

Lagrange's theorem for finite groups

Johan G. F. Belinfante
2011 July 27

```
In[1]:= SetDirectory["1:"]; << goedel.11jul27a
      :Package Title: goedel.11jul27a          2011 July 27 at 11:40 a.m.
      Loading takes about eleven minutes, half that time due to builtin pauses.
      It is now: 2011 Jul 27 at 13:24
      Loading Simplification Rules
      TOOLS.M is now incorporated in the GOEDEL program as of 2010 September 3
      weightlimit = 40
      Loading completed.
      It is now: 2011 Jul 27 at 13:35
```

summary

If x is a subgroup of a finite group y , then the cardinality of $\text{range}[x]$ divides the cardinality of $\text{range}[y]$.

the left coset of the identity element

If x is a subgroup of a group y , then $\text{range}[x]$ is the left coset of the identity element $e[y]$.

Theorem. If x is a subgroup of a group y , then $\text{range}[x]$ belongs to the class of all left cosets.

```
In[3]:= Map[not, SubstTest[and, implies[p1, p2], implies[p1, p3],
      implies[and[p1, p2], p4], implies[and[p3, p4], p5], not[implies[p1, p5]],
      {p1 → and[member[x, GROUPS], subclass[x, y], member[y, GROUPS]], p2 →
      member[e[y], range[y]], p3 → equal[range[x], image[y, cart[set[e[y]], range[x]]]],
      p4 → member[image[y, cart[set[e[y]], range[x]]],
      image[VERTSECT[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]]], range[y]]],
      p5 → member[range[x], image[VERTSECT[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]],
      inverse[FIRST]]], range[y]]]]] // Reverse

Out[3]= or[member[range[x],
      image[VERTSECT[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]]], range[y]]],
      not[member[x, GROUPS]], not[member[y, GROUPS]], not[subclass[x, y]]] == True
```

```
In[4]:= or[member[range[x_],
  image[VERTSECT[composite[y_, id[cart[V, range[x_]]], inverse[FIRST]]], range[y_]]],
  not[member[x_, GROUPS]], not[member[y_, GROUPS]], not[subclass[x_, y_]]] := True
```

The left coset $\text{image}[y, \{t\} \times \text{range}[x]]$ for every element $t \in \text{range}[y]$ is equipollent to the particular coset $\text{range}[x]$. The next lemma just restates this fact, eliminating the variable t .

Lemma. (Eliminating the variable t .)

```
In[5]:= Map[equal[V, #] &,
  SubstTest[class, t, implies[and[member[x, g], subclass[x, y], member[y, g],
    member[t, range[y]]], member[t, q]], {g → GROUPS,
  q → image[inverse[VERTSECT[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]]]],
    image[Q, set[range[x]]]], r → range[x]]]
```

```
Out[5]= or[not[member[x, GROUPS]],
  not[member[y, GROUPS]], not[subclass[x, y]], subclass[range[y],
  image[inverse[VERTSECT[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]]]],
  image[Q, set[range[x]]]]] = True
```

```
In[6]:= (% /. {x → x_, y → y_}) /. Equal → SetDelayed
```

The inverse image in the above lemma can be replaced with a direct image, yielding the following somewhat nicer statement.

Theorem. Every left coset of a subgroup x of a group y is equipollent to $\text{range}[x]$.

```
In[7]:= Map[not, SubstTest[and, implies[p1, p2], implies[p2, p3], not[implies[p1, p3]],
  {p1 → and[member[x, GROUPS], subclass[x, y], member[y, GROUPS]],
  p2 → subclass[range[y], image[inverse[VERTSECT[composite[y,
    id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]]]], image[Q, set[range[x]]]]],
  p3 → subclass[image[VERTSECT[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]]],
    range[y]], image[Q, set[range[x]]]]}] // Reverse
```

```
Out[7]= or[not[member[x, GROUPS]], not[member[y, GROUPS]], not[subclass[x, y]],
  subclass[image[VERTSECT[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]]],
  range[y]], image[Q, set[range[x]]]] = True
```

```
In[8]:= or[not[member[x_, GROUPS]], not[member[y_, GROUPS]], not[subclass[x_, y_]],
  subclass[image[VERTSECT[composite[y_, id[cart[V, range[x_]]], inverse[FIRST]]],
  range[y_]], image[Q, set[range[x_]]]] := True
```

