

Algebraic Structures

If there exists a system that it consists of a non-empty set and one or more operations on that. Set, then that system is called an algebraic system. It is generally denoted by $(A, op_1, op_2, \dots, op_n)$ where A is a non-empty set and op_1, op_2, \dots, op_n are operations on A .

An algebraic system is also called an algebraic structure because the operations on the set A define a structure on the elements of A .

n-ary operation:-

A function $f: A \times A \times \dots \times A \rightarrow A$ is called an n-ary operation.

Binary operation:-

Consider a non-empty set A and a function f such that $f: A \times A \rightarrow A$ is called a binary operation on A . If $*$ is a binary operation on A , then it may be written as $a * b$.

A binary operation can be denoted by any of the symbols $+, -, *, \oplus, \Delta, \vee, \wedge$ etc.

The value of the binary operation is denoted by placing the operator b/w two operands.

- e.g. ① The operation of addition is a binary operation on the set of natural numbers
 ② The operation of subtraction is a binary operation on set of integers. But, the operation of subtraction is not a binary operation on the set of natural

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numbers because the subtraction of two natural numbers may or may not be a natural number.

$a - b \neq$ binary operation.

(ii) The operation of multiplication is a binary operation on the set of natural numbers, set of integers and set of complex numbers.

(iii) The operation of set union is a binary operation on the set of subsets of a universal set.

Similarly, the operation of set intersection is a binary operation on the set of subsets of a universal set.

Tables of Operation:-

Consider a non-empty finite set
 $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n\}$. A binary operation $*$ on A can be described by means of a table as

*	a_1	a_2	a_3	\dots	a_n
a_1	$a_1 * a_1$	$a_1 * a_2$	$a_1 * a_3$	\dots	$a_1 * a_n$
a_2	$a_2 * a_1$	$a_2 * a_2$	$a_2 * a_3$	\dots	$a_2 * a_n$
a_3	$a_3 * a_1$	$a_3 * a_2$	$a_3 * a_3$	\dots	$a_3 * a_n$
\dots	\dots	\dots	\dots	\dots	\dots
a_n	$a_n * a_1$	$a_n * a_2$	$a_n * a_3$	\dots	$a_n * a_n$

Example

Consider the set $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and a binary operation $*$ on the set A defined by

$$a * b = 2a + 2b$$

Represent the operation $*$ as a table on A

Soln: The table of the operation is as

		b \ a		
		1	2	3
a	1	4	6	8
	2	6	8	10
3	8	10	12	

Group:-

An algebraic structure $(G, *)$ where G is a non-empty set and $*$ is a binary operation defined on G , is called a group, if it satisfies the following properties:-

- 1. Closure Property
- 2. Associative Property
- 3. Existence of Identity
- 4. Existence of inverse
- 5. Commutative Property

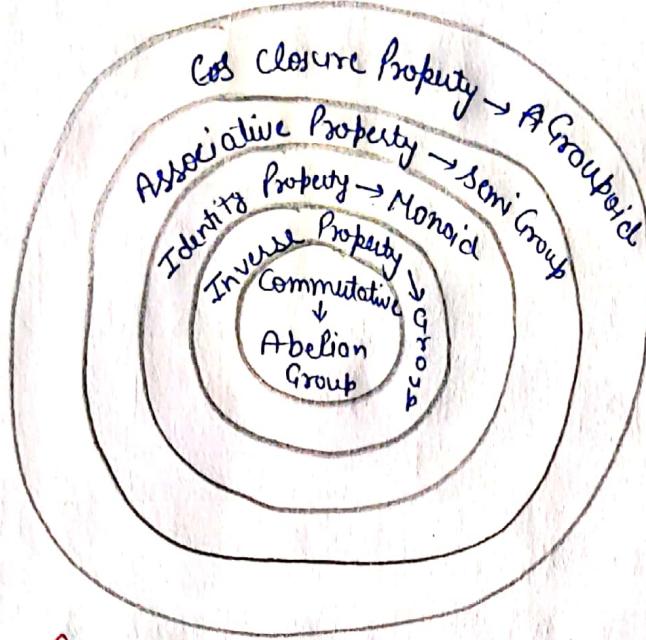
① Property satisfy \rightarrow Groupoid

① + ② " " \rightarrow Semigroup

① + ② + ③ " " \rightarrow Monoid Group

① + ② + ③ + ④ Property satisfy \rightarrow Group

① + ② + ③ + ④ + ⑤ " " \rightarrow Abbi Abelian Group



1. Closure Property:-

Consider a non-empty set A and a binary operation * on A. Then A is closed under the operation *, if $a * b \in A$ when a and b are elements of A.

e.g:- The operation of addition on the set of integers is closed operations.

Ques:- Consider the set $A = \{-1, 0, 1\}$. Determine whether A is closed under (i) addition (ii) multiplication.

