

## **COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC & INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH**

### **Unit – 4 : ABSTRACT ALGEBRA**

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## 4. Abstract Algebra

### 4.1 Set:

**4.1.1 Set:** A well defined collection of distinct objects is called a set.

**Well-defined:** Either an object belongs to a set or it does not belong to a set i.e. there should be no ambiguity whatsoever regarding the membership of such collection of a set.

**Example (4.1) :** Collection of all positive integers is a set but a collection of some positive integers is not a set, as it is not clear whether a particular positive integer, say 5, is a member of this collection or not.

**4.1.2. Power Set:**  $P(X) = \{A : A \text{ is a subset of } X\}$

$$|P(X)| = 2^k \text{ where } |X| = k$$

**Null Set( $\emptyset$ ) :**  $\emptyset = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x^2 + 1 = 0\}$

**4.1.3. Ordered Pair :** Let  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ . The ordered pair of elements  $x$  and  $y$  denoted by  $(x, y)$ , is the set  $\{\{x\}, \{x, y\}\}$ .

Clearly,  $(x, y) = \{\{x\}, \{x, y\}\} \neq \{\{y\}, \{x, y\}\} = (y, x)$ , where  $x \neq y$

$$(x, y) = (z, w) \Leftrightarrow x = z, y = w.$$

### 4.2. Cartesian Product :

**4.2.1. Cartesian Product:**  $X \times Y = \{(x, y) : x \in X, y \in Y\}$

(i) Assume  $X \times \emptyset = \emptyset = \emptyset \times X$  for any set  $X$ .

(ii) If  $|X| = m, |Y| = n$ , then  $|X \times Y| = mn$ .

(iii)  $X \times Y$  is called diagonal of  $X$  and it is denoted by  $\Delta_X$ .

### 4.3. Relations:

**4.3.1. Relations:** A binary relation or simply a relation  $\rho$  from a set  $A$  into a set  $B$  is a subset of  $A \times B$ .

**Domain of:**  $D(\rho) = \{a \in A : \exists b \in B \text{ such that } (a, b) \in \rho\}$

**Range or Image of :**  $R(\rho) = \{b \in B : \exists a \in A \text{ such that } (a, b) \in \rho\}$

**Inverse relation( $\rho^{-1}$ ):**  $(\rho^{-1}) = \{(b, a) : (a, b) \in \rho\}, (\rho^{-1})^{-1} = \rho$

**4.3.2. Composition :** Let  $\rho_1$  be a relation from  $A$  into  $B$  and  $\rho_2$  be a relation from  $B$  to  $C$  then the composition of  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  is denoted by  $\rho_2 \circ \rho_1$  is a relation from  $A$  to  $C$ .

**4.3.3. Definition :** Let  $A$  be a set and  $\rho$  be a relation of  $A$ . Then  $\rho$

- i. reflexive if for all  $a \in A, (a, a) \in \rho$
- ii. symmetric, if for all  $a, b \in A$ , whenever  $(a, b) \in \rho \Rightarrow (b, a) \in \rho$
- iii. transitive, if for all  $a, b, c \in A$ , whenever  $(a, b) \in \rho$  and  $(b, c) \in \rho \Rightarrow (a, c) \in \rho$

**4.3.4. Definition (Equivalence relation):** A relation  $\rho$  on a set  $A$  is called an equivalence of  $\rho$  in reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

**4.3.5. Definition (Anti symmetric):**  $\rho$  is said to be anti symmetric if  $\forall a, b \in A$  where  $(a, b) \in \rho$  and  $(b, a) \in \rho \Rightarrow a = b$ .

**Examples (4.2):**

$\forall x, y, \in \mathbb{R}$  therefore the following reasons

		Reflexive	Symmetric	Transitive	Antisymmetric
1	$y = 2x$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	
2	$x < y$	$\times$	$\checkmark$	$\times$	$\checkmark$
3	$x \neq y$	$\times$	$\checkmark$	$\times$	
4	$xy > 0$	$\times (0,0)$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
5	$y \neq x + 2$	$\checkmark$	$\times (3,5)$	$\times$	
6	$x \leq y$	$\checkmark$	$\times$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
7	$xy \geq 0$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\times (5,0), (0,-2)$	$\times$
8	$x = y$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

**4.3.6. Definition (Partially order set or poset):** A relation  $\rho$  on a set  $A$  is said to be a partial order on  $A$  if  $\rho$  is reflexive, anti symmetric and transitive. The set  $A$  with the partial order defined on it is called a partially order set or poset and it is denoted by  $(A, \rho)$ .

**Example (4.3):**  $(\mathbb{R}, \leq), (P(X), \subseteq)$ .

**4.3.7. Definition (Linearly ordered set or chain):** A poset  $(A, \rho)$  is called a linearly ordered set or chain if  $\forall a, b \in A$  either  $a, b \in \rho$  or  $(b, a) \in \rho$  must hold.

**Example (4.4):**  $(\mathbb{R}, \leq)$  but not  $(P(X), \subseteq)$ , since for some  $a, b \in X$   $\{a\}, \{b\} \in P(X)$  such that  $\{a\} \not\subseteq \{b\}$  and  $\{b\} \not\subseteq \{a\}$ .

**Examples (4.5):** Let  $S$  be a finite set and  $|S| = n$ . Then

- The number of reflexive relation defined on  $S$  is  $2^{n^2-n}$
- The number of symmetric relation defined on  $S$  is  $2^{\frac{n^2+n}{2}}$
- The number of relation that are both reflexive and symmetric is  $2^{\frac{n^2-n}{2}}$

## 4.4. Functions:

**Definition:** For two nonempty sets  $A$  and  $B$ , a relation  $f$  from  $A$  into  $B$  is called a function from  $A$  into  $B$  if

- $D(f) = A$
- $f$  is well defined (or, single valued) in the series that  $\forall (a, b), (a', b') \in f, a = a' \Rightarrow b = b'$  i.e,  $a = a' \Rightarrow f(a) = f(a')$ .

**Identity mapping:**  $f: A \rightarrow A, f(x) = x \forall x \in A$ .

**Constant mapping:**  $f: A \rightarrow B, f(x) = c \forall x \in A$ , some  $c \in B$ .

**Examples (4.6):** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two finite sets and  $|A| = n$  and  $|B| = m$  ( $n \geq m$ ). Then

- The number of distinct functions defined from  $A$  to  $B$  is  $m^n$ .
- The number of onto functions defined from  $A$  to  $B$  is  $\phi(n, m) \times m!$ , where  $\phi(n, m)$  is the number of partitions of a set  $A$  with  $n$  elements into  $m$  subsets ( $1 \leq m \leq n$ ),  $\phi(n, m)$  is known as stirling number of  $2^{\text{nd}}$  kind and it can be calculated from the formula:

$$\phi(n, m) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } m = 1 \text{ or } n \\ \phi(n-1, m-1) + m\phi(n-1, m) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- The number of injective function defined from  $A$  ( $|A| = n$ ) to  $B$  ( $|B| = m, n \leq m$ ) is  ${}^mP_n$  and bijective is  $n!$  (if  $m = n$ ) otherwise 0.

**4.4.1. Definition:** Let us consider a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$ . Then

- $f$  is called injective (one-one) where  $\forall a_1, a_2 \in A$  if  $a_1 \neq a_2 \Rightarrow f(a_1) \neq f(a_2)$ .
- $f$  is called surjective if  $Im(f) = B$ .
- $f$  is called bijective if  $f$  is both injective and surjective

**4.4.2. (Theorem):** Composition of functions is associative, provided the requisite composition make sense.

**4.4.3. (Theorem):** Suppose that  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$ . Then

- if  $f$  and  $g$  are both injective then  $g \circ f$  is also so,
- if  $f$  and  $g$  are both surjective then  $g \circ f$  is also so,
- if  $f$  and  $g$  are both bijective then  $g \circ f$  also so,
- if  $g \circ f$  is injective then  $f$  is injective.
- if  $g \circ f$  is surjective then  $g$  is surjective.
- if  $g \circ f$  is bijective, then  $f$  is injective and  $g$  is surjective.

**4.4.4. (Theorem):** Let  $A$  be any set and  $f: A \rightarrow A$  be an identity injective function. Then  $f: A \rightarrow A$  is an injective  $\forall n \geq 1$ .

**4.4.5. (Theorem):** For any finite set  $A$  if  $f: A \rightarrow A$  is injective, then  $f$  is bijective.

If  $A$  is infinite this is not true. Example  $f: [1, 2] \rightarrow [1, 2]$  by  $(x) = \frac{x}{2}$ . Then  $f$  is one – one but there in number of  $x \in [1, 2]$  such that  $2 = f(x)$ , i.e.  $f$  is not onto and hence not bijective ( $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = e^x$ ).

**4.4.6. Definition :** Consider a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  then  $f$  is called

- Left invertible, if  $\exists g: B \rightarrow A$  such that  $g \circ f = i_A$  and  $g$  is called left inverse of  $f$ .
- Right invertible if  $\exists h: B \rightarrow A$  such that  $f \circ h = i_B$  and then  $h$  is called right inverse of  $f$ .
- Invertible if  $f$  is both left and right invertible.

**Example (4.7):**  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, f(n) = n + 1 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, g(1) = 1$  and  $g(n) = n - 1, n > 1$ . Now  $(g \circ f)(n) = g(f(n)) = g(n + 1) = n \Rightarrow g$  is left inverse of  $f$ .

But  $f \circ g(1) = f(g(1)) = f(1) = 2 \Rightarrow g$  is not right inverse of  $f$ .

**4.4.7. (Theorem):** Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a function. Then –

- $f$  is left invertible  $\Leftrightarrow f$  is injective.
- $f$  is right invertible  $\Leftrightarrow f$  is surjective.
- $f$  is invertible  $\Leftrightarrow f$  is bijective.

**4.5 Definition ( Binary Operation) :** Let  $A$  be a nonempty set. A binary operation  $*$  on  $A$  is a function from  $A \times A \rightarrow A$ .

**Example (4.8):**  $(\mathbb{Z}, +), (\mathbb{N}, +), (\mathbb{R}, \cdot), (\mathbb{R}, +)$  not binary operation  $(\mathbb{N}, -)$  since  $1 - 2 = -1 \notin \mathbb{N}$ .

**4.5.1. (Multiplication Table):**  $A = \{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$ ,  $*$ :  $A \times A \rightarrow A$  is complex multiplication.

		$*$		
		1	$\omega$	$\omega^2$
$M \equiv$	1	1	$\omega$	$\omega^2$
	$\omega$	$\omega$	$\omega^2$	1
	$\omega^2$	$\omega^2$	1	$\omega$

Note:  $*$  is commutative (-)  $M$  is symmetry.

**4.5.2. (Theorem):** An identity of a mathematical system  $(A, *)$ , if it exists unique.

**Example (4.9):**

- (No identity):  $(\mathbb{Z}, *)$ , where  $a \times b = |a + b| \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $a \times b = a$ .
- Right identity but no left identity  $(\mathbb{Z}, *)$ ,  $a * b = a - b \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Here 0 is such element.
- (No identity)  $(\mathbb{Z}, *)$ ,  $a * b = a$ .
- (No identity):  $(\mathbb{N}, +)$ .
- (Not cancellation)  $(\mathbb{Z}, *)$ , with  $a * b = a$ .

**4.5.3. (Semi group):** Let  $S$  be a non-empty set and  $*$ :  $S \times S \rightarrow S$  be a binary operation on  $S$  and  $*$  is associative. Then  $(S, *)$  is called semi group.

**Example (4.10):**  $(\mathbb{Z}, -)$ .

**4.5.4. (Monoid):** Semi group with identity.

**Example (4.11):**  $(\mathbb{N}, +)$  is a semi group but not monoid and  $(\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, +)$  is monoid.

