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ABSTRACT ALGEBRA

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ABSTRACT ALGEBRA

element of the set have in common.

* Basic set theory: Relation, functions (mapping) The set is then described as follows -

* Number theory: binary operations, algebraic structures. $\therefore A = \{x : P(x)\}$ or $A = \{x | P(x)\}$. The set $B = \{x : x = n^2\}$ when n is a

* Groups and rings: binary logic, method of proof, natural number less than or equal to 6

BASIC CONCEPT

SET THEORY

$$B = \{1, 2, 4, 6\} \text{ or } B = \{1^2, 2^2, 4^2, 6^2\}$$

A set is any well-defined collection of

FINITE AND INFINITE SET

objects called the elements or members of the set. A set S is said to be finite, if the process of listing the elements terminates.

E.g. The collection of all students of FUNAAB that take MTS 211 is a set because otherwise S is said to be infinite.

It is easy to identify members of the collection.

NULL OR EMPTY SET: A set which does not have any element is called a null or an empty set is denoted by \emptyset .

REPRESENTATION OF A SET

There are basically two ways of representing sets. They are:

SUBSET: Let A be a set. A set B is called a subset of set A , if every element in B is also found in A .

• Roaster Method

NUMBER OF SUBSET OF A SET

ROASTER METHOD

In this method all the elements of set are listed with a comma separating one element from the other. This elements are enclosed in brace or bracket.

If a set A contains n number of elements, then the number of subsets of A is 2^n .

RULE METHOD: In this method, a set is defined by specifying a property by that

EQUAL SET: Two sets are said to be

equal if every element in A also in

INDEXED AND INDEX

B and every element in B is also in A. Sometimes, the elements of one set. To show that two set A and B are equal, we pick an arbitrary element of A and show that the element is also in A. are used to label the element of another set. Let A_i be a non-empty set for each i in a set I.

in A.

$$I = \text{set } \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$$

CARDINAL NUMBER OF A SET

Then the set $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$ are

The cardinal number of set A is the number of element in set A denoted by $|A|$ or $n(A)$. called indexed set while the set I is called the index. The suffix i in A_i is called an index. Such a family of set

Ex. 1. Find the number of integers in the set $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 60\}$ that are not divisible by 2 nor 3 nor 5.

REMARK: The notions of union and intersection can be extended to

If element of a set are themselves set, arbitrary indexed family of set.

then such a set is said to be a collection ARBITRARY UNION OF SET

or class of set of family of set. If we wish to consider some of the set in a given class of set then we speak of or sub-class or a sub-collection.

Let $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$ be an indexed family of set A_i , denoted by $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$ is the set of element that belong to at least one A_i .

POWER SET OF A SET

If S is any non-empty set, then the family of all subset of S is called the power set of S. It's denoted $P(S)$

ARBITRARY INTERSECTION OF SET

The arbitrary intersection of the set

is denoted by $\bigcap A_i$ it is set of element

that belong to all A_i . An indexed

family of set is said to be disjoint if

$$\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i = \emptyset$$

CARTESIAN PRODUCT OF SET

Let A and B be two sets. The cartesian product of A with B denoted by $A \times B$

is the set of all ordered pairs $\{a, b\}$ where small a belong to A $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.

Ex. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{4, 5\}$. Find $A \times B$ and $B \times A$

SOLUTION

$$A \times B = \{(1, 4), (1, 5), (2, 4), (2, 5), (3, 4), (3, 5)\}$$

$$B \times A = \{(4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3), (5, 1), (5, 2), (5, 3)\}$$

Note the following.

i) The element of $A + B$ are ordered pairs

ii) The ordered pair (a, b) is not the same as the set $\{a, b\}$.

iii) Two ordered pair (a, b) and (c, d) are

equal if and only if $a = c$ and $b = d$
partition of a set.

Let A be a non empty set. A collection of non empty subset A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n is called a partition of the set A if:

i) A equals the $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$

ii) $A_i \cap A_j$ is empty if $i \neq j$

Ex. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, then the collection $B = \{(1, 2), (3), (4)\}$ is a partition of the set A.

ASSIGNMENT

Obtain other partitions of set A above.

Equivalent set two sets A and B are said to be equivalent if there is a one to one (1-1) correspondence between their elements. This is also expressed by saying that

A is equipotent to B.

Ex. Let $A = \{a, e, i, o, u\}$.

Ex. $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$.

Then set A is equivalent to set B. This

is so because there is a (1-1) correspondence between element of A and element of B

$a \leftrightarrow 1, e \leftrightarrow 2, i \leftrightarrow 3, o \leftrightarrow 4$

$u \leftrightarrow 5$

COUNTABLY INFINITE SET

An infinite set A is said to be countable. Recall that the set $\mathbb{Z} = \{-\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ is called the set of integers. Let a and b be 2 integers with $a \neq 0$. We say that a divides b or b is divisible by a or a is a divisor of b or a is a factor of b or b is a multiple of a if $b = qa$, if $b = q^2$ for some $q \in \mathbb{Z}$.

COUNTABLE SET

A set A is said to be countable if it is either empty, finite or countably infinite. Otherwise the set is said to be uncountable.

THE INTEGERS

The statement (a divides b) is written as $a|b$. If a does not divide b , we write this as $a \nmid b$.

Example:

1. 66 is divisible by 11 since $66 = 11 \times 6$
2. 16 is a divisor of 128 because $128 = 16 \times 8$
3. 0 is divisible by every integer because $0 = b \times 0$ for every integer b .

N.B! If a divides b , then $-a$ also divides b because $b = a \times q = b = (-a) \times (-q)$. It is therefore sufficient if we consider positive divisor of integers only.

THEOREM

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$

If a/b and $b \neq 0$, then $|a| \leq |b|$.

