

Algebraic Structure

Algebraic Structure: A non-empty set which is equipped with some operations and some properties is known as algebraic structure.

$$(S, *)$$

- Groupoid ✓
- Semi-group ✓
- Monoid ✓
- Group ✓
- Abelian Group ✓

Some Properties:

I. Closure: Let 'S' be the given algebraic structure, '*' is the binary operation and a, b are any two elements in S,

If $a * b \in S$ then we can say (S, *) follows closure property.

$$\forall a, b \in S, a * b \in S$$

II. Associative:

$$\forall a, b, c \in S,$$

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

III. Identity:

$$\forall a \in S,$$

$$\exists e \in S,$$

$$a * e = e * a = a$$

For every $a \in S$, There exists some $e \in S$ such that

$$a * e = a$$

$$2 + 0 = 2$$

$$3 + 0 = 3$$

$$4 + 0 = 4$$

$$e = 0$$

$$\mathbb{Z} = S = \{ \dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots \}$$

Binary operation "+"

$$2 + 3 = 5 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$-2 + 5 = 3 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$0 + (-7) = -7 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

"+" closed

$$2 + (3 + 4) = (2 + 3) + 4$$

$$2 + (7) = (5) + 4$$

$$9 = 9$$

IV. Inverse:

$$\forall a \in S, \exists b \in S, \text{ s.t.}$$

$$a * b = b * a = e$$

$$\begin{aligned} a * b &= e \\ -2 + (2) &= 0 \\ -5 + (5) &= 0 \\ 9 + (-9) &= 0 \\ 0 + 0 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

V. Commutative:

$$\forall a, b \in S$$

$$a * b = b * a$$

$$2 + 3 = 3 + 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbb{Z}, +) &\subseteq (\mathbb{R}, +) \\ \mathbb{Z} &\subseteq \mathbb{R} \\ (\mathbb{H}, *) &\subseteq (\mathbb{C}, *) \end{aligned}$$

Classification of Algebraic Structure

Groupoid ✓ (1)	Semi-group ✓ (2)	Monoid (3)	Group * (4)	Sub-Group (5)	Abelian (5)
1) Closure ✓	1) Closure ✓ 2) Associative ✓	1) Closure ✓ 2) Associative ✓ 3) Identity ✓	1) Closure ✓ 2) Associative ✓ 3) Identity ✓ 4) Inverse ✓	1) Closure 2) Associative 3) Identity 4) Inverse	1) Closure ✓ 2) Associative ✓ 3) Identity ✓ 4) Inverse ✓ 5) Commutative ✓ <i>commutative</i>

Sub-Group:

Let $(G, *)$ be a group, H is a subset of 'G' and $(H, *)$ is also group then we can say $(H, *)$ is a subgroup of $(G, *)$

$$(H, *) \subseteq (G, *)$$

$$\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}, +) \subseteq (\mathbb{R}, +)$$

Q. Check the properties of commutative and associative on binary operation '*' is defined by $a * b = a^b, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

Given binary operation * defined by

$$a * b = a^b$$

Commutative:

Take x, y (or) $2, 3$

$$\text{consider } 2 * 3 = 2^3 = 8$$

$$3 * 2 = 3^2 = 9$$

$$2 * 3 \neq 3 * 2$$

'*' is NOT commutative

Associative:

Take $2, 3, 4$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 * (3 * 4) &= 2 * (3^4) \\ &= 2 * (81) = 2^{81} \end{aligned}$$

$$(2 * 3) * 4 = (2^3) * 4$$

$$= 8 * 4$$

$$= 8^4 = 2^{12}$$

$$= \therefore 2 * (3 * 4) \neq (2 * 3) * 4$$

NOT associative

Q. Show that the set of all rational number $Q - \{0\}$ forms an abelian group under composition '*' defined by $a * b = \frac{ab}{2}$

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Given set = $Q - \{0\} = S$ (say)

