

## Unit - 4

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

Q.1 What is the identity element  $e \in \mathbb{Z}$  with respect to the binary operation  $*$  given by

$$a * b = a + b - 2, \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Solu<sup>n</sup>:- The identity element is the element  $e$  for which  $a * e = e \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$

Here  $a * e = a + e - 2$

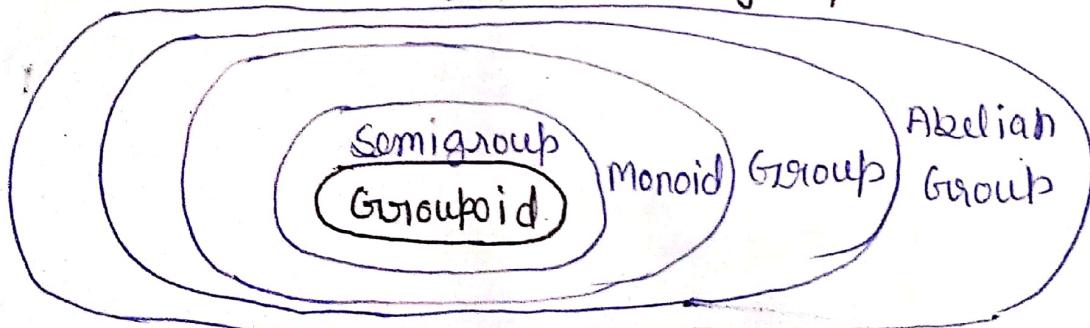
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$$\Rightarrow a + e - 2 = a \Rightarrow e = 2$$

Hence the identity element is 2.

## Algebraic Structures

- 1) Closure Property
  - 2) Associative property
  - 3) Identity element
  - 4) Inverse element
  - 5) Commutative property
- } Groupoid  
} Semigroup  
} Monoid  
} Group  
} Abelian group



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Q.2 Let  $\mathbb{Q}$  denotes the set of rational no. Consider the operation \* given by  $a*b = a+b+ab$ , for  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Show that  $(\mathbb{Q}, *)$  is an abelian Monoid. Also find all invertible elements of  $\mathbb{Q}$  with respect to \*.

Solu<sup>n</sup>:-

1) Closure property :- Since for every  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $a+b+ab \in \mathbb{Q}$  therefore  $\mathbb{Q}$  is closed with respect to \*.

2) Associative property :- for  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$\begin{aligned} a*(b*c) &= a+(b+c+bc)+a(b+c+bc) \\ &= a+b+c+bc+ab+ac+abc \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a*b)*c &= (a+b+ab)+c+(a+b+ab)c \\ &= a+b+ab+c+ac+bc+abc \\ &= a+b+c+ab+ac+bc+abc \end{aligned}$$

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

3) Commutative :- for  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$a+b+ab = b+a+ba \Rightarrow a*b = b*a$$

4) Identity element ; for identity element  $e$

$$a+e = a \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\therefore a+e+a = a \Rightarrow e(1+a) = 0$$

$$\therefore e = 0$$

Therefore '0' is the identity element of  $(\mathbb{Q}, *)$

5) Inverse element :- let  $b$  is the inverse of  $a$

$$\therefore a*b = e \Rightarrow a+b+ab = 0 \Rightarrow a+b(1+a) = 0$$

$$\therefore b = \left(-\frac{a}{1+a}\right) \text{ which exist iff } a \neq -1$$

Q.3 On the set  $M = \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$  consider the operation \* given by  $(a, b) * (x, y) = (ax, ay + b)$ , for  $a, b, x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$ , show that  $(M, *)$  is a non-Abelian monoid. Also find all its invertible elements.

Soln:-

1) Closure property :- If  $(a, b) \in M$  &  $(x, y) \in M \Rightarrow (ax, ay + b) \in M$   
Hence  $M$  is closed

2) Associative property :- Let  $(a, b), (c, d), (p, q) \in M$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow (a, b) * ((c, d) * (p, q)) &= (a, b) * (cp, cq + d) \\ &= (acp, accq + ad + b) \\ &= (acp, acq + ad + b)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&\{((a, b) * (c, d)) * (p, q)\} = (ac, ad + b) * (p, q) \\ &= ((ac)p, (ac)q + ad + b)\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, b) * ((c, d) * (p, q)) = ((a, b) * (c, d)) * (p, q)$$

3) Identity property :- Let  $(e_1, e_2)$  be an identity of  $M$  s.t.  $(a, b) * (e_1, e_2) = (a, b) \forall (a, b) \in M$

$$\Rightarrow (ae_1, ae_2 + b) = (a, b) \Rightarrow e_1 = 1 \text{ & } e_2 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow (1, 0)$  is the identity

