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Ex:  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  is not cyclic.

proof: Pick some  $(a,b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ .

Suppose  $\langle (a,b) \rangle = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ .

Claim:  $a = \pm 1$  and  $b = \pm 1$ .

Since  $(1,1) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $(1,1)$  is generated by  $(a,b)$ .

So,  $(1,1) = (ka, kb)$  where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

So,  $1 = ka$  and  $1 = kb$ .

Since  $k, a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  the only possibilities are

$\rightarrow k = 1$

And

$\langle (1,1) \rangle = \langle (1,1) \rangle$

So then

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→  $k=a=b=1$  or  $k=a=b=-1$ .

And

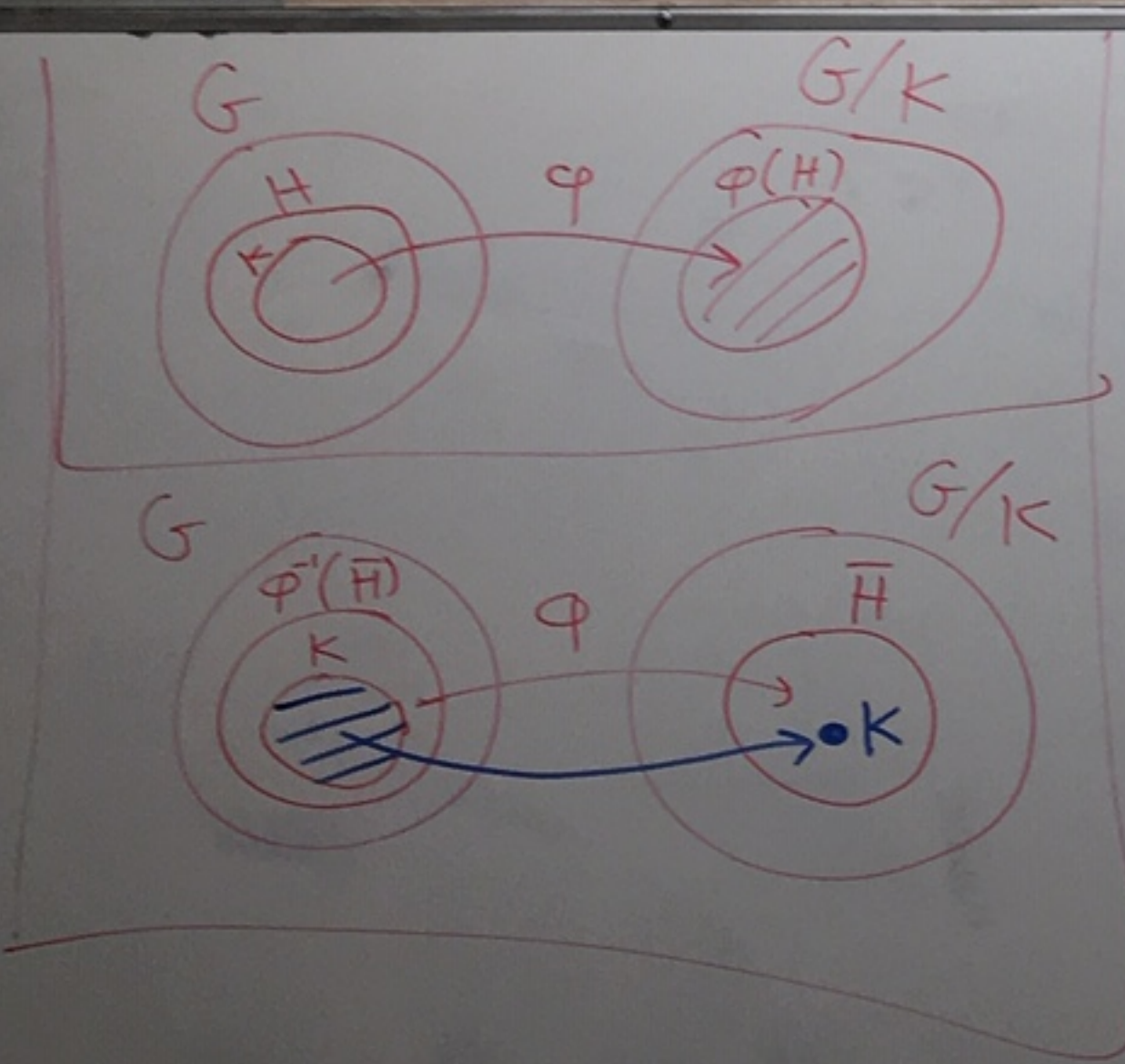
$$\langle (1,1) \rangle = \langle (-1,-1) \rangle = \{ \dots, (-3,-3), (-2,-2), (-1,-1), (0,0), (1,1), (2,2), (3,3), \dots \} \neq \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$$

