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01 GROUPS

- (1) Let $(G, *)$ be a group, then
 - (i) The identity element is unique.
 - (ii) Every element of G has unique inverse in G .
- (2) If $(G, *)$ is a group, then
 - (i) $(a^{-1})^{-1} = a; \forall a \in G$.
 - (ii) $(a*b)^{-1} = b^{-1}*a^{-1}; \forall a, b \in G$ (Reverse rule)
- (3) In a group G , the equation $a*x = b$ and $y*a = b$ where $a, b \in G$ have unique solution in G .
- (4) The left identity is also the right identity.
- (5) The left inverse of an element is also its right inverse.
- (6) A finite set G , with a binary operation $*$ which is associative, is a group iff the cancellation laws hold.
- (7) Show that the set $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$ is an abelian finite group of order 4 under multiplication.
- (8) Show that the set of all positive rational numbers forms an abelian group under the composition defined by $a * b = \frac{(ab)}{2}$.
- (9) Show that the set Z of all integers form a group with respect to binary operation $*$ defined by $a * b = a+b+1; \forall a, b \in Z$ is an abelian group.
- (10) Prove that the set of all n th roots of unity forms an abelian group w.r.t multiplication.
- (11) The set M_2 of all 2×2 matrices $M_2 = \begin{Bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{Bmatrix}; a, b, c, d \in R$ is an abelian group under the addition of two matrices.

(12) Show that the set of matrices $G = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}, \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ forms a group under matrix multiplication.

(13) Show that $G = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ is an abelian group under matrix multiplication.

(14) Prove that the following matrices:

$I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $C = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ form a group under the multiplication of two matrices.

(15) Show that the set S of all 2×2 non-singular matrices over \mathbb{R} is a group under matrix multiplication.

(16) Show that the set $S = \{1, 5, 7, 11\}$ is a group w.r.t multiplication modulo 12.

(17) Prove that $\{S, \odot_{14}\}$ is a group, $S = \{2, 4, 8\}$.

(18) Show that the set $G = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4\}$, where $f_1(x) = x, f_2(x) = -x, f_3(x) = 1/x, f_4(x) = -1/x \forall x \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ is a group w.r.t the product of two mappings.

(19) Show that the set $G = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6\}$, where $f_1(x) = x, f_2(x) = 1-x, f_3(x) = 1/x, f_4(x) = 1/(1-x), f_5(x) = (x-1)/x, f_6(x) = x/(x-1) \forall x \in \mathbb{R} - \{0, 1\}$ is a group w.r.t 'composite of functions'.

(20) Show that the set $G = \{x+y\sqrt{3} : x, y \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ is a group w.r.t addition.

(21) Show that the set I of all integers with binary operation, defined as $a.b = a+b+1 \forall a, b \in I$ is an abelian group.

(22) Show that the set Q of all rational numbers other than -1 is an abelian group w.r.t the binary composition $a*b = a+b+ab$.

(23) Let $G = \{(a, b) : a \neq 0, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ and $*$ be a binary composition defined by $(a, b) * (c, d) = (ac, bc+d)$. Show that $(G, *)$ is a non-abelian group.

- (24) Let $G = \{(a,b): a,b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and not both zero}\}$ and $*$ be a binary composition defined by $(a,b) * (c,d) = (ac-bd, a+bc)$. Show that $(G, *)$ is a commutative group.
- (25) Let $G = \{(a,b): a,b \in \mathbb{R}\}$, and $*$ be a binary composition defined by $(a,b) * (c,d) = (a+c, b+d) \forall a,b,c,d \in \mathbb{R}$. Show that $(G,*)$ is a commutative group.
- (26) Prove that if G is an abelian group, then $(a,b)^n = a^n \cdot b^n$ for all $a,b \in G$ and all positive integers n .
- (27) If G is a group and if $a,b \in G$, show that $a \cdot b = b \cdot a \Rightarrow (a \cdot b)^n = a^n \cdot b^n$, n being any positive integer.
- (28) Show that a group G satisfying $a^2 = e \forall a \in G$ must be abelian.
- (29) Prove that a group G is abelian if and only if $(a \cdot b)^2 = a^2 \cdot b^2 \forall a,b \in G$.
- (30) Show that if every element of the group G is its own inverse, then G is abelian.
- (31) Prove that a group G is abelian if and only if $(a \cdot b)^{-1} = a^{-1} \cdot b^{-1}$ for all $a,b \in G$.
- (32) Show that the equation $x \cdot a \cdot x = b$ is solvable for x in a group G if and only if $a \cdot b$ is the square of some element in G .
- (33) Show the equation $x^2 \cdot a \cdot x = a^{-1}$ is solvable for x in a group G if and only if a is the cube of some element in G .
- (34) If G is a group such that $(a \cdot b)^n = a^n \cdot b^n$ for three consecutive integers n and for all $a,b \in G$, show that G is abelian.
- (35) If G is a group of even order, prove that it has an element $a \neq e$ satisfying $a^2 = e$.
- (36) If G is a finite group, show that there exists a positive integer N such that $a^N = e$ for all $a \in G$.