**4.5.5. (Quasi group):** A mathematical system  $(G, *)$  i.e,  $G$  is used under  $*$  is called a quasi group, if  $\forall a, b, \in G$  each of the equations  $a \times x = b$  and  $y - a = b$  has a unique solution in  $G$ .

**Example (4.12):**

- (i).  $(\mathbb{Z}, -), a - x = b$  and  $y - a = b$  have solution  $x = a - b, y = a + b$ .
- (ii).  $(\mathbb{Z}, *)$ ,  $a * b = |a + b|$ . Not a quasi group. Since  $a * b = b \Rightarrow |a + x| = b > 0$  has two solution  $x = -a + b$  and  $x = -a - b$

**Example (4.13):** Let  $|S| = n$ . How many different binary operations can be defined on  $S$ ?

Answer: Total number of binary operations =  $n^{n^2}$

Number of commutative binary operations =  $2^{\frac{n^2+n}{2}}$  = number of symmetric relation.

## 4.6. Groups :

**Definition (Group):** A group is an ordered pair  $(G, *)$ , where  $G$  is a non-empty set and  $*$  is a binary operation on  $G$  such that following properties hold :

- (i).  $\forall a, b, c \in G, a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$  (associative law).
- (ii).  $\exists e \in G$  such that  $\forall a \in G, a * e = a = e * a$  (existence of identity).
- (iii). for each  $a \in G \exists b \in G$  such that  $a * b = e = b * a$  (existence of an inverse).

**4.6.1. (Theorem):** Let  $(G, *)$  be a group. Then identity and inverse are unique.

**4.6.2. Abelian (Commutative):**  $\forall a, b \in G, a * b = b * a$  i.e.  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ .

**4.6.3. (Non commutative) :**  $(S_3, 0), (GL(2, \mathbb{R}), \cdot)$ .

**Example (4.14):**

- (i).  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +) = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \dots, \overline{n-1}, +\}, \forall \bar{a}, \bar{b} \in \mathbb{Z}_n, \bar{a} + \bar{b} = \overline{a+b}$  is a commutative group and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .
- (ii).  $V_n, \cdot = \{\bar{a} \in \mathbb{Z}_n \mid \gcd(a, n) = 1\}$  and  $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = \overline{ab}$  is also a commutative group.
- (iii).  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] = \{a + \sqrt{2}b : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$  Then  $(\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}], +)$  and  $(\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] \setminus \{\bar{0}\}, \cdot)$  are commutative groups.
- (iv).  $(P(X), \Delta)$  where  $X$  be a set and  $P(X)$  is the power set of  $X$  and for all  $A, B \in P(X), A \Delta B = (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$  is a commutative group and  $\Delta(A) = 2 \forall A \in P(X)$ .  
Note : If  $X$  is infinite then  $(P(X), \Delta)$  is an infinite group but order of every element is finite, namely 1 and  $A^{-1} = A$ .
- (v).  $(S_n, 0)$  is non-commutative for  $n > 2$  where  $\delta_n$  is the collection of all bijection mapping (permutation) from  $X$  to  $X$  where  $|X| = n$ .
- (vi).  $GL(2, \mathbb{R}) = (G, *)$  where  $G = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}, ad - bc \neq 0 \right\}$  and  $*$  is the matrix multiplication. Then  $GL(2, \mathbb{R})$  is a  $SL(2, \mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : ad - bc = 1 \right\}, *$



**4.6.4. (Theorem):** Let  $(G, *)$  be a group, then

- (i).  $\forall a \in G, (a^{-1})^{-1} = a$
- (ii).  $\forall a, b \in G, (a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}$
- (iii). [cancellation law]  $\forall a, b, c \in G$  if either  $a * c = b * c$  or  $c * a = c * b$ , then  $a = b$ .
- (iv).  $\forall a, b \in G$ , the equation  $a * x = b$  and  $y * a = b$  have unique solution in  $G$  for  $x$  and  $y$ .

**4.6.5. (Corollary):** Let  $(G, *)$  be a group and  $a \in G$ . If  $a * a = a$ , then  $a = e$  and  $a$  is idempotent element and in a group  $e$  is the only idempotent element.

**4.6.6.(Theorem):** A semi group  $(S, *)$  is a group if only if

- (i).  $\exists e \in S$  such that  $e * a = a \forall a \in S$  (left identity)
- (ii).  $\forall a \in S, \exists b \in S$  such that  $b * a = e$  (left identity)

**4.6.7. (Theorem):** A semi group  $(S, *)$  is a group  $\Leftrightarrow \forall a, b \in S$ , the equation  $a * x = b$  and  $y * a = b$  have solutions in  $S$  for  $x$  and  $y$ .

**4.6.8. (Theorem):** A finite semi group  $(S, *)$  is a group  $\Leftrightarrow (S, *)$  satisfies the cancellation laws.

\* Finite is necessary. Example (4.15)  $(\mathbb{Z}\{0\}, \cdot)$  is a semi group and satisfies cancellation laws but inverse of an element  $1 \neq a \in \mathbb{Z}\{0\}$  does not exist.

**4.6.9. Definition(Order):** Let  $(G, *)$  be a group and  $a \in G$ . If  $\exists$  a positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n = e$ , then the smallest such positive integer is called the order of  $a$ .

**4.6.10. (Theorem):** Let  $(G, *)$  be a group and  $a \in G$  such that  $O(a) = n$

- (i). If  $a^m = e$  for some positive integer  $m$ , then  $n$  divides  $m$ .
- (ii). For any positive integer  $t$ ,

$$O(a^t) = \frac{O(a)}{\gcd(t, n)} = \frac{n}{\gcd(t, n)}$$

**Example (4.16):** Give a counter example to justify that in a semi group with, left identity, if every element has a right inverse with respect to the left identity, it need not be a group.

Solution: Consider  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  endowed with the operation  $(a, b) * (c, d) = (c, b * d) \forall (a, b), (c, d) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $(\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}, *)$  is a semi group.

Now,  $(0, 0) * (a, b) = (a, b) \forall (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  where  $(0, 0)$  is a left identity and  $(0, -b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  and  $(a, b) * (0, -b) = (0, 0) \Leftrightarrow (0, -b)$  is a right  $(0, 0)$  – inverse of  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ . But  $(\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}, *)$  has no identity and hence  $(\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}, *)$  is not a group.

**4.6.11.** If  $(G, *)$  is an even order group, then there must exist at least one non-identity element  $a \in G$  such that  $a^2 = e$ .

**4.6.12.** A group  $G$  is commutative  $\Leftrightarrow (a * b)^n = a^n * b^n$  for any three commutative integer  $n$  and for all  $a, b \in G$ .

**4.6.13. Definition(Permutation):** Let  $A$  be a set (non-empty). A permutation of  $A$  is a bijective mapping of  $A$  onto itself.

**4.6.14. Definition:** A group  $(G,*)$  is called a permutation group, on a non-empty set  $A$  if the elements of  $G$  are some permutations of  $A$  and the operation  $*$  is the composition of two mapping.

**Example (4.17):**  $S_3, 0$ ,  $S_n$  symmetric group and  $|S_n| = n!$

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad p = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Then } \alpha \circ \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**4.6.15. (Theorem):** If  $n$  is positive integer such that  $n \geq 3$ , then the symmetric group  $S_n$  is a non-commutative group.

**4.6.16. Definition:** Cycle of length 2 is called transposition.

**4.6.17. Definition:** A permutation is called even permutation is called even permutation if it can be expressed as a product of even number of transpositions.

**4.6.18. (Theorem):** If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the disjoint cycles in  $S_n$  i.e.  $\alpha \cap \beta = \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k\} \cap \{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_p\} = \phi$ , then  $\alpha \circ \beta = \beta \circ \alpha$ .

**4.6.19. (Theorem):** Any non-identity permutation  $\alpha \in S_n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) can be expressed as a product of disjoint cycles where cycle is of length  $\geq 2$ .

**4.6.20. (Theorem):** Any cycle of length  $\geq 2$  is either a transposition or can be expressed as a product of transpositions.

**Example (4.18):**

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 8 & 5 & 6 & 3 & 7 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1 \ 8)(2 \ 5 \ 7)(3 \ 6 \ 4) \\ = (1 \ 8)(2 \ 7)(2 \ 5)(3 \ 4)(3 \ 6)$$

**4.6.21. (Theorem: Order and length):** Let  $n \geq 2$  and  $\sigma \in S_n$  be a cycle. Then  $\sigma$  is a

$$k - \text{cycle} \Leftrightarrow \text{order of } \sigma \text{ is } k.$$

**4.6.22. (Theorem):** Let  $\sigma \in S_n$ ,  $n \geq 2$  and  $\sigma = \sigma_1 \circ \sigma_2 \circ \dots \circ \sigma_k$  be a product of disjoint cycles and suppose  $O(\sigma_i) = n_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Then  $O(\sigma) = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k)$

**Example (4.19):**

- $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , Then  $\sigma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$
- The number of even permutations in  $S_n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) is the same as that of the odd permutations.

## 4.7. Subgroups :

**Definition :** Let  $(G,*)$  be a group and  $H$  be a non-empty sub-set of  $G$ . Then  $H$  called a subgroup of  $(G,*)$ , if  $H$  is closed under the binary operation  $*$  and  $(H,*)$  is a group.

Note:  $\{e\}$  and  $G$  are two trivial subgroup of  $G$ .

**Example(4.20):**  $(E, +)$  of  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  where  $E = \{2x : x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

**4.7.1. (Theorem):** All subgroups of  $(G,*)$  have the same identity.



**4.7.2. (Theorem):** Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a non-empty subset of  $G$ . Then  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G \Leftrightarrow \forall a, b \in H, ab^{-1} \in H$ .

**4.7.3. (Corollary):** Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a non-empty finite subset of  $G$ . Then  $H$  is a subgroup  $\Leftrightarrow \forall a, b \in H, ab \in H$ .

**4.7.4. (Theorem):** The intersection of any collection of subgroups of a group  $G$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

- Union of two subgroups of a group  $G$  may not be a subgroup of  $G$ .

**Example (4.21):** Consider  $G = S_3$  and  $H = \{e, (2,3)\}$  and  $K = \{e, (1,2)\}$

Then  $H, K$  are two subgroups of  $S_3$ . Now,  $H \cup K = \{e, (1\ 2), (2\ 3)\}$  is not a group. Since

$$(1\ 2) \circ (2\ 3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1\ 2\ 3) \notin H \cup K$$

**4.7.5. (Theorem):** Let  $n \geq 3$ . Then  $A_n$  is generated by the set of all  $\exists$  cycle. Number of cycle length  $r$  in  $S_n$  is  $\frac{n!}{r \times (n-r)!}$

**4.7.6. Definition:** Let  $H$  and  $K$  be two non-empty subsets of a group  $G$ . Then the product of  $H$  and  $K$  is defined to be the set

$$H_k = \{hk : h \in H, x \in K\}$$

Product of two subgroups may not be a subgroup. Let  $H = \{e, (1\ 2)\}$  and  $K = \{e, (1\ 3)\}$ .

Now,  $H_k = \{e, (1\ 2), (1\ 3), (1\ 3\ 2)\}$  but  $(1\ 3)(1\ 2) = (1\ 2\ 3) \notin H_k$

**4.7.7. (Theorem)** Let  $H$  and  $K$  be two subgroups of a group  $G$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- $H_k$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
- $HK = KH$
- $KH$  is a subgroup of  $G$

**4.7.8. (Corollary):** If  $H$  and  $K$  are two subgroups of a commutative group  $G$ , then  $HK$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

**4.7.9. (Centre of  $G$ ):**  $Z(G) = \{x \in G : gx = xg \forall g \in G\}$

- $Z(G)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
- If  $G$  is commutative, then  $Z(G) = G$ .
  - Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Then for any  $g \in G, K = gHg^{-1} = \{gHg^{-1} : h \in H\}$  is a subgroup of  $G$  and  $|H| = |K|$ .
  - All subgroups of the group  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  are  $T_n = \{r_n : r \in \mathbb{Z}\}, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$

## 4.8. (Cyclic Groups):

**Definition:** A group  $G$  is called cyclic group if  $\exists$  an element  $a \in G$  such that

$G = \langle a \rangle = \{a^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Such an element  $a$  is called a generator of  $G$ .