So there is no generator of  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ .  $\square$

Theorem: Let  $G$  be a group and  $K \trianglelefteq G$ . Let  $\varphi: G \rightarrow G/K$  be given by  $\varphi(g) = gK$ .

Then  $\varphi$  gives a one-to-one correspondence between the following sets:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \{ H \mid H \leq G \text{ and } K \leq H \} & \xleftrightarrow{\varphi} & \{ \bar{H} \mid \bar{H} \leq G/K \} \\ H & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \varphi(H) \\ \varphi^{-1}(\bar{H}) & \xleftarrow{\quad} & \bar{H} \end{array}$$



proof: Given  $H \leq G$  we know from the lemma from last time that  $\varphi(H) \leq G/K$ . Also from the lemma, if  $\bar{H} \leq G/K$  then  $\varphi^{-1}(\bar{H}) \leq G$ . Is  $K \leq \varphi^{-1}(\bar{H}) = \{g \in G \mid \varphi(g) \in \bar{H}\}$ .

Since  $\bar{H} \leq G/K$  we know the identity of  $G/K$  is in  $\bar{H}$ . That is,  $K \in \bar{H}$ .

Note if  $g \in K$ , then  $\varphi(g) = gK = K$ .

So, for every  $g \in K$ ,  $\varphi(g) = K \in \bar{H}$ .  $g \in K$

So,  $K \leq \varphi^{-1}(\bar{H})$ .

Thus, if  $\bar{H} \leq G/K$ , then  $\varphi^{-1}(\bar{H}) \leq G$  and  $K \leq \varphi^{-1}(\bar{H})$ .

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The correspondence is one-to-one.

Suppose  $H_1, H_2$  with  $K \leq H_1 \leq G$  and  $K \leq H_2 \leq G$  and  $\varphi(H_1) = \varphi(H_2)$ .

Let's show that  $H_1 = H_2$ .

Let's show  $H_1 \subseteq H_2$ .

Pick  $h_1 \in H_1$ .

Note that  $\varphi(h_1) = h_1 K$ .

Also since  $\varphi(H_1) = \varphi(H_2)$  and  $h_1 \in H_1$  and  $\varphi(h_1) \in \varphi(H_1)$   
we know  $\varphi(h_1) \in \varphi(H_2)$ .

So,  $\varphi(h_1) = \varphi(h_2)$  for some  $h_2 \in H_2$ .

Thus,  $h_1 K = h_2 K$ .

→ Thus,  $h_1 \in h_2 K$ .

So,  $h_1 = h_2 k$  where  $k \in K$ .

From above we know  $K \leq H_2$   
and thusly  $k \in H_2$ .

