

L - Substructures of L-Subsets

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Abstract: In this paper, we have introduced the concept of *L-subsets* of a group satisfying the inverse property and the concept of *L-subgroups* of an *L-subset* which satisfies the inverse property, where *L* is a lattice.

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1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, unless otherwise stated, *L* always denotes a *distributive lattice*.

A *complete Heyting algebra* [2] *A* is a *complete lattice* such that for all $B \subseteq A$ and for all $b \in A$, $\vee\{a \wedge b: a \in B\} = [\vee\{a: a \in B\}] \wedge b$ and

$$\wedge\{a \vee b: a \in B\} = [\wedge\{a: a \in B\}] \vee b.$$

We at times assume that *L* is a *complete Heyting algebra* or a *chain*. An *L-subset* [1] of a nonempty set *X* is a *function* from *X* into *L*. The set of all *L-subsets* of a nonempty set *X* is called the *L-power set* of *X* and is denoted by L^X .

Throughout this paper *G* always denotes an arbitrary group with a multiplicative *binary operation* which we shall denote by juxtaposition. The multiplicative *identity* of *G* shall be denoted by *e*.

Definition 1.1[2]. An *L-subset* μ of *G* is called an *L-subgroup* of *G* if

$$(1.1) \mu(xy) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y) \quad \forall x, y \in G, \text{ and}$$

$$(1.2) \mu(x^{-1}) \geq \mu(x) \quad \forall x \in G.$$

If $L = [0, 1]$, then an *L-subgroup* of *G* is called a *fuzzy subgroup* of *G*. The set of all *L-subgroups* of *G* shall be denoted by $L(G)$ and the set of all *fuzzy subgroups* of *G* shall be denoted by $I(G)$.

Lemma 1.1 [2]. Let $\mu \in L(G)$. Then $\forall x \in G$,

$$(1.3) \mu(e) \geq \mu(x);$$

$$(1.4) \mu(x^{-1}) = \mu(x).$$

Let *L* be a *complete lattice* and $\mu, \sigma \in L^G$.

The *product* [2] of μ and σ , denoted by $\mu \circ \sigma$, is defined as follows:

$$\forall x \in G,$$

$$(1.5) (\mu \circ \sigma)(x) = \vee \{ \mu(y) \wedge \sigma(z) : y, z \in G, x = yz \}.$$

Let $\mu \in L^G$. The inverse of μ [2], denoted by μ^{-1} , is defined as follows:

$$\forall x \in G,$$

$$(1.6) \mu^{-1}(x) = \mu(x^{-1}).$$

It is clear that $\forall \mu, \sigma \in L^G, \mu \circ \sigma \in L^G$ and $\mu^{-1} \in L^G$.

Theorem 1.2 [2]. Let $\mu \in L^G$. Then μ is an L -subgroup of G if and only if μ_α is a subgroup of $G, \forall \alpha \in \text{Im}(\mu) \cup \{b \in L : b \leq \mu(e)\}$.

Theorem 1.3 [2]. Let $\mu \in L^G$. Then $\mu \in L(G)$ if and only if μ satisfies the following conditions:

$$(1.7) \mu \circ \mu \subseteq \mu;$$

$$(1.8) \mu^{-1} \subseteq \mu \text{ (or } \mu \subseteq \mu^{-1}, \text{ or } \mu^{-1} = \mu \text{)}.$$

Theorem 1.4 [2]. Let $\mu, \nu \in L(G)$. Then $\mu \circ \nu \in L(G)$ if and only if $\mu \circ \nu = \nu \circ \mu$.

2. L – Subgroups of L – Subsets

In this section, we introduce two definitions, one is L -subset of G satisfying the *inverse property* and the other is L -subgroup of an L -subset of G that satisfies the *inverse property*. Then we prove some fundamental results thereof.

Definition 2.1. Let $\mu \in L^G$. We say that μ satisfies the *inverse property* if $\mu(x) = \mu(x^{-1}) \forall x \in G$.