**Example (4.22):**

- (i).  $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}, G = \langle i \rangle = \langle -i \rangle$
- (ii).  $(\mathbb{Z}, +) = \langle 1 \rangle, +$
- (iii).  $(\{2n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}, +) = \langle 2 \rangle, +$
- (iv).  $(\mathbb{Z}, +) = \{[1], +\}$

**4.8.1. (Theorem):** Every cyclic group  $G$  is commutative.

**4.8.2. (Theorem):** A finite group  $G$  is cyclic  $\Leftrightarrow \exists a \in G$  such that  $O(a) = |G|$

**4.8.3. (Corollary):** Let  $\langle a \rangle$  be a finite cyclic group. Then  $O(a) = |G|$

**4.8.4. (Theorem):** Let  $G = \langle a \rangle$  be a cyclic group of order  $n$ . Then for any integer  $k$  where  $1 \leq k < n$ ,  $a^k$  is a generator of  $G \Leftrightarrow \gcd(n, k) = 1$

**4.8.5. (Theorem):** Every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic.

**4.8.6. (Theorem):** Let  $G = \langle a \rangle$  be a cyclic group of order  $n$

- (i). If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , then  $|H|$  divides  $|G|$ . (For any group).
- (ii). If  $m$  is a positive integer such that  $m$  divides  $n$ , then  $\exists$  a unique subgroup of  $G$  of order  $m$ . (True for also any commutative group).
- (iii). If  $G = \langle a \rangle$  is an infinite cyclic group, then any subgroup  $H \neq \{e\}$  of  $G$  is also infinite order.
- (iv). Let  $G = \langle a \rangle$  be an infinite cyclic group. Then
  - (a)  $a^r = a^t \Leftrightarrow r = t, r, t \in \mathbb{Z}$
  - (b)  $G$  has only two generators.

## 4.9. Co-sets and Lagrange's Theorem :

**Definition:** Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . If  $a \in G$ , the subset  $aH = \{ah : h \in H\}$  is called a left co-sets of  $H$  in  $G$ . Similarly,  $Ha = \{ha : h \in H\}$  is called a right co-set of  $H$  in  $G$ .

Note:  $eH = H = He \Rightarrow H$  is a left and right co-set of itself in  $G$

- $aH \neq Ha$  always example (4.23)  $H = \{e, (1 \ 2)\}$  in  $S_3$ . Then
 
$$(2 \ 3)H = \{(2 \ 3), (1 \ 3 \ 2)\} \text{ and } Ha = \{(2 \ 3), (1 \ 2 \ 3)\}$$
 i.e.  $(2 \ 3)H \neq H(2 \ 3)$

**4.9.1. (Theorem):** Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$  and let  $a, b \in G$

- (i).  $aH = H \Leftrightarrow a \in H$  (ii)  $Ha = H \Leftrightarrow a \in H$
- (ii).  $aH = bH \Leftrightarrow a^{-1}b \in H$  (iii)  $Ha = Hb \Leftrightarrow ba^{-1} \in H$
- (iii). Either  $aH \cap bH = \phi$  or  $aH = bH$  (iii) Either  $Ha \cap Hb = \phi$  or  $Ha = Hb$

$\Rightarrow$  Left co-set or right co-sets gives a partition of  $G$  is  $\{aH : a \in G\}$  forms a partition of  $G$ .

**4.9.2. (Theorem):**  $|aH| = |H| = |Ha| \forall a \in G$  and any subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ .

**4.9.3. (Theorem):** Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $|L| = |R|$ , where  $L$  (represent  $R$ ) denotes the set of all left (represents right) co-sets of  $H$  in  $G$ .

**4.9.4. Index of subgroup:** Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Then the number of distinct left (or right) co-sets of  $H$  in  $G$ , written  $[G, H]$  is called the index of  $H$  in  $G$ .

**4.9.5. (Lagrange's Theorem):** Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a finite group  $G$ . Then  $|H|$  divides  $|G|$ . In particular,  $|G| = |H|[G, H]$ .

**4.9.10. (Corollary):** (i) Every group of prime order is cyclic and hence commutative.

(ii) Let  $|G| = n$  and  $a \in G$ . Then  $\phi(a)$  divides  $n = |G|$  and  $a^n = e$ .

**4.9.11. (Fermat Theorem):** Let  $p$  be a prime integer and  $a$  be an integer such that  $p$  does not divide  $a$ . Then  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .

**4.9.12. (Theorem):** Let  $H$  and  $K$  be two finite subgroups of  $G$ . Then

$$|HK| = \frac{|H| \cdot |K|}{|H \cap K|}$$

**4.9.13. (Corollary):** If  $|H| > \sqrt{|G|}$  and  $|K| > \sqrt{|G|}$ , then  $H \cap K \neq \{e\}$ .

Converse of Lagrange's Theorem not true:

**Example(4.23)** consider the symmetric group  $S_4$ . In this group  $A_4$  of all even permutation is a subgroup and  $|A_4| = 12$ ,  $H$  can not contain all these  $\exists$  -cycles. Let  $\alpha = (a \ b \ c) \notin H$ . Now,  $O(\alpha) = 3$ . Hence  $K = \{e, \alpha, \alpha^2\}$  is a subgroup of  $A_4$ .

Note that  $\alpha^2 = \alpha^{-1}$ .

Hence  $H \cap K = \{e\}$ . Then  $|HK| = \frac{|H| \cdot |K|}{|H \cap K|} = \frac{6 \cdot 3}{1} = 18$ . But  $HK \subseteq A_4$  and  $|A_4| = 12$ , a contradiction.

- But the converse of Lagrange's theorem true for any abelian group.

## 4.10. Normal Subgroups and Quotient Groups :

**4.10.1. Definition:** Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ .  $H$  is said to be normal subgroup of  $G$  if  $aH = Ha \ \forall a \in G$ . Note that  $G$  and  $\{e\}$  are normal subgroups of  $G$  which are trivial.

**4.10.2.** Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . The following conditions are equivalent:

- (i).  $H$  is a normal subgroup.
- (ii).  $gHg^{-1} \subseteq H \ \forall g \in G$
- (iii).  $gHg^{-1} = H \ \forall g \in G$

**4.10.3. Theorem:** Let  $H$  and  $K$  be two subgroups of  $G$ . Then

- (i). if  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ , then  $HK = KH$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
- (ii). if  $H$  and  $K$  are both normal subgroups, then  $HK = KH$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
- (iii). if  $H$  and  $K$  are both normal subgroups, then  $H \cap K$  is a normal subgroup.

Note: If one of  $H$  and  $K$  be normal then  $H \cap K$  is normal in another. It follows from second isomorphism theorem.

**4.10.4. Theorem (Quotient group or factor group):** Let  $H$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Denote  $G/H$  by  $\forall aH, bH \in G/H$ ,  $aH * bH = abH$ . Then  $(G/H, *)$  is group and it is known as quotient or factor group.

**4.10.5. Results:**

- (i). Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  such that  $[G : H] = 2$ . Then  $H$  is normal in  $G$ .
- (ii). The centre of  $G$ ,  $Z(G)$  is normal in  $G$ .
- (iii). Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $W = \bigcap_{g \in G} gHg^{-1}$  is normal in  $G$ .
- (iv). If  $x^2 \in H \forall x \in G$ , then  $H$  is normal and  $G/H$  is commutative.
- (v). If every cyclic subgroup of  $G$  is normal, then every subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is normal.  
Proof: Let  $a \in H$ , then for any  $g \in G$ ,  $gag^{-1} \in \langle a \rangle \subseteq H$ .

- (vi). If  $H$  is the only subgroup of order  $x$  in  $G$ , then  $H$  is normal.

**Proof:**  $|gHg^{-1}| = |H| \Rightarrow gHg^{-1} = H \Rightarrow H$  is normal.

- (vii). Let  $x, y \in G/H$  and  $xy \in H$ . Then  $H$  is normal in  $G$ .

**Proof :** Let  $a \in H$ ,  $g \in G/H \Rightarrow g^{-1} \in G/H \Rightarrow ga, g^{-1} \in G/H \Rightarrow gag^{-1} \in H$ .

- (viii). Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$ . If the product of two left co-sets of  $H$  in  $G$  is again a left co-set of  $G$ , then it is normal.

proof: Let  $g \in G$ . Then  $gH g^{-1}H = tH$  for some  $t \in G$ . Thus  $e = gg^{-1}e \in tH$

$\Rightarrow e = th$  for some  $h \in H \Rightarrow t = h^{-1} \Rightarrow tH = H$ . Now,  $gHg^{-1} \subseteq gHg^{-1}H = H$ .

- (a). Let  $H$  and  $K$  be two normal subgroups of  $G$  such that  $H \cap K = \{e\}$ . Then  $hk = kh \forall h \in H, \forall k \in K$ .
- (b). If  $G/Z(G)$  is cyclic, then  $G$  is abelian.

**4.11. Homomorphisms of Groups :**

**4.11.1 Definition (Homomorphisms ):** Let  $(G, *)$  and  $(G_1, *_1)$  be two groups and  $f : G \rightarrow G_1$  be a function. Then  $f$  is called a homomorphism of  $G$  into  $G_1$  if  $\forall a, b \in G$ ,  $f(a * b) = f(a) *_1 f(b)$ .

**Example(4.24):**

- (i).  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+, f(x) = e^x \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $f$  is a homomorphism form  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$  to  $(\mathbb{R}^+, \cdot)$ .
- (ii). Definition(Trivial homomorphism):  $f : G \rightarrow G_1$  by  $f(a) = e_1 \forall a \in G$ .
- (iii). Define:  $f : GL(2, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$  by  $f(A) = \det A \forall A \in GL(2, \mathbb{R})$ .

Note :  $|GL(n, F_p)| = (p^n - p^0)(p^n - p^1) \dots \dots \dots (p^n - p^{n-1})$  and  $|S(n, F_p)| = \frac{|GL(n, F_p)|}{p-1}$

**4.11.2. (Theorem):** If  $f$  is a homomorphism form a group  $G$  into a group  $G_1$  and  $e, e_1$  are the identity element of  $G$  and  $G_1$  respectively, then

- (i).  $f(e) = e_1$
- (ii).  $f(a^{-1}) = f(a)^{-1} \forall a \in G$ .
- (iii).  $f(a^n) = f(a)^n \forall a \in G$  and  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**4.11.3. (Theorem):** If  $f$  be a homomorphism of a group  $G$  into a group  $G_1$ . Then the following results hold :

- (i). if  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , then  $f(H) = \{f(h) : h \in H\}$  in subgroup of  $G_1$ .
- (ii). if  $H_1$  is a subgroup of  $G_1$ , then  $f^{-1}(H_1) = \{g \in G : f(g) \in H_1\}$  is a subgroup of  $G$  and if  $H_1$  is normal, then  $f^{-1}(H_1)$  is also normal.
- (iii). if  $a \in G$  is such that  $O(a) = n$ , then  $O(f(a))$  divides  $n$ .
- (iv). (Epimorphism): if  $f$  is onto, then  $f(H)$  is normal in  $G_1$  where  $H$  is normal in  $G$ .

**Example (4.25):** (In general if  $H$  is normal in  $G$ , then  $f(H)$  may not be normal in  $G_1$ ).

**Definition:**  $f : \mathbb{Z}_3 \rightarrow S_3$  by  $f(\delta) = e, f(\bar{1}) = (1\ 2), f(\bar{2}) = (1\ 2)$ . Then  $f$  is a homomorphism and  $f(\mathbb{Z}_3) = \{e, (1\ 2)\} = H_1$  which is not normal in  $S_3$  but  $H = \mathbb{Z}_3$  is normal in  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ .

**4.11.4. (Kernel):** Let  $f : G \rightarrow G_1$  be a homomorphism. The Kernel of  $f$  is defined by

$$\text{Ker } f = \{x \in G : f(x) = e_1\}.$$

**4.11.5. (Theorem):** Let  $f : G \rightarrow G_1$  be a homomorphism. Then –

- (i).  $\text{Im } f$  is a subgroup of  $G_1$ .
- (ii).  $\text{Ker } f$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
- (iii).  $f$  is one – one (monomorphism)  $\Leftrightarrow \text{ker } f = \{e\}$ .

**4.11.6. (Theorem):** Let  $G$  and  $G_1$  be two groups such that  $G_1$  is a homomorphic image of  $G$  i.e.  $f(G) = G_1$  i.e.  $f$  is onto (epimorphism).

- (i). If  $G$  is commutative, then so is  $G_1$ .
- (ii). If  $G$  is cyclic, then so is  $G_1$  and if  $G = \langle a \rangle$ , then  $G_1 = \langle f(a) \rangle$ .

**4.11.7. (Isomorphism):** A homomorphism  $f : G \rightarrow G_1$  is called an isomorphism if  $f$  is a bijective function.

A group  $G_1$  is said to be isomorphic to a group  $G$ , if  $\exists$  an isomorphism  $f : G \rightarrow G_1$ . In this case we write  $G \simeq G_1$ .

**Example (4.26):**

- (i). Let  $G = (\mathbb{R}, +)$ ,  $G_1 = (\mathbb{R}^+, \cdot)$  and  $f : G \rightarrow G_1$  by  $f(a) = e^a \forall a \in G$ .
- (ii).  $I : G \rightarrow G$  by  $I(x) = x \forall x \in G$ .

**4.11.8. (Theorem):** Let  $f : G \rightarrow G_1$  be an isomorphism. Then

- (i).  $f^{-1} : G \rightarrow G_1$  is an isomorphism.
- (ii).  $G$  is commutative  $\Leftrightarrow G_1$  is commutative.
- (iii).  $G$  is cyclic  $\Leftrightarrow G_1$  is cyclic.
- (iv). For all  $a \in G$ ,  $O(a) = O(f(a))$

Following are the consequences of the above theorem :

- I. A finite group can never be isomorphic with an infinite group as  $\nexists$  a one – one mapping and hence bijective.
- II. Two groups of same order may not be isomorphic.  
Example(4.27):  $S_3$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_6$  where  $S_3$  is non-commutative and  $\mathbb{Z}_6$  is commutative.
- III. Two groups of same order, commutative may not be isomorphic.  
Example(4.28):  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  cyclic and  $K_4$  is non-cyclic.



- IV. Two groups of infinite order and commutative may not be isomorphic.  
Example(4.29):  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  cyclic and  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$  non cyclic.
- V. Two groups of infinite order, non-cyclic and commutative may not be isomorphic.  
Example (4.30):  $(\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot)$  has number of element of order 4 but  $(\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot)$  has  $i$  of order 4.

**4.11.9. (Theorem):** Any infinite cyclic group is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ .

Proof:  $G = \langle a \rangle \quad f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G$  by  $f(n) = a^n$ .

**4.11.10. (Theorem(Cayley)) :** Every group is isomorphic to some subgroup of the group  $A(S)$  of all permutations of some set.

**4.11.11. (Corollary):** Let  $G$  be a group of order  $n$ .  $G$  is isomorphic to a sub group of the symmetric group  $S_n$ .

**Example (4.31):**

- (i). Find all homomorphisms of the group  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  to itself.

Ans : (Define):  $f_n : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  by  $f_n(t) = nt \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Any homomorphism  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is of the form  $f_n$ . Since  $m \in \mathbb{Z}, f(m) = f(m_1) = mf(1)$  and  $f$  is completely determined if we know  $f(1) = n$ . Then  $f(m) = nm = f_n(m) \Rightarrow f \equiv f_n, n = 1, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

- (ii). Find all homomorphisms from  $(\mathbb{Z}_8, +)$  into  $(\mathbb{Z}_6, +)$ .

Solutions: Let  $[a] \in \mathbb{Z}_8 = \langle [1] \rangle. f([a]) = af([1])$ . Then  $f$  is completely determined if we know  $f([1])$ . Now,  $O(f([1]))$  divides  $O([1])$  and  $|\mathbb{Z}_6|$  i.e.  $\delta$  and 6. So,  $O(\delta[1]) = 1$  or 2. Thus  $f([a]) = [0]$ , or  $[3]$ . If  $f([1]) = 0$ , then  $f$  is trivial homomorphism. If  $f([1]) = [3]$  then  $f([a]) = [3a]$ .

- (iii). (a) There does exist any isomorphism from  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$  to  $(\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot)$

ans:  $-1 \in \mathbb{R}^*$  with order 2 but  $\nexists a \in \mathbb{R}$  whose order is 2.

- (b)  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$  is not isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q}^+, \cdot$

Ans: Let  $f : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^+$  is an isomorphism. Now,  $2 \in \mathbb{Q}^+$ . Hence  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $2 = f(x) = f\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{x}{2}\right) = f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \left\{f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right\}^2 = y^2, y = f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \in \mathbb{Q}$  which is not possible.

**4.11.12. (Theorem of First Isomorphism):** Let  $f : G \rightarrow G_1$  be a homomorphism of groups. Then the quotient group  $G/\text{Ker } f \simeq \text{Im } f$  of  $G_1$ .

**4.11.13. (Corollary):** For any group  $G, G/\{e\} \simeq G. (I : G \rightarrow G, Ix = x \quad \forall x \in G).$

**4.11.14. (Theorem):** If  $G$  is a finite cyclic group of order  $n$ , then  $G \simeq \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_w$ .

**Example(4.32):**

- (i). Upto isomorphism, there are only two group of order 4,  $\mathbb{K}_4$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_4$ .
- (ii). Upto isomorphism, there are only two groups of order 6,  $\mathbb{Z}_6$  and  $S_3$ .
- (iii). If  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ , then  $m\mathbb{Z}/mn\mathbb{Z} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_w$ .
- (iv).  $U(m) = U(n_1) \oplus U(n_2) \oplus \dots \oplus U(n_k)$  where  $m = n_1 n_2 \dots n_k$  and  $\gcd(n_i, n_j) = 1, i \neq j$ .
- (v). Consider  $S_3$ , its normal sub groups are  $\{e\}, S_3, A_3$ . Hence all homomorphic images of  $S_3$  are  $S_3/S_3, S_3/\{e\} = S_3, S_3/A_3 = \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

**4.11.15. Theorem (Second Isomorphism):** Let  $H$  and  $K$  be sub groups of  $G$  with  $K$  normal in  $G$ . Then,  $H/(H \cap K) \simeq (HK)/K$ .

**4.11.16. Theorem (Third Isomorphism )** : Let  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  be two normal subgroups of  $G$  such that  $H_1 \subseteq H_2$ . Then—  
 $(G|H_1) |(H_2|H_1) \simeq G|H_2$ .

**Example(4.33):**

- Find all homomorphic image of  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ .

Solution: The subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $n\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Since  $\mathbb{Z}$  is commutative and the subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}$  are normal. Thus the homomorphic images of  $\mathbb{Z}$  are the groups  $\mathbb{Z}|n\mathbb{Z} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .

Note: Index of  $n\mathbb{Z}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$  is  $n$  namely,  $n\mathbb{Z}, 1 + n\mathbb{Z}, \dots, (n-1) + n\mathbb{Z}$ .

- $\mathbb{Z}_9$  is not homomorphic image of  $\mathbb{Z}_{16}$ . Since  $\mathbb{Z}_{16}|\ker f \simeq \mathbb{Z}_9 \Rightarrow |\mathbb{Z}_{16}|/|\ker f| = |\mathbb{Z}_9| \Rightarrow 16 = |\ker f| \cdot 9$  – absurd.

## 4.12. Direct Product of Groups:

Theorem: Let  $G$  and  $G$  be two groups. Then the set  $G_1 \times G_2 = \{(g_1, g_2) : g_1 \in G_1 \text{ and } g_2 \in G_2\}$

is a group under the binary operation  $*$   $[(a_1, b_1) * (a_2, b_2) = (a_1 a_2, b_1 b_2) \forall (a_1, b_1)(a_2, b_2) \in G_1 \times G_2]$ .

Further more

- $H_1 = \{(a_1, e_2) \in G_1 \times G_2\}$  is normal in  $G_1 \times G_2$  and  $G_1 \simeq H_1$ .
- $H_2 = \{(e_1, b_2) \in G_1 \times G_2\}$  is normal in  $G_1 \times G_2$  and  $G_2 \simeq H_2$ .
- $G_1 \times G_2 = H_1 H_2 = H_2 H_1$ ,  $H_1 \cap H_2 = \{(e_1, e_2)\}$

**4.12.1. Definition (Direct Product of groups):** The group  $(G_1 \times G_2, *)$  of the above theorem is called the direct products of the groups  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  (or external direct product of the groups  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ ).

**4.12.2. Definition (Internal direct product):** Let  $H$  and  $K$  be two subgroup of  $G$ .  $G$  is said to be an internal direct product of  $H$  and  $K$  if

- $G = HK$
- $H \cap K = \{e\}$
- $hk = kh \forall h \in H \text{ and } k \in K$

**Example(4.34):**  $k_4 = \{e, a, b, ab\}$ ,  $H_1 = \{e, a\}$ ,  $H_2 = \{e, b\}$ , –

(a)  $k_4 = H_1 H_2$  (b)  $H_1 \cap H_2 = \{e\}$  (c)  $hk = kh \forall h \in H_1, k \in H_2$

**4.12.3. (Theorem):** Let  $H$  and  $k$  be any subgroups of a group  $G$ .  $G$  is an internal direct product of  $H$  and  $k \Leftrightarrow$

- $G = Hk$
- $H$  and  $k$  are normal in  $G$ .
- $H \cap k = \{e\}$ .

**4.12.4. (Theorem):** Let  $G$  be a group and  $H, K$  be two normal subgroups of  $G$ . If  $G$  is an internal direct product of  $H$  and  $K$  then

- $G \simeq H \times K$
- $G|H \simeq K$  and  $G|K \simeq H$

**4.12.5. (Theorem):** Every finite abelian group is the direct product of cyclic groups.

**4.12.6. (Theorem):** The number of non-isomorphic abelian groups of order  $p^n$ ,  $p$  a portion equals to the number of partition  $p(n)$  of  $n$ .

**4.12.7. (Theorem):** The number of non-isomorphic abelian of order  $p_1^{\alpha_1}, p_2^{\alpha_2}, \dots, p_r^{\alpha_r}$ , where  $p(u)$  denoted the number of partitions of  $u$ .

**Example (4.35):** Let  $G$  be a abelian group of order 18. Then  $18 = 2^1, 3^2 = 2^1 3^1 3^1$  So,  $G$  is one of  $\mathbb{Z}_{18} = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_9$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$  ( $\because \gcd(2,9) = 1$ ).

(i). Find the number of elements of order 5 in  $\mathbb{Z}_{15} \times \mathbb{Z}_5$

Ans:  $5 \in O(a, b) = \text{lcm}\{O(a), O(b)\}$

**Case – I :** Since  $\mathbb{Z}_{15}$  is cyclic, it contains only one subgroup of order 5. In any subgroup of order 5, except identity element, every element is of order 5. Hence there are 4 choices of  $a$  and 4 choices of  $b$ . This gives 16 elements of order 5 in  $\mathbb{Z}_{15} \times \mathbb{Z}_5$ .

