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State and prove Cayley's theorem on finite groups.

Prove that Every finite group is isomorphic to a permutation group.

Statement  $\rightarrow$

Every finite group is isomorphic to a permutation group.

Proof  $\rightarrow$

Let  $G$  be a finite group

If  $a \in G$  then for every  $x$  in

$G$  the product  $ax \in G$ .  
Now let  $f_a$  be a function from  $G$  into  $G$   
Such that  $f_a(x) = ax \quad \forall x \in G \dots \dots \textcircled{1}$

The function  $f_a$  is one-one because  
if  $x, y \in G$  then

$$f_a(x) = f_a(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow ax = ay$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y \quad \left[ \text{By Left Cancellation law} \right]$$

The function  $f_a$  is also onto because  
if  $x \in G$  then there exists an element  $a^{-1}x$  in  $G$  such that

$$f_a(a^{-1}x) = a(a^{-1}x) = (aa^{-1})x = ex = x$$

So  $f_a$  is a one-one function from  $G$  on to  $G$ .

Thus  $f_a$  is a permutation on  $G$ .

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Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be set of all such one-one onto functions defined on  $G$  with respect to every element of  $G$  be  $G'$  such that  $G' = \{f_a : a \in G\} \dots \textcircled{2}$

Now we shall prove that  $G'$  is a group isomorphic to  $G$ .

At first we will show that  $G'$  is a group with respect to the operation known as Composite or product of two functions.

Closure Property  $\rightarrow$  Let  $f_a, f_b \in G'$ , where  $a, b \in G$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Then } (f_a \circ f_b)(x) &= f_a \{ f_b(x) \} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{from eqn (1)} \\ f_a(x) = ax \end{array} \right] \\
 &= f_a(bx) \\
 &= a(bx) \quad \left[ \text{from eqn (1)} \right] \\
 &= (ab)x \\
 &= f_{ab}(x) \quad \left[ \text{from eqn (1)} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f_a \circ f_b = f_{ab} \dots \textcircled{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Also, } a, b \in G &\Rightarrow aob \in G \\
 &\Rightarrow f_{aob} \in G' \quad \left[ \text{from eqn (2)} \right] \\
 &\Rightarrow f_{ab} \in G' \\
 &\Rightarrow f_a \circ f_b \in G' \quad \left[ \text{from eqn (3)} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $G$  is closed with respect to  $\mathcal{H}$  product of functions.

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Associative axiom

Let  $f_a, f_b, f_c \in G'$  where  $a, b, c \in G$   
 Then  $f_a(f_b f_c) = f_a(f_{bc})$  [from eqn (3)]

$$= f_{abc} \quad [\text{from eqn (3)}]$$

Again,  $(f_a f_b) f_c = (f_{ab}) f_c$  [from eqn (3)]  
 $= f_{abc}$  [from eqn (3)]

$$\therefore f_a(f_b f_c) = (f_a f_b) f_c$$

So the associative axiom is satisfied  
 and  $G'$  is associative.

Identity axiom

Let  $e$  be the identity element of  $G$   
 Then  $f_e$  is the identity of  $G'$

$$\text{Now, } (f_e f_a)(x) = f_e(f_a(x)) \quad [\text{By eqn (1)}]$$

$$= f_e(ax)$$

$$= (ea)x \quad [\text{By eqn (1)}]$$

$$= ex$$

$$= ax$$

$$= f_a(x) \quad [\text{By eqn (1)}]$$

$$\therefore f_e f_a = f_a$$

Similarly

$$f_a f_e = f_a$$

$\therefore f_e f_a = f_a f_e = f_a$   
 Hence  $f_e$  is the identity element of  $G'$ .

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Inverse axiom →

$$f_a f_a^{-1} = f_a a^{-1}$$

[By equ<sup>n</sup> (3)]

$$= f_e, \text{ as } a a^{-1} = e \text{ in group } G.$$

Again  $f_a^{-1} f_a = f_a^{-1} a$

[By equ<sup>n</sup> (3)]

$$= f_e, \text{ as } a^{-1} a = e \text{ in group } G.$$

Hence  $f_a^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $f_a$ .

Hence  $G'$  is a group.  
Now we will prove that  $G$  is isomorphic to  $G'$ .  
Let the function  $\phi$  from  $G$  into  $G'$  defined

by  $\phi_a = f_a \dots (4) \quad \forall a \in G$

Now to prove  $\phi$  is one-one.

Let  $a, b \in G$  then

$$\phi(a) = \phi(b) \Rightarrow f_a = f_b$$

[from equ<sup>n</sup> (4)]

$$\Rightarrow f_a(x) = f_b(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow ax = bx$$

[from equ<sup>n</sup> (2)]

Hence  $\Rightarrow a = b$

To prove  $\phi$  is onto.

$G$  is a finite set, so  $\phi$  is onto.

Also  $\phi(ab) = \phi$

$$= f_{ab}$$

$$= f_a f_b$$

$$= \phi(a) \phi(b)$$

[from equ<sup>n</sup> (4)]

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$\therefore \phi$  is an isomorphism.  
Hence  $G \cong G'$

Thus Every finite group  $G$  is isomorphic to a permutation group.

