



Group Theory  
Next Chapter:

# Some Points in Group Theory



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Next Topic:

# Associativity & CLASSES

# Parentheses



In propositional logic :

$$\frac{F \wedge T \wedge F}{= F \checkmark}$$

$$\frac{\text{Associative}}{(F \wedge T) \wedge F = F \wedge (T \wedge F)}$$

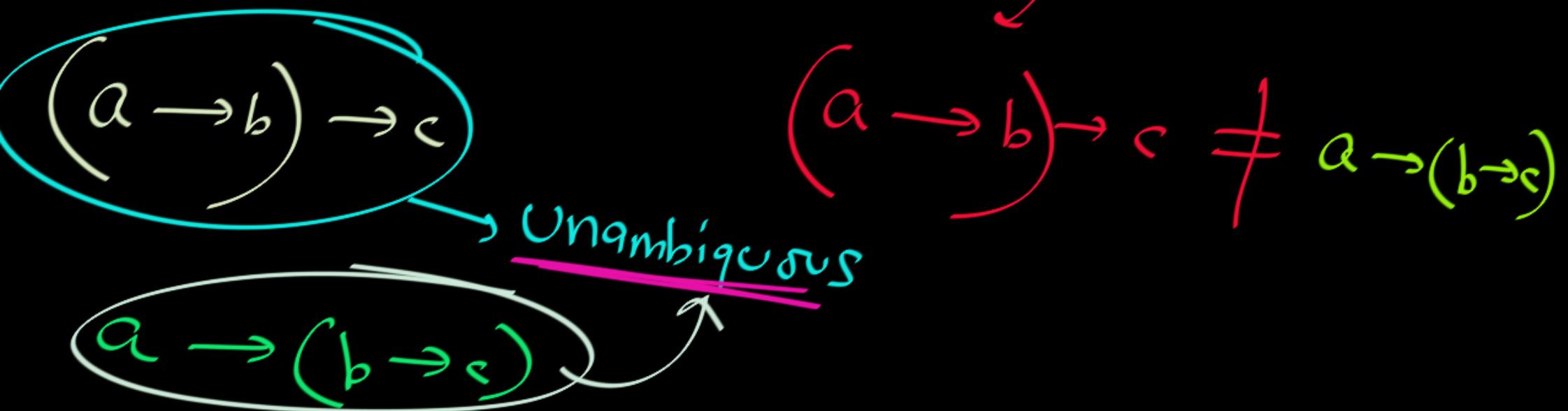
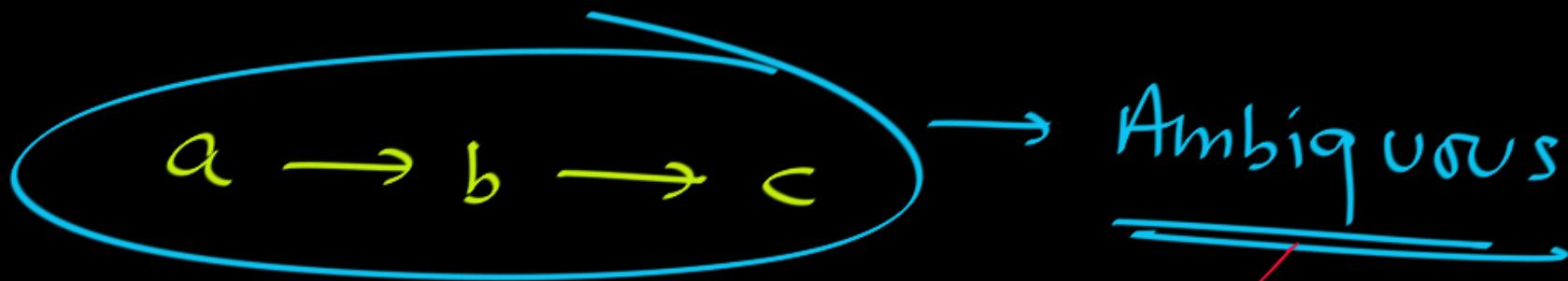
$$\frac{\frac{\frac{F \rightarrow T}{(F \rightarrow T) \rightarrow F} \rightarrow F}{F \checkmark}}{T \rightarrow F}$$

$$\frac{F \rightarrow T \rightarrow F}{\cancel{NOT Asso.}}$$

$$F \rightarrow (T \rightarrow F)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} F \rightarrow F \\ T \checkmark \end{array}$$

$\rightarrow$  is NOT Ass.