Since the left cosets are pairwise disjoint, it follows that the class of left cosets is a uniform partition of $\text{range}[y]$.

uniform partitions of finite sets

A corollary of a recently derived theorem about uniform partitions of finite sets is derived in this section.

Lemma.

```
In[9]:= SubstTest[or, equal[card[U[x]], natmul[t, card[x]]], not[member[x, FINITE]],
  not[member[t, omega]], not[subclass[x, image[Q, set[t]]]],
  not[subclass[cart[x, x], union[DISJOINT, Id]]], {t → card[y]}] // Reverse
```

```
Out[9]= or[equal[card[U[x]], natmul[card[x], card[y]]], not[member[x, FINITE]],
  not[member[y, FINITE]], not[subclass[x, image[Q, set[card[y]]]]],
  not[subclass[cart[x, x], union[DISJOINT, Id]]] == True
```

```
In[10]:= (% /. {x → x_, y → y_}) /. Equal → SetDelayed
```

Theorem. If each member of a finite partition x is equipollent to the same finite set y , then $\text{card}[U[x]]$ is the product of $\text{card}[x]$ and $\text{card}[y]$.

```
In[13]:= Map[not, SubstTest[and, implies[and[p1, p2, p4, p6], p7], implies[p2, p5],
  implies[and[p3, p5], p6], not[implies[and[p1, p2, p3, p4], p7]],
  {p1 → member[x, FINITE], p2 → member[y, FINITE],
  p3 → subclass[x, image[Q, set[y]]], p4 → subclass[cart[x, x], union[DISJOINT, Id]],
  p5 → equal[image[Q, set[y]], image[Q, set[card[y]]]],
  p6 → subclass[x, image[Q, set[card[y]]]],
  p7 → equal[card[U[x]], natmul[card[x], card[y]]}] // Reverse
```

```
Out[13]= or[equal[card[U[x]], natmul[card[x], card[y]]], not[member[x, FINITE]],
  not[member[y, FINITE]], not[subclass[x, image[Q, set[y]]]],
  not[subclass[cart[x, x], union[DISJOINT, Id]]] == True
```

```
In[14]:= or[equal[card[U[x_]], natmul[card[x_], card[y_]], not[member[x_, FINITE]],
  not[member[y_, FINITE]], not[subclass[x_, image[Q, set[y_]]]],
  not[subclass[cart[x_, x_], union[DISJOINT, Id]]] := True
```

This theorem about uniform partitions will now be applied to the equivalence classes of a finite equivalence relation $\text{eqv}[\text{fin}[x]]$.

Lemma.

```
In[18]:= SubstTest[member, image[funpart[u], fin[v]],
  FINITE, {u → VERTSECT[x], v → fix[eqv[fin[y]]]}] // Reverse
```

```
Out[18]= member[image[VERTSECT[x], fix[eqv[fin[y]]]], FINITE] == True
```

```
In[19]:= member[image[VERTSECT[x_], fix[eqv[fin[y_]]]], FINITE] := True
```

