

# Abstract Algebra: Homework 2

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## Section 3

**4.**

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a \neq b$ .

$$\phi(a+b) = a+b+1$$

$$\phi(a) + \phi(b) = (a+1) + (b+1)$$

$$a+b+1 \neq a+b+2$$

$$\phi(a+b) \neq \phi(a) + \phi(b)$$

$\phi$  is not isomorphic.

**17.**

**a.**

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

$$\begin{aligned} a * b &= \phi(a-1) * \phi(b-1) \\ &= \phi((a-1) \cdot (b-1)) \\ &= \phi(ab - a - b + 1) \\ &= ab - a - b + 2 \end{aligned}$$

$*$  :  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \mapsto \mathbb{Z}$  by  $*(a, b) = ab - a - b + 2$

Identity element for  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, * \rangle$  is  $\phi(1) = 2$

*Proof.*  $\phi$  is an isomorphism:

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

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(a \cdot b) &\stackrel{?}{=} \phi(a) * \phi(b) \\ ab + 1 &\stackrel{?}{=} (a+1)(b+1) - (a+1) - (b+1) + 2 \\ ab + 1 &\stackrel{?}{=} (a+1)(b+1) - (a+1) - (b+1) + 2 \\ ab + 1 &\stackrel{?}{=} ab + a + b + 1 - a - 1 - b - 1 + 2 \\ ab + 1 &= ab + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence shown  $\phi(a \cdot b) = \phi(a) * \phi(b)$ ,  $\phi$  is an isomorphism of  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, \cdot \rangle$  with  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, * \rangle$ .  $\square$

**b.**

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

$$\begin{aligned}\phi^{-1}(n) &= n - 1a * b = \phi^{-1}(a + 1) * \phi(b + 1) \\ &= \phi^{-1}((a + 1) \cdot (b + 1)) \\ &= \phi^{-1}(ab + a + b + 1) \\ &= ab + a + b\end{aligned}$$

$*$  :  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \mapsto \mathbb{Z}$  by  $*(a, b) = ab + a + b$   
Identity element for  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, * \rangle$  is  $\phi^{-1}(1) = 0$

*Proof.*  $\phi$  is an isomorphism:

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

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(a * b) &\stackrel{?}{=} \phi(a) \cdot \phi(b) \\ \phi(ab + a + b) &\stackrel{?}{=} (a + 1) \cdot (b + 1) \\ ab + a + b + 1 &= ab + a + b + 1\end{aligned}$$

Hence shown  $\phi(a * b) = \phi(a) \cdot \phi(b)$ ,  $\phi$  is an isomorphism of  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, * \rangle$  with  $\langle \mathbb{Z}, \cdot \rangle$ .  $\square$

**26.**

*Proof.* Assume  $\phi : S \mapsto S'$  is an isomorphism of  $\langle S, * \rangle$  with  $\langle S', *' \rangle$ . Wants to show  $\phi^{-1}$  is an isomorphism of  $\langle S', *' \rangle$  with  $\langle S, * \rangle$ .

Let  $a, b \in S$ , such that  $\phi(a) = a'$ ,  $\phi(b) = b'$ , for some  $a', b' \in S'$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(a * b) &= \phi(a) *' \phi(b) \\ \phi(a * b) &= a' *' b' \\ \phi^{-1}(\phi(a * b)) &= \phi^{-1}(a' *' b') \\ a * b &= \phi^{-1}(a' *' b') \\ \phi^{-1}(a') * \phi^{-1}(b') &= \phi^{-1}(a' *' b')\end{aligned}$$

By definition of isomorphism,  $\phi^{-1}$  is an isomorphism of  $\langle S', *' \rangle$  with  $\langle S, * \rangle$ .  $\square$

**27.**

*Proof.* Assume  $\phi : S \mapsto S'$  is an isomorphism of  $\langle S, * \rangle$  with  $\langle S', *' \rangle$  and  $\psi : S' \mapsto S''$  is an isomorphism of  $\langle S', *' \rangle$  with  $\langle S'', *'' \rangle$ . Wants to show  $\psi \circ \phi$  is an isomorphism of  $\langle S, * \rangle$  with  $\langle S'', *'' \rangle$ .

Let  $a, b \in S$ , such that  $\phi(a) = a', \phi(b) = b'$ , for some  $a', b' \in S', \psi(a') = a'', \psi(b') = b''$ , for some  $a'', b'' \in S''$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(a * b) &= \phi(a) *' \phi(b) \\ &= a' *' b' \\ \psi(a' *' b') &= \psi(a') *'' \psi(b') \\ &= a'' *'' b'' \\ \psi(\phi(a * b)) &= \psi(a' *' b') = a'' *'' b''\end{aligned}$$

Hence shown  $\psi \circ \phi$  is an isomorphism of  $\langle S, * \rangle$  with  $\langle S'', *'' \rangle$ .  $\square$

### 30.

*Proof.* “The operator  $*$  is associative.” is a structural property of a binary structure  $\langle S', *' \rangle$ .