Sol (i) The sum of the elements $(-1) + (-1) = -2$ and $1 + 1 = 2$

does not belong to given set A. Hence A is not closed under addition.

(ii) The multiplication of every two elements of the set are

$$-1 * 0 = 0; \quad -1 * 1 = -1; \quad -1 * -1 = 1.$$

$$0 * -1 = 0; \quad 0 * 0 = 0; \quad 0 * 1 = 0$$

$$1 * -1 = -1; \quad 1 * 0 = 0; \quad 1 * 1 = 1.$$

Since, each multiplication belongs to A hence A is closed under multiplication.

Ques:- Consider the set $A = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, \dots\}$, the set of odd +ve integers. Determine whether A is closed under

- (i) addition (ii) Multiplication

Sol" (i) \rightarrow No
 (ii) \rightarrow Yes

2. Associative Property:-

Consider a non-empty set A and a binary operation $*$ on A . Then the operation $*$ on A is associative if for every $a, b, c \in A$, we have

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

Ques:- Consider the binary operation $*$ on \mathbb{Q} , the set of rational numbers, defined by

$$a * b = a + b - ab \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$$

Determine whether $*$ is associative.

Sol" Let us assume some elements $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$, then by definition

$$\begin{aligned} (a * b) * c &= (a + b - ab) * c \\ &= (a + b - ab) + c - (a + b - ab)c \\ &= a + b - ab + c - ac - bc + abc \\ &= a + b + c - ab - ac - bc + abc \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} a * (b * c) &= a * (b + c - bc) \\ &= a + (b + c - bc) - a(b + c - bc) \\ &= a + b + c - bc - ab - ac + abc \\ &= a + b + c - ab - ac - bc + abc \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } (a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$$

Hence $*$ is associative.

Ques:- Consider the binary operation $*$ on \mathbb{R} , the set of real numbers , defined by

$$a * b = a + b + ab \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

Determine whether $*$ is associative.

3. Commutative Property:-

Consider a non-empty set A and a binary operation $*$ on A . Then operation $*$ on A is commutative if, for every $a, b \in A$, we have $\underline{a * b = b * a}$

Ques:- Consider the binary operation $*$ on \mathbb{Q} , the set of rational numbers, defined by

$$a * b = a^2 + b^2 \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$$

Determine whether $*$ is commutative.

Sol Let us assume some elements $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$, then by definition

$$a * b = a^2 + b^2 = b^2 + a^2 = b * a$$

Hence $*$ is commutative.

Ques Consider the binary operation $*$ on \mathbb{Q} , the set of rational numbers defined by

$$a * b = \frac{ab}{2} \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$$

Determine whether $*$ is (i) associative (ii) commutative

Sol Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$, then by definition, we have

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

L.H.S $(a * b) * c = \left(\frac{ab}{2}\right) * c$

$$= \frac{(\frac{ab}{2})^* c}{2}$$

$$= \frac{abc}{4}$$

By R.H.S. $a^*(b^*c) = a^*\left(\frac{bc}{2}\right)$

$$= \frac{a\left(\frac{bc}{2}\right)}{2} = \frac{abc}{4}$$

Therefore, $a^*(b^*c) = (a^*b)^*c$

Hence, $*$ is associative.

(ii) Let $a, b \in Q$, then we have

$$a^*b = \frac{ab}{2} = b^*a$$

Hence, $*$ is commutative.

4. Identity:-

Consider a non-empty set A and a binary operation $*$ on A . Then the operation $*$ has an identity property if there exists an element e , in A such that

$$\begin{aligned} a^*e \text{ (right identity)} &= e^*a \text{ (left identity identity)} \\ &= a \quad \forall a \in A \end{aligned}$$

Note:-



+ operation = 0 identity element

* operation = 1 " "

Ques:- Consider the binary operation $*$ on I^+ the set of the integers defined by

$$a^*b = \frac{ab}{2}$$

Determine the identity for the binary operation $*$, if exists.

Sol" Let us assume that e be a tve integer no., then

$$e * a = a, a \in I^+$$

$$\frac{ea}{2} = a \Rightarrow e = 2 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Similarly, $a * e = a, a \in I^+$

$$\frac{ae}{2} = a \text{ or } e = 2 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

from (i) & (ii) for $e = 2$, we have $e * a = a * e = a$

Therefore, 2 is the identity element for $*$.

5. Inverse:-

Consider a non-empty set A and a binary operation $*$ on A . Then operation $*$ has the inverse property if for each $a \in A$, there exists an element b in A such

that $a * b$ (right inverse) = $b * a$ (left inverse) = e , where b is

called an inverse of a .

Note 1. inverse element = -1
 $-1, " , " = 1$

Ques. Consider an algebraic system $(A, *)$, where $A = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, \dots\}$
 the set of all the odd integers and $*$ is a binary
 operations means multiplication. Determine whether $(A, *)$ is a

semi-group.

