

ZK Core Concepts:

Modular Arithmetics:

The modulo is the remainder after x/y that is what remains after y into x .

Known Patterns of Modulo:

If x is a multiple of y : $x \% y = 0$

If x is one more than a multiple of y : $x \% y = 1$

If x is one less than a multiple of y : $x \% y = y - 1$

If y is greater than x : $x \% y = x$

If x is 0: $x \% y = 0$ (for any value of y)

Commutative Groups:

A commutative group $(G, *)$ consists of:

1. **Closure Property:** For all elements a, b in G , the result of the operation $*$ on a and b , denoted as $a * b$, is also an element of G .
 - $\forall a, b \in G, a * b \in G$
2. **Associativity Property:** For all elements a, b , and c in G , the operation $*$ is associative.
 - $\forall a, b, c \in G, (a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$
3. **Identity Element:** There exists an element e (the identity element) in G such that for all elements a in G , the operation $*$ of a with e results in a .
 - $\exists e \in G$ such that $\forall a \in G, a * e = a$ and $e * a = a$
4. **Inverse Element:** For each element a in G , there exists an element $a^{(-1)}$ (the inverse of a) in G such that the operation $*$ of a with its inverse $a^{(-1)}$ results in the identity element e .
 - $\forall a \in G, \exists a^{(-1)} \in G$ such that $a * a^{(-1)} = e$ and $a^{(-1)} * a = e$
5. **Commutativity (Abelian Property):** For all elements a, b in G , the operation $*$ is commutative, meaning that the order of elements in the operation does not affect the result.
 - $\forall a, b \in G, a * b = b * a$

These five properties define a commutative group $(G, *)$ in abstract algebra, where the binary operation $*$ is both associative and commutative within the given set G

Generators in Cyclic Groups:

A cyclic group is a specific type of group in abstract algebra that can be defined mathematically as follows:

A group G is said to be cyclic if there exists an element a in G such that, for every element g in G , there exists an integer n such that:

$$g = a^n$$

In this definition:

1. " G " is the group under consideration.
2. " a " is an element of the group G , called the generator.
3. " n " is an integer, and a^n represents the result of applying the group operation to the generator " a " repeatedly, either by multiplying " a " by itself n times if n is positive or taking the inverse of " a " and multiplying it by itself $|n|$ times if n is negative.

In other words, a group G is cyclic if it can be generated by a single element a such that every element of the group can be expressed as a power of a .

Discrete Logarithm Problem:

Given a cyclic group G of order n , a generator g of that group, and an element h in the group G , the Discrete Logarithm Problem is to find an integer x such that:

$$g^x \equiv h \pmod{n}$$

In this definition:

- G is a finite cyclic group with order n . The order of a group is the number of elements it contains.
- g is an element of G , called a generator, such that every element in G can be expressed as a power of g .
- h is another element in G .
- x is the integer we want to find, and it's referred to as the discrete logarithm of h to the base g in G .
- \equiv denotes congruence modulo n , meaning that g^x and h have the same remainder when divided by n .

The problem is computationally difficult, especially when the values of n , g , and h are chosen such that it's challenging to efficiently compute x .