**Case – II :** 4 choices of  $a$  and 1 choices of  $b \Rightarrow 4$  elements of order 5 in  $\mathbb{Z}_{15} \times \mathbb{Z}_5$ .

**Case – III :** 1 Choices of  $a$  and 4 choices of  $b \Rightarrow 4$  elements of order 5 in  $\mathbb{Z}_{15} \times \mathbb{Z}_5$ .

Thus  $16 + 4 + 4 = 24$  is the number of elements of order 5 in  $\mathbb{Z}_{15} \times \mathbb{Z}_5$ .

(ii). Let  $G$  be an abelian group of order  $b$ . Then  $|G| = b = 2 \times 3$   
 $\Rightarrow G \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \simeq \mathbb{Z}_6$  ( $\because \gcd(2,3) = 1$ )  
 $[\text{not } \mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n \text{ in cyclic} \Leftrightarrow \gcd(m, n) = 1]$

(iii). Find number of non-isomorphic non-abelian groups of order  $n \geq b$ .

**Solution:**

**Case – I :** If  $n = r!$

**Case – II :** if  $n = 2m(m > 3)$ . Then  $D_3$  and if  $n = r!$  then  $S_r$

**Case – III :** If  $mr = n$ , then find a non-commutative group  $H$  of order  $m$  and  $H_m$  take direct product to  $\mathbb{Z}_r$ . This  $G \simeq H \times \mathbb{Z}_r$  and  $|G| = n$ .

**Case –IV:** If  $n = 4k$ , then  $Q_{2k}, k \geq 2$

**4.12.8. (Conjugacy class of a  $a \in G$ ):**

$$cl(a) = \{b \in G : x a x^{-1} = b \text{ for some } x \in G\} = \{x a x^{-1} : x \in G\}$$

Conjugacy classes gives a partition of  $G$ . Let  $|G| = n$ . Then  $\exists$  aistients  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in G$  such that  $G = \bigcup_{i=1}^k cl(a_i)$ .

Now, let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}(G) \cup cl(a_1) \cup cl(a_2) \cup \dots \cup cl(a_k)$ . Hence  $|G| = |Z(G)| + \sum_{i=1}^k |cl(a_i)|$

This equation is called the class equation of a finite group  $G$ .

**Example(4.39):**  $S_3, cl(e) = \{e\}, cl(1 \ 2) = \{(1 \ 2), (1 \ 3), (2 \ 3)\}$

$cl(1 \ 2 \ 3) = \{(1 \ 2 \ 3), (1 \ 3 \ 2)\}$  Then  $S_3 = cl(e) \cup cl(1 \ 2) \cup cl(1 \ 2 \ 3)$

and  $6 = |S_3| = |cl(e)| + |cl(1 \ 2)| + |cl(1 \ 2 \ 3)| = 1 + 3 + 2$

**4.12.9. Definition(Centralizer of a):** Let  $a \in G$ . Then centralizer of  $a$  is the subset

$$C(a) = \{x \in G : ax = xa\}$$

Clearly,  $C(a)$  is a subgroup of  $G$  and  $\mathbb{Z}(G) \subseteq C(a)$ .

**4.12.10. (Theorem):** Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $a \in G$ . Then  $[G : C(a)] = |cl(a)|$

**4.12.11. (Theorem):** If  $G$  is a group and  $|G|p^n (n > 0)$ , then  $Z(G) \neq \{e\}$  i.e.  $|Z(G)| \geq p$  ( $p$  is prime).

**Proof :** Follows from class equation and above theorem.

**4.12.12. (Theorem):** Every group of order  $p^2$  is commutative and it is either a cyclic or a direct product of cyclic groups.

**4.12.13. Theorem (Cauchy):** Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $p \mid |G|$ . Then  $G$  has an element of order  $p$  and hence a subgroup of order  $p$ .

**Proposition (i) :** Every group of order  $p^n$  ( $n > 0$ ) contains a normal subgroup of order  $p$ .

**Proposition (ii):** If  $|G| = px$ , where  $p$  is prime such that  $p > n$  then  $G$  has a normal subgroup of order  $p$ .

$\Rightarrow$  If  $|G| = pq$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are both primes and  $p > q$  then  $G$  has a normal subgroup of order  $p$ .

$\Rightarrow$  If  $|G| = pqr$  where  $p, q, r$  are primes and  $p > q > r$  then  $G$  has a normal subgroup of order  $p$ .

**4.12.14. (Theorem):** Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group of order  $n$ . If  $m$  is a positive integer such that  $m \mid n$ , then  $G$  has a subgroup of order  $m$ .

**Note:** The converse of Lagrange's theorem holds for finite abelian group.

**4.12.15. Theorem (Sylow's First Theorem):** Let  $G$  be a group of order  $p^n m$ , where  $p$  is a prime and  $\gcd(p, m) = 1$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $G$  has a subgroup of order  $p^i$ .

**4.12.16. Definition (Sylow  $p$ -subgroup):** If  $|G| = p^n m$  and  $\gcd(p, m) = 1$ , then any subgroup of  $G$  of order  $p^n$  is called a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup.

**4.12.17. Theorem (Sylow's second Theorem):** If  $H$  and  $K$  are any two Sylow  $p$ -subgroups of a finite group  $G$ , then  $H = gKg^{-1}$  for some  $g \in G$ .

**4.12.18. Theorem (Sylow's Third Theorem):** If  $|G| = p^n m$  and  $\gcd(p, m) = 1$ , then the number of  $k_p$  of Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  is of the form  $k_p + 1$  ( $k \geq 0$ ) and  $n_p \mid |G|$ .

**Proposition (i):** A finite group  $G$  contains only one Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $H \Leftrightarrow H$  is normal in  $G$ .

**Proposition (ii):** If  $|G| = pq$  where  $p, q$  are primes such that  $p > q$  and  $q$  does not divide  $p - 1$ , then  $G$  is a cyclic group.

**Example(4.37.):**

(i) If  $|G| = 15, 35, 77$ , then  $G$  is cyclic.

(ii) Show that every group of order 14 contains only 6 elements of order 7.

Ans: Let  $|G| = 14 = 2 \cdot 7$ . By Sylow's first theorem  $G$  has a subgroup of order 7 and has a Sylow 7-subgroup  $H$ . Now,  $n_7 = 7k + 1$  ( $k \geq 0$ ) and  $n_7 \mid 14 \Rightarrow n_7 = 1$ . Hence  $H$  is unique and hence normal and  $O(H) = 7 \Rightarrow H$  is cyclic. So, it has 6 elements of order 7.

(iii) A finite abelian group is cyclic  $\Leftrightarrow$  all of its Sylow subgroups are cyclic.

(iv) A finite abelian group of order  $n$  is cyclic if  $n$  is not divisible by  $p^2$  for any prime  $p$ .

(v) Let  $H$  and  $K$  be subgroups of commutative group  $G$ . Let  $|H| = m$ ,  $|K| = n$ ,  $l = \text{lcm}(m, n)$ . Then  $G$  has a subgroup of order  $l$ .

(vi) Let  $G$  be a non-commutative group of order  $p^3$  ( $p$  - prime). Then  $|Z(G)| = p$ .

(vii) Let  $G$  be a group of order  $p^n$  ( $p$  - prime) and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . Then any subgroup of  $G$  of order  $p^{n-1}$  is normal in  $G$ .

(viii) Let  $H$  be a normal subgroup of a finite group  $G$  and  $p$  be a prime dividing  $|G|$ . If  $[G : H]$  and  $p$  are relatively prime, then  $H$  contains all Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ .

### 4.13. Simple Groups :

**Definition:** A group  $G$  is called a simple group if  $G \neq \{e\}$  and  $G$  has no non trivial normal subgroups.

**4.13.1. Theorem:** A commutative group  $G$  is simple  $\Leftrightarrow G \cong \mathbb{Z}_p$  for some prime  $p$ .

**Proposition(i):** If  $|G| = 2n$  and  $n$  is off, then  $G$  has a normal subgroup of order  $n$  and hence  $G$  is not simple, for  $n > 1$ .

**Proposition(ii):** Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  with  $[G : H] = m$ . If  $|G|$  does not divide  $m!$ , then  $G$  has a non-trivial normal subgroup.  $\therefore G$  is not simple.

**Note:** (i) A group of order 60 is the smallest simple non-commutative group.

(ii) Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $1 \leq n < 60$  and  $n$  is not prime. Then number of group order  $n$  is simple.

## 4.14. Rings

**4.14.1. Definition (Ring):** A ring  $R$  is an algebraic structure  $(R, +, \cdot)$  consists of a non-empty set  $R$  together with two binary operations  $+$  and  $\cdot$  (called addition and multiplication) such that  $(R, +)$  is an abelian group and  $(R, \cdot)$  is a semi group and

$$a \cdot (b + c) = (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c), (b + c) \cdot a = (b \cdot a) + (c \cdot a).$$

(i)  $R$  is commutative if  $ab = ba \forall a, b \in R$

(ii)  $R$  is said to have an identity if  $\exists 1 \in R$  such that  $a \cdot 1 = a \forall a \in R$

**Example (4.38):**

(i)  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  is a commutative ring with identity.

(ii)  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot), (\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot), (\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$  are all commutative ring with 1.

(iii) Finite ring  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +, \cdot)$

(iv) Let  $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{a + ib : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, i = \sqrt{-1}\}$  with complex  $\cdot$  and  $+$  is a ring known as ring of Gaussian integers.

(v) Let  $(G, +)$  be an abelian group and  $R$  be the set of all endomorphisms (homomorphism on  $G$ ) of  $G$ . Define  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$  and  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) \forall f, g \in R$  and  $\forall x \in G$ . Then  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is a ring (which is called the ring of endomorphisms of  $G$ ).

(vi) Let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be two rings. Define  $R = R_1 \times R_2, (a, b) + (c, d)$

$$= (a + c, b + d) \text{ and } (a, b) \cdot (c, d) = (ac, bd).$$

Then  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is a ring where  $(0_{R_1}, 0_{R_2})$  is the additive identity ( $R$  is called the direct product of rings  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ ).

(vii)  $(\mathbb{R}[x], +, \cdot)$  is a ring where  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  set of all polynomial with real coefficients.

(viii)  $R = P(X)$  and  $A, B \in P(X)$   $A + B = A \Delta B$  and  $A \cdot B = A \cap B$ . There  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is a ring.

(ix)  $(M_n(\mathbb{R}), +, \cdot)$  is a ring where  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  is the set of all  $n \times n$  real matrices.

**4.14.2. Theorem:** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $a, b \in R$ . Then –

(i)  $a \cdot 0 = 0 = 0 \cdot a$

(ii)  $a(-b) = (-a)b = -ab$



$$(iii) (-a)(-b) = ab$$

$$(iv)(a+b)(c+d) = ac + ad + bc + bd, \quad c, d \in R$$

$$(v) (a-b)(c-d) = ac - bc - ad + bd$$

$$(vi)(a+b)^2 = a^2 + ab + ba + b^2$$

**4.14.3. (Idempotent):** An element  $x \in R$  is called idempotent if  $x^2 = x$ .

**4.14.4. (Boolean Ring):** A ring  $R$  is called Boolean ring if every element of  $R$  is idempotent i.e.  $x^2 = x \quad \forall x \in R$ .

**Example (4.39):** See example (viii) of (4.38) .

**4.14.5. Theorem:** Let  $R$  be a Boolean ring. Then –

$$(i) 2x = 0 \quad \forall x \in R$$

$$(ii) xy = yx \quad \forall x, y \in R$$

**Note :** Boolean is a commutative ring.

**4.14.6. (Unit):** Let  $R$  be a ring with identity  $1 (\neq 0)$ . Then  $u \in R$  is called a unit (or invertible) if  $\exists v \in R$  such that  $uv = vu = 1$ .  $v$  is called the inverse of  $u$  and is denoted by  $u^{-1}$ .

