

Linear Algebra First Class

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Group

Definition

- $G \neq \emptyset$
 - $*$ is an operation on G with following properties:
 - Closure property
$$*: G \times G \rightarrow G$$
 - Associative property
$$a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$$
 - Existence of Identity
$$\exists e \in G \ni a * e = a = e * a, \forall a \in G$$
 - Existence of Inverse
$$\forall a \in G, \exists b \in G \ni a * b = e = b * a \quad (b = a^{-1})$$
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Exercise

1) e is unique

Let, $\exists e_1, e_2 \ni a * e_1 = a = e_1 * a$ & $a * e_2 = a = e_2 * a, \forall a \in G$

$$\Rightarrow a * e_1 = a = a * e_2$$

$$\Rightarrow a * e_1 = a * e_2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1} * (a * e_1) = a^{-1} * (a * e_2) \quad (\text{Existence of Inverse})$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^{-1} * a) * e_1 = (a^{-1} * a) * e_2 \quad (\text{Associativity})$$

$$\Rightarrow e_1 = e_2$$

$\Rightarrow e$ is unique

2) $\forall a \in G, a^{-1}$ is unique

Let, $\forall a \in G, \exists b_1, b_2 \ni a * b_1 = e = b_1 * a \ \& \ a * b_2 = e = b_2 * a$
 $\Rightarrow a * b_1 = e = a * b_2$
 $\Rightarrow a * b_1 = a * b_2$
 $\Rightarrow a^{-1} * (a * b_1) = a^{-1} * (a * b_2)$ (Existence of Inverse)
 $\Rightarrow (a^{-1} * a) * b_1 = (a^{-1} * a) * b_2$ (Associativity)
 $\Rightarrow b_1 = b_2$
 $\Rightarrow b = a^{-1}$ is unique

Two notations for group

(G, \cdot)

$ab := a \cdot b$
 $1 := \text{identity}$
 $a^{-1} := \text{inverse of } a$
 $k \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow a^k = a \cdot a \cdot \dots \cdot a \quad (k \text{ times})$

$(H, +)$

$a + b \neq ab$
 $0 := \text{identity} \neq 1$
 $-a := \text{inverse of } a \neq a^{-1}$
 $k \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow ka := a + a + \dots + a \quad (k \text{ times}) \neq a^k$

Abelian group

a group follows commutative \Rightarrow it is an abelian group
 $\forall a, b \in (G, *), a * b = b * a$