We observe that if $\mu \in L(G)$, then μ satisfies the *inverse property*. We also observe that if $\mu \in L^G$, then μ satisfies the *inverse property* if and only if

$$\mu = \mu^{-1}.$$

The set of all L -subsets of G , which satisfy the *inverse property*, shall be denoted by $LS(G)$. Note that $\mu \in L(G)$ implies $\mu \in LS(G)$.

Definition 2.2. Let $\mu \in L^G, \nu \in LS(G)$ and $\mu \subseteq \nu$. Then we say that μ is an L -subgroup of ν if $\forall x, y \in G$,

$$\mu(xy) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \nu(y).$$

Let $\nu \in LS(G)$. The set of all L -subgroups of ν shall be denoted by $LS_G(\nu)$. If we write $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$, it is always understood that G is a group,

$$\mu, \nu \in L^G, \nu \in LS(G), \mu \subseteq \nu,$$

and μ is an L -subgroup of ν .

Example 2.1. Example of an $\mu \in L^G$ and $\nu \in LS(G)$ such that $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$.
 Let $G = \{ e, x, x^2, x^3 \}$, $x^4 = e$, and $L = [0, 1]$.
 We define $\mu, \nu \in L^G$ as follows:

$$\nu = \{(e, 1), (x, .3), (x^2, .6), (x^3, .3)\}, \text{ and}$$

$$\mu = \{(e, .4), (x, .3), (x^2, .4), (x^3, .3)\}.$$

Then $\nu \in LS(G)$ and $\mu \subseteq \nu$ and $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$.

Proposition 2.2. $\mu \in L(G)$ implies $\mu \in LS_G(\mu) \forall \mu \in L^G$.

Proposition 2.2. Let $\mu \in L^G$, $\nu \in LS(G)$ and $\mu \subseteq \nu$. If $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$ then

$$\mu(e) \geq \mu(x) \forall x \in G.$$

Theorem 2.3. Let $\mu \in L^G$, $\nu \in LS(G)$, and $\mu \subseteq \nu$. If $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$, then $\mu \in L(G)$.

The following example shows that the converse of Theorem 2.3 is not necessarily true.

Example 2.2. Let $G = \{ e, x, x^2, x^3 \}$, $x^4 = e$. Suppose L is a *chain*. We define $\mu, \nu \in L^G$ as follows:

$$\nu = \{(e, p), (x, q), (x^2, r), (x^3, q)\}, \text{ where } p, q, r \in L \text{ and } p > q > r.$$

$$\mu = \{(e, s), (x, u), (x^2, t), (x^3, u)\}, \text{ where } s, t, u \in L \text{ and } r > s > t > u.$$

We observe that $\nu \in LS(G)$ and $\mu \subseteq \nu$.

Also $\mu_s = \{e\}$, $\mu_t = \{e, x^2\}$, $\mu_u = G$ are all *subgroups* of G .

Consequently by Theorem 1.2, μ is an *L-subgroup* of G , i.e., $\mu \in L(G)$.

We find that

$$\mu(x^2 x^3) = \mu(x^5) = \mu(x) = u, \text{ and } \mu(x^2) \wedge \nu(x^3) = t \wedge q = t.$$

Since $t > u$, we have

$$\mu(x^2 x^3) \leq \mu(x^2) \wedge \nu(x^3).$$

Hence $\mu \notin LS_G(\nu)$. Thus $\mu \in L(G)$, $\nu \in LS(G)$, and $\mu \subseteq \nu$, whereas $\mu \notin LS_G(\nu)$.

Theorem 2.4. Let $\mu \in L^G$, $\nu \in LS(G)$, and $\mu \subseteq \nu$. If $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$, then

$$\mu(x) = \mu(e) \wedge \nu(x) \forall x \in G.$$

Proof. Let $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$. Then $\forall x \in G$,

$$\mu(x) = \mu(ex) \geq \mu(e) \wedge \nu(x)$$

$$\geq \mu(e) \wedge \mu(x), \text{ since } \mu \subseteq \nu$$

= $\mu(x)$, using Proposition 2.2.

Hence $\mu(x) = \mu(e) \wedge \nu(x) \forall x \in G$.

