

Algebraic Structures

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Algebraic systems

- $N = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, \infty\}$ = Set of all natural numbers.

$Z = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \dots, \infty\}$ = Set of all integers.

Q = Set of all rational numbers.

R = Set of all real numbers.

- **Binary Operation:** The binary operator $*$ is said to be a binary operation (closed operation) on a non empty set A , if
 $a * b \in A$ for all $a, b \in A$ (Closure property).

Ex: The set N is closed with respect to addition and multiplication but not w.r.t subtraction and division.

- **Algebraic System:** A set ' A ' with one or more binary(closed) operations defined on it is called an algebraic system.

Ex: $(N, +)$, $(Z, +, -)$, $(R, +, \cdot, -)$ are algebraic systems.

Properties

- **Commutative:** Let $*$ be a binary operation on a set A .
The operation $*$ is said to be commutative in A if
 $a * b = b * a$ for all a, b in A
- **Associativity:** Let $*$ be a binary operation on a set A .
The operation $*$ is said to be associative in A if
 $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$ for all a, b, c in A
- **Identity:** For an algebraic system $(A, *)$, an element 'e' in A is said to be an identity element of A if
 $a * e = e * a = a$ for all $a \in A$.
- **Note:** For an algebraic system $(A, *)$, the identity element, if exists, is unique.
- **Inverse:** Let $(A, *)$ be an algebraic system with identity 'e'. Let a be an element in A . An element b is said to be inverse of a if
 $a * b = b * a = e$

Semi group

- **Semi Group:** An algebraic system $(A, *)$ is said to be a semi group if
 1. $*$ is closed operation on A .
 2. $*$ is an associative operation, for all a, b, c in A .
- Ex. $(\mathbb{N}, +)$ is a semi group.
- Ex. (\mathbb{N}, \cdot) is a semi group.
- Ex. $(\mathbb{N}, -)$ is not a semi group.

- **Monoid:** An algebraic system $(A, *)$ is said to be a **monoid** if the following conditions are satisfied.
 - 1) $*$ is a closed operation in A .
 - 2) $*$ is an associative operation in A .
 - 3) There is an identity in A .

Monoid

- Ex. Show that the set 'N' is a monoid with respect to multiplication.
 - Solution: Here, $N = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$
 1. Closure property: We know that product of two natural numbers is again a natural number.
i.e., $a.b = b.a$ for all $a, b \in N$
 \therefore Multiplication is a closed operation.
 2. Associativity: Multiplication of natural numbers is associative.
i.e., $(a.b).c = a.(b.c)$ for all $a, b, c \in N$
 3. Identity: We have, $1 \in N$ such that
 $a.1 = 1.a = a$ for all $a \in N$.
 \therefore Identity element exists, and 1 is the identity element.
- Hence, N is a monoid with respect to multiplication.

Subsemigroup & submonoid

Subsemigroup : Let $(S, *)$ be a semigroup and let T be a subset of S . If T is closed under operation $*$, then $(T, *)$ is called a subsemigroup of $(S, *)$.

Ex: $(\mathbb{N}, +)$ is semigroup and T is set of multiples of positive integer m then $(T, +)$ is a sub semigroup.

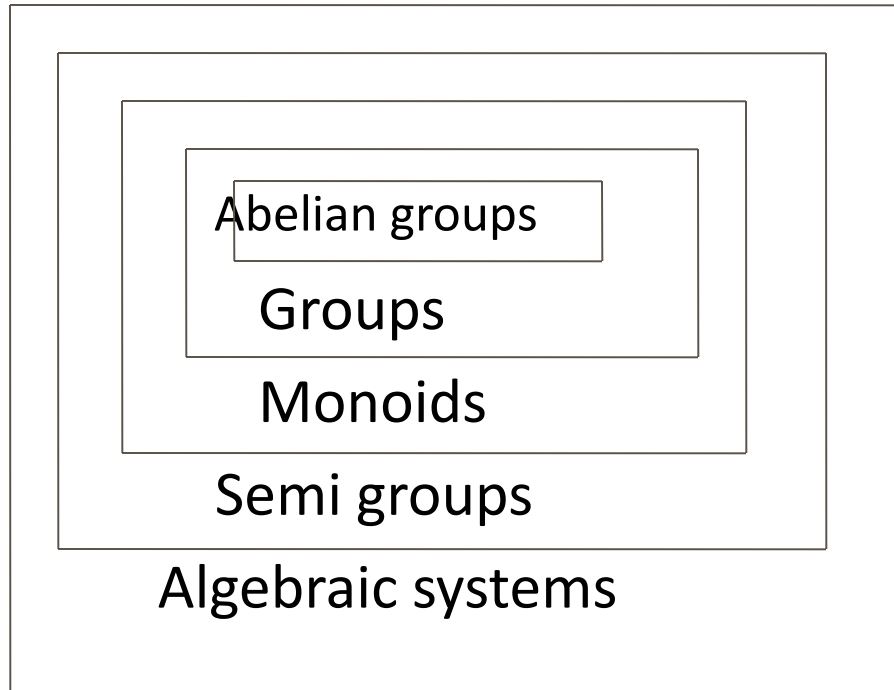
Submonoid : Let $(S, *)$ be a monoid with identity e , and let T be a non- empty subset of S . If T is closed under the operation $*$ and $e \in T$, then $(T, *)$ is called a submonoid of $(S, *)$.

