

- 4 \rightarrow 0100, 1000, 1001, 1010, 1011, 1100, 1101
 (a) $a_0 = 1, a_1 = 2, a_2 = 4, a_3 = 7$ and $a_4 = 13$
 (b) $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + a_{n-3}, n \geq 3$
16. (a) $a_n = a_{n-1} + (n-1)$ (c) 24
 (b) $a_n = c_{n-1} + C(n-1, 2)$
17. $S_n = 3(-2)^n$
19. (a) $1 + 2n$ (b) $2^{n+2} - 1$ (c) $3 + n(n+1)/2$ (d) $5n!$
 20. (a) $a_n = 3^n$ (b) $n(n-1)/2$ (c) $a_n = 2^n + 3 \cdot 5^n$ (d) $a_n = (2+n)4^{n-1}$
 (e) $a_n = 3 \cdot 2^n - (-1)^n$
23. (a) $a_n = c_1 3^n + c_2 2^n + b_1$ (b) $a_n = c_1 2^n + c_2 4^n + 1$
 (c) $a_n = c_1 + c_2 n + \frac{1}{2} n^2 + n^2$ (d) $a_n = c_1 2^n + c_2 3^n + \frac{1}{2} n^2 + \frac{3}{2} n + 5/2$
 (e) $a_n = c_1 + c_2 n + \frac{1}{2} n^2 + n^2$ (f) $a_n = \frac{c_1}{2^n} + c_2 3^n - \left(\frac{4}{3}\right) 2^n$
 (g) $a_n = (c_1 + c_2 n) 2^n + n^2 \cdot 2^n (n/6 + 1)$
24. (a) $a_n = n(n+1)2^n + 2$ (b) $a_n = 10 \cdot 2^n - 6n - 12$
 (c) $a_n = (n+1)^2$ (d) $a_n = 3^{n+1} - 3^n$
 (e) $a_n = (5/6)(-2)^n + 1 + 1/6 \cdot 4^n$ (f) $a_n = 5/8(-5)^n + (11/8)3^n - 1/4n - 1$
 (g) $a_n = 3^{n+1} - 2^{n+1}$
25. $a_n = n \cdot 2^{n-1}$.

ANSWERS 10.4

1. (a) $\frac{x^3}{1-x}$ (b) $\frac{x^2}{(1-x)^2}$ (c) $\frac{3}{1+x}$ (d) $\frac{3}{1-3x^2}$ (e) $\frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$
2. (a) $\frac{3}{1-x}$ (b) $\frac{x}{(1-x)^2} + \frac{3}{1-x}$ (c) $\frac{1}{1-3x}$
 (d) $\frac{3x}{(1-x)^2} + \frac{5x(1+x)}{(1-x)^3}$ (e) $\frac{2x^2}{(1-x)^3}$
3. (a) $x^3 G(x)$ (b) $G(x) - a_0 - a_1 x$ (c) $G(x^2)$ (d) $G(3x)$
 4. (a) $a_0 = 0, a_n = 2^{n-1}, n > 0$ (b) $a_0 = a_1 = 0, a_n = 1, n > 1$ (c) $a_n = n^n$
 (d) $a_n = n - 1$ for $n \geq 0$ (e) $a_n = 5^n$
 $a_0 = a_1 = 0$
5. (a) $a_n = (c_0 + c_1 n) (-1)^n + \frac{1}{\epsilon} (2n-1)$ (b) $a_n = c_1 + c_2 n + 2^n$
 (c) $a_n = (c_0 + c_1 n + \frac{1}{2} n^2) 2^n$ (d) $a_n = c3^n + 2n + 3(1-2^{n+1})$
 (e) $a_n = (c_0 + c_1 n + c_2 n^2) 2^n + 27 \cdot 3^n$
6. (a) $a_n = n!$ (b) $a_n = 0$ if n is even (c) $a_n = 1 + 2^n$
 = 2^{n-1} if n is odd
- (d) $a_n = 1 - 2^n + 3^n$ (e) $a_n = 2^n(1-n)$ (f) $a_n = 13(5)^n - 10(2)^n$
7. (a) $C(15, 10)$ (b) 3^{10} (c) $C(15, 10)$ (d) 3 (e) 4
8. $1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + 5x^4 + 5x^5 + 5x^6 + 5x^7$
9. 10. 6.
11. $(1+x+x^2)(x+x^2+x^3)(x^4-x^5), 3$

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Group Theory

11.1. Introduction

Group theory is one of the most important fundamental concepts of modern algebra. Groups arise naturally in various mathematical situations. They have found wide applications in physical sciences and biological sciences particularly in the study of crystal structure, configuration molecules and structure of human genes.

The structure of a group is one of the simplest mathematical structures. Hence, groups may be considered as the starting point of the study of various algebraic structures. In this chapter, we shall define groups and study some of their basic properties.

11.2. Binary Operations

Let G be a nonempty set. Then $G \times G = \{(a, b) : a \in G, b \in G\}$.

If $f: G \times G \rightarrow G$, then f is said to be binary operation on G . Thus a binary operation on G is a function that assigns each ordered pairs of elements of G an element of G .

The symbols $+$, \cdot , 0 , $*$ etc. are used to denote binary operations on a set. Thus $-$ will be a binary operation on G if and only if

$a + b \in G$ for all $a, b \in G$ and $a + b$ is unique.

Similarly $*$ will be a binary operation on G if and only if

$a * b \in G$ for all $a, b \in G$ and $a * b$ is unique.

This is said to be the closure property of the binary operation and the set G is said to be closed with respect to the binary operation. For example, addition ($+$) and multiplication (\cdot) are binary operations on the set N of natural numbers, for, the sum and product of two natural numbers are also natural numbers. Therefore, N is closed with respect to addition and multiplication i.e.

$a + b \in N$ for all $a, b \in N$.

$a \cdot b \in N$ for all $a, b \in N$.

Note that subtraction is not a binary operation on N , for $5 - 9 = -4 \notin N$ whereas $5 \in N, 9 \in N$. But subtraction is a binary operation on Z , the set of integers, positive and negative.

The most important of describing a particular binary operation $*$ on a given set is to characterize the element $a * b$ assigned to each pair (a, b) by some property defined in terms of a and b .

A binary operation on a set G is sometimes called a composition in G . For finite sets, a binary operation on the set can be defined by means of a table, called the composite table. Let S be a set with n distinct elements. To construct a table, the elements of S are arranged horizontally in a row called the initial row or 0-row ; these are again arranged vertically in a column called the initial column or 0-column. The (i, j) th position in the table is determined by the intersection of the i th row and the j th column. For example, let $S = \{a, b, c\}$. Define $*$ on S by the following table.

*	a	b	c
a	c	b	a
b	a	a	a
c	b	b	b

Table 11.1

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To determine the elements of S assigned to $a * b$, we look at the intersection of the row headed by a and the column headed by b . We see that $a * b = b$. Note that $b * a = a$.

A non-empty set together with one or more than one binary operations is called an algebraic structure. For example,

$(N, +)$, $(Z, +)$, $(R, +, \cdot)$ are all algebraic structures. Obviously addition and multiplication are both binary operations on the set R of real numbers. Therefore, $(R, +, \cdot)$ is an algebraic structure equipped with two operations.

Laws of Binary Operations

Associative law: A binary operation $*$ on a set S is said to be associative if it satisfies the associative property, if and only if, for any elements $a, b, c \in S$

$$a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c.$$

Commutative law: A binary operation $*$ on the elements of the set is said to satisfy commutative property, if and only if, for any two elements a and $b \in S$

$$a * b = b * a.$$

Example 1. The algebraic structure $(Z, +)$, (Z, \cdot) , where the binary operations of addition and multiplication on Z are both associative and commutative since addition and multiplication on Z are both associative and commutative.

Example 2. Let $M_2(R)$ be the set of all 2×2 matrices over R i.e.,

$$M_2(R) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in R \right\}$$

Since addition and multiplication of 2×2 matrices over R is a 2×2 matrix over R , it follows that both $+$ and \cdot is a binary operation on $M_2(R)$. Hence $(M_2(R), +, \cdot)$ is a algebraic structure. Now $+$ is both associative and commutative and \cdot is associative, but not commutative.

Example 3. The algebraic structure $(Z, -)$ where $-$ denotes the binary operation of subtraction on Z is neither associative nor commutative since

$$3 - (4 - 5) = 3 - (-1) = 4 \neq -6 = (3 - 4) - 5$$

and also

$$3 - 4 \neq 3 - 3$$

Identity Element

An element e in a set S is called an identity element with respect to the binary operation $*$ for any element a in S

If $a * e = a$, then e is called the right identity element for the operation $*$ and if $e * a = a$, then e is called the left identity element for the operation $*$.

Consider any element x of the set Q of rational numbers with respect to the binary operation $*$. Obviously, 0 is the identity element, since $0 * x = x + 0 = x$, for every $x \in Q$.

1 is the identity element of Q for the binary operation multiplication, since $1 * x = x * 1 = x$, for every $x \in Q$.

It is easily seen that for the set N of natural numbers there is no identity element for addition. But 1 is an identity element with respect to multiplication.

Theorem 11.1. The identity element (if it exists) of any algebraic structure is unique.

Proof. Let, if possible, e and e' be two identity elements of the algebraic structure $(S, *)$. Hence

Now e is an identity element

Again e' is an identity element

But $e * e' = e'$ and $e' * e = e'$

Thus the identity element is unique.

$$\Rightarrow e * e' = e'$$

$$\Rightarrow e' * e = e'$$

$$\Rightarrow e = e'$$

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Element

Consider a set S having the identity element e with respects to the binary operation $*$. Then corresponding to each element $a \in S$ there exists an element $b \in S$ such that $a * b = b * a = e$. This b is said to be the inverse of a and is usually denoted by a^{-1} . We say a is invertible. Consider the set R of real numbers which has 0 as the identity element with respect to the binary operation addition. Then, for any $a \in R$, we see that

$$(-a) + a = a + (-a) = 0.$$

Thus, for any a of the real number set, $(-a)$ is its inverse. This is called the additive inverse. Similarly, for the set Q of rational numbers, 1 is the identity element for the binary operation multiplication. Then, for any $a \in Q$ we see that

$$a \cdot (1/a) = (1/a) \cdot a = 1.$$

Thus, for any a (non-zero) of the rational number set, its reciprocal is its inverse. This is called the multiplicative inverse.

Note that the inverse of the identity element is the identity element itself.

Theorem 11.2. For an associative algebraic structure, the inverse of every invertible element exists.

Proof. Let $(S, *)$ be an associative structure with identity element e . Let x be an invertible element of S . If possible, let y, z be two inverses of x . We then have

$$x * y = e = y * x \quad \dots (1)$$

$$x * z = e = z * x \quad \dots (2)$$

$$\text{Now } (y * x) * z = e * z \text{ from (1)} \\ = z \text{ (} e \text{ is the identity)}$$

$$\text{so that } (y * x) * z = z \quad \dots (3)$$

$$\text{and } y * (x * z) = y * e \text{ from (2)} \\ = y \text{ (} e \text{ is the identity)}$$

$$\text{Thus } y * (x * z) = y \quad \dots (4)$$

Since the composition $*$ is associative, we have

$$(y * x) * z = y * (x * z).$$

Then from (3) and (4), we have $y = z$, showing that the inverse of every invertible element is unique.

Note. It may be noted that while an identity element is the same for all element x in S , an inverse of an element x is determined by the given element x .

From the composite table, one can conclude

(i) **Closure property :** If all the entries in the table are elements of S , then S is closed for $*$.

(ii) **Commutative law :** If every row of the table coincides with the corresponding column, then $*$ is commutative on S .

(iii) **Identity element :** If the row headed by an element a_1 of S coincides with the top row, then a_1 is the identity element.

(iv) **Inverses :** If the identity element e is placed in the table at the intersection of the row headed by a and the column headed by b , then $a^{-1} = b$ and $b^{-1} = a$.

Example 4. Show that the binary operation $*$ defined on $(R, *)$ where $x * y = \max(x, y)$ is associative.

Solution.

$$(x * y) * z = \max(x, y) * z$$

$$= \max(\max(x, y), z) = \max(x, y, z)$$

Again

$$x * (y * z) = x * \max(y, z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \max(x, \max(y, z)) \\ &= \max(x, y, z) \end{aligned}$$

Hence
Thus, * is associative.