Corollary 2.5. If $\mu, \sigma \in LS_G(\nu)$, then $\mu(x) \wedge \sigma(y) = \mu(y) \wedge \sigma(x) \forall x, y \in G$.

Corollary 2.6. If $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$, then $\mu(x) \wedge \nu(y) = \mu(y) \wedge \nu(x) \forall x, y \in G$, and $\mu(x) \wedge \mu(y) = \mu(x) \wedge \nu(y) \forall x, y \in G$.

Theorem 2.7. Let $\mu \in L^G$, $\nu \in LS(G)$, and $\mu \subseteq \nu$. Then $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$ if and only if $\mu \in L(G)$ and $\mu(x) = \mu(e) \wedge \nu(x) \forall x \in G$.

Proof. Let $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$. Then by Theorem 2.3, we have $\mu \in L(G)$, and by Theorem 2.4, we have $\mu(x) = \mu(e) \wedge \nu(x) \forall x \in G$.

Conversely, suppose that $\mu \in L(G)$ and $\mu(x) = \mu(e) \wedge \nu(x) \forall x \in G$. Let $x, y \in G$. Then $\mu(xy) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y) = \mu(x) \wedge \mu(e) \wedge \nu(y) = \mu(x) \wedge \nu(y)$. Hence $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$.

3. Product in $LS_G(\nu)$

In this section we obtain several results in connection with the product in $LS_G(\nu)$, where $\nu \in LS(G)$.

Theorem 3.1. Let L be a complete lattice. Then the product in $LS_G(\nu)$ is commutative.

Corollary 3.2. Let L be a complete lattice. If $\mu, \sigma \in LS_G(\nu)$, then $\mu \circ \sigma \in L(G)$.

Theorem 3.3. Let L be a complete Heyting algebra. If $\mu, \sigma \in LS_G(\nu)$, then $(\mu \circ \sigma)(x) = (\mu \circ \sigma)(e) \wedge (\nu \circ \nu)(x) \forall x \in G$.

Proof. Let $\mu, \sigma \in LS_G(\nu)$. Then by Theorem 2.4, we have

$$\mu(x) = \mu(e) \wedge \nu(x) \forall x \in G \text{ and } \sigma(x) = \sigma(e) \wedge \nu(x) \forall x \in G.$$

Now, $\forall x \in G$,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu \circ \sigma)(x) &= \vee \{ \mu(y) \wedge \sigma(z) : y, z \in G, yz = x \} \\ &= \vee \{ \mu(e) \wedge \nu(y) \wedge \sigma(e) \wedge \nu(z) : y, z \in G, yz = x \} \\ &= \mu(e) \wedge \sigma(e) \wedge \{ \vee \{ \nu(y) \wedge \nu(z) : y, z \in G, yz = x \} \} \\ &= \mu(e) \wedge \sigma(e) \wedge (\nu \circ \nu)(x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence $(\mu \circ \sigma)(x) = \mu(e) \wedge \sigma(e) \wedge (\nu \circ \nu)(x) \forall x \in G$.

On the other hand, since $\mu, \sigma \in LS_G(\nu)$, by Proposition 2.2, we have

$$\mu(e) \geq \mu(x), \sigma(e) \geq \sigma(x) \forall x \in G.$$

Hence $(\mu \circ \sigma)(e) = \vee \{ \mu(x) \wedge \sigma(x^{-1}) : x \in G \} = \mu(e) \wedge \sigma(e)$.

Thus $(\mu \circ \sigma)(x) = (\mu \circ \sigma)(e) \wedge (\nu \circ \nu)(x) \forall x \in G$.

Theorem 3.4. Let L be a *complete Heyting algebra*. If $\mu, \sigma \in LS_G(\nu)$, then:

$$\mu \circ \sigma \in LS_G(\nu \circ \nu).$$

Proof. Using Corollary 3.2, Theorem 3.3 and Theorem 2.7, we get the result.

Theorem 3.5. Let L be a *complete lattice*. Suppose $\mu \in L^G$, $\nu \in LS(G)$, and $\mu \subseteq \nu$. Then $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$ if and only if $\mu \circ \nu \subseteq \mu$.

