

Tutorial 1

Group Theory

EXAMPLES FROM HERSTEIN

1. a) $G = \text{set of all integers, } a \cdot b = a - b$

$$\rightarrow \text{If } a, b \in G \Rightarrow a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a \cdot b = a - b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow a \cdot b \in G$$

closed

$$\rightarrow \text{If } a, b, c \in G$$

$$a \cdot (b \cdot c) \Rightarrow a - (b - c) = a - b + c$$

$$(a \cdot b) \cdot c \Rightarrow (a - b) - c = a - b - c$$

$$\neq (a - b) \cdot c$$

NOT Associative

~~$$\rightarrow \text{If } a \cdot e = a = a \cdot \text{ for } \forall a \in G$$~~
~~$$\Rightarrow a - e = a = a$$~~
~~$$\text{if } e = 0$$~~
~~$$a \cdot e = a \Rightarrow e \in G$$~~

Identity exists

~~$$\rightarrow \text{If } a \cdot a^{-1} = e$$~~
~~$$a - a^{-1} = 0$$~~
~~$$a^{-1} = a$$~~

 $\forall a \in G, a^{-1} \in G$

Inverse exist

NOT a group

b) G is set of +ve integers

$$a \cdot b = ab$$

$$\rightarrow \text{If } a, b \in G \Rightarrow a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$a \cdot b = ab \rightarrow ab \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$\Rightarrow ab \in G$$

closure

\rightarrow If $a, b, c \in G$

$$a \cdot (b \cdot c) = a \cdot (bc) = abc$$

$$(a \cdot b) \cdot c = (ab) \cdot c = abc$$

- associative

\rightarrow If $a \cdot e = a = e \cdot a$

$$ae = a$$

$$\Rightarrow e = 1 \in G$$

$\forall a \in G, \exists e \in G$

Identity exist

\rightarrow If $a \cdot a^{-1} = a^{-1} \cdot a = e$

$$aa^{-1} = 1$$

$$a^{-1} = \frac{1}{a}$$

Inverse is a rational number

$$a^{-1} \notin G$$

Not a group

c) $G = a_0, a_1, \dots, a_7$ where

$$a_i \cdot a_j = a_{i+j} \quad i+j \leq 7$$

$$a_i \cdot a_j = a_{i+j-7} \quad i+j \geq 7$$

\rightarrow For any $\forall a, b \in G$ any $\forall a_n, a_m \in G$

$$a_n \cdot a_m = a_{n+m}$$

\rightarrow Cyclic Group

Closure group

\rightarrow For $a_x, a_y, a_z \in G$

$$a_x \cdot (a_y \cdot a_z) = a_{x \cdot (y+z)}$$

$$(a_x \cdot a_y) \cdot a_z = (a_{x+y}) \cdot a_z = a_{x+y+z}$$

Associative

\rightarrow For $\forall a_x \in G$

$$a_x \cdot a_e = a_e \cdot a_x = a_x$$

$$a_{x+e} = a_x$$

$a_e = 0$, a_0 is identity element
 a_0 is I

\rightarrow For $\forall a_x \in G$

$$a_x \cdot a_N = a_e$$

$$a_{x+N} = a_e$$

$$N = -x \rightarrow \text{not possible}$$

$$N = 7 - x$$

$$a_{x+7-x} = a_7 = a_{\frac{x}{7}} = a_0$$

$a_{\frac{x}{7}}$ is inverse.

d) $G = \text{set of all rational numbers with odd denom, } a \cdot b = a + b$

\rightarrow For $a, b \in G$

$$a \cdot b = a + b$$

Denominator will be product of 2 odd

numbers \rightarrow always odd $\in G_1$

\Rightarrow Closed

$$\rightarrow \text{If } a \cdot (b \cdot c) = a \cdot (b + c)$$
$$= a + b + c$$
$$(a \cdot b) \cdot c = (a + b) \cdot c$$
$$= a + b + c$$

