

Assignment

Question: Is set of odd numbers with binary operation

(1) $(\mathbb{O}, +)$ an abelian group? If not explain the reasons with necessary notations.

Answer: No, the set of all numbers under the binary operation of addition, denoted as $(\mathbb{O}, +)$, is not an abelian group. It fails to satisfy two of the fundamental axioms required for a structure to be considered a group.

Reasons for failure:

Let the set of odd numbers be denoted by

$\mathbb{O} = \{\dots, -5, -3, -1, 1, 3, 5, \dots\}$. For $(\mathbb{O}, +)$ to be a group, it must satisfy several properties. It fails on the following:

1. Failure of the closure property

The closure property states that for any two elements a and b in the set, the result of their operation, $a + b$, must also be in the set. This is not true for the set of odd numbers.

* Simple Example : Consider the odd numbers 3 and 5. Both are in the set of O . However, their sum is $3+5=8$. The number 8 is an even number and is therefore not in the set O .

* General Proof : Any odd number can be written in the form $2k+1$, where k is an integer. Let's take two arbitrary odd numbers,

$$a = 2k_1 + 1 \quad \text{and} \quad b = 2k_2 + 1$$

Their sum is:

$$\begin{aligned} a + b &= (2k_1 + 1) + (2k_2 + 1) \\ &= 2k_1 + 2k_2 + 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore a + b = 2(k_1 + k_2 + 1)$$

The result is a multiple of 2, which, by definition is an even number. Since the sum of any two odd numbers is always even, the set O is not closed under addition.

2. Absence of an Identity Element

A Group must contain an identity element e , which is an element that leaves any other element unchanged, when the operation of addition, the identity.

0 (since $a+0=a$)

However, 0 is an even number, so it is not an element of the set of all numbers. Since the identity element for addition is not in the set, this axiom is not satisfied.

Since $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ fails to meet the closure and identity axioms, it is not a group.

Consequently, it cannot be an abelian group.