

4. DEFINE normal subgroup.

The subgroup N of the group G is normal if $gng^{-1} \in N$ for all $g \in G$ and all $n \in N$.

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5. STATE Lagrange's Theorem. If H is a subgroup of the finite group G , then $|H| \mid |G|$.

Proof Observe that if two right cosets Hx_1 and Hx_2 have any element in common, then $Hx_1 = Hx_2$. (If $h_1x_1 = h_2x_2$, then $Hx_1 \subseteq Hx_2$ because $hx_1 = h(h_1^{-1}h_2)x_2 \in Hx_2$ and $Hx_2 \subseteq Hx_1$ because $hx_2 = h(h_2^{-1}h_1)x_1 \in Hx_1$.) It follows that we may find $x_1, \dots, x_r \in G$ so that G is the disjoint union of $Hx_1 \cup \dots \cup Hx_r$.

Observe that H and Hx have the same number of elements for each coset Hx . (The function $H \rightarrow Hx$, which is given by $h \mapsto hx$, is one-to-one and onto.) Thus $|G| = |H|r$.

6. STATE the lemma from number theory about linear combinations and greatest common divisors.

Let d be the greatest common divisor of the integers m and n . Then there exist integers a and b with $am + bn = d$.

Proof Let $H = \{am + bn \mid a \text{ and } b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. It is easy to check that H is a subgroup of \mathbb{Z} ; and therefore, H is a cyclic group, (see Problem 9) let h generate H . Since $h \in H$, we have integers a and b with $h = am + bn$. The gcd of m and n divides both m and n so $d \mid h$. On the other hand, m and n are both in H so h divides m and h divides n . Thus h is a common divisor of m and n and therefore $h \leq d$ and $d \mid h$ with d and h both positive. This can happen only if $h = d$ and therefore $d \in H$ so $d = am + bn$ for some integers a and b .