4) Inverse element :- Let  $(a^{-1}, b^{-1})$  is the inverse of  $(a, b) \in M$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow (a, b) * (a^{-1}, b^{-1}) &= (aa^{-1}, ab^{-1} + b) \\ &= (1, 0)\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow aa^{-1} = 1 \Rightarrow a^{-1} = \frac{1}{a} \text{ & } ab^{-1} + b = 0 \Rightarrow b^{-1} = -\frac{b}{a}$$

Thus  $(\frac{1}{a}, -\frac{b}{a})$  is the inverse of  $(a, b)$  if  $a \neq 0$

#### Q.4 Define Groups

Q.5 Let  $G_1 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ , and  $+_6$  denotes the addition modulo 6. Show that  $(G_1, +_6)$  is a group.

Solu:- The composition table as follows.

$+_6$	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 :- Here all the entries in the table are element of  $G_1$ , thus  $(G_1, +_6)$  is closed.

2) Associative :- The composition is associative  
ex:  $1 +_6 (2 +_6 3) = (1 +_6 2) +_6 3$

3) Identity element :- Here the row headed by the element '0' coincides with the top row. Thus '0' is the identity element.

4) Inverse! - The identity element occurred in every row and column only once hence inverse of every element exists. The inverses of  $0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$  are  $0, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1$  respectively.

Q.6. Show that the set  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  is not a group with respect to  $+_6$  &  $\times_6$ .

Q.7. Show that the set  $(\mathbb{Q}^+, *)$  is an abelian group where  $a * b = \frac{ab}{3}$   $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Q}^+$

Q.8. Show that  $\{G_1, *\}$  is an abelian group where  $G_1 = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$  and  $*$  is the usual multiplication.

(Q9) Verify that  $(\mathbb{Z}, *)$  is an abelian group (6)

s.t.  $x * y = x + y - 1$ , for  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

(Q10) Prove that the set  $A = \{1, w, w^2\}$  is an abelian group with respect to usual multiplication

### Cyclic group :-

A group is called a cyclic group if, for some  $a \in G$ , every element of  $G$  is of the form  $a^n$ , where  $n$  is an integer i.e.  $G = \{a^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

The element  $a$  is the generator of  $G$ . If  $G$  is a cyclic group generated by  $a$ , it is denoted by  $G = \langle a \rangle$ . The elements of  $G$  are in the form

$$\dots, a^{-2}, a^{-1}, a^0, a, a^2, a^3, \dots$$

Note:- There may be more than one generator. Every cyclic group has at least two generators, generator and its inverse.

Permutation Group :- Let  $A$  be a finite set.

Then ~~is~~ a function  $f : A \rightarrow A$  is said to be a permutation of  $A$  if  $f$  is one-one and onto. The no. of distinct elements in the finite set  $A$  is called the degree of the permutation.

A permutation can be written as  $\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ f(a_1) & f(a_2) & \dots & f(a_n) \end{pmatrix}$

There are  $n!$  permutations can be formed from  $n$  no. of elements and the set of all these permutations is denoted by  $S_n$  and called as Symmetric group or permutation group.

For example, if  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , Then

$$S_3 = \{b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5\}$$

$$\text{where } b_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, b_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, b_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$b_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, b_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \neq b_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The multiplication table for the compositions of permutations in  $S_3$  is as given below:

	$b_0$	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	$b_4$	$b_5$
$b_0$	$b_0$	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	$b_4$	$b_5$
$b_1$	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_0$	$b_5$	$b_3$	$b_4$
$b_2$	$b_2$	$b_0$	$b_1$	$b_4$	$b_5$	$b_3$
$b_3$	$b_3$	$b_4$	$b_5$	$b_0$	$b_1$	$b_2$
$b_4$	$b_4$	$b_5$	$b_3$	$b_2$	$b_0$	$b_1$
$b_5$	$b_5$	$b_3$	$b_4$	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_0$

- 1) The table shows that  $S_3$  is closed and associative.
- 2)  $b_0$  is the identity element
- 3) Inverse of  $b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5$  are  $b_0, b_2, b_1, b_3, b_4, b_5$  respectively

- 4) Here the ~~rows~~ rows are not same as its respective column hence not commutative.

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### Order of an element

The order of an element  $g$  in a group  $G$  is the smallest positive integer  $n$  s.t.  $g^n = e$ , denoted by  $o(g)$ . If no such integer exist then  $g$  has infinite order.

Sol: For  $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$

Order of  $1, -1, i, -i$  are  $1, 2, 4, 4$  respectively.

