

for any integer  $n$ , in which case the factor group should suggest a relation to the integers mod  $n$  under addition. This type of relation will be clarified in the next section.

### Problems

- 1. If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  such that the product of two right cosets of  $H$  in  $G$  is again a right coset of  $H$  in  $G$ , prove that  $H$  is normal in  $G$ .
- 2. If  $G$  is a group and  $H$  is a subgroup of index 2 in  $G$ , prove that  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
- 3. If  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  and  $H$  is any subgroup of  $G$ , prove that  $NH$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
- 4. Show that the intersection of two normal subgroups of  $G$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
- 5. If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  and  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ , show that  $H \cap N$  is a normal subgroup of  $H$ .
- 6. Show that every subgroup of an abelian group is normal.
- \*7. Is the converse of Problem 6 true? If yes, prove it, if no, give an example of a non-abelian group all of whose subgroups are normal.
- 8. Give an example of a group  $G$ , subgroup  $H$ , and an element  $a \in G$  such that  $aHa^{-1} \subset H$  but  $aHa^{-1} \neq H$ .
- 9. Suppose  $H$  is the only subgroup of order  $o(H)$  in the finite group  $G$ . Prove that  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
- 10. If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , let  $N(H) = \{g \in G \mid gHg^{-1} = H\}$ . Prove
  - (a)  $N(H)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
  - (b)  $H$  is normal in  $N(H)$ .
  - (c) If  $H$  is a normal subgroup of the subgroup  $K$  in  $G$ , then  $K \subset N(H)$  (that is,  $N(H)$  is the largest subgroup of  $G$  in which  $H$  is normal).
  - (d)  $H$  is normal in  $G$  if and only if  $N(H) = G$ .
- 11. If  $N$  and  $M$  are normal subgroups of  $G$ , prove that  $NM$  is also a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
- \*12. Suppose that  $N$  and  $M$  are two normal subgroups of  $G$  and that  $N \cap M = \{e\}$ . Show that for any  $n \in N$ ,  $m \in M$ ,  $nm = mn$ .
- 13. If a cyclic subgroup  $T$  of  $G$  is normal in  $G$ , then show that every subgroup of  $T$  is normal in  $G$ .
- \*14. Prove, by an example, that we can find three groups  $E \subset F \subset G$ , where  $E$  is normal in  $F$ ,  $F$  is normal in  $G$ , but  $E$  is *not* normal in  $G$ .
- 15. If  $N$  is normal in  $G$  and  $a \in G$  is of order  $o(a)$ , prove that the order,  $m$ , of  $Na$  in  $G/N$  is a divisor of  $o(a)$ .