If a/b and a/c , then $a/b+c \leq a/b-c$

If a/b , then for every x , we have
that $a/b+x$

3. If a/b and b/c , then a/c

If a/b and b/c , then for any integers x and y , we've that $a/bx+cy$. The expression $bx+cy$ is called a linear combination of b & c .

PRIMES

Every positive integer greater than 1, by at least two integers i.e 1 and \mathbb{Z} . A

positive integer $p > 1$ is called prime if it has only positive integers that divide it.

Prime P and 1. If a positive integer n and x such that $a = bx+r$ where $0 \leq r < b$.

$n > 1$ is not prime, then n is said to

be composite.

Ex: The integers 2, 3, 5, 7 and 11 are prime whereas the integers 4, 9, 10 and 21 are composite.

REMARK:

1. The integer 2 is the only even number

that is prime number.

2. An even number is an integer n

which can be expressed as $n = 2q$ for some integer q .

3. An odd number m is an integer

which can be expressed as $m = 2q+1$ for some integer q .

4. The integer 1 has a special status. It is neither prime nor complete

5. Let a and b be any two integers with $b > 0$

EUCLID'S

DIVISION THEOREM OR DIVISION ALGORITHM

Let a and b be any two integers with $b > 0$ then there exist unique integer q

and r such that $a = bq+r$ where $0 \leq r < b$.

REMARK.

1. The theorem above comes the basis of the usual arithmetic process of long division number.

and it is one most important theory.

2. In the expression $a = bq+r$, bq is

largest multiple of b which does not

exceed a , and r is called the least remainder of a when divided by b . The number q is called the quotient. If $r=0$, the highest common factor (H.C.F.).

then, $a = bq$, hence q is a multiple of Example:

1. The g.c.d of 12 and 16 is 4

2. The integers 21 and 85 are relatively prime.

Let $a = 23$ and $b = 5$. Then $23 = 5 \times 4 + 3$ prime.

where $0 < 3 < 5$.

Greatest Common Divisor (g.c.d)

Let a and b be integers. An integer d not equal to 0 is called a common divisor of a and b if $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$.

An integer d is called the greatest common divisor (g.c.d) of a and b if

i) d is a common divisor of a and b

ii) c is an integer such that c divides a and $c \mid b$

iii) c divides b , then c must divide d .

REMARK

The greatest common divisor of a and b is denoted by (a, b) .

If the g.c.d of a and b is 1, then the integers a and b are said to be relatively prime or co-prime i.e., a and b are

Find the g.c.d of 2598 and 1124 by the use of the Euclid's algorithm

$2598 = 1124(2) + 350$

$1124 = 350(3) + 74$

$350 = 74(4) + 54$

$74 = 54(1) + 20$

$54 = 20(2) + 14$

$20 = 14(1) + 6$

$14 = 6(2) + 2$

$6 = 2(3) + 0$

When we get to remainder 0, then

the last remainder before 0 in the

algorithm is required g.c.d. In this

case the required g.c.d is 2.

REMARK

Having obtained the g.c.d, d , of two integers $a \nmid b$, we can write d as a linear combination of a and b i.e., we can find two integers s and t :

$$d = as + bt$$

Ex. Find the g.c.d of 595 and 252

using the Euclid's division algorithm and express it in the form $252s + 595t$

SOLUTION

$$595 = 252(2) + 91$$

$$252 = 91(2) + 70$$

$$91 = 70(1) + 21$$

$$70 = 21(3) + 7$$

$$21 = 7(3) + 0$$

$$\text{g.c.d} = 7$$

$$7 = 70 - 3(21)$$

Let us find the integers s and t such that $7 = 252s + 595t$

~~$$7 = 70 - 3(21)$$~~

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$$21 = 91 - 70(1)$$

$$70 = 252 - 91(2)$$

$$7 = 70 - 21(3)$$

$$= 70 - (91 - 70(1))3$$

$$= 70 - 3(91) + 3(70)$$

$$= 4(70) + 3(91)$$

$$= 4(252 - 91(2)) - 3(91)$$

$$= 4(252) - 8(91) - 3(91)$$

$$= 4(252) - 11(91)$$

$$= 4(252) - 11(595 - 252(2))$$

$$= 4(252) - 11(595) + 22(252)$$

$$= 4(252) + 22(252) - 11(595)$$

$$7 = 26(252) - 11(595)$$

Compare to $7 = 252(s) + 595t$

$$s = 26 \quad \text{and} \quad t = -11$$

$$7 = 252(s) + 595(t)$$

$$= 252(26) + 595(-11)$$

N.B

1. If the g.c.d of a and b is 1, then

$as + bt = 1$, conversely if $as + bt = 1$

then g.c.d of $a \nmid b = 1$. Hence, a

necessary and sufficient condition for the

g.c.d of $a \nmid b = 1$ is the existence of

integers s and t such that $as + bt = 1$

BASIC PROPERTIES OF G.C.D

1. If $c \mid ab$ and the g.c.d of $a \nmid c = 1$, then c divides b , $b \mid c$.

2. If the g.c.d of $a \nmid c$ is 1 and g.c.d is 1, then $(a, bc) = 1$.

3. I.e if $a, b = 1, a, c = 1$ then $a, bc = 1$

4. Let k be any integer and a, b be integers where at least one of a and $b \neq 0$ (k_a, k_b)

$|k(a, b)|$

5. If $(a, b) = d$, then $(a/d), (b/d) = 1$

Ex. Find the nos of \mathbb{Z} in the set

$(1, 2, 3, \dots, 60)$ that are not divisible by 2 nor 3 nor 5.

SOLUTION.

Let A denote nos divisible by 2.