**Example (4.40):**

(i) Non-singular matrices are units in  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$

(ii) Any non-zero rational number in  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a unit.

**4.14.7. (Nilpotent):** An element  $x \in R$  is called nilpotent if  $x^n = 0$  for some positive integer  $n$ . The smallest  $n$  (for  $x$ ) is called degree of nilpotent of  $x$ .

**4.14.8. Theorem:** The sum of two nilpotent elements of a commutative ring is also nilpotent.

**4.14.9. (Zero divisor):** Let  $0 \neq a \in R$ . Then  $a$  is called a zero divisor if  $\exists 0 \neq b \in R$  such that  $ab = 0$  or  $ba = 0$ .

**Example(4.41):**

(i)  $(M_n(\mathbb{R}), +, \cdot)$  has zero divisor (ii)  $\mathbb{Z}_6, +, \cdot$   $\quad \quad \quad \bar{2} \cdot \bar{3} = 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_6$

**4.14.10. (Cancellation Law):** A ring  $R$  is said to satisfy left (right) cancellation property if

$$\forall a, b, c \in R, \quad a \neq 0 \text{ and } ab = ac \text{ [represent } ba = ca] \Rightarrow b = c$$

**4.14.11. Theorem:** Let  $R$  be a ring. Then the followings are equivalent:

- i.  $R$  has no zero divisors.
- ii.  $R$  satisfies left cancellation property.
- iii.  $R$  satisfies right cancellation property.

**4.14.12. (Integral Domain):** A commutative ring with identity  $1 \neq 0$  is called an integral domain (ID) if  $R$  has no zero divisors.

**Examples (4.42):**

(i)  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot), (\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot), (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot), (\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$

(ii)  $R = R_1 \times R_2$  is not an integral domain even if both  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are Integral Domain. Since  $(0, b) \cdot (a, 0) = (0, 0)$ .

**4.14.13. Theorem:** For any positive integer  $n$ , the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  of all integers modulo  $n$  is an integral domain  $\Leftrightarrow n$  is prime.

**4.14.14. Theorem:** A commutative ring  $R$  with identity  $1 \neq 0$  is an integral domain  $\Leftrightarrow$  the cancellation law holds for multiplication.

**4.14.15. (Division ring):** A ring  $R$  with identity  $1 \neq 0$  is called a division ring if every non-zero element of  $R$  is a unit.

**Example(4.43):**  $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \beta & \alpha \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{C}) : \bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta} \text{ are conjugate of } \alpha, \beta \right\}$

**4.14.16. (Field):** A commutative division ring is called field. For field  $(F, +, \cdot)$  we have  $(F, +)$  and  $(F, \cdot)$  are both abelian groups.

**Examples(4.44):**  $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot), (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot), (\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$

**4.14.17. Theorem:** Any field is an integral domain.

**4.14.18. Theorem:** Any finite integral domain is a field.

**4.14.19. (Corollary):**  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is a field  $\Leftrightarrow n$  is prime.

**4.14.20. (Characteristic of Ring):** Let  $R$  be a ring. If there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $na = 0 \forall a \in R$ , then the least such  $n$  is called the characteristic of the ring.

Note: If there is not exists positive integer  $n$  with  $na = 0 \forall a \in R$ , then the ring is said to be of characteristic 0 (Zero).

**Example(4.45)**

(i) The characteristic of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is  $n$ .

(ii) The ring  $\mathbb{Z}$  and the fields  $\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$  are of characteristic zero.

**4.14.21. Theorem:** The characteristic of an integral domain is either prime or zero. In particular characteristic of a field is either prime or zero.

**4.14.22. (Corollary):** The characteristic of a finite field is prime.

**4.15. Subring:** A non-empty subset  $S$  of a ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is called a subring of  $R$  if  $(S, +)$  is a subgroup of the abelian group  $(R, +)$  and  $S$  closed under multiplication i.e.  $\forall a, b \in S \Rightarrow ab \in S$ .

**Example(4.46.):**

(i) The smallest subring of  $R$  is  $\{0\}$  and the greatest one is  $R$  itself.

(ii) In the following chain, the former is a subring of the later  $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$

Note:  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is not a subring of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , but  $n\mathbb{Z} = \{nr : r \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

(iii) The set  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}] = \{a + b\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{R} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(iv) Let  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  be two rings and  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  be two subrings of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively. Then  $S_1 \times S_2$  is a subring of  $R_1 \times R_2$ .

(v) The set of even polynomial  $R$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{R}[x]$ .

(vi) The Gaussian integers  $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{a + bi \in \mathbb{C} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, i^2 = -1\}$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**4.15.1. Theorem:** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $S$  be a non-empty subring of  $R$ . A necessary and sufficient condition that  $S$  is a subring of  $R$  is  $a, b \in S \Rightarrow a - b, ab \in S$ .

**4.15.2. Theorem:** Let  $\{S_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  be a collection of subrings of a ring  $R$ . Then  $S = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} S_\alpha$  is a subring of  $R$  and  $S$  is the smallest subring.

Note: Union of two subrings may not be a subring. Consider the subrings  $2\mathbb{Z}$  and  $3\mathbb{Z}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $2 + 3 \notin 2\mathbb{Z} \cup 3\mathbb{Z}$  we have  $2\mathbb{Z} \cup 3\mathbb{Z}$  is not a subring of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

**4.15.3. (Centre of  $R$ ):** Let  $R$  be a ring. Define

$C(R) = \{a \in R : x_a = a_x \forall x \in R\}$ ,  $C(R)$  is called the centre of  $R$ .

Note that  $C(R) = R \Leftrightarrow R$  is commutative.

**4.15.4. Theorem:** The centre of a ring  $R$  is a subring of  $R$ .

**4.15.5. (Sub field):** Let  $F$  be a field. A subring  $S$  of  $F$  is called a subfield of  $F$  if  $1 \in S$  and for each  $0 \neq a \in S, a^{-1} \in S$ .

Clearly a subfield  $S$  in itself a field.

**Example(4.47):**

(i) In the following chain the former is the subfield of the later

$$\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$$

(ii)  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] = \{a + b\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{R} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$  is a subfield of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(iii) Let  $A$  be the set of all complex number which satisfy a polynomial equation with rational coefficient, i.e.  $A = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{C} : a_0 + a_1\alpha + a_2\alpha^2 + \dots + a_n\alpha^n = 0, a_i \in \mathbb{Q}, n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$

Then  $A$  is a subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$ . Elements of  $A$  are called algebraic numbers.

**4.15.6. Theorem:** Let  $S$  be a subset of a field  $F$ . Then  $S$  is a subfield of  $F \Leftrightarrow S$  satisfies the following conditions:

- i.  $|S| \geq 2$
- ii.  $a - b \in S \forall a, b \in S$
- iii.  $ab^{-1} \in S \forall a \in S, b \in S \setminus \{0\}$ .

**4.15.7. Theorem:** Let  $\{S_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  be a collection of subfield of a field  $F$ . Then  $S = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} S_\alpha$  is also a subfield of  $F$ .

- Note that
  - (i)  $\mathbb{Q}$  is the smallest subfield over  $\mathbb{R}$ .
  - (ii) The characteristic of a subfield is same as the characteristic of the field.  $\Rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has no finite subfield.
  - (iii) The union of two subfields may not be a subfield consider  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$  and  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{3}]$  two subfield of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} \notin \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] \cup \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{3}]$ . So,  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] \cup \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{3}]$  is not a subfield of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**4.16. (Ideal) :** A subring  $I$  of ring  $R$  is called a left [right] ideal of  $R$ , if  $\forall r \in R$  and  $\forall x \in I, rx \in I$  [respectively  $xr \in I$ ]. If  $I$  is both left and right ideal, then  $I$  is called an ideal of  $R$ .

**Examples(4.48):**

- i).  $\{0\}$  and  $R$  are two trivial ideal of  $R$ .
- ii).  $2\mathbb{R}$  is an ideal of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- iii). Let  $R$  be a ring and consider  $S = R \times R$ . Then  $R \times \{0\}$  and  $\{0\} \times R$  are ideals of  $R \times R = S$ .
- iv). Every field has only two trivial ideals  $\{0\}$  and  $F$ .

**4.16.1. Theorem:** Let  $\{I_\alpha : \alpha \in \Lambda\}$  be a collection of left [right ideal] of a ring  $R$ . Then  $I = \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Lambda} I_\alpha$  is a left [respectively right ideal] ideal of  $R$ .

Note that union of two ideals may not be an ideal consider  $2\mathbb{Z}$  and  $3\mathbb{Z}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$  (As  $2\mathbb{Z} \cup 3\mathbb{Z}$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{Z}$ ).

**4.16.2. Definition:** Let  $I$  and  $J$  be two ideals of  $R$ . Define

$$I + J = \{a + b : a \in I, b \in J\} \text{ and}$$

$$IJ = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m a_i b_i : a_i \in I, b_i \in J, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

**4.16.3. Theorem:** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I, J$  be two ideals of  $R$ . Then  $I + J$  and  $IJ$  are ideals of  $R$ . Moreover  $IJ \subseteq I \cap J$  and  $I \cup J \subseteq I + J$ . Ideal  $I + J$  is the smallest ideal containing  $I \cup J$ .

**4.16.4. Theorem:** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $x \in R$ . Denote the smallest ideal containing  $x$  by  $(x)$ . Then

$$(x) = \{ rx + rs + \sum_{i=1}^m s_i x t_i + nx : r, s, s_i, t_i \in R; m \in \mathbb{N}, n \in \mathbb{N} \}$$

If  $R$  has  $m$  identity, then –

$$(x) = \{ \sum_{i=1}^m s_i x t_i : s_i, t_i \in R; m \in \mathbb{N} \} \text{ and}$$

if  $R$  is a commutative ring with identity, then –

$$(x) = Rx = \{ rx : r \in R \}$$

**4.16.5. (Principal ideal):** The ideal  $(x)$  of a ring  $R$  is called the principal ideal generated by the element  $x \in R$ .

**4.16.6. (Principal ideal ring):** A ring  $R$  with identity is called a principal ideal ring if every ideal of  $R$  is a principal ideal.

- An integral domain (ID) in which every ideal is a principal ideal is called a principal ideal domain (PID).

**Example (4.49):**

- $\mathbb{Z}$  is a principal ideal domain (PID). Since its every ideal is of the form  $n\mathbb{Z} = (n), n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

Note that in a ring  $R$  with identity,  $R = (1)$  and hence for any ideal  $I$  of  $R$ ,  $1 \in I \Leftrightarrow I = R$ . Thus in this case  $R$  has trivial ideals  $(0)$  and  $(1)$ .

- $\mathbb{Z}(n > 1)$  is a PIR
- $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  is a PID.

**4.17. (Simple ring):** A ring  $R$  is called simple if  $R^2 \neq \{0\}$  and  $R$  has no non-trivial ideal.

**Example (4.50):** (i)  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  (ii)  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$  (iii) Any field.

**4.17.1. Theorem:** A commutative ring  $R$  with identity is simple  $\Leftrightarrow R$  is a field.

**4.18. (Quotient ring/ Factor ring):** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then the ring  $R/I = \{a + I : a \in R\}$  is called the quotient ring of  $R$  by  $I$ . Where –

$$(a + I) + (b + I) = (a + b) + I \text{ and } (a + I)(b + I) = ab + I \quad \forall a, b \in R$$

**Example (4.51):** Consider the ring  $\mathbb{Z}$  and in this ring  $5\mathbb{Z} = \{5k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is an ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} = \{n + 5\mathbb{Z} : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a quotient ring.

**4.18.1. Theorem:** If  $R$  is a commutative ring with identity  $1 \neq 0$  and  $I$  be a proper ideal of  $R$ , then the quotient ring  $R/I$  is also a commutative ring with identity.