Example 5. Show that the binary operation * defined on $(R, *)$ where $x * y = x^y$ is associative.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} (x * y) * z &= x^y * z \\ &= (x^y)^z = x^{yz} \\ &= x * (y * z) \\ &= x * (y^z) \\ &= x^{y^z} \end{aligned}$$

Since $x^y \neq x^{y^z}$, $(x * y) * z \neq x * (y * z)$

Thus, * is not associative.

Example 6. Prepare the composition table for multiplication on the element in $A = \{1, w, w^2\}$, where w is the cube root of unity. Show that multiplication satisfies the property, associative law, commutative law and 1 is the inverse element. Write down the multiplicative inverse of each element.

Solution. Since w is a cube root of unity, $w^3 = 1$. We can operate \times on various elements.

\times	1	w	w^2
1	1	w	w^2
w	w	w^2	1
w^2	w^2	1	w

From the table we can conclude that

(i) Closure property : Since all the entries in the table are in A so closure property is satisfied.

(ii) Associative law : Since multiplication is associative on complex numbers and A is a set of complex numbers, so multiplication is associative on A .

(iii) Commutative law : Since 1st, 2nd and 3rd rows coincide with 1st, 2nd and 3rd columns respectively, so multiplication is commutative on S .

(iv) Identity element : Since row headed by 1 is same as the initial row, 1 is the identity element.

(v) Inverses : Clearly $1^{-1} = 1$; $w^{-1} = w^2$; $(w^2)^{-1} = w$

Example 7. Let the binary operation * be defined on $S = \{a, b, c, d\}$ by means of composition table.

(a) Compute $c * d$, $b * b$, $(a * b) * c$ and $[(a * c) * e] * a$ from the table.

(b) Is * commutative? why?

Solution. (a)

$$c * d = b; b * b = c$$

$$(a * b) * c = b * c = a$$

$$\text{and } [(a * c) * e] * a = (c * e) * a = a * a = a$$

$$(b) \text{ No, since } b * e = c \text{ and } e * b = b \text{ and hence } b * e \neq e * b.$$

*	a	b	c	d
a	a	b	c	d
b	b	c	a	e
c	c	a	b	d
d	b	e	b	e
e	d	b	a	d

Table 11.2

Example 8. Let Z be the set of integers, show that the operation * on Z , defined by $a * b = a + b$ for all $a, b \in Z$ satisfies the closure property, associative law and the commutative law. Identify element. What is the inverse of an integer a ?

Solution. Since Z is closed for addition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} a + b &\in Z \text{ for all } a, b \in Z \\ \Rightarrow a + b + 1 &\in Z \\ \Rightarrow a * b &\in Z \end{aligned}$$

* is a binary operation on Z .

Again,

$$\begin{aligned} a * b &= a + b + 1' \\ &= b + a + 1 \text{ (by commutative law of addition on } Z) \\ &= b * a \text{ for all } a, b \in Z \end{aligned}$$

Hence * is commutative.

Again,

$$\begin{aligned} (a * b) * c &= (a + b + 1) * c \\ &= (a + b + 1) + c + 1 = (a + b + c) + 2 \\ \text{and } a * (b * c) &= a * (b + c + 1) \\ &= a + (b + c + 1) + 1 = (a + b + c) + 2 \\ \text{thus } (a * b) * c &= a * (b * c) \text{ for all } a, b, c \in Z \end{aligned}$$

Hence, * is associative.

Now, if e is the identity element in Z for *, then for all $a \in Z$

$$\begin{aligned} a * e &= a \Rightarrow a + e + 1 = a \\ \Rightarrow e &= -1 \in Z \end{aligned}$$

-1 is the identity element for * in Z .

Let the integer a have its inverse b . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} a * b &= -1 \Rightarrow a + b + 1 = -1 \\ \Rightarrow b &= -(2 + a) \\ \Rightarrow \text{So, the inverse of } a \text{ is } &= -(2 + a). \end{aligned}$$

Group

Let, $(G, *)$ be an algebraic structure, where * is a binary operation, then $(G, *)$ is called a group if this operation if the following conditions are satisfied.

(closure law) The binary * is a closed operation i.e., $a * b \in G$ for all $a, b \in G$.

(associative law) The binary operation * is an associative operation i.e., $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$ for all $a, b, c \in G$.

(identity element) There exists an identity element i.e., for some $e \in S$, $e * a = a * e = a$.

(inverse element) For each a in G , there exists an element a' (the inverse of a) in G such that $a * a' = a' * a = e$.

Many books do not mention the first property as this is a consequence of the definition of operation.

A group G is said to be Abelian if the commutative law holds i.e., $a * b = b * a$ for all $a, b \in G$.

A group with addition binary operation is known as additive group and that with multiplication binary operation is known as multiplicative group.

Example 9.

- The set \mathbb{R} of real numbers, for the binary operation of addition, is a group, with 0 as identity element and $(-a)$ as the inverse of a . The same is true of the set \mathbb{Z} of integers or the set \mathbb{Q} of all rational numbers or the set \mathbb{C} of complex numbers.

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- (ii) The set R^* of non-zero real numbers, for the binary operation of multiplication, with 1 as identity element, and $1/a$ as the inverse of a . The same is true of non-zero rational numbers or the set C^* of non-zero complex numbers.
- (iii) The set Z^* of positive integers with operation $+$ is not a group. There is no identity element for $+$ in Z^* . The set Z^* with operation multiplication is not a group.

Example 10. Prove that the fourth roots of unity $1, -1, i, -i$ form an abelian group.

Solution. Let $G = \{1, i, -1, -i\}$. We form the composite table as

\times	1	-1	i	$-i$
1	1	$-i$	i	$-i$
-1	-1	-1	$-i$	i
i	i	$-i$	-1	1
$-i$	$-i$	i	1	-1

Table 1.3

Closure Property : Since all the entries in the table are the elements of G and closed with respect to multiplication.

Associative Law : $a(bc) = (ab)c$ for all values of a, b, c in G .

For example $[(-1) i] = -i = [1 (-1)] i$

Commutative Law : $ab = ba$ for all a, b in G .

From the composition table it is clear that elements in each row are the same as elements in the corresponding column so that $ab = ba$.

Identity element : $1 \in G$ is identity element as $1.a = a.1 = a$. It can be seen from the row and first column of the table.

Inverses : Inverses of $1, -1, i, -i$ are $1, -1, i, -i$ respectively and all those belong to G . Hence it follows that G is an abelian multiplicative group.

Example 11. Show that the set of all positive rational numbers forms an abelian group under the composition defined by $a * b = (ab)/2$.

Solution. Let Q^* denote the set of all positive rational numbers. We have to show that $(Q^*, *)$ is a group under the composition $a * b = (ab)/2$.

Closure Property : Since for every element $a, b \in Q^*$, $(ab)/2$ is also in Q^* , therefore closed with respect to operation $*$.

Associative Law : For $a, b, c \in Q^*$, we have:

$$(a * b) * c = (ab)/2 * c \Rightarrow (ab)/2 c/2 = a/2 (bc)/2 = a * (bc)/2 = a * (b * c)$$

Commutative Law : For $a, b \in Q^*$, we have

$$a * b = (ab)/2 = (ba)/2 = b * a$$

Identity Element : Let e be the identity element in Q^* , such that $e * a = a = a * e$.

Now $e * a = a \Rightarrow (ea)/2 = a \Rightarrow (a/2)(e - 2) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow e = 2, \text{ since } a \in Q^* \Rightarrow a > 0$$

But $2 \in Q^*$ and we have $2 * a = (2a)/2 = a = a * 2$ for all $a \in Q^*$

Inverses : Let a be any element of Q^* . If the number b is to be the inverse of a , then we have

$$b * a = e = 2 \Rightarrow (ba)/2 = 2 \Rightarrow b = 4/a \in Q^*$$

We have $(4/a) * a = 4a/2a = 2 = a * (4/a)$

Therefore, $4/a$ is the inverse of a . Thus each element of Q^* is invertible.

Hence $(Q^*, *)$ is an abelian group.

Example 12. Show that the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ is not a group under addition and multiplication.

Solution. Let $G = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$. The operation addition modulo 6 is denoted by $+_6$. We can

on the elements in G and prepare the composition table as

in the system $(G, +_6)$.

$$2 +_6 5 = 1$$

$$1 +_6 4 = 5$$

$$3 +_6 5 = 2$$

$$\text{For } 2 + 5 = 7 = 1 \times 6 + 1$$

$$\text{For } 1 + 4 = 5$$

$$\text{For } 3 + 5 = 8 = 1 \times 6 + 2 \text{ etc.}$$

Hence the composition table is

$+_6$	1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5	0
2	3	4	5	0	1
3	4	5	0	1	2
4	5	0	1	2	3
5	0	1	2	3	4

Since all the entries in the composition table do not belong to G , in particular $0 \notin G$. Hence G is not closed w.r.t. $+_6$. Consequently $(G, +_6)$ is not a group.

(ii) The operation multiplication modulo 6 is denoted by \times_6 .

in the system (G, \times_6) .

$$2 \times_6 5 = 4$$

$$3 \times_6 4 = 0$$

$$\text{For } 2 \times 5 = 10 = 1 \times 6 + 4$$

$$\text{For } 3 \times 4 = 12 = 2 \times 6 + 0$$

Hence the composition table is:

\times_6	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	2	3	4	5
2	2	4	0	2	4
3	3	0	3	0	3
4	4	2	0	4	2
5	5	4	3	2	1

From the composition table, it is clear that all the entries in the composition table do not belong to G , in particular $0 \notin G$. Hence G is not closed w.r.t. \times_6 .

Consequently (G, \times_6) is not a group.

Example 13. Show that the matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

form a multiplicative abelian group.

Solution. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, $G = \{A, B, C, D\}$.

$$AA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0+1 & 0+0 \\ 0+0 & 0+1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = A.$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1+0 & 0+0 \\ 0+0 & 0+1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = B.$$

Similarly $AC = C$, $AD = D$, $BB = A$ etc.

Hence we find the composition table as

\times	A	B	C	D
A	A	B	C	D
B	B	A	D	C
C	C	D	A	B
D	D	C	B	A

(i) **Closure property :** We can see that all entries in the composition table are the elements of G and hence G is closed w.r.t. matrix multiplication.

(ii) **Associative law :** Multiplication is associative in G . Since associative law holds in matrix multiplication, i.e.,

$$(AB)C = A(BC)$$

(iii) **Commutative law :** The entries in the first, second, third and fourth columns of composition table coincide with the corresponding entries in the first, second, third and fourth rows. This shows that G is commutative.

(iv) **Existence of Identity :** From the composition table it follows that

$$AA = A, AB = B, AC = C, AD = D$$

Thus there exists an identity element A in G .

(v) **Existence of Inverse :** From the composition table it can be seen that

$$AA = A, BB = B, CC = C, DD = D$$

Thus every element is its own inverse.

Hence the set of four matrices form a multiplicative group which is commutative as well. (G, \cdot) is an abelian group.

Example 14. Let $G = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in R, a \neq 0\}$. Define a binary operation \ast on G by

$$(a, b) \ast (c, d) = (ac, bc + d)$$

for all $(a, b), (c, d) \in G$. Show that (G, \ast) is a group.

Solution.

Closure Property : Let (a, b) and (c, d) be any two members of G . Then $a \neq 0$ and $c \neq 0$. Therefore, $ac \neq 0$. Consequently $(a, b) \ast (c, d) = (ac, bc + d)$ is also a member of G . Hence G is closed with respect to the given composition.

Associative law : Let $(a, b), (c, d)$ and (e, f) be any three members of G . Then

$$[(a, b) \ast (c, d)] \ast (e, f) = (ac, bc + d) \ast (e, f)$$

$$= [(ac)e, [bc + d]e + f]$$

$$= (ace, bce + de + f).$$

$$\text{Also } (a, b) \ast [(c, d) \ast (e, f)] = (a, b) \ast (ce, de + f)$$

$$= (a[ce], b[ce] + de + f)$$

$$= (ace, bce + de + f).$$

Since the given composition \ast is associative.

Identity element : Suppose (x, y) is an element of G such that $(x, y) \ast (a, b) = (a, b) \forall$

Let

$$(xa, ya + b) = (a, b). \text{ Hence } xa = a \text{ and } ya + b = b.$$

These give $x = 1$ and $y = 0$. Now $(1, 0) \in G$

Therefore, $(1, 0)$ is the identity element.

