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Theorem: Let  $G$  be a group,  $N$  a normal subgroup of  $G$ , and let  $M$  be a subgroup of  $G/N$  that contains  $N$ . Also, define  $f : G \rightarrow G/N$  by  $f(g) = Ng$ , and define  $f^{-1} : G/N \rightarrow G$  by  $f^{-1}(Ng) = \{g \in G \mid f(g) \in Ng\}$ . Similarly, for any set  $A \subseteq G/N$  let  $f^{-1}(A) = \{g \in G \mid f(g) \in A\}$ . Then if  $M$  is a normal subgroup of  $G/N$ ,  $f^{-1}(M)$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

Proof: We have already established that  $f^{-1}(M)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , so all we need to do is establish that the normality of  $f^{-1}(M)$  does indeed follow from the normality of  $M$  in  $G/N$ . To do this, observe that if  $g \in G$  and  $h \in f^{-1}(M)$ , then  $(Ng)^{-1} \cdot Nh \cdot Ng = Ng^{-1} \cdot Nh \cdot Ng = N(g^{-1}hg) \in M$ . But this also means that  $g^{-1}hg \in f^{-1}(M)$ . Hence, if  $g \in G$  and  $h \in f^{-1}(M)$ , then  $g^{-1}hg \in f^{-1}(M)$ , and therefore,  $f^{-1}(M)$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

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