In Number theory:

Associative

$$2 + 3 + 2$$

$$= 7$$

$$(2+3)+2 =$$

1

$$2+(3+2)$$



Not Associative

$$2 - 3 - 2$$

$$(2 - 3) - 2$$

$$= -3$$

$$2 - (3 - 2)$$

$$= 1$$



$$a - b - c \xrightarrow{\text{Not Asso.}}$$

Ambiguous

$$\underline{(a - b) - c}$$

$$a - \underline{(b - c)}$$

Associative

$$2 \times 3 \times 2$$

$\swarrow$   $\searrow$

$$12$$

$$(2 \times 3) \times 2$$

$$= 2 \times (3 \times 2)$$

Power

$$2 \uparrow \quad 3 \uparrow \quad 2$$

Not  
Asso.

$$(2 \uparrow 3) \uparrow 2$$

$$= (2^3)^2 = 8^2 \\ = 64$$

$$2 \uparrow (3 \uparrow 2)$$

$$= (2)^{(3^2)}$$

$$= 2^9 = \underline{\underline{512}}$$



What properties of numbers allow us to remove parentheses from expressions?

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What properties of numbers allow us to remove parentheses from expressions?

Ans: Associativity



Asso : + , X ,  $\wedge$

$$\begin{aligned} a+b+c+d &= (a+b)+(c+d) \\ &= ((a+b)+c)+d = (a+(b+c))+d \\ &= a+[b+(c+d)] = \dots \end{aligned}$$



Asso : + , X ,  $\wedge$

$a+b+c+d$  — fine

$a-b-c-d$  — Ambiguous

$a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c$  — Ambiguous

# Q: What properties of numbers allow us to remove parentheses from expressions?



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The point is that no matter how you parenthesize  $a + b + c$ , the result is the same, so the expression without parentheses is unambiguous. Thus, it doesn't matter whether you define  $a + b + c$  to be  $(a + b) + c$  or  $a + (b + c)$ . (Note that some such definition is ultimately required, since  $+$  is originally defined only as a binary operation.)

Compare this with  $a - b - c$ : in general  $(a - b) - c \neq a - (b - c)$ , so the expression  $a - b - c$  is uninterpretable without some convention, e.g., work from left to right. When the operation is associative, no such convention is required.

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# : binary op<sup>y</sup>

Q:  
a#b#c → for

For which of the following the above expression makes sense (i.e. is unambiguous) ?

1. Groupoid
2. Semi Group
3. Monoid
4. Group

# : binary op<sup>n</sup>

Q:  
a#b#c → for

For which of the following the above expression makes sense (i.e. is unambiguous) ?

1. Groupoid → may not be associative.
2. Semi Group ✓
3. Monoid ✓ → Associative prop.
4. Group ✓



$(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  - Group

Groupoid

$(\mathbb{Z}, -)$  - Groupoid



Q:

$$(a \# a) \# a = a \# (a \# a)$$

For which of the following the above expression  
is Always True ?

- 1. Groupoid
- 2. Semi Group
- 3. Monoid
- 4. Group



# : binary op<sup>y</sup>

Q: ✓

$$(a \# a) \# a = a \# (a \# a) \quad \checkmark$$

For which of the following the above expression  
is Always True ?

1. Groupoid
2. Semi Group ✓
3. Monoid ✓
4. Group ✓

→ Associative



$(\mathbb{Z}, -)$  - Groupoid; but not Semigroup

$$\underline{a = 2}$$

$$(a - a) - a \stackrel{?}{=} a - (a - a)$$
$$-2 \neq 2$$



What properties of numbers allow us to remove parentheses from expressions?

Ans: Associativity

If operation # is associative then:

$a\#b\#c\#d$  is unambiguous expression



Next Topic:

Cayley Table =

= Operation Table =

= Multiplication Table



## 1.4 Cayley tables

A binary operation  $*$  on a *finite* set  $S$  can be displayed in the form of an array, called the *Cayley* table.