(37) Show that if G is a finite semi – group with cross – cancellation laws i.e., $x.y = y.z \Rightarrow x = z$ then G is an abelian group.

(38) If number of elements in a group G is less than or equal to four, then group must be abelian.

(39) If G is a group of even order, then show that there exists an element a , other than the identity e such that $a^2 = e$.

(40) In a group G if $xy^2 = y^3x$ and $yx^2 = x^3y$, show that $x = y = e$, where e is the identity of G .

(41) Let G be a finite group whose order is not divisible by 3. Suppose $(ab)^3 = a^3b^3$ for all $a, b \in G$, then show that G is abelian.

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02 SUBGROUPS

- (1) A non – empty subset H of a group G is a subspace of G if and only if
 - (i) $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$.
 - (ii) $a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$, where a^{-1} is the inverse of $a \in G$.
- (2) Let H be a non – empty subset of a group G . Then H is a subgroup of G iff $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$, where b^{-1} is the inverse of b in G .
- (3) The necessary and sufficient condition of a non – empty subset H of a group G to be a subgroup is $HH^{-1} \subset H$.
- (4) A necessary and sufficient condition of a non – empty subset H of a group G to be a subgroup is that is $HH^{-1} = H$.
- (5) Let H be any complex of group G , then $(HK)^{-1} = K^{-1}H^{-1}$.
- (6) If H is any subgroup of G , then $H^{-1} = H$. Also, show that converse is not true.
- (7) If H, K are subgroups of a group G , then HK is a subgroup of G iff $HK = KH$.
- (8) If H and K are subgroups of an abelian group G , then HK is a subgroup of G .
- (9) The necessary and sufficient condition for a non – empty finite subset H of a group G , with respect to multiplication to be a subgroup is that H must be closed with respect to multiplication, i.e., $a \in H, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$.
- (10) The intersection of any two subgroups of a group G is a subgroup of G .
- (11) The union of two subgroups of a group G is a subgroup of G iff one is contained in the other.

(12) Let G be the additive group of integers and $H = \{nl : n \text{ is a fixed integer and } l \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. Show that H is a subgroup of G .

(13) If G is a group, then show that the set Z , defined by $Z = \{xz = zx : x \in G, z \in Z\}$. (it is called centre of the group) is a subgroup of G .

(14) If a is any element of a group G , then show that $\{a^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is a subgroup of G .

(15) If a is a fixed element of a group G , then prove that the set $N(a) = \{x \in G : xa = ax\}$ is a subgroup of G .

(16) Show that $H = \{(1, b) : b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is a subgroup of the group $G = \{(a, b) : a \neq 0, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is a subgroup of the group $G = \{(a, b) : a \neq 0, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ under the composition $*$ given by $(a, b) * (c, d) = (ac, bc + d)$.

(17) Show that $H = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : a \neq 0; a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ is a subgroup of the multiplicative group of 2×2 non-singular matrices over \mathbb{R} .

(18) Show that $aHa^{-1} = \{aha^{-1} : h \in H\}$ is a subgroup of G , where H is a subgroup of G and $a \in G$.

(19) If a be a fixed element of group G and if $H = \{x \in G : xa^2 = a^2x\}$, $K = \{x \in G : xa = ax\}$, then show that $H < G$ and $K < H$.

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03 ORDERS

- (1) Consider the multiplicative group $G = \{1, -1, -i, i\}$ of cube roots of unity. Find the order of each element of G .
- (2) The order of every element of a finite group is finite.
- (3) If the element a of a group G is of order n , then $a^m = e$, iff n is a divisor of m .
- (4) The order of an element of a group is the same as that of its inverse.
- (5) The order of any integral power of an element a cannot exceed that order of a .
- (6) If a and b are any two elements of a group G , then $o(a) = o(b^{-1}ab)$.
- (7) For any two elements a, b of a group G , $o(ab) = o(ba)$.
- (8) The order of any integral power of an element of a group is a divisor of the order of that element.
- (9) If a is an element of order n and p is prime to n , then a^p is also of order n . Let r be the order of a^p .
- (10) In a group, if $ba = a^m b^n$, prove that the elements $a^m b^{n-2}$, $a^{m-2} b^n$, ab^{-1} have the same order.
- (11) In any group G if $a^5 = e$, $aba^{-1} = b^2$ for $a, b \in G$. Find $o(b)$.
- (12) If a, b are two elements of a group G such that $ab = ba$ and $(o(a), o(b)) = 1$, then $o(ab) = o(a) o(b)$.
- (13) If a is any element of a group G , show that $o(a^n) = \frac{o(a)}{(n, o(a))}$, where n is a positive integer and $(n, o(a))$ means the g.c.d of n and $o(a)$.

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04 COSETS LAGRANGE

(1) Let $H < G$ and $a, b \in G$. Prove that

(i) $Ha = H$ iff $a \in H$

(ii) $Ha = Hb$ iff $ab^{-1} \in H$

(iii) $aH = bH$ iff $a^{-1}b \in H$.