Associative (Denom = $a+b+c = \text{odd}$)

$$\rightarrow \text{If. } a+a \in G$$

$$a \cdot e = a \cdot a = a$$

$$a+e = e+a = a$$

$$e = 0 \rightarrow e = \frac{0}{\text{odd number}}$$

$e \in G$

Identity exists

$$\rightarrow \text{If } \forall a \in G$$

$$a \cdot a^{-1} = a^{-1} \cdot a = e$$

$$a + a^{-1} = a^{-1} + a = e = 0$$

$$a^{-1} = -a$$

$$a^{-1} \in G$$

Inverse exists

It is a group

②. If G_1 is abelian group,
 $\forall a, b \in G, a \cdot b = b \cdot a$

$$\text{For } n=1, (a \cdot b)^{(1)} = a \cdot b$$

$$\text{Assume } (a \cdot b)^n = a^n \cdot b^n$$

$$\text{then } (a \cdot b)^{n+1} = a^{n+1} \cdot b^{n+1}$$

$$a_1, 2 = \\ a_{14} = a_7 + a_7$$

$$a_3 = \frac{a}{2}$$

$$(ab)^n = a^n \cdot b^n$$

$$(a \cdot b)(a \cdot b)^n = (a \cdot b)(a^n \cdot b^n)$$

$$(a \cdot b)^{n+1} = (a \cdot a^n)(b \cdot b^n)$$

$\Rightarrow (a \cdot b)^n = a^n \cdot b^n$ for every $n \geq 0$
Hence Proved.

③

Given $(ab)^2 = a^2 b^2$

$$(ab)(a \cdot b) = a^2 \cdot b^2$$

$$a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b = a \cdot a \cdot b \cdot b$$

[left & right cancellation]

$$b \cdot a = a \cdot b$$

$\forall a, b \in G \Rightarrow G$ is abelian

Q) If Group G_1 is having 3 elements

Order = 3, $a, b \in G_1$ with $a \neq b$

If $a = e$ (identity)

$$a \cdot b = b \cdot e = e \cdot b = b \cdot a$$

$$\text{If } b = e, b \cdot a = b \cdot e = e \cdot b = a \cdot b \\ \Rightarrow b \cdot a = a \cdot b$$

Thus when a/b is e it is abelian

When a and b are not identity

$$a \cdot b \neq a \quad (\text{if } a \cdot b = a \Rightarrow b = e)$$

$$a \cdot b \neq b$$

Since there are only 3 elements

Say $\{a, b, e\}$

So, due to closure property, they should

$$a \cdot b = e \quad \& \quad b \cdot a = e \quad \text{be inverse}$$

$$a \cdot b = b \cdot a$$

each other

$\Rightarrow G_1$ is abelian for $o(G_1) = 3$

b) Let $\text{O}(G_1) = 4$ for some $a, b \in G_1$

If either $a/b = e$

$$\text{If } a = e \Rightarrow a \cdot b = b = b \cdot a$$

$$b = e \Rightarrow a \cdot b = a = b \cdot a$$

If neither a & b are ~~e~~ inverses

$$a \cdot b \neq a, a \cdot b \neq b$$

Let 3rd element be c

$$G_1 \rightarrow \{a, b, c, e\}$$

so either $a \cdot b = e$ (which means a, b are inverses)

$$\Rightarrow a \cdot b = e = b \cdot a$$

$$a = b^{-1}, b = a^{-1}$$

~~$$a \cdot b = b \cdot a = b b^{-1} = e$$~~

Or

$$a \cdot b = c$$

Then $a, b \neq e$ and a, b are not inverses

If $a \cdot b = c$

then $b \cdot a$ cannot be a or b or e

so due to closure prop

$$b \cdot a = c$$

\Rightarrow It is abelian

(c) $\text{O}(G_1) = 5$

Since order of G_1 is prime, G_1 is a cyclic group. Since every cyclic group is abelian

G_1 is abelian

11) If G is a group of even order
 Prove it has an element $a \neq e$,
 satisfying $a^2 = e$

Assume no element is present with
 $a^2 = e$ except $a = e$ for all $a \in G$
 $\Rightarrow a^2 \neq e$ for $a \neq e$
 $\Rightarrow a \neq a^{-1}$

For every non identity element a there exist
 a^{-1} in a group
 So, a can be paired into mutually disjoint
 subset of order 2.