finite set

$$S = \{ \underline{a, b, c} \}$$

binary op

Header

#	a	b	c
a	$a \# a$	$a \# b$	$a \# c$
b	$b \# a$	$b \# c$	$b \# c$
c	$c \# a$	$c \# b$	$c \# c$

Row

Column



# Binary Algebraic Structure $(\{T,F\}, \wedge)$

$\wedge$	F	T
F	F	F
T	F	T

Cayley Table

$$F \wedge \text{ } = \text{ } T$$

$F^{-1} = \text{DNE}$        $DNE$



# Binary Algebraic Structure $(\{T,F\}, \vee)$

$\vee$	T	F
T	T	T
F	T	F

Multiplication Table  
Cayley Table

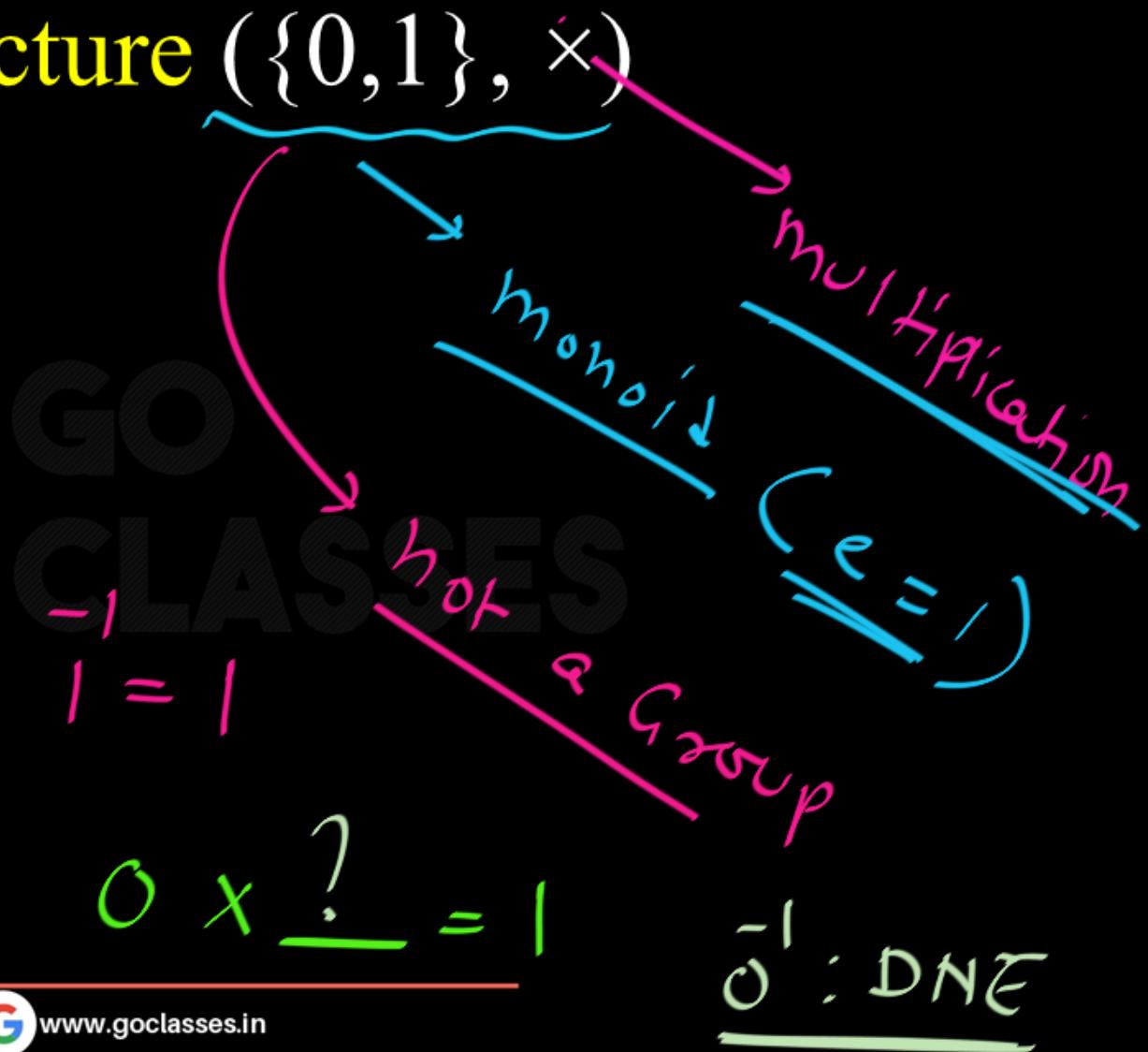
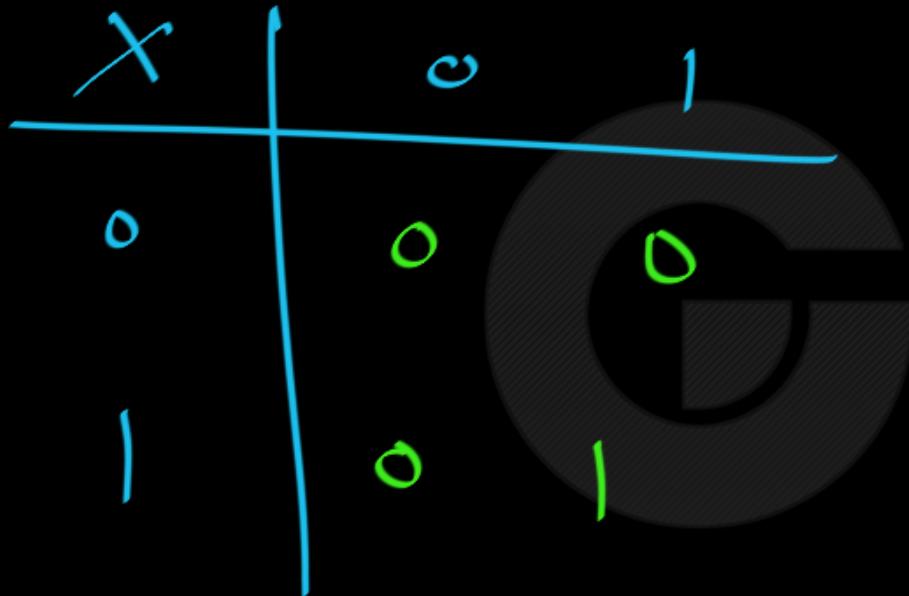
$\neg F = F$        $\neg T = DNE$