B denotes nos divisible by 3

C " " " "

$$|A| = \left(\frac{60}{2}\right) = 30, |B| = \left(\frac{60}{3}\right) = 20, |C| = \frac{60}{5} =$$

$$|A \cap B| = \frac{60}{2 \times 3} = \frac{60}{6} = 10$$

$$|A \cap C| = \frac{60}{2 \times 5} = 6$$

$$|B \cap C| = \frac{60}{3 \times 5} = 4$$

$$|A \cap B \cap C| = \frac{60}{2 \times 3 \times 5} = 2$$

$$|A' \cap B' \cap C'| = 60 - (A \cup B \cup C) + [(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C)]$$

- $A \cap B \cap C$

$$= 60 - (30 + 20 + 10) + (10 + 6 + 4) - 2$$

$$= 60 - 62 + 20 - 2$$

$$= 16$$

also common multiple of 2, 3, 6 & 9 the smallest 16 numbers are not divisible by 2, 3 or 5

among them is 18; 18 is the L.C.M

UNIQUE

FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM OF ARITHMETIC.

Every positive integer, $n > 1$ can be expressed as a product of primes. Furthermore, apart from the order of appearance of one prime factors are unique.

Ex: Use prime factorization to find the

L.C.M of 119 and 272.

$$272 = 2^4 \times 17^1 \times 7^0$$

$$119 = 2^0 \times 17^0 \times 7^1$$

$$(119, 272) = 2^{\max(0,0)} \times 17^{\max(0,1)} \times 7^{\max(0,1)}$$

$$= 2^4 \times 17^1 \times 7^1$$

$$= 1904$$

Ex: The prime factorization of 81 is:

$$81 = 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 3^4$$

The prime factorization of 100 is:

$$100 = 2^2 \times 5^2$$

Ex: Use prime factorisation to find one G.C.D of 12 and 30.

SOLUTION

$$30 = 2^1 \times 3^1 \times 5^1$$

$$12 = 2 \times 2 \times 3^1$$

$$2 \times 3 \times 5$$

$$2^2 \times 3^1 \times 5^0$$

∴ the G.C.D (12 and 30)

$$2^{\min(2,1)} \times 3^{\min(1,1)} \times 5^{\min(1,0)}$$

$$= 2^1 \times 3^1 \times 5^0$$

$$= 6$$

N.B: All primes occurring in the prime factorization of " a " and " b " are to included in both factorization with zero exponents if necessary.

CONGRUENCES

If " a " and " b " are integers and " m " is a positive integer, then " a " is said to be congruent to " b " modulo m if $\frac{a-b}{m}$ is an integer.

Symbolically, " b " is expressed as $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$.

Expression 1 is called the congruence, " m " is called the modulo of the congruence and " b " is called a residue of $a \pmod{m}$.

If " m " does not divide $a-b$, then " a " and " b " are said to be incongruent mod m . This is written as; $a \not\equiv b \pmod{m}$.

Ex: $83 \equiv 13 \pmod{5}$ because $83 - 13 = 70$

which is divisible by 7, so 13 is the residue and 5 is the modulus of the congruence.

Ex: $3 \equiv -5 \pmod{4}$ because $3 - (-5) = 8$ is divisible by 4.

Ex: $25 \not\equiv 3 \pmod{5}$ because 25-3=22 is not divisible by 5.

REMARK: It is often useful to formulate the congruence as follows.

$a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ iff $a-b = -mx+k$ where k

Ex: Since $3 \equiv 5 \pmod{4}$ and $2 \nmid 5$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{It follows from (4) above that } 24 &= 3+21 \equiv -5+1 \pmod{4} \\ &\equiv -4 \pmod{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } 63 &= 3 \times 21 \equiv -5 \times 1 \pmod{4} \\ &\equiv -5 \pmod{4} \text{ by eqn(6)} \end{aligned}$$

DIVISION IN CONGRUENCES

Although, we can divide both sides of equation by an integer, this is not true for congruences. For ex: We cannot divide both sides of $30 \equiv 2 \pmod{15}$ by 2.

1. $a \equiv a \pmod{m}$.

2. $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, then $b \equiv a \pmod{m}$

3. $a \equiv b$ & $b \equiv c \pmod{m}$, then $a \equiv c \pmod{m}$ by the common factor 2 because 15 is not congruent to $(1 \pmod{4})$.

CONGRUENT ARITHMETIC.
Let $a \not\equiv b \pmod{m}$ and let c be any integer, then

1. $a+c \equiv b+c \pmod{m}$.

2. $a-c \equiv b-c \pmod{m}$

3. $a \times c \equiv b \times c \pmod{m}$.

If a, b, c and d are integers such that $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$ then $a+c \equiv b+d \pmod{m}$.
 $a-c \equiv b-d \pmod{m}$.

4. $a \times c \equiv b \times d \pmod{m}$.

5. $a^c \equiv b^d \pmod{m}$.

6. $a^c \equiv b^d \pmod{m}$.

More care is needed in dividing a congruence through by a common integer.

RESIDUE CLASSES

Let x be an integer and let $m \geq 0$. The set of all integers congruent to

$x \pmod{m}$ is called the residue class of x . It's denoted by (x) i.e $(x) = \{a \in \mathbb{Z} : a \text{ is congruent to } x \pmod{m}\}$.

The residue classes $\pmod{4}$ are $(0), (1), (2), \dots, (m-1)$.

$\equiv \rightarrow$ congruent to

ARITHMETIC OF RESIDUE CLASSES

Addition & multiplication are defined

for residue classes $(\text{mod } m)$ as follows:

$$(a) + (b) = (a+b) \text{ and}$$

$$(a) \cdot (b) = (a \cdot b)$$

Ex: Consider the residue classes $(\text{mod } 4)$

i.e. $(0), (1), (2), (3)$. Then their addition is as follows:

$$(0+1) = 1$$

$$(0+2) = 2$$

$$(0+3) = 3$$

$$(1+1) = 2$$

$$(1+2) = 3$$

$$(1+3) = 0$$

$$(2+2) = 0$$

$$(2+3) = 1$$

REMARK: when m is small, we can easily write down their addition and multiplication tables.