Since  $h_2, k \in H_2$  we have

$$h_1 = h_2 k \in H_2$$

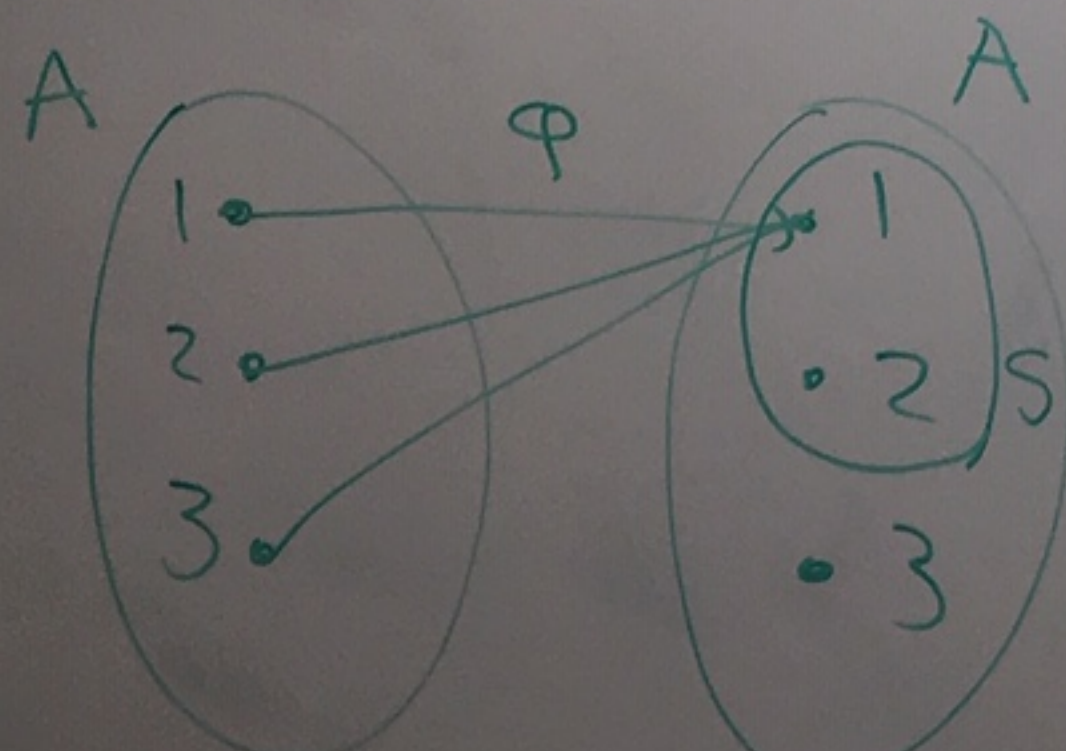
Therefore,  $H_1 \subseteq H_2$ .

Similarly,  $H_2 \subseteq H_1$ . So,  $H_1 = H_2$ .

Why can't use  $\varphi(\varphi^{-1}(S)) = S$

$$\varphi: A \rightarrow A, S \subseteq A$$

$$\varphi(\varphi^{-1}(S)) \subseteq S$$



$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(\varphi^{-1}(S)) &= \varphi(\{1, 2, 3\}) \\ &= \{1, 2\} \subseteq S \end{aligned}$$

The correspondence is onto

$$\text{Let } \bar{H} \leq G/K.$$

$$\text{Let } H = \varphi^{-1}(\bar{H}) = \{g \in G \mid \varphi(g) \in \bar{H}\}.$$

Two boards ago we showed that  $K \leq H \leq G$ .

