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### Theorem (Finite Subgroup Test)

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## “Examples” of Subgroups of a Group $G$ :

- 1 The subgroup **generated by** an element  $a \in G$ :  
 $\langle a \rangle = \{a^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .
- 2 The intersection of two subgroups  $H$  and  $K$  of  $G$ :  
 $H \cap K = \{g \mid g \in H, g \in K\}$ .
- 3 If  $G$  is Abelian, the product of two subgroups  $H$  and  $K$  of  $G$ :  
 $HK = \{hk \mid h \in H, k \in K\}$ .
- 4 The **center** of  $G$ :  
 $Z(G) = \{a \in G \mid ag = ga \text{ for all } g \in G\}$ .
- 5 The **centralizer** of an element  $a \in G$ :  
 $C(a) = \{g \in G \mid ag = ga\}$ .