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# Abstract Algebra

## 2.1. Set:

**2.1.1. 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 what so ever regarding the membership of such collection of a set.

**Example (2.1) :** Collection of all positive integers is a set but a collection of some positive integers is not a set, as is not clear whether a particular positive integer, say 5, is a member of this collection or not.

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

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

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

**2.1.3. 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  $x \neq y$

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

## 2.2. Cartesian Product:

**2.2.1. 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  $\Delta_x$ .

## 2.3. Relations:

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

**2.3.2. 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  $C$ .

**2.3.3. 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  $a, b \in A, \text{ whenever } (a, b) \in \rho \Rightarrow (b, a) \in \rho$
- (iii). transitive, if for all  $a, b, c \in A, \text{ whenever } (a, b) \in \rho \text{ and } (b, c) \in \rho \Rightarrow (a, c) \in \rho$

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

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

**Examples (2.2):**

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

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

**2.3.6. 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 (2.3):**  $(\mathbb{R}, \leq), (P(X), \subseteq)$ .

**2.3.7. 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 (2.4):**  $(\mathbb{R}, \leq)$  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 (2.5):** Let  $S$  be a finite set and  $|S| = n$ . Then

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

## 2.4. Functions:

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

- i.  $D(f) = A$
- ii.  $f$  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 (2.6):** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two finite sets and  $|A| = n$  and  $|B| = m$  ( $n \geq m$ ). Then

- (i). The number of distinct functions defined from  $A$  to  $B$  is  $m^n$ .
- (ii). 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<sup>nd</sup> kind and it can be calculated from the formula:

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

- (iii). 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.

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

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

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

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

- (i). If  $f$  and  $g$  are both injective then  $g \circ f$  is also so,
- (ii). If  $f$  and  $g$  are both surjective then  $g \circ f$  is also so,
- (iii). If  $f$  and  $g$  are both bijective then  $g \circ f$  also so,
- (iv). If  $g \circ f$  is injective then  $f$  is injective.
- (v). If  $g \circ f$  is surjective then  $g$  is surjective.
- (vi). If  $g \circ f$  is bijective, then  $f$  is injective and  $g$  is surjective.

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

**2.4.6. (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 is no number of  $x \in [1,2]$  such that  $2 = f(x)$ , i.e.  $f$  is not onto and hence not bijective ( $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = e^x$ ).

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

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

**Example (2.7):**  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, f(n) = n + 1 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  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  $f$ .

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

- (i).  $f$  is left invertible  $\Leftrightarrow f$  is injective.
- (ii).  $f$  is right invertible  $\Leftrightarrow f$  is surjective.
- (iii).  $f$  is invertible  $\Leftrightarrow f$  is bijective.

## 2.5. Integers

**2.5.1. Division Algorithm:** Given integers  $a$  and  $b$  with  $b > 0$ , there exist unique integers  $q$  and  $r$  such that  $a = bq + r$  where  $0 \leq r < b$ .

**Note:**  $q$  is called quotient and  $r$  is called remainder.

**General Statement:** Given integers  $a$  and  $b$ , with  $|b| \neq 0$ , there exist unique integers  $q$  and  $r$  such that  $a = bq + r$ ,  $0 \leq r < |b|$ .

- (i)  $a|b$  and  $b|a \Leftrightarrow a = \pm b$
- (ii)  $a|b$  and  $a|c \Rightarrow a|(bx + cy)$  for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (iii) The square of an odd integers is of the form  $8k + 1$  where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (iv) Let  $d = \gcd(a, b)$  Then

- (I)  $d|a$  and  $d|b$
- (II) if  $c|a$  and  $c|b$  then  $d|c$
- (III)  $\exists$  integers  $u, v$  such that  $d = au + bv$ .

**Example (2.8):**

$$\gcd(475, 120) = 5$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} 475 &= 120 \times 3 + 115 \\ 120 &= 115 \times 1 + 5 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow 5 = 120 + 115(-1) = 120 + (-1)[475 - 120 \times 3] \\ = (-1)475 + 4 \times 120$$

**Note:** The  $\gcd(a, b)$  is the least positive value of  $ax + by$  where  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**2.5.2. Definition (Prime to each other):** Two integers  $a$  and  $b$  are said to be prime to each other if  $a, b$  not both zero and  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .

- (i) If  $a|bc$  and  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ . Then  $a|c$ .
- (ii) If  $ap = bq$  and  $a$  is prime to  $b$  then  $a|q$  and  $b|p$
- (iii) If  $a|c$  and  $b|c$  with  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ , then  $ab|c$
- (iv) If  $a$  is prime to  $b$  and  $a$  is prime to  $c$  then  $a$  is prime to  $bc$ .
- (v) If  $a$  is prime to  $b$ , then
  - (I)  $a + b$  is prime to  $ab$
  - (II)  $a^2$  is prime to  $b$ .
  - (III)  $a^2$  is prime to  $b^2$ .
- (vi) If  $d = \gcd(a, b)$ , then  $d^2 = \gcd(a^2, b^2)$
- (vii) Euclidean Algorithm: If  $a = bq + r$  then  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$
- (viii) If  $a, b$  are two integers different from zero, then  $\text{lcm}(a, b) \times \gcd(a, b) = |ab|$ .

**2.5.3. Linear Diophantine Equation:**

If  $a, b, c$  are integers and  $a, b$  are not both zero, the equation  $ax + by = c$  has an integral solution  $\Leftrightarrow d = \gcd(a, b)$  divided  $c$ . If  $(x_0, y_0)$  be any particular solution of the equation, then all integral solutions are given by  $(x_0 + \frac{b}{d}t, y_0 - \frac{a}{d}t)$  for different integers  $t$ .

**Example (2.9):**

Find general and the positive integral solution of  $9x + 7y = 200$ .

$$\gcd(9,7) = 1 \text{ divided } 200$$

Now,

$$\begin{cases} 9 = 7 \times 1 + 2 \\ 7 = 2 \times 3 + 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow 1 = 7 - 2 \times 3 = 7 - 3(9 - 7) = (-3)9 + 4 \times 7$$

$$\Rightarrow (-600)9 + (800) \times 7 = 200$$

$$\therefore x_0 = -600, y_0 = 800$$

$$\therefore x = -600 + 7t, y = 800 - 9t, t = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

$$\text{For positive integral solutions } x = -600 + 7t > 0 \Rightarrow t > \frac{600}{7}$$

$$\text{and } y = 800 - 9t > 0 \Rightarrow t < \frac{800}{9}$$

$\therefore t = 86, 87, 88$  so, it has three positive integral solutions.

We denote  $\gcd(a, b) = (a, b)$  and  $\text{lcm}(a, b) = [a, b]$ . If  $a, b, c$  be positive integers then –

(i)  $(a, [b, c]) = [(a, b), (a, c)]$

(ii)  $[a, (b, c)] = ([a, b], [a, c])$

(iii) The sum of all positive divisors of a positive integer  $n$ . If  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} S(n) &= (1 + p_1 + p_1^2 + \dots + p_1^{\alpha_1}) \dots (1 + p_k + \dots + p_k^{\alpha_k}) \\ &= \frac{p_1^{\alpha_1+1}-1}{p_1-1} \cdot \frac{p_2^{\alpha_2+1}-1}{p_2-1} \dots \frac{p_k^{\alpha_k+1}-1}{p_k-1} \end{aligned}$$

= Sum of all positive divisors of  $n$ .