Q.11. In a group  $(G, \circ)$ ,  $a$  is an element of order

30. Find the order of  $a^5$

Solu<sup>n</sup>:  $\quad o(a) = 30 \Rightarrow a^{30} = e \Rightarrow (a^5)^6 = e.$

$$\Rightarrow o(a^5) = 6$$

Q.12 In a group  $G$  for  $a, b \in G$ ,  $o(a) = 5$ ,  $b \neq e$

and  $aba^{-1} = b^2$  show that  $o(b) = 31$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solu<sup>n</sup>: } (aba^{-1})^2 &= (aba^{-1})(aba^{-1}) = (ab)(a^{-1}a)(ba^{-1}) \\ &= (ab)(ba^{-1}) \\ &= ab^2a^{-1} \\ &= a(ab^{-1})a^{-1} \\ &= a^2ba^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (aba^{-1})^4 = (aba^{-1})^2(ab^{-1})^2 = (a^2ba^2)(a^2ba^2) \\ = a^2(ab^{-1})a^{-2} \\ = a^3ba^{-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow (aba^{-1})^8 = a^4ba^{-4}$$

$$l(aba^{-1})^{16} = a^5ba^{-5} = ebe^{-1} = b$$

$$\Rightarrow (b^2)^{16} = b \Rightarrow b^{32} = b \Rightarrow b^{31} = e \Rightarrow o(b) = 31$$

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Q.13 Let  $(G, *)$  be a group, and  $a, b \in G$ . Prove

that (i)  $(a^{-1})^{-1} = a$  and (ii)  $(a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}$

Proof:-

(i) Let  $e$  be the identity element for  $*$  in  $G$

$$\Rightarrow a * a^{-1} = e, \text{ where } a^{-1} \in G$$

$$\text{also } (a^{-1}) * (a^{-1})^{-1} = e = a * a^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^{-1})^{-1} * a^{-1} = a * a^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^{-1})^{-1} = a \quad \{ \text{Right Cancellation} \}$$

(ii) Let  $a, b \in G \Rightarrow a * b \in G$

$$\Rightarrow (a * b)^{-1} * (a * b) = e \quad \rightarrow i)$$

$$\because a, b \in G \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in b^{-1} \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow (b^{-1} * a^{-1}) * (a * b) = b^{-1} * (a^{-1} * a) * b \quad (\text{associative})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{from (1) \& (2)} \quad = b^{-1} * e * b = e. \quad \rightarrow ii)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow (a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}. \quad (\text{Right cancellation})$$

Q.14 Let  $G$  be a group. Justify that

if  $(ab)^2 = a^2 b^2$ , for  $\forall a, b \in G$   
 iff  $G$  is an abelian group

Solu<sup>n</sup>: Let  $a, b \in G$ , Suppose  $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$

To prove that  $G$  is abelian, we have  
to show that  $ab = ba$

$$\Rightarrow (ab)^2 = a^2b^2 \Rightarrow (ab)(ab) = (aa)(bb)$$

$$\Rightarrow a(ba)b = a(ab)b$$

$$\Rightarrow ba = ab \quad (\text{Right and left- cancellation})$$

Again, suppose  $G$  is abelian  $\Rightarrow ab = ba$ .

We have to prove that  $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{here } (ab)^2 &= (ab)ab = a(ba)b \\ &= a(ab)b \\ &= (aa)(bb) \\ &= a^2b^2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence proved

Q.15 Consider the element  $\alpha = (13562)$  and  $\beta = (1523)(46)$   
of the permutation group  $S_6$ . Compute the elements  
Solu<sup>n</sup>:  $\alpha^{-1}\beta\alpha$  and  $\beta^{-1}\alpha\beta$ .

$$\text{Here } \alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 & 4 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \alpha^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 & 4 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 & 1 & 6 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \beta^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 & 6 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \alpha^{-1}\beta\alpha &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 & 4 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 & 1 & 6 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 & 4 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 4 & 6 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (1536)(24) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Q. } \beta^{-1} \circ \beta = (1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6)(1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6)(1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6) \quad (1)$$

$$(2) \quad = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 & 3 & 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = (1\ 2\ 4\ 3\ 5) \quad \underline{\text{A}}$$

Q.16 Let  $S_3$  denote the set of permutations of the set  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ . Show that  $S_3$  is a group with respect to the binary operation composition of funcn.

Q.17 Construct Composite write multiplication table for the set  $Z_4$  with respect to  $t_4 \& x_4$ . Is  $(Z_4, t_4)$  is a group? Show that  $(Z_4, x_4)$  is not a group.