Inverse element : Let (a, b) be any member of G . Let (x, y) be a member of G such that $(x, y) \ast (a, b) = (1, 0)$.

$$(xa, ya + b) = (1, 0). \text{ Hence } xa = 1, ya + b = 0.$$

These give $x = 1/a, y = -b/a$.

Since $a \neq 0$, therefore, x and y are real numbers.

$$\text{Since } \frac{1}{a} \neq 0. \text{ Thus } \left(\frac{1}{a}, -\frac{b}{a}\right) \text{ is the inverse of } (a, b).$$

Since G is a group.

note. In the above group, we have

$$(a, b) \ast (c, d) = (ac, bc + d)$$

$$(c, d) \ast (a, b) = (ca, da + b).$$

thus, in general, $(a, b) \ast (c, d) \neq (c, d) \ast (a, b)$ i.e., the composition is not commutative and the group is not abelian.

Example 15. Let M_2 be the set of 2×2 matrices over R i.e.,

$$M_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in R, ad - bc \neq 0 \right\}$$

Show that $(M_2, +)$ is both associative and commutative and (M_2, \cdot) is associative but not commutative.

Solution. For any two matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } \det(A) \neq 0, \det(B) \neq 0$$

the usual sum and product

$$A + B = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 + a_2 & b_1 + b_2 \\ c_1 + c_2 & d_1 + d_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad AB = \begin{bmatrix} a_1a_2 + b_1c_2 & a_1b_2 + b_1d_2 \\ c_1a_2 + d_1c_2 & c_1b_2 + d_1d_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The sum and product of two non zero determinant is also a non-zero determinant follows from the fact

$$\det(A + B) = \det A + \det B \text{ and } \det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B).$$

Thus $A + B$ and AB also in G .

From the well-known properties of matrices, we know the addition in M_2 is commutative and associative.

The matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the identity under addition and

$$-A = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 & -b_1 \\ -c_1 & -d_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the inverse of A under addition.

Again M_2 is associative under matrix multiplication

The matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the identity element and the inverse of $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix}$ is

$$\begin{bmatrix} d_1 & -b_1 \\ a_1d_1 - b_1c_1 & a_1d_1 - b_1c_1 \\ -c_1 & a_1 \\ a_1d_1 - b_1c_1 & a_1d_1 - b_1c_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix multiplication is not commutative i.e., $AB \neq BA$ in general.

$$\text{For } A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, AB \neq BA.$$

Example 16. Prove that the set

$$\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

is a finite abelian group of order 5 under addition modulo 5 as composition.

Solution. To test the nature of the system $(G, +_5)$ where $G = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$$2 +_5 4 = 1 \quad \text{for} \quad 2 + 4 = 6 = 1 \times 5 + 1$$

$$3 +_5 4 = 2 \quad \text{for} \quad 3 + 4 = 7 = 1 \times 5 + 2$$

$$4 +_5 4 = 3 \quad \text{for} \quad 4 + 4 = 8 = 1 \times 5 + 3 \text{ etc.}$$

We have the following composition table :

$+_5$	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4	0
2	2	3	4	0	1
3	3	4	0	1	2
4	4	0	1	2	3

From the table, we see that (i) the given composition is binary (ii) 0 is the identity element (iii) every element has an inverse. Thus the inverses of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 are 0, 4, 3, 2, 1 respectively.

The composition is associative and commutative.

Hence the given set is a finite abelian group of order 5 under addition modulo 5.

Elementary Properties of Groups

We now prove some elementary properties of groups.

Theorem 11.3. (Left Cancellation Law). If a, b, c are in G , then $a * b = a * c \Rightarrow b = c$.

Proof. Since $a^{-1} \in G$, operating on the left with a^{-1} , we have

$$a^{-1} * (a * b) = a^{-1} * (a * c)$$

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$$(a^{-1} * a) * b = (a^{-1} * a) * c$$

$$e * b = e * c$$

$$b = c.$$

Theorem 11.4. The left identity is also the right identity. i.e.,

$$e * a = a = a * e \text{ for all } a \in G.$$

Proof. If a^{-1} be the left inverse of a , then

$$a^{-1} * (a * e) = (a^{-1} * a) * e$$

$$a^{-1} * (a * e) = e * e$$

$$= e$$

$$= a^{-1} * a.$$

$$a^{-1} * (a * e) = a^{-1} * a$$

$$a * e = a.$$

by Theorem 11.3

ence e is also the right identity element of a group.

Theorem 11.5. The left inverse of an element is also its right inverse i.e.,

$$a^{-1} * a = e = a * a^{-1}.$$

Proof. Now $a^{-1} * (a * a^{-1}) = (a^{-1} * a) * a^{-1}$ (associativity)

$$= e * a^{-1}$$

$$= a^{-1} * e$$

$$\text{Thus } a^{-1} * (a * a^{-1}) = a^{-1} * e$$

$$\text{Therefore, } a * a^{-1} = e.$$

by Theorem 11.4

by Theorem 11.3

thus the left inverse of an element in a group is also its right inverse.

Theorem 11.6. (Right Cancellation Law) If a, b, c are in G then

$$b * a = c * a \Rightarrow b = c$$

Proof. We have $b * a = c * a$

Operating on the right by a^{-1} , we get

$$b * e = c * e$$

$$b = c$$

Hence $b * a = c * a \Rightarrow b = c$

Theorem 11.7. In a group $(G, *)$ the equations

$$a * x = b \text{ and } y * a = b$$

have unique solutions for the unknowns x and y ; the solutions are $x = a^{-1} * b$ and $y = b * a^{-1}$, where $a, b \in G$.

Proof. If possible, let the equation $a * x = b$ have two solutions x and x' in G . Then

$$a * x = b \text{ and } a * x' = b, \text{ i.e. } a * x = a * x'$$

Therefore, $a * x = a * x'$, where $a, x, x' \in G$.

By left cancellation law, we have $x = x'$, i.e. $a + x = b$ has unique solution in G .

Again, assuming $x = a^{-1} * b$, we have

$$a * x = a * (a^{-1} * b)$$

$$= (a * a^{-1}) * b \text{ (associativity)}$$

$$= e * b \text{ (} e \text{ being the identity element)}$$

$$= b.$$

This shows that $x = a^{-1} * b$ satisfies the equation $a * x = b$.

The second part can similarly be proved.

Theorem 11.8. In a group $(G, *)$

- (i) $(a^{-1})^{-1} = a$ i.e., the inverse of the inverse of an element is equal to the element.
- (ii) $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1} a^{-1}$ i.e., the inverse of the product of two elements in the product inverses in the reverse order.

Proof. (i) Let e be the identity element for $*$ in G . Then we have $a * a^{-1} = e$, where $a^{-1} \in G$. Also $(a^{-1})^{-1} * a^{-1} = e$.

Therefore, $(a^{-1})^{-1} * a^{-1} = a * a^{-1}$.

Thus, by right cancellation law, we have $(a^{-1})^{-1} = a$.

(ii) Let a and $b \in G$ and G is a group for $*$, then $a * b \in G$ (closure).

Therefore, $(a * b)^{-1} * (a * b) = e$.

Let a^{-1} and b^{-1} be the inverses of a and b respectively, then $a^{-1}, b^{-1} \in G$.

Therefore, $(b^{-1} * a^{-1}) * (a * b) = b^{-1} * (a^{-1} * a) * b$ (associativity)

$$= b^{-1} * e * b = b^{-1} * b = e$$

From (1) and (2) we have $(a * b)^{-1} * (a * b) = (b^{-1} * a^{-1}) * (a * b)$

$$(a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}.$$

Example 17. Prove that if $a^2 = a$, then $a = e$, a being an element of a group.

Solution. Let a be an element of a group G such that $a^2 = a$.

(i) To prove that $a = e$.

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 = a &\Rightarrow a * a = a \Rightarrow (aa) a^{-1} = aa^{-1} \\ &\Rightarrow a(aa^{-1}) = e. \\ &\Rightarrow ae = e \Rightarrow a = e. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{since } ae = e)$$

Example 18. Show that if every element of a group (G, o) be its own inverse, then it is an abelian group.

Is the converse true?

Solution. Let $a, b \in G$, then $a \circ b \in G$ (closure).

Hence, by the given condition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} a \circ b &= (a \circ b)^{-1} \\ &= b^{-1} \circ a^{-1} \\ &= b \circ a, \text{ since } a^{-1} = a \text{ and } b^{-1} = b. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $a \circ b = b \circ a$, for every $a, b \in G$.

Therefore, it is an abelian group.

The converse is not true. For example, $(R, +)$, where R is the set of all real numbers, is an abelian group, but no element except 0 is its own inverse.

Example 19. Show that if a, b are arbitrary elements of a group G , then $(ab)^2 = a^2 b^2$, if and only if G is abelian.

Solution. Let a and b be arbitrary elements of a group G . Suppose $(ab)^2 = a^2 b^2$.

To prove G is abelian, we have to show that

$$\begin{aligned} ab &= ba \\ (ab)^2 &= a^2 b^2 \Rightarrow (ab)(ab) = (aa)(bb) \\ \Rightarrow a(ba)b &= a(ab)b, \quad \text{by associative law} \\ \Rightarrow (ba)b &= (ab)b, \quad \text{by left cancellation law} \\ \Rightarrow ba &= ab, \quad \text{by right cancellation law,} \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose G is abelian so that

$$ab = ba \quad \forall a, b \in G \quad (3)$$

prove that $(ab)^2 = a^2 b^2$

$$(ab)^2 = (ab)(ab) = a(ba)b = a(ab)b, \quad (\text{by (3)})$$

$$= (aa)(bb) = a^2 b^2.$$

Hence proved!

Example 20. G is a group and there exist two relatively prime positive integers m and n such that $a^m = b^n$ and $a^n = b^m$ for all $a, b \in G$. Prove that G is Abelian.

Solution. Since m and n are relatively prime, $\gcd(m, n) = 1$, we get $mx + ny = 1$ for some x, y .

$$\begin{aligned} (a^m b^n)^{mx} &= a^{mx} (b^n a^m)^{mx-1} b^n \\ &= a^{mx} (b^n a^m)^{mx} (b^n a^m)^{-1} b^n \\ &= (b^n a^m)^{mx} a^{mx} a^m b^n b^n \\ &= (b^n a^m)^{mx}. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Similarly it can be proved that

$$(a^m b^n)^{ny} = (b^n a^m)^{ny}. \quad (2)$$

from (1) and (2) we get

$$\begin{aligned} a^{mx} b^n &= (a^m b^n)^{mx+ny} \\ &= (b^n a^m)^{mx+ny} = b^n a^m. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} ab &= a^{mx+ny} b^{mx+ny} \\ &= a^{mx} (a^{ny} b^{mx}) b^{ny} \\ &= a^{mx} b^{mx} a^{ny} b^{ny} \\ &= b^{mx} a^{mx} b^{ny} a^{ny} \\ &= b^{mx+ny} a^{mx+ny} \\ &= ba. \end{aligned} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{by (3)} \\ \text{by hypothesis} \\ \text{by (3)} \end{matrix}$$

Hence G is Abelian.

Order of an Element

The order of an element g in a group G is the smallest positive integers n such that $g^n = e$.

If no such integer exists, we say g has infinite order. The order of an element g is denoted by

So, to find the order of a group element g , one need only compute the sequence of products g, g^2, g^3, \dots until one reach the identity for the first time. The exponent of this product is the order of g . If the identity never appears in the sequence, then g has infinite order.

Example 21. Let $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ be a multiplicative group. Find the order of every element.

Solution. 1 is the identity element in G .

$$(i) 1^1 = 1 \Rightarrow o(1) = 1.$$

$$(ii) (-1)^2 = 1, (-1)^n \neq 1 \text{ for any positive integer } n < 2.$$

$$\text{Hence } o(-1) = 2.$$

$$(iii) (i)^4 = 1 \text{ and } (i)^n \neq 1 \text{ for any positive integer } n < 4.$$

$$\text{Hence } o(i) = 4.$$

$$(iv) (-i)^4 = 1 \text{ and } (-i)^n \neq 1 \text{ for any positive integer } n < 4.$$

$$\text{Hence } o(-i) = 4.$$

Example 22. Find the order of every element in the multiplicative group $G = \{a, a^2, a^3, a^4, a^5\}$.