(iv) $(Ha)^{-1} = a^{-1}H$.

(2) Let H be a subgroup of a group G and $a, b \in G$. Show that either $Ha \cap Hb = \varnothing$ or $Ha = Hb$.

Or

Prove that any two right cosets of H in G are either identical or disjoint, H being a subgroup of G .

(3) Prove that there is a one-to-one correspondence between any two right cosets of H in G .

(4) **(Lagrange's Theorem)**

The order of a subgroup of a finite group divides the order of the group.

Or

If G is a finite group and H is a subgroup of G , then $o(H)$ is a divisor of $o(G)$.

(5) The index of a subgroup H of a finite group G divides the order of the group and $i_G(H) = \frac{o(G)}{o(H)}$

(6) If G is a finite group and $a \in G$, then order of a divides $o(G)$.

(7) Every group of prime order is cyclic.

(8) Let H be a subgroup of G and $a, b \in G$.

Show that $Ha \neq Hb \Rightarrow a^{-1}H \neq b^{-1}H$.

(9) If $H \subseteq K$ be two subgroups of a finite group G , then show that $[G:H] = [G:K][K:H]$.

- (10) Show that there exist a one – to – one correspondence between the right and left cosets of H in G , where H is any subgroup of a group G .
- (11) If $H < G$, prove that
- (i) $Hh = H \Rightarrow h \in H$,
 - (ii) $b \in Ha \Rightarrow Ha = Hb$.
- (12) Show that if H and K are subgroups of a group G and $a \in G$, then $Ha \cap Ka = (H \cap K)a$.
- (13) If G is a group and H, K are two subgroups of finite index in G , prove that $H \cap K$ is of finite index.
- (14) If H and K be two subgroups of a group G , then HK is a subgroup of G if and only if $HK = KH$.
- (15) If H and K are finite subgroups of a group G , then $o(HK) = \frac{o(H)o(K)}{o(H \cap K)}$.
- (16) If H and K are subgroups of a group G and $o(H) > \sqrt{o(G)}$, $o(K) > \sqrt{o(G)}$; then $o(H \cap K) > 1$ i. e., $H \cap K \neq \{e\}$.
- (17) If G is a group of order 35, show that it cannot have two subgroups of order 7.
- (18) Suppose G is a finite group of order pq , where p and q are primes ($p > q$). Show that G has at most one subgroup of order p .
- (19) Show that a group G of order $2p$, where p is prime and $p > 2$, has exactly one subgroup of order p .

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05 CYCLIC GROUP

- (1) Every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic.
- (2) Every group of prime order is cyclic.
- (3) If cyclic group G is generated by an element a of order n , then a^m is a generator of G iff $(m,n) = 1$, i.e., the GCD of m and n is 1.
- (4) A finite group of order n containing an element of order n must be cyclic.
- (5) Every isomorphic image of a cyclic group is cyclic.
- (6) A cyclic group G with a generator of finite order n , is isomorphic to the multiplicative group of n , n^{th} roots of unity.
- (7) The order of a cyclic group is equal to the order of any generator of the group.
- (8) If the generator of a cyclic group G is of infinite order (or of zero order), then G is isomorphic to the additive group of integers.
- (9) Every cyclic group is necessarily abelian but the converse is not necessarily true.
- (10) How many generators are there of the cyclic group of order 8?
- (11) Show that the group $G = [\{1, -1, i, -i\}, \cdot]$ is cyclic.
- (12) Show that number of generators of an infinite cyclic group is two.
- (13) If a is a generator of cyclic group G , then a^{-1} is also a generator of G .
- (14) Show that the Klein's 4 – group is not cyclic.
- (15) Converse of Lagrange's theorem holds in finite cyclic groups.

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06 NORMAL SUBGROUP

- (1) A subgroup N of a group G is a normal subgroup of G if and only if $gNg^{-1} = N$ for each $g \in G$.
- (2) A subgroup N of a group G is a normal subgroup of G if and only if every left coset of N in G is a right coset of N in G .
- (3) If N is a normal subgroup of a group G , then
 - (i) $NaNb = Nab$
 - (ii) $aNbN = abN$; $a, b \in G$.
- (4) Prove that H is not normal subgroup of a group G iff the product of any two right cosets of H in G is a right coset of H in G .
- (5) If N and M are normal subgroups of a group G , then $N \cap M$ is a normal subgroup of G .
- (6) Show that $Z = \{a \in G ; ax = xa \forall x \in G\}$ is a normal subgroup of G .
- (7) Show that $H = \{(1-b) : b \in R\}$ is a normal subgroup of $G = \{(a, b); a \neq 0, b \in R\}$ under the composition $*$ defined by $(a, b) * (c, d) = (ac, bc + d)$.
- (8) If H is a subgroup of G and N is a normal subgroup of G , then $H \cap N$ is a normal subgroup of H .
- (9) If N and M are normal subgroups of a group G and if $N \cap M = \{e\}$, then $nm = mn$ for each $n \in N$ and $m \in M$.
- (10) If G is a group and H is a subgroup of index 2 in G , prove that H is a normal subgroup of G .
- (11) If H is a subgroup of a group G such that $x^2 \in H$ for every $x \in G$, prove that H is a normal subgroup of G .

