

# Solutions

## Tutorial Sheet-14 (Group Theory)

1. 1, 2, 7, 20, 61

B)  $x^2 - 2x - 3 = (x - 3)(x + 1)$ ; roots  $r_1 = 3, r_2 = -1$

$$a_n = c13^n + c2(-1)^n$$

C)  $a_n = (3/4)3^n + (1/4)(-1)^n$

2. A) 3, 6, 24, 60

B)  $x^2 - x - 6 = (x - 3)(x + 2)$  : roots  $r_1 = 3, r_2 = -2$

$$a_n = c13^n + c2(-2)^n$$

C)  $a_n = (9/4)3^n + (3/4)(-2)^n$

3. A) (i)  $3 * 4 = 3 + 4 - 3(4) = 3 + 4 - 12 = -5$

(ii)  $2 * (-5) = 2 + (-5) + 2(-5) = 2 - 5 + 10 = 7$

(iii)  $7 * (1/2) = 7 + (1/2) - 7(1/2) = 4$

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

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

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

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

Hence  $*$  is associative and  $(Q, *)$  is a semigroup. Also

$$a * b = a + b - ab = b + a - ba = b * a$$

c) An element  $e$  is an identity element if  $a * e = a$  for every  $a \in Q$ . Compute as follows:

$$a * e = a, a + e - ae = a, e - ea = 0, e(1 - a) = 0, e = 0$$

Accordingly, 0 is the identity element.

D) In order for  $a$  to have an inverse  $x$ , we must have  $a * x = 0$  since 0 is the identity element by Part (c).

Compute as follows:

$$a * x = 0, a + x - ax = 0, a = ax - x, a = x(a - 1), x = a/(a - 1)$$

Thus if  $a \neq 1$ , then  $a$  has an inverse and it is  $a/(a - 1)$ .

4. A)

*	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

B)  $2^{-1} = 4, 3^{-1} = 5$  and  $6^{-1} = 6$ .

C) We have  $2^1 = 2, 2^2 = 4$ , but  $2^3 = 1$ . Hence  $|2| = 3$  and  $\text{gp}(2) = \{1, 2, 4\}$ . We have  $3^1 = 3, 3^2 = 2, 3^3 = 6$ ,

$3^4 = 4, 3^5 = 5, 3^6 = 1$ . Hence  $|3| = 6$  and  $\text{gp}(3) = G$ .

D)  $G$  is cyclic since  $G = \text{gp}(3)$ .

5. we define  $U(n)$  to be the set of all positive integers less than  $n$  and relatively prime to  $n$

$$U(3) = \{1, 2\}$$

Order = 3

Order of 1 = 1

Order of 2

$$2^1 = 2, 2^2 = 1$$

Hence  $|2| = 2$

6. a) Ring-Yes  
ring with unity-Yes  
commutative ring-Yes  
ring with zero divisor-No  
integral domain- Yes  
field- Yes
- b) Ring-Yes  
ring with unity-No  
commutative ring-Yes  
ring with zero divisor-No  
integral domain- Yes  
field- No
- c) Ring-Yes  
ring with unity-No  
commutative ring-Yes  
ring with zero divisor-Yes  
integral domain- No  
field- Yes