Binary operation

$$a * b = \frac{ab}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{x\left(\frac{yz}{2}\right)}{2} = \frac{xyz}{4}$$

$$(x * y) * z = \left(\frac{xy}{2}\right) * z$$

$$= \frac{xyz}{4}$$

$\therefore (S, *)$ is associative

I. Closure:

x, y

$$x * y = \frac{xy}{2} \in S$$

$(S, *)$ is closed

II. Associative: x, y, z

$$x * (y * z) = x * \left(\frac{yz}{2}\right)$$

III. Identity: Let $e \in S$ such that

$$a * e = a$$

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

$$\boxed{e = 2} \quad \checkmark$$

IV Inverse: Let us suppose there is some $b \in S$ such that

$$a * b = e$$

$$\frac{ab}{2} = 2$$

$$\boxed{b = \frac{4}{a}}$$

Inverse of 'a' = $\frac{4}{a}$.

V Commutative:

$$\text{Take } x * y = \frac{xy}{2}$$

$$= \frac{yx}{2}$$

$$= y * x$$

$(S, *)$ is commutative

$(S, *)$ is an abelian group



S.T. set of rational numbers and some conditions
with binary operation \times defined by
 $a \times b = a + b - ab$ is an abelian group



Closure:

Associative:

Identity: $e \in S$

$$a \times e = a$$

$$a + e - ae = a$$

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

$$\boxed{e = 0}$$

Inverse:

$$a \times b = e$$

$$a + b - ab = 0$$

$$a + b(1-a) = 0$$

$$b = \frac{-a}{1-a} = \frac{a}{a-1}$$

commutative: $a \times b = a + b - ab$
 $= b + a - ba$
 $= b \times a$

Q. Show that $[G, +_6]$ is a group where $G = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

Composition Table

$e = 0$

1 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

$4+2=0$

All the entries of composition table belongs to G
 $\therefore (G, +_6)$ is closed.

Associative:

$2, 3, 4$

$$2+_6(3+_64) = 2+_6(1) = 3$$

$$(2+_63)+_64 = 5+_64 = 3$$

$$3+_67=6 \Rightarrow \frac{10}{6} \text{ (4)}$$

$$5+_67=0$$

Identity

$$0+_6 0 = 0$$

$$1+_6 0 = 1$$

$$2+_6 0 = 2$$

$$3+_6 0 = 3$$

$$4+_6 0 = 4$$

$$5+_6 0 = 5$$

\therefore Identity exists

Inverse

$$a * b = e$$

$$1+_6 5 = 0$$

$$2+_6 4 = 0$$

$$3+_6 3 = 0$$

$$4+_6 2 = 0$$

$$5+_6 1 = 0$$

$$0+_6 0 = 0$$

element Inverse

$$1 \longrightarrow 5 \checkmark$$

$$2 \longrightarrow 4$$

$$3 \longrightarrow 3$$

$$4 \longrightarrow 2$$

$$5 \longrightarrow 1 \checkmark$$

$$0 \longrightarrow 0$$

$(G, +_6)$ follows Inverse.

Commutative: $a * b = b * a \quad \forall a, b$

$$2+_6 3 = 3+_6 2$$

All entries of a row are identically equals to corresponding columns.

$(G, +_6)$ is commutative

$(G, +_6)$ Abelian group



Order of Group (Vs) Order of element:

* The number of the elements (Cardinality) of a given group is known as order of group, $O(G)$ ✓

