

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, $\forall a, b \in G$

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

- 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 $\underline{(G,*)}$ to itself is called an automorphism of this group.

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

$$\text{Prove } f(m+n) = f(m) \circ f(n)$$

Examples

$$(G, *) \quad (\mathbb{Z}, +)$$

addition

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

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f(n) &= i^n, \quad f(m) = i^m, \quad \text{for } n, m \in \mathbb{Z} \\ f(m+n) &= i^{m+n} = i^m \cdot i^n \\ &= f(m) \circ f(n) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f$ is a homomorphism. //

Examples

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

