

Normal series of a group: (3)

A finite sequence of subgroups  $G_0 = G \supseteq G_1 \supseteq G_2 \supseteq \dots \supseteq G_k = (e)$  is called a subnormal series of  $G$  if  $G_{i-1}$  is a normal subgroup of  $G_i$ ,  $\forall i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1$ .

The quotient groups  $G_i/G_{i+1}$  are called the factor groups of the subnormal series. If each  $G_i$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  itself, then the series is said to be a normal series of  $G$ .

Q.) Prove that every abelian group is solvable.  
 sol: Let  $G$  is an abelian group. Let  $G = N_0$  and  $N_1 = (e)$  and  $N_1 = (e)$  is an abelian group.

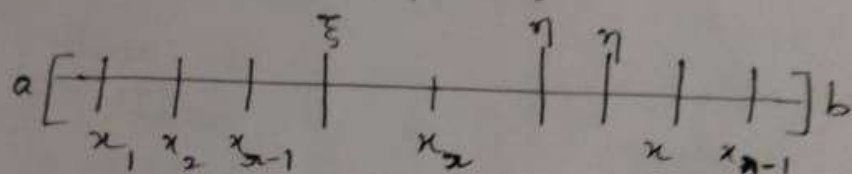
Then,  $G = N_0 \supseteq N_1 = (e)$  is a solvable series of  $G$ . Clearly  $N_1 = (e)$  is a normal subgroup of  $N_0 = G$ . Since for any  $a \in G$  we have  $aea^{-1} = a^{-1}a = e \in (e) = N_1$ .

Since  $G$  is abelian, so the quotient group  $G/N_1 = G/(e) = G$  is abelian. As every quotient group of an abelian group is abelian. So  $G$  is solvable.

Proved

Let now  $\xi, \eta$  be any two points <sup>(4)</sup>  
in  $[a, b]$  such that  $|\xi - \eta| < \delta$ .  
If these two points are in the same  
sub-interval, then by (1), we have

$$|f(\xi) - f(\eta)| < \frac{1}{2} \epsilon$$



If  $\xi, \eta$  do not belong to the same  
sub-interval, then surely they lie one  
in each of the two consecutive intervals.  
If  $x_n$  is the point of division such  
that  $x_{n-1} < \xi < x_n < \eta < x_{n+1}$ , then we  
have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(\xi) - f(\eta)| &= |f(\xi) - f(x_n) + f(x_n) - f(\eta)| \\ &\leq |f(\xi) - f(x_n)| + |f(x_n) - f(\eta)| \\ &< \frac{1}{2} \epsilon + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon = \epsilon \quad \text{by (1)} \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have shown that, given  $\epsilon > 0$   
there exists  $\delta > 0$

$$|f(\xi) - f(\eta)| < \epsilon$$

for any two points  $\xi, \eta$  in  $[a, b]$  such  
that  $|\xi - \eta| < \delta$ .

Hence  $f$  is uniformly continuous in  $[a, b]$ .

Example :-

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① show that the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  ( $x > 0$ ) is uniformly continuous in  $]0, 1]$ .

Sol:- We suppose if possible, that  $f$  is uniformly continuous in  $]0, 1]$ . Then, given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there can be found  $\delta > 0$  independent of any choice  $x_0$  in  $]0, 1]$  such that

$$\left| \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x_0} \right| < \epsilon \text{ for } |x - x_0| < \delta$$

If we choose  $x_0 = \delta$  itself, we see that the interval

$$]x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta[$$

becomes  $]0, 2\delta[$  and the condition ① now must hold for any interval. But then

$$\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{\delta} = \frac{\delta - x}{x\delta} \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0$$

and so by choosing  $x$  sufficiently near 0, the condition ① will be violated.

Thus  $f$  is non-uniformly continuous in  $]0, 1]$ . However,  $f$  is uniformly continuous in  $[c, 1]$  where  $c > 0$ , since  $f$  is continuous in this closed interval.