

# Group Theory

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# Homomorphism and Isomorphism

- A mapping  $f$  from a group  $(G,*)$  into a group  $(G',*)'$  is called a **homomorphism** if,  $\forall a, b \in G$

$$f(a * b) = f(a) *' f(b) \quad //$$

- In addition, if  $f$  is one to one and onto, then  $f$  is called an **isomorphism** and  $G$  and  $G'$  are said to be isomorphic.

# Automorphism

- An isomorphism from a group  $(G,*)$  to itself is called an automorphism of this group.

$$f(a * b) = f(a) *' f(b)$$

Prove  $f(m+n) = f(m) \cdot f(n)$

## Examples

$$(G, *')$$

$$(\mathbb{I}, *)$$

addition

1. Let  $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$  which forms a group under multiplication and  $I$  be the group of all integers under addition. Prove that the mapping  $f$  from  $I$  onto  $G$  such that  $f(n) = i^n, \forall n \in I$  is a homomorphism.

$$\Rightarrow f(n) = i^n, \quad f(m) = i^m, \quad \forall m, n \in \mathbb{I}$$

$$\underline{f(m+n)} = i^{m+n} = i^m \cdot i^n$$

$$= \underline{f(m) \cdot f(n)}$$

$\therefore f$  is a homomorphism. //

# Examples

2. The group of all real numbers with addition  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$  is isomorphic to the group of +ve real numbers with multiplication  $(\mathbb{R}^+, \times)$ .

