

$$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

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

$$\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{m}{n} \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \neq 0 \right\}$$

$\mathbb{Z}$  is not just a set there are operations like  $+, -, \times, \div$  that satisfies the property like

$$(2+5)+3 = 2+(5+3)$$

$$0+7 = 7$$

$$7+(-7) = 0$$

$\mathbb{Z}$  with  $+$  is a group

Def A group  $G$  is a set together with an operation  $\circ$  which satisfies

- ① closure  $\forall a, b \in G, a \circ b \in G$
- ② associativity  $(a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ (b \circ c), \forall a, b, c \in G$
- ③ identity  $\exists e \in G$  s.t.  $a \circ e = e \circ a = a$
- ④ inverse  $\forall a \in G, \exists b \in G$  s.t.  $a \circ b = e$

$(\mathbb{N}, +)$  is not a group (no inverse, no identity)

Remark  $\Rightarrow$  a group that satisfies another property namely that  $a \circ b = b \circ a$  is called a commutative group.

eg  $\Rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is a commutative group.

Remark  $\Rightarrow$  matrix mult. is not commutative;  
sub subtraction in  $\mathbb{Z}$  is not comm.  $(1-3)-2 \neq 1-(3-2)$

ex  $\Rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}, \cdot x)$  is not a group

inverse  $\Rightarrow$  not exist

$$a \rightarrow \frac{1}{a} \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

eg  $\Rightarrow (\mathbb{Q}, +)$  is a comm group

$(\mathbb{Q} \text{ without } 0, \cdot)$  is a <sup>comm</sup> group.

moreover  $+$  and  $\cdot$  are related by distributivity  $\Rightarrow 4 \times (3+5) = (4 \times 3) + (4 \times 5)$

$\mathbb{Q}$  is a field so are real no.  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  
and the complex no.  $\mathbb{C}$



Fields  $\Rightarrow$  Def  $\Rightarrow$  A set  $F$  with two operations  
 $+, \cdot$  is called a field if the following  
hold.

①  $\forall a, b \in F, a+b \in F$   
closure

②  $\forall a, b, c \in F, (a+b)+c = a+(b+c)$   
assoc

③  $\exists 0 \in F$  s.t.  $a+0 = a, \forall a \in F$   
identity

④  $\forall a \in F, \exists (-a) \in F$  s.t.  $a+(-a) = 0$   
inverse

⑤  $\forall a, b \in F, a+b = b+a$   
comm

⑥  $\forall a, b \in F, a \cdot b \in F$

⑦  $\forall a, b, c \in F, (a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$

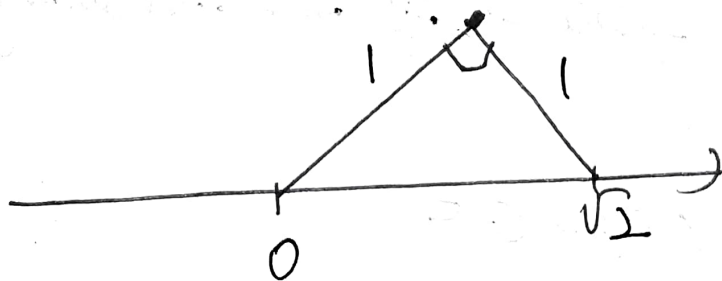
⑧  $\exists 1 \in F$  s.t.  $a \cdot 1 = a, \forall a \in F$

⑨  $\forall a \neq 0 \exists a^{-1} \in F$  s.t.  $a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$

⑩  $\forall a, b \in F, a \cdot b = b \cdot a$

⑪  $\forall a, b, c \in F, a \cdot (b+c) = (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c)$   
DI.

(ex)  $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$  is a field (verify)



$$\mathbb{R} = \{x \mid -\infty < x < \infty\} \text{ real}$$

$$\pi \in \mathbb{R}, \pi \notin \mathbb{Q}, \pi \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$$

remarks: ①  $\mathbb{R}$  is a field.

②  $\mathbb{Q}$  satisfies all 11 axioms,  
but usually we ~~require~~ require  
that in a field  $0 \neq 1$

③ there are more fields:  
 $\mathbb{C}$  - the complex no.  
 $\mathbb{Z}_m$  - fields ( $m$  is prime no)

more properties of fields  $\Rightarrow$

theorem  $\rightarrow$  Let  $F$  be a field. Then:

①  $0$  is unique,  $1$  is unique

②  $-a$  is unique,  $a^{-1}$  is unique

③  $a \cdot 0 = 0$



①  $\forall a, b \in F$ , if  $a \cdot b = 0$  then  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$

⑤  $(-1) \cdot a = -a$

⑥ if  $a + b = a + c$  then  $b = c$

⑦ if  $a \cdot b = a \cdot c$  then  $b = c$  ( $a \neq 0$ )

Some proofs ① 0 is unique

suppose there are zero elements:  $0, \hat{0}$

$$\hat{0} = \hat{0} + 0 = 0 + \hat{0} = 0$$

③  $a \cdot 0 = 0$

proof  $a \cdot 0 = a \cdot (0 + 0) = (a \cdot 0) + (a \cdot 0)$

(A-1)  $\therefore \cancel{a \cdot 0} (a \cdot 0) + (- (a \cdot 0)) = 0$

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

$\therefore (a \cdot 0) = 0$

$$(a \cdot 0) + 0 = (a \cdot 0)$$

④  $a \cdot b = 0$  let's suppose  $a \neq 0$

$$0 = a^{-1} (a \cdot b) = (a^{-1} a) b \Rightarrow$$

$$b = 0$$