**4.19. (Homomorphism):** Let  $R$  and  $S$  be two rings. A mapping  $f : R \rightarrow S$  is called a homomorphism of  $R$  into  $S$ , if it satisfies the following –

- $f(a + b) = f(a) + f(b)$
- $f(ab) = f(a)f(b) \quad \forall a, b \in R$

Any homomorphism of a ring  $R$  into itself is called an endomorphism and a bijective endomorphism is called an automorphism.



**Example(4.52):**

- i).  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  by  $f(r) = [r]$
- ii). (not homomorphism)  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  by  $f(x) = -x$ .  

$$\text{Then } f(m+n) = -(m+n) = -m-n = f(m) + f(n).$$

$$\text{Now } f(2 \cdot 3) = -(2 \cdot 3) \neq (-2)(-3) = f(2)f(3).$$

**4.19.1. (Kernel):** (i)  $\ker f = \{x \in R : f(x) = 0_s\}$ .  $\ker f$  is an ideal of  $R$ . (ii)  $f$  is one – one if only if  $\ker f = \{0_R\}$ .

1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3rd isomorphism theorem also holds for ring homomorphism.

**Example(4.53):** Find all homomorphism from the ring  $\mathbb{Z}$  onto  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Answer: Only one which is identity homomorphism.

**4.19.2. (Maximal ideal):** A proper ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R \neq \{0\}$  is called a maximal ideal of  $R$  if  $I$  is not contained in any other proper ideal of  $R$  i.e. for any ideal  $J$  of  $R$ ,  $I \subseteq J \Rightarrow \text{either } I = J \text{ or } J = R$ .

**Example(4.54).**

- i).  $3\mathbb{Z}$  is maximal ideal  $m\mathbb{Z}$ . But  $6\mathbb{Z}$  is not maximal in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $6\mathbb{Z} \subset 3\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Z}$ . In general  $p\mathbb{Z}$  for any prime  $P$ , is a maximum ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- ii). Consider  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ . In this ring  $\{0\}$ ,  $\{0, 2, 4\}$ ,  $\{0, 3\}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ .  $\{0, 2, 4\}$  and  $\{0, 3\}$  are maximal ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ .
- iii). Let  $F$  be a field. Since  $\{0\}$  and  $F$  are only two ideals of  $F$ ,  $\{0\}$  is the only maximal ideal of  $F$ .

**4.19.3. Theorem:** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity  $1 \neq 0$ . Then  $R$  is a field  $\Leftrightarrow \{0\}$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$ .

**4.19.4. Theorem:** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity,  $1 \neq 0$ . Then an ideal  $M$  of  $R$  is maximal  $\Leftrightarrow R/M$  is a field.

**4.19.5. (Prime ideal):** Let  $R$  be a ring such that  $R \neq \{0\}$ . A proper ideal  $P$  of  $R$  is called a prime ideal, if for any ideal  $A, B$  in  $R$ ,  $AB \subseteq P \Rightarrow A \subseteq P \text{ or } B \subseteq P$ .

**4.19.6. Theorem:** Let  $R$  be a ring with  $R \neq \{0\}$  and  $P$  be a proper ideal of  $R$  such that for any  $a, b \in R$ ,  $ab \in P \Rightarrow a \in P \text{ or } b \in P$ . Then  $P$  is a prime ideal of  $R$ .

**Example(4.55):**  $P\mathbb{Z}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $a, b \in R$  such that  $ab \in P\mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow P(ab) \Rightarrow \text{either } P|a \text{ or } P|b$  as  $P$  is prime.

**4.19.7. (Theorem).** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity. Then every maximal ideal of  $R$  is prime.

**4.19.8. Theorem:** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity,  $1 \neq 0$ . A proper ideal  $P$  of  $R$  is prime ideal  $\Leftrightarrow R/P$  is an integral domain (ID).

Note:  $P\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $P$  is prime, are both prime and maximal ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

#### 4.19.9. Theorem:

- i). In a Boolean ring  $B$  with identity, every prime ideal is a maximal ideal.  $\Rightarrow$  prime ideal  $\Leftrightarrow$  maximal ideal.
- ii). Let  $R$  be ring with identity. Then every proper ideal of  $R$  is contained in a maximal ideal of  $R$ .
- iii). Let  $R$  be a ring with identity,  $I \neq 0$ . Then  $R$  has a maximal ideal.

#### Example(4.55):

Find all prime and maximal ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}_8$ .

Answer: (i) Ideals of  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  are  $\{0\}, \{0, 4\}, \{0, 2, 4, 6\}, \mathbb{Z}_8 \Rightarrow \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$  is the only maximal ideal. By the theorem(4.19.9) it is also prime ideal. Now,  $\{0\}$  is not prime, since  $4 \times 2 = 0$  but  $2, 4 \notin \{0\}$ .  $\{0, 4\}$  is not prime as  $2 \times 2 = 4$  but  $2 \notin \{0, 4\}$ .

(ii) In the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ , the subset  $I = \{a + ib \in \mathbb{Z}[1] : a, b \text{ are the both multiples of } 3\}$  is a maximal ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

(iii)  $\mathbb{Z}[i]/I$  is a field of 9 elements.

#### 4.20. Polynomial Rings:

**Definition:** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring. The set of polynomials  $R[x] = \{a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 : a_i \in R, n \geq 0\}$  is called the ring of polynomials over  $R$  in the indeterminate  $x$ .

**4.20.1. Theorem:** If  $D$  is an integral domain (ID), then  $D[x]$  is an integral domain (ID).

**4.20.2. Theorem(Division Algorithm):** Let  $F$  be a field and let  $f(x), g(x) \in F[x]$  with  $g(x) \neq 0$ . Then

$\exists$  unique polynomials  $q(x)$  and  $r(x)$  in  $F[x]$  such that  $f(x) = g(x)q(x) + r(x)$ ,  $r(x) = 0$  or  $\deg r(x) < \deg g(x)$ .

**4.20.3. Corollary – I (Remainder Theorem):** Let  $F$  be a field,  $a \in F$  and  $f(x) \in F[x]$ . Then  $f(a)$  is the remainder in the division of  $f(x)$  by  $x - a$ .

**4.20.4. Corollary – II (Factor Theorem):** Let  $F$  be a field,  $a \in F$  and  $f(x) \in F[x]$ . Then  $a$  is a zero of  $f(x) \Leftrightarrow x - a$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .

**4.20.5. Corollary – III :** A polynomial of degree  $n$  has at most  $n$  zeros counting multiplicity.

**4.20.6. Theorem(PID):** Let  $F$  be a field. Then  $F[x]$  is a PID. So any ideal  $I$  in  $F[x]$ ,  $I = \langle f(x) \rangle$  where  $f(x)$  is a non-zero minimum degree polynomial in  $I$ .

**Example(4.56):** Let  $\phi : \mathbb{R}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $\phi[f(x)] = f(i) \forall f(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ . Then  $\phi$  is a homomorphism and  $x^2 + 1 \in \ker \phi$  and  $x^2 + 1$  is the minimum degree polynomial in  $\ker \phi$ . Thus  $\ker \phi = \langle x^2 + 1 \rangle$  By 1<sup>st</sup> isomorphism theorem  $\mathbb{R}[x]/\langle x^2 + 1 \rangle \simeq \mathbb{C}$ .

**4.20.7. (Irreducible, Reducible Polynomial):** Let  $D$  be an integral domain. A polynomial  $f(x)$  form  $D[x]$  that is neither zero nor unit in  $D[x]$  is said to be irreducible order  $D$ , if, whenever  $f(x)$  is expressed as a product  $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$  with  $g(x), h(x) \in D[x]$  then either  $g(x)$  or  $h(x)$  is a unit in  $D[x]$ .

A non- zero, non-unit element of  $D[x]$  that is not irreducible over  $D$  is called reducible over  $D$ .

**Example(4.57):**

- i).  $x^2 - 2$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$  but reducible over  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- ii).  $2x^2 + 4$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  but reducible over  $\mathbb{C}$ .
- iii). The polynomial  $x^2 + 1$  i.e. irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  but reducible over  $\mathbb{Z}_5$  (Hint. in  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ ,  $x^2 + 1$  has no zero but in  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ ,  $x^2 + 1 = x^2 + 1 + (-5) = x^2 - 4 = (x - 2)(x + 2) = (x - 2 + 5)(x + 2) = (x + 3)(x + 2)$ ).

**4.20.8. Theorem:** Let  $F$  be a field and  $f(x) \in F[x]$  with  $\deg f(x) = 2$  or  $3$ . Then  $f(x)$  is reducible over  $F \Leftrightarrow f(x)$  has a zero in  $F$ .

**4.20.9. (Content of polynomial, Primitive polynomial):** The content of a non-zero polynomial  $a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$  where  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , is the  $\gcd$  of  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$ . A primitive polynomial is an element of  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  with content 1.

**4.20.10. Lemma(Gauss):** The product of two primitive polynomials is primitive.

**4.20.11. Theorem:** Let  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ . If  $f(x)$  is reducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , then it is reducible over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Example(4.58):**

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 6x^2 + x - 2 = \left(3x - \frac{3}{2}\right) \left(2x + \frac{4}{3}\right) \\ \Rightarrow 2 \cdot 3 f(x) &= 2 \left(3x - \frac{3}{2}\right) 3 \left(2x + \frac{4}{3}\right) = 2 \cdot 3(2x - 1)(3x + 2) \\ \Rightarrow f(x) &= (2x - 1)(3x + 2). \end{aligned}$$

**4.20.12. Theorem(Mod P Irreducible Test):** Let  $P$  be a prime and suppose that  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  with  $\deg f(x) \geq 1$ . Let  $f^2(x)$  be the polynomial in  $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]$  obtained from  $f(x)$  by reducing all the coefficient of  $f(x)$  moduls  $P$ . If  $f^2(x)$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $\deg f^2(x) = \deg f(x)$ , then  $f(x)$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Example (4.59):** Let  $f(x) = 21x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x + 9$ . Then over  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ . Thus  $f(x)$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and hence over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

**4.20.13. Theorem(Eisenstein Criterion):** Let  $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ . If there is a prime  $P$  such that  $P \nmid a_n, P \mid a_{n-1}, \dots, P \mid a_0$  and  $P^2 \nmid a_0$ , then  $f(x)$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**4.20.14. Corollary:** For any prime  $P$ , the  $P^{\text{th}}$  cyclotomic polynomial

$$\phi_p(x) = \frac{x^p - 1}{x - 1} = x^{p-1} + x^{p-2} + \dots + x + 1 \text{ is irreducible over } \mathbb{Q}.$$

**4.20.15. Theorem:** Let  $F$  be a field and let  $p(x) \in F[x]$ . Then  $\langle p(x) \rangle$  is a maximal ideal in  $F[x] \Leftrightarrow p(x)$  is irreducible polynomial over  $F$ .

**4.20.16. Corollary – I :** Let  $F$  be a field and  $p(x)$  an irreducible polynomial over  $F$ . Then  $F[x]/\langle p(x) \rangle$  is a field.

**4.20.17. Corollary – II :** Let  $F$  be a field and let  $p(x), a(x), b(x) \in F[x]$ . If  $p(x)$  is irreducible over  $F$  and  $p(x) | a(x)b(x)$ , then  $p(x) | a(x)$  or  $p(x) | b(x)$ .

**4.20.18. Theorem:**  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  is a unique factorization domain (UFD) i.e.  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ .

$$f(x) = b_1 b_2 \dots b_s p_1(x) \dots p_m(x) = c_1 c_2 \dots c_t q_1(x) \dots q_n(x)$$

where  $b_i$ 's and  $c_i$ 's are irreducible polynomial of degree 0 and the  $p_i(x)$ 's,  $q_i(x)$ 's are irreducible polynomial of positive degree. Then  $s = t$ ,  $m = n$  and  $b_i = \pm c_i$ ,  $p_i(x) = \pm q_i(x)$ .