* Let $(G, *)$ be a group and an element $a \in G$,

If $\boxed{a^n = e}$ (where n is a least positive integer). Then 'n' is called order of the element 'a'

$$G = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} \quad +_6$$

$$O(a) = 6$$

element 2:

$$2^2 = 2 * 2 = 2 +_6 2 = 4$$

$$2^3 = 2^2 +_6 2 = 4 +_6 2 = 0 = e$$

$$\boxed{\text{ord}(2) = 3}$$

element 4:

$$4^1 = 4$$

$$4^2 = 4 +_6 4 = 2$$

$$4^3 = 4^2 +_6 4 = 2 +_6 4 = 0 = e$$

$$\boxed{\text{ord}(4) = 3}$$

$$(4^3) 4^6 = 4^9 = 0$$

+	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

element 0: $0^1 = 0 (e)$

element 1:
 $1^1 = 1$ ✓
 $1^2 = 1 +_6 1 = 2$ ✓
 $1^3 = 1^2 +_6 1 = 2 +_6 1 = 3$ ✓
 $1^4 = 1^3 +_6 1 = 3 +_6 1 = 4$ ✓
 $1^5 = 1^4 +_6 1 = 4 +_6 1 = 5$ ✓
 $1^6 = 1^5 +_6 1 = 5 +_6 1 = 0 (e)$ ✓

$$\boxed{\text{ord}(1) = 6}$$

element 3: $3^1 = 3$
 $3^2 = 3 +_6 3 = 0 (e)$

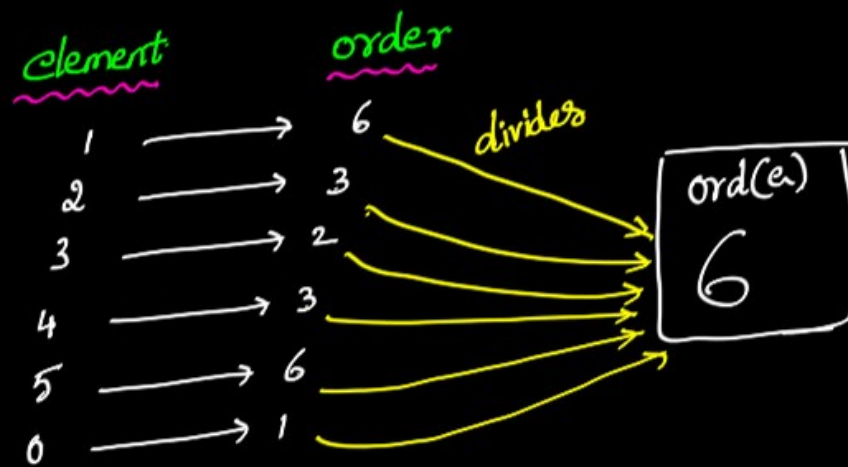
$$\boxed{\text{ord}(3) = 2}$$

element 5:

$$\begin{aligned} 5^1 &= 5 \checkmark \\ 5^2 &= 5 +_6 5 = 4 \checkmark \\ 5^3 &= 4 +_6 5 = 3 \checkmark \\ 5^4 &= 3 +_6 5 = 2 \checkmark \\ 5^5 &= 2 +_6 5 = 1 \checkmark \\ 5^6 &= 1 +_6 5 = 0 (e) \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\text{ord}(5) = 6}$$





$a \in G,$
 ord of element divides order of G



Generators & Cyclic Group:

Let $(G, *)$ be a group and $a \in G$, If every element of $(G, *)$ can be expressed as integral power of 'a' then 'a' is called generator of 'G' and group $(G, *)$ is known as cyclic group.

$G = \langle a \rangle$

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

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

$G = \langle 1 \rangle$

$1, 5 \xrightarrow{\text{co-prime}} 6$

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

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

$G = \langle 5 \rangle$

$1 \times 5 = 0$

$1 +_6 5 = 0$

$+_6$	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

* Every cyclic group is an abelian group.

* If 'a' is the generator of group $(G, *)$ then a^{-1} is also be generator.

* Every group of order ≤ 6 is an abelian.

* Every group of prime order is cyclic

Q. Analyse (G, \times) where $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$

Composition

e 1

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

all entries $\in G$,
 (G, \times) is closed

Take $1, -1, i$

$$i^2 = -1$$

$$-i^2 = 1$$

we can prove

$$1 \times (-1 \times i) = (1 \times -1) \times i$$

(G, \times) is Associative.