Let  $\phi : S \mapsto S'$  be an isomorphism of  $\langle S, * \rangle$  with  $\langle S', *' \rangle$ .

Let  $a, b, c \in S$ , such that  $\phi(a) = a', \phi(b) = b', \phi(c) = c'$ , for some  $a', b', c' \in S'$ .

$$\begin{aligned}((a' *' b') *' c') &= (\phi(a) *' \phi(b)) *' \phi(c) \\ &= \phi(a * b) *' \phi(c) \\ &= \phi((a * b) * c) \\ &= \phi(a * (b * c)) \\ &= \phi(a) *' \phi(b * c) \\ &= a' *' (\phi(b) *' \phi(c)) \\ &= (a' *' (b' *' c'))\end{aligned}$$

Hence proved that “the operator  $*$  is associative” is a structural property of a binary structure  $\langle S', *' \rangle$ .  $\square$

### 32.

*Proof.* “There exists an element  $b$  in  $S$  such that  $b * b = b$ ” is a structural property of a binary structure  $\langle S', *' \rangle$ .

Let  $\phi : S \mapsto S'$  be an isomorphism of  $\langle S, * \rangle$  with  $\langle S', *' \rangle$ .

Assume  $\exists b \in S$  such that  $b * b = b$ .

$$\begin{aligned}b * b &= b \\ \phi(b * b) &= \phi(b) \\ \phi(b) *' \phi(b) &= \phi(b) \\ b' *' b' &= b'\end{aligned}$$

Hence proved that “There exists an element  $b$  in  $S$  such that  $b * b = b$ ” is a structural property of a binary structure  $\langle S', *' \rangle$ .  $\square$

## Section 4

4.

$\langle \mathbb{Q}, * \rangle$  is a group structure.

$\mathcal{G}_1$ : **Associativity** For  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $a * (b * c) = a(bc) = (ab)c = (a * b) * c$ .

$\mathcal{G}_2$ : **Left identity element** For  $a \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $1 * a = a$ , 1 is the left identity element.

$\mathcal{G}_3$ :  $\forall a \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\exists a^{-1}$ ,  $a^{-1} * a = e$ , **e is the identity** Let  $\frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\frac{b}{a} * \frac{a}{b} = \frac{b}{a} \cdot \frac{a}{b} = 1$ . Since 1 is the identity, the inverse  $\frac{b}{a}$  exist  $\forall \frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

19.

a.

Show that  $* : S \times S \mapsto S$

Let  $a, b \in (\mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\})$ ,  $a + b + ab \in \mathbb{R}$  because  $\mathbb{R}$  is closed under addition and multiplication.

Check if -1 is in image of  $*$ :

$$\begin{aligned} a + b + ab &= -1 \\ a + b + ab + 1 &= 0 \\ (a + 1)(b + 1) &= 0 \\ a &= -1 \\ b &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $-1 \notin S$ , -1 is not in the image of  $*$ . Since  $* : S \times S \mapsto S$ ,  $*$  is a binary operator on S.

b.

*Proof.*  $\langle S, * \rangle$  is a group structure.

$\mathcal{G}_1$ : **Associativity** For  $a, b, c \in S$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} a * (b * c) &\stackrel{?}{=} (a * b) * c \\ a * (b + c + bc) &\stackrel{?}{=} (a * b) + c + (a * b)c \\ a + (b + c + bc) + a(b + c + bc) &\stackrel{?}{=} (a + b + ab) + c + (a + b + ab)c \\ a + b + ab + c + ca + cb + abc &= a + b + ab + c + ca + cb + abc \end{aligned}$$

Since  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$ ,  $*$  on S is a associative.

**$\mathcal{G}_2$ : Left identity element** For  $a \in S$

$$\begin{aligned} e * a &= a \\ e + a + ea &= a \\ e &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $0 * a = a$ , 0 is the left identity element in S.

**$\mathcal{G}_3$ :  $\forall a \in S, \exists a^{-1}, a^{-1} * a = e$ , e is the identity** Let  $a^{-1}, a \in S$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} a^{-1} * a &= 0 \\ a^{-1} + a + a^{-1}a &= 0 \\ a^{-1} + a^{-1}a &= -a \\ a^{-1} &= \frac{-a}{1+a} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\frac{-a}{1+a} * a = e, \forall a \in S, \frac{-a}{1+a}$  is an inverse of a.

