

Algebraic Structures

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• Algebraic Structure →

→ if there exists a system such that it consists of a non-empty set and one or more operations on that set, then that system is called an algebraic system. It is generally denoted by $(A, op_1, op_2 \dots op_n)$ where A is a non-empty set and $op_1, op_2 \dots op_n$ are operations on A . An algebraic system is also called an algebraic structure because the operations on set A define structure on the elements of A .

② Binary operation

Consider a non-empty set A and a function such that $f: A \times A \rightarrow A$, then f is called binary operation on A whose domain is the set of ordered pairs of elements of A.

If * is a binary operation on A, then it may be written as $a * b$.

- A binary operation can be denoted by any of the symbols $+$, $-$, $*$, \oplus , \ominus , \square , \vee , \wedge etc.

TABLES OF OPERATION

Consider a non-empty finite set $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n\}$

A binary operation * on A can be described by means of table as shown below:

*	a_1	a_2	a_3		a_n
a_1	$a_1 * a_1$	$a_1 * a_2$			
a_2	$a_2 * a_1$	$a_2 * a_2$			
a_3			$a_3 * a_3$		
a_n					$a_n * a_n$

Q. Consider the set $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and a binary operation $*$ on the set A defined by $a * b = 2a + 2b$. Represent operation $*$ as a table on A .

(2)

Ans. The table of operations is shown as below:

*	1	2	3
1	4	6	8
2	6	8	10
3	8	10	12

Properties of Binary Operations:

- Closure Property: Consider a non-empty set A and a binary operation $*$ on A . Then A is closed under the operation $*$, if $a * b \in A$, where a and b are elements of A .
- e.g. the operation of addition on the set of integers is a closed operation i.e. if $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $a+b \in \mathbb{Z} \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Q. Consider the set $A = \{-1, 0, 1\}$. Determine whether A is closed under (i) addition
(ii) multiplication.

(1) The sum of the elements is $(-1) + (-1) = -2$ and $1+1=2$ does not belong to A. Hence A is not closed under ~~multiplication~~ addition.

(2) The multiplication of every 2 elements of the set are

$$\begin{array}{lll} -1 * 0 = 0; & -1 * 1 = -1; & -1 * -1 = 1 \\ 0 * -1 = 0; & 0 * 1 = 0; & 0 * 0 = 0 \\ 1 * -1 = -1; & 1 * 0 = 0; & 1 * 1 = 1 \end{array}$$

Since each multiplication belongs to A, hence A is closed under multiplication.

Q2 Consider the set $A = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, \dots\}$, the set of odd tve integers. Determine whether A is closed under (1) addition (2) multiplication.

Ans: (1) The set A is not closed under addition because the addition of 2 odd numbers produces an even number which does not belong to A.

(2) The set A is closed under the operation multiplication because the multiplication of 2 odd nos produces an odd no. So, for every $a, b \in A$ we have $a * b \in A$.

(2) Associative property \Rightarrow Consider a non-empty set A and a binary operation $*$ on A . Then, the operation $*$ on A is associative, if for everyone $a, b, c \in A$, we have $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$

Q: Consider the binary operation $*$ on \mathbb{Q} , the set of rational numbers defined by

$$a * b = a + b - ab \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$$

Determine whether $*$ is associative.

(3) Consider the binary operation $*$ on the set N of +ve integers defined by

$$a * b = a^b$$

Determine whether $*$ is associative?

Ans: (a) $(a * b) * c = (a + b - ab) * c$

Put the value

$$= ((a + b - ab) + c - (a + b - ab)c$$

$$= a + b - ab + c - ca + ab - bc + abc$$

$$= a + b + c - ab - ac - bc + abc$$

Similarly, we have

$$a * (b * c) = (a + b + c - ab - ac - bc + abc)$$

$$\therefore (a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$$

Hence $*$ is associative.

⑥ $*$ will be associative if

$$a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c \quad \forall a, b, c \in N.$$

Take $a=2, b=2, c=3$ and consider

$$\begin{aligned} a * (b * c) &= 2 * (2 * 3) \\ &= 2 * 2^3 \\ &= 2 * 8 = 2^8 = 256 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a * b) * c &= (2 * 2) * 3 \\ &= 2^2 * 3 \\ &= 4 * 3 \\ &= 4^3 = 64 \end{aligned}$$

Hence $a * (b * c) \neq (a * b) * c$

~~Hence~~ $\therefore *$ is non-associative.

