

Group Theory

Binary Composition or Binary Operation:-

A binary composition \ast on a non-empty set G_1 is a function from $G_1 \times G_1$ to G_1 i.e. $\ast : G_1 \times G_1 \rightarrow G_1$ such that $\forall a, b \in G_1$ we have $a \ast b \in G_1$.

\rightarrow If \ast is a binary operation on a set G_1 , we say that the set G_1 is closed under the operation \ast .

Example :- 1 Let $G_1 = \mathbb{Z}$ ^{set of integers}

\ast is (a) addition '+'. Since $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have $a+b \in \mathbb{Z}$, \therefore '+' is a binary composition.

(b) Subtraction: '-' Since $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have $a-b \in \mathbb{Z}$, \therefore '-' is a binary composition.

(c) Multiplication: '•' Since $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have $a.b \in \mathbb{Z}$, \therefore '•' is a binary composition.

(d) Division: '÷' Since $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

we have $a \div b = \frac{a}{b}$ may not belong to \mathbb{Z} .

\therefore \div is not a binary composition.

Example :- 2 Define \ast on \mathbb{Z} by $a \ast b = a+b$

$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ \rightarrow even integers \ast is a B.C

\rightarrow odd integers \ast is not a B.C

Group :- A non-empty set G_1 with a binary operation ' \ast ' is said to form a group if it satisfies the following axioms.

(1) Associativity : $a \ast (b \ast c) = (a \ast b) \ast c$, $\forall a, b, c \in G_1$

(2) Existence of Identity : $\forall a \in G_1$, \exists an element

$$e \in G_1 \quad \exists \quad \text{such that} \quad a \ast e = e \ast a = a$$

'e' is the identity element.

(iii) Existence of inverse :- $\forall a \in G \exists$ an element $a' \in G$ such that $\boxed{a * a' = e = a' * a}$ identity element

$a' \in G$ is called inverse of element $a \in G$

$\rightarrow (G, *)$ is a group.

Abelian Group :- A group $(G, *)$ is said to be an abelian group or a commutative group if $\boxed{a * b = b * a \quad \forall a, b \in G}$

Finite Group :- A group G_1 is said to be finite if the set G_1 is finite, else it is infinite

Example - ① $G_1 = \mathbb{Z}$, the set of integers
 $*$ is addition $+$

(i) closure : $\forall a, b \in G_1, a * b = a + b \in G_1$

$\therefore G_1$ is closed under the operation $*$ i.e. $+$

(2) Associativity : Since integers are associative under addition
 \therefore Associativity holds.

i.e. $(a+b)+c = a+(b+c), \forall a, b, c \in G_1$

(3) Identity :- $\forall a \in G_1 \exists 0 \in G_1 \rightarrow a+0 = a = 0+a$
 $\therefore 0 \in G_1$ is the identity element.

(4) Inverse :- $\forall a \in G_1 \exists -a \in G_1 \rightarrow a+(-a)=0=(-a)+a$
 $\therefore (-a) \in G_1$ is the inverse of $a \in G_1$.

$\therefore (G_1, +)$ is a group.

Since integers are commutative under addition.

$$\text{i.e. } a+b = b+a \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\therefore (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is a Abelian Group.

$\therefore (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is a Infinite Abelian Group.

Examples

(2) The set of rationals \mathbb{Q} under addition.

\Rightarrow Similar to example (1)

(3) The set of rational numbers (\mathbb{Q}) under addition.

(4) Set of integers under subtraction

Sol :- (i) Closure :- Since $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $a-b \in \mathbb{Z}$, \therefore closure property holds.

(ii) Associativity :- It is not true.

As for $2, 3, 4 \in \mathbb{Z} (= \mathbb{Z})$

$$(2-3)-4 \neq 2-(3-4)$$

Therefore, integers under subtraction do not form a group.

Ex (5) Let $G = \mathbb{Z}$, the set of integers.

Define the composition $*$ on G by
 $a * b = a \cdot b$, $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

(i) Closure :- Since $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $a \cdot b \in \mathbb{Z}$ \therefore closure property holds.

(ii) Associative :- Since integers are associative under multiplication.
Therefore associativity holds.

$$\text{i.e. } (a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c) \quad \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$$

(iii) Identity :- $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z} \exists 1 \in \mathbb{Z} \ni a \cdot 1 = a = 1 \cdot a$
 $\therefore 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ is the identity.

(iv) Inverse :- $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a \cdot \frac{1}{a} = 1 = \frac{1}{a} \cdot a$

But $\frac{1}{a}$ may not belong to \mathbb{Z}

Therefore, \mathbb{Z} is not a group under integers multiplication.

Ex-6 $G = \mathbb{Q} - \{0\}$ under multiplication.

(i) Inverse! $\forall a \in G \exists \frac{1}{a} \in G \rightarrow a \cdot \frac{1}{a} = 1 = \frac{1}{a} \cdot a$

$\therefore \frac{1}{a} \in G$ is the inverse of $a \in G$.

Note!

Under multiplication in

Any set containing '0' is not a group under multiplication.

Ex-7 $G = \mathbb{Q}^+$, set of positive rational numbers under multiplication.

Ex-8 The set of natural number under addition

(1) closure:- $\forall a, b \in G, a+b \in G$.

\therefore closure property holds.

(2) Associativity:- Since natural number are associative under addition. \therefore associativity holds.

i.e $\forall a, b, c \in G$

$$(a+b)+c = a+(b+c)$$

(3) Identity:- Since $\nexists a \in G$ \forall any element $b \in G \rightarrow a+b = a = b+a$.

\therefore Identity element does not exist.

Hence $(G, +)$ does not form a group.

Example: The set S of positive irrational numbers together with 1 under multiplication

Since $\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2} = 2 \notin S \therefore$ closure property fails.

Example:- The set of all rational numbers of the form $3^m \cdot 6^n$, where m and n are integers under multiplication.

$$G = \{3^m \cdot 6^n \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

Closure:- Let $3^m \cdot 6^n \in G$ and $3^{m_1} \cdot 6^{n_1} \in G$; $m, m_1, n, n_1 \in$

Then $(3^m \cdot 6^n) \cdot (3^{m_1} \cdot 6^{n_1}) \Rightarrow 3^{m+m_1} \cdot 6^{n+n_1} \in G$

as $m+m_1$ & $n+n_1 \in G$

② Associativity :- Since the set of rational number is associative under multiplication.

∴ Associativity holds.

③ Identity :- If $3^m \cdot 6^n \in G$ ∃ $3^0 \cdot 6^0 = 1 \in G$

$$\Rightarrow (3^m \cdot 6^n) \cdot (3^0 \cdot 6^0) = (3^m \cdot 6^n) = (3^0 \cdot 6^0) \cdot (3^m \cdot 6^n)$$

∴ $3^0 \cdot 6^0 = 1 \in G$ is the identity element.

④ Inverse :- If $3^m \cdot 6^n \in G$ ∃ $3^{-m} \cdot 6^{-n} \in G \Rightarrow$

$$(3^m \cdot 6^n) \cdot (3^{-m} \cdot 6^{-n}) = 1 = (3^{-m} \cdot 6^{-n}) \cdot (3^m \cdot 6^n)$$

∴ $(3^{-m} \cdot 6^{-n}) \in G$ is the inverse of $3^m \cdot 6^n \in G$.

∴ G form a group under multiplication.

Example :- The set $R = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) | a_i \in R\}$ under the operation of component wise addition.

Closure :- If $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in R^n$ and $(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) \in R^n$,

We have $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) + (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$

$$= (a_1+b_1, a_2+b_2, \dots, a_n+b_n) \in R^n$$

∴ Closure property holds.

Associativity :- If $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n), (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$ and $(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) \in R^n$

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) + (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) + (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$$

$$= (a_1+b_1)+c_1, (a_2+b_2)+c_2, \dots, (a_n+b_n)+c_n)$$

$$= a_1+(b_1+c_1), a_2+(b_2+c_2), \dots, a_n+(b_n+c_n)$$



Example :- 11

The subset $G_1 = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ of the set of complex no. is a group under multiplication.

Sol:- (i) Closure:-

	1	-1	i	-i
1	1	-1	i	-i
-1	-1	1	-i	i
i	i	-i	-1	1
-i	-i	i	1	-1

Clearly, from the Cayley table, closure property holds.

(ii) Associativity:- Since, complex numbers are associative under multiplication.

\therefore Associativity holds.

(iii) Identity:-

Since $1 \cdot 1 = 1$, $-1 \cdot 1 = -1$, $i \cdot 1 = i$, $-i \cdot 1 = -i$

$\therefore 1 \in G_1$ is the identity element.

(iv) Inverse:-

Since $1 \cdot 1 = 1 \Rightarrow$ inverse of 1 is 1

$-1 \cdot -1 = 1 \Rightarrow$ inverse of -1 is -1

$i \cdot -i = 1 \Rightarrow$ inverse of i is -i

$-i \cdot i = 1 \Rightarrow$ inverse of -i is i

$\therefore G_1$ is a group under multiplication.

Since $\forall a, b \in G_1$ we have $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$

$\therefore G_1$ is an abelian finite group.

Note:- The numbers $1, -1, i, -i$ are the four fourth roots of unity.

Thus we have shown that the four fourth roots of unity form a finite Abelian group under multiplication.

Example:- Quaternion Group (Q_8)

Let $G = \{1, -1, i, -i, j, -j, k, -k\}$ Define composition on G
Using multiplication as $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$
 $ij = -ji = k, \quad jk = -kj = i, \quad ki = -ik = j$

	1	-1	i	-i	j	-j	k	-k
1	1	-1	i	-i	j	-j	k	-k
-1	-1	1	-i	i	-j	j	-k	k
i	i	-i	-1	1	k	-k	-j	j
-i	-i	i	1	-1	-k	k	j	-j
j	j	-j	-k	k	-1	1	i	-i
-j	-j	j	k	-k	1	-1	-i	i
k	k	-k	j	-j	i	-i	-1	1
-k	-k	k	-j	j	-i	i	1	-1

Clearly, from Cayley Table, closure property holds.

