

Further Pure 3 Notes

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Group Theory

1.1 Background Work

Set Notation

$$A = \{\text{Colours of the rainbow}\}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} Red \in A \\ \uparrow \\ \text{Is an element of.} \end{array}$$

$$\text{or } B = \{2, 5, 11, 17\}$$

$$\text{or } C = \{x : x > 2\}$$

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Such that.

Special sets

$$\mathbb{R} = \{\text{Real numbers}\}$$

$$\mathbb{C} = \{\text{Complex numbers}\}$$

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{\text{Integers}\}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}^+ = \{\text{Real numbers}\}$$

$$[\text{also } \mathbb{N} = \{\text{Natural numbers}\}]$$

$$\mathbb{Q} = \{\text{Rational numbers}\}$$

Binary Operations

The operation, $*$, acts on the two elements of a set to produce a unique "product" (i.e. outcome).

Properties of Binary Operations

1. Commutivity: an operation, $*$, is commutative iff

$$x * y = y * x \quad \forall x, y.$$

2. Associativity: operation, $*$, is associative iff

$$x * (y * z) = (x * y) * z \quad \forall x, y, z$$

3. Distributive property: operation, $*$, is distributive over operation \circ , iff

$$x * (y \circ z) = (x * y) \circ (x * z) \quad \forall x, y, z$$

1.2 Modulo Arithmetic

Aritmetic modulo n returns the remainder after division by n .

e.g.

$$3 +_6 5 = 2$$

$$3 \times_6 5 = 3$$

both of these calculations are restricted to the set $\mathbb{Z} = \{0,1,2,3,4,5\}$
so $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$

Definitions of a group