Group

- **Group:** An algebraic system $(G, *)$ is said to be a **group** if the following conditions are satisfied.
 - 1) $*$ is a closed operation.
 - 2) $*$ is an associative operation.
 - 3) There is an identity in G .
 - 4) Every element in G has inverse in G .

- **Abelian group (Commutative group):** A group $(G, *)$ is said to be *abelian* (or *commutative*) if
$$a * b = b * a \quad \forall a, b \in G.$$

Algebraic systems



Theorem

- In a Group $(G, *)$ the following properties hold good

1. Identity element is unique.
2. Inverse of an element is unique.
3. Cancellation laws hold good

$$a * b = a * c \Rightarrow b = c \quad (\text{left cancellation law})$$

$$a * c = b * c \Rightarrow a = b \quad (\text{Right cancellation law})$$

4. $(a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}$

- In a group, the identity element is its own inverse.

- **Order of a group** : The number of elements in a group is called order of the group.
- **Finite group**: If the order of a group G is finite, then G is called a finite group.

Ex. Show that, the set of all integers is a group with respect to addition.

■ Solution: Let Z = set of all integers.

Let a, b, c are any three elements of Z .

1. Closure property : We know that, Sum of two integers is again an integer.

$$\text{i.e., } a + b \in Z \text{ for all } a, b \in Z$$

2. Associativity: We know that addition of integers is associative.

$$\text{i.e., } (a+b)+c = a+(b+c) \text{ for all } a, b, c \in Z.$$

3. Identity: We have $0 \in Z$ and $a + 0 = a$ for all $a \in Z$.

\therefore Identity element exists, and '0' is the identity element.

4. Inverse: To each $a \in Z$, we have $-a \in Z$ such that

$$a + (-a) = 0$$

Each element in Z has an inverse.

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- 5. Commutativity: We know that addition of integers is commutative.
i.e., $a + b = b + a$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$.
Hence, $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is an abelian group.

Ex. Show that set of all non zero real numbers is a group with respect to multiplication .

■ Solution: Let R^* = set of all non zero real numbers.

Let a, b, c are any three elements of R^* .

1. Closure property : We know that, product of two nonzero real numbers is again a nonzero real number .

i.e., $a \cdot b \in R^*$ for all $a, b \in R^*$.

2. Associativity: We know that multiplication of real numbers is associative.

i.e., $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$ for all $a, b, c \in R^*$.

3. Identity: We have $1 \in R^*$ and $a \cdot 1 = a$ for all $a \in R^*$.

\therefore Identity element exists, and '1' is the identity element.

4. Inverse: To each $a \in R^*$, we have $1/a \in R^*$ such that

$a \cdot (1/a) = 1$ i.e., Each element in R^* has an inverse.

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- 5.Commutativity: We know that multiplication of real numbers is commutative.
i.e., $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^*$.
Hence, (\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot) is an abelian group.
- Ex: Show that set of all real numbers 'R' is not a group with respect to multiplication.
- Solution: We have $0 \in \mathbb{R}$.
The multiplicative inverse of 0 does not exist.
Hence. \mathbb{R} is not a group.

