

2.7.2.2. Normalizer of a Sub Group

Definition: The normalizer $N(H)$ of H for any sub-group H of a group G is defined as;

$$N(H) = \{x \in G \mid xH = Hx\}$$

Theorem 46: Let a be any element of G . Then two elements $x, y \in G$ give rise to the same conjugate to a if and only if they belong to the same right coset of the normalizer of a in G .

Proof: Suppose $x, y \in G$ develop with respect to the same conjugate of a in G , then

$$\Rightarrow x^{-1}ax = y^{-1}ay$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x^{-1}ax)y^{-1} = x(y^{-1}ay)y^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow axy^{-1} = xy^{-1}a$$

$$\Rightarrow xy^{-1} \in N(a)$$

Since $N(a)$ is a sub-group of G .

Hence $xy^{-1} \in N(a) \Leftrightarrow N(a)x = N(a)y$ ($a \in Hb \Leftrightarrow Ha = Hb$)

$$\Rightarrow x \in N(a)x = N(a)y (\because a \in Ha)$$

and $y \in N(a)y = N(a)x$

$$\Rightarrow xy \in N(a)x = N(a)y$$

Therefore x, y related to the same right coset of the normalizer of a in G .

On the other hand suppose that $x, y \in G$ related to the same right cosets of a in G .

Suppose $x, y \in N(a)z$, for some $z \in G$

$$\Rightarrow N(a)z = N(a)x = N(a)y$$

$$\Rightarrow N(a)x = N(a)y$$

$$\Rightarrow xy^{-1} \in N(a) \quad (\because Ha = Hb \Leftrightarrow ab^{-1} \in H)$$

$$\Rightarrow axy^{-1} = xy^{-1}a$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{-1}(axy^{-1})y = x^{-1}(xy^{-1}a)y$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{-1}ax = y^{-1}ay$$

Therefore it is concluded that $x, y \in G$ develop with respect to the same conjugate of a in G .