



Unit-III: Part 2

Algebraic Structures

- Algebraic systems Examples and general properties
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Algebraic systems

- $N = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, \infty\}$ = Set of all natural numbers.
 $Z = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \dots, \infty\}$ = Set of all integers.
 Q = Set of all rational numbers.
 R = Set of all real numbers.
- **Binary Operation:** The binary operator $*$ is said to be a binary operation (closed operation) on a non empty set A , if
 $a * b \in A$ for all $a, b \in A$ (Closure property).
Ex: The set N is closed with respect to addition and multiplication but not w.r.t subtraction and division.
- **Algebraic System:** A set ' A ' with one or more binary(closed) operations defined on it is called an algebraic system.
Ex: $(N, +)$, $(Z, +, -)$, $(R, +, \cdot, -)$ are algebraic systems.

Properties

- **Commutative:** Let $*$ be a binary operation on a set A .
The operation $*$ is said to be commutative in A if
 $a * b = b * a$ for all a, b in A
- **Associativity:** Let $*$ be a binary operation on a set A .
The operation $*$ is said to be associative in A if
 $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$ for all a, b, c in A
- **Identity:** For an algebraic system $(A, *)$, an element 'e' in A is said to be an identity element of A if
 $a * e = e * a = a$ for all $a \in A$.
- **Note:** For an algebraic system $(A, *)$, the identity element, if exists, is unique.
- **Inverse:** Let $(A, *)$ be an algebraic system with identity 'e'. Let a be an element in A . An element b is said to be inverse of a if
 $a * b = b * a = e$



Semi group

- **Semi Group:** An algebraic system $(A, *)$ is said to be a semi group if
 1. $*$ is closed operation on A .
 2. $*$ is an associative operation, for all a, b, c in A .
- Ex. $(\mathbb{N}, +)$ is a semi group.
- Ex. $(\mathbb{N}, .)$ is a semi group.
- Ex. $(\mathbb{N}, -)$ is not a semi group.

- **Monoid:** An algebraic system $(A, *)$ is said to be a **monoid** if the following conditions are satisfied.
 - 1) $*$ is a closed operation in A .
 - 2) $*$ is an associative operation in A .
 - 3) There is an identity in A .

Monoid

- Ex. Show that the set 'N' is a monoid with respect to multiplication.
 - Solution: Here, $N = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$
 1. Closure property: We know that product of two natural numbers is again a natural number.
 \therefore Multiplication is a closed operation.
 2. Associativity: Multiplication of natural numbers is associative.
i.e., $(a.b).c = a.(b.c)$ for all $a, b, c \in N$
 3. Identity: We have, $1 \in N$ such that
 $a.1 = 1.a = a$ for all $a \in N$.
 \therefore Identity element exists, and 1 is the identity element.
- Hence, N is a monoid with respect to multiplication.

Subsemigroup & submonoid

Subsemigroup : Let $(S, *)$ be a semigroup and let T be a subset of S . If T is closed under operation $*$, then $(T, *)$ is called a subsemigroup of $(S, *)$.

Ex: $(\mathbb{N}, .)$ is semigroup and T is set of multiples of positive integer m then $(T, .)$ is a sub semigroup.

Submonoid : Let $(S, *)$ be a monoid with identity e , and let T be a non- empty subset of S . If T is closed under the operation $*$ and $e \in T$, then $(T, *)$ is called a submonoid of $(S, *)$.