Example

- Ex. Let $(Z, *)$ be an algebraic structure, where Z is the set of integers and the operation $*$ is defined by $n * m = \text{maximum of } (n, m)$. Show that $(Z, *)$ is a semi group.

Is $(Z, *)$ a monoid ?. Justify your answer.

- Solution: Let a, b and c are any three integers.

Closure property: Now, $a * b = \text{maximum of } (a, b) \in Z$ for all $a, b \in Z$

Associativity : $(a * b) * c = \text{maximum of } \{a, b, c\} = a * (b * c)$

$\therefore (Z, *)$ is a semi group.

Identity : There is no integer x such that

$$a * x = \text{maximum of } (a, x) = a \quad \text{for all } a \in Z$$

\therefore Identity element does not exist. Hence, $(Z, *)$ is not a monoid.

Example

- Ex. Show that the set of all strings 'S' is a monoid under the operation 'concatenation of strings'.

Is S a group w.r.t the above operation? Justify your answer.

- Solution: Let us denote the operation
'concatenation of strings' by + .

Let s_1, s_2, s_3 are three arbitrary strings in S.

Closure property: Concatenation of two strings is again a string.

$$\text{i.e., } s_1 + s_2 \in S$$

Associativity: Concatenation of strings is associative.

$$(s_1 + s_2) + s_3 = s_1 + (s_2 + s_3)$$

Contd.,

- Identity: We have null string , $\lambda \in S$ such that $s_1 + \lambda = S$.
- $\therefore S$ is a monoid.
- Note: S is not a group, because the inverse of a non empty string does not exist under concatenation of strings.

Example

- Ex. Let S be a finite set, and let $F(S)$ be the collection of all functions $f: S \rightarrow S$ under the operation of composition of functions, then show that $F(S)$ is a monoid.

Is S a group w.r.t the above operation? Justify your answer.

- Solution:

Let f_1, f_2, f_3 are three arbitrary functions on S .

Closure property: Composition of two functions on S is again a function on S .

$$\text{i.e., } f_1 \circ f_2 \in F(S)$$

Associativity: Composition of functions is associative.

$$\text{i.e., } (f_1 \circ f_2) \circ f_3 = f_1 \circ (f_2 \circ f_3)$$

Contd.,

- Identity: We have identity function $I : S \rightarrow S$
such that $f_1 \circ I = f_1$.
 $\therefore F(S)$ is a monoid.
- Note: $F(S)$ is not a group, because the inverse of a non bijective function on S does not exist.

Ex. If M is set of all non singular matrices of order ' $n \times n$ '.
then show that M is a group w.r.t. matrix multiplication.
Is $(M, *)$ an abelian group?. Justify your answer.

■ Solution: Let $A, B, C \in M$.

1. Closure property : Product of two non singular matrices is again a non singular matrix, because

$$|AB| = |A| \cdot |B| \neq 0 \quad (\text{Since, } A \text{ and } B \text{ are nonsingular})$$

i.e., $AB \in M$ for all $A, B \in M$.

2. Associativity: Matrix multiplication is associative.

$$\text{i.e., } (AB)C = A(BC) \quad \text{for all } A, B, C \in M.$$

3. Identity: We have $I_n \in M$ and $A I_n = A$ for all $A \in M$.

\therefore Identity element exists, and ' I_n ' is the identity element.

4. Inverse: To each $A \in M$, we have $A^{-1} \in M$ such that

$$A A^{-1} = I_n \quad \text{i.e., Each element in } M \text{ has an inverse.}$$

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- \therefore M is a group w.r.t. matrix multiplication.

We know that, matrix multiplication is not commutative.

Hence, M is not an abelian group.

Ex. Show that the set of all positive rational numbers forms an abelian group under the composition $*$ defined by

$$a * b = (ab)/2 .$$

■ Solution: Let A = set of all positive rational numbers.

Let a, b, c be any three elements of A .

1. Closure property: We know that, Product of two positive rational numbers is again a rational number.

i.e., $a * b \in A$ for all $a, b \in A$.

2. Associativity: $(a * b) * c = (ab/2) * c = (abc) / 4$
 $a * (b * c) = a * (bc/2) = (abc) / 4$

3. Identity: Let e be the identity element.

We have $a * e = (a e)/2 \dots(1)$, By the definition of $*$
 again, $a * e = a \dots(2)$, Since e is the identity.

