

**Question 1.** If  $A, B$  are subgroups of  $G$  such that  $b^{-1}Ab \subset A$  for any  $b \in B$ , show that  $AB \leq G$ .

*Solution.* Let  $a_1b_1, a_2b_2 \in AB$ , where  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  and  $b_1, b_2 \in B$ . Then

$$a_1b_1 \cdot a_2b_2 = a_1(b_1a_2b_1^{-1})(b_1b_2) = a_1((b_1^{-1})^{-1}a_2b_1^{-1})(b_1b_2) \in AB,$$

because  $(b_1^{-1})^{-1}a_2b_1^{-1} \in A$  and  $b_1b_2 \in B$ . Furthermore, for any  $ab \in AB$

$$(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1} = (b^{-1}a^{-1}b)b^{-1} \in AB.$$

And finally, since the identity  $e$  of  $G$  belongs both to  $A$  and to  $B$ , we conclude that  $e = e \cdot e \in AB$ . Thus,  $AB$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .  $\square$