$T \vee ? = F$        $\neg T = DNE$

$\neg \neg T = T$

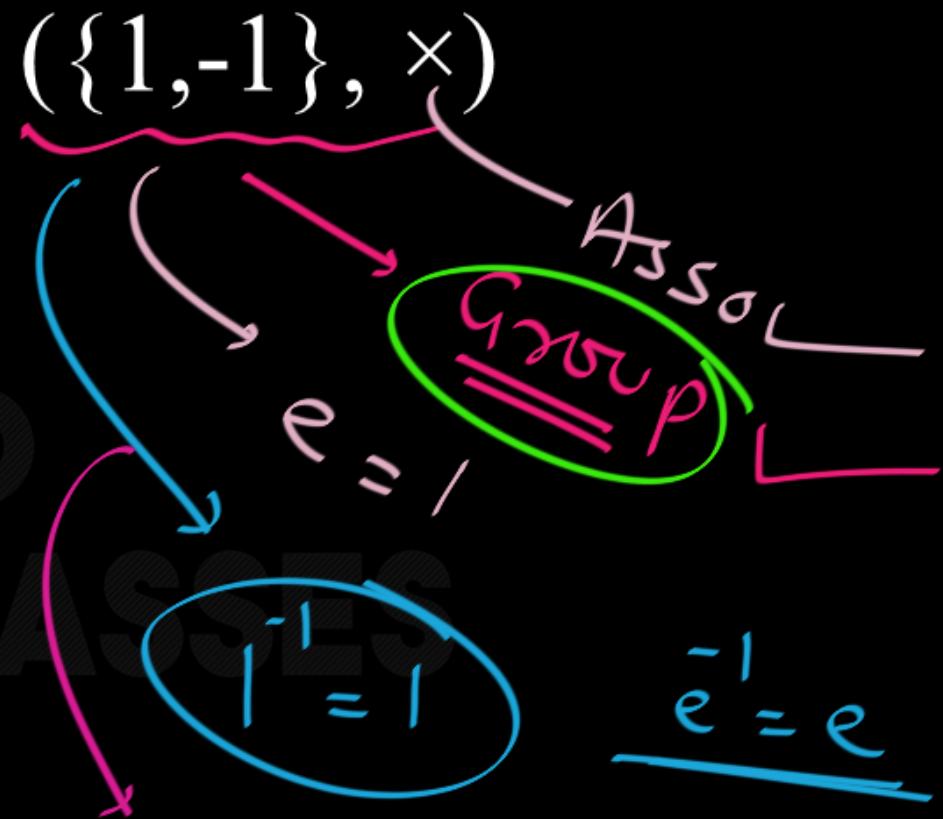


# Binary Algebraic Structure $(\{0,1\}, \times)$



Binary Algebraic Structure  $(\{1, -1\}, \times)$ 

X	-1	1
-1	1	-1
1	-1	1



$$\frac{(-1) \times (-1) = 1}{(-1)^{-1} = -1}$$



## 1.4 Cayley tables

A binary operation  $*$  on a *finite* set  $S$  can be displayed in the form of an array, called the *Cayley* table.