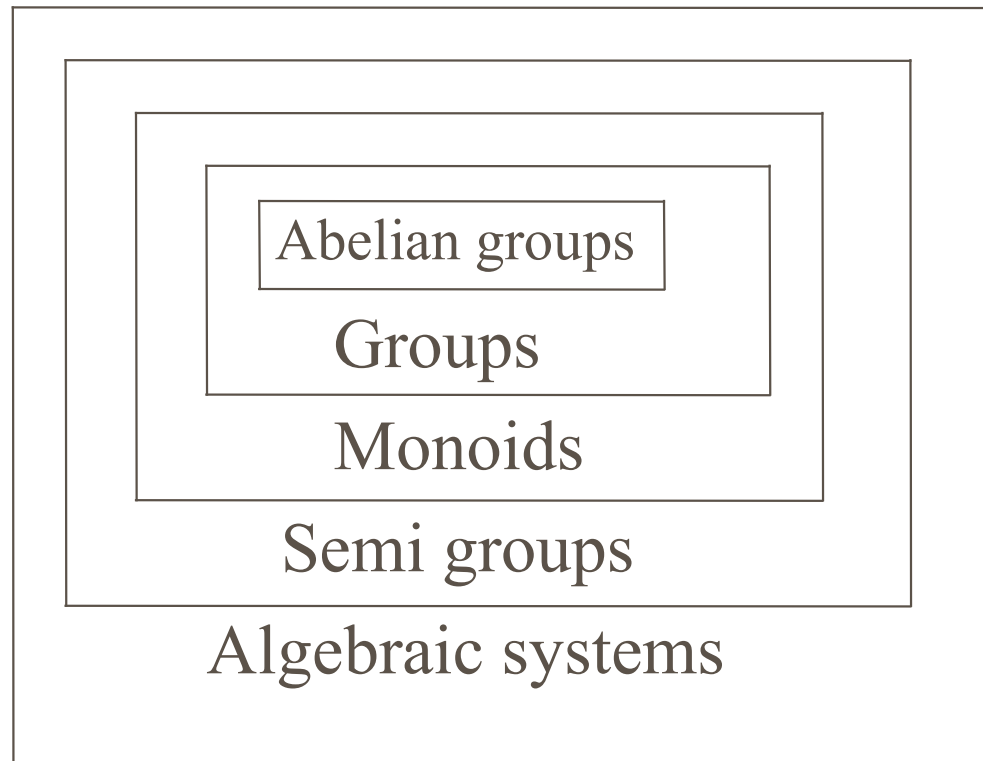


Group

- **Group:** An algebraic system $(G, *)$ is said to be a **group** if the following conditions are satisfied.
 - 1) $*$ is a closed operation.
 - 2) $*$ is an associative operation.
 - 3) There is an identity in G .
 - 4) Every element in G has inverse in G .

- **Abelian group (Commutative group):** A group $(G, *)$ is said to be *abelian* (or *commutative*) if
$$a * b = b * a \quad \text{for all } a, b \in G.$$

Algebraic systems



Theorem

- In a Group $(G, *)$ the following properties hold good

1. Identity element is unique.
2. Inverse of an element is unique.
3. Cancellation laws hold good

$$a * b = a * c \Rightarrow b = c \quad (\text{left cancellation law})$$


$$a * c = b * c \Rightarrow a = b \quad (\text{Right cancellation law})$$

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

- In a group, the identity element is its own inverse.

- **Order of a group**: The number of elements in a group is called order of the group.

- **Finite group**: If the order of a group G is finite, then G is called a finite group.



Ex. Show that, the set of all integers is a group with respect to addition.

■ Solution: Let Z = set of all integers.

Let a, b, c are any three elements of Z .

1. Closure property : We know that, Sum of two integers is again an integer.

$$\text{i.e., } a + b \in Z \text{ for all } a, b \in Z$$

2. Associativity: We know that addition of integers is associative.

$$\text{i.e., } (a+b)+c = a+(b+c) \text{ for all } a, b, c \in Z.$$

3. Identity: We have $0 \in Z$ and $a + 0 = a$ for all $a \in Z$.

\therefore Identity element exists, and '0' is the identity element.

4. Inverse: To each $a \in Z$, we have $-a \in Z$ such that

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

Each element in Z has an inverse.



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- 5. Commutativity: We know that addition of integers is commutative.
i.e., $a + b = b + a$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$.
Hence, $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is an abelian group.



Ex. Show that set of all non zero real numbers is a group with respect to multiplication .

■ Solution: Let R^* = set of all non zero real numbers.

Let a, b, c are any three elements of R^* .

1. Closure property : We know that, product of two nonzero real numbers is again a nonzero real number .

i.e., $a \cdot b \in R^*$ for all $a, b \in R^*$.

2. Associativity: We know that multiplication of real numbers is associative.

i.e., $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$ for all $a, b, c \in R^*$.

3. Identity : We have $1 \in R^*$ and $a \cdot 1 = a$ for all $a \in R^*$.

\therefore Identity element exists, and '1' is the identity element.

4. Inverse: To each $a \in R^*$, we have $1/a \in R^*$ such that

$a \cdot (1/a) = 1$ i.e., Each element in R^* has an inverse.

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- 5.Commutativity: We know that multiplication of real numbers is commutative.

i.e., $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^*$.

Hence, (\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot) is an abelian group.