Solu<sup>n</sup>: -  $Z_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 3\} \& Z_4 \setminus \{0\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$

Table 1

$t_4$	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	3	0
2	2	3	0	1
3	3	0	1	2

Table 2

$x_4$	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3
2	0	2	0	2
3	0	3	2	1

From Table 1 it is noticed that  $(Z_4, t_4)$  is closed and associative, its identity element is '0' and inverse elements of 0, 1, 2, 3 are 0, 3, 2, 1 respectively hence  $(Z_4, t_4)$  is a group.

Q. From table 2 it is noticed that  $\text{if } G = \mathbb{Z}/\{0\}$ , then  $\{\mathbb{Z}/\{0\}, \times_4\}$  is not closed as  $2, 2 \in \mathbb{Z}/\{0\}$   
 but  $2 \times_4 2 = 0 \notin \mathbb{Z}/\{0\}$   
 hence it is not a group.

(Q. 18) Give an example of a cyclic group of order 4.

Ans.  $(\mathbb{Z}_4, +_4)$  is a cyclic group of order 4  
 as every element of  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  can be written as  
 the power of 1

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 1^1 \\ 2 &= 1^2 = 1 +_4 1 \\ 3 &= 1^3 = 1 +_4 1 +_4 1 \\ 0 &= 1^4 = 1 +_4 1 +_4 1 +_4 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\mathbb{Z}_4 = \{1^4, 1, 1^2, 1^3\}$ , 1 is the generator  
 also  $\mathbb{Z}_4 = \{3^4, 3^3, 3^2, 3\}$ , 3 is the generator

(Q. 19) Show that every cyclic group is abelian.

Proof:- Let  $G$  be a cyclic group and let  $a$  be a generator of  $G$  so that  $G = \langle a \rangle = \{a^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

if  $g_1$  &  $g_2$  are also elements of  $G$  s.t.

$$g_1 = a^{r_1} \text{ and } g_2 = a^{r_2} \quad (r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{Z}) \quad \text{proved}$$

$$\Rightarrow g_1 \cdot g_2 = a^{r_1} \cdot a^{r_2} = a^{r_1+r_2} = a^{r_2+r_1} = a^{r_2} \cdot a^{r_1} = g_2 \cdot g_1$$

# Subgroup

Def<sup>n</sup>: Let  $(G, *)$  be a group and  $H$  is a subset of  $G$  then  $(H, *)$  is said to be the subgroup of  $(G, *)$  if  $(H, *)$  is itself a group.

- Ex: i) The multiplicative group  $\{1, -1\}$  is a subgroup of group  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$
- ii) The additive group of even integers is a subgroup of the additive group of all integers.

## Theorems

Th1. The identity element of a subgroup is the same as that of the group

Proof: Let  $H$  be the subgroup of the group  $G$  and let  $e$  &  $e'$  be the identity element of  $G$  &  $H$  respectively.

Now if  $a \in H \Rightarrow a \in G$  ( $\because H \subset G$ )  $\Rightarrow ae = a$  ( $\because e$  is the identity of  $G$ )

Again as  $a \in H$  &  $e'$  is the identity of  $H$   $ae' = a$

$$\Rightarrow ae = ae' \Rightarrow e = e' \quad \underline{\text{Hence proved}}$$

Th-2 :- The inverse of any element of a subgroup is the same as the inverse of the same element of the group.

Proof:- Let  $a \in H$  &  $e$  is the common identity of  $H$  &  $G$ .  
Let  $b$  is the inverse of  $a$  in  $H$   $\Rightarrow ab = e$   
 $b \in C \subset \dots \subset G$   $\Rightarrow ac = e$   
 $\Rightarrow ab = ac \Rightarrow b = c$  Hence proved

Th-3 :- The necessary and sufficient condition for a non-empty sub-set  $H$  of a group  $(G, *)$  to be a subgroup is

$$a * b^{-1} \in H \quad \forall a, b \in H$$

where  $b^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $b$  in  $G$ .

Proof :- Let  $H$  be a sub-group and  $a, b \in H$ , since

$$b \in H \Rightarrow b^{-1} \in H$$

Now  $a \in H$  &  $b^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$  (by closure property)  
Thus the condition is necessary.

Sufficient condition :- Now assume that  
 $ab^{-1} \in H \quad \forall a, b \in H$  and  
we have to show that  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

We have  $a, a \in H$  by the condition  $a * a^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow e \in H$   
Where  $e$  is the identity element. Hence  $H$  contains  
the identity element.