Since $\forall a, b, c \in G$, we have $(ab)c = a(bc)$

∴ Associativity Holds. (Complex Number)

Identity:- Since $1 \cdot 1 = 1, 1 \cdot (-1) = -1, 1 \cdot i = i, 1 \cdot -i = -i$
 $1 \cdot j = j, 1 \cdot (-j) = -j, 1 \cdot k = k, 1 \cdot (-k) = -k$

∴ 1 $\in G$ is the identity.

Since, $1 \cdot 1 = 1 \Rightarrow$ inverse of 1 is 1

$-1 \cdot -1 = 1 \Rightarrow$ inverse of -1 is -1

$i \cdot -i = 1 \Rightarrow$ inverse of i is $-i$

$-i \cdot i = 1 \Rightarrow$ inverse of $-i$ is i

$j \cdot -j = 1 \Rightarrow$ inverse of j is $-j$

$-j \cdot j = 1 \Rightarrow$ inverse of $-j$ is j

$k \cdot -k = 1 \Rightarrow$ inverse of k is $-k$

$-k \cdot k = 1 \Rightarrow$ inverse of $-k$ is k



$\therefore G_1$ is a group under the given composition.

Clearly, G_1 is non-abelian as
 $ij \neq ji$

Example:-

Let $G_1 = \{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$ where ω is cube root of unity under multiplication.

Sol: (1) Closure:-

	1	ω	ω^2
1	1	ω	ω^2
ω	ω	ω^2	1
ω^2	ω^2	1	ω

Clearly, from the Cayley Table, closure property holds.

2) Associativity:-

Since, complex numbers are associative under multiplication. Therefore associativity holds.

i.e. $(a.b).c = a.(b.c)$ & $a, b, c \in G$

3) Identity:- Since $1 \cdot 1 = 1$, $1 \cdot \omega = \omega$, $1 \cdot \omega^2 = \omega^2$,
Therefore $1 \in G$ is the identity element.

4) Inverse:- $1 \cdot 1 = 1 \Rightarrow 1$ is inverse of 1

$\omega \cdot \omega^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \omega^2$ is inverse of ω

$\omega^2 \cdot \omega = 1 \Rightarrow \omega$ is inverse of ω^2

$\therefore G_1$ is a group under multiplication.

Since, $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$, & $a, b \in G_1$. Therefore G_1 is an abelian Group

Example:- Show that the set $G_1 = \{x + y\sqrt{5} \mid x, y \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ forms a group under addition.

Sol:- Closure:- Let $a = x_1 + y_1\sqrt{5} \in G_1$ & $b = x_2 + y_2\sqrt{5}$

$$a+b = (x_1+y_1\sqrt{5}) + (x_2+y_2\sqrt{5}) \\ = (x_1+x_2) + (y_1+y_2\sqrt{5}) \in G$$

As, $(x_1+x_2), (y_1+y_2) \in \mathbb{Q}$

2) Associativity :-

$$a = x_1+y_1\sqrt{5} \in G \quad b = x_2+y_2\sqrt{5} \in G \quad c = x_3+y_3\sqrt{5} \in G$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b)+c &\Rightarrow ((x_1+y_1\sqrt{5}) + (x_2+y_2\sqrt{5})) + (x_3+y_3\sqrt{5}) \\ &\Rightarrow (x_1+x_2) + (y_1+y_2)\sqrt{5} + (x_3+y_3\sqrt{5}) \\ &\Rightarrow (x_1+x_2)+x_3 + (y_1+y_2)+y_3\sqrt{5} \\ &\Rightarrow x_1 + (x_2+x_3) + (y_1 + (y_2+y_3))\sqrt{5} \\ &\Rightarrow (x_1+y_1\sqrt{5}) + ((x_2+y_2\sqrt{5}) + (x_3+y_3\sqrt{5})) \\ &\Rightarrow a+(b+c) \end{aligned}$$

\therefore Associativity holds.

$$3) \text{ Identity: } 0+0\sqrt{5} \in G \text{ is the identity element as} \\ (x+y\sqrt{5}) + (0+0\sqrt{5}) = x+y\sqrt{5} = 0+0\sqrt{5} + x+y\sqrt{5} \\ \text{ & } x+y\sqrt{5} \in G$$

$$4) \text{ Inverse: } \text{ for every } x+y\sqrt{5} \in G \exists (-x-y\sqrt{5}) \in G$$

$$(x+y\sqrt{5}) + (-x-y\sqrt{5}) = 0+0\sqrt{5} = (-x-y\sqrt{5}) + (x+y\sqrt{5})$$

$\therefore (-x-y\sqrt{5}) \in G$ is the inverse of $(x+y\sqrt{5}) \in G$

$\therefore G$ forms a group under addition.

Example:- Let $G = \{A \mid A \text{ is a } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrix over } \mathbb{R}\}$ under matrix addition.

Sol:- Closure property:- Let $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} \in G, \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} \in G$

$$\text{Then } \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1+a_2 & b_1+b_2 \\ c_1+c_2 & d_1+d_2 \end{bmatrix} \in G$$

Therefore, closure property holds.

→ Since, matrix addition is associative. Therefore associativity holds.

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

∴ Associativity holds.

→ Identity: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in G_1$ is the identity element.

$$\text{as } \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\forall \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in G$$

→ Inverse: $\forall \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in G \exists \begin{bmatrix} -a & -b \\ -c & -d \end{bmatrix} \in G \ni$

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

∴ $\begin{bmatrix} -a & -b \\ -c & -d \end{bmatrix} \in G$ is the inverse of $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in G$

Therefore, G_1 forms a group under addition.

G_1 is an abelian group.

Example: $G_1 = GL(2, R)$

General Linear Group of 2×2 matrix with real entries $\ni |A| \neq 0$

Let $G_1 = \{A \mid A \text{ is } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrix over } R \text{ with } |A| \neq 0\}$
under multiplication.

Sol:-

Closure:- Let $A, B \in G \Rightarrow |A| \neq 0, |B| \neq 0$

$$\text{Then } |AB| = |A||B| \neq 0$$

\therefore closure property holds.

Associativity:- Since matrix multiplication is associative

Therefore associativity holds.

Identity:- $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in G_1$ is the identity element.

$$\text{as } AI = I = IA, \forall A \in G$$

Inverse:- Let $A \in G_1$

$$\Rightarrow A \cdot \text{adj } A = |A| \cdot I = \text{adj } A \cdot A$$

$$\Rightarrow A \cdot \left[\frac{\text{adj } A}{|A|} \right] = I = \left[\frac{\text{adj } A}{|A|} \right] A$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj } A}{|A|} \in G_1$$

Therefore, G_1 forms a group under multiplication.

Since, matrix multiplication is not commutative in general.

Therefore, the group G_1 is non-abelian.

Example:-

$G_1 = \text{SL}(2, R) = \{A \mid A \text{ is } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrix over } R \text{ with } |A| = 1\}$

= Special linear group of 2×2 matrices A over R with $|A| = 1$

Problem:- The set of all 2×2 matrices with real entries under matrix multiplication is not a group as inverse of matrix A does not exist i.e. when $|A|=0$

Example:- Let $G_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq 0 \right\}$ Under matrix multiplication.

Soln- 1) Closure:- Let $\begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} b & b \\ b & b \end{bmatrix} \in G_1$; $a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a, b \neq 0$

$$\text{Then } \begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b & b \\ b & b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2ab & 2ab \\ 2ab & 2ab \end{bmatrix} \in G_1 \text{ as } 2ab \neq 0 \\ ab \in \mathbb{R}$$

\therefore Closure Property Holds.

2) Associativity :- Since matrix multiplication is associative, Therefore associativity holds.

3) Identity:- Let $\begin{bmatrix} b & b \\ b & b \end{bmatrix} \in G_1$ be the identity element

$$\text{then } \begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b & b \\ b & b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix}, + \begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix} \in G_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2ab & 2ab \\ 2ab & 2ab \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow 2ab = a \\ \Rightarrow b = \frac{1}{2}$$

$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \in G_1$ is the identity element.

4) Inverse:- Let $\begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix} \in G_1$ and Let $\begin{bmatrix} b & b \\ b & b \end{bmatrix} \in G_1$

be the inverse of $\begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b & b \\ b & b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2ab & 2ab \\ 2ab & 2ab \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \frac{1}{4a}.$$

Therefore, $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4a} & \frac{1}{4a} \\ \frac{1}{4a} & \frac{1}{4a} \end{bmatrix} \in G$ is inverse of $\begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix} \in G$.

Therefore G is a group under multiplication.

Note :-

If $|A|=0$, then also it can be invertible with respect to some identity element. Note that this is so, in this case the identity element is not the usual unit matrix I_2 .

Remark :- Though matrix multiplication is not commutative, there may be a subset of set of matrix which is abelian.

Problem :-

Let $G = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 2a & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{Q}, a \neq 0 \right\}$ Show that G is a group w.r.t. matrix multiplication.

Problem :- Show that the set of all 3×3 matrices of the form $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \}$ is a group w.r.t. matrix multiplication [Heisenberg Group]

Problem :- Show that the set of matrices $G = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix} \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ forms a group under matrix multiplication.

Ques :- Show that the set G of all the rational numbers is an abelian group under binary operation ' $*$ ' defined by $a * b = \frac{ab}{2}$, $\forall a, b \in G$.

Sol: Closure:- $a, b \in G$, $a * b = \frac{ab}{2} \in G$

\therefore Closure property holds.

Associativity:- $\forall a, b, c \in G$ $(a * b) * c = \left(\frac{ab}{2}\right) * c = \frac{(ab)c}{4}$
 $= \frac{abc}{4} = a * (b * c)$

\therefore Associativity holds.

Identity:- $2 \in G$ is the identity of
 $a * 2 = a = 2 * a, \forall a \in G$

Inverse:- Let $b \in G$ be inverse of $a \in G$

$$\begin{aligned} a * b &= 2 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{ab}{2} &= 2 \\ \Rightarrow b = \frac{4}{a} &\in G \text{ is the inverse of } a \in G \end{aligned}$$

Therefore G forms an abelian group under the binary operation ' $*$ '.

