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Motivation:

Given G we want
a normal subgroup H ,
where G/H is abelian.

So we want

$$(xH)(yH) = (yH)(xH) \quad \forall x, y \in G$$

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$$xyH = yxH \quad \forall x, y \in G$$

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$$x^{-1}y^{-1}xyH = H \quad \forall x, y \in G$$

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$$x^{-1}y^{-1}xy \in H \quad \forall x, y \in G$$

Def: Let G be a group.

Define

$$G' = \langle \{ x^{-1}y^{-1}xy \mid x, y \in G \} \rangle$$

So G' is the subgroup of G that is
generated by all the elements of the
form $x^{-1}y^{-1}xy$. G' is called the commutator
subgroup of G .

Ex: $D_6 = \{1, r, r^2, s, sr, sr^2\}$

x	y	$x^{-1}y^{-1}xy$
1	a	1
a	1	1
a	a	1
r	s	$r^{-1}s^{-1}rs = r^2 = r$
s	r	$s^{-1}r^{-1}sr = r^2$
r	r^2	1
r^2	r	1
r	sr	$r^{-1}(sr)^{-1}r sr = r^2 sr sr = r$
r	sr^2	$r^{-1}(sr^2)^{-1}r sr^2 = r^2 sr^2 r sr^2 = r$
r^2	s	r^2
r^2	sr	r^2
r^2	sr^2	r^2

1	a	1
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a	1	1
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a	a	1
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r	s	$r^{-1}s^{-1}rs = r^2 = r$
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s	r	$s^{-1}r^{-1}sr = r^2$
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r	r^2	1
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r	sr	$r^{-1}(sr)^{-1}r sr = r^2 sr sr = r$
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r	sr^2	$r^{-1}(sr^2)^{-1}r sr^2 = r^2 sr^2 r sr^2 = r$
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r^2	s	r^2
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r^2	sr	r^2
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r^2	sr^2	r^2
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x	y	$x^{-1}y^{-1}xy$
s	sr	r^2
s	sr^2	r
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s	r^2	r
sr	r	r^2
sr	r^2	r
sr	s	r
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$$(D_6)' = \langle \{1, r, r^2\} \rangle = \{1, r, r^2\}$$

$$D_6 / (D_6)' = \{D_6', sD_6'\} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$$

so D_6 / D_6' is abelian.

$$D_6' = \{1, r, r^2\}$$

$$sD_6' = \{s, sr, sr^2\}$$

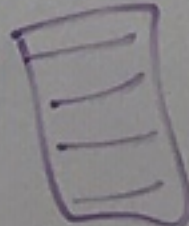
Theorem: G is abelian iff $G' = \{1\}$

Proof:

G is abelian iff $xy = yx$ for all $x, y \in G$

iff $x^{-1}y^{-1}xy = 1$ for all $x, y \in G$

iff $\{x^{-1}y^{-1}xy \mid x, y \in G\} = \{1\}$

iff $G' = \{1\}$. 

Theorem: Let G be a group.

① $G' \trianglelefteq G$.

② G/G' is abelian.

③ If $H \trianglelefteq G$ and G/H is abelian then $G' \leq H$.

Conversely, if $G' \leq H \leq G$ then $H \trianglelefteq G$ and G/H is abelian.

G/G' is the "largest" abelian quotient of G .

• If G/H is abelian, then $G' \leq H$

So, $|G/H| = \frac{|G|}{|H|} < \frac{|G|}{|G'|} = |G/G'|$

• If G/H is abelian then $G' \leq H$.

Proof:

① For later.

② Let $x, y \in G$. Then

$$(xG')(yG') = (xy)G' = \left[(xy)G' \right] \left[(y^{-1}x^{-1}yx)G' \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \boxed{y^{-1}x^{-1}yx \in G'} \\ \boxed{(y^{-1}x^{-1}yx)G' = G'} \end{array}$$

$$= (xyy^{-1}x^{-1}yx)G' = (yx)G' = (yG')(xG').$$

So, G/G' is abelian.

③ (\Rightarrow) Suppose $H \trianglelefteq G$ and G/H is abelian. We will show $G' \leq H$.

Since G/H is abelian $(xH)(yH) = (yH)(xH)$ for all $x, y \in G$.

So, $(x^{-1}H)(y^{-1}H)(xH)(yH) = H$ for all $x, y \in G$.

Merging these we get $(x^{-1}y^{-1}xy)H = H$ for all $x, y \in G$.

So, $x^{-1}y^{-1}xy \in H$ for all $x, y \in G$.

So all the generators of G' are contained in H .

Thus, $G' = \langle \{x^{-1}y^{-1}xy \mid x, y \in G\} \rangle \leq H$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $G' \leq H \leq G$.

We want to show $H \trianglelefteq G$ and G/H is abelian.

$H \trianglelefteq G$: Let $g \in G$ and $h \in H$.

Then $ghg^{-1} = ghg^{-1}h^{-1}h = g'h$ where $g' = ghg^{-1}h^{-1} \in G'$.

Since $g' \in G' \leq H$ and $h \in H$ we get $ghg^{-1} = g'h \in H$.

So, $H \trianglelefteq G$.

G/H is abelian: Let $x, y \in G$. Then

$$(xH)(yH) = (xy)H = \underbrace{(xy)H}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ y^{-1}x^{-1}yx \in G' \leq H \\ \text{So, } y^{-1}x^{-1}yxH = H}} \underbrace{((y^{-1}x^{-1}yx)H)}_H = (xyy^{-1}x^{-1}yx)H = yxH = (yH)(xH).$$

① Let $g \in G$ and $g' \in G'$.

$$\text{Then } gg'g^{-1} = \underbrace{gg'g^{-1}}_{\text{in } G'} (g')^{-1} \underbrace{g'}_{\text{in } G'} \in G'.$$

So, $G' \trianglelefteq G$.



Ex: Classify the groups of size 45
up to isomorphism.

Let G be a group of size $45 = 3^2 \cdot 5$.

Claim: G is abelian.

Let P_3 be a Sylow 3-subgroup of G , that is $|P_3| = 3^2 = 9$.

Let P_5 be a Sylow 5-subgroup of G , that is $|P_5| = 5$

We know $n_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ and $n_3 | 5$. So, $n_3 = 1$.

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Since $n_3=1$ we know $P_3 \trianglelefteq G$.

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We know $P_3 \cap P_5 \leq P_3$ and $P_3 \cap P_5 \leq P_5$.

So, $|P_3 \cap P_5|$ divides $|P_3|=9$ and $|P_5|=5$, by Lagrange.

Thus, $|P_3 \cap P_5|=1$.

So, $P_3 \cap P_5 = \{1\}$.

Since $|G/P_3| = \frac{|G|}{|P_3|} = \frac{3^2 \cdot 5}{3^2} = 5$ and $P_3 \trianglelefteq G$ we have that G/P_3 is a cyclic group.

So, G/P_3 is abelian.

Thus, $G' \leq P_3$. [By ③ of previous thm.]

Since $|G/P_5| = \frac{45}{5} = 3^2$ and $P_5 \trianglelefteq G$

we have G/P_5 is abelian.

So, $G' \leq P_5$ [③ of previous thm.]

Thus, $G' \leq P_3 \cap P_5 = \{1\}$.

So, $G' = \{1\}$.

Thus, G is abelian.

Since G is abelian of size $45 = 3^2 \cdot 5$

$$G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{3^2 \cdot 5} = \mathbb{Z}_{45}$$

or

$$G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{3^2} \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \\ = \mathbb{Z}_{15} \times \mathbb{Z}_3$$

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