- Ex: Show that set of all real numbers 'R' is not a group with respect to multiplication.

- Solution: We have $0 \in \mathbb{R}$.

The multiplicative inverse of 0 does not exist.

Hence. \mathbb{R} is not a group.

Example

- Ex. Let $(Z, *)$ be an algebraic structure, where Z is the set of integers and the operation $*$ is defined by $n * m = \text{maximum of } (n, m)$. Show that $(Z, *)$ is a semi group.

Is $(Z, *)$ a monoid ?. Justify your answer.

- Solution: Let a, b and c are any three integers.

Closure property: Now, $a * b = \text{maximum of } (a, b) \in Z$ for all $a, b \in Z$

Associativity : $(a * b) * c = \text{maximum of } \{a, b, c\} = a * (b * c)$

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

Identity : There is no integer x such that

$$a * x = \text{maximum of } (a, x) = a \quad \text{for all } a \in Z$$

\therefore Identity element does not exist. Hence, $(Z, *)$ is not a monoid.



Example

- Ex. Show that the set of all strings 'S' is a monoid under the operation 'concatenation of strings'.

Is S a group w.r.t the above operation? Justify your answer.

- Solution: Let us denote the operation
'concatenation of strings' by $+$.

Let s_1, s_2, s_3 are three arbitrary strings in S.

Closure property: Concatenation of two strings is again a string.

$$\text{i.e., } s_1 + s_2 \in S$$

Associativity: Concatenation of strings is associative.

$$(s_1 + s_2) + s_3 = s_1 + (s_2 + s_3)$$



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- Identity: We have null string, $\lambda \in S$ such that $s_1 + \lambda = S$.
- $\therefore S$ is a monoid.
- Note: S is not a group, because the inverse of a non empty string does not exist under concatenation of strings.



Example

- Ex. Let S be a finite set, and let $F(S)$ be the collection of all functions $f: S \rightarrow S$ under the operation of composition of functions, then show that $F(S)$ is a monoid.

Is S a group w.r.t the above operation? Justify your answer.

- Solution:

Let f_1, f_2, f_3 are three arbitrary functions on S .

Closure property: Composition of two functions on S is again a function on S .

$$\text{i.e., } f_1 \circ f_2 \in F(S)$$

Associativity: Composition of functions is associative.

$$\text{i.e., } (f_1 \circ f_2) \circ f_3 = f_1 \circ (f_2 \circ f_3)$$



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- Identity: We have identity function $I : S \rightarrow S$
such that $f_1 \circ I = f_1$.
 $\therefore F(S)$ is a monoid.
- Note: $F(S)$ is not a group, because the inverse of a non bijective function on S does not exist.

Ex. If M is set of all non singular matrices of order ' $n \times n$ '.
then show that M is a group w.r.t. matrix multiplication.
Is $(M, *)$ an abelian group?. Justify your answer.

■ Solution: Let $A, B, C \in M$.

1. Closure property : Product of two non singular matrices is again a non singular matrix, because

$$|AB| = |A| \cdot |B| \neq 0 \quad (\text{Since, } A \text{ and } B \text{ are nonsingular})$$

i.e., $AB \in M$ for all $A, B \in M$.

2. Associativity: Matrix multiplication is associative.

$$\text{i.e., } (AB)C = A(BC) \quad \text{for all } A, B, C \in M.$$

3. Identity: We have $I_n \in M$ and $A I_n = A$ for all $A \in M$.

\therefore Identity element exists, and ' I_n ' is the identity element.

4. Inverse: To each $A \in M$, we have $A^{-1} \in M$ such that

$$A A^{-1} = I_n \quad \text{i.e., Each element in } M \text{ has an inverse.}$$



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- \therefore M is a group w.r.t. matrix multiplication.

We know that, matrix multiplication is not commutative.

Hence, M is not an abelian group.

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

■ Solution: Let A = set of all positive rational numbers.

Let a, b, c be any three elements of A .

1. Closure property: We know that, Product of two positive rational numbers is again a rational number.

i.e., $a * b \in A$ for all $a, b \in A$.

2. Associativity: $(a * b) * c = (ab/2) * c = (abc) / 4$
 $a * (b * c) = a * (bc/2) = (abc) / 4$

3. Identity: Let e be the identity element.

We have $a * e = (a e)/2 \dots(1)$, By the definition of $*$
again, $a * e = a \dots(2)$, Since e is the identity.

