

We have,

$$a*b = \frac{ab}{2}$$
 for all  $a, b \in Q_0$ 

(i)

Commutativity: Let  $a, b \in Q_0$ , then

$$\Rightarrow \qquad a*b = \frac{ab}{2} = \frac{ba}{2} = b*a$$

Hence, '\*' is commutative on  $Q_0$ .

Associativity: Let  $a, b, c \in Q_0$ , then

$$\Rightarrow \qquad (a*b)*c = \frac{ab}{2}*c = \frac{abc}{4} \qquad \qquad ---(i)$$

and, 
$$a * (b * c) = a * \frac{bc}{2} = \frac{abc}{4}$$
 --- (ii)

From (i) & (ii) 
$$(a*b)*c = a*(b*c)$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 \* is associative on  $Q_0$ .

(ii)

Let  $e \in Q_0$  be the identity element with respect to \*.

By identity property, we have, a\*e=e\*a=a for all  $a \in Q_0$ 

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ae}{2} = a \Rightarrow e = 2$$

Thus, the required identity element is 2.

(iii)

Let  $b \in Q_0$  be the inverse of  $a \in Q_0$  with respect to \*, then,

$$a*b=b*a=e$$
 for all  $a \in Q_0$ 

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ab}{2} = e \Rightarrow \frac{ab}{2} = 2$$
$$\Rightarrow b = \frac{4}{a}$$

Thus,  $b = \frac{4}{a}$  is the inverse of a with respect to \*.

We have.

$$a * b = a + b - ab$$
 for all  $a, b \in R - \{+1\}$ 

(i)

Commutative: Let  $a, b \in R - \{+1\}$ , then,

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $a*b=a+b-ab=b+a-ba=b*a$ 

So, '\*' is commutative on  $R - \{+1\}$ .

Associativity: Let  $a,b,c \in R - \{+1\}$ , then

$$(a*b)*c = (a+b-ab)*c$$
  
=  $a+b-ab+c-ac-bc+abc$   
=  $a+b+c-ab-ac-bc+abc$  ---(i)

and, 
$$a*(b*c) = a*(b+c-bc)$$
  
=  $a+b+c-bc-ab-ac+abc$  ---(ii)

From (i) & (ii) 
$$(a*b)*c = a*(b*c)$$

So, '\*' is associative on  $R - \{+1\}$ .

(ii)

Let  $e \in R - \{+1\}$  be the identity element with respect to \*, then a\*e=e\*a=a for all  $a \in R - \{+1\}$ 

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $e(1-a)=0$ 

$$\Rightarrow \qquad e = 0 \qquad \qquad \left[ \forall \, a \neq 1 \Rightarrow 1 - a \neq 0 \right]$$

e = 0 will be the identity element with respect to \*.

(iii)

Let  $b \in R - \{1\}$  be the inverse element of  $a \in R - \{1\}$ , then a \* b = b \* a = e

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $a+b-ab=0$ 

$$[\because e = 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $b(1-a)=-a$ 

$$\Rightarrow \qquad b = \frac{-\partial}{1 - \partial} \neq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial = \frac{-\partial}{1 - \partial} \neq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial = 1 - \partial \Rightarrow 1 = 0$$
Not possible

 $b = \frac{-a}{1-a} \text{ is the inverse of } a \in R - \{1\} \text{ with respect to } *.$ 

We have,

$$(a,b)*(c,d) = (ac,bd)$$
 for all  $(a,b),(c,d) \in A$ 

(i)

Let  $(a,b),(c,d) \in A$ , then

$$(a,b)*(c,d) = (ac,bd)$$

$$= (ca,db)$$

$$= (c,d)*(a,b)$$

$$[\because ac = ca \text{ and } bd = db]$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \big(a,b\big)*\big(c,d\big)=\big(c,d\big)*\big(a,b\big)$$

So, '\*' is commutative on A

Associativity: Let  $(a,b),(c,d),(e,f) \in A$ , then

$$\Rightarrow \qquad ((a,b)*(c,d))*(e,f) = (ac,bd)*(e,f)$$
$$= (ace,bdf) \qquad ---(i)$$

and, 
$$(a,b)*((c,d)*(e,f)) = (a,b)*(ce,df)$$
  
=  $(ace,bdf)$  ---(ii)

From (i) & (ii)

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \big( \big( a,b \big) * \big( c,d \big) \big) * \big( e,f \big) = \big( a,b \big) * \big( \big( c,d \big) * \big( e,f \big) \big)$$

So, '\*' is associative on A.

(ii)

Let  $(x,y) \in A$  be the identity element with respect to \*.

$$(a,b)*(x,y) = (x,y)*(a,b) = (a,b)$$
 for all  $(a,b) \in A$ 

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $(ax,by) = (a,b)$ 

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $ax = a$  and  $by = b$ 

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $x = 1$ , and  $y = 1$ 

. (1,1) will be the identity element

(iii)

Let  $(c,d) \in A$  be the inverse of  $(a,b) \in A$ , then

$$(a,b)*(c,d)=(c,d)*(a,b)=e$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \left( ac,bd \right) = \left( 1,1 \right) \qquad \left[ \because e = \left( 1,1 \right) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 ac = 1 and bd = 1

$$\Rightarrow \qquad c = \frac{1}{a} \text{ and } d = \frac{1}{b}$$

 $\therefore \qquad \left(\frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{b}\right) \text{ will be the inverse of (a,b) with respect to } *.$ 

The binary operation \* on N is defined as:

a \* b = H.C.F. of a and b

It is known that:

H.C.F. of a and b = H.C.F. of b and  $a_{i,j}$   $a_{i,j}$   $b \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Therefore, a \* b = b \* a

Thus, the operation \* is commutative.

For  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have:

(a\*b)\*c = (H.C.F. of a and b)\*c = H.C.F. of a, b, and ca\*(b\*c)=a\*(H.C.F. of b and c) = H.C.F. of a, b, and c

Therefore, (a \* b) \* c = a \* (b \* c)

Thus, the operation \* is associative.

Now, an element  $e \in \mathbf{N}$  will be the identity for the operation \* if a \* e = a = e \* a,  $\forall a \in \mathbf{N}$ .

But this relation is not true for any  $a \in \mathbf{N}$ .

Thus, the operation \* does not have any identity in N.

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