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(\*) If  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  be a homomorphism  
then prove that their identities  
correspond and their inverse also  
correspond

(or)

Let  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  be a homomorphism  
of groups

(i) if  $e$  and  $e'$  be the identities  
in  $G$  and  $G'$  respectively then

(ii) If  $f(a) = a'$  then  $f(a^{-1}) = (a')^{-1}$   
i.e.  $f(a^{-1}) = [f(a)]^{-1} \forall a \in G$ .

Proof  $\rightarrow$  (i) Let  $a \in G$  then by the identity  
axiom of group  $G'$  we have  
 $f(a)e' = f(a)$  [  $e'$  is identity of  $G'$  ]  
 $= f(ae)$  [  $e$  is identity of  $G$  ]  
 $= f(a)f(e)$  [ Because  $f$  is a  
homomorphism ]

Now  $G'$  is a group.

So,  $f(a)e' = f(a)f(e)$

$\Rightarrow e' = f(e)$  [ By the left cancellation law  
in  $G'$  ]

Since  $G'$  is a group, so there  
exists a unique identity element in  $G'$ .  
So  $f(e)$  is the identity element of  
 $G'$ .

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Since  $f(a) = a'$  ... (2)

Now  $a a^{-1} = e$  (the identity element in  $G$ )

$$\therefore f(a a^{-1}) = f(e) \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{we have proved} \\ f(e) = e' \text{ (by eqn 1)} \end{array} \right]$$
$$= e'$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a) f(a^{-1}) = e'$$

$$\Rightarrow a' f(a^{-1}) = e' \quad \left[ \text{from eqn 2} \right]$$

which shows that  $f(a^{-1})$  is inverse of  $a'$ .

$$\text{i.e. } f(a^{-1}) = (a')^{-1} = [f(a)]^{-1}$$

(\*) If  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  be a homomorphism prove that if the order of  $a$  is finite, then the order of  $f(a)$  is a divisor of the order of  $a$ .

Proof Let  $a \in G$  and  $o(a) = m$   
we have  $o(a) = m \Rightarrow a^m = e$

$$\therefore f(a^m) = f(e)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a \cdot a \cdot a \dots m \text{ times}) = e'$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a) \cdot f(a) \cdot f(a) \dots m \text{ times} = e'$$

$$\Rightarrow [f(a)]^m = e'$$

So if  $n$  is the order of  $f(a)$  in  $G'$   
then  $n$  must be a divisor of  $m$

i.e.  $o(f(a))$  is a divisor of  $o(a)$ .

If  $f$  be a homomorphism of the group  $G$  into the group  $H$ , then prove that

- (i) Kernel  $f$  is a subgroup of  $G$
- (ii) the image  $f$  is a subgroup of  $H$ .

Definition  $\Rightarrow$  kernel of a homomorphism

Let  $f$  be a homomorphism of a group  $G$  into a group  $H$ . Then the set  $K$  is called the Kernel of  $f$ .

$$K = \{x \in G : f(x) = e'\} \text{ where } e' \in H$$

Proof, (i) Let  $e$  and  $e'$  be the identity elements of groups  $G$  and  $H$  respectively.

Let  $a, b \in \text{Ker } f$

By the definition of kernel

$$f(a) = e' \dots \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$f(b) = e' \dots \dots \textcircled{2}$$

$\therefore \text{Ker } f$  is a subset of  $G$

So,  $a, b \in \text{Ker } f$

$$\Rightarrow a, b \in G$$

Since  $G$  is a group, so  $b^{-1} \in G$  (inverse axiom)

Now  $a \in G, b^{-1} \in G$ , so  $ab^{-1} \in G$  (closure axiom)

$\therefore$  Homomorphism  $f$  maps the inverse of any element  $b$  of  $G$  onto the inverse of  $f(b)$ .

$$\therefore f(b^{-1}) = [f(b)]^{-1} = (e')^{-1} \text{ [from eqn } \textcircled{2}]$$

By the definition of homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} f(ab^{-1}) &= f(a) f(b^{-1}) = f(a) [f(b)]^{-1} \\ &= e' [e']^{-1} = e' \end{aligned}$$

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$$\therefore f(ab^{-1}) = e'$$

$$\therefore ab^{-1} \in \ker f, \forall a, b \in \ker f$$

Hence we conclude that  $\ker f$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

(ii)

Let  $a', b' \in \text{image } f$

then  $\exists$  (there exists)  $a, b \in G$

$$\text{such that } f(a) = a'$$

$$\text{and } f(b) = b'$$

$\therefore G$  is a group

$$\therefore ab^{-1} \in G$$

Since  $H$  is a group and  $\text{image } f \subseteq H$

$$\text{and } a', b' \in H$$

$$\text{So } b'^{-1} \in H \text{ and } a' b'^{-1} \in H$$

$$\text{Again } b^{-1} = [f(b)]^{-1} = f(b^{-1})$$

$$\text{Now } a' b'^{-1} = f(a) f(b^{-1})$$

$$= f(ab^{-1}) \in \text{image } f$$

for every  $a', b' \in \text{image } f$ .

Hence  $\text{image } f$  is a subgroup of  $H$ .