We assume count of possible subsets = some
 +ve integer n . as G is finite group.

$$O(G) = 2n + 1$$

\rightarrow Order of G is odd \rightarrow against the
 Assumption wrong
 There must be an element $a \in G$, $a \neq e$
 such that $a^2 = e$ when $O(G)$ is even

(4) Since G is associative \rightarrow semi-group
 Let S be finite semigrp.

$$S = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n\} - \textcircled{1}$$

Consider any $a_i \in S$ then

$$S' = \{a_1 a_i, a_2 a_i, a_3 a_i, \dots, a_n a_i\}$$

S' belongs to $S \rightarrow$ closure prop.

$$O(S') = O(S) = n$$

$$S' \subseteq S$$

$$\text{if } a_i a_e = a_j a_e$$

$a_i \neq a_j$ (All elements of S distinct)

for any $a_i \in S \exists a_j \in S \Rightarrow a_i = a_j a_e$

There exists some $a_k \in S$ such that

$$a_e = a_k a_e$$

$$a_i a_e = a_i (a_k a_e) = (a_i a_k) a_e$$

Right cancell $a_i = a_i a_k$ a_i is identity right
-①

We can similarly find $a_k a_i = a_i \forall i$ - ②
 a_k is left identity

$$\text{Thus } a_k = a_* a_k = a_*$$

If $i=k$ in ①
 $\exists a_m$ such $e = a_k = a_m a_l$

$i=k$ in ②

$\exists a_n$ such $e = a_n = a_m a_l$

$$a_n = a_m = a_l^{-1}$$

Since the group has identity & inverse,
it is a group

20. Let G be set of all red 2×2 [a b]
where $ad - bc \neq 0$ is a rational

Prove G is group under multiplication

→ Closure law,

For $a, b \in G$ $a * b$

$$a * b = a * b - \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{for } y}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ap + br & aq + bs \\ cp + dr & cq + ds \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \frac{(ad - bc)(ps - qr)}{\neq 0}$$

Closure

→ For matrix $A, B, C \in G$

$$A \cdot (B \cdot C) = A \cdot (BC) = ABC$$

$$(A \cdot B) \cdot C = AB \cdot C = ABC$$

→ Let identity $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$|I| \neq 0, I \in G$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

Identity exist

→ For inverse $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in G$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{\text{Adj}(A)}{|A|} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}}{ad - bc}$$

$$A \cdot A^{-1} = e = A^{-1} \cdot A$$

→ Inverse exists

→ $(G, *)$ is ~~at~~ a group.

21. $G = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$ where $ad \neq 0$

→ Closure

$$(ad - b \times 0 = ad) \quad \cancel{\in G}$$

For all $a, b \in G$,

$$a \cdot b = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ 0 & r \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (ad)(pr) \neq 0$$

$$a \cdot b \in G$$

Closure satisfied

→ Associative

$$\text{For } a \cdot (b \cdot c) = a \cdot [(ad)(pr)]$$

$$= (xy)(ad)(pr)$$

$$(a \cdot b) \cdot c = \cancel{(xyad)} \cdot pr$$

$$= xyadpr$$

→ Let $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$a \cdot e = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = ad$$

$$e \cdot a = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix} = ad$$

Identity exist

$$\rightarrow \text{For inverse } A^{-1} = \frac{\text{Adj}(A)}{|A|} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -a & 0 \end{bmatrix}}{ad}$$

$$|A^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|A|} = \frac{1}{ad} \neq 0$$

$$A \cdot A^{-1} = e = A^{-1} \cdot A$$

Inverse exists

$\Rightarrow G$ is a group under multiplication.

$$22) \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Closure}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b & 0 \\ 0 & b^{-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ab & 0 \\ 0 & a^{-1}b^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \in G$$

\rightarrow Associativity holds for all matrices

$$\rightarrow \text{Identity } I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

AB

$$A \cdot I = A$$

$$\rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj}(A)}{|A|} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix}$$

Inverse exists

$\rightarrow G_1$ is a group.

