

DISCRETE MATHEMATICS

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Introduction

- Discrete Mathematics is the part of Mathematics devoted to study of
Discrete (Disinct or not connected objects)
- Discrete Mathematics is the study of mathematical structures that are fundamentally discrete rather than continuous .
- As we know Discrete Mathematics is a backbone of mathematics and computer science

Scope

- It Develops our Mathematical Thinking
- It Improves our problem solving abilities
- Many Problems can be solved using Discrete mathematics
- For eg .
 - Sorting the list of Integers
 - Finding the shortest path from home to any destination
 - Drawing a garph within two conditions
 - We are not allowed to lift your pen.
 - We are not allowed to repeat edges

Algebraic Structures

- Algebraic systems Examples and general properties
- Semi groups
- Monoids
- Groups
- Sub groups

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}, \cdot) 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 .

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
$$a * b = b * a \quad .$$

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 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.

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, $a * b = e = 2 \dots(2)$ (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.

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 $e_1 = e_2$

∴ 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.

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.

Sub groups

- Def. A non empty sub set H of a group $(G, *)$ is a sub group of G ,
- if $(H, *)$ is a group.

Note: For any group $\{G, *\}$, $\{e, *\}$ and $(G, *)$ are trivial sub groups.

- Ex. $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ is a group w.r.t multiplication.

$H_1 = \{1, -1\}$ is a subgroup of G .

$H_2 = \{1\}$ is a trivial subgroup of G .

- Ex. $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ and $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ are sub groups of the group $(\mathbb{R}, +)$.
- Theorem: A non empty sub set H of a group $(G, *)$ is a sub group of G iff
- i) $a * b \in H \quad \forall a, b \in H$
- ii) $a^{-1} \in H \quad \forall a \in H$

Theorem

- Theorem: A necessary and sufficient condition for a non empty subset H of a group $(G, *)$ to be a sub group is that
 $a \in H, b \in H \Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H$.
- Proof: Case1: Let $(G, *)$ be a group and H is a subgroup of G
Let $a, b \in H \Rightarrow b^{-1} \in H$ (since H is a group)
 $\Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H$. (By closure property in H)
- Case2: Let H be a non empty set of a group $(G, *)$.
Let $a * b^{-1} \in H \quad \forall a, b \in H$
- Now, $a * a^{-1} \in H$ (Taking $b = a$)
 $\Rightarrow e \in H$ i.e., identity exists in H .
- Now, $e \in H, a \in H \Rightarrow e * a^{-1} \in H$
 $\Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$

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- \therefore Each element of H has inverse in H .
Further, $a \in H, b \in H \Rightarrow a \in H, b^{-1} \in H$
 $\Rightarrow a * (b^{-1})^{-1} \in H$.
 $\Rightarrow a * b \in H$.
 $\therefore H$ is closed w.r.t $*$.
- Finally, Let $a, b, c \in H$
 $\Rightarrow a, b, c \in G$ (since $H \subseteq G$)
 $\Rightarrow (a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$
 $\therefore *$ is associative in H
- Hence, H is a subgroup of G .

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 $G \equiv G^1$

Cosets

- If H is a sub group of $(G, *)$ and $a \in G$ then the set $Ha = \{h * a \mid h \in H\}$ is called a right coset of H in G .

Similarly $aH = \{a * h \mid h \in H\}$ is called a left coset of H in G .

- **Note:-** 1) Any two left (right) cosets of H in G are either identical or disjoint.
- 2) Let H be a sub group of G . Then the right cosets of H form a partition of G . i.e., the union of all right cosets of a sub group H is equal to G .
- 3) Lagrange's theorem: The order of each sub group of a finite group is a divisor of the order of the group.
- 4) The order of every element of a finite group is a divisor of the order of the group.
- 5) The converse of the lagrange's theorem need not be true.

State and prove Lagrange's Theorem

- Lagrange's theorem: The order of each sub group H of a finite group G is a divisor of the order of the group.
- Proof: Since G is finite group, H is finite.
- Therefore, the number of cosets of H in G is finite.
- Let Ha_1, Ha_2, \dots, Ha_r be the distinct right cosets of H in G .
- Then, $G = Ha_1 \cup Ha_2 \cup \dots \cup Ha_r$
- So that $O(G) = O(Ha_1) + O(Ha_2) + \dots + O(Ha_r)$.
- But, $O(Ha_1) = O(Ha_2) = \dots = O(Ha_r) = O(H)$
- $\therefore O(G) = O(H) + O(H) + \dots + O(H)$. (r terms)
- $= r \cdot O(H)$
- This shows that $O(H)$ divides $O(G)$.

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YOU**