From (1) and (2), $(a e)/2 = a \Rightarrow e = 2$ and $2 \in A$.

\therefore Identity element exists, and '2' is the identity element in A .

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■ 4. Inverse: Let $a \in A$

let us suppose b is inverse of a .

Now, $a * b = (a b)/2 \dots(1)$ (By definition of inverse.)

Again, $a * b = e = 2 \dots(2)$ (By definition of inverse)

From (1) and (2), it follows that

$$(a b)/2 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow b = (4 / a) \in A$$

$\therefore (A, *)$ is a group.

■ Commutativity: $a * b = (ab/2) = (ba/2) = b * a$

■ Hence, $(A, *)$ is an abelian group.

Theorem

■ Ex. In a group $(G, *)$, Prove that the identity element is unique.

■ Proof:

a) Let e_1 and e_2 are two identity elements in G .

Now, $e_1 * e_2 = e_1$...(1) (since e_2 is the identity)

Again, $e_1 * e_2 = e_2$...(2) (since e_1 is the identity)

From (1) and (2), we have $e_1 = e_2$

∴ Identity element in a group is unique.

Theorem

- Ex. In a group $(G, *)$, Prove that the inverse of any element is unique.
- Proof:
- Let $a, b, c \in G$ and e is the identity in G .
- Let us suppose, Both b and c are inverse elements of a .
- Now, $a * b = e$...(1) (Since, b is inverse of a)
- Again, $a * c = e$...(2) (Since, c is also inverse of a)
- From (1) and (2), we have
- $a * b = a * c$
- $\Rightarrow b = c$ (By left cancellation law)
- In a group, the inverse of any element is unique.

Theorem

- Ex. In a group $(G, *)$, Prove that
 $(a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}$ for all $a, b \in G$.
- Proof :
- Consider,
- $(a * b) * (b^{-1} * a^{-1})$
- $= (a * (b * b^{-1}) * a^{-1})$ (By associative property).
- $= (a * e * a^{-1})$ (By inverse property)
- $= (a * a^{-1})$ (Since, e is identity)
- $= e$ (By inverse property)
- Similarly, we can show that
- $(b^{-1} * a^{-1}) * (a * b) = e$
- Hence, $(a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}$.

Ex. If $(G, *)$ is a group and $a \in G$ such that $a * a = a$,
then show that $a = e$, where e is identity element in G .

- Proof: Given that, $a * a = a$
- $\Rightarrow a * a = a * e$ (Since, e is identity in G)
- $\Rightarrow a = e$ (By left cancellation law)
- Hence, the result follows.

Ex. If every element of a group is its own inverse, then show that the group must be abelian .

- Proof: Let $(G, *)$ be a group.
- Let a and b are any two elements of G .
- Consider the identity,
- $$(a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}$$
- $$\Rightarrow (a * b) = b * a \quad (\text{Since each element of } G \text{ is its own inverse})$$
- Hence, G is abelian.

Note: $a^2 = a * a$
 $a^3 = a * a * a$ etc.

- Ex. In a group $(G, *)$, if $(a * b)^2 = a^2 * b^2 \quad \forall a, b \in G$
then show that G is abelian group.
- Proof: Given that $(a * b)^2 = a^2 * b^2$
- $\Rightarrow (a * b) * (a * b) = (a * a) * (b * b)$
- $\Rightarrow a * (b * a) * b = a * (a * b) * b$ (By associative law)
- $\Rightarrow (b * a) * b = (a * b) * b$ (By left cancellation law)
- $\Rightarrow (b * a) = (a * b)$ (By right cancellation law)
- Hence, G is abelian group.

Finite groups

■ Ex. Show that $G = \{1, -1\}$ is an abelian group under multiplication.

■ Solution: The composition table of G is

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.	1	-1
1	1	-1
-1	-1	1

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1. Closure property: Since all the entries of the composition table are the elements of the given set, the set G is closed under multiplication.

2. Associativity: The elements of G are real numbers, and we know that multiplication of real numbers is associative.

3. Identity: Here, 1 is the identity element and $1 \in G$.

4. Inverse: From the composition table, we see that the inverse elements of

1 and -1 are 1 and -1 respectively.

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Hence, G is a group w.r.t multiplication.