Sol" Semi group $\begin{cases} \text{closure Property} \\ \text{associative Property} \end{cases} \quad \left\{ \text{satisfy} \right.$

$$A = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, \dots\}$$

① Closure Property :- The operation $*$ is an ~~associative~~ closed

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operation because multiplication of two +ve odd integers is a +ve odd number.

② Associative Property: The operation $*$ is an associative operation on set A. Since for every $a, b, c \in A$, we have

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

Eg: $\begin{matrix} & 1, 3, 5 \\ \xrightarrow{a} & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ & b & c \end{matrix} \Rightarrow (1 * 3) * 5 = 1 * (3 * 5)$
 $15 = 15$

Hence, the algebraic system $(A, *)$ is a semigroup because both the properties are satisfied.

Ques: Consider the algebraic system $\{\{0, 1\}, *\}$ where $*$ is a multiplication operation.

Determine whether $(\{0, 1\}, *)$ is a semi-group.

Sol ① Closure Property :- The operation $*$ is a closed one on the give set since

$$0 * 0 = 0; \quad 0 * 1 = 0;$$

$$1 * 0 = 0; \quad 1 * 1 = 1$$

② Associative Property :- The operation $*$ is associative since we have

$$(a * b) * c = a * (b * c) \quad \forall a, b, c$$

since, the algebraic system is closed and associative, Hence, it is a semi-group.

Ques. Let $(A, *)$ be semi-group. Show that $a, b, c \in A$, if
 $a * c = c * a$ and $b * c = c * b$ then $(a * b) * c = c * (a * b)$

Soln Take $\underline{L.H.S}$

$$= (a * b) * c \Rightarrow a * (b * c) \quad [\because * \text{ is associative}]$$

$$\Rightarrow a * (c * b) \quad [Given]$$

$$\Rightarrow (a * c) * b \quad [\because * \text{ is associative}]$$

$$= a * (c * a) * b \quad [Given]$$

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

which is equal to $\underline{R.H.S}$

Hence $(a * b) * c = c * (a * b)$

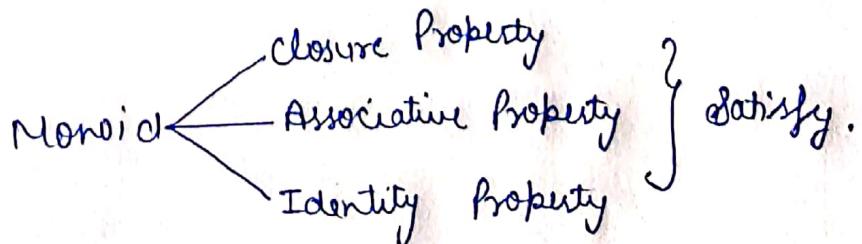
Subsemigroup :-

Consider a semigroup $(A, *)$ and let $B \subseteq A$. Then the system $(B, *)$ is called a subsemigroup, if the set B is closed under the operation $*$.

e.g.: Consider a semigroup $(N, +)$, where N is the set of all natural numbers and $+$ is an addition operation. The algebraic system $(E, +)$ is a sub-semigroup of $(N, +)$ where E is a set of all even integers.

Ques. Consider an algebraic system $(N, +)$, where the set $N = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ is the set of natural numbers and $+$ is an addition operation. Determine whether $(N, +)$ is a monoid.

Soln



Soln ① Closure Property :- The operation $+$ is closed since sum to two natural numbers is a natural number.

② Associative Property :- The operation $+$ is closed since sum of an associative series we have

$$(a+b)+c = a+(b+c) \quad \forall a, b, c \in N$$

③ Identity Property :- There exist an identity element in set N w.r.t the operation $+$. The element 0 is an identity element w.r.t the operation $+$.

Since, the operation $+$ is a closed, associative and there exists an identity.

Hence, the algebraic system $(N, +)$ is a monoid.

Group (Inverse Property)

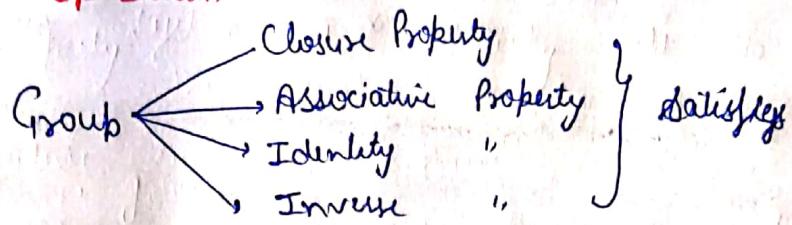
Let us consider an algebraic system $(G, *)$ where $*$ is a binary operation on G . Then the system $(G, *)$ is said to be a group if it satisfies following properties :-

- ① The operation $*$ is a closed operation
- ② The operation $*$ is an associative operation
- ③ There exists an identity element w.r.t the operation $*$
- ④ for every $a \in G$, there exists an element $a' \in G$ such that $a' * a = a * a' = e$

e.g:- The algebraic system $(I, +)$, when I is the set of all integers and $+$ is an addition operation, is a group. The element 0 is the identity element w.r.t the operation $+$. The inverse of every element $a \in I$ is $-a \in I$.

