

Unit -4 Group theory

Definition, Properties of group
Sub groups, cyclic groups.

Groups: A non empty set G with a binary operation $*$ is said to be a group. If the following axioms are satisfied.

$G_1 \Rightarrow$ Closure law:-

$$\forall a, b \in G \text{ then } a * b \in G$$

$G_2 \Rightarrow$ Associative law:-

$$\forall a, b, c \in G \text{ then } a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$$

$G_3 \Rightarrow$ Existence of Identity.

For every element $a \in G$ \exists an element $e \in G$ then,
 $a * e = e * a = a$

Here e = identity of G .

$G_4 \Rightarrow$ Existence of inverse:-

For every element $a \in G$ \exists an element $a^{-1} \in G$
such that $a * a^{-1} = a^{-1} * a = e$

Here a^{-1} is called the inverse of a .

$G_5 \Rightarrow$ Commutative law:-

$$\forall a, b \in G \text{ then } a * b = b * a$$

$\therefore G$ is called an abelian group.

Eg:- $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ $(\mathbb{R}, +)$, $(\mathbb{C}, +)$...

1) The set $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ i.e. the fourth root of unity of group with usual multiplication. where $i^4 = 1$ & $i^2 = -1$

QSoln: Given, $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ with multiplication.

$G_1 \Rightarrow$ Closure law:

$$\forall 1, i \in G \text{ then } 1 \cdot i = i \in G$$

$G_2 \Rightarrow$ Associative law:

$$\forall -1, i, -i \in G$$

$$\text{then } (-1 \times i) \times (-i) = -i \times -i = i^2 = -1$$

$$-1 \times (i \times -i) = -1 \times (-i^2) = i^2 = -1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

The operation table for the 4th root of unity with usual multiplication

\otimes	1	-1	i	-i
1	1	-1	i	-i
-1	-1	1	-i	i
i	i	-i	-1	1
-i	-i	i	1	-1

$G_3 \Rightarrow$ Existence of identity:

Since multiplication is the binary composition $1 \in G$ then for every $i \in G$ we have

$$1 \cdot i = i \cdot 1 = i \in G$$

$G_4 \Rightarrow$ Existence of inverse:

$$\text{For every } i \in G \nexists -i \text{ such that } i \times (-i) = -i^2 = 1$$

\therefore For $i, -i$ is the inverse

\Rightarrow For $-1, -1$ is itself. is the inverse.

$G_5 \Rightarrow$ Commutative law:

$$\forall i, -i \in G \text{ then } i \times (-i) = -i \times i = -i^2 = 1$$

\therefore The group G is an abelian group.

\therefore The set fourth root of unity is an abelian group with respect to multiplication.

Q.2) $Z_6 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ write the operation table for addition modulo 6.

Soln :

\oplus_6	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	2	3	4	5	0
2	2	3	4	5	0	1
3	3	4	5	0	1	2
4	4	5	0	1	2	3
5	5	0	1	2	3	4

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Theorem :

1) In a group, \exists only one identity element.

[i.e., The identity element in a group is unique.]

Proof :- In a group G ,

Let $a \in G$, if possible let us consider e_1 and e_2 are the two identities of G ,

$$\text{then } a * e_1 = e_1 * a = a \text{ --- (1)}$$

$$a * e_2 = e_2 * a = a \text{ --- (2)}$$

$$\therefore (1) = (2)$$

$$\therefore a * e_1 = a * e_2$$

$$\Rightarrow a e_1 = a e_2$$

$$\Rightarrow e_1 = e_2$$

\therefore The identity element is unique.

Theorem-2

* In a group G , every element has only one inverse.
[i.e., Every element has a unique inverse in G .]

Proof: In a group G ,

for every element $a \in G$,

let us suppose that b and c are the two inverse

$$\text{Such that } axb = bxa = e \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$axc = cxa = e \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{--- (1) = (2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow axb = axc$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = ac$$

$$\Rightarrow b = c$$

\Rightarrow The inverse element of 'a' which are b and c is unique.

