

(a) If possible, let there be two identity elements e and e' in $\{S, \cdot\}$.
Hence $e \cdot e' = e' \cdot e = e'$, since e is an identity element and $e' \in S$.
Again $e' \cdot e = e \cdot e' = e$, since e' is an identity element and $e \in S$.
Therefore $e = e'$,
that is, the identity element of a groupoid is unique.

(b) Let $M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$, where $a, b, c, d \in R$.

We know that the matrix sum of two real matrices is a real matrix of the same order.

Also the matrix addition is associative.

Hence $\{M_2, +\}$ is a semi-group.

Similarly, it can be shown that $\{M_2, \cdot\}$ is a semi-group.

Ex. 2. Show that the set of cube roots of unity is a finite abelian group with respect to multiplication. [B.H. 200]

The set of cube roots of unity is $S = \{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$.

(i) Closure axiom is satisfied, since

$$1 \cdot \omega = \omega, \quad \omega \cdot \omega^2 = 1, \quad \omega^2 \cdot 1 = \omega^2.$$

(ii) Associative axiom is satisfied, since

$$(1 \cdot \omega) \cdot \omega^2 = 1 \cdot (\omega \cdot \omega^2), \text{ etc.}$$

(iii) Identity axiom is satisfied, since

$$1 \cdot \omega = \omega, \quad 1 \cdot \omega^2 = \omega^2, \quad 1 \cdot 1 = 1. \quad 1 \text{ is the identity element}$$

(iv) Inverse axiom is satisfied, since

$$1 \cdot 1 = 1 = \omega \cdot \omega^2 = \omega^2 \cdot \omega$$

(inverse of each element exists in the set).

(v) Commutative property is satisfied, since

$$1 \cdot \omega = \omega \cdot 1, \quad \omega \cdot \omega^2 = \omega^2 \cdot \omega, \text{ etc.}$$

Moreover the number of elements of S is finite.

Hence the set S forms a finite abelian group with respect to multiplication.

Ex. 3. Check the following multiplication table for the set of fourth roots of unity, namely $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$ for its group properties:

\times	1	-1	i	$-i$
1	1	-1	i	$-i$
-1	-1	1	$-i$	i
i	i	$-i$	-1	1
$-i$	$-i$	i	1	-1

[B.H. 1983; C.H. 1994]

We see from the composition table that

(i) the closure property holds, since

$$1 \times 1 = 1, \quad -1 \times i = -i, \quad i \times (-i) = 1, \text{ etc.}$$

(ii) the operation is associative, since

$$(1 \times i) \times (-i) = 1 \times [i \times (-i)] = 1, \text{ etc.}$$

(iii) the set has 1 as the identity element with respect to the given operation, since $1 \times (-1) = -1, 1 \times i = i, 1 \times (-i) = -i$, etc;

(iv) each element has an inverse, since

$$1 \times 1 = 1, \quad (-1) \times (-1) = 1, \quad -i \times i = 1, \quad i \times (-i) = 1, \text{ etc.}$$

Hence the set forms a multiplicative group. The set is commutative with respect to multiplication; for, $1 \times (-1) = (-1) \times 1, (-1) \times i = i \times (-1)$, etc. Hence it forms an abelian group.

Note. It is seen that a group is commutative, if the composition table with the corresponding operation has a symmetry across its leading diagonal.

Ex. 4. If a be an element of a multiplicative group with identity element e and $a^2 = a$, then show that $a = e$.

Since a is an element of the group, it has its inverse, say a^{-1} , in the group. Operating both sides of the given equation by a^{-1} on the right, we have

$$(a^2)a^{-1} = aa^{-1}$$

$$(aa)a^{-1} = aa^{-1}$$

$$a(aa^{-1}) = a, \text{ the identity element}$$

$$ae = e, \text{ which gives } a = e, \text{ since } a^2 = a.$$

(d) Prove that the set $R \times R$ together with the operation \circ defined by $(a, b) \circ (c, d) = (a+c, b+d+2bd)$ is a commutative semi-group with identity. [N.B.H. 2002]

3. Prove that the set of even integers (including zero) forms an additive group.

Show further that the group is abelian. If the set be of odd integers, then prove that it does not form a group with respect to the composition addition.

4. (a) Show that the set of all rational numbers does not form a group with respect to multiplication. [C.H. 1983]

[It does not contain the inverse of 0.]

(b) If, in a group G , $x^2 = e$ (identity) for every $x \in G$, then prove that G is abelian. [K.H. 1990]

5. Show that the set of all non-zero integers does not form a group with the binary operations multiplication and subtraction.