**Example (2.10):**

$$S(48) = S(2^4 \cdot 3) = \frac{2^5-1}{2-1} \times \frac{3^2-1}{3-1} = 31 \times 4 = 124$$

**Note:** (I)  $d(mn) = d(m)d(n)$ ,  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$

(II)  $S(mn) = S(m)S(n)$ ;  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$

**2.5.4. Definition (Perfect Number):**  $n$  is perfect if  $S(n) = 2n$ .

**Example (2.11):** Since,  $S(6) = S(2 \cdot 3) = \frac{2^2-1}{2-1} \times \frac{3^2-1}{3-1} = 3 \times 4 = 12 = 2 \times 6$

6 is perfect.

- The product of all positive divisors of a positive integer  $n$  is  $p(n) = n^{\frac{d(n)}{2}}$ .

**Example (2.12):**  $p(6) = 6^{\frac{4}{2}} = 6^2 = 36 = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 6$

- Find the least positive integer having  $m$  number of positive divisors. Let  $n$  be the such number.  $m = d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k$  with  $2 \leq d_1 \leq d_2 \leq \dots \leq d_k$

$\therefore n = 2^{d_1-1} 3^{(d_2-1)} 5^{(d_3-1)} \dots p_k^{d_k-1}$  where  $p_k$  is the  $k$ -th prime.

**Example (2.13):**

Find the least positive integer having 24 number of positive divisors.

$$24 = 2 \times 3 \times 4 \quad \therefore n = 2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^1 = 360$$

### 2.5.5. Prime Number

**Definition:**

(I) An integer  $p > 1$  is said to be a prime number or simply a prime, if its only positive divisors are 1 and  $p$ .

(II)  $p > 1$  is prime  $\Leftrightarrow p|ab \Rightarrow$  either  $p|a$  or  $p|b$ .

(i) For  $n > 3$  the integers  $n, n+2, n+4$  cannot be all primes.

(Hints: Any integer  $n$  is of the forms  $3k, 3k+1, 3k+2$ . If

$n = 3k$  then  $n$  is not prime.

$n = 3k+1$  then  $n+2 = 3(k+1)$  and  $n+2$  is not prime.

$n = 3k+2$  then  $n+4 = 3(k+2)$  and  $n+4$  is not prime.)

(ii)  $p$  is a positive integer and  $p, 2p+1$  and  $4p+1$  are primes. Find  $p$ .

(Hints:  $p = 3k, 3k+1, 3k+2$ . For  $p = 3k+1$ ,  $2p+1 = 2(3k+1)$  not prime and  $p = 3k+2$ ,  $4p+1 = 3(4k+1)$  is not prime. Then only possibility is  $p = 3k \Rightarrow k = 1$  and hence  $p = 3$ .)

(iii) If  $p$  and  $p^2+8$  are both primes, then  $p = 3$

(iv) If  $p \geq q \geq 5$  and  $p, q$  are both primes, then  $24|(p^2 - q^2)$

(Hints: Either  $p, q = 3k+1, 3k+2$  or  $p, q = 4k+1, 4k+3$  forms)

(v) If  $2^n - 1$  is prime, then  $n$  is prime.

[Hints: if  $n = pq$  then  $2^n - 1 = 2^{pq} - 1 = (2^p - 1)(2^{p(q-1)} + 2^{p(q-2)} + \dots + 2^p + 1)$ ]

(vi) if  $2^n + 1$  is prime, then  $n = 2^k$ ,  $k$  positive integer.

**2.5.6. Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic:** Any integer  $n(> 1)$  is of the form

$n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$  where  $p_i$  are distinct primes with  $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_k$  and exponents  $\alpha_i$ 's are positive.

**The number of positive divisors of a positive integer  $n$ .**

$n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$ . Then number of positive divisors of  $n$  is  $(\alpha_1 + 1) \dots (\alpha_k + 1)$   
 $\therefore d(n) = (\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1) \dots (\alpha_k + 1)$

**Example (2.14):**  $d(48) = d(2^4 \cdot 3) = (4 + 1)(1 + 1) = 10$

**Note – I:**  $d(n)$  is odd  $\Leftrightarrow n$  is a perfect square.

**Note – II:** Square free divisors of  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$  is  $2^k$ .

(Hints: Here  $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq 1 \Rightarrow P(X), X = \{p_1, \dots, p_k\}$  and so  $|P(X)| = 2^k$ )

**Example (2.15):**

(i)  $n = 23146123 = 23 \times (1000)^2 + 146(1000) + 123$  is divisible by 7, 11, 13.

Since,  $123 - 146 + 23 = 0$  is divisible by 7, 11, 13.

(ii) Find least positive remainder in  $3^{36} \pmod{77}$ .

Ans:  $3^4 \equiv 4 \pmod{77} \Rightarrow 3^{12} \equiv 4^3 \pmod{77} \equiv -13 \pmod{77} - a$

$\Rightarrow 3^{24} \equiv 169 \pmod{77} \equiv 15 \pmod{77} - b$

$\therefore (a \times b) \Rightarrow 3^{36} \equiv 15 \times (-13) \pmod{77} \equiv 36 \pmod{77}$ .

(iii) Find the remainder when  $1! + 2! + \dots + 100!$  is divisible by 15.

Ans: Since,  $5! \equiv 0 \pmod{15} \Rightarrow (5 + n)! \equiv 0 \pmod{15}$  for any  $n(\geq 0)$  integer

$\therefore 1! + 2! + \dots + 100! \equiv (1! + 2! + 3! + 4!) \pmod{15} \equiv 33 \pmod{15} \equiv 3 \pmod{15}$

(iv) Prove that  $3 \cdot 4^{n+1} \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$  for all positive integers  $n$ .

**Ans:**

$$3 \cdot 4^{n+1} = 12 \cdot 4^n = (9 + 3)4^n = 9 \cdot 4^n + 3 \cdot 4^n$$

$$3 \cdot 4^n = 12 \cdot 4^{n-1} = (9 + 3)4^{n-1} = 9 \cdot 4^{n-1} + 3 \cdot 4^{n-1}$$

$$3 \cdot 4^2 = \dots = 9 \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot 4$$

$$3 \cdot 4 = \dots = 9 + 3$$

$$\therefore 3 \cdot 4^{n+1} = 9(1 + 4 + \dots + 4^n) + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \cdot 4^{n+1} \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$$

**2.5.7. Congruence:** Let  $m$  be a fixed positive integer. Two integers  $a$  and  $b$  are said to be congruent modulo  $m$  if  $a - b$  is divisible by  $m$ . This is expressed as  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ .



**2.5.8. Definition (Primitive Roots):** A number  $m$  is called a primitive root modulo  $n$  if and only if every integer  $a$  such that  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ ,  $\exists$  an integer  $K$  such that  $m \equiv a \pmod{n}$ .  $K$  is called the index of  $a$  to the base  $m$  modulo  $n$ .

**Example (2.16):** 2 is a primitive root mod 5, as every integer  $a$  relatively prime to 5,  $\exists$  an integer  $K$  such that  $2^K \equiv a \pmod{5}$ . All the integers relatively prime to 5 are 1, 2, 3, 4 and each of these satisfies the equation  $2^K \equiv a \pmod{5}$ .

**Properties of congruence:**

(i)  $a \equiv a \pmod{m}$ .

(ii)  $a \equiv b \pmod{m} \Rightarrow b \equiv a \pmod{m}$

(iii)  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}, b \equiv c \pmod{m}$  then  $a \equiv c \pmod{m}$ .

(iv)  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  then for any integer  $c$ ,  $a + c \equiv b + c \pmod{m}$

$$ac \equiv bc \pmod{m}$$

(v) If  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  and  $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$  then  $a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{m}$

$$ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$$

(vi) If  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  and  $d|m, d > 0$ , then  $a \equiv b \pmod{d}$ .