From C.T. $\boxed{e=1}$

Inverse:

$$1 \rightarrow 1$$

$$-1 \rightarrow -1$$

$$i \rightarrow -i$$

$$-i \rightarrow i$$

(G, \times) is commutative

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

\times	1 ✓	-1 ✓	i ✓	-i ✓
1	1 ✓	-1 ✓	i ✓	-i ✓
-1	-1	1	-i	i
i	i	-i	-1	1
-i	-i	i	1	-1

$\text{ord}(G) = 4$
 Divisors of 4 = 1, 2, 4
 $\text{ord of ele} = 1, 2, 4$

element 1: $1^1 = 1$ $\text{ord}(1) = 1$

element -1: $(-1)^1 = -1$
 $(-1)^2 = -1 \times -1 = 1 (e)$
 $\text{ord}(-1) = 2$

element i: $i^1 = i$
 $i^2 = -1$
 $i^3 = i^2 \times i = -1 \times i = -i$
 $i^4 = i^3 \times i = -i \times i = -i^2 = 1 (e)$
 $\text{ord}(i) = 4$

element -i: $(-i)^1 = -i$
 $(-i)^2 = -i \times -i = i^2 = -1$
 $(-i)^3 = (-i)^2 \times (-i) = -1 \times -i = i$
 $(-i)^4 = (-i)^3 \times (-i) = i \times -i = -i^2 = 1$
 $\text{ord}(-i) = 4$





Lagrange's theorem

<u>Element</u>	<u>order</u>	
1	1	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> $\text{ord}(a)$ 4 </div>
-1	2	
i	4	
-i	4	

divides

Cyclic & Generators:

$$G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$$

$$G = \{i^4, i^2, i^1, i^3\}$$

$$G = \{(-i)^4, (-i)^2, (-i)^1, (-i)^3\}$$

$$G = \langle i \rangle \quad G = \langle -i \rangle$$

Co-primes :

Two numbers a, b are said to co-prime $\Leftrightarrow \gcd(a, b) = 1$
(or)

a, b are Relative prime $\Leftrightarrow \text{HCF}(a, b) = 1$

examples co-prime : $(8, 15),$
 $(9, 16)$
 $(3, 7)$
 $(5, 6)$
 $(4, 9)$



Q. How many generators are there for a cyclic group of '8'?

ord of group $G = o(G) = 8$

$$G = \{e, a, a^2, a^3, a^4, a^5, a^6, a^7\}$$

Let us consider generator of $G = a$.

$$G = \langle a \rangle$$

$$G = \{a^1, a^2, a^3, a^4, a^5, a^6, a^7, a^8\}$$

a^1, a^3, a^5, a^7 are 4 generators

order

$$\text{ord}(a) = 8$$

$$\text{Co-primes of } 8 = 1, 3, 5, 7$$

$$\text{No. of generators} = 4$$

Euler Function

Q: How many generators are there for a cyclic group of order '9'?

Lagrange's Theorem:

Let $(G, *)$ be a group and $(H, *)$ be a subgroup of G then order of subgroup $(H, *)$ is always divides of group $(G, *)$

Let $(G, *)$ be a group and an element $a \in G$, then the order of element 'a' always divides order of group

$$O(H) \parallel O(G) \quad \checkmark$$

$$O(a) \parallel O(G)$$

Q. The set $\{1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ under multiplication modulo 10 is not a group. Given below are four possible reasons. Which one of them is false? [2006 : 1 Mark]

- a) It is not closed
- b) 2 does not have an inverse
- c) 3 does not have an inverse (False)
- d) 8 does not have an inverse