6. Show that the set $S = \{-1, 0, 1\}$ does not form a group with respect to operations addition and multiplication, while the set $T = \{-1, 1\}$ is an abelian group under multiplication and does not form a group under addition.

7. Show that the set $S = \{-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3\}$ is not a group with the operation addition.

8. Show that the set of positive integers does not form a group under the composition addition and the set of negative integers does not form a group with addition and multiplication.

9. Show that the set of non-zero complex numbers forms a group with respect to multiplication. Show that if $e^{2\pi i/n}$ is the unity element, then show that

abelian group under
[B.H. 1985]

$0, 1, 2, \dots, (n-1)$.

$e^{2\pi i(n-r)/n}$ is $e^{2\pi i(n-r)/n}$.

Examples III (A)

1. (a) Satisfy yourself that

- (i) in the groupoid (I, \cdot) , 1 is both left and right identity element.
- (ii) $(R, +)$ is a semi-group, where R is the set of all real numbers.
- (iii) the system $S = (Z, o)$, where $a \circ b = a + b + ab$, for all $a, b \in Z$, is a monoid.

(iv) the set of even integers forms a semi-group under composition multiplication but does not form a monoid.

(v) the systems $(M_1, +)$ and (M_2, \cdot) are monoids, where M_1 denotes the set of all real 2×2 matrices; $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is the identity of the former and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is that of the latter.

(vi) the power set $P(S)$ is a monoid with respect to the composition $A \circ B = A \cap B$ and $A \circ B = A \cup B$. [K.H.137]

(b) If M be the set of all real matrices

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ b & b \end{bmatrix}; a+b \neq 0 \right\},$$

show that (M, \cdot) is a semi-group, where \cdot denotes matrix multiplication.

Show further that it has no left identity and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is the right identity.

2. (a) Show that the set of all real numbers is a groupoid but not a semi-group under the operation o defined by

$$a \circ b = a + 3b \quad \forall a, b \in R.$$

But, if the binary operation o be defined by

$$a \circ b = b \quad \forall a, b \in R,$$

then the set of real numbers forms a semi-group.

(b) Show that a quasi-group, in which the associative property holds, is a group. [K.H.137]

(c) If (S, o) be a semi-group and $a \in S$, then prove that

$$a^{m+n} = a^m \circ a^n, \text{ for all } m, n \in N.$$

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(d) Prove that the set $R \times R$ together with $(a, b)o(c, d) = (a+c, b+d+2bd)$ is a commutative group.

3. Prove that the set of even integers (including 0) forms a group.

Show further that the group is abelian. It also proves that it does not form a group with respect to multiplication.

4. (a) Show that the set of all rational numbers with respect to multiplication.

[It does not contain the inverse of 0.]
(b) If, in a group G , $x^2 = e$ (identity), then G is abelian.

5. Show that the set of all non-zero integers forms a group under the binary operations multiplication and division.

6. Show that the set $S = \{-1, 0, 1\}$ does not form a group under multiplication and addition.

7. Show that the set $S = \{-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3\}$ forms a group under operation addition.

8. Show that the set of positive integers forms a group under composition addition and the set of negative integers forms a group with addition and multiplication.

9. Show that the set of non-zero real numbers forms a group under multiplication. Show that this is also a field.

10. If $G = \{0\}$ be a singleton with 0 as its only element, then show that it forms a group with additive property.

11. Show that the n -th roots of unity form a group under ordinary multiplication.

[By De Moivre's theorem, $e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}} = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}}$]

Identity element is $e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}} = 1$ and inverse is $e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{n}}$.

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[B.H. 1985]

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Identity element is $e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}} = 1$ and inverse of $e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}}$ is $e^{\frac{2\pi i(n-r)}{n}}$.

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12. Prove that the set of all $m \times n$ matrices having their elements as integers (rationals, reals) is an infinite abelian group with matrix addition as composition.

13. (a) Prove that the set of all 2×2 non-singular matrices M_2 having their elements as real numbers is a non-abelian group with matrix multiplication as composition.

Show further that if some elements of M_2 be non-singular, then $\{M_2, \cdot\}$ is not a quasi-group, where \cdot denotes matrix multiplication.

(b) Show that the set M of all 2×2 matrices $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$, where a, b, c, d

are integers and $ad - bc = 1$, is a non-commutative group with respect to matrix multiplication.

14. (a) Show that the set $\{a + \sqrt{2}b : a, b \in Q\}$, where Q is the set of rational numbers, forms a group under ordinary addition as composition.

(b) On the set of integers Z , the binary operation $*$ is defined as $a * b = a + b - 2$, for all $a, b \in Z$. Show that $\langle Z, * \rangle$ is a group.

