

MATH2022

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1 Week1

1.1 Arithmetics

- Addition
Operations Used: $+$, \times
Limits: $-$, $/$
- Integers
Operations Used: $+$, \times , $-$
Limits: $/$
- The Rational Numbers
 $\mathbb{Q} = \{\frac{p}{q} \mid p, q \in \mathbb{Z}, q \neq 0\}$
Operations Used: $+$, $-$, \times , $/$
Limits:
- The Real Numbers
Operations Used: $+$, $-$, \times , $/$
Limits: $i = \sqrt{-1}$
- The Complex Number
 $\mathbb{C} = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ where } i = \sqrt{-1}\}$ Operations Used: $+$, $-$, \times , $/$
Limits:
- Modular Arithmetic
Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}^*$ and let Z_n be the set of remainders after dividing by n .
So $Z_n = \{0, 1, 2, 3 \dots n - 1\}$

1.2 Fields

A **field** $(F, +, \cdot)$ is a set F equipped with two operations: addition $(+)$ and multiplication (\cdot) , satisfying the following axioms:

1. *Closure under Addition and Multiplication*

$$\forall a, b \in F, \quad a + b \in F$$

$$\forall a, b \in F, \quad a \cdot b \in F$$

2. *Associativity of Addition and Multiplication*

$$\begin{aligned}\forall a, b, c \in F, \quad (a + b) + c &= a + (b + c) \\ \forall a, b, c \in F, \quad (a \cdot b) \cdot c &= a \cdot (b \cdot c)\end{aligned}$$

3. *Commutativity of Addition and Multiplication*

$$\begin{aligned}\forall a, b \in F, \quad a + b &= b + a \\ \forall a, b \in F, \quad a \cdot b &= b \cdot a\end{aligned}$$

4. *Identity Elements*

$$\begin{aligned}\exists 0 \in F \text{ such that } \forall a \in F, \quad a + 0 &= a \\ \exists 1 \in F \text{ with } 1 \neq 0, \text{ such that } \forall a \in F, \quad a \cdot 1 &= a\end{aligned}$$

5. *Additive and Multiplicative Inverses*

$$\begin{aligned}\forall a \in F, \quad \exists -a \in F \text{ such that } a + (-a) &= 0 \\ \forall a \in F \text{ with } a \neq 0, \quad \exists a^{-1} \in F \text{ such that } a \cdot a^{-1} &= 1\end{aligned}$$

6. *Distributivity of Multiplication over Addition*

$$\forall a, b, c \in F, \quad a \cdot (b + c) = (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c)$$

1.3 Group Definition

A **group** $(G, *)$ is a set G together with a binary operation $*$ that combines any two elements a and b to form another element $a * b$. The binary operation satisfies the following four properties:

1. *Closure*: For every $a, b \in G$, the result of the operation $a * b$ is also in G .

$$\forall a, b \in G, \quad a * b \in G$$

2. *Associativity*: For every $a, b, \text{ and } c \in G$, the equation $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$ holds.

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

3. *Identity Element*: There exists an element $e \in G$, called the identity element, such that for every element $a \in G$, the equation $e * a = a * e = a$ holds.

$$\exists e \in G \text{ such that } \forall a \in G, \quad e * a = a * e = a$$

4. *Inverse Element*: For each $a \in G$, there exists an element $b \in G$ such that $a * b = b * a = e$, where e is the identity element.

$$\forall a \in G, \quad \exists b \in G \text{ such that } a * b = b * a = e$$

A group is called **abelian** (or **commutative**) if, in addition, the binary operation is commutative, that is, $a * b = b * a$ for all $a, b \in G$.

Notes:

1. As in the case of fields, the identity element and the inverse can be shown to be unique.
2. Our notation might imply that this operation is multiplication, but it could just as easily be addition or another operation.

1.4 Cyclic Groups

A **cyclic group** G is a special type of group that can be entirely generated by a single element $g \in G$. This element g is called a generator of the group. The main characteristic that distinguishes cyclic groups from general groups is the ability to generate all elements of the group by repeatedly applying the group operation to the generator.

1. *Generator*

$$\begin{aligned} \exists g \in G \text{ such that } G &= \{g^n | n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \text{ (for multiplicative groups)} \\ \text{or } G &= \{ng | n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \text{ (for additive groups)} \end{aligned}$$

2. *Uniqueness*

Every element of G can be uniquely expressed as g^n for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

The cyclic nature of G implies that it possesses a structure that can be systematically described by the powers (or multiples) of a single element, making cyclic groups particularly simple to understand and work with.

1.5 Symmetric Groups

A **symmetric group** S_n on a set of n symbols is the group consisting of all possible permutations of these symbols, with group operation being the composition of these permutations. The symmetric group on n symbols is denoted as S_n and plays a crucial role in various areas of mathematics due to its fundamental nature in the study of permutations.

1. *Permutations*

Symmetric groups encapsulate the concept of permutation within mathematics, making them integral to the study of combinatorial structures and group theory.