Proof. Suppose $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$. Then $\forall x, y \in G, \mu(xy) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \nu(y)$.

Let $x, y, z \in G$ and $x = yz$. Then $\mu(x) = \mu(yz) \geq \mu(y) \wedge \nu(z)$, and so

$$\mu(x) \geq \vee \{ \mu(y) \wedge \nu(z) : y, z \in G, yz = x \}$$

$$= (\mu \circ \nu)(x).$$

Thus $\mu(x) \geq (\mu \circ \nu)(x) \forall x \in G$. Hence $\mu \circ \nu \subseteq \mu$.

Conversely, suppose that $\mu \circ \nu \subseteq \mu$.

Then $\forall x, y \in G, \mu(xy) \geq (\mu \circ \nu)(xy) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \nu(y)$. Hence $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$. This completes the proof.

Theorem 3.6. Let L be a *complete lattice*. Suppose $\mu, \sigma \in L^G$, $\nu \in LS(G)$, and $\mu, \sigma \subseteq \nu$. If $\mu, \sigma \in LS_G(\nu)$ then $\mu \circ \sigma \in LS_G(\nu)$ ($\sigma \circ \mu \in LS_G(\nu)$).

Proof. Let $\mu, \sigma \in LS_G(\nu)$. Then by theorem 3.5, we have $\mu \circ \nu \subseteq \mu$ and also we have $\sigma \circ \nu \subseteq \sigma$. Also $\mu \circ \sigma \subseteq \mu \circ \nu \subseteq \mu \subseteq \nu$, and $(\mu \circ \sigma) \circ \nu = \mu \circ (\sigma \circ \nu) \subseteq \mu \circ \sigma$. Hence by Theorem 3.5, we get $\mu \circ \sigma \in LS_G(\nu)$. Since $\mu, \sigma \in LS_G(\nu)$ implies:

$$\mu \circ \sigma = \sigma \circ \mu, \text{ it follows that } \sigma \circ \mu \in LS_G(\nu).$$

Theorem 3.7. Let L be a *complete lattice*.

Suppose $\mu \in L^G$, $\nu \in LS(G)$, $\nu(e) \geq \nu(x) \forall x \in G$, and $\mu \subseteq \nu$. Then $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$ if and only if

$$\sigma \circ \mu \in LS_G(\nu) \forall \sigma \in L^G, \sigma \subseteq \nu.$$

Proof. Let $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$. Then by Theorem 3.5, $\mu \circ \nu \subseteq \mu$. Also by Corollary 2.6, $\mu(x) \wedge \nu(y) = \mu(y) \wedge \nu(x) \forall x, y \in G$.

Now $\forall x \in G$,

$$\begin{aligned}
(\mu \circ \nu)(x) &= \vee \{ \mu(y) \wedge \nu(z) : y, z \in G, yz = x \} \\
&= \vee \{ \mu(z) \wedge \nu(y) : y, z \in G, yz = x \} \\
&= \vee \{ \nu(y) \wedge \mu(z) : y, z \in G, yz = x \} \\
&= (\nu \circ \mu)(x).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus $(\mu \circ \nu)(x) = (\nu \circ \mu)(x) \forall x \in G$. Hence $\mu \circ \nu = \nu \circ \mu$.

Let $\sigma \in L^G$ and $\sigma \subseteq \nu$. We observe that $\sigma \circ \mu \subseteq \nu \circ \mu = \mu \circ \nu \subseteq \mu \subseteq \nu$ and

$$(\sigma \circ \mu) \circ \nu = \sigma \circ (\mu \circ \nu) \subseteq \sigma \circ \mu$$

Consequently by Theorem 3.5, we have $\sigma \circ \mu \in LS_G(\nu)$. Thus $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$ implies $\sigma \circ \mu \in LS_G(\nu) \forall \sigma \in L^G, \sigma \subseteq \nu$.

Conversely, suppose that $\sigma \circ \mu \in LS_G(\nu) \forall \sigma \in L^G, \sigma \subseteq \nu$.