15. Show that the set

(i) $\dots, 2^{-4}, 2^{-3}, 2^{-2}, 2^{-1}, 1, 2, 2^2, 2^3, 2^4, \dots$,

forms a multiplicative group;

and (ii) $\dots, -3m, -2m, -m, 0, m, 2m, 3m, \dots$,

where m is a fixed integer, forms an additive group.

16. Show that in the first two composition tables, the underlying sets do not form groups because in the first there is no inverse of a and in the second there is no identity element; but the set of the third table forms a group with composition o .

\times	a	b	c
a	a	a	a
b	a	b	c
c	a	c	b

\cdot	a	b	c	d
a	c	d	b	a
b	a	b	c	d
c	d	c	a	b
d	b	c	a	d

o	a	b	c	d
a	b	d	a	c
b	d	c	b	a
c	a	b	c	d
d	c	a	d	b

17. Prove that the six matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } \theta = 0, \frac{2}{3}\pi, \frac{4}{3}\pi$$

form a group with respect to usual matrix multiplication.

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18. (a) Show that the set of m

$$A_\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

where α is a real number, forms

(b) Prove that the set of all

a group with respect to matrix multiplication.

(c) Show that the set of all

$a \neq 0$, forms a commutative group.

(d) Show that the set

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

forms an abelian group under multiplication.

$$(e) \text{ If } G = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} : a \text{ is any}$$

G forms a commutative group under multiplication.

(f) Let G be the set of all 2

numbers and are not zero simultaneously with respect to multiplication.

(g) Show that the set of all

group with respect to multiplication.

19. (a) Show that the set Q of all

group under the binary operation

$$a * b = a + b - a$$

(b) In the set Q of rational numbers by $a * b = a - b + a \cdot b$, where $+$, $-$, \cdot are usual operations. Show that $(Q, *)$ has no identity element.

(c) Prove that the set Z_0 respect to the composition $*$ defined

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18. (a) Show that the set of matrices

$$A_\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix},$$

where α is a real number, forms a group under matrix multiplication.

(b) Prove that the set of all real orthogonal matrices of order n forms
group with respect to matrix multiplication. [B.H. 1993]

(c) Show that the set of all real matrices of the form $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix}$, where

$a \neq 0$, forms a commutative group with respect to matrix multiplication.

(d) Show that the set

$$M = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

forms an abelian group under matrix multiplication. [T.H. 2007]

(e) If $G = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} : a \text{ is any non-zero real number} \right\}$, then show that

forms a commutative group under matrix multiplication.

(f) Let G be the set of all 2×2 matrices $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}$, where a, b are real

numbers and are not zero simultaneously. Show that G is a group with
respect to multiplication.

(g) Show that the set of all complex numbers z with $|z| = 1$ is a
group with respect to multiplication.

19. (a) Show that the set Q of all rational numbers, other than 1, forms a
group under the binary operation $*$ defined by

$$a * b = a + b - ab, a, b \in Q.$$

(b) In the set Q of rational numbers, the operation $*$ is defined
by $a * b = a - b + a * b$, where $+, -, *$ denote the usual operations in Q .
Show that $(Q, *)$ has no identity. [C.H. 1984]

(c) Prove that the set Z_0 of all odd integers forms a group with
respect to the composition $*$ defined by

$$a * b = a + b - 3, a, b \in Z_0.$$

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(d) Show that the set G of all ordered pairs (a, b) with $a \neq 0$, of rational numbers a, b is a group with operation $*$ defined by $(a, b) * (c, d) = (ac, bc + d)$. [C.H. 1990, 1996]

[Identity $= (1, 0)$ and $(a^{-1}, -ba^{-1})$ is the inverse of (a, b) .] 20. Show that the set Q of all rational numbers, other than (-1) , forms a group under the binary operation $*$ defined by $a * b = a + b + ab, a, b \in Q$.

With the same definition of the operation $*$, when $a, b \in R$, show that $(R, *)$ is a monoid, but not a quasi-group.

21. $*$ is a binary operation in Q defined by $a * b = \frac{ab}{3}, a, b \in Q$ (the set of all positive rational numbers). Show that $(Q, *)$ is a commutative group [V.H. 1987; B.H. 1995; N.B.H. 2006]

22. Show that the positive rationals do not form a group G with respect to the binary operation $*$ defined by $x * y = \frac{x}{y}, x, y \in G$.

23. (a) If, in a group (G, o) , the elements a and b of G commute, then show that (i) $a^{-1} o b^{-1} = b^{-1} o a^{-1}$, (ii) $a^{-1} o b = b o a^{-1}$.

(b) Prove that the group (G, o) is abelian, if $a, b \in G, b^{-1} o a^{-1} o b o a = i$, where i is the identity of the group.