If  $S$  has  $n$  elements, then the Cayley table is an  $n \times n$  array, with each row and each column labelled (uniquely) by an element of  $S$ .

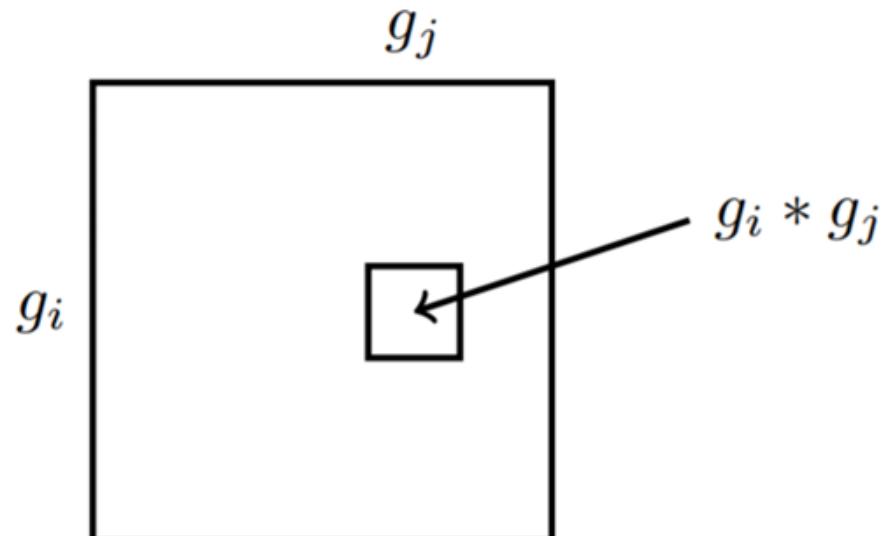
The entry of the table in row  $x$  and column  $y$  is the element  $x * y \in S$ .

Here is a simple example:  $S = \{0, 1\}$ , and  $*$  is just multiplication of numbers.

*	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1



Let  $(G, *)$  be a group where  $G = \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n\}$ . Consider the multiplication table of  $(G, *)$ .



**1.3 Remark** Sometimes a binary operation  $*$  is given by a table of the form

$*$	$\cdots$	$y$	$\cdots$
$\vdots$		$\vdots$	
$x$	$\cdots$	$x * y$	
$\vdots$		$\vdots$	

For instance, the binary operation “and” on the set  $\{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$  can be depicted as

$\wedge$	true	false
true	true	false
false	false	false

Thus,  $(\{\text{true}, \text{false}\}, \wedge)$  is a commutative monoid with identity element true.



## Cayley Tables

A (binary) operation on a finite set can be represented by a table. This is a square grid with one row and one column for each element in the set. The grid is filled in so that the element in the row belonging to  $x$  and the column belonging to  $y$  is  $x * y$ . Example:

This is a table for a binary operation on the set  $\{A, B, C, D, E, F\}$

	A	B	C	D	E	F
A	A	B	C	D	E	F
B	B	C	A	F	D	E
C	C	A	B	E	F	D
D	D	E	F	A	B	C
E	E	F	D	C	A	B
F	F	D	E	B	C	A

Notice that  $B * E = D$  while  $E * B = F$  so this operation is not commutative.



The set of complex numbers  $G = \{1, i, -1, -i\}$  under multiplication.  
The multiplication table for this group is:

*	1	$i$	-1	$-i$
1	1	$i$	-1	$-i$
$i$	$i$	-1	$-i$	1
-1	-1	$-i$	1	$i$
$-i$	$-i$	1	$i$	-1



Let  $G$  be a group with operation  $\star$  and Cayley table given below.