(12) If H is the only subgroup of finite order m in the group G , then show that H is a normal subgroup of G .

(13) Let $H < G$ and $N(H) = \{g \in G : gHg^{-1} = H\}$. Prove that

(i) $N(H)$ is a subgroup of G .

(ii) H is normal in $N(H)$.

(iii) If H is a normal subgroup of the subgroup K of G , then $K \subset N(H)$.

(iv) H is normal in $G \Rightarrow N(H) = G$.

(14) If N is a normal subgroup of G and H is a subgroup of G , then show that HN is a subgroup of G .

(15) If H and K are normal subgroups of G , then $HK = \{hk : h \in H, k \in K\}$ is a normal subgroup of G .

(16) Show that a subgroup H of a group G is normal iff $Ha \neq Hb \Rightarrow aH \neq bH$.

(17) Let H be a non-empty subset of a group G . Show that H is a normal subgroup of G iff $(gx)(gy)^{-1} \in H \forall g \in G$ and $x, y \in H$.

(18) Show that a subgroup N of a group G is normal if and only if $xy \in N \Rightarrow yx \in N$.

(19) If a cyclic subgroup T of G is normal in G , then show that every subgroup of T is normal in G .

(20) For any two real number $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$; define a mapping $f_{ab}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as $f_{ab}(x) = ax + b \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Let $G = \{f_{ab} : a \neq 0\}$. Prove that G is a group under the composition of mappings. Further show that $N = \{f_{lb} \in G\}$ is a normal subgroup of G .

(21) Show that a normal subgroup is commutative with every complex.

(22) If N is a normal subgroup of G and H is any subgroup of G , show that NH is a subgroup of G .

(23) If N and M are normal subgroups of G , then NM is also a normal subgroup of G .

(24) Let G be a group of order $2p$, where p is prime. Show that G has a normal subgroup of order p .

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07 COSETS HOMOMORPHISM

(1) Suppose N is a normal subgroup of a group G . Let $\frac{G}{N}$ denote the set of all right cosets of N in G i.e., $\frac{G}{N} = \{Na : a \in G\}$. Show that $\frac{G}{N}$ is a group under the composition: $NaNb = Nab$ for all $a, b \in G$. The group $\frac{G}{N}$ is called the quotient group or factor group of G by N .

(2) If G is a finite group and N is a normal subgroup of G , then

$$o\left(\frac{G}{N}\right) = \frac{o(G)}{o(N)}.$$

(3) If G is an abelian group and N is a normal subgroup of G , then G/N is abelian. Show by an example that the converse need not be true.

(4) If G is a cyclic group and N a subgroup of G , then G/N is cyclic. However, the converse need not be true.

Or

Show that every quotient group of a cyclic group is cyclic. However, the converse need not be true.

(5) If N is a normal subgroup of a group G and $a \in G$ is of order $o(a)$, prove that $o(Na)$ divides $o(a)$. Also show that $a^m \in N$ if and only if $o(Na)$ divides m .

(6) Let N be a normal subgroup of G . Show that G/N is abelian iff $xyx^{-1}y^{-1} \in N$ for all $x, y \in G$.

(7) If H is a subgroup of a group G such that $x^2 \in H$ for all $x \in G$. Prove that G/H is abelian.

(8) Let G be the set of all real 2×2 matrices $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$ where $ad \neq 0$, under matrix multiplication. Let $N = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$. Prove that

- (a) N is a normal subgroup of G .
- (b) G/N is abelian.

(9) Let H and K be normal subgroups of a group G such that $H \subset K$, show that K/H is a normal subgroup of G/H .

(10) If Z is the centre of a group G such that $\frac{G}{Z}$ is cyclic, then show that G is abelian.

(11) If $f: G \rightarrow$

G' be a homomorphism of group and e, e' be the identities in G and G' respectively. Then

(i) $f(e) = e'$

(ii) $f(a^{-1}) = [f(a)]^{-1}$ where $a \in G$

(iii) If the order of an element $x \in G$ is finite, then the order of $f(x)$ is a divisor of the order of x .

(12) If $f: G \rightarrow G'$ is an isomorphism of groups, then the order of an element $a \in G$ is equal to order of the f - image of a , i.e., $o(a) = o[f(a)]$.

(13) Show that every quotient group of a group is a homomorphic image of the group.

Or

If N is a normal subgroup of a group G , show that there is a homomorphism f of G onto G/N with $\text{Ker } f = N$.

(14) If $f: G \rightarrow G'$ is a homomorphism, then kernel of f is a subgroup of G .

