

Ex. In \mathbb{Z}_{12} , let $H = \langle 3 \rangle = \{0, 3, 6, 9\}$

and $K = \langle 4 \rangle = \{0, 4, 8\}$.

✓ $H, K \trianglelefteq \mathbb{Z}_{12}$. Why? B/c \mathbb{Z}_{12} abelian,
so all subgps normal.

$$\begin{aligned} H &\trianglelefteq G \\ K &\trianglelefteq G. \\ G &= HK \\ H \cap K &= \{e\} \end{aligned}$$

✓ $H \cap K = \{0\}$

Finally: $\mathbb{Z}_{12} = H + K$. Why? *additive notation*

So $\mathbb{Z}_{12} \cong \langle 3 \rangle + \langle 4 \rangle$.
gcd(3,4) = 1 so $1 = 3s + 4t \in \langle 3 \rangle + \langle 4 \rangle$ *some s, t ∈ Z.*

But then for any $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{12}$, $a = a \cdot 1$

$$= a(3s + 4t)$$

$$= 3as + 4at$$

$$\in \langle 3 \rangle + \langle 4 \rangle.$$

So $\mathbb{Z}_{12} \subset \langle 3 \rangle + \langle 4 \rangle$ and thus they are equal as sets.

Note: $\langle 4 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_3$ and $\langle 3 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ so $\mathbb{Z}_{12} \cong \mathbb{Z}_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_4$.