~~a' & a'' are inverse of an element $a \in G$
 $\therefore a' = a'e$
 $= a'(a'a')$
 $= (a'a')a''$
 $= ea''$
 $a' = a''$~~

Order of a group:

The no of elements in a group G is called the order of the group and is denoted by order of G or $O(G)$.

Order of an element:

Let G be a group and let 'a' be an element of G . The order of an element $a(G)$ is defined as, let 'n' be the least +ve integer such that $a^n = e$ & it is denoted as $O(a)$.

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Q. Find order of element $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ w.r.t \oplus_6

Soln: Since '0' is the identity element.

$$0^1 = 0 \Rightarrow O(0) = 1$$

$$1^1 = 1$$

$$1^2 = 1 \oplus_6 1 = 2$$

$$1^3 = 1 \oplus_6 1 \oplus_6 1 = 3$$

$$1^4 = 1 \oplus_6 1 \oplus_6 1 \oplus_6 1 = 4$$

$$1^5 = 1 \oplus_6 1 \oplus_6 1 \oplus_6 1 \oplus_6 1 = 5$$

$$1^6 = 1 \oplus_6 1 \oplus_6 1 \oplus_6 1 \oplus_6 1 \oplus_6 1 = 6 - 6 = 0$$

$$\therefore O(1) = 6$$

$$2^1 = 2$$

$$2^2 = 2 \oplus_6 2 = 4$$

$$2^3 = 2 \oplus_6 2 \oplus_6 2 = 6 - 6 = 0$$

$$\therefore O(2) = 3$$

$$3^1 = 3$$

$$3^2 = 3 \oplus_6 3 = 6 - 6 = 0$$

$$\therefore O(3) = 2$$

$$4^1 = 4$$

$$4^2 = 4 \oplus_6 4 = 8 - 6 = 2$$

$$4^3 = 4 \oplus_6 4 \oplus_6 4 = 12 - 6 = 6 - 6 = 0$$

$$\therefore O(4) = 3$$

$$5^1 = 5$$

$$5^2 = 5 \oplus_6 5 = 10 - 6 = 4$$

$$5^3 = 5 \oplus_6 5 \oplus_6 5 = 15 - 6 = 9 - 6 = 3$$

$$5^4 = 5 \oplus_6 5 \oplus_6 5 \oplus_6 5 = 20 - 6 = 14 - 6 = 8 - 6 = 2$$

$$5^5 = 5 \oplus_6 5 \oplus_6 5 \oplus_6 5 \oplus_6 5 = 25 - 6 = 19 - 6 = 13 - 6 = 7 - 6 = 1$$

$$5^6 = 5 \oplus_6 5 \oplus_6 5 \oplus_6 5 \oplus_6 5 \oplus_6 5 = 30 - 6 = 24 - 6 = 18 - 6 = 12 - 6 = 6 - 6 = 0$$

$$\therefore O(5) = 6$$

Problems:-

1) The set of all integers defined by $a * b = a + b + 1 \forall a, b$ is a group.

Proof:- Given $(\mathbb{Z}, *) = \{a * b = a + b + 1 \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

$G_1 \Rightarrow$ Closure law:-

$$\forall a, b \in (\mathbb{Z}, *)$$

then consider $a * b = a + b + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$

$G_2 \Rightarrow$ Associative law:-

$$\forall a, b, c \in (\mathbb{Z}, *)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then consider } a * (b * c) &= a * (b + c + 1) \\ &= a + (b + c + 1) + 1 \\ &= a + b + c + 2 \quad \text{--- (1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again consider } (a * b) * c &= (a + b + 1) * c \\ &= (a + b + 1) + c + 1 \\ &= a + b + c + 2 \quad \text{--- (2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (1) = (2)$$

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

$G_3 \Rightarrow$ Existence of Identity:-

For every $a \in (\mathbb{Z}, *)$

then $\exists e \in (\mathbb{Z}, *)$ such that $a * e = a$

$$\Rightarrow a + e + 1 = a$$

$$\Rightarrow e + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow e = -1$$