Lemma. (The uniform partition theorem is applied to a generic finite equivalence relation.)

```
In[20]:= SubstTest[or, equal[card[U[t]], natmul[card[t], card[y]]],
  not[member[t, FINITE]], not[member[y, FINITE]],
  not[subclass[t, image[Q, set[y]]]], not[subclass[cart[t, t], union[DISJOINT, Id]]],
  t → image[VERTSECT[eqv[fin[x]]], fix[eqv[fin[x]]]] // Reverse
```

```
Out[20]= or[equal[card[fix[eqv[fin[x]]]],
  natmul[card[y], card[image[VERTSECT[eqv[fin[x]]], fix[eqv[fin[x]]]]]],
  not[member[y, FINITE]], not[
  subclass[image[VERTSECT[eqv[fin[x]]], fix[eqv[fin[x]]], image[Q, set[y]]]]] == True
```

```
In[21]:= (% /. {x → x_, y → y_}) /. Equal → SetDelayed
```

The double wrapper **eqv[fin[x]]** can now be eliminated.

Theorem. If every equivalence class of a finite equivalence relation x is equipollent to the same finite set y , then the cardinality of **fix[x]** is the product of the number of equivalence classes and the cardinality of the set y .

```
In[22]:= SubstTest[implies, equal[x, eqv[fin[t]]], or[equal[card[fix[x]],
  natmul[card[y], card[image[VERTSECT[x], fix[x]]]], not[member[y, FINITE]],
  not[subclass[image[VERTSECT[x], fix[x]], image[Q, set[y]]]], t → x] // Reverse
```

```
Out[22]= or[equal[card[fix[x]], natmul[card[y], card[image[VERTSECT[x], fix[x]]]],
  not[EQUIVALENCE[x]], not[member[x, FINITE]], not[member[y, FINITE]],
  not[subclass[image[VERTSECT[x], fix[x]], image[Q, set[y]]]]] = True
```

```
In[23]:= or[equal[card[fix[x_]], natmul[card[y_], card[image[VERTSECT[x_], fix[x_]]]],
  not[EQUIVALENCE[x_]], not[member[x_, FINITE]], not[member[y_, FINITE]],
  not[subclass[image[VERTSECT[x_], fix[x_]], image[Q, set[y_]]]]] := True
```

A slightly more general result can be derived.

Lemma.

```
In[26]:= SubstTest[member, image[VERTSECT[fin[t]], y], FINITE, t → eqv[fin[x]] // Reverse
```

```
Out[26]= member[image[VERTSECT[eqv[fin[x]]], y], FINITE] = True
```

```
In[27]:= member[image[VERTSECT[eqv[fin[x_]]], y_], FINITE] := True
```

Lemma.

```
In[28]:= SubstTest[or, equal[card[U[t]], natmul[card[t], card[y]]],
  not[member[t, FINITE]], not[member[y, FINITE]],
  not[subclass[t, image[Q, set[y]]]], not[subclass[cart[t, t], union[DISJOINT, Id]],
  t → image[VERTSECT[eqv[fin[x]]], z] // Reverse
```

```
Out[28]= or[equal[card[image[eqv[fin[x]], z]],
  natmul[card[y], card[image[VERTSECT[eqv[fin[x]]], z]]], not[member[y, FINITE]],
  not[subclass[image[VERTSECT[eqv[fin[x]]], z], image[Q, set[y]]]]] = True
```

```
In[29]:= (% /. {x → x_, y → y_, z → z_}) /. Equal → SetDelayed
```

Theorem. If every equivalence class of a finite equivalence relation x is equipollent to the same finite set y , then for any class z , the cardinality of **image[x, z]** is the product of the cardinality of **image[VERTSECT[x], z]** and the cardinality of the set y .

```

In[30]:= SubstTest[implies, equal[x, eqv[fin[t]]], or[equal[card[image[x, z]],
    natmul[card[y], card[image[VERTSECT[x], z]]]], not[member[y, FINITE]],
    not[subclass[image[VERTSECT[x], z], image[Q, set[y]]]]], t → x] // Reverse

Out[30]= or[equal[card[image[x, z]], natmul[card[y], card[image[VERTSECT[x], z]]]],
    not[EQUIVALENCE[x]], not[member[x, FINITE]], not[member[y, FINITE]],
    not[subclass[image[VERTSECT[x], z], image[Q, set[y]]]]] = True

In[31]:= or[equal[card[image[x_, z_]], natmul[card[image[VERTSECT[x_], z_]], card[y_]]],
    not[EQUIVALENCE[x_]], not[member[x_, FINITE]], not[member[y_, FINITE]],
    not[subclass[image[VERTSECT[x_], z_], image[Q, set[y_]]]]] := True