The foll. shows addition and multiplication table residue classes $(\text{mod } 4)$

+	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	3	0
2	2	3	0	1
3	3	0	1	2

x	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3
2	0	2	0	2
3	0	3	2	1

Integers modulo n

The integers modulo n denoted by \mathbb{Z}_n reflects to the set $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$:

where addition & multiplication are defined by the arithmetic modulo n or, in other words, the corresponding operations for the residue classes.

Ex: The tables above may be viewed as the addition and multiplication tables for \mathbb{Z}_4 . This means that there is no essential difference between the arithmetic of \mathbb{Z}_n

SOLUTIONS OF CONGRUENCES

A polynomial congruence of degree n

is an expression of the form $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 \equiv 0$

(modulo n) if a_n is not congruent to 0 modulo n .

$$21 \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$$

Any value of x which satisfies the congruence is called its solution.

REMARK

If an integer u is a solution of $f(x) \equiv 0$ then multiply eqn(i) by b to get modulo n and $v = u \pmod{n}$, then v is also a solution of the congruence.

LINEAR CONGRUENCE

* An expression of a form: $ax \equiv b \pmod{n}$; Ex: Solve the congruence $290x \equiv 5 \pmod{357}$ where a is not congruent to $0 \pmod{m}$

is called Linear congruence modulo n . Any value for x which satisfies above is called a solution of the congruence.

Ex: Consider the congruence $3x \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ and t such that $290s + 357t = 1$ if we put $x = 7$, we find that $3 \times 7 \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ with the help of reversing the procedure mod 8 is true. Hence $x = 7$ is a solut of long division we obtain $s = -16$ and $t = 13$. Therefore $290(-16) + 357(13) \equiv 1 \pmod{357}$ mod 8 are also solutions.

The standard practice of writing the solution is $x \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ because 7 belongs to the set of least residues mod 8.

Guide I to solving linear congruences

1. Let $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ be a linear congruence of a and m is not equal to 1. Suppose vdr. $a \equiv a \pmod{m}$.

If the g.c.d is 1, then solve the congruence $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ as follow
find s and t such that $as + mt = 1$

then $x = sb$ is a solution. If sb is we obtain the least positive solution

SOLUTION

this solution is obtained by finding

Ex: Consider the congruence $3x \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ and t such that $290s + 357t = 1$ if we put $x = 7$, we find that $3 \times 7 \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ with the help of reversing the procedure mod 8 is true. Hence $x = 7$ is a solut of long division we obtain $s = -16$ and $t = 13$. Therefore $290(-16) + 357(13) \equiv 1 \pmod{357}$ multiply by 5 to get $290(-80) + 357(65) = 5$. Hence $s = -80$ is a solution

that is, $s \equiv -80 \pmod{357}$

$\therefore s \equiv 277 \pmod{357}$

GUIDE II to solving Linear Congruen

Let $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$. If the g.c.d

the g.c.d is d and that d divides b .

1/b

b, then we first divide the congruence through by d to get the simplest form $a_1x \equiv b_1 \pmod{m_1}$. In this new form, the g.c.d of a_1 and m_1 is 1 then we proceed as in case of guide I.

v.B: There will be d number of solution.

After getting the first solution x_0 , the other solutions are obtained as follows:

$$x_0 + 1(m/d), x_0 + 2(m/d), \dots, x_0 + d-1(m/d)$$

Ex! Solve the congruence $345x \equiv 15 \pmod{912}$

RELATIONS

relation R , it is denoted by $\text{Ran}(R)$

Let A and B be two non-empty sets.

Ex. Let $A = \{2, 3, 4\}$, $B = \{3, 4, 5\}$.

relation from A to B is a subset of the cartesian product $A \times B$. Suppose that r is a relation from A to B , then r is a set of ordered pairs (a, b) ; where $a \in A$

the relation given by $a R b$ if $a < b$

cartesian product $A \times B$. Suppose that r is a relation from A to B , then r is a set of ordered pairs (a, b) ; where $a \in A$

$A \times B = \{(2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (3, 3), (3, 4), (3, 5), (4, 3), (4, 4)\}$

$r = \{(2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (3, 4), (3, 5), (4, 5)\}$

$b \in B$. Every such ordered pair is written as $a R b$ and read as "a is related to b".

$\text{Dom}(r) = \{2, 3, 4\}$

$\text{Ran}(r) = \{3, 4, 5\}$

Recall that the cartesian product $A \times B$ is INVERSE RELATION

equal to $\{(x, y) : x \in A, y \in B\}$. Let r be a relation for $A - B$. The inverse

$= (1, 2, 5)$ and $B = (2, 4)$. Then a class B of r is the relation from B to A which

$A \times B = [(1, 2), (1, 4), (2, 2), (2, 4), (5, 2), (5, 4)]$ consists the reversal of the order of

Suppose we consider the relationship of $<$, pairs in r , denoted by r^{-1} . Thus $r^{-1} =$

then we find some ordered pairs are related $r^{-1} = \{(b, a) : b \in B, a \in A\}$.

which some are not. Hence by definition Ex. Let $A = \{2, 3, 5\}$ and $B = \{6, 8, 10\}$.

of relations we have $r = \{(1, 2), (1, 4), (2, 4)\}$. Find r^{-1} , if r is the relation given by $a R b$

If r is a relation from a set A to itself, if a/b

then r is said to be a relation of A . $A \times B = \{(2, 6), (2, 8), (2, 10), (3, 6), (3, 8), (3, 10), (5, 6), (5, 8)\}$

$r = \{(2, 6), (2, 8), (2, 10), (3, 6), (3, 8), (5, 10)\}$

Let r be a relation A to B . Then the $r^{-1} = \{(6, 2), (8, 2), (10, 2), (6, 3), (10, 5)\}$

set $\{a \in A : (a, b) \in r, b \in B\}$ is called REFLEXIVE RELATION

the DOMAIN of the relation, it is denoted by $\text{Dom}(R)$. The set $\{b \in B : (a, b) \in R,$

A relation of r on a set A is called reflexive if every $a \in A$ is related to itself.