5. Commutativity: The corresponding rows and columns of the table are identical. Therefore the binary operation \cdot is commutative.

Hence, G is an abelian group w.r.t. multiplication..

Ex. Show that $G = \{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$ is an abelian group under multiplication.
Where $1, \omega, \omega^2$ are cube roots of unity.

■ Solution: The composition table of G is

■	.	1	ω	ω^2
■	1	1	ω	ω^2
■	ω	ω	ω^2	1
■	ω^2	ω^2	1	ω

1. Closure property: Since all the entries of the composition table are the elements of the given set, the set G is closed under multiplication.
2. Associativity: The elements of G are complex numbers, and we know that multiplication of complex numbers is associative.
3. Identity: Here, 1 is the identity element and $1 \in G$.
4. Inverse: From the composition table, we see that the inverse elements of $1, \omega, \omega^2$ are $1, \omega^2, \omega$ respectively.

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- Hence, G is a group w.r.t multiplication.
- 5. Commutativity: The corresponding rows and columns of the table are identical. Therefore the binary operation \cdot is commutative.
- Hence, G is an abelian group w.r.t. multiplication.

Ex. Show that $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ is an abelian group under multiplication.

■ Solution: The composition table of G is

■	.	1	-1	i	-i
■	1	1	-1	i	-i
■	-1	-1	1	-i	i
■	i	i	-i	-1	1
■	-i	-i	i	1	-1

1. Closure property: Since all the entries of the composition table are the elements of the given set, the set G is closed under multiplication.
2. Associativity: The elements of G are complex numbers, and we know that multiplication of complex numbers is associative.
3. Identity: Here, 1 is the identity element and $1 \in G$.

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- 4. Inverse: From the composition table, we see that the inverse elements of
 $1, -1, i, -i$ are $1, -1, -i, i$ respectively.
- 5. Commutativity: The corresponding rows and columns of the table are identical. Therefore the binary operation \cdot is commutative. Hence, (G, \cdot) is an abelian group.

Modulo systems.

- Addition modulo m ($+_m$)
- let m is a positive integer. For any two positive integers a and b
- $a +_m b = a + b$ if $a + b < m$
- $a +_m b = r$ if $a + b \geq m$ where r is the remainder obtained by dividing $(a+b)$ with m .
- Multiplication modulo p (\times_p)
- let p is a positive integer. For any two positive integers a and b
- $a \times_p b = a b$ if $a b < p$
- $a \times_p b = r$ if $a b \geq p$ where r is the remainder obtained by dividing (ab) with p .
- Ex. $3 \times_5 4 = 2$, $5 \times_5 4 = 0$, $2 \times_5 2 = 4$

Ex. The set $G = \{0,1,2,3,4,5\}$ is a group with respect to addition modulo 6.

■ Solution: The composition table of G is

■	$+_6$	0	1	2	3	4	5
■	0	0	1	2	3	4	5
■	1	1	2	3	4	5	0
■	2	2	3	4	5	0	1
■	3	3	4	5	0	1	2
■	4	4	5	0	1	2	3
■	5	5	0	1	2	3	4

- 1. Closure property: Since all the entries of the composition table are the elements of the given set, the set G is closed under $+_6$.

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- 2. Associativity: The binary operation $+_6$ is associative in G.
for ex. $(2 +_6 3) +_6 4 = 5 +_6 4 = 3$ and
 $2 +_6 (3 +_6 4) = 2 +_6 1 = 3$
- 3. Identity: Here, The first row of the table coincides with the top row. The element heading that row, i.e., 0 is the identity element.
- 4. Inverse: From the composition table, we see that the inverse elements of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 are 0, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 respectively.
- 5. Commutativity: The corresponding rows and columns of the table are identical. Therefore the binary operation $+_6$ is commutative.
- Hence, $(G, +_6)$ is an abelian group.

Ex. The set $G = \{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$ is a group with respect to multiplication modulo 7.

■ Solution: The composition table of G is

■	\times_7	1	2	3	4	5	6
■	1	1	2	3	4	5	6
■	2	2	4	6	1	3	5
■	3	3	6	2	5	1	4
■	4	4	1	5	2	6	3
■	5	5	3	1	6	4	2
■	6	6	5	4	3	2	1

■ 1. Closure property: Since all the entries of the composition table are the elements of the given set, the set G is closed under \times_7 .