• Commutative Property \Rightarrow

Consider a non-empty set A and a binary operation $*$ on A . $*$ is commutative if for every $a, b \in A$, we have $a * b = b * a$.

Q. \circledcirc a) Consider the binary operation $*$ on Q , the set of rational numbers, defined by

$$a * b = a^2 + b^2 \quad \forall a, b \in Q$$

Determine whether $*$ is commutative? (4)

- (b) Consider $S = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $*$ be a binary operation on S defined as shown in the following table.

*	a	b	c	d
a	a	b	c	d
b	b	a	a	b
c	c	b	a	a
d	d	a	a	a

Determine (i) whether $*$ is associative?
(ii) whether $*$ is commutative?

Sol: (i) Let us assume some elements $a, b \in S$, then by definition

$$a * b = a^2 + b^2 = b^2 + a^2 = b * a$$

Hence $*$ is commutative.

(ii) (i) Let $a, b, c \in S$ and consider
 $b * (c * c) = b * a = b$
and $(b * c) * c = a * c = c$

$$b * (c * c) \neq (b * c) * c$$

Thus, $*$ is non-associative.

(ii) $b * c = a$ and $c * b = b$

$$\Rightarrow b * c \neq c * b$$

$\therefore *$ is non-commutative.

Ans - (2) Let $a, b, c \in Q$, then by defxn,
we have

$$(a * b) * c = \left(\frac{ab}{2}\right) * c \\ = \frac{\frac{ab}{2} \cdot c}{2} = \frac{abc}{4}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } a * (b * c) = a * \left(\frac{bc}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{\frac{abc}{2}}{2} = \frac{abc}{4}$$

$$\therefore a * (b * c) = a * (b * c)$$

Hence $*$ is associative.

Q. Consider the binary operation $*$ and \otimes ,
set of rational nos defined
by $a * b = \frac{ab}{2} \quad \forall a, b \in Q$

whether $*$ is (i) associative (ii)

Determine
Commutative

(i) Let $a, b \in Q$, then we have

$$a * b = \frac{ab}{2} = b * a = \frac{ba}{2}$$

$$= b * a$$

Hence $*$ is
commutative

\Rightarrow Show that $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ is a group.

Closure law: $\rightarrow a+b \in \mathbb{R} \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

\because sum of 2 real nos is a real number. So, closure law holds.

Associative law: $\rightarrow a+(b+c) = (a+b)+c$
 \therefore A.L. holds

Identity: $\rightarrow a+0 = a = 0+a$ for all $a \in \mathbb{R}$
 $\therefore 0$ is the identity element.

Inverse: $\rightarrow a * a' = a' * a = e \rightarrow$
 $a + (-a) = (-a) + a$
 $= 0$

$\therefore (-a)$ is the inverse of element.

$\therefore (\mathbb{R}, +)$ is a group.

\Rightarrow Show that $(\mathbb{Z}_6, +_{6\text{mod}})$ is a group.

$$\mathbb{Z}_6 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$5+6 \equiv 3$$

$$5+6 \equiv 4$$

$$\frac{10}{6} \xrightarrow{\text{Remainder}}$$

t_6	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	2	3	4	5	0
2	2	3	4	5	0	1
3	3	4	5	0	1	2
4	4	5	0	1	2	3
5	5	0	1	2	3	4

Closure :- Since all entries in the table are elements of Z_6 , so closure law holds.

Associative :- $a +_6 (b +_6 c) = (a +_6 b) +_6 c$
 $\forall a, b, c \in Z_6$

Identity element $\Rightarrow 0$ is the identity element

Inverse element \Rightarrow The inverse is that when combined with operation gives us identity

	0	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	0	5	4	3	2
4	4	2	0	5	3	1
1	4	3	0	2	5	1
4	3	5	0	1	4	2
4	2	1	0	3	5	4
4	1	0	3	2	5	4

$\therefore (Z_6, +_6)$
is a
group.

Q) Show that $G = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ is not a group under addition modulo 6.

$+_6$	1	2	3	4	5	<u>0</u>
1	2	3	4	5	<u>0</u>	1
2	3	4	5	<u>0</u>	1	2
3	4	5	<u>0</u>	1	2	3
4	5	<u>0</u>	1	2	3	
5	<u>0</u>	1	2	3	4	

$\therefore 0 \notin G$

, closure law does not hold

$\Rightarrow (G, +_6)$ is not a group

Q) Show that $G = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ is not a group under multiplication modulo 5.