Some Useful Results:-

① Division Algorithm:- Let a and b be two integers with $b > 0$. Then, \exists unique integers q and r \exists

$$a = bq + r ; 0 \leq r < b$$

② We say that b divides a if and only if $r=0$ and $\underline{a=bq}$

③ Greatest common divisor $(a, b) = d$ iff $\frac{d}{a}$ and $\frac{d}{b}$

④ If $\frac{k}{a}$ and $\frac{k}{b}$, then $k \leq d$



(4) If greatest common divisor $(a,b)=1 \Rightarrow \exists$ Integers x and y
 $\rightarrow ax+by=1$
 $gcd(a,b)=1 \Rightarrow a$ and b are relatively prime

Example-19

Let n be a positive integer. Let $Z_n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, (n-1)\}$
 For $a, b \in Z_n$, define the operation, $a \oplus b = c$, where ' c ' is
 the remainder when $a+b$ is divided by n .

Sol:- Let $n=5 \quad Z_5 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$

\oplus	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4	0
2	2	3	4	0	1
3	3	4	0	1	2
4	4	0	1	2	3

It is called
group of integers
under addition modulo n

i) By Cayley Table, closure property holds.

ii) Associativity :- $\forall (a, b, c) \in Z_n$, we get $(a \oplus b) \oplus c = a \oplus (b \oplus c)$

iii) Identity :- $0 \in Z_n$ is the identity as,

$$a \oplus 0 = a \quad \forall a \in Z_n$$

4 Inverse :-

$$0 \oplus 0 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Inverse of '0' is '0'}$$

$$1 \oplus 4 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Inverse of '1' is '4'}$$

$$2 \oplus 3 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Inverse of '2' is '3'}$$

$$3 \oplus 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Inverse of '3' is '2'}$$

$$4 \oplus 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Inverse of '4' is '1'}$$

(Z_5, \oplus) is a group.

This is group under 'addition modulo \oplus '.

1) Closure:- If $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_n$, we have

$$a+b = n \cdot q + c \quad ; \quad 0 \leq c < n$$
$$\Rightarrow a \oplus b = c \quad , \quad c \in \mathbb{Z}_n$$

∴ Closure property holds.

2) Associativity:- Clearly, if $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_n$

$$(a \oplus b) \oplus c = a \oplus (b \oplus c)$$

3) Identity :- $0 \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ is the identity as,

$$a \oplus 0 = a = 0 \oplus a \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}_n$$

4) Inverse :- If $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n \setminus \{0\}$ $\exists (n-a) \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ such that

$$a \oplus (n-a) = 0 = (n-a) \oplus a$$

∴ $(n-a) \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ is the inverse of $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n$

Also inverse of $0 \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ is zero.
∴ \mathbb{Z}_n forms a group under addition modulo n .

Note:- If we exclude 0 from above set, it will not form a group.

Example-20

Let $U_n = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 1 \leq x < n, \gcd(x, n) = 1\}$

$$\text{i.e. } U(4) = \{1, 3\} \quad U_8 = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$$

$$U(5) = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$U(6) = \{1, 5\}$$

Define \otimes on $U(n)$ by $a \otimes b = c$, where c is the remainder obtained when ab is divided by n .

① Closure:-

	1	3	5	7
1	1	3	5	7
3	3	1	7	5
5	5	7	1	3
7	7	5	3	1

Clearly, from Cayley-table closure property holds.

2) Associativity :- If $a, b, c \in U(8)$ we have.

$$(a \otimes b) \otimes c = a \otimes (b \otimes c)$$

\therefore Associativity Holds.

③ Identity :- If $1 \in U(8)$

$$1 \otimes a = a = a \otimes 1$$

$\therefore 1 \in U(8)$ is the identity.

④ Inverse :-

$$1 \otimes 1 = 1 \Rightarrow 1 \in U(8) \text{ is inverse of } 1$$

$$3 \otimes 3 = 1 \Rightarrow 3 \in U(8) \quad \underline{\text{3}}$$

$$5 \otimes 5 = 1 \Rightarrow 5 \in U(8) \quad \underline{\text{5}}$$

$$7 \otimes 7 = 1 \Rightarrow 7 \in U(8) \quad \underline{\text{7}}$$

$(U(8), \otimes)$ is a group.

We now show that $(U(n), \otimes)$ forms a group.

① Closure:- For $a, b \in U(n)$ let $a \otimes b = c$

To show : $c \in U(n)$

i.e. to show $1 \leq c < n$ and $\gcd(c, n) = 1$

we have, $ab = nq + c$, $0 \leq c < n$

If $c=0$ then $ab = nq$

$\Rightarrow n|ab$

If $c \geq 0$ then $ab = nq$

$\Rightarrow n|a$ as $n \times b$ as $\gcd(n, b) = 1$ as $b \in U(n)$

But $n \nmid a$ as $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ as $a \in U(n)$

$\therefore c \neq 0$

$\therefore 1 \leq c < n$



Now, to show $\gcd(c, n) = 1$

i.e. c and n are co-prime.

i.e. there is no prime p which is dividing both c and n .

Let if possible, there is a prime p .

$\Rightarrow p \mid c$ and $p \mid n$

We have, $ab = nq + c$

$\Rightarrow p \mid ab$ [since $p \mid n \Rightarrow p \mid nq$, $p \mid c$ & $(*)$]
 $\Rightarrow p \mid nq + c \Rightarrow p \mid ab$

$\Rightarrow p \mid a$ or $p \mid b$

If $p \mid a$ then as $p \mid n$ and $\gcd(a, n) = 1$

So, this is not possible.

Also, If $p \mid b$ then as $p \mid n$ and $\gcd(b, n) = 1$

So, it is not possible.

\Rightarrow So, $\gcd(c, n) = 1$

$\therefore c \in U(n)$

$\Rightarrow a \otimes b \in U(n)$

\therefore closure property holds.

2) Associativity: If $a, b, c \in U(n)$ we have

$$(a \otimes b) \otimes c = a \otimes (b \otimes c)$$

i.e. Associativity holds.

Identity :- $1 \in U(n)$ is the identity as,

$$a \otimes 1 = a = 1 \otimes a \quad \forall a \in U(n)$$

Inverse :- Let $a \in U(n)$ [To find a^{-1}]

$$\Rightarrow \gcd(a, n) = 1 \quad \exists \text{ integers } x \text{ and } y \ni ax + ny = 1 \quad \text{---(1)}$$

By division algorithm,

$$x = nq + r, \quad 0 \leq r < n$$

$$\text{If } r=0 \text{ then } x = nq$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So from (1)} \quad & anq + ny = 1 \\ \Rightarrow n(aq + y) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

This is not possible $n \geq 1$ and $aq + y \in \mathbb{Z}$

Therefore $r \neq 0 \therefore 1 \leq r < n$

Also r and n are co-prime

If r, n are not co-prime

$\Rightarrow \exists$ a prime $p \Rightarrow p|r$ and $p|n$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p}{nq} \Rightarrow \frac{p}{nq+r} \Rightarrow \frac{p}{r} \Rightarrow \frac{p}{ar} \text{ also } \frac{p}{n} \Rightarrow \frac{p}{ny}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p}{ar+ny} = 1$$

It is not possible.

Therefore r and n are co-prime and $1 \leq r < n$

$\Rightarrow r \in U(n)$

We have $x = nq + r$

$$\Rightarrow ar + ny = anq + ar + ny = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow ar = 1 + (-aq - y)n$$

$$\Rightarrow a \otimes r = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1} = r \in U(n)$$



Problem :- Show that the set $G_1 = \{1, 2, \dots, (n-1)\}$ forms a group w.r.t multiplication modulo n . iff 'n' is prime.

Solution :- Let 'n' be prime, say p .

Then, $G_1 = \{1, 2, \dots, (p-1)\} = U(p)$
which is a group.

Conversely, $G_1 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, (n-1)\}$ forms a group under multiplication modulo n .

To show :- n is prime.

Let n be composite, say $n = q_1 q_2 \dots q_k$, $1 < q_i < n$

Now $1 < q_i < n \Rightarrow q_i \in G_1$ and G_1 is a group.

$\Rightarrow \exists t \in G_1 \ni q_i \otimes t = 1$ [∴ Inverse of q_i exists]

$$\Rightarrow q_i t = nq_i + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow q_i t = q_i q_i + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow q_i(t - q_i) = 1$$

a \otimes as $q_i > 1$ and $(t - q_i)$ is an integer.

∴ Our assumption is wrong and hence n is prime.

Problem :- Let $G_2 = \{2^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. Prove that G_2 forms an abelian group under multiplication.

Sol :-

1) Closure :- Let $2^n, 2^m \in G_2$. Then $2^n \cdot 2^m = 2^{n+m} \in G_2$
 \therefore closure property holds

2) Associativity :- Since set of rational numbers always associative under multiplication, therefore associativity holds.

(3) Identity :- $2^0 \in G_1$ is the identity as,

$$2^n \cdot 2^0 = 2^n = 2^0 \cdot 2^n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

4) Inverse :- For $2^n \in G_1$, $\exists 2^{-n} \in G_1 \ni$

$$2^n \cdot 2^{-n} = 2^0 = 2^{-n} \cdot 2^n$$

$\therefore 2^{-n} \in G_1$ is the inverse of $2^n \in G_1$.

Since, rationals are commutative under multiplication.

Therefore, G_1 is an abelian group under multiplication.

Problem :- Prove that the set $R^n = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) | a_i \in R\}$ forms a group under component-wise addition, i.e $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) + (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) = (a_1+b_1, a_2+b_2, \dots, a_n+b_n)$

Solution :-

1) Closure :- If $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n), (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) \in R^n$

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) + (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) = (a_1+b_1, a_2+b_2, \dots, a_n+b_n) \in R^n$$

\therefore Closure property holds.