(c) element '3': $a * b = e$
 $3 * 7 = 3 \times_{10} 7 = 1 (e)$
 Inverse of element (3) = 7

$$A = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$$

(a) closure: $\forall a, b \in A, a * b \in A$

$$2 * 5 = 2 \times_{10} 5 = 0 \notin A$$

(A, \times_{10}) is not closed (TRUE reason)

$\Rightarrow (A, \times_{10})$ is NOT group

(b) Inverse: $a * b = e$

$$2 * 1 = 2$$

$$2 * 3 = 2 \times_{10} 3 = 6$$

$$2 * 5 = 0$$

'2' does not have inverse (TRUE)

$$2 * 6 = 2$$

$$2 * 7 = 4$$

$$2 * 8 = 6$$

$$2 * 9 = 8$$

$$2 * 2 = 4$$

Q. Which one of the following is NOT necessarily a property of a Group?

[2009 : 1 Mark]

- * a) Commutativity
- b) ~~Associativity~~
- c) ~~Existence of inverse for every element~~
- d) ~~Existence of identity~~

Q. For the composition table of a cyclic group shown below:

*	a	b	<u>c</u>	d
a	a	<u>b</u>	c	d
<u>b</u>	b	<u>a</u>	<u>d</u>	c
<u>c</u>	c	d	<u>b</u>	a
<u>d</u>	d	c	<u>a</u>	b

element 'c':

$$c' = c$$

$$c^2 = c * c = b$$

$$c^3 = c^2 * c = b * c = d$$

$$c^4 = c^3 * c = d * c = a$$

Which one of the following choices is correct?

[2009 : 2 Marks]

~~a) a, b are generators~~

~~b) b, c are generators~~

c) c, d are generators

~~d) d, a are generators~~

element 'a':

$$a' = a$$

$$a^2 = a * a = a$$

element 'b':

$$b' = b$$

$$b^2 = b * b = a$$

$$b^3 = b^2 * b = a * b = b$$

- Q. A binary operation \oplus on a set of integers is defined as $x \oplus y = x^2 + y^2$. Which one of the following statements is TRUE about \oplus ?

[2013 : 1 Mark]

- a) ☒ Commutative but not associative
- b) Both commutative and associative
- c) Associative but not commutative
- d) Neither commutative nor associative

$$x * y = x^2 + y^2$$

$$= y^2 + x^2 = y * x$$

commutative

Take $x * (y * z) = x * (y^2 + z^2)$

$$= x^2 + (y^2 + z^2)^2$$

$$RHS = (x * y) * z = (x^2 + y^2) * z$$

$$= (x^2 + y^2)^2 + z^2$$

NOT associative

Q. Let G be a group of 15 elements. Let L be a subgroup of G . It is known that $L \neq G$ and that the size of L is at least 4. The size of L is _____.

(GATE-14-Set3)

$$\text{order}(G) = 15$$

' L ' is subgroup of G

order of subgroup of can be 1, 3, 5, 15

possibilities $|L| = o(L) = 1, 3, 5, 15$

$$L \neq G, \quad |L| \geq 4$$

$$\text{size of } L = 5$$

Q. The set $\{1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14\}$ is a group under multiplication modulo 15.
The inverse of 4 and 7 are respectively. (GATE-05)

~~a) 3 and 13~~

~~b) 2 and 11~~

c) 4 and 13 ✓

~~d) 8 and 14~~

Binary operation = \times_{15}

$G = \{1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14\}$

$(4)^{-1} = ?$

$(7)^{-1} = ?$

option - a: $4 \times 3 = e$

$7 \times 13 = e$

check $4 \times 3 = 4 \times_{15} 3 = 12 \neq e$

(b) $4 \times 2 = 4 \times_{15} 2 = 8 \neq e$

(c) $4 \times 4 = 4 \times_{15} 4 = 1 = e$
 $7 \times 13 = 7 \times_{15} 13 = 1 = e$