From (1) and (2), $(a e)/2 = a \Rightarrow e = 2$ and $2 \in A$.

\therefore Identity element exists, and '2' is the identity element in A .

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- 4. Inverse: Let $a \in A$

let us suppose b is inverse of a .

Now, $a * b = (a b)/2 \dots(1)$ (By definition of inverse.)

Again, $a * b = e = 2 \dots\dots(2)$ (By definition of inverse)

From (1) and (2), it follows that

$$(a b)/2 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow b = (4 / a) \in A$$

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

- Commutativity: $a * b = (ab/2) = (ba/2) = b * a$
- Hence, $(A, *)$ is an abelian group.



Example

- Ex. Let R be the set of all real numbers and $*$ is a binary operation defined by $a * b = a + b + a b$. Show that $(R, *)$ is a monoid.

Is $(R, *)$ a group?. Justify your answer.

- Try for yourself.

identity = 0

inverse of $a = -a / (a+1)$



Theorem

- Ex. In a group $(G, *)$, Prove that the identity element is unique.

- Proof:

- a) Let e_1 and e_2 are two identity elements in G .

Now, $e_1 * e_2 = e_1$... (1) (since e_2 is the identity)

Again, $e_1 * e_2 = e_2$... (2) (since e_1 is the identity)

From (1) and (2), we have $e_1 = e_2$

\therefore Identity element in a group is unique.

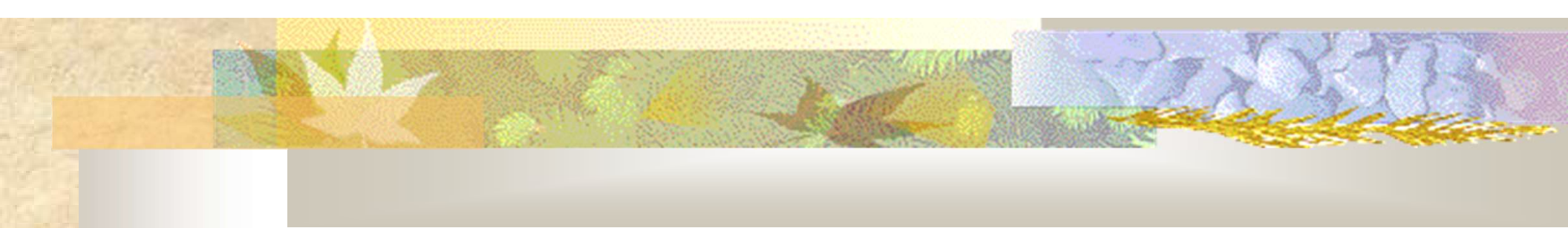


Theorem

- Ex. In a group $(G, *)$, Prove that the inverse of any element is unique.
- Proof:
- Let $a, b, c \in G$ and e is the identity in G .
- Let us suppose, Both b and c are inverse elements of a .
- Now, $a * b = e \dots(1)$ (Since, b is inverse of a)
- Again, $a * c = e \dots(2)$ (Since, c is also inverse of a)
- From (1) and (2), we have
- $a * b = a * c$
- $\Rightarrow b = c$ (By left cancellation law)
- In a group, the inverse of any element is unique.


Theorem

- Ex. In a group $(G, *)$, Prove that $(a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}$ for all $a, b \in G$.
- Proof:
- Consider,
- $(a * b) * (b^{-1} * a^{-1})$
- $= (a * (b * b^{-1})) * a^{-1}$ (By associative property).
- $= (a * e * a^{-1})$ (By inverse property)
- $= (a * a^{-1})$ (Since, e is identity)
- $= e$ (By inverse property)
- Similarly, we can show that
- $(b^{-1} * a^{-1}) * (a * b) = e$
- Hence, $(a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}$.



Ex. If $(G, *)$ is a group and $a \in G$ such that $a * a = a$,
then show that $a = e$, where e is identity element in G .

- Proof: Given that, $a * a = a$
- $\Rightarrow a * a = a * e$ (Since, e is identity in G)
- $\Rightarrow a = e$ (By left cancellation law)
- Hence, the result follows.



Ex. If every element of a group is its own inverse, then show that the group must be abelian .

- Proof: Let $(G, *)$ be a group.
- Let a and b are any two elements of G .
- Consider the identity,
- $$(a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}$$
- $$\Rightarrow (a * b) = b * a \quad (\text{Since each element of } G \text{ is its own inverse})$$
- Hence, G is abelian.