(15) If $f: G \rightarrow G'$ is a homomorphism, then $\text{Ker } f = \{e\} \Rightarrow f$ is one - to - one.

(16) If $f: G \rightarrow G'$ is a homomorphism, then $\text{Im } f$ is a subgroup of G' .

Or

Show that a homomorphic image of a group is a group.

(17) **(Fundamental Theorem of Homomorphism)**

If f is a homomorphism of G onto G' with kernel K , then $\frac{G}{\text{Ker } f} = G'$ or $\frac{G}{K} = G'$

Or

Show that every homomorphic image of a group G is isomorphic to a quotient group.

(18) If H and K are subgroups of a group G and H is normal in G , then $\frac{HK}{H} \sim \frac{K}{H \cap K}$.

(19) If H and K are subgroups of a group G and K is normal in G , then $\frac{HK}{K} = \frac{H}{H \cap K}$.

(20) If H and K are two normal subgroups of a group G such that $H \subseteq K$, then show that $\frac{G}{K} = \frac{G/H}{K/H}$.

(21) Let \bar{G} be the group of non-zero real numbers under multiplication and $G = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in R \text{ and } ad - bc \neq 0 \right\}$ be a group under matrix multiplication. Exhibit a homomorphism of G onto \bar{G} .

(22) Let G be any group, g a fixed element in G . Define $\varphi: G \rightarrow G$ by $\varphi(x) = gxg^{-1}$. Prove that φ is an isomorphism of G onto G .

(23) Prove that a group G is abelian if and only if the mapping $f: G \rightarrow G$, given by $f(x) = x^2$, is a homomorphism.

(24) Prove that a group G is abelian if and only if the mapping $f: G \rightarrow G$, given by $f(x) = x^{-1}$, is a homomorphism.

(25) Show that:

- (i) Every homomorphic image of an abelian group is abelian.
- (ii) Every homomorphic image of a cyclic group is cyclic.
- (iii) Show, by means of an example, that the converse of each of the above results is not true.

(26) Let $f: G \rightarrow G'$ be a homomorphism and H a subgroup G . show that $f(H)$ is a subgroup of group G' .

(27) If N and M are normal subgroups of G , prove that $\frac{NM}{M} = \frac{N}{N \cap M}$.

(28) For any group G , show that $\frac{G}{(e)} = G$ and $\frac{G}{G} = (e)$.

(29) Let R be the set of real numbers. For $a, b \in R$ ($a \neq 0$); let $f_{ab}: R \rightarrow R$ be defined as $f_{ab}(x) = ax+b$.

Let $G = \{f_{ab}: a, b \in R \text{ and } a \neq 0\}$ and $N = \{f_{1b} \in G\}$. Prove that N is a normal subgroup of G and that G/N is isomorphic to the group of non – zero real numbers under multiplication.

(30) Let G be the group of non – zero complex numbers under multiplication and N the set of complex numbers of absolute value 1. Show that G/N is isomorphic to the group of all positive real numbers under multiplication.

(31) Let G be the group of all non – zero complex numbers under multiplication and let \bar{G} be the group of all real 2×2 matrices of the form $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix}$, where a and b are not both zero, under matrix multiplication. Show that G and \bar{G} are isomorphic by exhibiting an isomorphism of G onto \bar{G} .

(32) Let G be the group of real numbers under addition and let N be the subgroup of G consisting of all the integers. Prove that G/N is isomorphic to the group of all complex numbers of absolute value 1 under multiplication.

(33) Show that any infinite cyclic group is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$.

(34) Show that a finite cyclic group of order n is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_n , the group of integers modulo n .

(35) Show that a finite cyclic group of order n is isomorphic to the multiplicative group of n n th roots of unity.

(36) Show that any two cyclic groups of the same order are isomorphic.

- (37) Show that a finite cyclic group of order n is isomorphic to the quotient group \mathbb{Z}/N , where $N = \{nx: x \in \mathbb{Z}\} = (n)$.
- (38) Show that the relation $=$ of isomorphism in groups is an equivalence relation.
- (39) Every group G is isomorphic to a permutation group.
- (40) Prove that a group of order 36 is not simple.
- (41) Prove that a group of order 99 is not simple.

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08 RINGS

- (1) Show that the set $R = \{a+b\sqrt{3} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ is a ring under the usual addition and multiplication as binary compositions.
- (2) Show that the set I of integers with two binary compositions $*$ and \circ defined by $a*b = a+b-1$, $a \circ b = a+b-ab$ for all integers a and b is a commutative ring with unity.
- (3) If $\{R, +, *\}$ be a ring with unit element, show that $\{R, \oplus, \otimes\}$ is also a ring with unit element, where $a \oplus b = a+b+1$ and $a \otimes b = a.b + a+b \forall a, b \in R$.
- (4) If E denotes the set of all even integers, then prove that $\{E, +, *\}$ is a commutative ring, where $a*b = ab/2$ and $+$ is the usual addition.
- (5) Prove that the set S of all ordered pairs (a, b) of real numbers is a commutative ring under the addition and multiplication compositions defined as $(a, b) + (c, d) = (a+c, b+d)$ and $(a, b) (c, d) = (ac, bd)$.
- (6) Prove that a ring R is commutative if and only if $(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$ for all $a, b \in R$.
- (7) If R is a system satisfying all the conditions for a ring with unit element with the possible exception of $a+b = b+a$, prove that the axiom $a+b = b+a$ must hold in R and that R is thus a ring.
- (8) Let R be a ring such that $a^2 = a$ for all $a \in R$. Prove that R is commutative.
- (9) If R is a ring with unity satisfying $(xy)^2 = x^2y^2$ for all $x, y \in R$, prove that R is commutative.
- (10) Show that a ring R is commutative if and only if $a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$ for all $a, b \in R$.