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- 2. Associativity: The binary operation \times_7 is associative in G.
for ex. $(2 \times_7 3) \times_7 4 = 6 \times_7 4 = 3$ and
 $2 \times_7 (3 \times_7 4) = 2 \times_7 5 = 3$
- 3. Identity: Here, The first row of the table coincides with the top row. The element heading that row, i.e., 1 is the identity element.
- 4. Inverse: From the composition table, we see that the inverse elements of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 are 1, 4, 5, 2, 5, 6 respectively.
- 5. Commutativity: The corresponding rows and columns of the table are identical. Therefore the binary operation \times_7 is commutative.
- Hence, (G, \times_7) is an abelian group.

More on finite groups

- In a group with 2 elements, each element is its own inverse
- In a group of even order there will be at least one element (other than identity element) which is its own inverse
- The set $G = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, m-1\}$ is a group with respect to addition modulo m .
- The set $G = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, p-1\}$ is a group with respect to multiplication modulo p , where p is a prime number.
- **Order of an element of a group:**
- Let $(G, *)$ be a group. Let 'a' be an element of G . The smallest integer n such that $a^n = e$ is called order of 'a'. If no such number exists then the order is infinite.

Examples

- Ex. $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ is a group w.r.t multiplication. The order of $-i$ is
a) 2 b) 3 c) 4 d) 1
- Ex. Which of the following is not true.
- a) The order of every element of a finite group is finite and is a divisor of the order of the group.
- b) The order of an element of a group is same as that of its inverse.
- c) In the additive group of integers the order of every element except
0 is infinite
- d) In the infinite multiplicative group of nonzero rational numbers the
order of every element except 1 is infinite.
- Ans. d

Sub groups

- Def. A non empty sub set H of a group $(G, *)$ is a sub group of G ,
- if $(H, *)$ is a group.

Note: For any group $\{G, *\}$, $\{e, *\}$ and $(G, *)$ are trivial sub groups.

- Ex. $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ is a group w.r.t multiplication.

$H_1 = \{1, -1\}$ is a subgroup of G .

$H_2 = \{1\}$ is a trivial subgroup of G .

- Ex. $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ and $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ are sub groups of the group $(\mathbb{R}, +)$.
- Theorem: A non empty sub set H of a group $(G, *)$ is a sub group of G iff
- i) $a * b \in H \quad \forall a, b \in H$
- ii) $a^{-1} \in H \quad \forall a \in H$

Theorem

- Theorem: A necessary and sufficient condition for a non empty subset H of a group $(G, *)$ to be a sub group is that
 $a \in H, b \in H \Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H$.
- Proof: Case1: Let $(G, *)$ be a group and H is a subgroup of G
Let $a, b \in H \Rightarrow b^{-1} \in H$ (since H is a group)
 $\Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H$. (By closure property in H)
- Case2: Let H be a non empty set of a group $(G, *)$.
Let $a * b^{-1} \in H \quad \forall a, b \in H$
- Now, $a * a^{-1} \in H$ (Taking $b = a$)
 $\Rightarrow e \in H$ i.e., identity exists in H .
- Now, $e \in H, a \in H \Rightarrow e * a^{-1} \in H$
 $\Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$

Contd.,

- \therefore Each element of H has inverse in H .
Further, $a \in H, b \in H \Rightarrow a \in H, b^{-1} \in H$
 $\Rightarrow a * (b^{-1})^{-1} \in H$.
 $\Rightarrow a * b \in H$.
 $\therefore H$ is closed w.r.t $*$.
- Finally, Let $a, b, c \in H$
 $\Rightarrow a, b, c \in G$ (since $H \subseteq G$)
 $\Rightarrow (a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$
 $\therefore *$ is associative in H
- Hence, H is a subgroup of G .

Ex. Show that the intersection of two sub groups of a group G is again a sub group of G .

- Proof: Let $(G, *)$ be a group.
- Let H_1 and H_2 are two sub groups of G .
- Let $a, b \in H_1 \cap H_2$.
- Now, $a, b \in H_1 \Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H_1$ (Since, H_1 is a subgroup of G)
- again, $a, b \in H_2 \Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H_2$ (Since, H_2 is a subgroup of G)
- $\therefore a * b^{-1} \in H_1 \cap H_2$.
- Hence, $H_1 \cap H_2$ is a subgroup of G .