SYMMETRIC RELATION

A relation r on a set A is called symmetric if bra whenever arb .

TRANSITIVE RELATION

A relation r on a set A is called transitive if arb and brc imply arc .

EQUIVALENCE RELATION

A relation on a set A is called an equivalence relation, hence $arc \Leftrightarrow r$ is reflexive, S -symmetric & T -transitive.

Ex. Let Z be the set of integers. The relation r defined on Z by arb iff $a-b$ is divisible by 3 is an equivalent relation.

Let us show it ; (R, S, T)

Reflexivity: Let $a \in Z$, then $a-a=0=3 \times 0$
 $\therefore a=a$ meaning a is relating to itself and
 r is reflexive.

Symmetry: Let $a, b \in Z$, suppose arb . We just that bra . Now we have $a-b=3k$ where $k \in Z$. Thus $(a-b)=-3k$

$b-a=3p$ where $p=-k$, so bra is required. Hence r is symmetric.

Transitivity: Let $a, b, c \in Z$ such that

aeb and bec . We must show that

aec . We have $a-b=3k_1 \dots (1)$

$b-c=3k_2 \dots (2)$. Adding eqn (1) & (2)

$$a-b+b-c=3k_1+3k_2$$

$$a-c=3(k_1+k_2)$$

$$a-c=3T \text{ where } (k_1+k_2)=T$$

therefore r is transitive. We therefore conclude r is an equivalence relation.

EQUIVALENCE CLASSES

Let r be an equivalence relation on a set A . If $a, b \in A$ such that $a \sim b$, then a and b are said to be equivalent w.r.t. r . The set of all elements of A that are equivalence related to a constitute the equivalence class of a . It is denoted by

$$[a] \text{ i.e. } [a]=\{b \in A : bra\}$$

The collection of all equivalence classes of element of A under an equivalence relation r is denoted by A/r .

Ex. Let us obtain the equivalent classes in our example of equivalent relation above: PROPERTIES OF FIRST CLASSES

Recall that $[a] = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : xra\} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x-a \mid 3\} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x-9 = 3k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x = 3k+9\}$. REMARK: Let \mathbb{Z} be the set of integers and let r be an equivalence relation on \mathbb{Z} defined by arb iff $a-b \mid n$. Then the

$[0] = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x = 3k+0\} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x = 3k\} = \{0, 3, -3, 6, -6, \dots\}$. distinct equivalence classes are $[0], [1], [2], \dots, [n-1]$. These equivalence classes partition the set of integers.

PROPERTIES OF EQUIVALENCE CLASSES

$[2] = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x = 3k+2\} = \{2, 5, -1, 8, -4, \dots\}$. Let A be a non-empty set, r an equivalence relation on A . Let $a, b \in A$. Then the foll. hold:

1. $a \in [a]$

2. If $b \in [a]$, then $[b] = [a]$

3. $[a] = [b]$ iff arb

4. Either $[a] \cap [b] = \emptyset$ or $[a] = [b]$

PARTIAL ORDER RELATION

Observe that for all integers $n \geq 3$ the equivalence class for n will be the same as one of the above classes we obtained. So, the required equivalent classes

symmetric property given by: If $a, b \in A$ and $a \sim b$ then $b \sim a$.

A set A having a partial order is called a partially ordered set (POSET).

Ex. The relation of \leq is partial order on the set of \mathbb{Z} . Hence (\mathbb{Z}, \leq) is a POSET.

FUNCTIONS

Let A and B be two non-empty sets. A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is a set of ordered pairs with the property that for each elements $x \in A$, there is a unique $y \in B$ such that $(x, y) \in f$. Put in another language, a function f from a set A to set B

is a rule which assigns to each $x \in A$ a unique $y \in B$.

The statement " f is a function from $A \rightarrow B$ " domain of f . It's denoted by $\text{dom}(f)$. Its is usually represented by $f: A \rightarrow B$ ". There may be some elements of B which are not associated with any element of A. But every element of A must be associated with only one element of B.

Ex. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, $B = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13\}$. Then:

$f = \{(1, 1), (2, 0), (3, 7), (4, 9), (5, 12)\}$ is a function $f: A \rightarrow B$ because every element of A has a unique associate in B.

2. $f = \{(1, 3), (2, 3), (3, 5), (4, 9), (5, 9)\}$ is a function $A \rightarrow B$.

Notice that the 2nd component is the ordered pair may be repeated in a function. 3. $f = \{(1, 1), (2, 3), (4, 7), (5, 12)\}$ is not a function from $A \rightarrow B$ because 3 is not mapped to anything.

4. $f = \{(1, 1), (2, 3), (3, 5), (3, 7), (4, 9), (5, 12)\}$ is not a function from A to B because the element 3 has two different associates in B.

DEFINITION

Let $f: A \rightarrow B$; then the $\{A\}$ is called the

members are the first co-ordinates of the ordered pairs belonging to f. The $\{B\}$ is called the co-domain of f. The range of f is a subset of the co-domain which consists of members of B that have associates in A. Let $x \in A$ and $y \in B$ be that unique

element of B associated with x. Then y is called image. The element x is called pre-image (y). Late write this as $y = f(x)$. The element x is the

independent variable while y is dependent variable. Other terms such as transformation

an image of an element in A i.e.

the range of $f \subseteq B$.

mapping, correspondence are synonyms for the word formation

REMARK: In order to check whether a function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is onto or not, write x in terms of y and see if +

ONE TO ONE FUNCTION

A function from a set $A \rightarrow B$ is called a one to one function or an injective function

$y \in B$, $\exists x \in A$ such that $f(x) = y$.

BIJECTIVE FUNCTION

If no two elements of A have the same image in B . In other words, f is 1-1 if for all elements $x_1, y_1 \in A$ such that $f(x_1) = f(y_1)$ implies $x_1 = y_1$

A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is called bijective if f is both 1-1 and onto.