(11) Let R be a ring such that for $x \in R$, there exists a unique $a \in R$ satisfying $xa = x$. Show that $ax = x$. Hence deduce that if R has a unique right unity e , then e is the unity of R .

(12) Let R be a ring with unity $1 \in R$. Suppose for $x \neq 0 \in R$, there exists a unique $y \in R$ such that $xyx = x$. Prove that $xy = yx = 1$ i.e., x is invertible in R .

(13) Let R be a ring with unity e . If some $x \in R$, there exists unique $y \in R$ such that $xy = e$, prove that x is invertible.

(iii) If H is a normal subgroup of the subgroup K of G , then $K \subset N(H)$

(iv) H is normal in $G \Leftrightarrow N(H) = G$.

(14) The set $C = \{a+bi: a, b \in R\}$ of complex numbers is a field under usual addition and multiplication of complex numbers.

(15) The set $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ -x & y \end{pmatrix} : x, y \in C \right\}$ is a division ring which is not a field.

(16) The set $Q = \{a_0 + a_1i + a_2j + a_3k : a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3 \text{ are real numbers}\}$ where $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk = -1, ij = -ji = k, jk = -kj = i, ki = -ik = j$ is a division ring, which is not a field.

(17) Let C be the set of all ordered pairs (a, b) where a, b are real numbers. Let the compositions of addition and multiplication in C be defined as $(a, b) + (c, d) = (a+c, b+d)$, $(a, b) \cdot (c, d) = (ac-bd, bc+ad)$. Then C is a field.

(18) Let R be a commutative ring. Then R is an integral domain if and only if $ab = ac \Rightarrow b = c$, where $a, b, c \in R$ and $a \neq 0$.

(19) Prove that every field is an integral domain.

(20) Prove that a finite integral domain is a field.

(21) Show that the ring Z_p of integers modulo p is a field if and only if p is prime.

- (22) Let R be a ring such that the equation $ax = b$ has a solution for all $a \neq 0 \in R$ and for all $b \in R$. Show that R is a division ring.
- (23) A non – empty subset S of a ring R is a subring of R if and only if (i) $a=b \in S$ and (ii) $ab \in S$ for all $a, b \in S$.
- (24) Show that the centre of a ring R is a subring of R .
- (25) Show that the set $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ is a subring of the ring M_2 of 2×2 matrices over integers.
- (26) If a is a fixed element of a ring R , show that $I_a = \{x \in R : ax = 0\}$ is a subring of R .
- (27) Prove or disprove that subring of a non – commutative ring is non – commutative.
- (28) Let e be idempotent in a ring R . Show that $eRe = \{eae : a \in R\}$ is a subring of R with unity e .
- (29) Let R be a ring such that $x^3 = x \forall x \in R$. Show that R is commutative.
- (30) Let R be a ring such that for each $a \in R$ there exists $x \in R$ such that $a^2x = a$. Prove the following:
- (i) R has no non – zero nilpotent elements.
 - (ii) $axa - a$ is nilpotent and so $axa = a$
 - (iii) ax and xa are idempotents.

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09 IDEAL RING HOMOMORPHISM

- (1) If Z be the ring of integers and n be any integer, then $(n) = [nx : x \in Z]$ is an ideal of Z .
- (2) Every ideal of a ring R is a subring of R , but the converse need not be true
- (3) Show that the set $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a, b \text{ are integers} \right\}$ is a left ideal in the ring M_2 of 2×2 matrices over integers. Further show that S is not a right ideal in M_2 .
- (4) Show that the set $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a, b \text{ are integers} \right\}$ is a right ideal of M_2 , the ring of 2×2 matrices over integers, which is not a left ideal of M_2
- (5) If S be an ideal of a ring R and $1 \in S$, prove that $S = R$.
- (6) If F is a field, prove its only ideals are (0) and F itself.
- (7) Let R be a ring and $a \in R$. Show that the set $S = \{r \in R : ra = 0\}$ is a left ideal of R .
- (8) Let R be the ring of all real valued, continuous functions on $[0,1]$. Show that the set $S = \{f \in R : f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0\}$ is an ideal of R .
- (9) If A and B are two ideals of a ring R such that $B \subseteq A$, then $\frac{R}{A} = \frac{R/B}{A/B}$.
- (10) Prove that a division ring is a simple ring.
- (11) Let R be a commutative simple ring with unity. Prove that R is a field.
Or
If R be a commutative ring with unity whose only ideals are $\{0\}$ and R , then show that R is a field.

