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1. A regular action is a group action. ∇
2. A translation action is a group action for a group G acting on itself.
3. Let G be a group and let H be a subgroup of G . Write the translation action.

Section 4.1 Group Actions (Part 2)

More Examples

P 1. Let $G = Z_4$. Use the regular action to compute $2 \cdot 3$.

P 2. Let $H \leq G$ such that $h \in H$ and $g \in G$. Does $h \cdot g = gh$ define a group action for H acting on G ?

P 3. Does $g \cdot h = g^{-1}h$ define a group action for G on to G ?

P 4. Let $G = Z_6$. Let $H = \langle 3 \rangle$ and $g = 2$. Write the elements of gHg^{-1} .

$$x \in G$$

$$\langle x \rangle$$

$$G \text{ acts on } \Omega$$

$$(0) \quad \forall g \in G \quad \forall \alpha \in \Omega \quad g \cdot \alpha \in \Omega$$

$$(1) \quad \forall \alpha \in \Omega \quad e_G \cdot \alpha = \alpha$$

$$(2) \quad \forall g, h \in G \quad g \cdot (h \cdot \alpha) = gh \cdot \alpha$$

Def. The group action of G on \underline{G} ,
 $g \cdot x = gx$ is called a regular action.

$$(0) \quad g \cdot x = gx \in G$$

$$(1) \quad e_G \cdot x = e_G x = x$$

$$(2) \quad h \cdot (g \cdot x) = h \cdot (gx) = hg x = hg \cdot x$$

Def: The group action of $H \leq G$ on G , $h \cdot g = hg$ is called a translation action.

$$(0) \quad \forall h \in H \quad \forall g \in G \quad h \cdot g = hg \in G$$

$$(1) \quad e_H = e_G \Rightarrow e_H \cdot g = e_H g = e_G g = g$$

$$(2) \quad \forall h_1, h_2 \in H \quad \forall g \in G$$

$$h_1 \cdot (h_2 \cdot g) = h_1 (h_2 g) = h_1 h_2 g$$

$$= h_1 h_2 \cdot g \quad (H \leq G)$$

Def: The group action of G on G , $g \cdot h = ghg^{-1}$ is called a conjugate action.

$$(0) \quad g \cdot h = ghg^{-1} \in G \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{since} \\ G \text{ is a group} \end{array} \right)$$

$$(1) \quad e_G \cdot h = e_G h e_G^{-1} = e_G h e_G = e_G h = h$$

$$(2) \quad g_1, g_2 \in G \quad h \in H$$

$$g_1 \cdot (g_2 \cdot h) = g_1 \cdot g_2 h g_2^{-1}$$

$$= g_1 g_2 h g_2^{-1} g_1^{-1} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} g_2 h g_2^{-1} \in G \\ G \text{ is a group} \end{array} \right)$$

$$g_2^{-1} g_1^{-1} = (g_1 g_2)^{-1}$$

$$= g_1 g_2 \cdot h$$

Def: Let G be a group such that $H \leq G$ and $g \in G$. Then $gHg^{-1} = \{ ghg^{-1} : h \in H \}$

Ex: Let $G = \mathbb{Z}_4$ and $H = \langle 2 \rangle$. Then

$$\text{Let } 1 = g \quad g^{-1} = 3 \quad 1 + 3 = \overset{e_G}{0} \pmod{4} \quad H = \{2, 0\}$$

$$1 \cdot H \cdot 3 = 1 \cdot \{0, 2\} \cdot 3 = \{ (1)(0)(3), (1)(2)(3) \} \\ = \{0, 2\}$$

Def: The group action of G on $K := \text{set of all subgroups of } G$

Then $g \cdot H = gHg^{-1}$ is called a conjugate action on the subgroups of G .

$$(0) \quad \forall g \in G \quad H \in K \quad g \cdot H = gHg^{-1} \in K \quad \swarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{by HWP 2.6.27} \\ \text{check} \end{array}$$

$$(1) \quad e_G \cdot H = eHe^{-1} = eHe = H \quad eHe = H$$

$$(2) \quad g_1 \cdot g_2 \cdot H = g_1 \cdot (g_2 H g_2^{-1}) = g_1 g_2 H g_2^{-1} g_1^{-1}$$

$$g_1 g_2 g_2^{-1} g_1^{-1} = g_1 g_2 h (g_1 g_2)^{-1} = g_1 g_2 H (g_1 g_2)^{-1} = g_1 g_2 \cdot H$$