(vii) If  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  and  $a^n \equiv b^n \pmod{m}$  for all positive integers  $n$ .

Converse is not true e.g.,  $9^2 \equiv 7^2 \pmod{8}$  but  $9 \not\equiv 7 \pmod{8}$

(viii) If  $ax \equiv ay \pmod{m}$  and  $a$  is prime to  $m$  then  $x \equiv y \pmod{m}$

**Note:**  $3 \cdot 2 \equiv 3 \cdot 4 \pmod{6}$  but  $2 \not\equiv 4 \pmod{6}$  as  $\gcd(3, 6) = 3 \neq 1$

(ix) If  $d = \gcd(a, m)$  then  $ax \equiv ay \pmod{m} \Leftrightarrow x \equiv y \pmod{\frac{m}{d}}$

$$4 \cdot 7 \equiv 4 \cdot 10 \pmod{6} \Rightarrow 7 \equiv 10 \pmod{\frac{6}{2}}$$

(x)  $x \equiv y \pmod{m_i}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k \Leftrightarrow x \equiv y \pmod{m}$  where

$$m = \text{lcm}(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k).$$

(xi) Let  $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$  be a polynomial with integral coefficient  $a_i$ , if  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  then  $f(a) \equiv f(b) \pmod{m}$ .

### 2.5.9. Divisibility Test:

Let  $n = a_m 10^m + a_{m-1} 10^{m-1} + \dots + a_2 10^2 + a_1 10 + a_0$ . Where  $a_k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $0 \leq a_k \leq 9$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m$  be the decimal representation of a positive integer  $n$ .

Let  $S = a_0 + a_1 + \dots + a_m$  and  $T = a_0 - a_1 + \dots + (-1)^m a_m$ . Then

(i)  $n$  is divisible by 2  $\Leftrightarrow a_0$  is divisible by 2

(Hints:  $10 \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow f(10) \equiv f(1) \pmod{2}$ )

(ii)  $n$  is divisible by 9  $\Leftrightarrow S$  is divisible by 9

(Hints:  $10 \equiv 1 \pmod{9} \Rightarrow f(10) \equiv f(1) \pmod{9}$ )

(iii)  $n$  is divisible by 11  $\Leftrightarrow T$  is divisible by 11

(Hints:  $10 \equiv -1 \pmod{11} \Rightarrow f(10) \equiv f(-1) \pmod{11}$ ).

### Example (2.17):

35078571 is divisible by 9 since  $3 + 5 + 0 + 7 + 8 + 5 + 7 + 1 (= 36)$  is divisible by 9 and it is also divisible by 11 as  $1 - 7 + 5 - 8 + 7 - 0 + 5 - 3 (= 0)$  is divisible by 11.

Let  $n = a_m (1000)^m + a_{m-1} (1000)^{m-1} + \dots + a_1 (1000) + a_0$  where  $a_k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $0 \leq a_k \leq 999$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, m$  be the representation of a positive integer  $n$ .

Let  $T = a_0 - a_1 + \dots + (-1)^m a_m$ . Then –

(i)  $n$  is divisible by 7  $\Leftrightarrow T$  is divisible by 7

(ii)  $n$  is divisible by 13  $\Leftrightarrow T$  is divisible by 13

(iii)  $n$  is divisible by 11  $\Leftrightarrow T$  is divisible by 11

**2.5.10. Chinese Remainder Theorem:** Let  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k$  be positive integers such that  $\gcd(m_i, m_j) = 1$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $m = m_1 m_2 \dots m_k$  and  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  be any integers. Then the system of linear congruence,  $x \equiv c_1 \pmod{m_1}$ ,  $x \equiv c_2 \pmod{m_2}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $x \equiv c_k \pmod{m_k}$  has a simultaneous solution which is unique modulo  $m$ . [i.e., if  $x_0$  be a solution then  $x \equiv x_0 \pmod{m}$  is also a solution]

### Method:

$$m = m_1 m_2 \dots m_k, M_i = \frac{m}{m_i}, i = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

$$\gcd(M_i, m_i) = 1 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

$$\Rightarrow M_i x \equiv 1 \pmod{m_i} \text{ has unique solution } x_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

$$\therefore \text{Solution of the system is } x_0 = c_1 M_1 x_1 + c_2 M_2 x_2 + \dots + c_k M_k x_k$$

$$\text{All solutions are } x \equiv x_0 \pmod{m}$$



**Examples (2.18):**

Find four consecutive integers divisible by 3, 4, 5, 7 respectively.

Let  $x, x+1, x+2, x+3$  be the four consecutive integers.

Then  $x \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, x+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}, x+2 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}, x+3 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$

i.e.,  $x \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, x \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}, x \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$ .

Here,  $m = 3 \times 4 \times 5 \times 7 = 420, M_1 = \frac{m}{3} = 140$

$$M_2 = \frac{m}{4} = 105$$

$$M_3 = \frac{m}{5} = 84$$

$$M_4 = \frac{m}{7}$$

Since,  $\gcd(3, M_1) = \gcd(3, 140) = 1$  then  $M_1 x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  has unique solution  $x_1 = 2$

$M_2 x \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  i.e.,  $105x \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  has unique solution  $x_2 = 1$

$M_3 x \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$  i.e.,  $84x \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$  has unique solution  $x_3 = 4$

$M_4 x \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$  i.e.,  $60x \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$  has unique solution  $x_4 = 2$

$$\therefore x_0 = \sum_{i=1}^4 c_i M_i x_i = 0 \cdot 140 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 105 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 84 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 60 \cdot 2 = 1803$$

$$\therefore x \equiv 1803 \pmod{420} \text{ i.e., } x \equiv 123 \pmod{420}$$

$$\text{i.e., } x = 123 + 420t, t = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

**2.5.11. Definition (Polynomial Congruence):**

Let  $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$  ( $x \geq 1$ ) be a polynomial with integer co-efficient  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_m$  with  $a_0 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ .

Then  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$  is said to be a polynomial congruence ( $\pmod{m}$ ) of degree  $n$ .

If  $\exists$  an integer  $x_0$  such that  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ , then  $x_0$  is said to be a solution of the congruence. If  $x_1$  be such that  $x_1 \equiv x_0 \pmod{m}$ . Then

$$f(x_1) \equiv f(x_0) \pmod{m} \equiv 0 \pmod{m}, \Rightarrow x_1 \text{ is another solution.}$$

Two solutions  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  of  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$  are said to be distinct if  $x_1 \not\equiv x_2 \pmod{m}$ .

**Example (2.19):**

$$(i) x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \rightarrow (i) x_0 = 1 \text{ is a solution so } x \equiv x_0 \pmod{8}.$$

i.e.,  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  or,  $x = 8k + 1$ ,  $k$  being integers are also solution. Also see that

$x_1 = 3, x_2 = 5, x_3 = 7$  are also solution and  $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3$  are distinct  $\Rightarrow$  The congruence may have more solutions than its degree.

$$(ii) x^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{5} \text{ has no solution.}$$

**2.5.12. Definition (Linear congruence):** A polynomial congruence of degree 1 is said to be a linear congruence. It is of the form  $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$  where  $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{m}, m > 1$ .

**Results:**

(I) If  $\gcd(a, m) = 1$ , then  $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$  has unique solution.