(12) Show that $M_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}$ is a simple ring.

(13) Let R be a ring with unity. If R has no right ideals except R and $\{0\}$, then prove that R is a division ring.

(14) Let R be a ring having more than one element such that $aR = R \forall a \neq 0 \in R$, then R is a division ring.

(15) Let R be a ring such that the only right ideals of R are $\{0\}$ and R . Prove that either R is a division ring or that R is a ring with prime number of elements in which $ab = 0$ for $a, b \in R$.

(16) If R is a ring, then the mapping $f: R \rightarrow R$ defined as $f(x) = x \forall x \in R$ is a homomorphism.

(17) If R is a ring, the mapping $f: R \rightarrow R$ defined as $f(x) = 0 \forall x \in R$ is a homomorphism.

(18) Let $Z(\sqrt{2}) = \{m + n\sqrt{2} : m, n \text{ are integers}\}$. The mapping $f: Z[\sqrt{2}] \rightarrow Z[\sqrt{2}]$ defined as $f(m + n\sqrt{2}) = m - n\sqrt{2}$ is a homomorphism.

(19) Let $R = \mathbb{Z}$ and $R' =$ set of all even integers. Then $(R', +, *)$ is a ring, where $a * b = \frac{1}{2}ab \forall a, b \in R'$. The mapping $f: R \rightarrow R'$ defined as $f(a) = 2a \forall a \in R$ is a homomorphism.

(20) Let R be the ring of all complex numbers and R' the ring of all 2×2 matrices of the form $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix}$, where a and b are real numbers. Then the mapping $f: R \rightarrow R'$ defined as $f(a + ib) = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix}$ is a homomorphism.

(21) Let R be a commutative ring such that $2x = 0 \forall x \in R$. Then the mapping $f: R \rightarrow R$ defined as $f(x) = x^2$ is a homomorphism.

(22) Show that $f: \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$ defined by $f(n) = n^2 - n$ is a ring homomorphism.

(23) If $R \rightarrow R'$ is a homomorphism, then

1. $f(0) = 0'$
2. $f(-a) = -f(a), a \in R$.

(24) Show that:

- (a) The homomorphic image of a commutative ring is a commutative ring. The converse need not be true.
- (b) The homomorphographic image of a ring with unity is a ring with unity. The converse need not be true.

(25) If $R \rightarrow R'$ is a homomorphism, then $\text{Ker } f$ is a two- sided ideal of R .

(26) If $f: R \rightarrow R'$ is a homomorphism, then $\text{Ker } f = \{0\}$ if and only if f is to one – to – one.

(27) Let f be an isomorphism of a ring onto a ring R' . Show that

- (a) If R is an integral domain, then R' is also an integral domain.
- (b) If R is a field, then R' is also a field.

(28) Let R be a ring with unity. Using its elements, we define a ring R' by defining $a \oplus b = a+b+1$ and $a \otimes b = ab+a+b \forall a, b \in R$. Prove that R is isomorphic to R' .

(29) If U is an ideal of a ring R , then R/U is a ring and is a homomorphic image of R with kernel U .

(30) **(Fundamental Theorem of Homomorphism)**

Let $f: R \rightarrow R'$ be a homomorphism of a ring R onto a ring R' . Then $\frac{R}{\text{Ker } f} = R'$.

(31) If A and B are two ideals of a ring R , then $\frac{A+B}{B} = \frac{A}{A \cap B}$.

(32) If A and B are two ideals of a ring R , then $\frac{A+B}{A} = \frac{B}{A \cap B}$.

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10 EMBEDDING MAX PRIME IDEALS

- (1) Every ring can be imbedded in a ring with unity.
- (2) Every ring R with unity can be imbedded in a ring of endomorphisms of some additive abelian group.
- (3) Every ring R can be imbedded in a ring of endomorphisms of some additive abelian group.
- (4) Every integral domain can be imbedded in a field.
- (5) Let R be the ring of all the real - valued continuous functions on the closed unit interval. Show that $M = \{f \in R: f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 0\}$ is a maximum ideal of R .
- (6) If R is a commutative ring with unity, then an ideal M of R is maximal if and only if R/M is a field.
- (7) Let R be a ring with unity. Prove that an ideal M of R is maximal if and only if $M + (a) = R \forall a \notin M$.
- (8) Show that in the ring $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a, b \in Q \right\}$,
The set $M = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : b \in Q \right\}$, is a maximal ideal of R .
- (9) Let R be a commutative ring. Prove that an ideal P of R is a prime ideal if and only if R/P is an integral domain.
- (10) Let A and B be two primal ideals of a commutative ring R . Show that $x^2 \in A \cap B \Rightarrow A \cap B$, for all $x \in R$.
- (11) If R be a commutative ring with unity, then every maximal ideal of R is a prime ideal of R .

