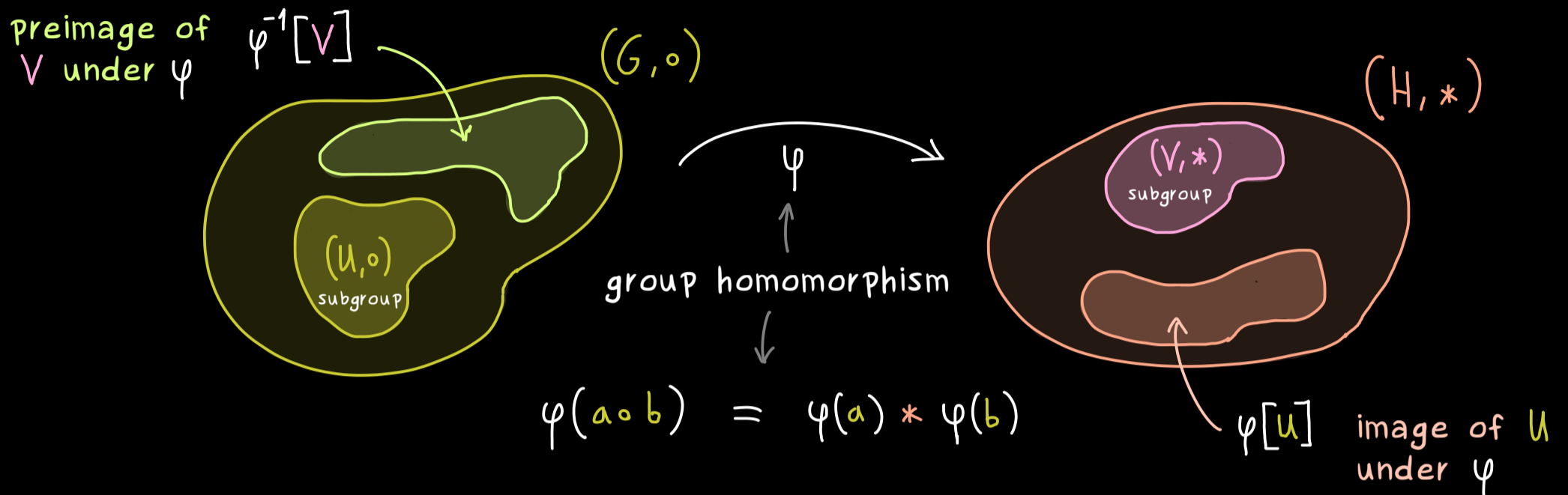


## Algebra - Part 12



Proposition:  $(G, \circ), (H, *)$  groups,  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  group homomorphism.

If  $U \subseteq G$  is a subgroup of  $G$  and  $V \subseteq H$  is a subgroup of  $H$ ,

then:

(a)  $\varphi[U] \subseteq H$  is a subgroup of  $H$

(b)  $\varphi^{-1}[V] \subseteq G$  is a subgroup of  $G$

Proof: (a) Take  $a, b \in \varphi[U] \subseteq H$ . We find  $x, y \in U$  with  $\varphi(x) = a, \varphi(y) = b$ .

Then:  $a * b = \varphi(x) * \varphi(y) = \varphi(\underbrace{x \circ y}_{\in U \text{ (subgroup!)}}) \in \varphi[U]$   
 $a^{-1} = \varphi(x)^{-1} = \varphi(\underbrace{x^{-1}}_{\in U \text{ (subgroup!)}}) \in \varphi[U]$   $\xRightarrow{\text{part 10}}$   $(\varphi[U], *)$  subgroup

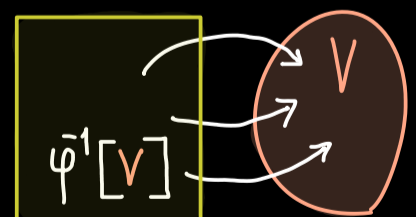
(b) Take  $x, y \in \varphi^{-1}[V]$ . We find  $a, b \in V$  with  $\varphi(x) = a, \varphi(y) = b$ .

Then:  $\varphi(x \circ y) = \varphi(x) * \varphi(y) = a * b \in V$

$\Rightarrow x \circ y \in \varphi^{-1}[V]$

$\varphi(x^{-1}) = \varphi(x)^{-1} = a^{-1} \in V$

$\Rightarrow x^{-1} \in \varphi^{-1}[V] \xRightarrow{\text{part 10}} (\varphi^{-1}[V], \circ)$  subgroup  $\square$

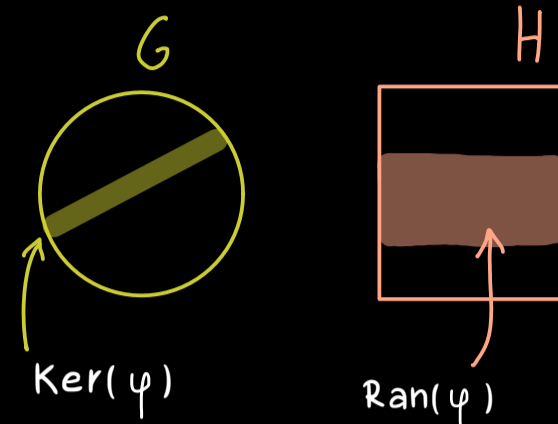


Special cases:  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  group homomorphism.

$$\varphi^{-1}[\{e\}] =: \text{Ker}(\varphi) \quad \text{kernel of } \varphi$$

$$\varphi[G] =: \text{Ran}(\varphi) \quad \text{range of } \varphi$$

$$(\text{im}(\varphi) \quad \text{image of } \varphi)$$



Example:  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \{e, a\}$

$$k \mapsto \begin{cases} e, & k \text{ even} \\ a, & k \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  group homomorphism!

$$\varphi(k+m) = \varphi(k) \circ \varphi(m)$$

$$\text{Ker}(\varphi) = \{\text{even numbers}\} = 2\mathbb{Z} \quad \text{subgroup!}$$