(II) If  $\gcd(a, m) = d$ , then  $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$  has no solution if  $d$  does not divide  $b$  and if  $d$  divides  $b$ , then  $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$  has  $d$  distinct (incongruent) solutions  $\pmod{m}$  which are  $x_0, x_0 + \frac{m}{d}, x_0 + \frac{2m}{d}, \dots, x_0 + \frac{(d-1)m}{d} \pmod{m}$

**Examples (2.20):**

(i)  $5x \equiv 3 \pmod{11}$ ,  $\gcd(5, 11) = 1$  divides 3 it has unique solution.

$$11 = 5 \times 2 + 1 \Rightarrow 1 = 11 + 5(-2) \Rightarrow 3 = 11 \times 3 + 5(-6)$$

$$\therefore x_0 = -6$$

$\therefore$  All solutions are  $x \equiv -6 \pmod{11} \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$ .

(ii)  $15x \equiv 9 \pmod{18}$  .... (\*)  $\gcd(15, 18) = 3$  divides 9. So, it has 3 incongruent solutions.

$$18 = 15 \times 1 + 3 \Rightarrow 9 = 15(-3) + 18 \times 3$$

$$\therefore x_0 = -3 \pmod{18}$$

$\therefore$  Therefore, distinct solutions are  $-3, -3 + \frac{18}{3}, -3 + 2 \times \frac{18}{3} \pmod{18}$

i.e.,  $-3, 3, 9 \pmod{18}$ .

**Another Method:**

(\*) is equivalent to  $5x \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$  has unique solution as  $\gcd(5, 6) = 1$  and

$$1 = 6 + 5(-1) \Rightarrow 3 = 6 \times 3 + 5(-3) \Rightarrow x_0 = -3$$

(iii) Let  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k$  be positive integers and  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$  be any integers. Then the system of linear congruences

$$x \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1}, x \equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2}, \dots, x \equiv a_k \pmod{m_k}$$

will have a simultaneous solution  $\Leftrightarrow \gcd(m_i, m_j), (i \neq j)$  divides  $(a_i - a_j)$  and if this condition be satisfied the solution is unique modulo  $\text{lcm}(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k)$

**Example (2.21):** Solve the system of linear congruence

$$x \equiv 11 \pmod{15}, x \equiv 6 \pmod{35} \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

Since,  $\gcd(15, 35) = 5$  divides  $(11 - 6) = 5$  so the system has a solution.

(i) is equivalent to  $x \equiv 11 \pmod{3}, x \equiv 6 \pmod{5}, x \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$

Again, since  $x \equiv 11 \pmod{5} \equiv 6 \pmod{5}$ . So, the given system is equivalent to

$$x \equiv 11 \pmod{3}, x \equiv 6 \pmod{5}, x \equiv 6 \pmod{7} \dots \dots \dots (ii)$$

i.e.,  $x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, x \equiv 1 \pmod{5}, x \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$

Solve (ii) by previous method

$$x = 2 \cdot 35 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 21 \cdot 1 + 6 \cdot 15 \cdot 1 = 251$$

$$\therefore x \equiv 251 \pmod{105} \equiv 41 \pmod{105}$$

**2.5.13. Definition (Phi function / Euler's Phi function):** The function  $\phi$ , called phi function, is defined for all positive integers by  $\phi(1) = 1$  and for  $x > 1$ ,  $\phi(x)$  = the number of positive integers less than  $n$  and prime to  $x$ .

**Properties of Phi function:**

(i)  $\phi(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k) = \phi(m_1)\phi(m_2) \dots \phi(m_k)$  where  $\gcd(m_i, m_j) = 1, (i \neq j)$ ,

(ii)  $\phi(p^k) = p^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)$

(iii)  $\phi(n) = \phi(p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}) = n \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_k}\right)$

(iv) If  $n > 1$  the sum of all positive integers less than  $n$  and prime to  $n$  is  $\frac{n}{2} \phi(n)$ .

(v) For any positive integer  $n$ ,  $n = \sum_{d|n} \phi(d)$ , where the summation extends over all positive divisors  $d$  of  $n$ .

(vi) If  $n > 2$  the  $\phi(n)$  is an even integer.

(vii) If  $n$  is odd integer, then  $\phi(2n) = \phi(n)$  (Hints:  $\phi(2n) = \phi(2)\phi(n) = \phi(n)$ )

(viii) If  $n$  is even integer, then  $\phi(2n) = 2 \phi(n)$ .

(ix)  $\phi(n^2) = n \phi(n)$  for any positive integer  $n$ .

(x)  $\phi(n) = \frac{n}{2} \Leftrightarrow n = 2^k$

(xi)  $\phi(mn) = \phi(m)\phi(n) \frac{\alpha}{\phi(d)}, d = \gcd(m, n)$

(xii)  $\phi(mn) = \phi(\gcd(m, n)) \cdot \phi(\text{lcm}(m, n))$

**2.5.14. Fermat's Theorem:**

If  $P$  be a prime and  $P \nmid a$ , then  $a^{P-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{P} \Rightarrow a^{P^2-P} \equiv 1 \pmod{P^2}$

**2.5.15. Euler's Theorem:** If  $n$  be a positive integer and  $\frac{n}{a}$ , then  $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ .

(Note: If  $n = P$  it is Fermat's theorem.)

**2.5.16. Wilson's Theorem:** If  $P$  be a positive then  $(P-1)! + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{P}$ . The converse is also true.

**Examples (2.22):**

(i) Find the least positive variance in  $2^{41} \pmod{23}$

$$\gcd(2, 23) = 1 \quad \therefore 2^{\phi(23)} \equiv 1 \pmod{23}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{22} \equiv 1 \pmod{23}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{49} \equiv 1 \pmod{23} \equiv 24 \pmod{23}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{41} \cdot 8 \equiv 3 \cdot 8 \pmod{23}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{41} \equiv 3 \pmod{23} (\because \gcd(8, 23) = 1)$$

(ii) If  $\phi$  be prime  $> 2$ , then  $1^p + 2^p + \dots + (p-1)^p \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

By Fermat's theorem,

$$1^p \equiv 1 \pmod{p}, 2^p \equiv 2 \pmod{p}, \dots, (p-1)^p \equiv (p-1) \pmod{p}$$

$$1^p + 2^p + \dots + (p-1)^p \equiv (1 + 2 + \dots + p-1) \pmod{p} \equiv \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \pmod{p}$$

$$\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad (\because p-1 \text{ is even})$$

(iii) Find unit digit, in  $3^{100}$  by Euler's theorem,  $3^{\phi(10)} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$  as  $\gcd(3, 10) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow 3^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{100} \equiv 1^{25} \pmod{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$

(iv) Show that  $4(29)! + 5!$  is divisible by 31.

Since, 31 is prime, by Wilson's theorem,

$$30! + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{31}$$

$$\text{or, } 30 \cdot 29! + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{31}$$

$$\text{or, } (31-1)29! + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{31}$$

$$\text{or, } -29! + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{31}$$

$$\text{or, } 29! - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{31}$$

$$\text{or, } 4 \cdot 29! - 4 \equiv 0 \pmod{31}$$

$$\text{or, } 4 \cdot 29! + 5! \equiv (5! + 4) \pmod{31}$$

$$\text{or, } 4 \cdot 29! + 5! \equiv 124 \pmod{31} \equiv 0 \pmod{31}$$

(v) If  $2n + 1$  is prime prove that  $(n!)^2 \equiv (-1)^{n+1} \pmod{(2n + 1)}$

By Wilson's theorem  $(2n)! \equiv -1 \pmod{(2n + 1)}$

Now,  $(2n)! \equiv n! (n + 1 + (n + 2) \dots (2n)$  and

$$n + 1 \equiv -n \pmod{(2n + 1)}$$

$$n + 2 \equiv -(n - 1) \pmod{(2n + 1)}$$

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$$2n \equiv -1 \pmod{(2n + 1)}$$

$$\therefore (n + 1)(n + 2) \dots 2n \equiv (-1)^n n! \pmod{(2n + 1)}$$

$$\therefore (2n)! \equiv (-1)^n (n!)^2 \pmod{(2n + 1)}$$

$$\text{or, } (n!) \equiv (-1)^n (2n)! \pmod{(2n + 1)}$$

$$\equiv (-1)^n (-1) \pmod{(2n + 1)}$$

$$\equiv (-1)^{n+1} \pmod{(2n + 1)}$$

### 2.5.17. Definition (Greatest integer function):

$[x]$  is the greatest integer not greater than  $x$ .