Ex. Show that the union of two sub groups of a group G need not be a sub group of G .

- Proof: Let G be an additive group of integers.
- Let $H_1 = \{ 0, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 6, \pm 8, \dots \}$
- and $H_2 = \{ 0, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm 9, \pm 12, \dots \}$
- Here, H_1 and H_2 are groups w.r.t addition.
- Further, H_1 and H_2 are subsets of G .
- $\therefore H_1$ and H_2 are sub groups of G .
- $H_1 \cup H_2 = \{ 0, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 6, \dots \}$
- Here, $H_1 \cup H_2$ is not closed w.r.t addition.
- For ex. $2, 3 \in G$
- But, $2 + 3 = 5$ and 5 does not belongs to $H_1 \cup H_2$.
- Hence, $H_1 \cup H_2$ is not a sub group of G .

Homomorphism and Isomorphism.

- **Homomorphism** : Consider the groups $(G, *)$ and (G^1, \oplus)

A function $f : G \rightarrow G^1$ is called a homomorphism if

$$f(a * b) = f(a) \oplus f(b)$$

- **Isomorphism** : If a homomorphism $f : G \rightarrow G^1$ is a bijection then f is called isomorphism between G and G^1 .

Then we write $G \equiv G^1$

Example

- Ex. Let R be a group of all real numbers under addition and R^+ be a group of all positive real numbers under multiplication. Show that the mapping $f : R \rightarrow R^+$ defined by $f(x) = 2^x$ for all $x \in R$ is an isomorphism.
- Solution: First, let us show that f is a homomorphism.
- Let $a, b \in R$.
- Now, $f(a+b) = 2^{a+b}$
- $= 2^a \cdot 2^b$
- $= f(a) \cdot f(b)$
- $\therefore f$ is an homomorphism.
- Next, let us prove that f is a Bijection.

Contd.,

- For any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, Let, $f(a) = f(b)$
- $\Rightarrow 2^a = 2^b$
- $\Rightarrow a = b$
- $\therefore f$ is one-to-one.
- Next, take any $c \in \mathbb{R}^+$.
- Then $\log_2 c \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f(\log_2 c) = 2^{\log_2 c} = c$.
- \Rightarrow Every element in \mathbb{R}^+ has a pre image in \mathbb{R} .
- i.e., f is onto.
- $\therefore f$ is a bijection.
- Hence, f is an isomorphism.

Example

- Ex. Let R be a group of all real numbers under addition and R^+ be a group of all positive real numbers under multiplication. Show that the mapping $f : R^+ \rightarrow R$ defined by $f(x) = \log_{10} x$ for all $x \in R$ is an isomorphism.
- Solution: First, let us show that f is a homomorphism.
- Let $a, b \in R^+$.
- Now, $f(a.b) = \log_{10} (a.b)$
- $\qquad\qquad\qquad = \log_{10} a + \log_{10} b$
- $\qquad\qquad\qquad = f(a) + f(b)$
- $\therefore f$ is an homomorphism.
- Next, let us prove that f is a Bijection.

Contd.,

- For any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$, Let, $f(a) = f(b)$
- $\Rightarrow \log_{10} a = \log_{10} b$
- $\Rightarrow a = b$
- $\therefore f$ is one-to-one.
- Next, take any $c \in \mathbb{R}$.
- Then $10^c \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f(10^c) = \log_{10} 10^c = c$.
- \Rightarrow Every element in \mathbb{R} has a pre image in \mathbb{R}^+ .
- i.e., f is onto.
- $\therefore f$ is a bijection.
- Hence, f is an isomorphism.

Theorem

- Theorem: Consider the groups $(G_1, *)$ and (G_2, \oplus) with identity elements e_1 and e_2 respectively. If $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ is a group homomorphism, then prove that
 - a) $f(e_1) = e_2$
 - b) $f(a^{-1}) = [f(a)]^{-1}$
 - c) If H_1 is a sub group of G_1 and $H_2 = f(H_1)$,
then H_2 is a sub group of G_2 .
 - d) If f is an isomorphism from G_1 onto G_2 ,
then f^{-1} is an isomorphism from G_2 onto G_1 .