Again, we have

$$e \in a \in H \Rightarrow e * a^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H \quad \forall a \in H$$

hence the inverse of each element exists in H

Now, if  $b \in H \Rightarrow b^{-1} \in H$  (previous condition)

$$\text{also if } a \in b^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow a * (b^{-1})^{-1} \in H \\ \Rightarrow a * b \in H \quad (\text{closure property})$$

Thus H satisfies closure property, contains identity elements and inverse of each element also exists in H. H also satisfies associative law as every element of H is the element of group G, which satisfies associative law.

Therefore  $(H, *)$  is the subgroup of  $(G, *)$

Th-4. The intersection of any two subgroups of a group is the subgroup of the group.

Proof: Let  $H_1$  &  $H_2$  form any two subgroups of  $(G, *)$ . since identity element  $e \in H_1$  &  $e \in H_2$

$$\Rightarrow H_1 \cap H_2 \neq \emptyset$$

now let  $a \in H_1 \cap H_2$  and  $b \in H_1 \cap H_2$

$$\Rightarrow a, b \in H_1 \quad \& \quad a, b \in H_2$$

$$\Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H_1 \quad \& \quad a * b^{-1} \in H_2 \Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H_1 \cap H_2$$

$\Rightarrow H_1 \cap H_2$  is a subgroup

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Reg Note: - However the union of two subgroups is not necessarily a subgroup

Q.20. Give an example of a group  $G_1$ , with two subgroups  $H$  &  $K$ , such that  $H \cup K$  is not a subgroup.

Solu<sup>n</sup>: - Let  $G_1$  be the additive group of integers

$$\text{Then } H_1 = \{-\dots -6, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, 6, \dots\}$$

$$\text{and } H_2 = \{-\dots -12, -9, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, 9, 12, \dots\}$$

are both subgroups of  $G_1$ .

$$\text{Now } H_1 \cup H_2 = \{-\dots -9, -6, -4, -3, -2, 0, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, \dots\}$$

$$\text{Here } 2 \in H_1, 3 \in H_2$$

$$\text{but } 2+3=5 \notin H_1 \cup H_2$$

$\Rightarrow H_1 \cup H_2$  is not closed  $\Rightarrow H_1 \cup H_2$  is not a subgroup of  $G_1$ .

### Cosets

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $G_1$  and let  $a \in G_1$ . Then the set  $\{a * h : h \in H\}$  is called the left coset generated by  $a$  and  $H$ , denoted by  $aH$ .

similarly  $Ha = \{h * a : h \in H\}$  is called the right coset. Both  $aH$  &  $Ha$  are the subsets of  $G_1$ .

Note: i) If  $e$  is the identity of  $G_1$ , then  $e \in H$  and

$He = H = He$ . Therefore,  $H$  itself is a right- as well as left coset of  $H$ .

- 2) If a group is abelian then  $aH = Ha$  (7)  
 $\Rightarrow$  right coset is equal to the left coset  
 3) If the operation is addition, then right coset of  $H$  generated by  $a$  will be  
 $H+a = \{h+a : h \in H\} \subset$   
 left coset will be  $a+H = \{a+h : h \in H\}$

Properties of Cosets : If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$   
 $a, b \in G$ , then

- 1)  $a \in aH$
- 2)  $aH = H$  iff  $a \in H$
- 3)  $aH = bH$  or  $aH \cap bH = \emptyset$
- 4)  $aH = bH$  iff  $a^{-1}b \in H$

Proof :-

- 1)  $aH = \{a*h : h \in H\}$   
 and  $a = a*e$  where  $e \in H \Rightarrow a \in aH$   
 (identity element)
- 2) Let  $aH = H \Rightarrow a \in H$   $\{e \text{ is the identity in } H\}$   
 $\Rightarrow a \in H$  (prove)

- Conversely, let  $a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$   $\{H \text{ is a subgroup of } G\}$
- $\Rightarrow a^{-1}h \in H \wedge h \in H$  (closure property)
  - $\Rightarrow a(a^{-1}h) \in aH \wedge h \in H$  (,,)
  - $\Rightarrow h \in aH \wedge h \in H$ .
  - $\Rightarrow H \subseteq aH$

Again if  $a \in H$  and  $b \in H$  then  $aH \in H \wedge b \in H$   
 $\Rightarrow H \subseteq aH$

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Since  $aH \subset H$  &  $H \subset aH \Rightarrow aH = H$ ,  
hence proved

- (3) Let  $H$  be a sub-group of a group  $G$  and let  $aH$  and  $bH$  be two left cosets of  $H$ .  
Suppose  $aH \cap bH \neq \emptyset$  and  $c \in aH \cap bH$   
then  $c$  can be written as  
 $c = ah$  and  $c = bh'$  s.t.  $h, h' \in H$
- $\Rightarrow aH = bH \Rightarrow a = (bh')h^{-1} = b(h'h^{-1})$   
 Let  $h'' = h'h^{-1} \Rightarrow h'' \in H$  ( $\because h', h^{-1} \in H$ )
- $\Rightarrow a = bh''$  or  $aH = bh''H = b(h''H) = bH$   
 $(\because aH = H \text{ if } a \in H, \text{ here } h'' \in H \Rightarrow h''H = H)$

Thus either  $aH \cap bH = \emptyset$  or  $aH = bH$ .