2) Associativity :- If $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n), (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n), (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) \in R^n$.

$$\begin{aligned} & ((a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) + (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)) + (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) = (a_1+b_1, a_2+b_2, \dots, a_n+b_n) + (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) \\ &= [(a_1+b_1)+c_1, (a_2+b_2)+c_2, \dots, (a_n+b_n)+c_n] \end{aligned}$$

$$= [a_1+(b_1+c_1), a_2+(b_2+c_2), \dots, a_n+(b_n+c_n)]$$

$$= (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) + [(b_1+c_1, b_2+c_2, \dots, b_n+c_n)]$$

$$= (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) + [(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) + (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)]$$

\therefore Associativity holds.



Identity: or $[0, 0, \dots, 0] \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the identity as.

$\forall (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) + (0, 0, \dots, 0) = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]$$

Inverse: or $\forall (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \exists (-a_1, -a_2, \dots, -a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\Rightarrow (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) + (-a_1, -a_2, \dots, -a_n) = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$\therefore \mathbb{R}^n$ forms a group under component wise addition.

Elementary properties of Groups :-

Theorem:- In a group G_1 , prove that

i) Identity element is unique

Let $e \in G_1$ and $e' \in G_1$ be the two identities.

To show: $e = e'$

Now $e \in G_1$ and e' is the identity, therefore

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

Also, $e' \in G_1$ and e is the identity, therefore,

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

from (1) & (2) we get,

$$e = e'$$

Thus, Identity element is unique

2) Inverse of each element $a \in G$ is unique.

Proof :- Let $a' \in G$ and $a'' \in G$ be the two inverse of $a \in G$
 $\Rightarrow aa' = e = a'a$ and $aa'' = e = a''a$ [To show $a' = a''$]

$$a' = a'e = a'(aa'') = (a'a)a'' = e(a'') = a''$$

$$\therefore \boxed{a' = a''}$$

\therefore Inverse of $a \in G$ is unique.

(3) $(a^{-1})^{-1} = a$ & $a \in G$

We know that $aa^{-1} = e = a^{-1}a \neq a \in G$ And, $a \cdot b = e \Rightarrow a^{-1} = b$

$$\Rightarrow (a^{-1})^{-1} = a$$

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

(4) $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$ & $a, b \in G$

To prove,

$$(ab)(b^{-1}a^{-1}) = e = (b^{-1}a^{-1})(ab) \Rightarrow ab(b^{-1}a^{-1}) =$$

$$= (ae)a^{-1} = aa^{-1} = e$$

Also, $(b^{-1}a^{-1})ab = b^{-1}(a^{-1}a)b$ by associativity

$$(b^{-1}e)b = b^{-1}b = e$$

$$ab^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1} \quad a, b \in G$$

(5) $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)^{-1} = a_n^{-1}a_{n-1}^{-1} \dots a_2^{-1}a_1^{-1} \neq a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in G$

We shall prove the result by induction on n .

for $n=2$, the result holds.

Let the result be true for $n=k$

$$\text{i.e., } (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)^{-1} = a_k^{-1}a_{k-1}^{-1} \dots a_2^{-1}a_1^{-1} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

To prove the result for $n=k+1$, i.e.

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k, a_{k+1})^{-1} = a_{k+1}^{-1}a_k^{-1} \dots a_2^{-1}a_1^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{L.H.S} &= (a_1 a_2 \dots a_k a_{k+1})^{-1} = ((a_1 a_2 \dots a_k) a_{k+1})^{-1} \\
 &= a_{k+1}^{-1} (a_1 a_2 \dots a_k)^{-1} \\
 &= a_{k+1}^{-1} a_k^{-1} \dots a_2^{-1} a_1^{-1} \quad \text{using } \textcircled{1} \\
 &\underline{\underline{= \text{R.H.S}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

⑥ $ab = ac \Rightarrow b=c$ (Left Cancellation Law)

and $ba = ca \Rightarrow b=c \quad \forall a, b, c \in G$ (Right Cancellation Law)

Let $ab = ac \quad \forall a, b, c \in G$

To show $b=c$

$$\begin{aligned}
 b &= eb = (a^{-1}a)b = a^{-1}(ab) = a^{-1}(ac) = (a^{-1}a)c \\
 b &= ec = c \\
 b &= c
 \end{aligned}$$

Now let $ba = ca \quad \forall a, b, c \in G$

To show $b=c$

$$b = be = b(aa^{-1}) = (ba)a^{-1} = (ca)a^{-1} = c(a^{-1}) = ce = c$$

Let G_1 be a group and a be any element of G_1 .

Then

i) $a^0 = e$

ii) $a^m = a \cdot a \cdot a \dots a \quad \{m \text{ times}\} \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N}$

iii) $a^{-m} = (a^{-1})^m \quad m \in \mathbb{N}$

iv) $a^{n+m} = a^n \cdot a^m, \quad m, n \in \mathbb{N}$

v) $(a^n)^m = a^{nm} \quad \forall \text{ integers } m \text{ and } n.$

Problem :- If in a group G_1 , $a^2 = e$ & $a \in G_1$ then show that the group G_1 is abelian.

To show $ab = ba$, & $a, b \in G_1$.

Sol :- We have & $a \in G_1$, $a^2 = e \Rightarrow a^{-1}a^2 = a^{-1}e = a^{-1}$
 $\Rightarrow (a^{-1}a)a = a^{-1} \Rightarrow e \cdot a = a^{-1} \Rightarrow \underline{a = a^{-1}} \quad \text{①} \quad \text{and } a \in G_1$

Since $a, b \in G_1 \Rightarrow ab \in G_1$ (By closure property)

Then by ①, $(ab)^{-1} = ab \Rightarrow b^{-1}a^{-1} = ab$

$$\Rightarrow ba = ab \quad (\text{Using } ① \text{ } b^{-1} = b, a^{-1} = a)$$

\Rightarrow The group G_1 is abelian.

Problem :- If in a group G_1 , $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$ & $a, b \in G_1$. Show that the group G_1 is abelian. and conversely.

Proof :- To show $ab = ba$, & $a, b \in G_1$

Given: $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$ & $a, b \in G_1$

$$\Rightarrow (ab)(ab) = (aa)(bb)$$

$$\Rightarrow a(ba)b = a(ab)b$$

$$\Rightarrow ba = ab \quad (\text{Using LCL and RCL})$$

Therefore, the group G_1 is abelian.

Conversely, Given $ab = ba$, & $a, b \in G_1$

To prove: $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$ & $a, b \in G_1$

L.H.S $(ab)^2 = (ab)(ab)$
= $a(ba)b$ (Using associativity)
= $a(ab)b$ as G_1 is abelian.
= $(aa)(bb)$ using associativity
= $a^2b^2 = \underline{\text{RHS}}$

Problem :- If the group G_1 is abelian.

Show that $(ab)^n = a^n \cdot b^n$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

Solution :- Given : $ab = ba$ & $a, b \in G_1$

Case-1 : $n=0$

$$\text{L.H.S} \quad (ab)^0 = e$$

$$\text{R.H.S} \quad a^0 b^0 = e \cdot e = e$$

$$\text{L.H.S} = \text{R.H.S} \text{ for } n=0$$

Case-2 When n is a positive integer.

To show :- $(ab)^n = a^n \cdot b^n$.

$$\text{for } n=1, \text{ LHS} = (ab)^1 = db$$

$$\text{R.H.S.} \Rightarrow a^1 b^1 = ab = \text{R.H.S}$$

Therefore result is true for $n=1$

Let the result be true for $n=k$

$$\text{i.e. } (ab)^k = a^k b^k \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

To prove the result for $n=k+1$

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

$$\text{L.H.S} \quad (ab)^{k+1} = (ab)^k \cdot (ab)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^k b^k)(ab) = \text{Using (A)}$$

$$= a^k(b^k a)b \quad \text{using associativity.}$$

$$= a^k(a b^k)b \quad \text{as } G_1 \text{ is a abelian.}$$

$$= (a^k a)(b^k b) = a^{k+1} b^{k+1} = \text{R.H.S}$$

Therefore, by induction, $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Case-3 :- 'n' is a -ve integer.

Let $n = -m$, where $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

$$\text{L.H.S} = (ab)^n = (ab)^{-m} = [(ab)^m]^{-1}$$

$\Rightarrow (a^m b^m)^{-1}$ as 'm' is a +ve integer

$$\Rightarrow [b^m]^{-1} \cdot [a^m]^{-1} \text{ as } (ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1} \text{ & } a, b \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow b^{-m} \cdot a^{-m} = b^n \cdot a^n = a^n \cdot b^n = \text{R.H.S. as } G \text{ is abelian.}$$

$$\therefore (ab)^n = a^n b^n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Problem 8 :- If 'a' and 'b' be any two elements of a group G_1 ,

then prove that

$$(bab^{-1})^n = ba^n b^{-1} \quad \forall a, b \in G_1 \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Sol:- Case-1 :- $n=0$

$$\text{L.H.S} \ (bab^{-1})^0 = e \quad \text{R.H.S} \ ba^0 b^{-1} = bab^{-1} = bb^{-1} = e$$

$$\text{L.H.S} = \text{R.H.S. for } n=0$$

Case-2 When 'n' is +ve integer., $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

For $n=1$

$$\text{L.H.S} = (bab^{-1})^1 = bab^{-1} = ba'b^{-1} = \text{R.H.S.}$$

Let the result be true for $n=k$.

$$\text{i.e. } (bab^{-1})^k = ba^k b^{-1} \quad \forall a, b \in G_1 - \textcircled{A}$$

To prove, the result for $n=k+1$, i.e.

$$(bab^{-1})^{k+1} = ba^{k+1} b^{-1} \quad \forall a, b \in G_1$$

$$\text{L.H.S} \ (bab^{-1})^{k+1} = (ba^k b^{-1})(bab^{-1})$$

$$= (ba^k b^{-1})(bab^{-1})$$

$$= ba^k (b^{-1}b) ab^{-1}$$

$$= ba^{k+1} b^{-1} = \text{R.H.S.}$$



Therefore, the result is true for $n=k+1$ and hence by induction, $(bab^{-1})^n = ba^n b^{-1}$ where $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

Case-3 : n is a -ve integer, say $n=-m$ where $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.
L.H.S. = $(bab^{-1})^n = (bab^{-1})^{-m} = [(bab^{-1})^m]^{-1} = [ba^m b^{-1}]^{-1}$ Using Case-2.
 $\Rightarrow (b^{-1})^{-1} \cdot (a^m)^{-1} (b)^{-1} = ba^{-m} b^{-1} = ba^n b^{-1} = \underline{\text{R.H.S.}}$

Problem :- Let G_1 be a group such that $ab=ca \quad \forall a, b \in G \Rightarrow b=c$

Show that the group G_1 is abelian.