Solution. The identity element of the given group is $a^6 = e$.

$$a^6 = e \Rightarrow o(a) = 6$$

$$(a^2)^3 = a^6 = e \Rightarrow o(a^2) = 3$$

$$(a^3)^2 = a^6 = e \Rightarrow o(a^3) = 2$$

$$(a^4)^3 = a^{12} = (a^6)^2 = e^2 = e \Rightarrow o(a^4) = 3$$

$$(a^5)^6 = (a^6)^5 = e^5 = e \Rightarrow o(a^5) = 6$$

and $(a^5)^n \neq e$ for any $n < 6$

$$(a^5)^1 = a^5 = e \Rightarrow o(a^5) = 1$$

Thus the orders of elements $a, a^2, a^3, a^4, a^5, a^6$ are 6, 3, 2, 3, 6, 1 respectively.

11.4 Groupoid, Semigroup and Monoid.

Let $(S, *)$ be an algebraic structure in which S is a non-empty set and $*$ is a binary operation defined on S . Thus S is closed with the operation $*$. Such a structure consisting of a non-empty set S and a binary operation defined in S is called a groupoid.

An algebraic structure $(S, *)$ is called a semigroup if the following conditions are satisfied:

1. The binary operation $*$ is a closed operation i.e., $a * b \in S$ for all $a, b \in S$. (closure law)
2. The binary operation $*$ is an associative operation i.e., $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$ for all $a, b, c \in S$. (associative law).

An algebraic structure $(S, *)$ is called a monoid if the following conditions are satisfied:

1. The binary operation $*$ is a closed operation. (closure law).
2. The binary operation $*$ is an associative operation (associative law).
3. There exists an identity element, i.e., for some $e \in S$, $e * a = a * e = a$ for all $a \in S$.

Thus a monoid is a semigroup $(S, *)$ that has an identity element.

Example 23.

(i) If N be a set of natural numbers, then $(N, +)$ is groupoid because the set N is closed under addition. But the set of odd integers is not a groupoid under addition operation since $3 + 3 = 6$ does not belong to the set of odd integers and hence is not closed.

(ii) If Z be a set of all integers, then $(Z, +)$ and (Z, \cdot) are semi group as these two operations are closed and associative in Z .

The structure $(Z, +)$ is a monoid with identity element 0 and (Z, \cdot) is a monoid with 1 as its identity element.

We note that every group $(G, *)$ is a semigroup. A semigroup $(S, *)$ is commutative if it is commutative i.e., $a * b = b * a$ for all $a, b \in S$. A semi group $(S, *)$ which is not commutative is called non-commutative. The set of integers $(Z, +)$ and (Z, \cdot) are commutative semigroups, whereas the binary operation on Z are usual addition and multiplication of integers.

The next three theorems give necessary and sufficient conditions for a semigroup to be a group.

Theorem 11.9. A semigroup $(S, *)$ is a group if and only if

- (i) there exists $e \in S$ such that $e * a = a$ for all $a \in S$ and
- (ii) for all $a \in S$ there exists $b \in S$ such that $b * a = e$.

Proof: Suppose $(S, *)$ is a semigroup that satisfies (i) and (ii). Then for $b \in S$, there exists $c \in S$ such that $c * b = e$ by (ii).

Now

and

$$a = e * a = (c * b) * a = c * (b * a) = c * e$$

$$a * b = (c * e) * b = c * (e * b) = c * b = e$$

$a * b = e = b * a$. Also $a * e = a * (b * a) = (a * b) * a = e * a * a$.

We have $b = a^{-1}$. Therefore, $(S, *)$ is a group.

Converse can be proved from the definition of a group.

Theorem 11.10. A semi group $(S, *)$ is a group if and only if for $a, b \in S$ each of the

$x * x = b$ and $y * a = b$ has a solution in S for x and y .

Proof: If S is a group, then by theorem 11.7, the equation $a * x = b$ and $y * a = b$ have

solutions in S . Conversely, suppose the given equations have solutions in S . Let the equation $y * a = b$ have a solution $y \in S$. Then $y * a = b$. For any $b \in S$, if t (depending on a and b) be the solution of the

equation $a * x = b$, then $a * t = b$.

Now, $e * b = e * (a * t) = (e * a) * t = a * t = b$.

Consequently, $e * b = b$, for all $b \in S \Rightarrow e$ is a left identity in S .

Next, a left inverse of an element $a \in S$ is given by the solution $y * a = e$ and the solution

to $y * a = S$.

Hence, for each $a \in S$, there exist a left inverse in S . Thus S is a group.

Theorem 11.11: A finite semi-group $(S, *)$ is a group if and only if $(S, *)$ satisfies the cancellation laws (i.e., $a * c = b * c$ implies $a = b$ and $c * a = c * b$ implies $a = b$ for all $a, b, c \in S$).

Proof: Let $(S, *)$ be a finite semi-group satisfying cancellation law i.e.,

$$a * b = b * c \Rightarrow b = c$$

$$b * a = c * a \Rightarrow b = c$$

and

Let $S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ where a_i are all distinct element of S .

Consider now the elements $a_1 * a_1, a_1 * a_2, \dots, a_1 * a_n$.

These elements belong to S and are distinct. If they are not distinct, let, $a_1 * a_i = a_1 * a_j$.

Then, by cancellation law, $a_i = a_j$, which contradicts the fact $a_i \neq a_j$.

Then composite elements $a_1 * a_1, a_1 * a_2, \dots, a_1 * a_n$, being all distinct, they are the n given

elements of S in some order. This shows that the equation $a * x = b$ for $a, b \in S$ has a solution in S .

Similarly, by forming the products $a_1 * a_1, a_2 * a_1, \dots, a_n * a_1$, it can be shown that the

equation $y * a = b$ for $a, b \in S$ has a solution in S .

Thus $(S, *)$ is a semi-group in which each of the equations $a * x = b$ and $y * a = b$ has a solution in S for all $a, b \in S$.

Hence by Theorem 11.10 $(S, *)$ is a group.

Free Semi-group

Let $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ be a non empty set. A word w on A is a finite sequence of its elements. For example,

$$u = aab \text{ and } v = aacbcab = a^2b^2c^2ab$$

It consists of replacing an occurrence of $a_i = a_i^{m+n}$. The length of a word w denoted by $L(w)$ is the number of elements in w .

Thus $L(u) = 7$ and $L(v) = 9$.

Let A^* consists of all words that can be formed from the alphabet A . Let α and β be elements

of A^* : If $\alpha = a_1 a_2 \dots a_m$ and $\beta = b_1 b_2 \dots b_n$, then

$$\alpha\beta = a_1 a_2 \dots a_m b_1 b_2 \dots b_n$$

Thus if α, β and γ are any elements of A^* , then it is easy to see $\alpha(\beta\gamma) = (\alpha\beta)\gamma$.

So $*$ is an associative binary operation, and (A^*) is a semi-group. The semi-group (A^*) is called the free semi-group generated by A .

Let $(S, *)$ be a group and B be a non-empty subset of S . If B is closed under operation $*$ and associative law automatically holds for the elements of B , then B is called a sub semi-group of $(S, *)$. Since the elements of B are also elements of S , closure condition is necessary.

Examples

- Let A and B denote, respectively, the set of even and odd positive integers. Then $(A, +)$ and $(B, +)$ are sub semi-groups of $(\mathbb{N}, +)$ since A and B are closed under addition. On the other hand, (A, \times) is a sub semi-group of (\mathbb{N}, \times) since A is closed under multiplication. But (B, \times) is not a sub semi-group of (\mathbb{N}, \times) since B is not closed under multiplication.
- Consider the free semi group K on the set $A = \{a, b\}$. Let L consist of all even words with even length. The concatenation of two such words is also even. Thus L is a sub semi-group of K .

17.5. Subgroup

Let $(G, *)$ be a group and H is a subset of G . $(H, *)$ is said to be subgroup of G if H is also group by itself.

Now every set is a subset of itself. Therefore, if G is a group, then G itself is a subgroup of G . Also if e is the identity element of G . Then the subset of G containing only identity element e is also a subgroup of G . These two subgroups $(G, *)$ and $((e), *)$ of the group $(G, *)$ are called improper or trivial subgroups, others are called proper or nontrivial subgroups.

Example 24

- (i) The multiplicative group $\{1, -1\}$ is a subgroup of the multiplicative group $\{1, -1, \dots, n\}$.
- (ii) The additive group of even integers is a subgroup of the additive group of all integers.
- (iii) The set \mathbb{Q}^* of all non-zero positive rational numbers is a subgroup of the multiplicative group \mathbb{Q} of all non-zero rational numbers.

Important Theorems

Theorem 11.12. The identity element of a sub group is the same as that of the group.

Proof: Let H be the subgroup of the group G and e and e' be the identity elements of G and H respectively.

Now, if $a \in H$, then $a \in G$ and $ae = a$, since e is the identity element of G .

Again $a \in H$, then $a e' = a$, since e' is the identity element of H .

Thus $ae = ae'$ which gives $e = e'$.

Theorem 11.13. The inverse of any element of a subgroup is the same as the inverse of that element regarded as an element of the group.

Proof: Let H be the subgroup of the group G and let e be the common identity element of G .

Let $a \in H$. Suppose b is the inverse of a in H and e is the inverse in G . Then we have $ba = e$ and $ca = e$.

Hence, in G we have $ba = ca \Rightarrow b = c$.

Note. Since the identity of H is the same as that of G , it is easy to see that the order of an element of H is the same as the order of that element regarded as a member of G .

The next two theorems provide simple tests that suffice to show that a subset of a group is a subgroup.

Theorem 11.14. (two step subgroup test) A non-empty subset H of a group G is a subgroup of G if and only if

- (i) $a \in H, b \in H \Rightarrow a * b \in H$
- (ii) $a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$ where a^{-1} is the inverse of a in G .

Proof: The condition is necessary. Suppose H is a subgroup of G . Then H must be closed with respect to operation $*$ i.e. $a \in H, b \in H \Rightarrow a * b \in H$.

Let H and let a^{-1} be the inverse of a in G . Then the inverse of a in H is also a^{-1} . Since H is a group, therefore, each element of H must possess inverse. Therefore, $a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$. Thus the condition is necessary.

Condition is Sufficient

We observe that the binary operation $*$ in G is also a binary operation in H . Hence H is closed under the operation.

The elements of H is also the elements of G and the elements of G satisfy the associative law. Therefore, the binary operation, therefore, the elements of H will also satisfy the associative law.

$$a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$$

From the condition (i), we have $a \in H, a^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow aa^{-1} \in H = e \in H$ which shows the existence of identity element in H .

Thus all the conditions are satisfied, H is a subgroup of G .

Theorem 11.15. The necessary and sufficient condition for a non-empty sub-set H of a group G to be a subgroup is

$$a \in H, b \in H \Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H,$$

where b^{-1} is the inverse of b in G .

Proof: Let H be a sub-group and $a \in H, b \in H$. Since H is a sub-group and $b \in H, b^{-1}$ must also belong to H .

$$\text{Now } a \in H, b^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H, \text{ by closure property.}$$

Thus the condition is necessary.

To prove that this condition is also sufficient, we assume that

$$a \in H, b \in H \Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H.$$

We are to show that H is a sub-group of G .

By the given condition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} a \in H, a^{-1} \in H &\Rightarrow e * a^{-1} \in H \\ &\Rightarrow e \in H, \end{aligned}$$

Where e is the identity element.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, we have } e \in H, a \in H &\Rightarrow e * a^{-1} \in H \\ &\Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H, \end{aligned}$$

Where a^{-1} is the inverse of a .

Now, if $b \in H$, then $b^{-1} \in H$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also } a \in H, b^{-1} \in H &\Rightarrow a * (b^{-1})^{-1} \in H \\ &\Rightarrow a * b \in H \text{ (closure property).} \end{aligned}$$

Now, $H \subset G$ and the associative law holds good for G , as G is a group. Hence it is true for the elements of H . Thus all postulates for a group are satisfied for H . Hence H is a subgroup of G .

Example 25. Let G be the additive group of all integers and H be the subset of G consisting of all positive integers. Then H is closed with respect to addition i.e., the composition in G . But H is not a subgroup of G since the identity $0 \notin H$.