$$\text{Claim: } \varphi(H) = \bar{H}.$$

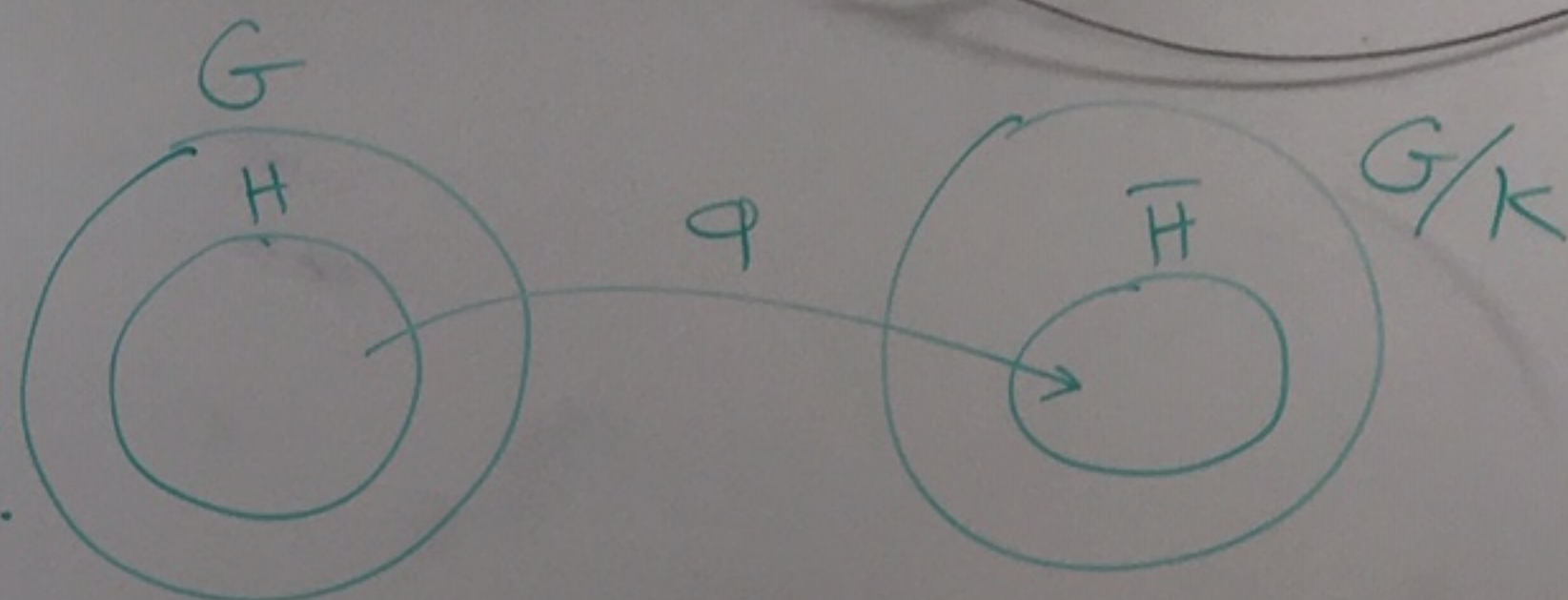
If we prove this claim we are done.

$$\text{Let } x \in \varphi(H).$$

$$\text{Then } x = \varphi(g) \text{ where } g \in H = \varphi^{-1}(\bar{H}).$$

$$\text{Thusly, } x = \varphi(g) \in \bar{H}.$$

$$\text{So, } \varphi(H) \subseteq \bar{H}.$$



Let  $y \in \bar{H}$ .

Then  $y = gK$  where  $g \in G$ .

Note  $\varphi(g) = gK \in \bar{H}$ .

So,  $g \in H$ .

Therefore,  $y = gK = \varphi(g) \in \varphi(H)$ .

So,  $\bar{H} \subseteq \varphi(H)$ .

Therefore,  $\varphi(H) = \bar{H}$ .  $\square$

Method 2 of claim

$\varphi$  is onto.

