

Question:-

prove that, the set of rational numbers \mathbb{Q} , equipped with the two binary operations of addition and multiplication, forms a field.

Ans:-

Let $\mathcal{Q} = \frac{a}{b} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0$

(1) closure: for any $\frac{a}{b}, \frac{c}{d} \in \mathcal{Q}$:

$$(*) \frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad+bc}{bd} \in \mathcal{Q}.$$

$$(*) \frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd} \in \mathcal{Q}.$$

(2) Axioms of addition and multiplication:

(*) Both operations are associative & commutative

(*) Additive identity is $0 = \frac{0}{1}$.

(*) multiplicative identity is $1 = \frac{1}{1}$.

(*) Each $\frac{a}{b}$ has additive Inverse $-\frac{a}{b}$.

(*) Each nonzero $\frac{a}{b}$ has multiplicative inverse $\frac{b}{a}$.

(3) Distributivity:

$$\frac{a}{b} \left(\frac{c}{d} + \frac{e}{f} \right) = \frac{ac}{bd} + \frac{ae}{bf}$$

Hence, $(\mathcal{Q}, +, \cdot)$ satisfies all the field is an axioms. (proved).