Ques:- Determine whether the algebraic system $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ is a group when \mathbb{Q} is the set of all rational numbers and $+$ is an addition operation. (12)

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① Closure Property:-

The set \mathbb{Q} is closed under operation $+$. Since the addition of two rational numbers is a rational number.

② Associative Property:-

The operation $+$ is associative since

$$(a+b)+c = a+(b+c) \quad \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$$

③ Identity:- The element 0 is the identity element. Hence

$$a+0 = 0+a = a \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{Q}$$

④ Inverse:- The inverse of every element $a \in \mathbb{Q}$ is $-a \in \mathbb{Q}$.

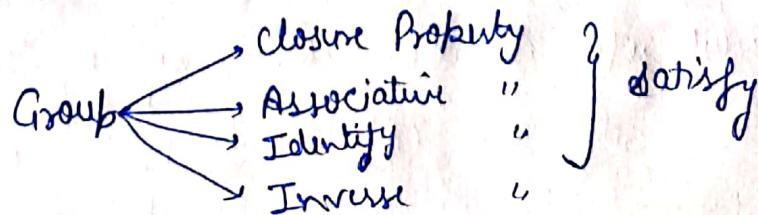
Hence the inverse of every element exists.

Since, the algebraic system $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ satisfies all properties of a group, hence $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ is a group.

Ques:- Consider an algebraic system $(\mathbb{Q}, *)$ when \mathbb{Q} is the set of rational numbers and $*$ is a binary operation defined by $a * b = a+b - ab \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$

Determine whether $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ is a group.

Solⁿ



Soln ① Closure Property:- Since the element $a, b \in Q$ for every $a, b \in Q$. Hence, the set Q is closed under the operation $*$.

② Associative Property:- Let us assume $a^*, b, c \in Q$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (a^* b)^* c &= (a+b-ab)^* c \\ &= (a+b-ab) + c - (a+b-ab)c \\ &= a+b+c - ab - ac - bc + abc \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a^* (b^* c) &= a^* (b+c-bc) \\ &= a+b+c-bc - a(b+c-bc) \\ &= a+b+c - ab - bc - ac + abc \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } (a^* b)^* c = a^* (b^* c)$$

$\therefore *$ is associative.

③ Identity:- Let e is an identity element. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} a^* e &= a \quad \forall a \in Q \\ \therefore a+e-ae &= a \quad \text{or } e-ae = 0 \\ &= e(1-a) = 0 \quad \text{or } e = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly } e^* a = a \quad \forall a \in Q$$

Therefore, for $e=0$, we have $a^* e = e^* a = a$

Thus 0 is the identity element.

④ Inverse:- Let us assume an element $a \in Q$. If a^{-1} is an inverse of a , when $a^{-1} \in Q$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} a^* a^{-1} &= 0 \\ a+a^{-1}-aa^{-1} &= 0 \\ a^{-1}(1-a) &= -a \Rightarrow a^{-1} = \frac{a}{a-1} \end{aligned}$$

Now, $\frac{a}{a-1} \in Q$ if $a \neq 1_a$

Therefore, every element has inverse such that $a \neq 1$
Since, the algebraic system $(Q, *)$ satisfy all the properties
of a group.

Hence, $(Q, *)$ is a group.

Finite and Infinite Groups:-

→ A group $(G, *)$ is called a finite group if G is a finite set.
→ A group $(G, *)$ is called an infinite group if G is an infinite set.

e.g.: The group $(I, +)$ is an infinite group as the set I of integers is an infinite set.

e.g. The group $G = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ under multiplication modulo 8
is a finite group as the set G is a finite set.

Addition Modulo (m):-

Denoted by $a +_m b$ → non-negative integer
Integers

$a +_m b =$ (1) → remainder,
→ when $a+b$ divided by m .

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 7 +_3 3 = \frac{10}{3} = 3(3) + 1 \rightarrow \text{remainder}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 8 +_3 11 = \frac{19}{3} = 3(6) + 1 \rightarrow \text{remainder}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad 8 +_3 10 = \frac{18}{3} = 3(6) + 0 \rightarrow "$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad 10 +_7 11 = \frac{21}{7} = 3(7) + 0 \rightarrow "$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad 10 +_7 7 = \frac{27}{7} = 3 + 6 \rightarrow \text{remainder}$$