

# THE ISOMORPHISM THEOREMS

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## THEOREM (FIRST ISOMORPHISM THEOREM)

Suppose that  $\phi : G \rightarrow H$  is a homomorphism. Then  $\ker(\phi) \trianglelefteq G$  and  $G/\ker(\phi) \cong \phi(G)$ .

## COROLLARY

Let  $\phi : G \rightarrow H$  be a homomorphism of groups. Then,

- 1  $\phi$  is injective if and only if  $\ker(\phi) = \{1_G\}$ .
- 2  $[G : \ker(\phi)] = |\phi(G)|$ .

## THEOREM (SECOND OR DIAMOND ISOMORPHISM THEOREM)

Suppose that  $A, B \leq G$  with  $A \leq N_G(B)$ . Then,  $AB \leq G$ ,  $B \trianglelefteq AB$ ,  $A \cap B \trianglelefteq A$  and  $AB/B \cong A/(A \cap B)$ .

## THEOREM (THIRD ISOMORPHISM THEOREMS)

Let  $G$  be a group and let  $H, K \trianglelefteq G$  with  $H \leq K$ . Then  $K/H \trianglelefteq G/H$  and

$$(G/H) / (K/H) \cong G/K.$$

## THEOREM (FOURTH ISOMORPHISM THEOREM)

Let  $G$  be a group and let  $N \trianglelefteq G$ . Then there is a bijection from the set of subgroups  $A \leq G$  which contain  $N$  onto the set of subgroups  $A/N \leq G/N$ . In particular, every subgroup of  $G/N$  is of the form  $A/N$  for some  $N \leq A \leq G$ . This bijection has the following properties.

- 1  $A \leq B$  if and only if  $A/N \leq B/N$ ,
- 2 if  $A \leq B$  then,  $[B : A] = [B/N : A/N]$ ,
- 3  $\langle A, B \rangle / N = \langle A/N, B/N \rangle$ ,
- 4  $(A \cap B) / N = A/N \cap B/N$ , and
- 5  $A \trianglelefteq G$  if and only if  $A/N \trianglelefteq G/N$ .

## NOTE

Suppose  $N \trianglelefteq G$  and that  $\Phi : G \rightarrow H$  is a homomorphism then the map  $\phi : G/N \rightarrow H$  is well-defined if and only if  $N \leq \ker(\Phi)$ . In this case, we say that the map  $\Phi$  factors through  $N$  and that  $\phi$  is the induced homomorphism on  $G/N$ .