- (12) If R is a finite commutative ring with unity, then every prime ideal of R is a maximal ideal of R .
- (13) Show that a commutative ring R is an integral domain if $f(0)$ is a prime ideal.
- (14) Let R be commutative ring with unit element in which every ideal is a prime ideal. Prove that R is a field.
- (15) Let R be a commutative ring with unity and let M be a maximal ideal of R such that $M^2 = (0)$. Show that if N is any other maximal ideal of R , then $N = M$.
- (16) Let R be a P.I.D. Show that every ascending chain of ideals $(a_1) \subseteq (a_2) \subseteq (a_3) \subseteq \dots \subseteq (a_n) \subseteq \dots$ is finite
- (17) Prove that if an ideal U of a ring R contains a unit of R , then $U = R$.
- (18) Let R be a principal ideal domain. Show that any non-zero ideal $P \neq R$ is prime if and only if it is maximal.
- (19) Prove that the units in a commutative ring R with a unit element form an abelian group.
- (20) Let R be a P.I.D., which is not a field. Prove that an ideal $A = (a)$ is a maximal ideal if and only if a is an irreducible element of R .
- (21) Let R be an integral domain with unity and a, b be any two non-zero elements of R . Show that a and b are associates iff a/b and b/a .
- (22) In the ring $Z_6 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}\}$, show that $\bar{2}$ is a prime element but not irreducible,
- (23) Show that $1+i$ is an irreducible element in $Z[i]$.
- (24) Show that 3 is not a prime element of $Z[\sqrt{-5}]$.
- (25) Show that $\sqrt{-5}$ is a prime element of $Z[\sqrt{-5}]$.

- (26) Show that 3 is an irreducible element of $\mathbb{Z}\{\sqrt{-5}\}$.
- (27) If R be a commutative ring and $a \in R$, then $(a) = \{ar + na : r \in R, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.
- (28) If R is a commutative ring with unity and $a \in R$, then $(a) = \{ar : r \in R\} = aR$.
- (29) Show that \mathbb{Z} (all integers) is a P.I.D
- (30) Prove that every field is a P.I.D. Is the converse true? Justify your answer.
- (31) Find all the units of $\mathbb{Z}(\sqrt{-5})$.
- (32) Show the ring of polynomials over a field of reals is a Euclidean ring.
- (33) In a P.I.D. an element is prime if and only if it is irreducible.
- (34) Show that $\mathbb{Z}\{\sqrt{-5}\}$ is not a P.I.D.

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11 ED PID

- (1) The ring \mathbb{Z} of integers is a Euclidean domain.
- (2) Every field F is a Euclidean domain.
- (3) Show that $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{m+ni : m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, i = \sqrt{-1}\}$ is a Euclidean domain. $\{\mathbb{Z}[i]\}$ is called the Ring of Gaussian integers}.
- (4) Show that $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-2}] = \{m+n\sqrt{2} : m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, is a Euclidean domain.
- (5) Every Euclidean domain is a principal ideal domain i.e., $E.D \Rightarrow P.I.D$
- (6) Show $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}] = \{a + b\sqrt{-5} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is not a Euclidean domain.
- (7) If possible, find g.c.d and i.c.m of $10+11i$ and $8+i$ in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$.
- (8) Show that $3+4i$ and $4-3i$ are associates in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$.
- (9) Find the g.c.d in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ of 2 and $3+5i$.
- (10) Find the g.c.d of $11+7i$ and $18-i$ in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$.
- (11) Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be two non – zero polynomials in $R[x]$, R being any ring.
 - (i) If $f(x) + g(x) \neq 0$, then $\deg(f(x) + g(x)) \leq \max(\deg f(x), \deg g(x))$.
 - (ii) If $f(x)g(x) \neq 0$, then $\deg(f(x)g(x)) \leq \deg f(x) + \deg g(x)$.
 - (iii) If R is an integral domain, then $\deg(f(x)g(x)) = \deg f(x) + \deg g(x)$.
- (12) If R is an integral domain, then $R[x]$ is an integral domain.
- (13) Show that every ring R can be imbedded in the polynomial ring $R[x]$.
Or
Show that every ring R is isomorphic to a subring of $R[x]$.

(14) Show that a ring R is an integral domain if and only if $R[x]$ is an integral domain.

(15) **(Division Algorithm)**

If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are two non – zero polynomials in $F[x]$ (F being a field), then there exist two polynomials $t(x)$ and $r(x)$ in $F(x)$ such that $f(x) = t(x)g(x) + r(x)$, where $r(x) = 0$ or $\deg r(x) < \deg g(x)$.

(16) If F is a field, then $F[x]$ is a Euclidean domain.

(17) Show that $(x+2)$ is a maximal ideal of $Q[x]$ and hence $Q[x]/(x+2)$ is a field.

(18) If R is a ring, prove that $\frac{R[x]}{x} = R$, (x) is the ideal generated by x .