Example 26. Let $G = (\dots, 3^{-2}, 3^{-1}, 1, 3, 3^2, \dots)$ be the multiplicative group consisting of all integral powers of 3. Let $H = \{1, 3, 3^2, \dots\}$. Then $H \subset G$ and H is closed with respect to multiplication. But H is not a subgroup of G since the inverse of 3 i.e., 3^{-1} does not belong to H .

Theorem 11.16. The intersection of any two sub-groups of a group $(G, *)$ is again a sub-group of $(G, *)$.

Proof: Let H_1 and H_2 form any two sub-groups of $(G, *)$. We have $H_1 \cap H_2 \neq \emptyset$, since at least the identity element is common to both H_1 and H_2 .

Let $a \in H_1 \cap H_2$ and $b \in H_1 \cap H_2$.

Now

$$\begin{aligned} a \in H_1 \cap H_2 &\Rightarrow a \in H_1 \text{ and } a \in H_2 \\ b \in H_1 \cap H_2 &\Rightarrow b \in H_1 \text{ and } b \in H_2 \end{aligned}$$

Since H_1 and H_2 from sub-groups under the group $(G, *)$, we have

$$a \in H_1, b \in H_1 \Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H_1.$$

$$a \in H_2, b \in H_2 \Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H_2.$$

$$\text{Finally, } ab^{-1} \in H_1, ab^{-1} \in H_2 \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H_1 \cap H_2$$

Thus we see,

$$a \in H_1 \cap H_2, b \in H_1 \cap H_2 \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H_1 \cap H_2$$

Therefore, $H_1 \cap H_2$ forms a sub-group under $(G, *)$.

Note: The union of two subgroups is not necessarily a subgroup.
For example, let G be the additive group of integers.

$$\text{Then } H_1 = \{\dots, -6, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, 6, \dots\} \text{ and}$$

$$H_2 = \{\dots, -12, -9, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, 9, 12, \dots\}$$

are both subgroups of G .

$$\text{Now } H_1 \cup H_2 = \{\dots, -4, -3, -2, 0, 2, 3, 4, 6, \dots\}$$

Obviously $H_1 \cup H_2$ is not closed with respect to addition as $2 \in H_1 \cup H_2$,

$$2 + 2 = 4 \in H_1 \cup H_2 \text{ but } 2 + 3 = 5 \notin H_1 \cup H_2. \text{ Therefore, } H_1 \cup H_2 \text{ is not a subgroup of } G.$$

Cosets

Let H be a subgroup of a group G and let $a \in G$. Then the set $\{a * h : h \in H\}$ is called coset generated by a and H and is denoted by aH .

Similarly the set $Ha = \{h * a : h \in H\}$ is called the right coset and is denoted by Ha . Element a is called a representative of aH and Ha .

It is evident that both aH and Ha are subsets of G .

If e be the identity element of G , then $e \in H$ and $He = H = eH$. Therefore, H itself is a right as well as a left coset.

In general $aH = Ha$, but in the abelian group, each left coset coincides with the corresponding right coset.

If the group operation be addition, then the right coset of H in G generated by a is defined as

$$H + a = \{h + a : h \in H\}.$$

Similarly, the left coset $a + H = \{a + h : h \in H\}$.

Index of a subgroup in a group. If H is a subgroup of a group G , the number of distinct (left) cosets of H in G is called the index of H in G and is denoted by $[G : H]$ or by $i_G(H)$.

Example 27. Let G be the additive group of integers i.e.,

$$G = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}.$$

Let H be the subgroup of G obtained on multiplying each element of G by 3. Then

$$H = \{\dots, -9, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, 9, \dots\}.$$

Since the group G is abelian any right coset will be equal to the corresponding left coset. Let us form the right cosets of H in G .

We have $0 \in G$ and

$$H = H + 0 = \{\dots, -9, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, 9, \dots\}$$

$$\text{Again } 1 \in H \text{ and } H + 1 = \{\dots, -8, -5, -2, 1, 4, 7, 10, \dots\}.$$

$$\text{Then } 2 \in H \text{ and } H + 2 = \{\dots, -7, -4, -1, 2, 5, 8, 11, \dots\}.$$

We see that the right cosets $H, H + 1$ and $H + 2$ are all distinct and moreover these are disjoint i.e., have no element common.

O and $O + 3 = \{\dots, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, 9, 12, \dots\}$

that $H + 3 = H$. Also we observe that $3 \in H$.

G and $H + 4 = \{\dots, -5, -2, 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, \dots\} = H + 1$

there exists three disjoint right cosets namely $H, H + 1, H + 2$.

Union of all right cosets of H in G will be equal to G , i.e.

$$G = H \cup (H + 1) \cup (H + 2)$$

index of H in G is 3.

Cosets

Let H be a subgroup of G , and a and b belong to G . Then,

all

$H = H$ if and only if $a \in H$

$H = bH$ or $aH \cap bH = \emptyset$

$aH = bH$ if and only if $a^{-1}b \in H$.

Analogous results hold for right cosets.

if $L, a = ae \in L$, e is the identity element of G .

If e be the identity in G and so is in H , then

$$aH = H \Rightarrow ae \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in H$$

if $a \in H$ and $h \in H$ then

$$a \in H \Rightarrow ah \in H \forall h \in H$$

$$aH \subset H$$

$a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1}H$, H being a sub-group of the group G , satisfies group axioms.

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1}h \in H \forall h \in H \text{ by closure law in } H$$

$$\Rightarrow a(a^{-1}h) \in H \forall h \in H \text{ by closure law in } H$$

$$\Rightarrow h \in aH \forall h \in H$$

$$H \subset aH$$

$$aH \subset H \text{ and } H \subset aH \Rightarrow aH = H$$

$$a \in H \Rightarrow aH = H$$

ence $aH = H \Leftrightarrow a \in H$ by (1) and (2).

Let H be a sub-group of a group G and let aH and bH be two of its left cosets. Assume $aH \neq bH$ and let c be the common element of the two cosets.

then we may write $c = ah$ and $c = bh'$, for $h, h' \in H$.

Therefore $ah = bh'$, giving $a = bh'h^{-1}$.

Since H is a sub-group, we have $h'h^{-1} \in H$.

$$h'h^{-1} = h'' \text{ so that } a = bh''.$$

$$\text{Hence } aH = (bh'')H = b(h''H) = bH, \text{ since } h''H = H.$$

Hence the two left cosets aH and bH are identical if $aH \cap bH \neq \emptyset$.

Thus either $aH \cap bH = \emptyset$ or $aH = bH$.

4. We have.

$$aH = bH \Rightarrow a^{-1}aH = a^{-1}bH$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^{-1}a)H = (a^{-1}b)H$$

$$\Rightarrow aH = (a^{-1}b)H, e$$
 being the identity in G and so in H .

$$\Rightarrow H = (a^{-1}b)H$$

$$\therefore aH = bH \Rightarrow a^{-1}b \in H$$

Also, if $a^{-1}b \in H$, then

$$bH = e(bH) = (aa^{-1})(bH) = a(a^{-1}b)H = aH$$

(1) and (2) follow that $aH = bH \forall a, b \in H$.

Normal Subgroup

A subgroup H of a group G is said to be a normal subgroup of G if $Ha = bH \forall a, b \in H$. Clearly every subgroup of an Abelian group is a normal subgroup. To verify this normal one can use the following theorem.

Theorem 11.17. A subgroup H of a group G is normal if and only if $g^{-1}hg \in H \forall g \in G$.

Proof: Let H be a normal subgroup of G . Let $h \in H, g \in G$.

Then $hg \in Hg = gH$ (Definition of normal subgroup).

Now $hg \in Hg \Rightarrow hg = gh_1$ for some $h_1 \in H$.

so $hg = gh_1$ for some $h_1 \in H$.

i.e., $g^{-1}hg = h_1 \in H$.

Conversely let H be such that

$$g^{-1}hg \in H \quad \forall h \in H, g \in G.$$

Consider $a \in G$ For any $h \in H, a^{-1}ha \in H$.

Therefore, $ha = a(a^{-1}ha) \in aH$.

Consequently $Ha \subseteq aH$.

Let $b = a^{-1}$

then $b^{-1}hb \in H$

But $b^{-1}hb = (a^{-1})^{-1}ha^{-1} = aha^{-1}$

This gives $aha^{-1} \in H$

so that $ah = (aha^{-1})a \in Ha$

which proves that $aH \subseteq Ha$.

Hence $aH = Ha$.

This theorem shows that, equivalently a subgroup H of a group G can be defined as a normal subgroup if

$$g^{-1}hg \in H \quad \forall h \in H, g \in G.$$

Example 28. Consider the group $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$. Let $H = \{3n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ show that H is a subgroup of \mathbb{Z} .

Solution. It is a subgroup of \mathbb{Z} since

(i) H is non-empty.

(ii) Let $x, y \in H$. Then there exist $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $x = 3p, y = 3q$.

Now $xy^{-1} = 3p - 3q = 3(p - q)$ where $p - q \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Thus $xy^{-1} \in H$.

Hence H is a subgroup of \mathbb{Z} .

Example 29. Let G be a group. For a fixed element of G , let $G_x = \{a \in G : ax = xa\}$. Show that G_x is a subgroup of G for all $x \in G$.

Solution. Since (i) $ex = xe, e \in G$. Therefore, $G_e \neq \emptyset$.

(ii) $a, b \in G_x \Rightarrow ax = xa$ and $bx = xb$.

Now (ab)x = abx,

$$\begin{aligned} &= axb, \quad (\because bx = xb) \\ &= xab, \quad (\because ax = xa) \\ &= x(ab). \end{aligned}$$

This shows $ab \in G_x$. Hence G_x satisfies the closure axiom.

(iii) $a \in G_x \Rightarrow ax = xa$.

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1}(ax)a^{-1} = a^{-1}(xa)a^{-1}.$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1}axa^{-1} = a^{-1}xa a^{-1} \forall a \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow exa^{-1} = a^{-1}xe.$$

$$\Rightarrow xa^{-1} = a^{-1}x,$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1} \in G_x.$$

Since inverse of each element of G_x is in G_x . The number of elements in a group is called the *order* of the group. By definition of a group. The number of elements in a group is denoted by $o(G)$. A group of finite order is called a *finite group*. By the concept of cosets we prove a theorem due to Lagrange which expresses a relationship between the order of a finite group and the order of its subgroup.

Theorem 11.18. The order of each sub-group of a finite group G is a divisor of the order of G .

Proof: Let H be any sub-group of order m of a finite group G of order n . We consider the left coset decomposition of G relative to H .

First show that each coset aH consists of m different elements.

$$H = \{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_m\}.$$

and $h_1, a h_2, \dots, a h_m$ are the m members of aH , all distinct.

we have $a h_i = a h_j \Rightarrow h_i = h_j$ by cancellation law in G .

G is a finite group, the number of distinct left cosets will also be finite, say k . Hence the number of elements of all cosets is km which is equal to the total number of elements of G . $n = mk$. (1)

It shows that m , the order of H , is a divisor of n , the order of the group G .

Note. The converse of Lagrange's theorem is not true.

Corollary 1. If G be a finite group of order n and $n \in G$, then

$$a^n = e.$$

As $(a^n)^m = m$ which implies $a^{nm} = e$.

Now, the sub-set H of G consisting of all the integral powers of a is a sub-group of G and the order of H is m .

Then, by the above theorem, m is a divisor of n .

Let $n = mk$, then

$$a^n = a^{mk} = (a^m)^k = e^k = e.$$

Solved Examples

Example 30. If H is a subgroup of G such that $x^2 \in H$ for every $x \in G$, then prove that H is a normal subgroup of G .

Solution. For any $g \in G, h \in H$; $(gh)^2 \in H$ and $g^{-2} \in H$.

Since H is a subgroup, $h^2 g^{-2} \in H$ and so $(gh)^2 h^{-1} g^{-2} \in H$. This gives that $gh g^{-1} h^{-1} \in H$. $\therefore ghg^{-1} h^{-1} \in H$. Hence H is a normal subgroup of G .

Example 31. If G be an abelian group with identity e , then prove that all elements x of G satisfying the equation $x^2 = e$ form a sub-group H of G .

Solution. Let $H = \{x : x^2 = e\}$.

Now $x^2 = e \Rightarrow x = x^{-1}$.

Therefore, if $x \in H$, then x^{-1} also belongs to H .

Furthermore $e^2 = e$.