Hence proved

- (4) We have

$$\begin{aligned} aH = bH &\Rightarrow a^{-1}aH = a^{-1}bH \\ &\Rightarrow eH = (a^{-1}b)H \\ &\Rightarrow H = (a^{-1}b)H \\ &\Rightarrow a^{-1}b \subset H \quad (\text{if } aH = bH) \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, if  $a^{-1}b \subset H$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } bH &= e(bH) = (a a^{-1})(bH) = a(a^{-1}b)H \\ &= a(a^{-1}bH) = aH \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow bH = aH$$

Hence  
 Thus  $aH = bH \Leftrightarrow a^{-1}b \subset H$  Hence proved

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### Index of a subgroup in a group :-

If  $H$  is a subgroup of a group  $G_1$ , the no. of distinct-right (left) cosets of  $H$  in  $G_1$  is called the index of  $H$  in  $G_1$  and is denoted by  $[G_1 : H]$  or  $i_{G_1}(H)$

Q.21 Consider the group  $G_1 = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ , and subgroup  $H = 6\mathbb{Z} = \{-12, -6, 0, 6, 12, \dots\}$ . Find

- Cosets of  $H$  in  $G_1$
- The index  $[G_1 : H]$

or

Q.22 Compute the cosets of the subgroup  $H = 6\mathbb{Z}$  in the group  $G_1 = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ . What is the index of  $H$  in  $G_1$ .

Solu<sup>n</sup>: (Both questions are same)

$$G_1 = \{-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$H = 6\mathbb{Z} = \{-12, -6, 0, 6, 12, \dots\}$$

since  $G_1$  is abelian left and right cosets will be same

Here  $0 \in G_1$

$$\Rightarrow HA(0) = \{0 + 1, 0 + 2, 0 + 3, 0 + 4, 0 + 5, 0 + 6\}$$

$$H + 0 = \{-12, -6, 0, 6, 12, \dots\}$$

$$H + 1 = \{-11, -5, 1, 7, 13, \dots\}$$

$$H + 2 = \{-10, -4, 2, 8, 14, \dots\}$$

$$H+3 = \{ \dots -9, -3, 3, 9, 15, \dots \}$$

$$H+4 = \{ \dots -8, -2, 4, 10, 16, \dots \}$$

$$H+5 = \{ \dots -7, -1, 5, 11, 17, \dots \}$$

$$H+6 = \{ \dots -6, 0, 6, 12, 18, \dots \}$$

Here we observe that  $H+0 = H = H+6$

Similarly  $H+1 = H+7 = H+13 \dots$

$$H+2 = H+8 \dots$$

Thus  $\exists$  six disjoint right cosets

namely  $H, H+1, H+2, H+3, H+4, H+5$

$\Rightarrow$  The index  $[G:H] = 5$

and  $G_1 = H \cup H+2 \cup H+3 \cup H+4 \cup H+5$

Q.23. Compute all cosets of the subgroup  $H = 5\mathbb{Z}$  in the group  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ . What is the index  $[G:H]$ ?

Solu<sup>n</sup>:- Same as above

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Lagrange's theorem :-

The order of each sub-group of a finite group  $G$  is a divisor of the order of the group  $G$ .

Proof:- Let  $H$  be any sub-group of order  $m$  of a finite group of order  $n$ . We consider the left coset -

~~of~~  $aH = \{ah : h \in H\}$  let  $H = \{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_m\}$

2)  $aH = \{ah_1, ah_2, \dots, ah_m\}$

here all  $m$  elements of  $aH$  will be distinct

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$$(\because \text{if } ah_i = ah_j \Rightarrow h_i = h_j)$$

$\Rightarrow$  each left cosets of  $H$  consist of  $m$  different elements.

Since  $G$  is a finite group, no. of distinct left cosets will be finite say  $K$ . Hence the total no. of elements in all cosets is  $Km$  which is equal to the total no. of elements of  $G$ .

$$\Rightarrow n = mk$$

$\therefore m$  the order of  $H$  is the divisor of  $n$ , the order of  $G$ .