$\boxed{a \times b = e}$

Q. Let G be a group of 35 elements. Then the largest possible size of a subgroup of G other than G itself is _____. (GATE-20)

↓
1, 5, 7, 35
1, 5, (7), ~~35~~
*
(7)

Q. Let A be the set of all nonsingular matrices of order $n \times n$ over real numbers and let $*$ be the matrix multiplication operator. Then (GATE-95)

a) A is closed under $*$ but $\langle A, * \rangle$ is not a semigroup

b) $\langle A, * \rangle$ is a semigroup but not a monoid

c) $\langle A, * \rangle$ is a monoid but not a group

d) $\langle A, * \rangle$ is a group but not an abelian group

Non-singular = $\det A \neq 0$
 \Rightarrow Inverse exists
 $\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj } A}{\det A}$

$A = \{ []^{A_1}, []^{A_2}, []^{A_3}, \dots, []^{A_n} \}$
 $n \times n$

$A_1 \times A_2 = []^{n \times n}$
 $n \times n$

$(A, *)$ closed.

$A \times B$

Associative:

$$A_1(A_2A_3) = (A_1A_2)A_3$$

Commutative

$$A \times B \neq B \times A$$

Identity: $\forall a \in S, a \times e = e \times a = e$

$$A \times I = I \times A = A$$

$I_{n \times n}$ Identity

Inverse:

$$\forall a \in S, a \times b = b \times a = e$$

$$A \times B = B \times A = I$$

$$A \times A^{-1} = A^{-1} \times A = I$$



Q. The following is the incomplete operation table of a 4-element group (GATE-04)

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

The last row of the table is

a) c a e b

b) c b a e

c) c b e a

d) c e a b

$\text{ord}(a) = 4 \leq 6$
 $\therefore G$ is an abelian group
 $x * y = y * x, \forall x, y$

d) c e a b

Q. Let G be a finite group on 84 elements. The size of a largest possible proper subgroup of G is _____. (GATE-18-CSIT)

If H is a subgroup of G and $H \neq G$ Then H is

known proper subgroup of G

$$(H, *) \subseteq (G, *)$$

Subgroup

$$(H, *) \subset (G, *)$$

proper subgroup

$$\begin{aligned} o(G) &= 84 \\ 84 &= 1 \times 84 \checkmark \\ &= 2 \times 42 * \\ &= 3 \times 28 \\ &= 4 \times 21 \end{aligned}$$

size of largest possible
proper subgroup = 42 *

Q. Let G be a group of order 6, and H be a subgroup of G such that $1 < |H| < 6$.
(GATE-21-Set1)

- a) Both G and H are always cyclic
- b) G is always cyclic, but H may not be cyclic
- c) G may not be cyclic, but H is always cyclic
- d) Both G and H may not be cyclic

$$\text{ord}(a) = 6$$

$\therefore G$ is an abelian group

$$\text{ord}(a) = 6$$

possible $|H| = 1, 2, 3, 6$

$$1 < |H| < 6$$

$$|H| = 2 \text{ or } 3 \text{ (prime)}$$

We know that every group of prime order is a cyclic. Hence H is cyclic.

Q. Let $S = \{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7\}$ and \otimes denote multiplication modulo 8, that is, $x \otimes y = (xy) \bmod 8$.

a) Prove that $(\{0,1\}, \otimes)$ is not a group

(GATE-2000)

b) Write 3 distinct groups (G, \otimes) where $G \subset S$ and G has 2 elements.

(a)

x_8	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

Inverse: $a \times b = e$
 $1 \times 1 = 1 \times 8 = 1 = e$
 $0 \times = e$
 $(0)^{-1} = \text{Does not exist}$

(b) $\{1,3\}, \{1,5\}, \{1,7\}$

x_8	1	3
1	1	3
3	3	1

$[\{1,3\}, x_8]$ follows
 clos, Assoc, Ident, and
 inverse property.
 It is group
 subgroup

$$a \times b = e$$