```

Lagrange's theorem

In this section, the general result derived in the last section is used to derive Lagrange's theorem for finite groups. If x is a subgroup of a finite group y , then $y \circ \text{id}[V \times \text{range}[x]] \circ \text{inverse}[\text{FIRST}]$ is an equivalence relation on $\text{range}[y]$. The equivalence classes are just the left cosets of x in y . For the first lemma, the group trappings are ignored, and only the form of the equivalence relation is used, producing a laundry list of hypotheses that need to be checked.

Lemma. (Result of applying the result of last section to an equivalence relation of the form needed.)

```

In[32]:= SubstTest[or, equal[card[image[u, w]], natmul[card[v], card[image[VERTSECT[u], w]]]],
    not[EQUIVALENCE[u]], not[member[u, FINITE]], not[member[v, FINITE]],
    not[subclass[image[VERTSECT[u], w], image[Q, set[v]]]],
    {u → composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]],
    v → range[x], w → range[y]}] // Reverse

Out[32]= or[equal[card[image[y, cart[range[y], range[x]]]],
    natmul[card[image[VERTSECT[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]]],
    range[y]], card[range[x]]]],
    not[EQUIVALENCE[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]]],
    not[member[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]], FINITE]],
    not[member[range[x], FINITE]],
    not[subclass[image[VERTSECT[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]]],
    range[y]], image[Q, set[range[x]]]]] = True

```

```

In[33]:= (% /. {x → x_, y → y_}) /. Equal → SetDelayed

```

Lemma. (The first finiteness condition encountered in the lemma.)

```

In[38]:= SubstTest[implies,
    and[member[u, FINITE], FUNCTION[inverse[v]], member[composite[u, v], FINITE],
    {u → y, v → composite[id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]]}] // Reverse

Out[38]= or[member[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]], FINITE],
    not[member[y, FINITE]]] = True

```

```

In[39]:= (% /. {x → x_, y → y_}) /. Equal → SetDelayed

```

Theorem. A preliminary result, using the above lemmas.

```
In[41]:= Map[not,
  SubstTest[and, implies[p1, p2], implies[p1, p3], implies[p1, p4], implies[p4, p5],
    implies[p1, p6], (*implies[and[p2,p3,p5,p6],p7],*) not[implies[p1, p7]],
    {p1 -> and[member[x, GROUPS], subclass[x, y], member[y, GROUPS], member[y, FINITE]],
      p2 -> EQUIVALENCE[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]]],
      p3 -> member[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]], FINITE],
      p4 -> member[x, FINITE],
      p5 -> member[range[x], FINITE], p6 -> subclass[
        image[VERTSECT[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]]], range[y]],
        image[Q, set[range[x]]], p7 -> equal[card[image[y, cart[range[y], range[x]]]],
          natmul[card[image[VERTSECT[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]]],
            range[y]], card[range[x]]]]]] // Reverse

Out[41]= or[equal[card[image[y, cart[range[y], range[x]]]],
  natmul[card[image[VERTSECT[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]]],
    range[y]], card[range[x]]], not[member[x, GROUPS]],
  not[member[y, FINITE]], not[member[y, GROUPS]], not[subclass[x, y]]] = True
```

```
In[42]:= (% /. {x -> x_, y -> y_}) /. Equal -> SetDelayed
```