Solution :- To show :- $ab=ba \quad \forall a, b \in G_1$.

$$\forall a \in G_1 \rightarrow a^{-1}a = e = aa^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b(aa^{-1}) &= (a^{-1}a)b \\ \Rightarrow a^{-1}(ab) &= (ba)a^{-1} \quad \text{Using associativity.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = ba \quad \text{using given hypothesis.}$$

\therefore The group G_1 is abelian.

Problem :- Prove that a group G is abelian if and only if

$$(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1} \quad \forall a, b \in G$$

Let the group G_1 be abelian.

$$\text{i.e. } ab = ba \quad \forall a, b \in G_1$$

To show : $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$

$$\therefore (ab)(a^{-1}b^{-1}) = e$$

$$\begin{aligned} (ab)(a^{-1}b^{-1}) &= a(ba^{-1})b^{-1} \\ &= a(a^{-1}b)b^{-1} \quad [\text{As, } G_1 \text{ is abelian}] \end{aligned}$$

$$= (aa^{-1})(bb^{-1}) = ee = e$$

Hence $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$

Conversely, Given: $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$ & $a, b \in G$

To show: G_1 is abelian. i.e. $ab = ba$ & $a, b \in G$

Since, $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow (ab)(ab)^{-1} = (ab)(a^{-1}b^{-1})$$

$$\Rightarrow e = (ab)(a^{-1}b^{-1})$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1}e = a^{-1}(ab)(a^{-1}b^{-1})$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1} = (a^{-1}a)(ba^{-1}b^{-1})$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1} = ba^{-1}b^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1}b = (ba^{-1})(b^{-1}b)$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1}b = ba^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a(a^{-1}b) = aba^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow b = aba^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow eb = (ab)a^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow ba = (ab)a^{-1}a$$

$$\Rightarrow ba = ab \quad \text{& } ab \in G$$

\Rightarrow Group G_1 is abelian.

Problem: If a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n belonging to a group G , what is the inverse of a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n ?

To show: $(a_1 a_2 \dots a_n)^{-1} = a_n^{-1} a_{n-1}^{-1} \dots a_2^{-1} a_1^{-1}$

$$(a_1 a_2 \dots a_n) (a_n^{-1} a_{n-1}^{-1} \dots a_2^{-1} a_1^{-1})$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1} (a_n a_n^{-1}) a_{n-1}^{-1} \dots a_2^{-1} a_1^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-2} (a_{n-1} a_{n-1}^{-1}) a_{n-2}^{-1} \dots a_2^{-1} a_1^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 (a_2 a_2^{-1}) (a_1^{-1}) = a_1 a_1^{-1} = e$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_1 a_2 \dots a_n)^{-1} = a_n^{-1} a_{n-1}^{-1} \dots a_2^{-1} a_1^{-1}$$

Problem: Let $n > 2$. Show that $U(n)$ has atleast two elements such that $x^2 = e$, where $e=1$

Solution: $U(n) = \{x \mid 1 \leq x \leq n, \gcd(x, n) = 1\}$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \in U(n) \text{ and } 1^2 = 1$$

$$\text{Let } \gcd(n, n-1) = d \Rightarrow d/n = d = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow d/n-1 \text{ and } d/n \Rightarrow d/n-1$$

$$\therefore \gcd(dn, n-1) = 1, (n-1) \in U(n)$$

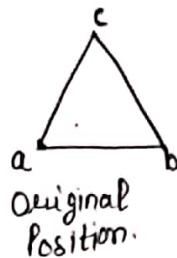
$$(n-1)^2 = n^2 + 1 - 2n = n(n-2) + 1 = 1$$

$$1 \text{ and } (n-1) \text{ in } U(n) \Rightarrow 1^2 = 1, (n-1)^2 = 1$$

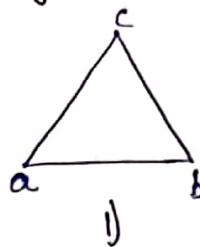


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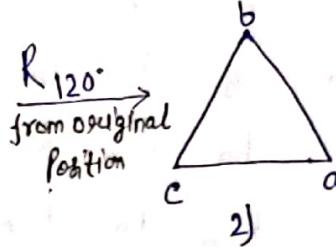
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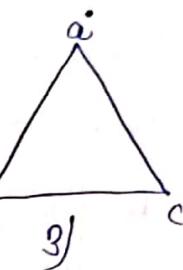
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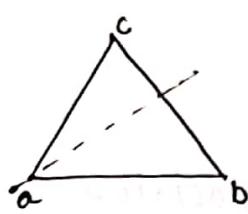
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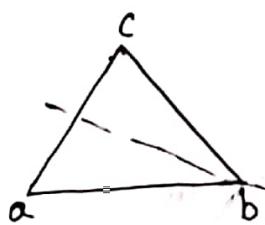
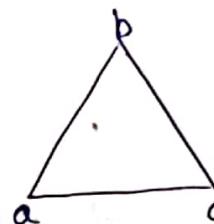
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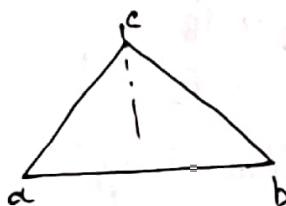
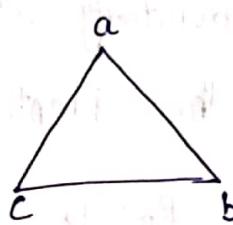
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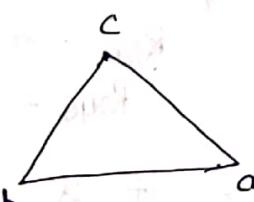
$f_A \rightarrow$



$f_B \rightarrow$



$f_C \rightarrow$



There are 6 positions.

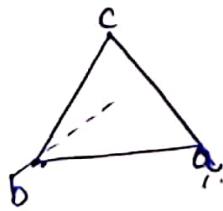
$$S = \{R_0, R_{120}, R_{240}, f_A, f_B, f_C\}$$

$$R_{120} f_A = f_C$$

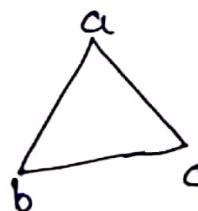
$$R_{240} R_{120} = R_0$$

$$f_A f_C = R_{240} \quad f_B R_{240} = f_A$$

i.e. $fog = x$



$f_A \rightarrow$



In f_A type symmetry

position matter not position of a, b, c.

	R_0	R_{120}	R_{240}	f_A	f_B	f_C
R_0	R_0	R_{120}	R_{240}	f_A	f_B	f_C
R_{120}	R_{120}	R_{240}	R_0	f_C	f_A	f_B
R_{240}	R_{240}	R_0	R_{120}	f_B	f_C	f_A
f_A	f_A	f_B	f_C	R_0	R_{120}	R_{240}
f_B	f_B	f_C	f_A	R_{240}	R_0	R_{120}
f_C	f_C	f_A	f_B	R_{120}	R_{240}	R_0

Clearly, from Cayley table,

Closure property holds.

Associativity:- Since composition of mapping is associative, therefore associativity holds.

Identity :- $R_0 \in S$ is the identity.

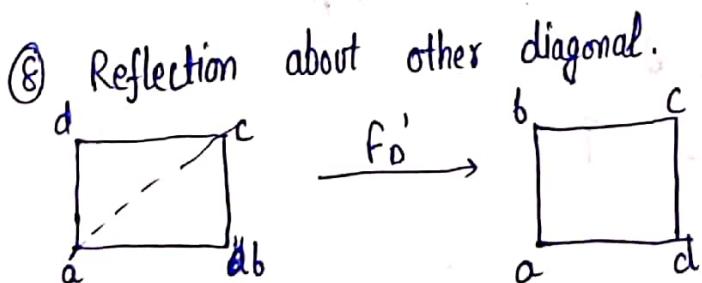
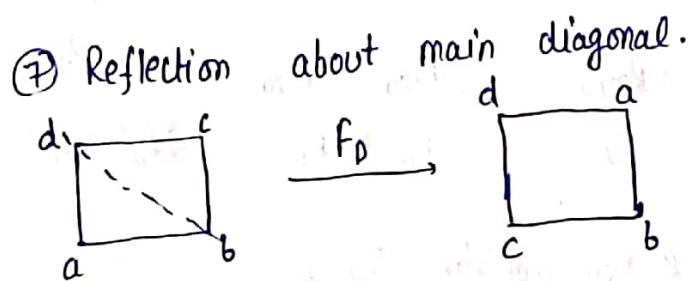
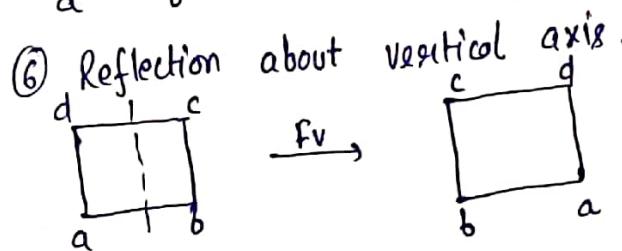
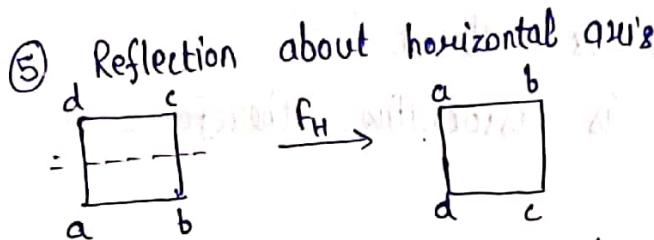
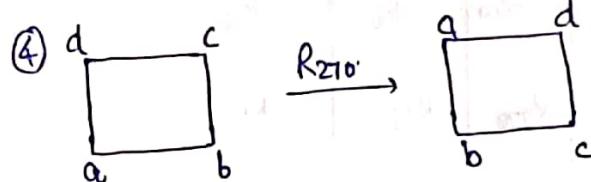
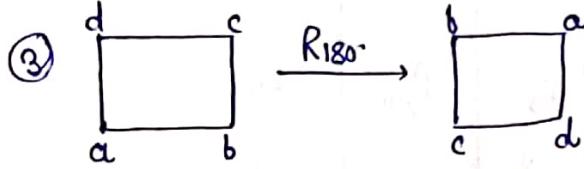
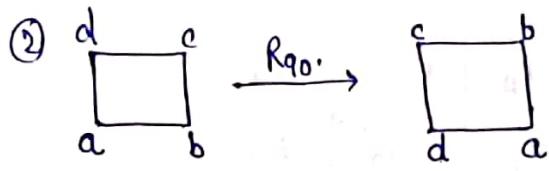
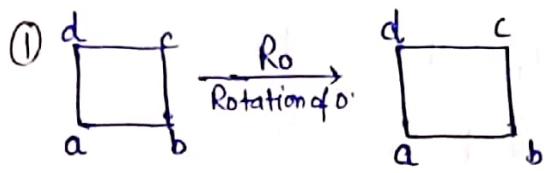
Inverse :- Inverse of R_0 is R_0 $f_A \rightarrow f_A$
 $R_{120} \rightarrow R_{240}$ $f_B \rightarrow f_B$
 $R_{240} \rightarrow R_{120}$ $f_C \rightarrow f_C$