(24) Let $G_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ such that $ad - bc \neq 0$
Using matrix multiplication P.T $O(G_1) = 6$.

a, b, c, d modulo 2 can be 0 or 1

Also $ad - bc \neq 0$

$ad \neq bc$

$$G_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$O(G_1) = 6$$

(25) a) No. of ways to find $a, b, c, d = 0$
 $ad - bc = 0$

$\rightarrow ad - bc = 0 \rightarrow$ No. of ways of finding
 $ad = 0 \rightarrow 6 - 1 = 5$

No. of ways of finding $bc = 0$
 $6 - 1 = 5$

$$\text{Total ways} = 5 * 5 = 25$$

$\rightarrow ad - bc \neq 0 \rightarrow$ No. of ways of finding a = 2

No. to find $a = 2$

To find $b = 2$

" " " " " $c = 2$

" " " " " $d = 1$

$$\text{Total ways} = 2 * 2 * 2 * 1 = 8$$

$$O(G_1) = 34 - 25 - 8 = 1$$

b) No. of ways in which $ad - bc = 1$ are

i) $ad = 0 \rightarrow bc = -1$. Ways to find $ad = 5$

Ways to find $bc = 2$

ii) $bc = 0 \rightarrow ad = -1$

Ways to find $ad = -2$

$bc = 5$

iii) $ad \neq 0 \rightarrow bc \neq 0$

Ways to find $ad = 2$

" " find $bc = 2$

Total ways $= 20 + 4 = 24$

$O(G) = 24$

$\Rightarrow O(G)$

26 a) No. of ways in which $ad - bc = 0$

i) $ad - bc = 0$

No. of ways in which $ad = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2p - 1$

Total ways $= (2p - 1)^2$

ii) $ad = bc = 0$

No. of ways of choosing $a = (p - 1)$

Total way $= (p - 1)^3$

No. of ways of choosing a, b, c, d such

$ad - bc \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow p^4 - (2p - 1)^2 - (p - 1)^3$

$O(G) = p^4 - p^3 - p^2 + p$

b) No. of ways in which $ad - bc = 1$

$\Rightarrow ad = 0, bc = -1 \rightarrow$

Total ways $= (2p - 1)(p + 1)$

$$\Rightarrow bc=0 \rightarrow ad=1$$

Total ways = $(2p-1)(p-1)$

$$ad \neq 0 \& bc \neq 0$$

\Rightarrow No. of ways of choosing $ad = p-1$

No. of ways $bc = p-1$

Total way $=(p-1)(p-1)$

No. of ways $= (2p-1)(p-1) + (2p-1)(p-1)$

$\downarrow (p-1)(p-1)$

$$O(G) = p^3 - p$$

- ① Let $(G, *)$ be a group. Prove
 a. Identity element is unique in $(G, *)$
 b. Inverse of a^{-1} is a , $a \in G$
 c. Left cancellation
 d. Right cancellation

② G has to contain atleast one identity element. Suppose both e, e' are identity element in G .

As e is identity

$$e * e' = e \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

e' is identity

$$e' * e = e \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = e' \quad \text{From (1), (2).}$$

Thus identity element is unique.

- ③ If $a \in G$, then $a^{-1} \in G$
- $$a * a^{-1} = e$$

$$\rightarrow a^{-1} * a = e$$

(1) for left identity

$$\text{So } (a^{-1})^{-1} = a$$

(c). Let $a, b, c \in G$ and $a * b = a * c$

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

$$b = c$$

Left cancellation law

(d). Let $a, b, c \in G$ and $b * a = c * a$

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

$$b = c$$

Right cancellation law

(1). Already done

(2). Already done

(3). Let G be finite group

Suppose

$$(ab)^3 = a^3 b^3 + a, b \in G$$

$$(ab)^3 = a^3 b^3$$

$$(ab)(ab)(ab) = a^3 b^3$$

$$(ba)(ba) = a^2 b^2$$

(Cancellation)

$$(ba)^2 = a^2 b^2$$

$$ba(ba)^2 = b^2 a^3$$

$$a^3 b^2 = b^2 a^3$$

And every element of g can be uniquely represented as cube

$$(ba)(ba) = b^2 a^2$$

$$ab = ba \quad \text{Proved.}$$

④ P.T any subgroup of a cyclic group is a cyclic group.