Hence the identity element of G also belongs to H .
Let $x, y \in H$.

Then, since G is abelian, we have

$$\begin{aligned} xy &= yx \\ &= y^{-1}x^{-1}, \text{ as } x^{-1} = x \text{ and } y^{-1} = y \\ &= (xy)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$(xy)^2 = e.$$

Hence $xy \in H$ and H is a sub-group of G .

Example 32. For any two subgroups H and K of a group G following hold:

- (1) $H \cap K$ is a subgroup of G .
- (2) If H is normal in G then $H \cap K$ is normal in K .
- (3) If H and K are both normal in G , then $H \cap K$ is normal in G .

Solution. (1) Since $e \in H \cap K$, $H \cap K$ is non-void.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } a, b \in H \cap K &\Rightarrow a, b \in H \text{ and } a, b \in K \\ &\Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H \text{ and } ab^{-1} \in K \\ &\Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H \cap K. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $H \cap K$ is a subgroup of G .

(2) Let H be normal in G . Let $x \in K, a \in H \cap K$.

Then $x^{-1}ax \in K$ since $x, a \in K$.

Further $x^{-1}ax \in H$ since H is normal and $a \in H$. Consequently $x^{-1}ax \in H \cap K \forall x \in K$.

Hence $H \cap K$ is a normal subgroup of K .

Example 33. If H is a subgroup of index 2 in a group G , then H is a normal subgroup of G .

Solution. Suppose H is a subgroup of index 2 in a group G so that number of distinct (or left) cosets of H in G is 2.

To prove that H is normal in G , it suffices to show that

$$Hx = xH \quad \forall x \in G.$$

Let $x \in G$ be arbitrary. Then $x \in H$ or $x \notin H$.

If $x \in H$, then $Hx = xH = H$ and so $Hx = xH$.

If $x \notin H$, then index of H is 2 says that right coset (left coset) decomposition contains two cosets

$$\therefore G = Hx \cup Hx, G = xH \cup xH$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } H \cup Hx = G = H \cup xH &\Rightarrow xH = G - H = Hx \\ &\Rightarrow xH = Hx \end{aligned}$$

\therefore In either case $Hx = xH$, meaning thereby H is normal in G .

11.6 Cyclic Group

A Group G is called a cyclic group if, for some $a \in G$, every element of G is of the form a^n , where n is some integer. The element a is then called a generator of G .

If G is a cyclic group generated by a , it is denoted by $G = \langle a \rangle$. The elements of G are in the form

$$\dots, a^{-2}, a^{-1}, a^0, a, a^2, a^3, \dots$$

There may be more than one generator of a cyclic group.

Theorem 34. The set of integers with respect to $+$ i.e., $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is a cyclic group, a generator, solution.

We have $10 = 1, 1^1 = 1, 1^2 = 1 + 1 = 2, 1^3 = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3$ and so on.

Similarly $1^{-1} = \text{inverse of } 1 = -1$

and $1^{-2} = (1^2)^{-1} = -2, 1^{-3} = (1^3)^{-1} = (3)^{-1} = -3$ and so on.

Each element of G can be expressed as some integral power of 1.

Similarly we can show that -1 is also a generator.

Example 35. The multiplicative group $\{1, w, w^2\}$ is a cyclic group.

Solution. We have $w^0 = 1, w^1 = w, w^2 = w^2, w^3 = 1$

and $w^{20} = 1, (w^2)^1 = w^2, (w^2)^2 = w^4 = w$

thus each element of the group can be expressed as some integral powers of w and w^2 . Hence this is a cyclic group with generators w and w^2 .

Example 36. The group $(G, +_6)$ is a cyclic group where $G = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$.

Solution. We see that

$$1^1 = 1, 1^2 = 1 +_6 1 = 2, 1^3 = 1 +_6 1^2 = 3, 1^4 = 1 +_6 1^3 = 1 +_6 3 = 4, 1^5 = 1 +_6 1^4 = 1 +_6 4 = 5$$

$$1^6 = 0$$

thus $G = \{1^0, 1^1, 1^2, 1^3, 1^4, 1^5, 1^6 = 0\}$

Hence G is a cyclic group and 1 is a generator.

Similarly, it can be shown that 5 is another generator.

Important Properties of Cyclic Groups

Theorem 11.19. Every cyclic group is an abelian group.

Solution. Let G be a cyclic group and let a be a generator of G so that

$$G = \langle a \rangle = \{a^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

If g_1 and g_2 are any two elements of G , there exist integers r and s such that $g_1 = a^r$ and $g_2 = a^s$.

$$g_1 g_2 = a^r a^s = a^{r+s} = a^{s+r} = a^s \cdot a^r = g_2 g_1$$

$\therefore G$ is abelian.

Theorem 11.20. If a is a generator of a cyclic group G , then a^{-1} is also a generator of G .

Proof. Let $G = \langle a \rangle$ be a cyclic group generated by a . Let a^r be any element of G , where r is an integer. We can write $a^r = (a^{-1})^{-r}$. Since $-r$ is also some integer, therefore each element of G is generated by a^{-1} . Thus a^{-1} is also a generator of G .

Theorem 11.21. If a cyclic group G is generated by an element a of order n , then a^m is a generator of G if and only if the greatest common divisor of m and n is 1 i.e., if and only if m and n are relative primes.

Proof. Suppose m is relatively prime to n . Consider the cyclic subgroup $H = \{a^m\}$ of G generated by a^m . Obviously $H \subseteq G$ since each integral power of a^m will also be an integral power of a .

Since m is relatively prime to n , therefore, there exist two integers r and s such that $mr + sn = 1$.

$$\text{So } a^{mr+sn} = a^1$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{mr} \cdot a^s = a$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^m)^r = a; \text{ since } (a^m)^r = (a^r)^m = a^s = a$$

So, each integral power of a will also be some integral power of a^m . Therefore, $G \subseteq H$. Hence

$H = G$ and a^m is a generator of G .

Conversely, suppose a^m is a generator of G . Let the greatest common divisor of m and n be d and $d \neq 1$ i.e., $d > 1$. Then m/d and n/d must be integers.

Now $(a^m)^{nd} = (a^{nd})^m = e^{nd} = e$. Obviously, n/d is a positive integer less than n . Therefore a^m can not be a generator of G because the order of a^m is not equal to n . Hence d must be equal to 1. Thus m is prime to n .

Example 37. How many generators are there of the cyclic group G of order 8?

Solution. Let a be generator of G . Then $\text{o}(a) = 8$. We can write $G = \{a, a^2, a^3, a^4, a^5, a^6, a^7\}$

7 is prime to 8, therefore, a^7 is also a generator of G .

5 is prime to 8, therefore, a^5 is also a generator of G .

3 is prime to 8, therefore, a^3 is also a generator of G .

Thus there are only four generators of G i.e., a, a^3, a^5, a^7 .

Example 38. Show that the group $\langle \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}, x \rangle$ is cyclic.

Solution. Let G be a given group. If there exists an element $a \in G$ such that $\text{o}(a) = n$, then a will be a generator of G . Note that $\text{o}(3) = 6$ because $3^1 = 3, 3^2 = 3x, 3 = 2, 3^3 = 3^2x, 3 = 6, 3^4 = 6x, 3 = 4$, etc.

Note that $3 \cdot 3 = 6$ because $3^1 = 3, 3^2 = 3x, 3 = 2, 3^3 = 3^2x, 3 = 6, 3^4 = 6x, 3 = 4$, etc.

So, G is cyclic and 3 is a generator of G . We can write

$$G = \{3, 3^2, 3^3, 3^4, 3^5, 3^6\}.$$

Now 5 is prime to 6. There 3^5 i.e., 5 is also generator of G .

Infinite Cyclic Group

If H is a cyclic group generated by a subject to all the powers of a are distinct, then $\langle a \rangle$ is an infinite cyclic group.

Example 39. Let G be an infinite cyclic group generated by a . Show that

(i) $a^r = a^t$ if and only if $r = t$, where $r, t \in \mathbb{Z}$,

(ii) G has exactly two generators.

Solution. (i) Suppose $a^r = a^t$ and $r \neq t$. Let $r > t$. Then $a^{r-t} = e$. Then $\text{o}(a)$ is finite, say $= n$. Then $G = \{e, a, \dots, a^{n-1}\}$, which is a contradiction since G is an infinite group. The proof is straightforward.

(ii) Let $G = \langle b \rangle$ for some $b \in G$. Since $a \in G = \langle b \rangle$ and $b \in G = \langle a \rangle$, $a = b^r$ and $b = a^t$ for some $r, t \in \mathbb{Z}$. Thus, $a = b^r = (a^t)^r = a^{tr}$. Hence, by (i), $r = 1$. This implies that either $r = 1$ or $r = -1$. Thus, either $b = a$ or $b = a^{-1}$. Now from (i), $a = a^{\pm 1}$. Therefore, G has exactly two generators.

11.7 Permutation Group

Let A be a finite set. Then a function $f : A \rightarrow A$ is said to be a permutation of A if

(i) f is one-one

(ii) f is onto

i.e. A bijection from A to itself is called a permutation of A .

The number of distinct elements in the finite set A is called the degree of permutation.

Consider a set $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ and let $f : A \rightarrow A$ be a bijection function. Then every element of A has a unique image in A , no two distinct elements of A have the same image, and every element of A has a unique pre-image under f . Thus, the range of f is of the form

$$\text{Ran } f = \{f(a_1), f(a_2), \dots, f(a_n)\}$$

In the notation of relations the function f is given by

$$f = \{(a_1, f(a_1)), (a_2, f(a_2)), \dots, (a_n, f(a_n))\}$$

This is written in two line notation as

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ f(a_1) & f(a_2) & \dots & f(a_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

is a finite set, its elements can be ordered as the first, the second, ..., the n th. It is convenient to take A to be a set of the form $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ for some positive integer n . A permutation f on the set $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ can be written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n \\ f(1) & f(2) & f(3) & \dots & f(n) \end{pmatrix}$$

Obviously, the order of the column in the symbol is immaterial so long as the corresponding numbers above and below in that column remain unchanged.

of Two Permutations

Let f and g be two permutations on a set X . Then $f = g$ if and only if $f(x) = g(x)$ for all $x \in X$.

Example 40. Let f and g be given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Identify $f(1) = 2 = g(1)$, $f(2) = 3 = g(2)$

$f(3) = 4 = g(3)$, $f(4) = 1 = g(4)$

thus $f(x) = g(x)$ for all $x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ which implies $f = g$.

Identity Permutation

If each element of a permutation be replaced by itself, then it is called the identity permutation denoted by the symbol 1. For example,

$$1 = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ a & b & c \end{pmatrix}$$

is an identity permutation.

Product of Permutations (or Composition of Permutation)

The product of two permutations f and g of same degree is denoted by $f \circ g$ or gf , meaning perform f and then perform g .

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \dots & a_n \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 & \dots & b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & b_3 & \dots & b_n \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & \dots & c_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f \circ g = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \dots & a_n \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & \dots & c_n \end{pmatrix}$$

For, f replaces a_i by b_i and then g replaces b_i by c_i so that $f \circ g$ replaces a_i by c_i . Similarly g replaces a_2 by c_2 , a_3 by c_3 , ..., a_n by c_n .

Clearly $f \circ g$ is also a permutation on S .

It should be observed that the permutation g has been written in such a manner that the second row of f coincides with the first row of g . This is most essential in order to find $f \circ g$.

If we want to write gf , then f should be written in such a manner that the second row of g must coincide with the first row of f .

Example 41. Find the product of two permutations and show that it is not commutative.

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solved Examples

Example 42. If $A = (1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5)$ and $B = (2\ 3)\ (4\ 5)$, find AB .
Solution. We have $AB = (1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5)(2\ 3)(4\ 5)$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1\ 3\ 5).$$

Example 43. Express the permutation $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 5 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ as a product of transpositions.

Solution. First we express the given permutation as a product of disjoint cycles. 1 is moved to 6 and then 6 to 1, giving the cycle $(1, 6)$. Then 2 is moved to 5, which is moved to 3, giving $(2, 5, 3)$. This takes care of all the elements except 4 which is left fixed.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 5 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1\ 6)(2\ 5\ 3)$$

Multiplication of disjoint cycles is clearly commutative, so the order of the factors $(1, 6)$ and $(2, 5, 3)$ is not important.