Hence proved  $\langle S, * \rangle$  is a group structure.  $\square$

**c.**

Operation  $*$  is commutative because  $a * b = a + b + ab = b + a + ba = b * a$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 2 * x * 3 &= 7 \\ (2 * 3) * x &= 7 \\ (11) * x &= 7 \\ (11) + x + 11x &= 7 \\ x + 11x &= 7 - 11 \\ x &= \frac{7 - 11}{1 + 11} \\ x &= \frac{-4}{12} \\ x &= \frac{-1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

**30.**

**a.**

*Proof.*  $*$  is a Binary operator on  $\mathbb{R}^*$

$*$  :  $\mathbb{R}^* \times \mathbb{R}^* \mapsto \mathbb{R}^*$  by  $a * b = |a|b$

Since  $|\mathbb{R}| \subset \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R} \cdot \mathbb{R} \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $*$  is binary operator on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $0 \notin \text{img}(\cdot) \Rightarrow \cdot$  is

binary operator on  $\mathbb{R}^*$ .

$$\begin{aligned}a * b &= 0 \\ |a|b &= 0 \\ a &= 0 \\ b &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Since  $0 \notin \mathcal{R}^*$ , a and b cannot be 0. 0 is therefore not in range of \*. Hence proved \* is a binary operator on  $\mathbb{R}^*$ .  $\square$

*Proof.* \* on  $\mathbb{R}^*$  is associative  
Let a, b, c in  $\mathcal{R}^*$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}a * (b * c) &= a * (|b|c) \\ &= |a||b|c \\ &= |ab|c \\ &= (a * b) * c\end{aligned}$$

Hence proved \* on  $\mathbb{R}^*$  is associative.  $\square$

Hence shown \* gives an associative binary operation on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**b.**

Left identity e:

$$\begin{aligned}e * a &= a \\ |e|a &= a \\ e &= 1\end{aligned}$$

1 is a left identity of  $\langle \mathbb{R}^*, * \rangle$ .

$$\begin{aligned}a * a^{-1} &= 1 \\ |a|a^{-1} &= 1 \\ a^{-1} &= \frac{1}{|a|}\end{aligned}$$

$\forall a \in \mathbb{R}^*, a^{-1} = \frac{1}{|a|}$  is the right inverse of a.

**c.**

No because |1| is the identity. That means  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  has two inverses:  $a^{-1}$  and  $-a^{-1}$ .

d.

It is important to enforce that all conditions of the one sided group axioms must apply to the same side. Mixing and matching sides breaks an important constraint of the group axioms.

**32.**

*Proof.* Every group  $G$  with identity  $e$  and such that  $x * x = e$  for all  $x \in G$  is abelian. Let  $a, b \in G$

$$\begin{aligned} e &= (a * b) * (a * b) \\ e &= (a * a) * (b * b) \\ a * b * a * b &= a * a * b * b \\ (a^{-1} * a) * b * a * (b * b^{-1}) &= (a^{-1} * a) * a * b * (b * b^{-1}) \\ b * a &= a * b \end{aligned}$$

Hence every group  $G$  with identity  $e$  and such that  $x * x = e$  for all  $x \in G$  is abelian.  $\square$

**35.**

*Proof.* Assume  $(a * b)^2 = a^2 * b^2$ , wants to show  $a * b = b * a$

$$\begin{aligned} (a * b)^2 &= a^2 * b^2 \\ (a * b) * (a * b) &= a * a * b * b \\ a * b * a * b &= a * a * b * b \\ (a^{-1} * a) * b * a * (b * b^{-1}) &= (a^{-1} * a) * a * b * (b * b^{-1}) \\ b * a &= a * b \end{aligned}$$

Ergo  $(a * b)^2 = a^2 * b^2 \Rightarrow a * b = b * a$   $\square$

**36.**

*Proof.* Assume  $a * b = b * a$  wants to show  $(a * b)' = a' * b'$

$$\begin{aligned} (a * b)' &= (b * a)' \\ &= a' * b' \end{aligned}$$

Assume  $(a * b)' = a' * b'$  wants to show  $a * b = b * a$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (a * b)' &= a' * b' \\ (a * b)' &= (b * a)' \\ a * b &= b * a \end{aligned}$$

Since  $((a * b)' = a' * b' \Rightarrow a * b = b * a) \wedge (a * b = b * a \Rightarrow (a * b)' = a' * b')$ , ergo  
 $(a * b)' = a' * b' \Leftrightarrow a * b = b * a$   $\square$