MANY TO ONE FUNCTION

A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is called many to one if two or more different elements in $A \rightarrow C$ have the same image in B .

Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: B \rightarrow C$. The composition of f with g , denoted by

INTO FUNCTION

A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is called into if there exists one element in B which is not image of any element in A i.e., the range of f is a proper subset of the co-domain.

words, the range of f becomes the domain of g . Similar definition applies for fog .

ONTO FUNCTION

A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is called onto or subjective if every element of B is defined by $f(a) = b$ and let $g: B \rightarrow C$ be defined by $g(a) = s, g(b) = r$.

$$\begin{aligned} g \circ f(3) &= g(f(3)) \\ &= g(b) \\ &= r \end{aligned}$$

Find $(g \circ f)(1), (g \circ f)(2), (g \circ f)(3)$

$$\begin{aligned} (g \circ f)(1) &= g(f(1)) * g \circ f(2) = g(f(2)) \\ &= g(a) \\ &= s \end{aligned}$$

Ex. Let R be set of \mathbb{R} and let $f: R \rightarrow R$,

$g: R \rightarrow R$ be defined by $f(x) = x+2$ and $g(x) = x^2$ & $x \in R$ obtain a formula for $g \circ f$ and $f \circ g$.

$$\begin{aligned} (g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) \\ &= g(x+2) \\ &= (x+2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f(x^2) \\ &= x^2 + 2 \end{aligned}$$

INVERSE OF A FUNCTION

Let f be a function $f: A \rightarrow B$, then the function which reverses the rule of f is called the inverse of f , denoted by f^{-1} .
e.g. $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$, thus $f(x) = y$ iff $x = f^{-1}(y)$

REMARK

- Not all functions have inverses. A condition: Let G be a set with distinct elements, to construct a composition table for G , the elements of G are arranged horizontally in a row called the "INITIAL ROW".
- For a function $f: A \rightarrow B$ to have an inverse it must be bijective.

2. A function which has an inverse is said

to be invertible

BINARY OPERATIONS

Let G be a non-empty set. A binary operation on G is a function that assigns each ordered pair of element $(x_1, x_2) \in G \times G$ to a unique element of G .

The symbols $+, \cdot, *, \text{etc}$ are used to denote binary operations on a set. This property of having "the product of" two elements of G to be in G is called the closure property, and we say that the set G is closed with respect to the binary operation.

The operation of subtraction is not a binary operation on the set of natural numbers because it is not closed with respect to subtraction. A binary operation on a set G is also called a composition: for a finite set G having a binary operation $(*)$ we can define the operation by means of a table called the composition

Also the elements are again arranged vertically in a column called the "INITIAL COLUMN". The (i, j) th position in the table is determined by the intersection of the i th and j th column. For example,

Let $G = \{a, b, c\}$. Define the operation

$(*)$ on G by the following table :

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

ALGEBRAIC STRUCTURE

A non-empty set together with one or more binary operations is called an

ALGEBRAIC STRUCTURE

For Ex. $(N, +)$, $(Z, +)$, $(R, +x)$ are some examples of algebraic structures.

LAWS OF BINARY OPERATION

ASSOCIATIVE LAW

A binary operation $*$ on a non-empty set G is said to be associative if for every a, b, c in G , will have

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

CUMMULATIVE LAW

A binary operation $*$ on a non-empty set G is said to be commutative if for every $a, b, c \in G$, we have

$$a * b = b * a$$

IDENTITY ELEMENT

An element e in a set G is called the identity element with respect to a binary operation $*$ if for every element $a \in G$ we have

$$a * e = e * a = a$$

N.B : That the identity element an algebraic structure if it exists unique

INVERSE ELEMENT

Let G be a set which has an identity element e with respect to the binary operation $*$. Let $a \in G$ if there exists an element $b \in G$ such that

$$a * b = b * a = e, \text{ then } b \text{ is called}$$

the inverse of a with respect to $*$.

DISTRIBUTIVE BINARY OPERATION

Let G be a non-empty set with two binary operations \circ and $*$, the operation " \circ " is said to be distributive over " $*$ " if:

$$a \circ (b * c) = (a \circ b) * (a \circ c) \text{ and } (b * c) \circ a = (b \circ a) * (c \circ a)$$

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

IDENTITY ELEMENT

Let G be a non-empty set with a binary operation $*$. An element $a \in G$ is called an IDENTITY ELEMENT if $a * a = a$.

GROUPS

Let $(G, *)$ be an algebraic structure where $*$ is a binary operation on G . Then the set G

is said to be a group w.r.t $*$ if the following holds:

- G is closed w.r.t $*$

- G is associative w.r.t $*$

- G has an identity element.

- Every element of G has an inverse w.r.t $*$.

REMARK

We may not mention the axiom 1 above when

defining a group because it is just a consequence on definition on binary operation.

If $(G, *)$ satisfies axiom 1 and axiom 2

only, then $(G, *)$ is called a semi-group.

3. If $(G, *)$ satisfies axiom 1, axiom 2 and 3 only, then $(G, *)$ is called a monoid.

4. A group $(G, *)$ is said to be "abelian" if $a * b = b * a \quad \forall a, b \in G$

5. A group $(G, +)$ with the binary operation of addition is called an "Additive Group".

A group with the binary operation of multiplication is called a "Multiplicative Group".

Examples:

1. The set $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a group w.r.t. Addition of non-zero \mathbb{R} is a group

2. The set $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a group w.r.t. Multiplication.

3. The set $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ is a group w.r.t. Multiplication. This is the group of the

4th roots of unity

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

4. The integers mod n forms a group w.r.t addition

5. Let X be a non-empty set and let G

be the set of all Bijective mappings for Ex: Let $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$.

from $\mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ then G is a group w.r.t

composition of mappings.

