

MAT 334
Group Explorer Assignment
Friday, March 10, 2006

1. Download a copy of *Group Explorer v2.0* from www.platosheaven.com
2. Run Group Explorer
3. Open the group D_4 .
4. For each subgroup H_i inside of D_4 , do the following:
 - (a) What is the order of the subgroup H_i ?
 - (b) What is the index of the subgroup H_i in D_4 ?
 - (c) Find the Left and Right Cosets of the subgroup H_i in D_4 . To do this, right click on H_i → Compute → all left cosets gH_i of H_i .
 - (d) Is the subgroup H_i normal? That is, do the left and right cosets coincide?
 - (e) Highlight the subgroup. Right click on the Subgroup → Highlight item by → Pick any.
 - (f) Organize the group by the subgroup. In the Table tab, under “Organize by subgroup:” pick H_i .
 - (g) Is the table “nice”?
5. Compare your answers in part (b) and part (e). Do you see any relation?
6. Lagrange’s Theorem states that if H is a subgroup of a finite group G , the the order of H divides the order of G . Is the converse of Lagrange’s Theorem true? That is, if G is a group of order n , does G necessarily have a subgroup of order d for all divisors d of n ? Hint: Look at the group A_4 .