Find:

$$b \star d = ?$$

$$d \star b = ?$$

$$b \star b \star a \star b \star c = ?$$

$$b \star b \star b \star b = ?$$

$$e \star e \star e \star e = ?$$

$\star$	e	a	b	c	d	f
e	e	a	b	c	d	f
a	a	e	d	f	b	c
b	b	f	c	e	a	d
c	c	d	e	b	f	a
d	d	c	f	a	e	b
f	f	b	a	d	a	e

Let  $G$  be a group with operation  $\star$  and Cayley table given below.

Find:

$$\underline{b \star d} = ? = \alpha$$

$$\underline{d b} = ? = f$$

$$\underline{b b a b c} = ?$$

$$\underline{b b b b} = ?$$

$$\underline{e e e e} = ?$$

Group op<sup>n</sup>

Associative

$\star$	e	a	b	c	d	f
e	e	a	b	c	d	f
a	a	e	d	f	b	c
b	b	f	c	e	a	d
c	c	d	e	b	f	a
d	d	c	f	a	e	b
f	f	b	a	d	a	e

$b \star d = \alpha$

$\underline{d b} = (\underline{d \star b}) = d \cdot b$

$\downarrow \star b = f$

$a b c$  — fine because  $*$  is unambiguous

$$(ab)c = a(bc)$$

$$abc = \underline{\underline{a * b * c}} = (a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$$



Let  $G$  be a group with operation  $\star$  and Cayley table given below.

Find:

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$$d \star b = ?$$

$$b \star b \star a \star b \star c = ?$$

$$b \star b \star b = ?$$

$$e \star e \star e = ?$$

$\star$	e	a	b	c	d	f
e	e	a	b	c	d	f
a	a	e	d	f	b	c
b	b	f	c	e	a	d
c	c	d	e	b	f	a
d	d	c	f	a	e	b
f	f	b	a	d	a	e

Handwritten notes from the right side of the slide:

- $a \star b \star c = a$  (with a large oval around  $a \star b \star c$  and an arrow pointing to  $a$ )
- $a \star b \star c = a$  (with arrows pointing from  $a$  to  $a$  and from  $b \star c$  to  $c$ )
- $(a \star b) \star c = a \star c$  (with arrows pointing from  $a \star b$  to  $a$  and from  $b$  to  $c$ )
- $a \star (b \star c) = a$  (with arrows pointing from  $a$  to  $a$  and from  $b \star c$  to  $c$ )
- $a \star e = a$  (with an arrow pointing from  $a$  to  $a$ )



Let  $G$  be a group with operation  $\star$  and Cayley table given below.

Find:

$$b \star d = ?$$

$$d b = ?$$

$$\underline{b b a b c} = ? = a$$

$$\underline{b b b b} = ?$$

$$e e e e = ?$$

$$f \star c \leftarrow$$

$\star$	e	a	b	c	d	f
e	e	a	b	c	d	f
a	a	e	d	f	b	c
b	b	f	c	e	a	d
c	c	d	e	b	f	a
d	d	c	f	a	e	b
f	f	b	a	d	a	e

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \cancel{\underline{b b a b c}} \\
 &= \cancel{\underline{b \star b + a + b \star c}} \\
 & \cancel{\underline{c \star a + b + c}} \\
 & \cancel{\underline{d \star b \star c}} = \\
 & f \star c = a
 \end{aligned}$$



Let  $G$  be a group with operation  $\star$  and Cayley table given below.

Find:

$$b \star d = ?$$

$$d \star b = ?$$

$$b \star b \star a \star b \star c = ?$$

$$\underline{b \star b \star b} = ? = b$$

$$\underline{e \star e \star e} = ? = e$$

$\star$	e	a	b	c	d	f
e	e	a	b	c	d	f
a	a	e	d	f	b	c
b	b	f	c	e	a	d
c	c	d	e	b	f	a
d	d	c	f	a	e	b
f	f	b	a	d	a	e

$\begin{array}{l} \cancel{b} \cancel{b} \cancel{b} \cancel{b} \\ \cancel{c} \cancel{b} \cancel{b} \\ e \star b = b \end{array}$ 
  
 $\begin{array}{l} \cancel{e} \cancel{e} \cancel{e} \\ \cancel{e} \cancel{e} \\ e \star b = e_b \end{array}$

Group  $(G, \#)$   $\xrightarrow{\text{Asso}}$

$a b$  means  $a \# b$

$$\underbrace{abc}_{\downarrow} = (ab)c = a(bc)$$

fine because  $\#$  is Asso.