Example 44. Show that the permutation $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 6 & 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ is odd, while the permutation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution. We have $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 6 & 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = (1\ 5)(2\ 6\ 3)$

$$= (1\ 5)(2\ 6)(2\ 3)$$

Thus the given permutation can be expressed as the product of an odd number of transpositions and hence the permutation is an odd permutation.

Again $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1\ 6)(2\ 3\ 4\ 5)$

$$= (1\ 6)(2\ 3)(2\ 4)(2\ 5)$$

Since it is a product of an even number of transpositions, the permutation is an even permutation.

Example 45. Find the inverse of the permutation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Theory. Let the inverse of the given permutation be

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ x & y & z & u & v \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ x & y & z & u & v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ y & z & x & v & u \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x = 3, y = 1, z = 2, u = 4, v = 5$$

Hence the required inverse is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$.

Alternating Group

The set A_n of all even permutations of degree n forms a finite group of order $n!/2$ with respect to the composition of permutation and is called alternating group and is denoted by A_n .

Theorem 11.23 Out of $n!$ permutations of n symbols, $n!/2$ are even permutations and $n!/2$ are odd permutations.

Proof. Let P_n be the set of all permutations on n symbols. Let the number of even and odd permutations in P_n be s and t . Then $n! = s + t$.

Let e_1, e_2, \dots, e_s be s distinct even permutations and o_1, o_2, \dots, o_t be t number of distinct odd permutations, then

$$P_n = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_s, o_1, o_2, \dots, o_t\}$$

Let I be any proposition in P_n then by closure property $Ie_1, Ie_2, \dots, Io_1, Io_2, \dots, Io_t$ are all distinct elements of P_n . For if $Io_1 = Io_2$, then $o_1 = o_2$ which contradicts that o_1 and o_2 are distinct.

Now Ie_1, Ie_2, \dots, Io_t are odd permutations. Since there are t number of odd permutations, $t \leq s$. Similarly, we can show that the even permutations Io_1, Io_2, \dots, Io_t are distinct elements of P_n . Therefore $t \leq s$.

Thus

$$t = s = n!/2.$$

Theorem 11.24 If A_n is the set of all even permutations of degree n , then A_n is a finite group of order $n!/2$ with respect to the composition of permutation.

Proof Let f and g be any two even permutations on n symbols.

Closure property : It is known that the product of two even permutations is an even permutation. Therefore the set A_n is closed with respect to the composition of permutation.

Associativity : It is known that the multiplication of permutations is an associative composition.

Existence of Identity : An identity permutation is an even permutation. If I is an identity permutation then $I \in A_n$. Then $If = f = fI \in A_n$.

I is an identity element.

Existence of Inverse : Let $f \in A_n$ be any even permutation. Then $f \in P_n$. Thus there exists an inverse f^{-1} in P_n such that $f^{-1}f = f^{-1}f = I$. Since f is an even permutation so f^{-1} is also an even permutation and hence $f^{-1} \in A_n$. Hence every element of A_n has multiplicative inverse in A_n .

Hence A_n is a group of all even permutations of order $n!/2$.

Note that the set O_n of all odd permutations does not form a group with respect to composition of permutation. As the product of two odd permutations is an even permutation, the set O_n is not closed.

Dihedral Group D_n

Symmetry: A symmetry of a body is a transformation (mapping) which brings the body into coincidence with itself. The transformation can be thought of as a rigid motion (*i.e.*, a motion which keeps the distance between any points of the body unchanged) or as a mapping of the set of points comprising the body (or space) to itself.

Group of Symmetries: The set of all symmetries of a figure forms an another permutation group called the group of symmetries or symmetry group.

Dihedral group: The symmetry group of the regular polygon of n sides is called the dihedral group of degree n and is denoted by D_n . For example, D_3 is the dihedral group of an equilateral triangle, D_4 is the dihedral group of a square, D_5 is the dihedral group of a regular pentagon. It is easy to find that D_3 has 6 elements, D_4 has 8 elements and D_5 has 10 elements.

The group D_4 is also known as the Octic group.

Example 46. Find the group of symmetries of an equilateral triangle.

Solution. Consider an equilateral triangle whose vertices are marked 1, 2, 3 as shown in Fig. and its centre.

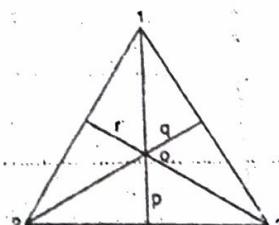


Fig.

Let G be the set consisting of six elements:

(i) The elements p_0, p_1, p_2 which represent, respectively, the anticlockwise rotations about centre O by $0^\circ, 120^\circ$ and 240° . Evidently the identity mapping is a symmetry. The rotations by angle 120° and 240° are symmetry.

(ii) The reflections about perpendicular bisector of the sides of the triangle represented by μ_1 and μ_2 are three other symmetries of the set G . In the line p , the image of the vertex 2 is 3, the image of the vertex 3 is 2, and the image of 1 is itself. Thus 1, 3, 2 are the images of 1, 2, 3 under the line p . Then μ_1 represents this arrangement of images. Similarly μ_1 and μ_3 represent arrangements images of 1, 2, 3 in the line q and r respectively.

$$p_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mu_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mu_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mu_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

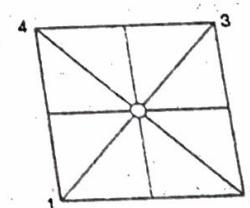
Composition table is given below and it follows from the table that $(G, *)$ is a non-abelian group of order six, and known as the dihedral group of degree 3 (D_3).

It is to be noted that the composition of the symmetries of the triangle is equivalent to the multiplication of the corresponding permutation. This group is same as S_3 . This is also called a symmetric group.

o	p_0	p_1	p_2	μ_1	μ_2	μ_3
p_0	p_0	p_1	p_2	μ_1	μ_2	μ_3
p_1	p_1	p_2	p_0	μ_3	μ_1	μ_2
p_2	p_2	p_0	p_1	μ_2	μ_3	μ_1
μ_1	μ_1	μ_2	μ_3	p_0	p_1	p_2
μ_2	μ_2	μ_3	μ_1	p_2	p_0	p_1
μ_3	μ_3	μ_1	μ_2	p_1	p_2	p_0

Example 47. Find the group of symmetries of a square.

Solution. Consider a square whose vertices are marked 1, 2, 3, 4 as shown in Fig. and O be its centre.



Let G be the set consisting of eight elements:

(i) The elements p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3 which represent, respectively, the anticlockwise rotations about its centre O by $0^\circ, 90^\circ, 180^\circ$ and 270° .

(ii) The two reflections denoted by μ_1, μ_2 about the lines passing through the centre of the square and parallel to the sides.

(iii) The two reflections denoted by σ_1, σ_2 about the diagonals of the square.

Thus $G = \{p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3, \mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma_1, \sigma_2\}$

$$p_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mu_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mu_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The composition table is given below. To prepare the table, it is sufficient to know $x, y \in G$, first the effect of x and then the effect of y on the vertices to obtain $y \circ x$. And from the table that $(G, *)$ is a non-abelian group of order eight and known as the dihedral group of degree 4 (D_4).

\circ	P_0	P_1	P_2	P_3	μ_1	μ_2	σ_1	σ_2
P_0	P_0	P_1	P_2	P_3	μ_1	μ_2	σ_1	σ_2
P_1	P_1	P_2	P_3	P_0	σ_2	σ_1	μ_1	μ_2
P_2	P_2	P_3	P_0	P_1	μ_2	μ_1	σ_2	σ_1
P_3	P_3	P_0	P_1	P_2	σ_1	σ_2	μ_2	μ_1
μ_1	μ_1	σ_1	μ_2	σ_2	P_0	P_2	P_1	P_3
μ_2	μ_2	σ_2	μ_1	σ_1	P_2	P_0	P_3	P_1
σ_1	σ_1	μ_2	σ_2	μ_1	P_3	P_1	P_0	P_2
σ_2	σ_2	μ_1	σ_1	μ_2	P_1	P_3	P_2	P_0

11.8. Homomorphism and Isomorphism of Groups

Structure preserving maps between groups are called morphisms. So, to relate two groups requires notions about such maps, which is defined below.

Let $(G, *)$ and $(G_1, *_1)$ be two groups and f is a function from G into G_1 . Then f is called a homomorphism of G into G_1 , if for all $a, b \in G$,

$$f(a * b) = f(a) *_1 f(b)$$

A homomorphism is called an epimorphism if f is onto G_1 and f is called a monomorphism if f is one-one. If there is an epimorphism f from G onto G_1 , then G_1 is called a homomorphic image of G .

A homomorphism f of a group G into a group G_1 is called a isomorphism of G onto G_1 , if f is one-one onto G_1 . G and G_1 are said to be isomorphic and denoted by $G \cong G_1$. An isomorphism of a group G onto G is called an automorphism.

The kernel of a homomorphism f of a group G into a group G_1 is the set of all elements mapped onto the identity element of G_1 by f . That is, the kernel of f , written as $\text{ker } f$, is defined to be

$$\text{ker } f = \{a \in G : f(a) = e_1, \text{ the identity of } G_1\}$$

Example 46. (i) Let $G = \mathbb{Z}$ and $G' = \{1, -1\}$ the multiplicative group. The mapping $f: G \rightarrow G'$ defined by $f(n) = 1$ if n is even and $f(n) = -1$ if n is odd is a group homomorphism, as $f(m+n) = f(m)f(n)$ for all $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

(ii) Let $G = \mathbb{R}$ be the group of real numbers under addition and $G' = \mathbb{R}^*$, the group of positive real numbers for multiplication. The mapping $f: G \rightarrow G'$ given by $f(a) = 2^a$ is a group homomorphism because $f(a+b) = 2^{a+b} = 2^a 2^b = f(a) \cdot f(b)$.

Example 47. If R be the group of real numbers under addition and let R^* be the group of positive real numbers under multiplication. Let $f: R \rightarrow R^*$ be defined by $f(x) = e^x$ then show that f is an isomorphism.

Solution. If $f(a) = f(b)$, so that $e^a = e^b$, then $a = b$. Thus f is one to one.

If $c \in R^*$, then $\ln c \in R$ and $f(\ln c) = e^{\ln c} = c$.

Thus each element of R^* is the f image of some element of R and hence f is onto.

Again $f(a+b) = e^{a+b} = e^a e^b = f(a) f(b)$

Hence f is an isomorphism.

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If R^* be the multiplicative group of all positive real numbers.

$f: R^* \rightarrow R^*$ by $f(x) = x^2$ for all $x \in R^*$. Show that f is automorphism of R^* .

Now for any $x, y \in R^*$, $f(xy) = (xy)^2 = x^2 y^2 = f(x) f(y)$.

f is an endomorphism of R^* .

Since $f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow x^2 = y^2 \Rightarrow x = y$, since $x > 0, y > 0$.

f is a one-one mapping.

Let $x \in R^*$, $\sqrt{x} \in R^*$ such that $f(\sqrt{x}) = (\sqrt{x})^2 = x$.

proves that f is also onto.

Consequently f is an automorphism.

Properties on Homomorphisms

Theorem 11.22. Let $(G, *)$ and $(G_1, *_1)$ be two groups and let $f: G \rightarrow G_1$ be a homomorphism.

Then

$f(e) = e_1$ where e is the identity in G and e_1 is the identity in G_1 .

$f(a^{-1}) = (f(a))^{-1}$ for all $a \in G$.

If H is a sub group of G , then $f(H) = \{f(h) : h \in H\}$ is a subgroup of G_1 .

Proof. (a) Since f is a homomorphism, $f(e) *_1 f(e) = f(e * e) = f(e)$.

if $w(f(e)) \in G_1$ gives $f(e) *_1 f(e) = e_1 *_1 f(e)$.

$f(e) *_1 f(e) = e_1 *_1 f(e)$

thus $f(e) = e_1$ by the right cancellation law.

For $a \in G, f(a) *_1 f(a^{-1}) = f(a * a^{-1}) = f(e) = e_1$ by part (a).

Similarly,

$f(a^{-1}) *_1 f(a) = e_1$

Since $f(a)$ has a unique inverse $f(a^{-1}) = (f(a))^{-1}$ for all $a \in G$.

Let H be a sub-group of G .

then $e \in H$ by (a)

$f(e) = e_1$.

thus $e_1 = f(e) \in f(H)$ and so $f(H) \neq \emptyset$.

if $(a), (b) \in f(H)$, where $a, b \in H$.