Let $G = [a]$ be cyclic grp

H is a subgrp of G .

If $H = G$ or $H = \{e\}$,
 H is also a cyclic group.

If H is proper subgroup, H contains one element
 a^m other than e

$$a^m \in H \rightarrow a^{-m} \in H$$

let m be least +ve integer, $\forall a^m \in H$

let $a^n \in H \rightarrow$ division algorithm

there exists two integers q, r .

$$n = mq + r$$

$$n - mq = r$$

$$0 \leq r < m$$

Since

$$a^m \in H \rightarrow (a^m)^q \in H$$

$$(a^{mq})^{-1} = a^{-mq} \in H$$

$$\text{Now } a^n \in H$$

$$a^{-mq} \in H$$

$$a^{n-mq} \in H$$

$$a^n \in H$$

But since m is least +ve, $r=0$

$$\text{So, } a^n = a^{mr}$$

$$a^n = (a^m)^r$$

$$H = \{a^m\}$$

Every subgroup of G is cyclic.

a.s) How many generators a cyclic group of order n can have?

When the order of cyclic group is n , there will be 'one' generator for every number between 1 to n that is relatively prime to n .

Example : $\mathbb{Z}_8 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$

$$\langle 0 \rangle = \{0\}$$

$$\langle 1 \rangle = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 0\}$$

$$\langle 2 \rangle = \{2, 4, 6, 0\}$$

$$\langle 3 \rangle = \{3, 6, 1, 4, 7, 2, 5, 0\}$$

$$\langle 4 \rangle = \{0, 4\}$$

$$\langle 5 \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_8$$

$$\langle 6 \rangle = \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$$

$$\langle 7 \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_8$$

$\therefore P(n) = \varphi \geq \text{no. of relatively prime to } n$

Q. 6) If $a \in G$, $b \in G$ & $b^{-1}ab = e$, P.T. $O(a)/m$.

Given that $a^m = e$. $a \in G$.

$\Rightarrow a$ has finite order $\Rightarrow k = O(a)$.

By the division algorithm, there exists unique integers q, r s.t.

$$m = ka + r$$

$$\text{Now, } e = a^m = a^{ka+r} \Rightarrow a^{ka} \cdot a^r = (a^k)^q \cdot a^r \\ = e \cdot a^r = a^r$$

But since k is the smallest positive integer possible, $r = 0$.

$$m = ka + r = ka + 0$$

$$\frac{m}{k} = q$$

$$\frac{m}{k} = q$$

($O(a)$)

\therefore order of a divides m .

Q. 7) If G has no non-trivial subgroups. S.T. G must be finite of prime order.

Let there be group G of order $O(G) = n$.

Since it has no non-trivial sub-groups, there only, G and $\{e\}$ are its sub-groups where e is identity.

Now, by Lagrange's theorem, $O(G) = kO(H)$

\Rightarrow order of group G is divisible by order of sub-groups H .

Since the sub-groups are G and $\{e\}$ their orders are n and 1 .

So, n has only two factors - n and 1 . This means n is a prime number.

a) G must be prime of prime order.

q.8) Let G be group that the intersection of all its subgroups, which are different from {e} is a subgroup and different from identity. Prove that every element in G has finite order.

Let $\{e\} \neq H \leq G$. $H = K \neq \{e\}$.

Let $H_i = \langle a^i \rangle$ are subgroups of G.

Since $K \leq N$

C. Subgroup of cyclic group)

= for some integer, n

Since $\langle a^n \rangle \leq \langle a^i \rangle$

$$n = ik \text{ for } i, k \in \mathbb{N}$$

As n is a fixed given positive no it has only finitely many divisions. Since $K \neq e$, we only have finitely many $H_i \neq e$ i.e. There exists a j such that $H_j = \langle a^j \rangle = e$ i.e. $a^j = e$.