(c) If G be a group with binary operation $*$, then show that $(a * b^{-1} * c)^{-1} = c^{-1} * b * a^{-1}$, for all $a, b, c \in G$.

(d) Prove that a group with four elements is necessarily abelian under any binary operation. [V.H. 1997]

(e) If the set $\{1, x, y\}$ forms a multiplicative group, then show that $(xy)^{-1} = xy$ and $x^3 = y^3 = 1$. [B.H. 1998]

24. Show that the set $G = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ forms a group with respect to addition modulo 4; but it does not form a group under multiplication modulo 4, as some of the elements have no inverses.

25. Show that the set $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ forms a finite abelian group under addition modulo 6.

Drop the element 0 from the set S and form the table for addition modulo 5. Verify that the set does not form a group for want of closure property.

Note. The above set is sometimes written as $S = [(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5), +_5]$.

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26. Form the operation table $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ under multiplication. Does it form a group under the operation?

Note. This set is sometimes written as $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$.

27. Show that the set $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ modulo 5 and the set $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ under multiplication modulo 7.

28. Show that the set of integers under multiplication modulo 12.

29. Show that the residue class of respect to multiplication of residue group with respect to addition of residue classes.

30. Show that the residue class of integers with respect to multiplication of residue classes.

31. Show that the set $I_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ of integers forms a group under addition of residue classes.

32. Show that, if p be a prime,

$I_p = \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$ forms an abelian group under multiplication of residue classes.

33. Show that the residue class of integers with respect to addition of residue classes.

34. Show that the non-zero residue classes of integers under multiplication of residue classes.

35. Show that the non-zero integer n do not form a group under multiplication of residue classes.

3.8. Permutations.

Permutation of a non-empty finite set onto itself (a bijective arrangement of the set of integers).

The symbol

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ a & b & c \end{pmatrix}$$

means : replace 1 by a , 2 by b , 3 by c . That is, we get a one-one mapping of the set onto itself. Such a symbol denotes permutation.

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$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ under multiplication modulo 6 and show that the set does not form a group under this operation.

Note. This set is sometimes written as $S = \{[1, 2, 3, 4, 5], \times 6\}$.

27. Show that the set $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ forms a group under addition modulo 5 and the set $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ forms an abelian group under multiplication modulo 7.

28. Show that the set of integers $\{1, 5, 7, 11\}$ forms a group under multiplication modulo 12.

29. Show that the residue classes modulo 4 do not form a group with respect to multiplication of residue classes. Show further that it forms a group with respect to addition of residue classes.

30. Show that the residue classes $\{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ modulo 8 form a group with respect to multiplication of residue classes.

31. Show that the set $I_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, (n-1)\}$ of first n non-negative integers forms a group under addition modulo n .

32. Show that, if p be a prime number, then the set

$$I_p = \{1, 2, \dots, (p-1)\}$$

forms an abelian group under multiplication modulo p .

33. Show that the residue classes modulo n form a finite group with respect to addition of residue classes.

34. Show that the non-zero residue classes modulo a prime p form a group with multiplication of residue classes.

35. Show that the non-zero residue classes modulo a composite integer n do not form a group under multiplication of residue classes.

3.8. Permutations.

Permutation of a non-empty finite set is defined to be a one-one mapping of a finite set onto itself (a bijective mapping). Let a, b, c, \dots, k be any arrangement of the set of integers $1, 2, 3, \dots, n$.

The symbol

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n \\ a & b & c & \dots & k \end{pmatrix}$$

means : replace 1 by a , 2 by b , 3 by c , etc. until finally n is replaced by k , that is, we get a one-one mapping of the finite set $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ onto itself. Such a symbol denotes permutation.

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Ex. 5. Show that the following four matrices form a group under matrix multiplication :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We see that A is a unit matrix.

Hence $AA = A$, $AB = BA = B$, $AC = CA = C$, $AD = DA = D$.

$$\text{Also } BC = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = D \text{ and } BD = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = C.$$

Similarly, $CB = D$ and $DB = C$.

Again $DC = CD = B$.

Also $BB = CC = DD = A$.

Hence we find the composition table as

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B	B	A	D	C
C	C	D	A	B
D	D	C	B	A

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We see that A is a unit matrix.

Hence $AA = A$, $AB = BA = B$, $AC = CA = C$, $AD = DA = D$.

$$\text{Also } BC = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = D \text{ and } BD = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = C.$$

Similarly, $CB = D$ and $DB = C$.

Again $DC = CD = B$.

Also $BB = CC = DD = A$.

Hence we find the composition table as

\times	A	B	C	D
A	A	B	C	D
B	B	A	D	C
C	C	D	A	B
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