Note: $a^2 = a * a$
 $a^3 = a * a * a$ etc.

- Ex. In a group $(G, *)$, if $(a * b)^2 = a^2 * b^2 \quad \forall a, b \in G$
then show that G is abelian group.
- Proof: Given that $(a * b)^2 = a^2 * b^2$
- $\Rightarrow (a * b) * (a * b) = (a * a) * (b * b)$
- $\Rightarrow a * (b * a) * b = a * (a * b) * b$ (By associative law)
- $\Rightarrow (b * a) * b = (a * b) * b$ (By left cancellation law)
- $\Rightarrow (b * a) = (a * b)$ (By right cancellation law)
- Hence, G is abelian group.

Finite groups

- Ex. Show that $G = \{1, -1\}$ is an abelian group under multiplication.

- Solution: The composition table of G is

■	.	1	-1
■	1	1	-1
■	-1	-1	1

1. Closure property: Since all the entries of the composition table are the elements of the given set, the set G is closed under multiplication.
2. Associativity: The elements of G are real numbers, and we know that multiplication of real numbers is associative.
3. Identity: Here, 1 is the identity element and $1 \in G$.
4. Inverse: From the composition table, we see that the inverse elements of 1 and -1 are 1 and -1 respectively.



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Hence, G is a group w.r.t multiplication.

5. Commutativity: The corresponding rows and columns of the table are identical. Therefore the binary operation \cdot is commutative.

Hence, G is an abelian group w.r.t. multiplication..

Ex. Show that $G = \{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$ is an abelian group under multiplication.
Where $1, \omega, \omega^2$ are cube roots of unity.

■ Solution: The composition table of G is

■	.	1	ω	ω^2
■	1	1	ω	ω^2
■	ω	ω	ω^2	1
■	ω^2	ω^2	1	ω

1. Closure property: Since all the entries of the composition table are the elements of the given set, the set G is closed under multiplication.
2. Associativity: The elements of G are complex numbers, and we know that multiplication of complex numbers is associative.
3. Identity: Here, 1 is the identity element and $1 \in G$.
4. Inverse: From the composition table, we see that the inverse elements of $1, \omega, \omega^2$ are $1, \omega^2, \omega$ respectively.



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- Hence, G is a group w.r.t multiplication.
- 5. Commutativity: The corresponding rows and columns of the table are identical. Therefore the binary operation \cdot is commutative.
- Hence, G is an abelian group w.r.t. multiplication.

Ex. Show that $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ is an abelian group under multiplication.

■ Solution: The composition table of G is

■	.	1	-1	i	-i
■	1	1	-1	i	-i
■	-1	-1	1	-i	i
■	i	i	-i	-1	1
■	-i	-i	i	1	-1

1. Closure property: Since all the entries of the composition table are the elements of the given set, the set G is closed under multiplication.
2. Associativity: The elements of G are complex numbers, and we know that multiplication of complex numbers is associative.
3. Identity: Here, 1 is the identity element and $1 \in G$.



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- 4. Inverse: From the composition table, we see that the inverse elements of
 $1, -1, i, -i$ are $1, -1, -i, i$ respectively.
- 5. Commutativity: The corresponding rows and columns of the table are identical. Therefore the binary operation \cdot is commutative. Hence, (G, \cdot) is an abelian group.

Modulo systems.

- Addition modulo m ($+_m$)
- let m is a positive integer. For any two positive integers a and b
- $a +_m b = a + b$ if $a + b < m$
- $a +_m b = r$ if $a + b \geq m$ where r is the remainder obtained by dividing $(a+b)$ with m .
- Multiplication modulo p (\times_p)
- let p is a positive integer. For any two positive integers a and b
- $a \times_p b = a b$ if $a b < p$
- $a \times_p b = r$ if $a b \geq p$ where r is the remainder obtained by dividing (ab) with p .
- Ex. $3 \times_5 4 = 2$, $5 \times_5 4 = 0$, $2 \times_5 2 = 4$

Ex. The set $G = \{0,1,2,3,4,5\}$ is a group with respect to addition modulo 6.

■ Solution: The composition table of G is

■	$+_6$	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

■ 1. Closure property: Since all the entries of the composition table are the elements of the given set, the set G is closed under $+_6$.