Let $\alpha = \vee \{ \mu(x) : x \in G \}$ and $\sigma = e_\alpha$. Since $\nu(e) \geq \nu(x) \geq \mu(x) \forall x \in G$, it follows that $\nu(e) \geq \vee \{ \mu(x) : x \in G \} = \alpha$. Hence $\sigma = e_\alpha \subseteq \nu$. By our hypothesis $e_\alpha \circ \mu \in LS_G(\nu)$. It is easy to verify that $e_\alpha \circ \mu = \mu$. Hence $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$. This completes the proof.

4. Cartesian Product

In this section we assume that G and H are two groups with the identity elements e and e' , respectively.

Let $\nu \in LS(G)$ and $\gamma \in LS(H)$, then $\forall (x, h) \in G \times H$,

$$(\nu \times \gamma)(x, h)^{-1} = (\nu \times \gamma)(x^{-1}, h^{-1}) = \nu(x^{-1}) \wedge \gamma(h^{-1}) = \nu(x) \wedge \gamma(h) = (\nu \times \gamma)(x, h)$$

and so

$$\nu \times \gamma \in LS(G \times H).$$

Theorem 4.1. If $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$ and $\sigma \in LS_H(\gamma)$, then $\mu \times \sigma \in LS_{G \times H}(\nu \times \gamma)$.

Proof. Let $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$ and $\sigma \in LS_H(\gamma)$.

Then $\mu \in L^G, \nu \in LS(G)$, and $\mu \subseteq \nu$, also $\sigma \in L^H, \gamma \in LS(H)$, and $\sigma \subseteq \gamma$.

Thus $\mu \times \sigma \in L^{G \times H}, \nu \times \gamma \in LS(G \times H)$, and $\mu \times \sigma \subseteq \nu \times \gamma$.

Then $\forall (x, h), (y, g) \in G \times H$,

$$\begin{aligned}
(\mu \times \sigma)(x, h)(y, g) &= (\mu \times \sigma)(xy, hg) \\
&= \mu(xy) \wedge \sigma(hg) \\
&\geq \mu(x) \wedge \nu(y) \wedge \sigma(h) \wedge \gamma(g)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \mu(x) \wedge \sigma(h) \wedge \nu(y) \wedge \gamma(g) \\
&= (\mu \times \sigma)(x, h) \wedge (\nu \times \gamma)(y, g).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence $\mu \times \sigma \in LS_{G \times H}(\nu \times \gamma)$.

Theorem 4.2. Let L be a *chain*. Suppose $\mu \in L^G$, $\nu \in LS(G)$, and $\mu \subseteq \nu$, also $\sigma \in L^H$, $\gamma \in LS(H)$, and $\sigma \subseteq \gamma$. If $\mu \times \sigma \in LS_{G \times H}(\nu \times \gamma)$, then at least one of the following statements must hold.

$$(4.1) \quad \sigma(e') \geq \mu(x) \quad \forall x \in G,$$

$$(4.2) \quad \mu(e) \geq \sigma(h) \quad \forall h \in H.$$

Proof. Let $\mu \times \sigma \in LS_{G \times H}(\nu \times \gamma)$.

Then by Proposition 2.2, $(\mu \times \sigma)(e, e') \geq (\mu \times \sigma)(x, h) \quad \forall (x, h) \in G \times H$. By contraposition, suppose that none of the statements (4.1) and (4.2) holds. Then L being a *chain*, we can find a in G and b in H such that

$$\mu(a) > \sigma(e') \text{ and } \sigma(b) > \mu(e).$$

Now we find,

$$\begin{aligned}
(\mu \times \sigma)(a, b) &= \mu(a) \wedge \sigma(b) \\
&> \sigma(e') \wedge \mu(e) \\
&= \mu(e) \wedge \sigma(e') \\
&= (\mu \times \sigma)(e, e').
\end{aligned}$$

Which contradicts the fact that $(\mu \times \sigma)(e, e') \geq (\mu \times \sigma)(x, h) \quad \forall (x, h) \in G \times H$. Hence either $\sigma(e') \geq \mu(x) \quad \forall x \in G$ or $\mu(e) \geq \sigma(h) \quad \forall h \in H$.