**Example (2.23):**  $[0.3] = 0, [3] = 3, [n] = 3$

#### Properties:

$$(I) \quad [a + b] \geq [a] + [b] \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow [a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n] \geq [a_1] + [a_2] + \dots + [a_n]$$

$$(II) \quad [a] + [-a] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } a \text{ is an integer.} \\ -1, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$(III) \quad [a] + \left[ a + \frac{1}{2} \right] = [2a] \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$(IV) \quad \text{If } a \text{ is positive real number then } \left[ \frac{a}{2} \right] + \left[ \frac{a+1}{2} \right] = [a]$$

## 2.6. Permutations and Combinations:

### 2.6.1. Definition (Permutation):

Given a certain number of things each of different arrangement that can be made out of them, taking some of them or all of them at a time, is called a permutation.

**2.6.2. Definition (Combination):** Given a certain number of things, each of the different groups or selections that can be formed out of them, by taking some of them or all of them at a time (ignoring the order of choice of the things in each group) is called a combination.

**2.6.3. Pigeonhole Principle:** Suppose that  $n + 1$  (or more) objects are put into  $n$  boxes. Then some box contains at least two objects.

**Inclusion and Exclusion Principle:** The inclusion-exclusion principle is a counting technique which generalizes the familiar method of obtaining the number of elements in the union of  $n$  number of finite sets. Mathematically,

$$S = |U_{i=1}^n A_i| = \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i| - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} |A_i \cap A_j| + \sum_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n|$$

**4.6.4.** The number of permutations of  $n$  different things, taken  $r$  at a time ( $0 < r \leq n$ ) is

$${}^n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

**Cor:**  $n = r$ , the number of permutations of  $n$  different things taken all together is

$${}^n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} = \frac{n!}{0!} = n!$$

$${}^n P_r = {}^{n-1} P_r + r \cdot {}^{n-1} P_{r-1}$$

**Note – I:** The number of permutations of  $n$  different things taken  $r$  at a time in which one particular thing is never occurs is given by  ${}^{n-1} P_r$ .

**Note – II:** The number of permutations of  $n$  different things taken  $r$  at a time, in which one particular thing is bound to occur is given by  $r \cdot {}^{n-1} P_{r-1}$

**2.6.5.** The number of permutations of  $n = p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_k$  things not all different is given by

$$\frac{n!}{p_1! p_2! \dots p_k!}$$

**Example (2.24):** The number of different ways the words of KOLKATA can be arranged is

$$\frac{7!}{2!2!} = 1260 \quad (A = 2, K = 2)$$

**2.6.6.** The number of permutations of  $n$  different things, taking  $r$  at a time, when each thing can be replaced once, twice, ..... up to  $r$  times, in any arrangement is  $n^r$  (i.e.,  $r$  position can be filled by  $n$  thing with replacement).

**Example (2.25):**

How many numbers of two digits can be formed with the digits 1, 2, 3, 4 when the digits may be replaced?

$$\text{Ans: } 4^2 = 16$$

**2.6.7.** The number of permutations of  $n$  different things taken  $r$  at a time in which  $k$  particular things never occur is  ${}^{n-k} P_r$  where  $n - k \geq r$ .

**2.6.8.** The number of permutations of  $n$  different things taken  $r$  at a times in which  $k$  particular things always occur is  ${}^{n-k} P_{r-k}$  where  $k \leq r \leq n$ .



**2.6.9.** The number of permutations of  $n$  different things taken  $r$  at a time in which  $k$  particular things are placed in  $k$  given places

(i) in a definite order is  ${}^{n-k}P_{r-k}$

(ii) in any order is  $k! {}^{n-k}P_{r-k}$

**Example (2.26):**

(i) How many numbers lying between 100 and 10,000 can be formed by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5?

Numbers must be either 3 digits or 4 digits

$$\therefore {}^5P_3 + {}^5P_4 = 180$$

(ii) How many odd number of six significant digits can be formed with the digits 0, 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 when no digits are repeated?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|

.....5!.....

|   |  |  |  |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| 0 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|---|

.....4!.....

$$\text{Ans. } 3(5! - 4!) = 3 \times 96 = 288$$

(iii) In how many ways 10 different examination papers be arranged so that

(a) The best and the worst always come together? (Answer:  $2! \cdot 9!$ )

(b) The best and the worst never come together?

(Answer:  $10! - 2! \cdot 9!$ )

(iv) In how many ways can the letters of the word 'BALLOON' be arranged, so that the three vowels must not come together?

$$\text{Total number of permutations} = \frac{7!}{2!2!} = 1260 \quad (O = 2, L = 2).$$

Let A, O, O treat as single digits, so three vowels come together is  $\frac{3!}{2!} \times \frac{5!}{2!} = 180$  ( $\because O = 2$  in  $\frac{A, O, O}{X^*}$  and  $X^*BLLN = 5$  and  $L = 2$ )

$$\therefore \text{Result } 1260 - 180 = 1080$$

(v) Find the number of ways in which the letters of the word INTERMEDIATE can be arranged taken all at a time so that vowels are not all together?

$$\frac{|2!|}{3!2!2!} = \text{Total permutations } (I = 3, T = 2, E = 2)$$

Vowels together  $\frac{7!}{2!} \times \frac{6!}{3!2!}$  (take AEEIII = singel  $\frac{6!}{3!2!}$  and total number 7 and  $T = 2 = \frac{7!}{2!}$ )

$$\therefore \text{Result } \left( \frac{|2!|}{3!2!2!} - \frac{7!}{2!} \times \frac{6!}{3!2!} \right) = 19807200.$$

(vi) Find the number of ways of arranging the letters AAAAABBBCCCCDEEE in a row, so that the C's are separated from one another.

Total letters = 15 and 3 C's.

$\therefore$  remaining letters = 12.

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{|2!|}{5!2!2!} (A = 5, B = 3, E = 2)$$

In between and two extremes there 13 places for the 12 letters and in these places 3 c's can be inserts in  $\frac{13p_3}{3!}$  ways.

$$\text{Hence the result} = \frac{|2!|}{5!2!2!} \times \frac{13p_3}{3!}$$

## 2.7. Binary Operation:

**2.7.1. Definition:** Let  $A$  be a nonempty set. A binary operation  $*$  on  $A$  is a function from  $A \times A \rightarrow A$ .

**Example (2.27):**  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ ,  $(\mathbb{N}, +)$ ,  $(\mathbb{R}, \cdot)$ ,  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$  not binary operation  $(\mathbb{N}, -)$  since  $1 - 2 = -1 \notin \mathbb{N}$ .

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

$$M \equiv \begin{array}{c|ccc} * & 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \omega & \omega & \omega^2 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & \omega^2 & 1 & \omega \end{array} \quad \text{Note: } * \text{ is commutative (-) } M \text{ is symmetry.}$$

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

**Example (2.28):**

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



**2.7.4. (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 (2.29):**  $(\mathbb{Z}, -)$ .

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

**Example (2.30):**  $(\mathbb{N}, +)$  is a semi group but not monoid and  $(\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, +)$  is monoid.