Since, $f_A f_B \neq f_B f_A$. Since it is not a abelian group

This Group is called Dihedral group.

Dihedral group:- Group of symmetries of a regular n-sided polygon.

Symmetries of a Square:-



$$G_2 = \{R_0, R_{90}, R_{270}, R_{180}, f_H, f_V, f_D, f'_D\}$$

	R_0	R_{90}	R_{180}	R_{270}	f_H	f_V	f_D	f_D'
R_0	R_0	R_{90}	R_{180}	R_{270}	f_H	f_V	f_D	f_V
R_{90}	R_{90}	R_{180}	R_{270}	R_0	f_D'	f_D	f_H	f_D'
R_{180}	R_{180}	R_{70}	R_0	R_{90}	f_V	f_H	f_D	f_H
R_{270}	R_{270}	R_0	R_{90}	R_{180}	f_D	f_D'	f_V	R_{70}
f_H	f_H	f_D	f_V	f_D'	R_0	R_{180}	R_{90}	R_{90}
f_V	f_V	f_D'	f_H	f_D	R_{180}	R_0	R_{270}	R_{180}
f_D	f_D	f_V	f_D'	f_H	R_{270}	R_{90}	R_0	R_{180}
f_D'	R_D'	f_H	f_D	f_V	R_{90}	R_{270}	R_{180}	R_0

Clearly, from Cayley Table G_7 is closed.

→ Since composition of mapping is associative, therefore associativity holds.

$$(f_V f_H) R_{90} = R_{180} R_{90} = R_{270}$$

$$f_V (f_H R_{90}) = f_V f_D' = R_{270}$$

→ R_0 is the identity

→ Inverse :- $R_0 \rightarrow R_0$, $R_{90} \rightarrow R_{270}$, $R_{180} \rightarrow R_{180}$, $R_{270} \rightarrow R_{270}$
 $f_H \rightarrow f_H$, $f_V \rightarrow f_V$, $f_D \rightarrow f_D$, $R_D' \rightarrow f_D'$

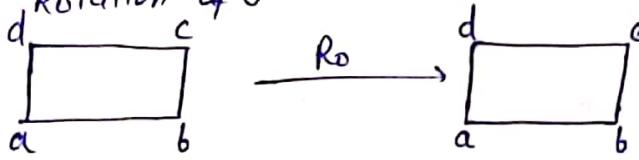
∴ G forms a group. * Non-abelian Group.

→ Dihedral group of order 8.

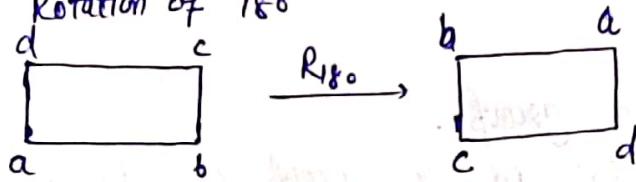
Represented by $D_4 = G = \{ \dots \}$

Problem :- Describe the symmetries of a non-square rectangle and construct Cayley Table. Is this group Abelian.

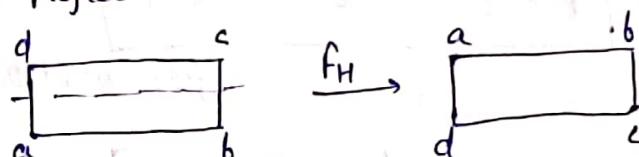
1) Rotation of 0°



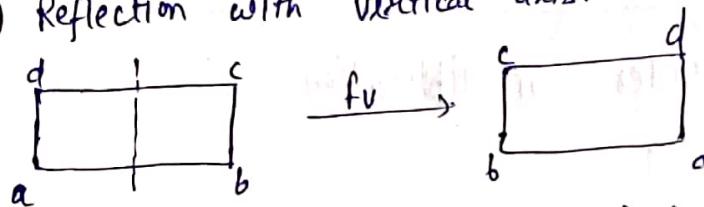
2) Rotation of 180°



3) Reflection with Horizontal axis.



4) Reflection with vertical axis.



$$G = \{ R_0, R_{180}, f_H, f_V \}$$

	R_0	R_{180}	f_H	f_V
R_0	R_0	R_{180}	f_H	f_V
R_{180}	R_{180}	R_0	f_V	f_H
f_H	f_H	f_V	R_0	R_{180}
f_V	f_V	f_H	R_{180}	R_0

Chapter-2 finite groups and subgroups.

Order of the group :- The number of elements in a group denoted as $O(G)$ or $|G|$

$$U(12) = \{1, 5, 7, 11\}$$

$$O(U(12)) = 4$$

Order of an element in a group.

The order of an element 'a' in a group G is the least positive integer $n \rightarrow [a^n = e \text{ i.e. } O(a) = n]$ for multiplication

for addition, $[n \neq na = e \text{ i.e. } O(a) = n]$

① $G_1 = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ under multiplication.

$$\therefore O(1) = 1 \text{ as } 1^1 = 1$$

$$O(-1) = 2 \text{ as } (-1)^2 = 1$$

$$O(i) = 4 \text{ as } (i)^4 = 1$$

$$O(-i) = 4 \text{ as } (-i)^4 = 1$$

Remark :- Order of $a = n$ if and only if,

1) $a^n = e$

2) If $a^k = e$, then $k \geq n$

\rightarrow If the element '(a)' has infinite order and $a^\alpha = e$ then α must be 0.

Some Useful Results :-

$$1) \quad o(a) = o(a^{-1}) \quad \forall a \in G$$

Let $o(a)$ be ' n ' [To show $o(a^{-1}) = n$]

$\Rightarrow a^n = e$ and n is the least +ve integer.

$$(a^{-1})^n = (a^n)^{-1} = e^{-1} = e.$$

Let $(a^{-1})^k = e$ [To show: $k \geq n$]

$$\Rightarrow a^k = e \Rightarrow a^k = e^{-1} = e \Rightarrow k \geq n$$

[$\because o(a) = n$, so n is the least +ve integer $\Rightarrow a^n = e$]

$$\therefore o(a^{-1}) = n = o(a)$$

$$(2) \quad o(x^{-1}ax) = o(a) \quad \forall a \in G$$

Let $o(a) = n$ [To show $o(x^{-1}ax) = n$]

$\Rightarrow a^n = e$ & n is the least +ve integer.

$$(x^{-1}ax)^n = x a^n x^{-1} = x^{-1} e x = x^{-1} x = e$$

Now, let $(x^{-1}ax)^k = e$ [To show $k \geq n$]

$$\Rightarrow x^{-1} a^k x = e \Rightarrow x x^{-1} a^k x x^{-1} = x e x^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^k = x x^{-1} \Rightarrow a^k = e \Rightarrow k \geq n$$

As order of a is ' n '.

$$\therefore o(x^{-1}ax) = n = o(a)$$

$$(3) \quad o(ab) = o(ba) \quad \forall a, b \in G$$

$$ab = (b^{-1}b)ab = b^{-1}(ba)b$$

$$\text{Then } o(ab) = o(b^{-1}(ba)b) = o(ba) \quad - [\text{using 2}]$$

④ Let $a^m = e$, $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then show that $\text{o}(a)$ divides m .

Let $\text{o}(a) = n$ [To show: n divides m]

By division algorithm, $m = nq + r$, $0 \leq r < n$ [To show, $r=0$]

$$\Rightarrow e = a^m = a^{nq+r} = a^{nq} \cdot a^r = (a^n)^q \cdot a^r = e^q a^r = a^r$$

$$\Rightarrow a^r = e \quad \text{where } 0 \leq r < n$$

Suppose $r \neq 0$ then $0 < r < n$ and $a^r = e$

So, there is a contradiction, $\text{o}(a) = n$, so n is the least positive integer $\Rightarrow a^n = e$.