Proved.

Note: Converse is not true

(Q.24) Prove that every group of prime order is cyclic.

Proof: - Let  $G$  be a group of order  $p$ , where  $p$  is a prime

$$|G| = p \Rightarrow |G| > 1$$

Let  $g \in G$ ,  $g \neq e$

$$\Rightarrow \langle g \rangle \subseteq G$$

$$\Rightarrow |\langle g \rangle| > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\langle g \rangle| = p$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle g \rangle = G$$

Hence  $G$  is cyclic

prime  
(2, 3, 5, 7 ...)

Lagranges th.

$G$

$H$

$O(H) | O(G)$

if  $O(g) = p$

$\Rightarrow O(H) = 1$  or  $p$

Hence proved



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## Normal Subgroup :-

A subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is said to be the normal subgroup of  $G$  if  $Ha = aH \forall a \in G$ .

Note: Every subgroup of an abelian group  $G$  is normal.

Theorem 1:- A subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is normal iff  $g^{-1}hg \in H$  for every  $h \in H, g \in G$

Proof:- Let  $H$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

$$\text{Let } h \in H, g \in G$$

$$\text{Then } Hg = gh$$

$$\Rightarrow hg \in Hg = gh$$

$$\text{So } hg = gh_1 \text{ for some } h_1 \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow g^{-1}hg = h_1 \text{ where } h_1 \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow g^{-1}hg \in H$$

Conversely, let  $H$  be such that  $g^{-1}hg \in H \forall h \in H \& g \in G$   
we have to show that  $Ha = aH \forall a \in H$

$$\text{Consider. } a \in G \& h \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1}ha \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow a(a^{-1}ha) \in aH \Rightarrow (aa^{-1})(ha) \in aH$$

$$\Rightarrow ha \in aH \quad \forall h \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow HA \subseteq aH$$

$$\text{Let } b = a^{-1} \Rightarrow b^{-1}hb \in H$$

$$\text{But } b^{-1}hb = (a^{-1})^{-1}ha^{-1} = ah a^{-1} \Rightarrow ah a^{-1} \in H$$

$$\text{So that } (ah a^{-1})a \in Ha \Rightarrow ah \in Ha \quad \forall h \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow aH \subseteq Ha \Rightarrow Ha = aH \quad \underline{\text{Proved}}$$

Q.25 Prove that the intersection of two  
normal subgroups of a group  $G$  is again  
a normal subgroup of  $G$ . (23)

Proof:- Since ~~ERIK~~ let  $H$  and  $K$  be two  
normal subgroups of group  $G$ .

$$\text{Let } g \in G \Rightarrow g^{-1}hg \in H \quad \forall h \in H$$

$$\text{& } g^{-1}h_2g \in K \quad \forall h_2 \in K$$

$$\text{Let } h \in H \cap K \Rightarrow g^{-1}hg \in H \quad \&$$

$$g^{-1}hg \in K$$

$$\Rightarrow g^{-1}hg \in H \cap K \quad \forall h \in H \cap K$$

Hence,  $H \cap K$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

Hence Proved

## Homomorphism of Groups:-

Def<sup>n</sup>:- Let  $(G, \circ)$  and  $(G', *)$  be two groups.

are called a mapping  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  is said to  
be a homomorphism if

$$f(a \circ b) = f(a) * f(b) \quad \forall a, b \in G$$

Isomorphism :- Let  $(G, \circ)$  &  $(G', *)$  are two groups  
and  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  is a homomorphism.  $f$   
is said to be an isomorphism if  $f$  is 1-1 and onto.

Notes :- 1) Two groups are called isomorphic to each  
other denoted by  $G \cong G'$

2) An isomorphism of a group onto itself called automorphism

- 3) A homomorphism is called called monomorphism if only 1-1 not onto
- 4) A homomorphism is called epimorphism if only onto not 1-1.
- 5) A homomorphism into itself is called endomorphism

Theorem: Let  $(G_1, \circ)$  and  $(G_1, *)$  be two groups and  $f: G_1 \rightarrow G_1$  be a homomorphism. Then

- $f(e) = e'$  where  $e$  and  $e'$  are identity of  $G_1$  &  $G_1'$  respectively
- $f(a^{-1}) = (f(a))^{-1}$ ,  $\forall a \in G_1$

