

Problem statement: Is set of odd numbers with binary operations $(+)$, i.e., $(\mathbb{O}, +)$ an abelian group? If not explain the reasons with necessary notations.

Ans: No, the set of odd integers under addition, $(\mathbb{O}, +)$, is not a group (and hence not abelian) because it's not closed under $+$ and has no additive identity in \mathbb{O} .

Set and operation:

Let $\mathbb{O} = \{2k+1 \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ be the set of all odd integers, and consider the binary operation $+$ restricted to \mathbb{O} .

A group $(G, *)$ must satisfy closure, associativity, identity and inverse axioms, and it's abelian if in addition $*$ is commutative.

Failure of closure:

Take arbitrary $a, b \in \mathbb{O}$ with $a = 2m+1$ and $b = 2n+1$; then $a+b = (2m+1) + (2n+1)$
$$= 2(m+n+1)$$

which is even and thus not in \mathbb{O} , so, \mathbb{O} is not closed under $+$.

Since, closure is a required group axiom, the failure of closure alone shows $(\mathbb{O}, +)$ is not a group.

No identity element:

The additive identity for addition is 0, i.e., for all integers x , $x+0=0+x=x$.

But 0 is even, hence $0 \notin \mathbb{O}$, so, there is no $e \in \mathbb{O}$ with $a+e=a$ for all $a \in \mathbb{O}$, and thus $(\mathbb{O}, +)$ lacks an identity element.

other axioms:

Addition on integers is associative and commutative, but these properties do not reuse group structure once closure and identity fail.

Therefore, even though $+$ is associative and commutative on \mathbb{Z} , $(\mathbb{O}, +)$ can't be a group and hence can't be an abelian group.