**2.7.6. (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  $a * x = b$  and  $y * a = b$  has a unique solution in  $G$ .

**Example (2.31):**

- (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 (2.32):** 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.

## 2.8. 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).

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

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

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

**Example (2.33):**

- (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).  $(V_w, \cdot) = \{\bar{a} \in \mathbb{Z}_n \mid \gcd(a, n) = 1\}$  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  $SL(2, \mathbb{R}) = \left( \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : ad - bc = 1 \right\}, * \right)$

**2.8.4. (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  $y$ .

**2.8.5. (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.

**2.8.6. (Theorem):** A semi group  $(S, *)$  is a group if and 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)

**2.8.7. (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  $y$ .

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

\* Finite is necessary.

**Example (2.34):**  $(\mathbb{Z}\{0\}, \cdot)$  is a semi group and satisfies cancellation laws but inverse of an element  $1 \neq a \in \mathbb{Z}\{0\}$  does not exist.

**2.8.9. 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  $a$ .

**2.8.10. (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 (2.35):** 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.

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

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

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

**2.8.14. 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 (2.17):**  $(S_3, \circ)$ ,  $S_n$  symmetric group and  $|S_n| = n!$

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

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

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

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

**2.8.18. (Theorem):** If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be two 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  $\alpha \circ \beta = \beta \circ \alpha$ .

**2.8.19. (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  $\geq 2$ .

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

**Example (2.36):**

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

**2.8.21. (Theorem: Order and length):** Let  $n \geq 2$  and  $\sigma \in S_n$  be a cycle. Then  $\sigma$  is a  $k$ -cycle  $\Leftrightarrow$  order of  $\sigma$  is  $k$ .

**2.8.22. (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  $O(\sigma) = \text{lcm}(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k)$

**Example (2.37):**

(i).  $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , Then  $\sigma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

(ii). The number of even permutations in  $S_n (n \geq 2)$  is the same as that of the odd permutations.

## 2.9. 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 (2.38):**  $(E, +)$  of  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  where  $E = \{2x : x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

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

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

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

**2.9.4. (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 (2.39):** Consider  $G = S_3$  and  $H = \{e, (2,3)\}$  and  $K = \{e, (1,2)\}$

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

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

**2.9.5. (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  $\frac{n!}{r \times (n-r)!}$

**2.9.6. 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  $H = \{e, (1 \ 2)\}$   $K = \{e, (1 \ 3)\}$ .

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

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

- (i).  $H_k$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
- (ii).  $HK = KH$
- (iii).  $KH$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

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

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

- (i).  $Z(G)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
- (ii). If  $G$  is commutative, then  $Z(G) = G$ .

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

## 2.10. (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 (2.40):**

- (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).  $(\mathbb{Z}, +) = \{[1], +\}$

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

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

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

**2.10.4. (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  $G \Leftrightarrow \gcd(n, k) = 1$



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

**2.10.6. (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.

## 2.11. 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 (2.41):**  $H = \{e, (1 \ 2)\}$  in  $S_3$ . Then

$(2 \ 3)H = \{(2 \ 3), (1 \ 3 \ 2)\}$  and  $Ha = \{(2 \ 3), (1 \ 2 \ 3)\}$

i.e.  $(2 \ 3)H \neq H(2 \ 3)$

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

- (i).  $aH = H \Leftrightarrow a \in H$  (i)  $Ha = H \Leftrightarrow a \in H$
  - (ii).  $aH = bH \Leftrightarrow a^{-1}b \in H$  (ii)  $Ha = Hb \Leftrightarrow ba^{-1} \in H$
  - (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  $G$ .

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

**2.11.3. (Theorem):** Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $|L| = |R|$ , where  $L$  (represents right) co-sets of  $H$  in  $G$ .

**2.11.4. (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  $G$ .

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

**2.11.10. (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  $a^n = e$ .

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

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

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

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

Converse of Lagrange's Theorem not true:

**Example (2.41)** 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.

**2.12. Normal Subgroups and Quotient Groups:**

**2.12.1. 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 subgroup of  $G$  which are trivial.

**2.12.2.** 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).  $gHg^{-1} = H \ \forall g \in G$

**2.12.3. 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.

**2.12.4. 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.

**2.12.5. 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.

**2.13. Homomorphisms of Groups:**

**2.13.1. 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 (2.42):**

- (i).  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+, f(x) = e^x \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $f$  is a homomorphism from  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$  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:**  $|GL(n, F_p)| = (p^n - p^0)(p^n - p^1) \dots (p^n - p^{n-1})$  and  $|S(n, F_p)| = \frac{|GL(n, F_p)|}{p-1}$



**2.13.2. (Theorem):** If  $f$  is a homomorphism from 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).  $f(a^n) = f(a)^n \forall a \in G \text{ and } \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**2.13.3. (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  $f(H) = \{f(h) : h \in H\}$  is a 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 (2.43):** (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  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ .

**2.13.4. (Kernel):** Let  $f : G \rightarrow G_1$  be a homomorphism. The Kernel of  $f$  is defined by  $\text{Ker } f = \{x \in G : f(x) = e_1\}$ .

**2.13.5. (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)  $\Leftrightarrow \text{ker } f = \{e\}$ .

**2.13.6. (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  $G_1 = \langle f(a) \rangle$ .

**2.13.7. (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 (2.44):**

- (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  $I(x) = x \forall x \in G$ .

**2.13.8. (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 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 (2.45):**  $S_3$  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 (2.46):**  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  cyclic and  $k_4$  is non-cyclic.

- IV. Two groups of infinite order and commutative may not be isomorphic.

**Example (2.47):**  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  cyclic and  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$  non cyclic.

- V. Two groups of infinite order, non-cyclic and commutative may not be isomorphic.

**Example (2.48):**  $(\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot)$  has number of element of order 4 but  $(\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot)$  has  $i$  of order 4.

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

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

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

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

**Example (2.49):**

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

Ans. (Define):  $f_n : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  by  $f_n(t) = nt \forall t \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . 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  $f(m) = nm = f_n(m) \Rightarrow f \equiv f_n, n = 1, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \dots$

- (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  $2 =$

$$f(x) = f\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{x}{2}\right) = f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \left\{f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right\}^2 = y^2, y = f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ which is not possible.}$$

**2.13.12. (Theorem of First Isomorphism):** Let  $f : G \rightarrow G_1$  be a homomorphism of groups. Then the quotient group  $G|Ker f \simeq Im f$  of  $G_1$ .

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

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

**Example (2.50):**

(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  $S_3|S_3, S_3|\{e\} = S_3, S_3|A_3 = \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

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

**2.13.16. 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 (2.51):**

- 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  $\mathbb{Z}|n\mathbb{Z} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_n, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

**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.

## 2.14. 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  $G_2 \simeq H_2$ .
- $G_1 \times G_2 = H_1 H_2 = H_2 H_1, H_1 \cap H_2 = \{(e_1, e_2)\}$

### 2.14.1. 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  $G_2$ ).

**2.14.2. 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 (2.52):**  $k_4 = \{e, a, b, ab\}, H_1 = \{e, a\}, H_2 = \{e, b\}, -$

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

**2.14.3. (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  $G$ .
- $H \cap k = \{e\}$ .

**2.14.4. (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  $G/K \simeq H$

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

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

**2.14.7. (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 (2.53):** Let  $G$  be a abelian group of order 18. Then  $18 = 2^1 \cdot 3^2 = 2^1 3^1 3^1$  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  $Q_{2k}, k \geq 2$

**2.14.8. (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 (2.54):**  $S_3, cl(e) = \{e\}, cl(1 \ 2) = \{(1 \ 2), (1 \ 3), (2 \ 3)\}$



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

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

**2.14.9. 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  $Z(G) \subseteq C(a)$ .

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

**2.14.11. (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.

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

**2.14.13. 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  $p$ .

**2.14.14. (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 hold for finite abelian group.

**2.14.15. 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  $p^i$ .

**2.14.16. 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.

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

**2.14.18. 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 (2.55):**

(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  $G$  has Sylow 7-subgroup  $H$ . Now,  $n_7 = 7k + 1$  ( $k \geq 0$ ) and  $n_7 | 14 \Rightarrow n_7 = 1$ . 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  $G$ .