$\therefore e = -1$ is the identity of $(\mathbb{Z}, *)$

$G_4 \Rightarrow$ Existence of Inverse:-

$$\forall a, b \in (Z, *) \exists a^{-1} \in (Z, *)$$

$$\text{Such that } a * a^{-1} = a^{-1} * a = e$$

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

$$\Rightarrow a * a^{-1} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow a + a^{-1} + 1 = -1 \Rightarrow a^{-1} = -1 - 1 - a$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1} = -(a+2) \text{ or } -a-2$$

$$\therefore \forall a \in (Z, *) \text{ its inverse } a^{-1} = -(a+2) \in (Z, *)$$

$\therefore (Z, *)$ is a group.

Q) The set of all +ve rational no. form an abelian group under the composition defined by $a * b = ab/2$

Soln:-

$$\text{Given, } G = \{a * b = ab/2 \mid (a, b) \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

$G_1 \Rightarrow$ closure law:-

$$\forall (a, b) \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ then by definition } a * b = ab/2 \in \mathbb{Q}$$

$G_2 \Rightarrow$ Associative law:-

For every $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Q}$,

$$\text{then consider } (a * b) * c = \left(\frac{ab}{2}\right) * c$$

$$= \frac{\frac{ab}{2} * c}{2} = \frac{abc}{4} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Again consider } a * (b * c) = a * \frac{bc}{2}$$

$$= \frac{a * \frac{bc}{2}}{2} = \frac{abc}{4} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\therefore (1) = (2)$$

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

$G_3 \Rightarrow$ Existence of Identity:-

$\forall a \in G, \exists$ an element $e \in G$

such that $a * e = e * a = a$

$$\Rightarrow a * e = a$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ae}{2} = a$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{e}{2} = 1$$

$\Rightarrow e = 2$ is the identity of G .

$G_4 \Rightarrow$ Existence of inverse:-

For every $a \in G, \exists a^{-1} \in G$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow a * a^{-1} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{aa^{-1}}{2} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow aa^{-1} = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1} = 4/a$$

\therefore The inverse of 'a' is a^{-1} which $= 4/a$

$G_5 \Rightarrow$ Commutative law:-

$\forall a, b \in G,$

then consider $a * b = \frac{ab}{2} = \frac{ba}{2} = b * a$

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

\therefore The given set G is an abelian group.

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- , Let G be the set of real no. not equal to -1 and
) The set $(G, *) = \{a * b = a + b - ab \mid a, b \in G\}$ is a group.

Soln:- $(G, *) = \{a * b = a + b - ab \mid a, b \in G\}$

$G_1 \Rightarrow$ closure law:-

$$\forall a, b \in (G, *)$$

$$\text{then consider } a * b = a + b - ab \in G$$

$G_2 \Rightarrow$ Associative law:-

$$\forall a, b, c \in G, \Rightarrow (a * b) * c = (a + b - ab) * c$$

$$= (a + b - ab) + c - (a + b - ab)c$$

$$= a + b - ab + c - ac - bc + abc$$

$$= a + b + c + abc - ab - ac - bc$$

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Again consider,

$$a * (b * c) = a * (b + c - bc)$$

$$= a + (b + c - bc) - a(b + c - bc)$$

$$= a + b + c - bc - ab - ac + abc$$

$$= a + b + c + abc - ab - bc - ac \text{ --- ②}$$

$$\text{①} = \text{②}$$

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

$G_3 \Rightarrow$ Existence of Identity:-

For every $a \in (G, *)$ then $\exists e \in (G, *)$

$$\text{such that } a * e = a$$

$$\Rightarrow a + e - ae = a$$

$$\Rightarrow e(1 - a) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow e = 0$$

$G_4 \Rightarrow$ Existence of inverse.

$$\text{Let } a \in (G, *) , \exists a^{-1} \in (G, *)$$

$$\text{Such that } a * a^{-1} = a^{-1} * a = e$$

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

$$\Rightarrow a * a^{-1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a + a^{-1} - aa^{-1} = 0$$

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

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

$G_5 \Rightarrow$ Commutative law:-

$$\text{Let } a, b \in G \quad \exists a * b = b * a$$

$$a * b = a + b - ab \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$b * a = b + a - ba \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

\therefore (3) & (4) holds good.