∴ Our assumption is wrong. Hence $r=0$

$$\therefore m = nq = n \text{ divides } m.$$

⑤ Prove that $\text{o}(a)^k = \frac{\text{o}(a)}{\gcd(\text{o}(a), k)}$

Let $\text{o}(a) = n \Rightarrow \gcd(\text{o}(a), k) = \gcd(n, k)$

To show :- $\text{o}(a^k) = \frac{n}{\gcd(n, k)}$

Let $\gcd(n, k) = d$

To show, $\text{o}(a^k) = \frac{n}{d}$

$$(a^k)^{\frac{n}{d}} = (a^n)^{\frac{k}{d}} = (e)^{\frac{k}{d}} = e \quad [\text{As, } \text{o}(a) = n \Rightarrow a^n = e]$$

Let $(a^k)^m = e$ [To show $m \geq \frac{n}{d}$]

$$\Rightarrow a^{km} = e$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{d}/\frac{km}{d} \mid \frac{km}{d}$$

$$\gcd(n, k) = d \Rightarrow \gcd\left(\frac{n}{d}, \frac{k}{d}\right) = 1$$

Now, $\frac{n}{d} \mid \frac{k}{d}^m$ and $\gcd\left(\frac{n}{d}, \frac{k}{d}\right) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{d} | m \Rightarrow m \geq \frac{n}{d}$$

$$\therefore o(a^k) = \frac{n}{d} = \frac{o(a)}{\gcd(o(a), k)}$$

⑥ Prove that $o(ab) = o(a) \cdot o(b)$ if $\gcd(o(a), o(b))=1$ and $ab = ba$

Let $o(a) = m$ and $o(b) = n$

To show $o(ab) = mn$

$$(ab)^{mn} = a^{mn} \cdot b^{mn} \Rightarrow (a^m)^n \cdot (b^n)^m \Rightarrow e^n \cdot e^m = e \cdot e = e.$$

Let $(ab)^k = e$ [To show $k \geq mn$]

$$a^k \cdot b^k = e \quad [\text{As } G \text{ is abelian}]$$

$$a^k = b^{-k}$$

$$a^{kn} \cdot b^{kn} = (b^n)^{-k} = e^{-k} = e$$

$$\Rightarrow o(a)/kn \quad \text{by ④}$$

$$\Rightarrow m/kn$$

$$\Rightarrow m/k \quad \text{as } \gcd(m, n) = 1$$

$$a^k \cdot b^k = e \Rightarrow b^k = a^{-k} \Rightarrow b^{km} = a^{-km} = (b^m)^{-k} = e$$

$$\text{Now } m/k, n/k = \text{lcm}(m, n)/k$$

$$= mn/k \quad [\text{lcm}(m, n), \gcd(m, n) = mn]$$

$$\gcd(mn) = 1$$

$$\boxed{k \geq mn}$$

Problem:- If a group contains a and b such that $o(a)=4$, $o(b)=2$ and $a^3b = ba$. Find $o(ab)$.

$$\begin{aligned} (ab)^2 &= (ab)(ab) = a(ba)b = a(a^3b)b \quad \text{as } a^3b = ba \\ &= a^4b^2 = e \cdot e \quad \text{as } o(a) = 4 \\ &\quad o(b) = 2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (ab)^2 = e \Rightarrow o(ab) / 2, \text{ using properties (4)}$$

$$\Rightarrow o(ab) = 1 \text{ or } o(ab) = 2$$

$$\text{If } o(ab) = 1 \Rightarrow ab = e$$

$$\Rightarrow abb^{-1} = eb^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow o(a) = o(b^{-1}) = o(b) \text{ using property (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow o(a) \neq o(b)$$

$$\therefore o(ab) = 2$$

Problem :- a) for the elements $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

forms the special linear group $SL(2, R)$ [$SL(2, R) = \{A | A \text{ is a } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrix, } |A| = 1\}$]

find $o(A)$, $o(B)$ and $o(AB)$

$$\text{Soln} - A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^4 = A^2 \cdot A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

$$\Rightarrow A^4 = I = o(A) = 4.$$

$$B^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B^3 = B^2 \cdot B = \underbrace{B \cdot B^2}_{B^2} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

$$\Rightarrow B^3 = I = o(B) = 3.$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(AB)^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(AB)^3 = (AB)^2 \cdot (AB) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(AB)^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & n \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow o(AB)$ is not finite although $o(A)$ and $o(B)$ are finite.

b) For the element $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ in the special linear group $SL(2, R)$. Find the order of A . If we knew ' A ' as a member of $SL(2, \mathbb{Z}_p)$ where ' p ' is a prime, what is the order of A ?

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z}_p &= \text{Modulo under } p. \\ &= 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, (p-1) \end{aligned}$$

$$A^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & n \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow o(A) \text{ is not finite.}$$

$$A^p = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & p \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow o(A) = p.$$

Problem:- If $o(a) = n$ and k/n . Prove that!

$$o(a^{n/k}) = k$$

$$o(a^{n/k}) = \frac{o(a)}{\gcd(o(a), n/k)} = \frac{n}{\gcd(n, n/k)} = \frac{n}{n/k} = k$$

$$\boxed{o(a^{n/k}) = k}$$

Problem:- If a group contains an element x such that $o(x) = 6$. Find $o(x^2)$, $o(x^3)$, $o(x^4)$, $o(x^5)$

$$\text{Using: } o(x^k) = \frac{o(x)}{\gcd(o(x), k)}$$

$$o(x^2) = \frac{o(x)}{\gcd(o(x), 2)} = \frac{6}{\gcd(6, 2)} = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

$$o(x^5) = \frac{6}{\gcd(6, 5)} = \frac{6}{1} = 6.$$

$$o(x^3) = \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

$$o(x^4) = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$



Let y be any other element of the group such that $\text{only } o(y) = 9$. Find $o(y^j) = \text{for } j = 2, 3, \dots, 8.$

$$o(y^2) = \frac{9}{\gcd(9, 2)} = \frac{9}{1} = 9 \quad o(y^3) = \frac{9}{\gcd(9, 3)} = \frac{9}{3} = 3$$

$$o(y^4) = \frac{9}{\gcd(9, 4)} = 9 \quad o(y^5) = \frac{9}{\gcd(9, 5)} = \frac{9}{1} = 9$$

$$o(y^6) = \frac{9}{\gcd(9, 6)} = \frac{9}{3} = 3 \quad o(y^7) = \frac{9}{\gcd(9, 7)} = \frac{9}{1} = 9$$

$$o(y^8) = \frac{9}{\gcd(9, 8)} = \frac{9}{1} = 9.$$

Note :- $SL(2, R) \subseteq GL(2, R)$

Subgroup :-

A non-empty subset H of a group G_1 is said to be a subgroup of G_1 if H is a group under the operation of G_1 .

We denote it as $H \leq G_1$

→ If H is a subgroup of G_1 , but not equal to G_1 itself, then H is called a proper subgroup of G_1 .

Ex :- $Z_n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, (n-1)\}$ is a group under $(+)$

$Z = \{\text{The set of integers}\}$ is a group under addition.

From both the group values it looks $Z_n \leq Z$ but $Z_n \not\leq Z$ as their operation are different.

→ The group G_1 and the singleton set $\{e\}$ are both subgroups of G_1 , called **trivial subgroups**.

All other subgroups will be called non-trivial subgroups.

Example:- Let $G_1 = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$, G_1 is a group under multiplication
let us take i) $H = \{1, -1\}$, $H \leq G_1$

ii) $K = \{1, -1, i\}$, K is not a group under multiplication as $-1 \times i = -i \notin K$.

and Hence, $K \not\leq G_1$

Subgroup Tests :-

Theorem 1:- (Two step subgroup Test)

A non-empty subset H of a group G_1 is a subgroup of G_1
iff (i) $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$
(ii) $a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$

Proof:- Let $H \leq G_1$, Then H is itself a group.

$\therefore a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$ (closure)

Also, $a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$

\therefore (i) & (ii) holds.

Conversely, Let (i) and (ii) holds.

To prove, H is subgroup of G_1 . re $H \leq G_1$

Clearly by (i) closure property holds.

Let $a, b, c \in H \Rightarrow a, b, c \in G_1$ as $H \leq G_1$

Since G_1 is associative, therefore $(ab)c = a(bc)$

\therefore Associativity holds.

for any $a \in H$ by (ii) $a^{-1} \in H$

Therefore $aa^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow e \in H$

Therefore H has identity.

Clearly, by (ii) $\forall a \in H$, we have $a^{-1} \in H$
Therefore, H is a group and hence a subgroup of G .

Note:- Subgroup of an abelian group is also an abelian.

Theorem -2 One-step subgroup Test :-

A non-empty subset H of a group G is a subgroup of G
iff $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$

Proof :- Let H be a subgroup of G .

To show :- $\forall a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$

$\Rightarrow H$ is itself a group.

Since $b \in H$ and H is a group, therefore $b^{-1} \in H$

Now, $ab^{-1} \in H$ and H is a group, therefore by closure $ab^{-1} \in H$

Conversely, given : $\forall a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$

To show :- $H \leq G$

Associativity :- let $a, b, c \in H \Rightarrow a, b, c \in G$

And G is associative, therefore $(ab)c = a(bc)$

$\therefore H$ is a associative

Existence of identity :- let $a \in H$

Now, $a, a \in H \Rightarrow aa^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow e \in H$

Existence of inverse :- let $a \in H$, Now $a, e \in H \Rightarrow ea^{-1} \in H$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$$

Closure :- Let $a, b \in H$ [To show $ab \in H$]

Now, $b \in H \Rightarrow b^{-1} \in H$

As, $a, b^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow a(b^{-1})^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$



Therefore H forms a group. and hence a subgroup of G .

Theorem 3 :- (Finite Subgroup Test) :-

A non-empty finite subset H of a group G is a subgroup of G if and only if $\forall a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$, i.e. H is closed under the operation of G .

Proof :- Let H be a subgroup of G .

Then H is itself a group.

$\therefore \forall a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$ (by closure)

Converse :- Given : $\forall a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$

To prove :- $H \leq G$.