6. Let $G = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{-1} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{-1} \\ \sqrt{-1} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\sqrt{-1} \\ -\sqrt{-1} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ which are not divisible by two nor by three nor by five.

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{-1} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\sqrt{-1} \\ -\sqrt{-1} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

is group w.r.t multiplication of matrices be elements of G . Then the foll. hold.

This group is called a "QUATERNION GROUP": 1. $a * b = a * c$ implies $b = c$ (left

7. The set $G = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ cancellation law).

2. $b * a = c * a$ implies $b = c$ (Right

$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ cancellation law).

of matrices and it is called the "KLEIN FOUR" group. 3. The identity element $e \in G$ is unique.

4. The inverse of every $a \in G$ is unique.

5. The equation $a * x = b$ has a unique solution given by $x = a^{-1} * b$.

1. The no. of elements in G is called the order of G . 6. The equation $y * a = b$ has a unique solution given by $y = b * a^{-1}$.

2. Let $a \in G$, the smallest positive integer

m , if it exists, such that $a^m = e$ where e is the identity element of G , is called

the order of $a \in G$.

SUB GROUP

Let $(G, *)$ be a group. A non-empty sub-

S of G is called a subgroup of $(G*)$ if $(S, *)$ is also a group.

Ex. Let $(G*)$ be a group. Then the sets $\{e\}$ and $\{e, v\}$ are subgroups of (G, v) . Here e is the identity element of $(G*)$. These are called Improper or Trivial subgroups of $(G*)$.

2. The multiplicative group $S = \{1, -1\}$ is a subgroup of the multiplicative group $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$.

THEOREM

A non-empty subset S of a group $(G*)$ is a subgroup iff the following hold.

$$\dots x * y \in S \wedge x, y \in S$$

$$\dots x^{-1} \in S \wedge x \in S$$

REMARK

The theorem above gives the necessary and sufficient condition for a subset of a group to be a subgroup.

The theorem above is equivalent to the following theorem.

THEOREM

A non-empty subset S of a group $(G*)$

is a subgroup of $(G*)$ iff $x * y^{-1} \in S \wedge x \in S$.

ILLUSTRATION

Investigate whether the set $S = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^*: |z| \neq 0\}$ is a subgroup of \mathbb{C}^* , the multiplicative group of non-zero complex numbers.

SOLUTION

Let $z_1, z_2 \in S$ then $|z_1| = 1, |z_2| = 1$. Consider $|z_1 \times z_2| = |z_1| \times |z_2| = |x| = 1$ so $z_1 \times z_2 \in S$. Next consider $|z_1^{-1}| = |z_1|^{-1} = \frac{1}{|z_1|} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$. So $z_1^{-1} \in S$. We therefore conclude that S is a subgroup of \mathbb{C}^* .

COSET

Let H be a sub-group of a group G^* and let $a \in G$ the set $a * H = \{a * h : h \in H\}$ is called left coset generated by a and H . Similarly, the $H * a = \{h * a : h \in H\}$ is called a RIGHT COSET generated by a and H .

The element a is called a real presentation of $a * H$ and $H * a$.

REMARK

Clearly $a * H$ and $H * a$ subset of G .

Let e be the identity element of G . Then

e is also in H . Hence $e * H = \{e * h : h \in H\}$. The union of this coset gives $G \cdot H$, $= H$ and $H * e = \{h * e : h \in H\} = H$. Therefore the index $H \in G$ is 3.

H is both a left coset and right coset

If G is an abelian group, then

$H * a = a * H$. Hence every left coset

of an abelian group is also a right coset.

DEFINITION

Let H be a subgroup of a G & the nos distinct right (left) coset of $H \in G$ is called Index of $H \in G$. It's denoted by $(G:H)$.

Ex. Let $G = \{-\dots, -3, 2, 1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ be the additive group of integers. Let H be the sub-group of G obtained by multiplying every element of G by 3. Then

$$H = 3 \times G = 3G = \{-9, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, 9, \dots\}$$

Let us consider the right coset of $H \in G$

$$H+0 = \{-9, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, 9, \dots\}$$

$$H+1 = \{-8, -5, -2, 1, 4, 7, 10, \dots\}$$

$$H+2 = \{-7, -4, -1, 2, 5, 8, 11, \dots\}$$

$$H+3 = \{-6, -3, 0, 3, 6, 9, 12, \dots\}$$

$$H+4 = \{-5, -2, 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, \dots\}$$

continuing like this, we see that the distinct coset of $H \in G$ are $H+0, H+1, H+2,$

ASSIGNMENT

Read up on permutation group, cyclic groups and Normal Sub-group.

HOMOMORPHISMS OF GROUPS .

Let $(G, *)$ and (H, \cdot) be two groups. A function $f: G \rightarrow H$ is called a Homomorphism if $f(x * y) = f(x) \cdot f(y)$ $\forall x, y \in G$.

A Homomorphism is called an Isomorphism if it is both an onto and 1-1 function. If $f: G \rightarrow H$ is an isomorphism, we say that G and H are isomorphic. We denote this as $G \cong H$.

An ISOMORPHISM from a group G to itself is called an AUTOMORPHISM.

Ex. Let G be the additive group of real numbers and let H be the multiplicative group of positive real nos. Consider the function $f: G \rightarrow H$ defined by $f(x) = 5^x$ $\forall x \in G$.

Investigate whether f is a homomorphism. $f(x+y) = f(x) \times f(y)$

Let $x, y \in G$. Then $f(x+y) = 5^{x+y}$
 $= 5^x \times 5^y = f(x) \times f(y)$.

Hence f is homomorphism.

A Homomorphism is called an epimorphism if it is a subjective function or onto.

A homomorphism is called a monomorphism if it is a 1-1 function or injective function.

EXERCISES .

Let G be the multiplicative group of non-real numbers and H be the additive group of real numbers investigate whether the mapping $f: G \rightarrow H$ defined by $f(x) = \log x$ & $x \in G$ is an isomorphism.

