

Proposition-① Let G be a group & $a \in G$. Then (a^{-1}) is _{unique}
Let a' and a'' be two inverses of a .

$$\therefore a * a' = e = a' * a$$

$$\text{and } a * a'' = e = a'' * a$$

Now

$$a' = a' * (e) \rightarrow \text{identity element}$$

$$= a' * (a * a'')$$

$$= (a' * a) * a'' \quad (\text{by associative law})$$

$$= e * a''$$

$$= a''$$

Hence proved

Proposition: Let, G be a group & $a, b \in G$
Then $(a * b)^{-1} = (b^{-1} * a^{-1})$

Proof: Now $(a * b) * (b^{-1} * a^{-1})$
 $= a * (b * b^{-1}) * a^{-1}$ (by Associativity)
 $= (a * e) * a^{-1}$ (e is the identity element in G under $*$)
 $= a * a^{-1}$
 $= e.$

Again $(b^{-1} * a^{-1}) * (a * b)$
 $= b^{-1} * (a^{-1} * a) * b$
 $= b^{-1} * e * b$
 $= (b^{-1} * e) * b$
 $= b^{-1} * b$
 $= e$

$\therefore (a * b)^{-1} = (b^{-1} * a^{-1})$
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Proposition: Let G be a group & $a, b \in G$
Then $a * x = b$ or $y * a = b$ has unique solution in G for the unknowns x & y

P.T.P.: (i) ~~There~~ There exists a soln in the Group
 (ii) The solution is Unique.

Proof: Let us consider $a * x = b$
 Since $a \in G$, a^{-1} exists uniquely in G .

$$\therefore a^{-1} * (a * x) = a^{-1} * b$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^{-1} * a) * x = a^{-1} * b \text{ (by Associativity)}$$

$$\Rightarrow e * x = a^{-1} * b$$

$$\Rightarrow x = (a^{-1} * b) \text{ (by Closure property)}$$

\therefore (i) is a B.O. & (ii) is unique, (b) is given

$\therefore (a^{-1} * b)$ is also unique

$\therefore x$ is unique.

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Proposition: Let G be a group and $a, b, c \in G$

Then (i) $a * b = a * c \Rightarrow b = c$ (Left Cancellation Law)

(ii) $b * a = c * a \Rightarrow b = c$ (Right Cancellation Law)

For Cancellation \rightarrow $*$ should be associative & the inverse should exist

Since $a \in G$, a^{-1} exists.

$$a^{-1} * (a * b) = a^{-1} * (a * c)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^{-1} * a) * b = (a^{-1} * a) * c$$

$$\Rightarrow e * b = e * c$$

$$\Rightarrow b = c$$

Proposition: Let G be a group & $a \in G$

Then $a * G = G$ where $a * G = \{a * g : g \in G\}$

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means (a) is operated with all elements in G

So (a) will be operated with itself also.

~~Proposition~~

R.T.P. $a * G = G \rightarrow$ Equality of 2 sets.

To prove 2 sets are equal: prove each set is a subset of the other.

Let, $p \in aG$. Then $p = ag$ for some $g \in G$

Since $a, g \in G$, $ag \in G$ (by closure property)

$\therefore p \in G$

This implies that $aG \subseteq G \rightarrow (1)$

Now let $q \in G$. Then there exists a unique x in G , s.t. $q = ax \in aG$

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Proved earlier today

This implies that $G \subseteq aG \rightarrow (2)$

From (1) & (2)

$$aG = G$$

(aG) ~~doesn't mean product of a & G~~

\rightarrow means (a) is operated with all elements in G

Finite Group → Speciality: For some m, k
 $a^m = a^k$
 $a^{m-k} = e$
 e identity element

Let G be a group & $a \in G$. Then 'a' is said to be of finite order if \exists at least one integer n such that $a^n = e$.

The smallest positive of all such n is called the order of a .

E.g. $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$ is my structure

$$i^4 = 1, i^8 = 1, i^{16} = 1$$

$$i^{-4} = 1$$

\therefore Order of $i = 4 \rightarrow$ denoted by $O(a)$

Order of $1 = 1$

Order of $-1 = 2$ [$\because (-1)^2 = 1$]

Order of $-i = 4$.

If G is finite then the group G is a finite group & the no. of elements in G is called the Order of G .

$$3 \times 3 \times 3 = 27 \quad 4 \times 3 = 12$$

Proposition

Theorem: Let G be a group and $a \in G$. Then

i) $O(a) = O(a^{-1})$

ii) if $O(a) = n$ and $a^m = e$ then n is a divisor of m .

iii) if $O(a) = n$, then $a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^{n-1}$ are all distinct.

iv) if $O(a) = n$, then $O(a^p) = \frac{n}{p}$ iff p is prime to n .

E.g. in $\{\mathbb{Z}_8, +\} \rightarrow$ Order of $3 = 8 =$ Order of 5
 Order of $2 = 4 =$ Order of 6 .

2 is inverse of 6.

$$\therefore 2 \times 6 = 2 + 6 = 8; 8 \bmod 8 = 0$$

$$O(1) = 8, O(7) = 8$$

1 & 7 are inverse of each other

identity element

v) if $O(a)$ is infinite and p is any integer then $O(a^p)$ is infinite.

$$O(3) = 8$$

$$O(5) = 8$$

$$O(3^7) = 5$$

7 is prime to 8

Proof (i) Let, $o(a) = m$.
 $\therefore a^m = e$ → identity element
 $\Rightarrow (a^m)^{-1} = e^{-1}$
 $\Rightarrow (a^{-1})^m = e \rightarrow (1)$

~~This does.~~
 $o(a)$ means smallest positive integer
 So (1) doesn't guarantee m is smallest

Let $(n \in \mathbb{N})$ & $n < m$, s.t. $a^n = e$
 $(a^{-1})^n = e$

~~From (1)~~ $a^{+m} = e$

$$a^m \cdot a^{-n} = e \cdot e$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{m-n} = e \rightarrow (2)$$

Now $(m-n) > 0 \therefore n < m$ (assumed)

We had assumed $a^m = e$

But $m-n < m$
 $\therefore o(a)$ can't be m
 So there cannot be any positive integer less than m such that $a^n = e$ which can be order of a

$\therefore (2)$ Contradicts our assumption.

Proof (ii): By division algorithm

$$m = qu + r$$

for some $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $0 \leq r < (u-1)$

$$a^m = a^{qu+r}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = (a^u)^q \cdot a^r$$

$$= e^q \cdot a^r$$

$$e = a^r$$

Take $a=2$
 $u=8$
 $e=0$
 $m=8$
 $2^u = 8$

There are 2 possibilities: $r=0$ or $r=1, \dots, (u-1)$
 r can't be any one of $\{1, 2, \dots, (u-1)\}$

u is order of a

$\therefore r$ can't be less than u

r is positive

$\therefore r=0 \rightarrow$ only possibility.

$$\therefore m = qu$$

$\therefore u$ divides m .

Proof (iii) $O(a) = u$.

Let us assume (p, q) both being less than u such that $a^p = a^q$.

$$\therefore a^{p-q} = e$$

Now if $(p > q) \therefore p - q > 0$ & $(p - q < u)$

We assumed $p \& q < u$

~~$\therefore a^{p-q} = e$~~
it contradicts

$\therefore a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^u$ are all distinct

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