## 2.15. Simple Groups:

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

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

**Proposition (i):** If  $|G| = 2n$  and  $n$  is odd, 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.

## 2.16. Rings:

**2.16.1. 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 (2.56):

- (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  $R = R_1 \times R_2, (a, b) + (c, d) = (a + c, b + d)$  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.

**2.16.2. 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)  $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + ab + ba + b^2$



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

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

**Example (2.57):** See example (viii) of (4.56) .

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

- (i)  $2x = 0 \ \forall x \in R$
- (ii)  $xy = yx \ \forall x, y \in R$

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

**2.16.6. (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 (2.58):**

- (i) Non-singular matrices are units in  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$
- (ii) Any non-zero rational number in  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a unit.

**2.16.7. (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  $x$ .

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

**2.16.9. (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 (2.59):**

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

**2.16.10. (Cancellation Law):** A ring  $R$  is said to satisfy left (right) cancellation property if  $\forall a, b, c \in R, a \neq 0$  and  $ab = ac$  [represent  $ba = ca$ ]  $\Rightarrow b = c$

**2.16.11. 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.

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

**Examples (2.60):**

- (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  $(0, b) \cdot (a, 0) = (0, 0)$ .

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

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

**2.16.15. (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 (2.61):**  $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \bar{\beta} & \bar{\alpha} \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{C}) : \bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta} \text{ are conjugate of } \alpha, \beta \right\}$

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

**Examples (2.62):**  $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot), (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot), (\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$

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

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

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

**2.16.20. (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 (2.63)**

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

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

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

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

## 2.17. Subring:

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

**Example (2.64.):**

(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  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**2.17.1. 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  $a, b \in S \Rightarrow a - b, ab \in S$ .

**2.17.2. 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  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

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

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

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

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

**2.17.5. (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  $S$  is itself a field.

**Example (2.65):**

(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 co-efficient, 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.

**2.17.6. 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.  $ab^{-1} \in S \forall a \in S, b \in S \setminus \{0\}$ .

**2.17.7. 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  $\mathbb{R}$ .

## 2.18. (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 (2.66):

- 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  $F$ .

**2.18.1. 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  $\mathbb{Z}$ ).

**2.18.2. Definition:** Let  $I$  and  $J$  be two ideas of  $R$ . Define

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

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

**2.18.3. 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  $I \cup J$ .

**2.18.4. 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 –

$$(x) = \{\sum_{i=1}^m s_i x t_i : s_i, t_i \in R; m \in \mathbb{N}\} \text{ and if } R \text{ is a commutative ring with identity, then –}$$

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

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

**2.18.6. (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 (2.67):**

- i).  $\mathbb{Z}$  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  $(1)$ .

- ii).  $\mathbb{Z}(n > 1)$  is a PIR

- iii).  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  is a PID.

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

**Example (4.68):** (i)  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  (ii)  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$  (iii) Any field.

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

**2.20. (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 –

$(a + I) + (b + I) = (a + b) + I$  and  $(a + I)(b + I) = ab + I \forall a, b \in R$

**Example (2.69):** 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.

**2.20.1. 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.

**2.21. (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 –

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

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

**Example (2.70):**

i).  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  by  $f(r) = [r]$

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

Then  $f(m + n) = -(m + n) = -m - n = f(m) + f(n)$ .

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

**2.21.1. (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 (2.71):** Find all homomorphism from the ring  $\mathbb{Z}$  onto  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Answer: Only one which is identity homomorphism.

**2.21.2. (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  $R$ ,  $I \subseteq J \Rightarrow$  either  $I = J$  or  $J = R$ .

**Example (2.72):**

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  $F$ .

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

**2.21.4. 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.

**2.21.5. (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  $R$ ,  $AB \subseteq P \Rightarrow A \subseteq P$  or  $B \subseteq P$ .

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

**Example (2.73):**  $P\mathbb{Z}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $a, b \in R$  such that  $ab \in P\mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow P(ab) \Rightarrow$  either  $P|a$  or  $P|b$  as  $P$  is prime.

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



**2.21.8. Theorem:** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity,  $I \neq 0$ . 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  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

**2.21.9. 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 (2.74):**

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 (2.19.9) 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.

**2.22. Polynomial Rings:**

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

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

**2.22.2. 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  $\deg r(x) < \deg g(x)$ .

**2.22.3. 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  $x - a$ .

**2.22.4. 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  $f(x)$ .

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

**2.22.6. 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 (2.75):** 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  $\mathbb{R}[x]/\langle x^2 + 1 \rangle \simeq \mathbb{C}$ .

**2.22.7. (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 over  $D$ , 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 (2.76):**

- 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  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ ,  $x^2 + 1 = x^2 + 1 + (-5) = x^2 - 4 = (x - 2)(x + 2) = (x - 2 + 5)(x + 2) = (x + 3)(x + 2)$ ).

**2.22.8. 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  $F$ .

**2.22.9. (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.

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

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

**Example (2.77):**

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

**2.22.12. 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  $f(x)$  modulo  $P$ . 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 (2.78):** 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  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

**2.22.13. 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  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Example (4.79):**  $3x^5 + 15x^4 - 20x^3 + 10x + 20 \in \mathbb{Z}[x], p = 5$ .  $f(x)$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

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

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

**2.22.15. 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  $F$ .

**2.22.16. 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.

**2.22.17. 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  $p(x) \mid a(x)b(x)$ , then  $p(x) \mid a(x)$  or  $p(x) \mid b(x)$ .

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

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

Elements  $a, b$  of an integral domain  $D$  are called associates if  $a = ub$  where  $u \in D$  with  $u \neq 0$  and  $u \neq 1$ . A non-zero element  $a \in D$  is called prime if  $a$  is not unit and  $a \mid bc \Rightarrow a \mid b$  or  $a \mid c$ .

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

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

**Example (2.80):**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2.23.2. (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.

**2.23.3. 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.

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

**2.23.5. 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 (2.81.):**

- 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                 | $R$  | ×  | ×   | ×   | ×  | × |

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

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

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

**Example (2.82):** Let  $f(x) = x^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ . Then in  $E = \mathbb{Q}[x]/\langle x^2 + 1 \rangle$ , we have

$$f(x + \langle x^2 + 1 \rangle) = (x + \langle x^2 + 1 \rangle)^2 + 1 = x^2 + \langle x^2 + 1 \rangle + 1$$

$$= x^2 + 1 + \langle x^2 + 1 \rangle = 0 + \langle x^2 + 1 \rangle = \langle x^2 + 1 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow f \text{ has zero in } E = \mathbb{Q}[x]/\langle x^2 + 1 \rangle$$

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 (2.83):** Let  $(x) = x^5 + 2x^2 + 2x + 2 \in \mathbb{Z}_3[x]$ . 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  $p^n$ .

**2.24.2. (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 (2.84):** 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  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] = \{a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ .

**2.24.3. 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 (2.85):**

- i. Let  $G$  be a simple group of order 60. Then  $G \cong A_5$  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  $\{e\}, \{b, ba^2, ba^4, \dots, ba^{2n}\}, \{ba, ba^3, ba^5, \dots, ba^{2n-1}\}, \{a^r, a^{-r}\},$

$(1 \leq r \leq n)$  and  $\{a^n\}$

**Example (2.86):**

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

$D_4 = \langle a, b \rangle$ ,  $a, b$  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)**

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

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

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

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

Note:  $Q_8 = \langle A, B \rangle$  where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, O(A) = 4 = O(B)$  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.  $Q_4, D_4$ )

- $|Aut(Z_n)| = \phi(n)$  &  $Aut(\mathbb{Z}_n) \simeq U_n$
- (i) Normal subgroup in  $S_3$  are  $\{e\}, A_3, S_3$

$$K_4 = \{e, (1\ 2)(3\ 4), (1\ 3)(2\ 4), (1\ 4)(2\ 3)\} = \{e, a, b, ab\}$$

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

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

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

**Example (2.87):**

#### 2.24.4. Some results on Finite Fields:

1. For each prime  $p$  and each positive integer  $n$  there is, upto isomorphism, a unique finite field of order  $P^n$ . This is denoted by  $GF(P^n)$ , in honor of Galois, and call it the Galois field of order  $P^n$ .
2. **Structure of finite fields:** As a group under addition  $GF(P^n)$  is isomorphic to  $Z_p \oplus Z_p \oplus \dots \oplus Z_p$  ( $n$  times). As a group under multiplication, the set of non-zero elements of  $GF(P^n)$  is isomorphic to  $Z_{P^n-1}$  (and is, therefore, cyclic).
3.  $[GF(P^n):GF(P)] = n$ .
4. **Subfields of a Finite field:** For each divisor  $m$  of  $n$ ,  $GF(P^n)$  has unique subfield of order  $P^m$ . Moreover, these are the only subfields of  $GF(P^n)$ .
5. If  $m$  divides  $n$ , then  $[GF(P^n):GF(P^m)] = \frac{n}{m}$ .

**Note:** Let  $K$  be a finite extension field of the field  $E$  and  $E$  be a finite extension field of the field  $F$ . Then  $K$  is a finite extension field of  $F$  and  $[K:F] = [K:E] \times [E:F]$

**Example (2.88):**  $[Q(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}):Q] = [Q(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}):Q(\sqrt{3})] \times [Q(\sqrt{3}):Q] = 2 \times 2 = 4$

## 2.25. Galois Theory

### 2.25.1. Definition (Automorphism, Galois Group, Fixed Field of $H$ )

Let  $E$  be an extension field of the field  $F$ . An automorphism of  $E$  is a ring isomorphism from  $E$  onto  $E$ . The Galois group of  $E$  over  $F$ ,  $Gal(E/F)$ , is the set of all automorphisms of  $E$  that take every element of  $F$  to itself. If  $H$  is subgroup of  $Gal(E/F)$ , the set  $E_H = \{x \in E: \phi(x) = x \forall \phi \in H\}$  is called the fixed field of  $H$ .

**Example (2.89):**

Let us consider the extension field  $Q(\sqrt{2})$  of  $Q$ . Since  $Q(\sqrt{2}) = \{a + b\sqrt{2}: a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$

Any automorphism of a field containing  $Q$  must act as the identity on  $Q$ . An automorphism  $\phi$  of  $Q(\sqrt{2})$  is completely determined by  $\phi(\sqrt{2})$ .

Therefore,  $2 = \phi(2) = \phi(\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}) = (\phi(\sqrt{2}))^2$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(\sqrt{2}) = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

This shows that the group  $Gal(Q(\sqrt{2})/Q)$  has two elements, the identity mapping and the mapping that sends  $a + b\sqrt{2}$  to  $a - b\sqrt{2}$

### 2.25.2. Fundamental Theorem of Galois Theory

Let  $F$  be a field of characteristic 0 or a finite field. If  $E$  be the splitting field over  $F$  for some polynomial in  $F[x]$ , then the mapping from the set of subfields of  $Gal(E/F)$  given by  $G \rightarrow Gal(E/G)$  is a one-one correspondence. Also, for any subfield  $G$  of  $E$  containing  $F$ ,

- i.  $[E:G] = |Gal(E/G)|$  and  $[G:F] = |Gal(E/F)|/|Gal(E/G)|$  that is the index of  $Gal(E/G)$  in  $Gal(E/F)$  equal to the degree of  $G$  over  $F$ .
- ii. If  $G$  is the splitting field of some polynomial in  $F[x]$ , then  $Gal(E/G)$  is a normal subgroup of  $Gal(E/F)$  and  $Gal(E/F)$  is isomorphic to  $Gal(E/F)/Gal(E/G)$ .
- iii.  $G = E^{Gal(E/G)}$  that is the fixed field of  $Gal(E/G)$  is  $G$ .
- iv. If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $Gal(E/F)$ , then  $H = Gal(E/E_H)$  is the automorphism group of  $E$  fixing  $E_H$  is  $H$ .

### 2.25.3. Definition (Solvable by Radicals)

Let  $f$  be a field and  $f(x) = F[x]$ . We say that  $f(x)$  is solvable by radicals over  $F$  if  $f(x)$  splits in some extension  $F(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  of  $F$  and  $\exists$  positive integers  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n$  such that  $a_1^{m_1} \in F$  and  $a_i^{m_i} \in F(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{i-1})$  for  $i = 2, 3, 4, \dots, n$ .

**Example (2.90):**

$$\text{Let } \alpha = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{8}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{8}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

Thus  $x^8 - 3$  splits in  $Q(\alpha, \sqrt[8]{3})$ ,  $\alpha^8 \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $(\sqrt[8]{3})^8 \in \mathbb{Q} \subset Q(\alpha)$ . Hence,  $x^8 - 3$  is solvable by radicals over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . The zero of  $x^8 - 3$  can be written as  $\sqrt[8]{3}, \sqrt[8]{3}\alpha, \sqrt[8]{3}\alpha^2, \dots, \sqrt[8]{3}\alpha^7$ , the notion of solvable by radicals is best illustrated by writing them in the following form  $\pm \sqrt[8]{3}, \pm \sqrt{-1}\sqrt[8]{3}, \pm \sqrt[8]{3}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{-1}\sqrt{2}}{2}\right), \pm \sqrt[8]{3}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{-1}\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$

### 2.25.4. Definition (Solvable Group)

We say that a group  $G$  is solvable if  $G$  has a series of subgroups

$$\{e\} = H_0 \subset H_1 \subset H_2 \subset \dots \subset H_K = G$$

Where for each  $0 \leq i < k$ ,  $H_i$  is normal in  $H_{i+1}$  and  $\frac{H_{i+1}}{H_i}$  is abelian.

### 2.25.5. Splitting field of $x^n - a$

Let  $F$  be a field of characteristic 0 and let  $a \in F$ . If  $E$  is the splitting field of  $x^n - a$  over  $F$ , then the Galois group  $Gal(E/F)$  is solvable.

- i. **Theorem:** A factor group of a solvable group is solvable.
- ii. **Theorem:** Let  $N$  be a normal subgroup of a group  $G$ . If both  $N$  and  $G/N$  are solvable, then  $G$  is solvable.

**Theorem:** Let  $F$  be a field of characteristic 0 and let  $f(x) \in F[x]$ . Also, let  $f(x)$  splits in  $F(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ , where  $a_1^{n_1} \in F$  and  $a_i^{n_i} \in F(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{i-1})$  for  $f(x)$  over  $F$  in  $F(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_K)$  the