It follows that

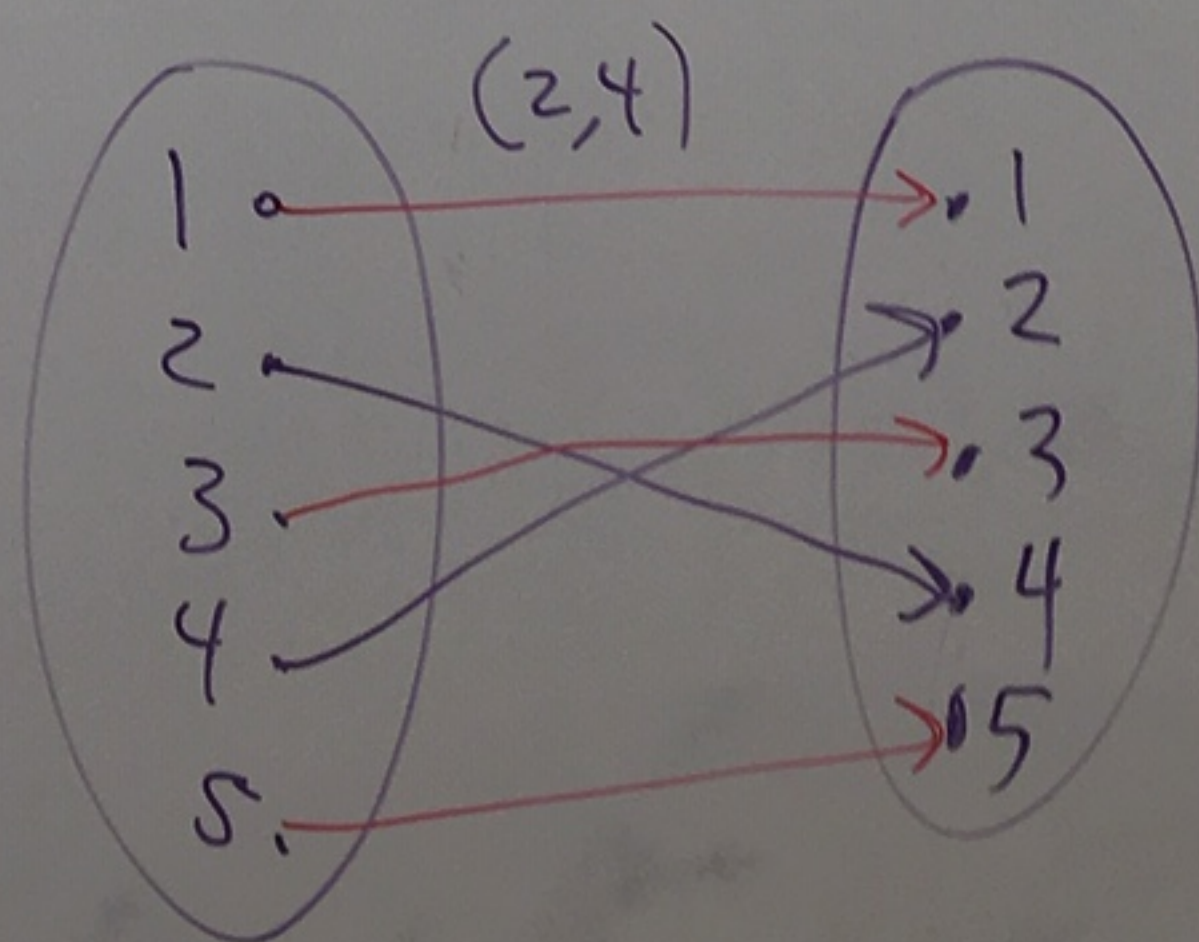
$$\varphi(H) = \varphi(\varphi^{-1}(\bar{H})) = \bar{H}.$$

In general, if  
 $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $f$  is  
onto  $B$  and  $S \subseteq B$  then  
 $f(f^{-1}(S)) = S.$

### 3.5 - Transpositions and the alternating group

Def: A 2-cycle in  $S_n$  is called a transposition.

Ex:  $(2,4) \in S_5$  is a transposition.



Proposition Any element of  $S_n$  can be written as a product of transpositions.

Method: Given  $\tau \in S_n$ , write  $\tau$  as the product of disjoint cycles. Then use the following formula on each cycle:

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = (a_1, a_n)(a_1, a_{n-1}) \dots (a_1, a_2)$$

Ex:

$$\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 5 & 1 & 3 & 7 & 9 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (1, 2, 4, 5)(3, 6)(7)(8, 9)$$

$$= (1, 5)(1, 4)(1, 2)(3, 6)(8, 9)$$

$\tau$  is the product of 5 transpositions

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 3 & 7 & 9 & 8 \end{array} \Bigg) \\ (3,6)(7)(8,9) \\ (2)(3,6)(8,9)$$

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Theorem: For any  $\tau \in S_n$   
there may be many ways  
of writing  $\tau$  as a product  
of transpositions; however,  
if you express  $\tau$  in  
two different ways as the  
product of transpositions  
then you can't have one  
way be an odd number of  
transpositions and the other  
way be an even number of  
transpositions.