Theorem 4.3. Let L be a *chain*. Suppose $\mu \in L^G$, $\nu \in LS(G)$, and $\mu \subseteq \nu$, also $\sigma \in L^H$, $\gamma \in LS(H)$, and $\sigma \subseteq \gamma$.

If $\mu \times \sigma \in LS_{G \times H}(\nu \times \gamma)$ and $\mu(x) \leq \sigma(e') \quad \forall x \in G$, then:

$$\mu \in LS_G(\nu).$$

Proof. Let $\mu \times \sigma \in LS_{G \times H}(\nu \times \gamma)$, and $\mu(x) \leq \sigma(e') \quad \forall x \in G$.

Let $x, y \in G$. Since $xy \in G$ and by hypothesis $\mu(xy) \leq \sigma(e')$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu(xy) &= \mu(xy) \wedge \sigma(e') \\
&= \mu(xy) \wedge \sigma(e' e')
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (\mu \times \sigma)(xy, e' e') \\
&= (\mu \times \sigma)((x, e')(y, e')) \\
&\geq (\mu \times \sigma)(x, e') \wedge (\nu \times \gamma)(y, e'), \text{ since } \mu \times \sigma \in LS_{G \times H}(\nu \times \gamma) \\
&= \mu(x) \wedge \alpha(e') \wedge \nu(y) \wedge \gamma(e') \\
&= \mu(x) \wedge \alpha(e') \wedge \gamma(e') \wedge \nu(y) \\
&= \mu(x) \wedge \alpha(e') \wedge \nu(y), \text{ since } \sigma \subseteq \gamma \\
&= \mu(x) \wedge \nu(y), \text{ since } \mu(x) \leq \alpha(e') \forall x \in G.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus $\mu(xy) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \nu(y) \forall x, y \in G$. Hence $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$.

By symmetry we can prove:

Theorem 4.4. Let L be a chain. Suppose $\mu \in L^G$, $\nu \in LS(G)$, and $\mu \subseteq \nu$, also $\sigma \in L^H$, $\gamma \in LS(H)$, and $\sigma \subseteq \gamma$. If $\mu \times \sigma \in LS_{G \times H}(\nu \times \gamma)$ and $\sigma(h) \leq \mu(e) \forall h \in H$, then $\sigma \in LS_H(\gamma)$.

From Theorems 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4 we have the following Corollary.

Corollary 4.5. Let L be a chain. Suppose $\mu \in L^G$, $\nu \in LS(G)$, and $\mu \subseteq \nu$, also $\sigma \in L^H$, $\gamma \in LS(H)$, and $\sigma \subseteq \gamma$. If $\mu \times \sigma \in LS_{G \times H}(\nu \times \gamma)$, then either $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$ or $\sigma \in LS_H(\gamma)$.

5. Images and Inverse Images under Homomorphisms

In this section, L denotes a complete Heyting Algebra. We assume that G and H be two groups with identities e and e' , respectively.

Here we shall study the image and inverse image of L -subgroups of L -subsets under homomorphism of G into H . The results are the consequence of the following two theorems.

Theorem 5.1 [2]. Let $\mu \in L(G)$. Suppose f is an epimorphism of G onto H . Then $f(\mu) \in L(H)$.

Theorem 5.2 [2]. Let $\nu \in L(H)$. If f is a homomorphism of G into H , then $f^{-1}(\nu) \in L(G)$.

Theorem 5.3. Let $\mu \in L^G$ and $\nu \in LS(G)$ and $\mu \subseteq \nu$. If $\mu \in LS_G(\nu)$ and f is an epimorphism of G onto H , then $f(\mu) \in LS_H(f(\nu))$.

Theorem 5.4. Let $\sigma \in L^H$ and $\gamma \in LS(H)$ and $\sigma \subseteq \gamma$. If $\sigma \in LS_H(\gamma)$ and f is a homomorphism of G into H , then $f^{-1}(\sigma) \in LS_G(f^{-1}(\gamma))$.

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