## 4.21. Divisibility in Integral Domain(ID):

Elements  $a, b$  of an integral domain  $D$  are called associates if  $a = ub$  where  $u \in D$  with  $a = bu$ , then  $b$  or  $c$  is unit. A non-zero element  $a \in D$  is called prime if  $a$  is not unit and  $a | bc \Rightarrow a | b$  or  $a | c$ .

**4.21.2. Theorem**(Prime  $\Rightarrow$  Irreducible in ID):

In an integral domain (ID), every prime is an irreducible. Converse is not true.

**Example(4.61):**

$1 + \sqrt{-5}, 1 - \sqrt{-5}, 3, 2, 3 \pm \sqrt{-5}, 2 \pm 3\sqrt{-5}, 3 \pm 2\sqrt{-5}, 1 \pm 2\sqrt{-5}, 1 \pm 3\sqrt{-5}$  are irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$  but they are not prime in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ .

$$\text{Let } 1 + \sqrt{-5} = (a + b\sqrt{-5})(c + d\sqrt{-5})$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 + \sqrt{-5})(1 - \sqrt{-5}) = (a + b\sqrt{-5})(a - b\sqrt{-5})(c + d\sqrt{-5})(c - d\sqrt{-5})$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 5 = (a^2 + 5b^2)(c^2 + 5d^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \times 3 = (a^2 + 5b^2)(c^2 + 5d^2) = 6 \times 1 \Rightarrow 6 = a^2 + 5b^2, \quad 1 = c^2 + 5d^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = a^2 + 5b^2, \quad 3 = c^2 + 5d^2 \text{ (There is no } a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \pm 1, b = \pm 1 \Rightarrow c = \pm 1, d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c + d\sqrt{-5} \text{ is unit.}$$

## 4.21.4. (Unique Factorization Domain (UFD)).

An integral domain  $D$  is a unique factorization domain if –

- (i) Every non-zero and non-unit element of  $D$  can be written as a product of irreducible of  $D$ .
- (ii) The factorization into irreducible is unique up to associates and the order in which the factors appear.

**4.21.5. Theorem:** Every principal ideal domain (PID) is a unique factorization domain (UFD).

Converse is not true. Since  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  is unique factorization domain (UFD) but is not PID.

**4.21.6. Corollary:** Let  $F$  be a field. Then  $F[x]$  is a unique factorization domain (UFD).

**4.21.7. Definition (Euclidean Domain):** An integral domain  $D$  is called a Euclidean domain (ED) if  $\exists$  function  $N$  from the non-zero elements of  $D$  to the non-negative integers such that-

- (i)  $N(a) \leq N(ab) \forall$  non-zero  $a, b \in D$
- (ii) If  $a, b \in D, b \neq 0$ , then  $\exists q, r \in D$  such that  $a = bq + r$  where  $r = 0$  or  $N(r) < N(b)$ .

**Example (4.62.):**

- i). The ring  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a Euclidean Domain(ED) with  $N(a) = |a|$ .
- ii). Let  $F$  be a field. Then  $F[x]$  is a Euclidean Domain with  $N(f(x)) = \deg f(x) \Rightarrow F[x]$  is Euclidean Domain, Principal Ideal Domain, Unique Factorization Domain, Integral Domain.
- iii). The ring of Gaussian integers  $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{a + ib \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is Euclidean Domain with  $N(a + ib) = a^2 + b^2$ .
- iv).  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{n}]$  is Euclidean Domain only for  $n = -1, -2, 2, 3$
- v). In Principal Ideal Domain(PID), if  $\langle a \rangle$  and  $\langle b \rangle$  two ideal  $\langle a, b \rangle = \langle a \rangle + \langle b \rangle = \langle d \rangle$   
 $\langle a \rangle \cap \langle b \rangle = \langle l \rangle$  where  $d = \gcd(a, b), l = \text{lcm}(a, b)$
- vi). If  $N(a)$  is prime in  $D$  then  $a$  is irreducible.

$$F \subset ED \subset PID \subset UFD \subset FDC \subset ID \subset R$$

	ID	FD	UFD	PID	ED	F
	$\mathbb{Q}$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	$\mathbb{R}$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	$\mathbb{Z}$	✓	✓	✓	✓	×
$F[x], \text{Field}$	$\mathbb{Q}[x]$	✓	✓	✓	✓	×
	$\mathbb{R}[x]$	✓	✓	✓	✓	×
	$\mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1+i\sqrt{7}}{2}\right]$	✓	✓	✓	×	×
	$\mathbb{Z}[x]$	✓	✓	×	×	×
	$\mathbb{Z}[i\sqrt{5}]$	✓	×	×	×	×
Ring	$R$	×	×	×	×	×

**4.22. (Extension Field):** A field  $E$  is an extension field of a field  $F$  if  $F \subseteq E$  and the operations of  $F$  are those of  $E$  restricted to  $F$ .

**Example:**  $\mathbb{R}$  is an extension field of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .



**Theorem (Fundamental Theorem of Field):** Let  $F$  be a field and  $f(x)$  a non-constant polynomial in  $F[x]$ . Then there exist an extension field  $E$  of  $F$  in which  $f(x)$  has a zero.

**Example(4.63):** Let  $f(x) = x^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ . Then in  $E = \mathbb{Q}[x]/\langle x^2 + 1 \rangle$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + \langle x^2 + 1 \rangle) &= (x + \langle x^2 + 1 \rangle)^2 + 1 = x^2 + \langle x^2 + 1 \rangle + 1 \\ &= x^2 + 1 + \langle x^2 + 1 \rangle = 0 + \langle x^2 + 1 \rangle = \langle x^2 + 1 \rangle \\ &\Rightarrow f \text{ has zero in } E = \mathbb{Q}[x]/\langle x^2 + 1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Since, in  $G/H$ ,  $(a + H)(b + H) = ab + H$  and  $(a + H) + (b + H) = (a + b) + H$

Note :  $H$  is the '0' element and  $1+H$  is the '1' element in  $G/H$ .

**Example(4.64):** Let  $f(x) = x^5 + 2x^2 + 2x + 2 \in \mathbb{Z}_3[x]$ . Then its irreducible factorization over  $\mathbb{Z}_3[x]$  is  $(x^1 + 1)(x^3 + 2x + 2)$ . So, we may take its extension field as  $E = \mathbb{Z}_3[x]/\langle x^2 + 1 \rangle = \{a + bx + \langle x^2 + 1 \rangle : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_3\}$  with 9 elements or  $\mathbb{Z}_3[x]/\langle x^3 + 2x + 1 \rangle$  with 27 elements.

Note: (i) Construct field with 8, 9, 27 etc.

(ii) Let  $\deg f(x) = n$  and  $f(x)$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]$ , the order of the field  $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]/\langle f(x) \rangle$  is  $p^n$ .

**4.22.1. (Splitting Field):** Let  $E$  be an extension field of  $F$  and let  $f(x) \in F[x]$ . We say that  $f(x)$  splits in  $E$  if  $f(x)$  can be factored as a product of linear factors in  $E[x]$ . We call  $E$  a splitting field for  $f(x)$  over  $F$  if  $f(x)$  splits in  $E$  but no proper subfield of  $E$ .

**Example (4.65).** Consider the polynomial  $f(x) = x^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ .

Since  $x^2 + 1 = (x + i)(x - i)$ ,  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . We see that  $f(x)$  splits in  $\mathbb{C}$ , but a splitting field over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is  $\mathbb{Q}[i] = \{a + bi : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$

A splitting field for  $x^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ . Similarly  $x^2 - 2 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  splitting in  $\mathbb{R}$  but its splitting field is  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] = \{a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ .

**4.22.2. Theorem (Existence of Splitting Fields) :** Let  $F$  be a field and let  $f(x)$  be a non-constant elements of  $F[x]$ . Then  $\exists$  a splitting field  $E$  for  $f(x)$  over  $F$ .

**Example (4.66):**

- i. Let  $G$  be a simple group of order 60. Then  $G \simeq A_5$  and it has a subgroup of order 12.
- ii. Let  $|G| = 2p$  ( $2 < p$  - prime). Then  $G$  is either cyclic or dihedral ( $D_p$ )

Note :

$$(a) Z(D_n) = \begin{cases} \{e\}, & n \text{ odd} \\ \{e, a^{\frac{n}{2}}\}, & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

(b) conjugate classes in  $D_{2n+1}$  are  $\{e\}, \{b, ba, \dots, ba^{2n}\}, \{a^r, a^{-r}\}, 1 \leq r \leq n$ .

- iii. Conjugate classes in

$D_{2n}$  are  $\{e\}, \{b, ba^2, ba^4, \dots, ba^{2n}\}, \{ba, ba^3, ba^5, \dots, ba^{2n-1}\}, \{a^r, a^{-r}\},$   
 $(1 \leq r \leq n) \text{ and } \{a^n\}$

**Example (4.67):**

**A. Dihedral group of degree 4 ( $D_4$ ) :**

$$D_4 = \langle a, b \rangle, a, b \text{ are generators with } O(a) = 4, O(b) = 2.$$

$$D_4 = \{e, a, a^2, a^3, b, ab, a^2b, a^3b (= ba)\} \Rightarrow |D_4| = 2 \times 4 = 8$$

- 1). Subgroups (Total number of subgroups is 1 and order 2 subgroup = 5 & order 4 = 3).

$$H_0 = \{e\}, H_1 = \{e, a^2\}, H_2 = \{e, b\}, H_3 = \{e, ab\}, H_4 = \{e, a^2b\}, H_5 = \{e, a^3b\}$$

$$T = D_4, T_1 = \{e, a, a^2, a^3\}, T_2 = \{e, a^2, b, a^2b\}, T_3 = \{e, ab, a^2, a^3b\}$$

- 2).  $H_5$  is normal in  $T_3$  and  $T_3$  is normal in  $D_4$ , but  $H_5$  is not normal in  $D_4$ .

- 3).  $Z(D_4) = \{e, a^2\} = H_1(w)I_{nn}(D_4) \simeq D_4/Z(D_4)$

**B. Quaternion group  $Q_4$ : (generator are a, b)**

$$Q_4 = \{e, b, a^2, a^3, b, ab, a^2b, a^3b (= ba)\} \text{ with } O(a) = 4 = O(b), a^2 = b^2$$

- 1). Subgroup (Number of subgroup=4+2):

$$H_0 = \{e\}, H_1 = \{e, a^2\}, H_2 = \{e, a, a^2, a^3\}, H_3 = \{e, ab, a^2, a^3b\},$$

$$H_4 = \{e, b, a^2, a^2b\}, H_5 = Q_8$$

$$\text{Note : } Q_8 = \langle A, B \rangle \text{ where } A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, O(A) = 4 = O(B) \text{ and}$$

$$A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = B^2, A^3B = \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} = BA$$

- 2).  $D_4 \not\simeq Q_4$

- 3). Upto isomorphism there exists only two non-commutative groups of order 8 (eg.  $Q_4, D_4$ )

- $|Aut(Z_n)| = \phi(n) \& Aut(Z_n) \simeq U_n$  |  $K_4 = \{e, (1\ 2)(3\ 4), (1\ 3)(2\ 4), (1\ 4)(2\ 3)\}$
- (i) Normal subgroup in  $S_3$  are  $\{e\}, A_3, S_3$  |  $= \{e, a, b, ab\}$

- (ii) Normal subgroup in  $S_4$  are  $\{e\}, K_4, A_4, S_4$  (Note  $K_4$  is normal in  $A_4$ )

and  $\frac{S_4}{K_4} \simeq S_3$

- (iii) Normal subgroup  $S_5$  are  $\{e\}, A_5, S_5$  (Note  $A_5$  is simple).