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- 2. Associativity: The binary operation $+_6$ is associative in G.
for ex. $(2 +_6 3) +_6 4 = 5 +_6 4 = 3$ and
 $2 +_6 (3 +_6 4) = 2 +_6 1 = 3$
- 3. Identity: Here, The first row of the table coincides with the top row. The element heading that row, i.e., 0 is the identity element.
- 4. Inverse: From the composition table, we see that the inverse elements of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 are 0, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 respectively.
- 5. Commutativity: The corresponding rows and columns of the table are identical. Therefore the binary operation $+_6$ is commutative.
- Hence, $(G, +_6)$ is an abelian group.

Ex. The set $G = \{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$ is a group with respect to multiplication modulo 7.

■ Solution: The composition table of G is

■	\times_7	1	2	3	4	5	6
■	1	1	2	3	4	5	6
■	2	2	4	6	1	3	5
■	3	3	6	2	5	1	4
■	4	4	1	5	2	6	3
■	5	5	3	1	6	4	2
■	6	6	5	4	3	2	1

■ 1. Closure property: Since all the entries of the composition table are the elements of the given set, the set G is closed under \times_7 .



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- 2. Associativity: The binary operation \times_7 is associative in G.
for ex. $(2 \times_7 3) \times_7 4 = 6 \times_7 4 = 3$ and
 $2 \times_7 (3 \times_7 4) = 2 \times_7 5 = 3$
- 3. Identity: Here, The first row of the table coincides with the top row. The element heading that row, i.e., 1 is the identity element.
- 4. . Inverse: From the composition table, we see that the inverse elements of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 are 1, 4, 5, 2, 3, 6 respectively.
- 5. Commutativity: The corresponding rows and columns of the table are identical. Therefore the binary operation \times_7 is commutative.
- Hence, (G, \times_7) is an abelian group.



Homomorphism and Isomorphism.

- **Homomorphism** : Consider the groups $(G, *)$ and (G^1, \oplus)

A function $f: G \rightarrow G^1$ is called a homomorphism if

$$f(a * b) = f(a) \oplus f(b)$$

- **Isomorphism** : If a homomorphism $f: G \rightarrow G^1$ is a bijection then f is called isomorphism between G and G^1 .

Then we write $G \equiv G^1$



Example

- Ex. Let R be a group of all real numbers under addition and R^+ be a group of all positive real numbers under multiplication. Show that the mapping $f : R \rightarrow R^+$ defined by $f(x) = 2^x$ for all $x \in R$ is an isomorphism.
- Solution: First, let us show that f is a homomorphism.
- Let $a, b \in R$.
- Now, $f(a+b) = 2^{a+b}$
- $= 2^a \cdot 2^b$
- $= f(a) \cdot f(b)$
- $\therefore f$ is an homomorphism.
- Next, let us prove that f is a Bijection.



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- For any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, Let, $f(a) = f(b)$
- $\Rightarrow 2^a = 2^b$
- $\Rightarrow a = b$
- $\therefore f$ is one-to-one.
- Next, take any $c \in \mathbb{R}^+$.
- Then $\log_2 c \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f(\log_2 c) = 2^{\log_2 c} = c$.
- \Rightarrow Every element in \mathbb{R}^+ has a pre image in \mathbb{R} .
- i.e., f is onto.
- $\therefore f$ is a bijection.
- Hence, f is an isomorphism.



Example

- Ex. Let R be a group of all real numbers under addition and R^+ be a group of all positive real numbers under multiplication. Show that the mapping $f : R^+ \rightarrow R$ defined by $f(x) = \log_{10} x$ for all $x \in R$ is an isomorphism.
- Solution: First, let us show that f is a homomorphism.
- Let $a, b \in R^+$.
- Now, $f(a.b) = \log_{10} (a.b)$
- $\quad\quad\quad = \log_{10} a + \log_{10} b$
- $\quad\quad\quad = f(a) + f(b)$
- $\therefore f$ is an homomorphism.
- Next, let us prove that f is a Bijection.



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- For any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$, Let, $f(a) = f(b)$
- $\Rightarrow \log_{10} a = \log_{10} b$
- $\Rightarrow a = b$
- $\therefore f$ is one-to-one.
- Next, take any $c \in \mathbb{R}$.
- Then $10^c \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f(10^c) = \log_{10} 10^c = c$.
- \Rightarrow Every element in \mathbb{R} has a pre image in \mathbb{R}^+ .
- i.e., f is onto.
- $\therefore f$ is a bijection.
- Hence, f is an isomorphism.