\times_6	1	2	3	4	5	
1	1	2	3	4	5	$\therefore 0 \notin G$
2	2	4	0	2	4	\therefore closure law does
3	3	0	3	0	3	not hold
4	4	2	0	4	2	
5	5	4	3	2	1	$\Rightarrow (G, \times_6)$ is not a group.

Subgroup \rightarrow Let us consider a group $(G, *)$.
Also, let $S \subseteq G$; then $(S, *)$ is called a
subgroup if it satisfies the following conditions:

- ① The operation $*$ is closed operation on S .
- ② The operation $*$ is an associative operation.
- ③ As e is an identity element belonged to G . It must belong to the set S i.e. The identity element of $(G, *)$ must belongs to $(S, *)$.
- ④ For every element $a \in S$; a^{-1} also belongs to S .

Q - Let $(I, +)$ be a group, where I is the set of all integers and $(+)$ is an addition operation.
Determine whether the following subsets of I are subgroups of I .

The set $(G_1, +)$ of all odd integers

The set $(G_2, +)$ of all tve integers.

Ans: \rightarrow a) The set G_1 of all odd integers is not a subgroup of I . It does not satisfy the closure property, since addition of 2 odd integers is always even.

b) Closure property: \rightarrow The set G_2 is closed under the operation $+$, since addition of 2 even integers is always even.

c) Associative property: \rightarrow The operation $+$ is associative since $(a+b)+c = a+(b+c)$ for every $a, b, c \in G_2$.

④ Identity: \rightarrow The element 0 is the identity element
Hence $0 \in G_2$.

⑤ Inverse: The inverse of every element $a \in G_2$
is $-a \notin G_2$. Hence, the inverse of every
element does not exist.

Since the system $(G_2, +)$ does not satisfy
all the conditions of subgroups. Hence
 $(G_2, +)$ is not a subgroup of $(I, +)$

Abelian Group: Let us consider an algebraic system
 $(G, *)$ where $*$ is the binary operxn on
 G . Then the system $(G, *)$ is said to
be an abelian group if it satisfies
all the properties of the group plus
an additional property.

i) The operation $*$ is commutative
i.e. $a * b = b * a \quad \forall a, b \in G$

G is the set of all non-zero real numbers and $*$ is a binary operation defined by $a * b = \frac{ab}{4}$. Show that $(G, *)$ is an abelian group. (2)

Ans: Closure property: \rightarrow The set G is closed under the operation $*$. Since $a * b = \frac{ab}{4}$ is a real number. Hence belongs to G .

$$\text{Associative: } (a * b) * c = \left(\frac{ab}{4}\right) * c = \frac{(ab)c}{16} = \frac{abc}{16}$$

$$\text{Similarly } a * (b * c) = a * \left(\frac{bc}{4}\right) = \frac{a(bc)}{16} = \frac{abc}{16}$$

Identity: To find the identity element, let us assume that e is a real no. Then for $a \in G$.

$$e * a = a \Rightarrow \frac{ea}{4} = a$$

$$\text{or } e = 4$$

$$\text{Similarly, } a * e = a$$

$$\frac{ae}{4} = a \quad \text{or } e = 4$$

Thus, the identity element in G is 4 .

Inverse: Let us assume that $a \in G$. If $a^{-1} \in G$ is an inverse of a then $a * a^{-1} = 4$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{aa^{-1}}{4} = 4 \text{ or } a^{-1} = \frac{16}{a}$$

Similarly, $a^{-1} * a = 4$ gives

$$\frac{a^{-1}a}{4} = 4 \text{ or } a^{-1} = \frac{16}{a}$$

Thus, the inverse of an element a in G is $\frac{16}{a}$.

Commutative: \Rightarrow The operation $*$ on G is commutative

$$\text{Since } a * b = \frac{ab}{4} = \frac{ba}{4} = b * a$$

Thus, the algebraic system $(G, *)$ is closed, associative, has identity element has inverse and commutative. Hence the system $(G, *)$ is an abelian group.

Q: Let $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ and

Q: Let (G, \circ) be a group. Show that if (G, \circ) is an Abelian group then $(a \circ b)^2 = a^2 \circ b^2$ for all a and b in G . Let us assume that (G, \circ) is an Abelian group

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Soln: } (a \circ b)^2 &= (a \circ b) \circ (a \circ b) = a \circ (b \circ a) \circ b \quad [\because \text{associativity}] \\ &= a \circ (a \circ b) \circ b = (a \circ a) \circ (b \circ b) = a^2 \circ b^2 \\ &\text{Hence } (a \circ b)^2 = a^2 \circ b^2 \end{aligned}$$