Since H is a sub-group, $ab^{-1} \in H$.

thus $f(a) *_1 (f(b))^{-1} = f(a) *_1 f(b^{-1}) = f(a * b^{-1}) = f(a * b^{-1}) \in f(H)$.

Hence, $f(H)$ is subgroup of G_1 .

Theorem 11.23. Let G and G_1 be two groups and $f: G \rightarrow G_1$ be a group homomorphism. Then

f is a normal subgroup of G .

Proof. Let e_1 be the identity element of the group G_1 . Then $\text{ker } f = \{x \in G : f(x) = e_1\}$. Since $f(e)$

it follows that $e \in \text{ker } f$. Hence $\text{ker } f \neq \emptyset$. Let $a, b \in \text{ker } f$. Then $f(a) = e_1$,

$f(b) = e_1$, and hence $f(ab^{-1}) = f(a)f(b^{-1}) = e_1 e_1^{-1} = e_1$. This implies that $ab^{-1} \in \text{ker } f$, whence

f is a subgroup of G . To show that $\text{ker } f$ is a normal subgroup, let $a \in \text{ker } f$ and $g \in G$; then

$f(gag^{-1}) = f(g)f(a)f(g^{-1}) = f(g)e_1 f(g^{-1}) = f(g)g^{-1} = e_1$, and hence $gag^{-1} \in \text{ker } f$. Consequently, $\text{ker } f$

is a normal subgroup of G .

Factor or Quotient Group

If H is a normal subgroup of a group G , then the set of all left cosets of H forms a group with

respect to the multiplication of left coset and defined as

$(aH)(bH) = (ab)H$

called the factor group or quotient group of G by H and is denoted by G/H i.e. $G/H = \{aH : a \in G\}$.

Problem Set 11.3

1. Define a subgroup. Give examples.
2. Show by means of examples that the union of two subgroups may or may not be a subgroup.
3. If a is any element of a group G , then $\{a^x : x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is a subgroup of G .
4. If G is a group, then show that $C = \{c \in g : cx = xc \text{ for all } x \in G\}$ is a subgroup of G .
5. What is least order of a non-abelian group? Show that all proper subgroups of a group are abelian.
6. If H is a subgroup of G such that $x^2 \in H$ for every $x \in G$, then prove that H is a normal subgroup of G .
7. Show that the set $H = \{a + b\epsilon : \epsilon \in C, a^2 + b^2 = 1\}$ is a subgroup ($C, +$) where, is the operation of complex numbers.
8. Let $G = \{(a, b) : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, b \neq 0\}$. Prove that $(G, *)$ is a non-commutative group under the operation, $(a, b) * (c, d) = (a+c, bd)$ for all $(a, b), (c, d) \in G$.
 - Let $H = \{(a, b) \in G : a = 0\}$. Show that H is a subgroup of G .
 - Let $K = \{(a, b) \in G : b > 0\}$. Show that K is a subgroup of G .

(Hints: (i) $(0, 1)$ identity element, inverse of (a, b) is $(-a/b, 1/b)$ (ii) Since $(0, 1) \in K$, $K \neq \emptyset$. $(a, b) \in K$. Thus $b > 0$ and $d > 0 \Rightarrow bd > 0$. Hence $(a, b) * (c, d)^{-1} = (a, b) * (-c/d, 1/d) = (a - c/d, b/d) \in K$, thus K is a subgroup.)
9. Show that each of the following sets is a subgroup of the multiplicative group of 2×2 non-singular matrices over \mathbb{R} .
 - $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} : a \neq 0 \right\}$
 - $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix} : a \neq 0 \right\}$
 - $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix} : ab \neq 0 \right\}$
 - $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} : b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

10. Let a be a fixed element of group G .

Let $H = \{x \in G : xa^2 = a^2x\}$

and $K = \{x \in g : xa = ax\}$.

Show that H is a subgroup of G and that K is a subgroup of H .

11. Let H be a subgroup of group G and a be an element of G . Let $aH = \{ah : h \in H\}$. Prove that (i) $aH \subseteq H$, (ii) if $b \in G$, if $b \in aH$, then $aH \cap bH = \emptyset$.
12. Let a binary operation $*$ on G be defined by $(a, b) * (c, d) = (ac, bc + d)$ for all ordered pairs $(a, b), (c, d) \in G$. Is G a group under this operation? If yes, then find its identity element and inverse of each element. If no, then give reasons.
13. Let G be a multiplication group of all positive real numbers and R the additive group of all real numbers. Is G a subgroup of R ? Given reasons.
14. Answers the following: (i) Can abelian group have a non abelian subgroup? Can a non-abelian group have an abelian subgroup? Can a non-abelian group have a non-abelian subgroup?
15. Show that the set of inverses of the elements of a right coset is a left coset ϕ i.e., $(Ha)^{-1} = a^{-1}H$.
16. Let $H = \{0, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm 9, \dots\}$. Find all the left cosets of H in \mathbb{Z} .
17. If G be a group of prime order p , then show that G has no proper subgroup.
18. Let G be a group of integers under addition and let N be the set of all integral multiples of 3. Prove that N is a subgroup of G and determine all the cosets of N in G .

19. Define an algebraic structure, where \mathbb{Z} is the set of integers and $*$ is defined by $a * n = \max\{a, n\}$. Determine whether $(\mathbb{Z}, *)$ is a monoid or a group or an abelian group.

20. Let ω be a primitive n th root of unity. Show that the set $\{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$ is a cyclic group of order 3, with respect to multiplication, ω being the cube root of unity.

21. Show that the group $\{(1, -1, 1, -1), \dots\}$ is cyclic with generators i and $-i$.

22. Show that the group $\{(1, 2, 3, 4), X_1\}$ is cyclic. How many generators are there of cyclic group of (i) order 6 and (ii) order 10?

23. Show that the permutation $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is even, while the permutation $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ is odd.

24. Show that $(6 \ 5 \ 4 \ 3 \ 1 \ 2)$ is an even permutation while $(6 \ 7 \ 5 \ 4 \ 1 \ 2)$ is an odd permutation. Determine which of the following permutations is even or odd:

(i) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

(ii) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 3 & 2 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

(iii) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ (iv) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

25. Determine the inverse of each of the following permutations:

(i) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

(ii) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

(iii) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

(iv) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

26. Express each of the following as a product of transpositions and hence determine whether it is odd or even:

(i) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

(ii) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

(iii) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

27. Show that the inverse of the permutation $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ is an identity permutation.

If $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ show that $fg = gf$.

Express the following permutations as the product of disjoint cycles

(i) $a = (1 \ 2 \ 3)(4 \ 5)(1 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 9)(1 \ 5)$,

(ii) $b = (1 \ 2)(1 \ 2 \ 3)(1 \ 2)$,

(iii) $c = (1 \ 3 \ 2 \ 5)(1 \ 4 \ 3)(2 \ 5 \ 1)$.

If $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$, show that $fg \neq gf$.

If $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$, find gf and gf^{-1} .

28. Show that the mapping f from the group of real numbers under addition to itself given by $f(x) = [x]$, the greatest integer less than or equal to x , is not a homomorphism.

29. Let R^* be the group of nonzero real numbers under multiplication, and let r be a positive integer. Show that $f(x) = x^r$ is a homomorphism from R^* to R^* .

17. Let G be a group of real numbers under addition and G' be the group of positive real numbers under multiplication. Show that the mapping defined by $f(x) = 2^x$ is a homomorphism.
18. Let $S = N \times N$. Let \circ be the operation on S defined by $(a, b) \circ (a', b') = (aa', bb')$.
- Show that \circ is associative.
 - Define $f: (x, \circ) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Q}, +)$ by $f(a, b) = a/b$. Show that f is a homomorphism.
19. Let $S = N \times N$. Let \circ be the operation on S defined by $(a, b) \circ (a', b') = (a+a', b+b')$.
- Show that \circ is associative.
 - Define $f: (x, \circ) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ by $f(a, b) = a - b$. Show that f is a homomorphism.
20. Let G be a group. Define a function $g: G \rightarrow G$ by $g(x) = gxg^{-1}$. Show that g is an isomorphism onto g , i.e.,
- g is a homomorphism,
 - g is one-to-one,
 - g is onto.
21. Determine which of the following maps is homomorphism. If the map is a homomorphism, describe its image and the kernel.
- $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ under additive given by $f(n) = n$
 - $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ under addition given by $f(x) = [x]$
22. Let G be a group. Prove that the map $f: G \rightarrow G$ given by $f(a) = a^{-1}$ for all $a \in G$ is an isomorphism if and only if G is commutative.
23. Let e be the identity element of a group G . Then the map $f: G \rightarrow G$ defined by $f(x) = x$ for all $x \in G$ is an endomorphism.
24. Consider the mapping $f: \mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ defined by $f(x) = x^4$, where \mathbb{C}^* is the multiplicative group of non-zero complex numbers. Show that the mapping is homomorphism with kernel $f^{-1}(1, -1, i, -i)$.
25. Show that the mapping defined by $f: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$, defined by $f(x) = |x|$ is a homomorphism with kernel $\{1, -1\}$.
26. Prove that if for a group G , $f: G \rightarrow G$ given by $f(x) = x^3$, $x \in G$ is an isomorphism then G is abelian.
27. Let f be a homomorphism mapping of a group G into a group G' . Let $f(G)$ be the homomorphic image of G in G' , then $f(G)$ is a subgroup of G' .
28. Show that the mapping $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(x+iy) = x$ is a homomorphism of the additive group of complex numbers on the additive group of real numbers and find the kernel of f .
29. Show that the mapping $f: \mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$ defined by $f(z) = |z|$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C}^*$ is homomorphism of \mathbb{C}^* in \mathbb{R}^* . What is the kernel of f ?
30. Show that if $f: G \rightarrow G'$ is an isomorphism, then $f^{-1}: G' \rightarrow G$ is also an isomorphism.
31. Let (S_1, \circ_1) , (S_2, \circ_2) and (S_3, \circ_3) be semigroups, and let $f: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ and $g: S_2 \rightarrow S_3$ be isomorphisms. Show that $g \circ f: S_1 \rightarrow S_3$ is an isomorphism.
32. Let T be the set of even integers. Show that the semigroups $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ and $(T, +)$ are isomorphic.

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- The set \mathbb{Z} of all integers is closed under the binary operation multiplication but the set of negative integers which is a proper subset \mathbb{Z} is not closed w.r.t. this operation as the product of two negative numbers is not a negative integer.
- Identity element 0, $a^{-1} = a/(a-1)$.
- (i) associative, (ii) Non associative.
- (i) Neither commutative nor associative,
(ii) Only commutative,
(iii) Commutative,
(iv) Only commutative,
(v) Associative not commutative,
(vi) Associative and commutative,
(vii) Associative and commutative.

(i) $(n^2 + n)/2$.

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Yes. (ii) Yes.

First row $\rightarrow d$, Second row $\rightarrow a$, fourth row $\rightarrow c, b$.**ANSWERS 11.2**

- does not have identity element
 - does not have identity element
 - does not have identity element.
- Only (1, 10)
- \mathbb{Z} is a trivial group $((0), +)$
 $0(1) = 1, 0(w) = 0, 0(w^2) = 3$.
- Semi group,
 - Monoid, Identity 1.
 - Semi group,
 - Monoid, Identity 6
 - Semi group.

No, Yes, Yes

19. Monoid

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6. Two, a and a^2 Four, a, a^2, a^3, a^4 .
7. (i) even, (ii) odd, (iii) even, (iv) even, (v) odd.

$$\begin{array}{l} (i) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (ii) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (iii) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (iv) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \\ (v) (1, 2) \text{ odd}, \quad (vi) (1, 3) \text{ odd}, \quad (vii) (1, 4)(2, 3) \text{ even}. \end{array}$$

12. (i) $a = (1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 9 \ 5 \ 4)$, (ii) $b = (1 \ 3 \ 2)$, (iii) $c = (1 \ 2)(3 \ 5 \ 4)$.

$$14. \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad 21. (a) \text{ yes, image of } f = \mathbb{Z}, \text{ kernel of } f = \{0\} \text{ (b) no.}$$

22. Ker f = all complex numbers where real part is zero.

23. Ker f = multiplicative subgroup of all complex numbers whose modulus is 1.