Proof: 1) Here  $a \in G_1 \Rightarrow f(a) \in G_1'$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f(a) * e' &= f(a) \\ &= f(a \circ e) \\ &= f(a) * f(e) \\ &= f(a) * f(e') \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a) * e' = f(a) * f(e)$$

$$\Rightarrow e' = f(e), \text{ hence proved!}$$

$$2) \text{ let } a \in G_1 \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in G_1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a) \in G_1' \text{ & } f(a^{-1}) \in G_1'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow e = a \circ a^{-1} \Rightarrow e' &= f(e) = f(a \circ a^{-1}) \\ &= f(a) * f(a^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } e' = f(a) * (f(a))^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a) * f(a^{-1}) = f(a) * (f(a))^{-1} \Rightarrow f(a^{-1}) = (f(a))^{-1} \quad \underline{\text{Proved}}$$

# kernel of Homomorphism

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Defn:- Let  $(G, \circ)$  and  $(G', *)$  be two groups and  $f : G \rightarrow G'$  is a homomorphism. Then, the kernel of  $f$  denoted by  $\ker f$ , is a subset of  $G$  defined by

$$\ker f = \{a \in G : f(a) = e'\}$$

Then  $\ker f$  is

## Rings & Fields

Ring :- An algebraic structure  $(R, +, \circ)$  where  $R$  is a non-empty set with two binary operations multiplication and addition defined on  $R$  is called a ring if the following conditions are satisfied.

- 1)  $(R, +)$  is an abelian group
- 2)  $(R, \circ)$  is a semigroup (closed and associative)
- 3) The operation is distributive

$$a \cdot (b+c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c \quad \forall a, b, c \in R$$

$$(b+c) \cdot a = b \cdot a + c \cdot a \quad \forall a, b, c \in R$$

Commutative Ring :- A ring  $(R, +, \circ)$  is said to be commutative if  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a \quad \forall a, b \in R$

Ring with unity :- If the ring consist of the identity element w.r.t. multiplication

Ex:

- 1)  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  is a commutative ring with unity
- 2)  $(2\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  is a commutative ring without unity
- 3)  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +, \cdot)$  is a commutative ring with unity
- 4)  $(M_2(\mathbb{Z}), +, \cdot)$  is a non-commutative ring with unity where  $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  is the set of  $2 \times 2$  matrices with integer elements.

## Properties of Ring

- 1)  $a \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot a = 0 \quad \forall a \in R$ , where 0 is the identity element w.r.t. addition
- 2)  $a \cdot (-b) = (-a) \cdot b = -(a \cdot b) \quad \forall a, b \in R$
- 3)  $(-a) \cdot (-b) = (a \cdot b) \quad \forall a, b \in R$
- 4)  $a \cdot (b - c) = a \cdot b - a \cdot c$   
 $\& (b - c) \cdot a = b \cdot a - c \cdot a \quad \forall a, b, c \in R$ .

## Ring with zero divisor:-

If  $a$  and  $b$  are two non-zero elements of a ring  $R$  s.t.  $ab = 0$ , then  $a$  and  $b$  are the divisors of 0. Then the ring  $R$  is said to be a ring with zero divisors.

Ques.

Q.26 Find the zero divisors & unit elements of  $(\mathbb{Z}_6, +_6, \times_6)$

Ans :-  $\mathbb{Z}_6 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

$x_6$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5
2	0	2	4	0	2	4
3	0	3	0	3	0	3
4	0	4	2	0	4	2
5	0	5	4	3	2	1

1) Here the row headed by 1 is same as the top row hence 1 is the unit element of  $\mathbb{Z}_6$  as every element of  $\mathbb{Z}_6$  can be written as  $a \times_6 1 = a$

2) Here the product of non-zero product is zero that is  $2 \times_6 3 = 0$ ,  $3 \times_6 2 = 0$ ,  $3 \times_6 4 = 0$ ,  $4 \times_6 3 = 0$

therefore 2, 3 and 4 are the zero divisors of  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ .

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Integral domain :- A ring containing at least two elements is called an integral domain if it is

- 1) commutative
- 2) has unit element.
- 3) is without zero divisor

for example,

- i)  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ ,  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$  are integral domain
- ii)  $(\mathbb{Z}_2, +, \cdot)$  is not an integral domain as it doesn't contain unit element
- iii)  $(M_2(\mathbb{Z}), +, \cdot)$  is not an integral domain since it is not commutative
- iv)  $(\mathbb{Z}_{2n}, +, \cdot)$  is not an integral domain as it has zero divisor.

N. Ques.

Field :- A ring containing at least two elements is called field if

- 1) It is commutative
- 2) It has unity
- 3) every element of R has a multiplicative inverse.

Ex:-  $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$ ,  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$ ,  $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Z}_5, +_5, \times_5)$  are fields.