

# LECTURE 23

(Monday Nov. 25, 2019)

EX  $H = \langle (123) \rangle = \{e, (123), (132)\}$

$H$  is normal in  $S_3$  ( $\text{idx} = 2$ ),

$H$  is not normal in  $S_4$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (14)(123)(14)^{-1} & = & (423) \text{ not in } H. \\ \cap & & \cap \\ S_4 & & H \end{array}$$

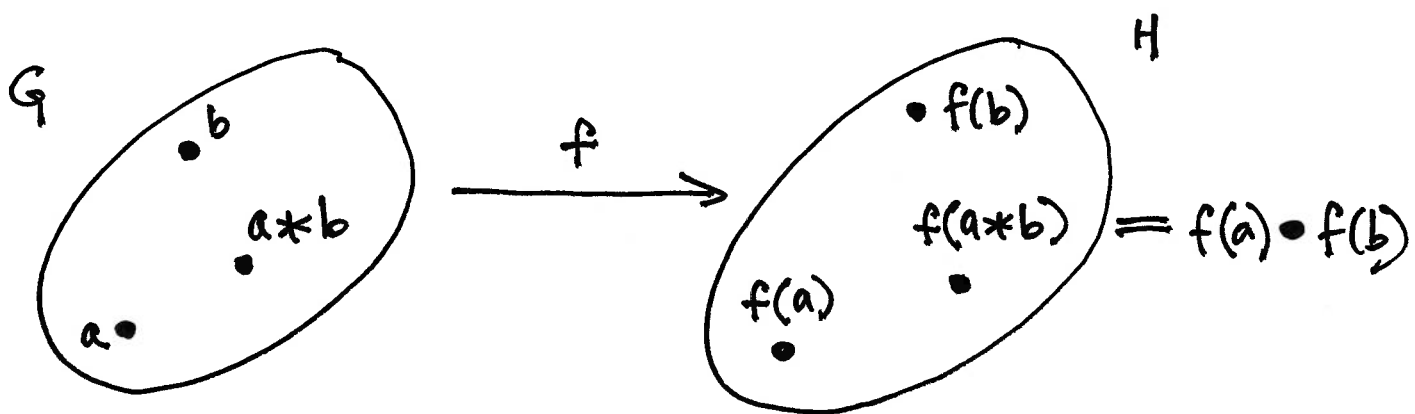
(Recall  $H \leq G$  is "normal" iff it's

closed under conjugation:

$$a \in G \wedge h \in H \implies aha^{-1} \in H)$$

"Homomorphism" is a function  $f: G \rightarrow H$  which is compatible with the composition laws — in the sense that:  $\forall a, b \in G$ ,

$$f(a * b) = f(a) \bullet f(b)$$



EX Always have the trivial homomorphism  $f: G \rightarrow H$  sending any  $a \in G$  to  $f(a) = e_H$ .

EXC (i)  $f(e_G) = f(e_H)$

(why?  $f(e_G) = f(e * e) = f(e) \bullet f(e)$   
 $\parallel$  / cancellation law  
 $f(e) \bullet e_H \Rightarrow f(e_G) = e_H$ .)

(ii)  $f(a^{-1}) = f(a)^{-1} \quad \forall a \in G$ .

(why?  $f(a) \bullet f(a^{-1}) = f(a * a^{-1}) = f(e_G) \stackrel{(i)}{=} e_H$ .)