Lemma. If the identity element $e[y]$ of a group y belongs to a class z , then the union of the cosets for element of z is $\text{range}[y]$.

```
In[44]:= SubstTest[implies, equal[y, gp[t]], or[equal[image[y, cart[range[y], z]], range[y]],
  not[member[e[y], z]], t -> y] // Reverse // MapNotNot
```

```
Out[44]= or[equal[image[y, cart[range[y], z]], range[y]],
  not[member[y, GROUPS]], not[member[e[y], z]] = True
```

```
In[45]:= (% /. {y -> y_, z -> z_}) /. Equal -> SetDelayed
```

Lagrange's Theorem. If x is a subgroup of a finite group y , then the cardinality of $\text{range}[y]$ is equal to the product of the cardinality of $\text{range}[x]$ and the cardinality of the class of left cosets of x in y .

```
In[46]:= Map[not, SubstTest[and, implies[p1, p2], implies[and[p1, p2], p3],
  implies[p1, p4], implies[and[p3, p4], p5], not[implies[p1, p5]],
  {p1 -> and[member[x, GROUPS], subclass[x, y], member[y, GROUPS], member[y, FINITE]],
    p2 -> member[e[y], range[x]],
    p3 -> equal[image[y, cart[range[y], range[x]]], range[y]],
    p4 -> equal[card[image[y, cart[range[y], range[x]]]],
      natmul[card[image[VERTSECT[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]]],
        range[y]], card[range[x]]], p5 -> equal[card[range[y]],
      natmul[card[image[VERTSECT[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]]],
        range[y]], card[range[x]]]]]] // Reverse
```

```
Out[46]= or[equal[card[range[y]],
  natmul[card[image[VERTSECT[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]]],
    range[y]], card[range[x]]], not[member[x, GROUPS]],
  not[member[y, FINITE]], not[member[y, GROUPS]], not[subclass[x, y]]] = True
```

```
In[48]:= or[equal[card[range[y_]],
            natmul[card[image[VERTSECT[composite[y_, id[cart[V, range[x_]]], inverse[FIRST]]],
                    range[y_]], card[range[x_]]], not[member[x_, GROUPS]],
            not[member[y_, FINITE]], not[member[y_, GROUPS]], not[subclass[x_, y_]]] := True
```

Lemma.

```
In[50]:= SubstTest[implies, and[member[w, omega], equal[w, natmul[x, z]]],
            member[pair[x, w], DIV], w → card[y]] // Reverse
```

```
Out[50]= or[member[pair[x, card[y]], DIV],
            not[equal[card[y], natmul[x, z]]], not[member[y, FINITE]]] = True
```

```
In[51]:= or[member[pair[x_, card[y_]], DIV],
            not[equal[card[y_], natmul[x_, z_]]], not[member[y_, FINITE]]] := True
```

The cardinality of the range of a group is called the **order** of the group.

Corollary. The order of any subgroup x of a finite group y divides the order of the group.

```
In[52]:= Map[not, SubstTest[and, implies[p1, p2],
                            implies[p1, p3], implies[and[p2, p3], p4], not[implies[p1, p4]],
                            {p1 → and[member[x, GROUPS], subclass[x, y], member[y, GROUPS], member[y, FINITE]],
                             p2 → equal[card[range[y]],
                                         natmul[card[image[VERTSECT[composite[y, id[cart[V, range[x]]], inverse[FIRST]]],
                                                 range[y]]], card[range[x]]], p3 → member[range[y], FINITE],
                             p4 → member[pair[card[range[x]], card[range[y]], DIV]}]] // Reverse
```

```
Out[52]= or[member[pair[card[range[x]], card[range[y]], DIV], not[member[x, GROUPS]],
            not[member[y, FINITE]], not[member[y, GROUPS]], not[subclass[x, y]]] = True
```

```
In[53]:= or[member[pair[card[range[x_]], card[range[y_]], DIV], not[member[x_, GROUPS]],
            not[member[y_, FINITE]], not[member[y_, GROUPS]], not[subclass[x_, y_]]] := True
```