1(h)) = \varphi'_1(h) = \varphi'_2(h) = \pi_2(\Phi_2(h)) = (\pi_2 \circ \Phi_2)(h)$.
 $\Rightarrow \varphi_1(h) = \varphi_2(h)$ and $\varphi'_1(h) = \varphi'_2(h)$, for any $h \in H$. therefore,
 $\Phi_1(h) = (\varphi_1(h), \varphi'_1(h)) = (\varphi_2(h), \varphi'_2(h)) = \Phi_2(h) \Rightarrow \Phi_1 = \Phi_2$.

the function is 1-1.

Onto: Let $(\varphi, \ell') \in T$. Take $\Phi \in S$ be such that $\ell = \pi_1 \circ \Phi$ and $\ell' = \pi_2 \circ \Phi$.
 then clearly $f(\Phi) = (\varphi, \ell')$, and the function is onto

Perhaps an easier way to show that f is a bijection would be to define $f^{-1}: T \rightarrow S$ given by $f^{-1}(\varphi, \ell') = \Phi$, where $\Phi(h) = (\varphi(h), \ell'(h))$; and show that f^{-1} is the inverse of f : Let $\Phi \in S$, let $(\varphi, \ell') \in T$. then:

$$f^{-1} \circ f(\Phi) = f^{-1}(f(\Phi)) = f^{-1}(\varphi, \ell') = \Phi, \text{ so } f^{-1} \text{ is a left inverse}$$

$$f \circ f^{-1}(\varphi, \ell') = f(f^{-1}(\varphi, \ell')) = f(\Phi) = (\varphi, \ell'), \text{ so } f^{-1} \text{ is a right inverse.}$$

In any case we have show that f is a bijection from S to T .

(11.9) Let H and K be subgroups of a group G .

Prove that HK is a subgroup of G if and only if $HK = KH$.

(\Rightarrow) Suppose that HK is a subgroup of G .

(\Leftarrow) Let $x \in HK$. then $x = hk$, for some $h \in H$ and some $k \in K$.
 But HK is a subgroup so $x^{-1} \in HK$, which means $x^{-1} = h_1 k_1$ for some $h_1 \in H, k_1 \in K$. But then $x = (x^{-1})^{-1} = (h_1 k_1)^{-1} = k_1^{-1} h_1^{-1} \in KH$ since $k \in K \Rightarrow k^{-1} \in K$ and $h \in H \Rightarrow h^{-1} \in H$. Hence $x \in KH$.

(\Rightarrow) Similarly, let $x \in KH$. then $x = kh$, for some $k \in K$ and some $h \in H$.
 But HK is a subgroup: $h^{-1} k^{-1} \in HK \Rightarrow (h^{-1} k^{-1})^{-1} = kh \in HK$, therefore $x = kh \in HK$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose that $HK = KH$.

(i) closed under group operation: Let $x, y \in HK$. By hypothesis $x, y \in KH$.

$$x = h_1 k_1, y = h_2 k_2 \text{ for some } h_1, h_2 \in H, k_1, k_2 \in K. \text{ then,}$$

$$xy = (h_1 k_1)(h_2 k_2) = h_1 (k_1 h_2) k_2; \text{ but } k_1 h_2 \in KH \Rightarrow k_1 h_2 = h_3 k_3$$

$$\text{for some } h_3 \in H, k_3 \in K$$

$$= h_1 (h_3 k_3) k_2 = (h_1 h_3) (k_3 k_2)$$

and since H and K are subgroups, $h_1 h_3 \in H, k_3 k_2 \in K \Rightarrow xy \in HK$.

(ii) closed under taking inverses: Let $x \in HK$. then $x = hk$, for some $h \in H$ and some $k \in K$. But then, $x^{-1} = (hk)^{-1} = k^{-1} h^{-1} \in KH$, but $HK = KH$, which means $x^{-1} = k^{-1} h^{-1} \in HK$.

(i) and (ii) $\Rightarrow HK$ is a subgroup of G .

(12.2) In the general linear group $GL_3(\mathbb{R})$, consider the subsets

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ 0 & 1 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } K = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } * \in \mathbb{R}$$

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(a) Show that $H \leq GL_3(\mathbb{R})$.

Pf: (i) closed under group operation: Let $H_1, H_2 \in H$. be like

$$H_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, H_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & d & e \\ 0 & 1 & f \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{R}. \text{ Then,}$$

$$H_1 H_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & d & e \\ 0 & 1 & f \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & d+a & e+af+b \\ 0 & 1 & f+c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ since } \mathbb{R} \text{ is closed under addition, we get that}$$

$$H_1 H_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & g & h \\ 0 & 1 & j \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } g = d+a \in \mathbb{R}, h = e+af+b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } j = f+c \in \mathbb{R}. \Rightarrow H_1 H_2 \in H.$$

(ii) closed under taking inverses: Let $H \in H$. be $H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}.$

$$\text{then } H^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a & ac-b \\ 0 & 1 & -c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ since}$$

$$H H^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a & ac-b \\ 0 & 1 & -c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a & ac-b \\ 0 & 1 & -c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

Moreover, H^{-1} is of the form $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ 0 & 1 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Hence $H^{-1} \in H$.

(i) and (ii) $\Rightarrow H$ is a subgroup of $GL_3(\mathbb{R})$.

(b) Show that $K \trianglelefteq H$.

Let $A \in H$ and $B \in K$. Want to show: $ABA^{-1} \in K$; let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & d \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

we already computed A^{-1} to be $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a & ac-b \\ 0 & 1 & -c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Take the product:

$$ABA^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & d \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -a & ac-b \\ 0 & 1 & -c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & (-a)(ac-b+d) \\ 0 & 1 & -c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & d \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in K$$

therefore, K is normal.

(c) Identify the quotient group H/K .

By definition $H/K = \{hK \mid h \in H\}$; Let $h = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in H$. then

$$hK = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & *+b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \text{ So } H/K = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{upper triangular matrices} \\ \text{with all 1's in its diagonal} \end{array} \right\}$$

(d) Determine the center of H .

By definition $Z(H) = \{A \in H \mid AB = BA, \forall B \in H\}$.

An element of the center of H is of the form: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Since:
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ 0 & 1 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & *+a & *+a*+b \\ 0 & 1 & *+a \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a+* & b+a*+* \\ 0 & 1 & a+* \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & * & * \\ 0 & 1 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ so } Z(H) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$