

**Theorem 1** If  $\phi$  is a homomorphism of  $G$  into  $\bar{G}$  with kernel  $K$ , then  $K$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

*Proof.*

This is Lemma 2.7.3 in [1].

**Theorem 2** Let  $\phi$  be a homomorphism of  $G$  onto  $\bar{G}$  with kernel  $K$ , and let  $\bar{N}$  be a normal subgroup of  $\bar{G}$ ,  $N = \{x \in G \mid \phi(x) \in \bar{N}\}$ . Then  $G/N \approx \bar{G}/\bar{N}$ . Equivalently,  $G/N \approx (G/K)/(N/K)$ .

*Proof.*

The first part of the proof can be found in [1]. By theorem 1,  $K$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Define the mapping  $\psi : G \rightarrow G/K$  by  $\psi(g) = Kg$ . Then  $\psi$  is a homomorphism of  $G$  onto  $G/K$  with kernel  $K$ . Clearly  $N$  is a subgroup of  $G$  and  $N \supset K$ . Since  $\bar{N}$  is a normal subgroup of  $\bar{G}$ ,  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ . It follows that  $N/K$  is a normal subgroup of  $G/K$ . It remains to be shown that  $N = \{x \in G \mid \psi(x) \in N/K\}$ . The first inclusion is obvious. To prove the second inclusion, let  $x \in G$  such that  $\psi(x) \in N/K$ . So  $Kx \in N/K$  and thus  $Kx = Kn$  for some  $n \in N$ . Since  $x \in Kx$  and  $Kx \subset Kn$ ,  $x \in Kn$ . Hence  $x = kn$  for some  $k \in K$ . To conclude,  $x \in N$  because  $N \supset K$ . To sum it up,  $\psi$  is a homomorphism of  $G$  onto  $G/K$  with kernel  $K$  such that  $N/K$  is a normal subgroup of  $G/K$  and  $N = \{x \in G \mid \psi(x) \in N/K\}$ . By the first part of the theorem,  $G/N \approx (G/K)/(N/K)$ .

## References

- [1] I. N. Herstein, *Topics in Algebra*, John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1975.