Proof

- Proof: a) we have in G_2 ,

$$\begin{aligned} e_2 \oplus f(e_1) &= f(e_1) && \text{(since, } e_2 \text{ is identity in } G_2 \text{)} \\ &= f(e_1 * e_1) && \text{(since, } e_1 \text{ is identity in } G_1 \text{)} \\ &= f(e_1) \oplus f(e_1) && \text{(since } f \text{ is a homomorphism)} \\ e_2 &= f(e_1) && \text{(By right cancellation law)} \end{aligned}$$

- b) For any $a \in G_1$, we have

$$f(a) \oplus f(a^{-1}) = f(a * a^{-1}) = f(e_1) = e_2$$

$$\text{and } f(a^{-1}) \oplus f(a) = f(a^{-1} * a) = f(e_1) = e_2$$

$\therefore f(a^{-1})$ is the inverse of $f(a)$ in G_2

$$\text{i.e., } [f(a)]^{-1} = f(a^{-1})$$

Contd.,

- c) $H_2 = f(H_1)$ is the image of H_1 under f ; this is a subset of G_2 .
- Let $x, y \in H_2$.
- Then $x = f(a), y = f(b)$ for some $a, b \in H_1$
- Since, H_1 is a subgroup of G_1 , we have $a * b^{-1} \in H_1$.
- Consequently,
- $$x \oplus y^{-1} = f(a) \oplus [f(b)]^{-1}$$
- $$= f(a) \oplus f(b^{-1})$$
- $$= f(a * b^{-1}) \in f(H_1) = H_2$$
- Hence, H_2 is a subgroup of G_2 .

Contd.,

- d) Since $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ is an isomorphism, f is a bijection.
- $\therefore f^{-1} : G_2 \rightarrow G_1$ exists and is a bijection.
- Let $x, y \in G_2$. Then $x \oplus y \in G_2$
- and there exists $a, b \in G_1$ such that $x = f(a)$ and $y = f(b)$.
- $\therefore f^{-1}(x \oplus y) = f^{-1}(f(a) \oplus f(b))$
- $= f^{-1}(f(a * b))$
- $= a * b$
- $= f^{-1}(x) * f^{-1}(y)$
- This shows that $f^{-1} : G_2 \rightarrow G_1$ is an homomorphism as well.
- $\therefore f^{-1}$ is an isomorphism.

Cosets

- If H is a sub group of $(G, *)$ and $a \in G$ then the set $Ha = \{h * a \mid h \in H\}$ is called a right coset of H in G .

Similarly $aH = \{a * h \mid h \in H\}$ is called a left coset of H in G .

- **Note:-** 1) Any two left (right) cosets of H in G are either identical or disjoint.
- 2) Let H be a sub group of G . Then the right cosets of H form a partition of G . i.e., the union of all right cosets of a sub group H is equal to G .
- 3) Lagrange's theorem: The order of each sub group of a finite group is a divisor of the order of the group.
- 4) The order of every element of a finite group is a divisor of the order of the group.
- 5) The converse of the lagrange's theorem need not be true.

Example

- Ex. If G is a group of order p , where p is a prime number. Then the number of sub groups of G is
- a) 1 b) 2 c) $p - 1$ d) p
- Ans. b
- Ex. Prove that every sub group of an abelian group is abelian.
- Solution: Let $(G, *)$ be a group and H is a sub group of G .
- Let $a, b \in H$
- $\Rightarrow a, b \in G$ (Since H is a subgroup of G)
- $\Rightarrow a * b = b * a$ (Since G is an abelian group)
- Hence, H is also abelian.

State and prove Lagrange's Theorem

- Lagrange's theorem: The order of each sub group H of a finite group G is a divisor of the order of the group.
- Proof: Since G is finite group, H is finite.
- Therefore, the number of cosets of H in G is finite.
- Let Ha_1, Ha_2, \dots, Ha_r be the distinct right cosets of H in G .
- Then, $G = Ha_1 \cup Ha_2 \cup \dots \cup Ha_r$
- So that $O(G) = O(Ha_1) + O(Ha_2) + \dots + O(Ha_r)$.
- But, $O(Ha_1) = O(Ha_2) = \dots = O(Ha_r) = O(H)$
- $\therefore O(G) = O(H) + O(H) + \dots + O(H)$. (r terms)
- $= r \cdot O(H)$
- This shows that $O(H)$ divides $O(G)$.