$\therefore (G, *)$ is an abelian group.

4) Find the order of group of elements of

$$U_{15} = \{1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14\} \text{ under multiplication module 15.}$$

and construct operation table. Also find inverse of each.

Then find all x in (U_{15}, \otimes_{15}) such that ~~$x = x^{-1}$~~ $x = x^{-1}$

QSoln:- Given: Order of the group $= |U_{15}| = 8$

Here $e=1$ is the identity element. (\therefore multiplication module)

$$1' = 1 \Rightarrow O[1] = 1$$

$$2' = 2$$

$$2^2 = 4$$

$$2^3 = 8$$

$$2^4 = 16 - 15 = 1 \Rightarrow \therefore O[2] = 4$$

$$4' = 4$$

$$4^2 = 16 - 15 = 1 \Rightarrow \therefore O[4] = 2$$

$$11^{14} \quad O[7] = 4$$

$$O[8] = 4$$

$$O[11] = 2$$

$$O[13] = 4$$

$$O[14] = 2$$

(X) ₁₅	1	2	4	7	8	11	13	14
1	1	2	4	7	8	11	13	14
2	2	4	8	14	(1)	7	11	13
4	4	8	(1)	13	2	14	7	11
7	7	14	13	4	11	2	(1)	8
8	8	(1)	2	11	4	13	14	7
11	11	7	14	2	13	(1)	8	4
13	13	11	7	(1)	14	8	4	2
14	14	13	11	8	7	4	2	(1)

$$9) a=1 \Rightarrow a^{-1} = 1 - *$$

$$a=2 \Rightarrow a^{-1} = 8$$

$$a=4 \Rightarrow a^{-1} = 4 - *$$

$$a=7 \Rightarrow a^{-1} = 13$$

$$a=8 \Rightarrow a^{-1} = 2$$

$$a=11 \Rightarrow a^{-1} = 11 - *$$

$$a=13 \Rightarrow a^{-1} = 7$$

$$a=14 \Rightarrow a^{-1} = 14 - *$$

$\therefore x = 1, 4, 11, 14$ satisfies $xc = x^{-1}$

Finite Group: A group G consisting of finite no of elements then it is called finite group.

Eg: (\mathbb{Z}_6, \oplus)

Infinite Group: A group G consisting of infinite no of element, then it is called infinite group.

Eg: $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$

Subgroup:- A subset H of a group G is said to be a subgroup if H itself is a group under the same binary composition defined on G .

Eg:- Consider a multiplicative group, n^{th} root of unity

$$G = \{1, -1, i, -i\} \text{ under } (\times)$$

$\therefore H = \{1, -1\}$ is a subgroup of G .

Cyclic group:-

A group G is said to be cyclic group, generated by the element $a \in G$, if $G = \{a^n / n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Here 'a' is called the generator of G

Then the cyclic group is denoted by $G = \langle a \rangle$

Eg:- Is the multiplicative group $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \pmod{7}$ is cyclic.

Soln:- $G = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \pmod{7}\} \cong G = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \otimes_7$

$1^1 = 1$	$2^1 = 2$	$3^1 = 3$	$4^1 = 4$	$5^1 = 5$	$6^1 = 6$
$1^2 = 1$	$2^2 = 4$	$3^2 = 9 = 2$	$4^2 = 2$	$5^2 = 4$	$6^2 = 1$
	$2^3 = 8 = 1$	$3^3 = 27 = 6$	$4^3 =$	$5^3 =$	
		$3^4 = 81 = 4$		$5^4 =$	
		$3^5 = 243 = 5$		$5^5 =$	
		$3^6 = 694 = 1$		$5^6 =$	