DEFINITION

Let $(G, *)$ be a group with identity element e and let $(H, +)$ is another group with identity element e_2 . Suppose $f: G \rightarrow H$ is a homomorphism. The set $\{x \in G : f(x) = e_2\}$ in a ring R is generally denoted by 1 .

is called the kernel of f it is denoted as $\ker(f)$. The set $\{y \in H : y = f(x)$

or some $x \in G\}$ is called the image of f denoted by $\text{Im}(f)$.

RINGS

An algebraic structure $(R, +, \times)$ having two binary operations of additions and multiplication is called a ring if the following axioms hold :

1. $(A+B) \in R \quad \forall A, B \in R$.
2. $(A+B)+C = A+(B+C) \in R$.
3. $A+B = B+A \quad \forall A, B \in R$.
4. There exist an element $0 \in R \quad \exists A+0=0+A$.
5. For each $A \in R$ there exist $-A \in R \quad \exists A+(-A)=0$.

6. $A \times B \in R \quad \forall A, B \in R$.
7. $(A \times B) \times C = A \times (B \times C) \quad \forall A, B, C \in R$.
8. $A \times (B+C) = (A \times B) + (A \times C) \quad \forall A, B, C \in R$.
9. $(B+C) \times A = (B \times A) + (C \times A) \quad \forall A, B, C \in R$.

REMARK .

1. A ring R is called commutative if $A \times B = B \times A$.
2. An element e is a ring R is called an unit (or identity) element. If $e \times A = A \times e = A \in R$. A unit element e (if it exist)

A ring R is called a ring with unity if it has a unit element.

- Ex:
1. The set \mathbb{Z} of integers w.r.t ordinary

addition and multiplication is a commutative ring with unit 1. Consider the matrices $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Then $A \times B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Also $B \times A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

2. The set \mathbb{Z} of even integers w.r.t ordinary addition and multiplication is a commutative INTEGRAL DOMAIN

ring without unity because there is no even integer e such that $-exy = yxe = y$ for every integer y . It is commutative.

3. The set $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1\}$ w.r.t addition and multiplication (mod n) is a non-commutative ring.

3. In other words, a commutative ring is called an integral domain if whenever

RING WITH ZERO DIVISOR

If a and b are non-zero elements of a ring R $a, b \in R$ such that $A \times B = 0$, then either a or b is zero. Such that $axb = 0$, then a and b are called the zero divisors of R .

divisors of zero or zero divisors. A particular Ex.

a is called a left divisor of zero and b is called a right divisor of zero.

In a commutative ring R , every left zero divisor is also a right zero divisor, thus there is no distinction between left and right field if:

zero divisor in a commutative ring.

Example :

1. The ring of integers \mathbb{Z} has no zero divisor because there are no two non-zero integers whose product is zero.

2. The ring $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$ seen earlier is a ring with zero divisors.

DEFINITION

1. It is commutative

2. It has a unit element

3. Every non-zero element of R has a multiplicative inverse in R .

Ex. The ring of rational numbers $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \times)$ is a field.

2. The ring of real numbers $(\mathbb{R}, +, \times)$ is a field.

3. The ring of complex nos $(\mathbb{C}, +, \times)$ is a field.

THEOREM

Every field is an integral domain

Proof

Let F be a field. Clearly, F is commutative. It remains to show that F has no zero divisors.

Let $a, b \in F$ such that $a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$. We must show that $a \neq 0$ or $b \neq 0$.

Suppose $a \neq 0$, then we must show that $b \neq 0$. Since $a \neq 0$, it has a multiplicative inverse a^{-1} in F .

Multiply both sides on the left of eqn (i) by (a^{-1})

$$(a^{-1}) \times (a \times b) = (a^{-1}) \times 0$$

$$(a^{-1} \times a)b = 0 \Rightarrow a^{-1} \times (a) = 1$$

$$1 \times b = 0, b = 0$$

Similarly, suppose $b \neq 0$, we must show

that $a \neq 0$. Since $b \neq 0$, b has multiplicative inverse $b^{-1} \in F$. Multiply both sides of * on the right to get;

$$(a \times b) \times b^{-1} = 0 \times b^{-1}$$

$$a \times (b \times b^{-1}) = b^{-1}$$

$$a \times 1 = 0$$

So F has no zero divisor, therefore, F is an integral domain.

REMARK: The converse of the theorem

above is not true. That is, not every integral domain is a field.

THEOREM

Every finite integral domain is a field

DEFINITION

Let R be a ring, the smallest positive integer n (if it exists) such that $n \times a = 0$ for all $a \in R$ is called a characteristic of the ring.

If no such integer exists, then the characteristic of R is 0.

Ex. Let \mathbb{Z}_n be the ring of integers mod n .

The characteristic of \mathbb{Z}_n is n . For instance consider $\mathbb{Z}_5 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$. The characteristic of \mathbb{Z}_5 is 5 because $25 \bmod 5 = 0$.

DEFINITION

A ring R with unit element is called a division ring or a skew field if every non-zero element of R has a multiplicative inverse. If a division ring is commutative, then R is a field. Note that a skew field has no zero divisors.

THEOREM

Let R be a division ring. Then the non-zero elements of R form a group under multiplication.

phization.

PROOF:

Let P be the set of non-zero elements of

R . Let $a, b \in P$. We must show that

$axb \in P$. If P has no zero divisor, then

$axb \neq 0$. So $axb \in P$ and P is closed w.r.t

multiplication. Since \bar{a}^{-1} of each, non-zero element of $a \in R$, then $\bar{a}^{-1} \in P$. Every element

in P has an inverse in P . Again, the unit element of $R \in P$ since it is non-zero. Clearly

P is associative w.r.t multiplication. Therefore

P is a group w.r.t multiplication

ASSIGNMENT

Sub rings
Read up ~~subrings~~, Ring homomorphism and

Ideals.