\therefore The group contains two generators i.e., 3 & 5 $\therefore G$ is cyclic

Theorem:-

* For any elements a, b in a group G , we have

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

$$b) (ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$$

Proof:- a) $(a^{-1})^{-1} = a$

$$\forall a \in G, \exists a^{-1} \text{ such that } a \cdot a^{-1} = e.$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1} \cdot a = e \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\forall a^{-1} \in G, \exists (a^{-1})^{-1} \text{ such that } a^{-1} (a^{-1})^{-1} = e$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^{-1})^{-1} \cdot a^{-1} = e \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{(1)} = \text{(2)}$$

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

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

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

$$b) (ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall a, b \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{For every } ab \in G, \exists (ab)^{-1} \in G$$

$$\text{such that } (ab)(ab)^{-1} = (ab)^{-1}(ab) = e \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

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For every ab , let us consider $b^{-1}a^{-1}$ such that

$$(ab)(b^{-1}a^{-1}) = a(bb^{-1})a^{-1}$$

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

$$= aa^{-1}$$

$$= e \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\therefore (ab)(b^{-1}a^{-1}) = (b^{-1}a^{-1})(ab) = e \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\textcircled{1} = \textcircled{3}$$

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

Left cancelling (ab) on b/s.

$$\underline{(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}}$$

1) Prove that the group $(\mathbb{Z}_4, +)$ is cyclic. Find all its generators.

Soln:- It is given that $\mathbb{Z}_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ under addition module 4.

$$1^1 = 1$$

$$1^2 = 1 \oplus_4 1 = 2$$

$$1^3 = 1 \oplus_4 1 \oplus_4 1 = 3$$

$$1^4 = 1 \oplus_4 1 \oplus_4 1 \oplus_4 1 = 4 - 4 = 0$$

$$2^1 = 2$$

$$2^2 = 2 \oplus_4 2 = 4 - 4 = 0$$

$$3^1 = 3$$

$$3^2 = 3 \oplus_4 3 = 6 - 4 = 2$$

$$3^3 = 3 \oplus_4 3 \oplus_4 3 = 9 - 4 = 5 - 4 = 1$$

$$3^4 = 3 \oplus_4 3 \oplus_4 3 \oplus_4 3 = 12 - 12 = 0$$

$\therefore 1 \& 3$ is a generator.

$\therefore (\mathbb{Z}_4, +)$ is a cyclic group.

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 2) Prove that (\mathbb{Z}_5, \cdot) is a cyclic group. Find all generators. [zero is not included in \mathbb{Z}_5 because it is not invertible under multiplication.]
 3) Check whether $\mathbb{U}_{10} = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8\}$ under \otimes_9 is a group. If yes, find its generator.

Coset :: 2nd Chapter

Let $(G, *)$ be a group and $(H, *)$ be a subgroup.

For any $a \in G$, then $a * H = \{a * h \mid h \in H\}$

$$H * a = \{h * a \mid h \in H\}$$

Then $a * H$ is called left coset of H in G .

and $H * a$ is called right coset of H in G .

Theorem :: Lagrange's theorem

Statement :: If G is a finite group and H is a subgroup of G , then the order of H divides the order of G i.e., $|H| \mid |G|$.

Proof :: Since G is a finite group.

H is a subgroup of G .

$\therefore H$ is finite

\therefore The no. of cosets of H in G is finite.

Let Ha_1, Ha_2, \dots, Ha_n be distinct right coset of H in G .

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Then by the right coset decomposition of G
we have

$$G = Ha_1 \cup Ha_2 \cup \dots \cup Ha_n$$

So that $O(G) = O(Ha_1) + O(Ha_2) + \dots + O(Ha_n)$

But WKT $O(Ha_1) = \dots = O(Ha_n) = O(H)$

$$\therefore O(G) = O(H) + O(H) + \dots + O(H) \text{ (n-times)}$$

$$\therefore O(G) = n O(H)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{O(G)}{O(H)} = n$$

\therefore Thus order of group G divides order of
subgroup H .

Hence the proof.