By Two step subgroup test, it is enough to show that :-
 $a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$

If $a=e$, then $a^{-1}=e^{-1}=e=a \in H$

Now, let $a \neq e$ [To show $a^{-1} \in H$]

Consider, $a, a^2, a^3, a^4, \dots \in H$, by closure

But H is finite, so $a^i = a^j$ for some $i \neq j$.

Without loss of generality $i > j$

$$\Rightarrow i-j > 0 \Rightarrow i-j \geq 1$$

$$\text{Suppose } i-j=1$$

$$\text{Then } a^i = a^j \Rightarrow a^{i-j} = e \Rightarrow a=e$$

There is a contradiction, as $a \neq e$

$$\therefore i-j \neq 1, \therefore i-j \geq 1$$

$$\text{Now, } a^{i-j} = e \Rightarrow a^{i-j}a^{-1} = ea^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{i-j-1} = a^{-1} \text{ where } i-j-1 \geq 1$$

Since $a^{i-j-1} \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$ ∴ by two step subgroup test.

$\boxed{H \leq G}$



Problem- Let G_1 be an abelian group with identity e . Let $H = \{x \in G_1 \mid x^2 = e\}$ show that $H \leq G_1$.

As, $e^2 = e$, so $e \in H$. Therefore H is non-empty.

Let $a, b \in H$ [To show: $ab^{-1} \in H$]

$\Rightarrow a^2 = e, b^2 = e$ [To show $(ab^{-1})^2 = e$]

$$(ab^{-1})^2 = (ab^{-1})(ab^{-1}) = a(b^{-1}a)b^{-1} \quad (\text{using associativity.})$$

$= a(ab^{-1})b^{-1} \quad [\text{as } G_1 \text{ is abelian}]$

$$= aa(b^{-1}b^{-1})$$

$$= a^2(b^{-1})^2 \Rightarrow e(b^2)^{-1} = ee^{-1} = e$$

$$\Rightarrow (ab^{-1})^2 \in H$$

Therefore, by one step subgroup test $H \leq G_1$.

Problem- Let G_1 be an abelian group under multiplication with identity e . Let $H = \{x^2 \mid x \in G_1\}$ show that $H \leq G_1$.

For $e \in G_1$, $e^2 \in H$, $\therefore H \neq \emptyset$.

Let $a^2, b^2 \in H$ [To show: $a^2(b^2)^{-1} \in H$]

$$a^2(b^2)^{-1} = a^2(b^{-1})^2 = (aa)(b^{-1}b^{-1}) = a(ab^{-1})b^{-1} = a(b^{-1}a)b^{-1}$$

$$= (ab^{-1})(ab^{-1}) = (ab^{-1})^2 \in H$$

\therefore By one-step subgroup Test $H \leq G_1$

Problem- Let G_1 be a group of non-zero real numbers under multiplication.

$H = \{x \in G_1 \mid x = 1 \text{ or } x \text{ is irrational}\}$ and

$K = \{x \in G_1 \mid x \geq 1\}$.

Show that H and K are not subgroup of G_1 .

For $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2} \in H$, we have $\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2} = 2 \notin H$
 $\therefore H \not\subseteq G$

For $2, 3 \in K$, $2 \cdot 3^{-1} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3} \notin K$
 $\therefore K \not\subseteq G$

Problem:- Show that a group of order 6 cannot have a subgroup of order 4.

Let G_1 be a group $\exists o(G_1) = 6$

Let $H \leq G_1 \exists o(H) = 4$

Let $x \in G_1 \exists x \notin H$

Let $H = \{h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4\}$

Then $xH = \{xh_1, xh_2, xh_3, xh_4\}$

Now H and xH have no common element because if $h_i = xh_j$ for some $i \neq j$

$$= h_i h_j^{-1} = x h_j h_j^{-1} \Rightarrow h_i h_j^{-1} = x$$

$$\Rightarrow x = h_i h_j^{-1} \in H$$

But $x \notin H$. Therefore our assumption is wrong. Hence a group of order 6 cannot have a subgroup of order 4.

Problem:- Show that $H = \{(1, b) \mid b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is a subgroup of the group $G_1 = \{(a, b) \mid a \neq 0, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ under the composition * given by, $(a, b) * (c, d) = (ac, bc + d)$ $\forall (a, b), (c, d) \in G_1$.

Sol:- Clearly $\emptyset \in H$ is non-empty as $(1, 0) \in H$

Identity in G_1 : $(1, 0) \in H$

Inverse of $(1, b) \in G_1$ is $(1, -b) \in G$

Let $(1, b), (1, c) \in H$ [To show: $(1, b) * (1, c)^{-1} \in H$]

Problem :- Let $G_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ ~~$\text{GL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$~~
 under addition. Let $H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a+b+c+d=0 \right\}$
 Prove that $H \leq G_1$. If 0 is replaced by 1, what happens?

Since $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in H$, $\therefore H \neq \emptyset$.

Let $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} a' & b' \\ c' & d' \end{bmatrix} \in H$

To show :- $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} a' & b' \\ c' & d' \end{bmatrix} \in H$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} a' & b' \\ c' & d' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a-a' & b-b' \\ c-c' & d-d' \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (a-a') + (b-b') + (c-c') + (d-d') & -(d'+a'+b'+c') \\ 0-0=0 & \end{bmatrix} = (a+b+c+d) - (d'+a'+b'+c')$$

By one step subgroup test $H \leq G_1$.

→ When 0 is replaced by 1. Then $H \not\leq G_1$ since it does not contain identity $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Problem :- Let $G_1 = \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{R})$. let $H = \{A \in G_1 \mid |A| \text{ is a power of } 2\}$

Show that $H \leq G_1$.

Since $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ having determinant $4 = 2^2$

$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \in H \therefore H \neq \emptyset$

Let $A, B \in H$ [To show: $AB \in H$ and $A^{-1} \in H$]

$|A| = 2^n, |B| = 2^m$ for some integer m and n.

$$|A \cdot B| = |A| \cdot |B| = 2^n \cdot 2^m = 2^{n+m} \Rightarrow AB \in H$$

$$\text{Also } |A^{-1}| = |A|^{-1} = 2^{-n} \Rightarrow A^{-1} \in H \therefore H \leq G.$$

Problem :- Let H be a subgroup of \mathbb{R} under addition. Let $K = \{2^a \mid a \in H\}$. Prove that K is a subgroup of $\mathbb{R}^* = \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ under multiplication.

Problem :- Let $H = \{a+bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a^2+b^2=1\}$ prove or disprove that H is a subgroup of \mathbb{C}^* under multiplication. Describe the elements of H geometrically.

Since $1+0i \in H, \therefore H \neq \emptyset$

Let $(a+bi), (c+di) \in H \Rightarrow a^2+b^2=1; c^2+d^2=1$

To show :- $(a+bi)(c+di)^{-1} \in H$ and $(a+bi)^{-1} \in H$

$$(a+bi)(c+di) = (ac-bd) + i(ad+bc)$$

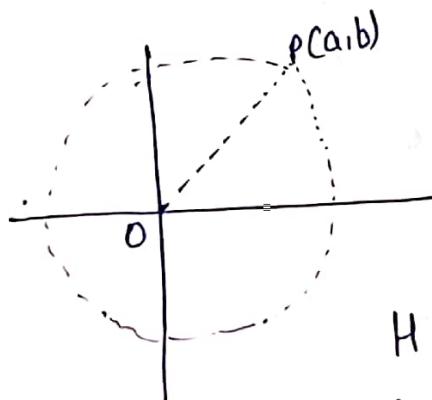
$$\begin{aligned} (ac-bd)^2 + (ad+bc)^2 &= a^2c^2 + b^2d^2 - 2abcd + a^2d^2 + b^2c^2 + 2abd \\ &= a^2(c^2+d^2) + b^2(c^2+d^2) \\ &= a^2 + b^2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (a+bi)(c+di) \in H$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } (a+bi)^{-1} &= \frac{1}{a+bi} \left(\frac{a-bi}{a-bi} \right) = \frac{a-bi}{a^2+b^2} = \frac{a}{a^2+b^2} - \frac{b}{a^2+b^2} i \\ &= a-bi \in H \end{aligned}$$

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$$\therefore H \leq G^*$$



$$OP = \sqrt{a^2+b^2} = 1$$

Let $z = a+bi \in H$. Then

$$|z| = \text{Distance of the point } P(z) \text{ from origin} = \sqrt{a^2+b^2} = 1$$

H represents all points on the circle of radius 1, centred at the origin.

Def :- Centre of a group :-

The center of a group G_1 , i.e. $Z(G_1) = \{a \in G_1 \mid ax = xa \text{ } \forall x \in G_1\}$
i.e. the set of all those elements 'a' in G_1 which
commute with every element of G_1 .

Note :- G_1 is abelian if and only if $Z(G_1) = G_1$.

Theorem :- The center of a group G_1 is a subgroup of G_1 .

Proof :- We have $Z(G_1) = \{a \in G_1 \mid ax = xa \text{ } \forall x \in G_1\}$

Since $ex = xe \text{ } \forall x \in G_1 \therefore e \in Z(G_1)$ and thus $Z(G_1) \neq \emptyset$

Let $(a, b) \in Z(G_1)$ [To show: $ab \in Z(G_1)$]
 $\Rightarrow ax = xa \text{ } \forall x \in G_1 \text{ } \text{---(1)}$
 $\Rightarrow bx = xb \text{ } \forall x \in G_1 \text{ } \text{---(2)}$ i.e. to show $(ab)x = x(ab) \text{ } \forall x \in G_1$.

Consider $(ab)x = a(bx)$
 $= a(xb) \text{ } \text{ (Using-2)}$
 $= (ax)b = (xa)b \text{ } \text{ (using -1)}$
 $= x(ab)$

$\therefore (ab)x = x(ab) \text{ } \forall x \in G_1$
 $\therefore ab \in Z(G_1)$

Let $a \in Z(G_1)$ [To show $a^{-1} \in Z(G_1)$ i.e. $a^{-1}x = xa^{-1} \text{ } \forall x \in G_1$]

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow ax &= xa \\ \Rightarrow a^{-1}(ax)a^{-1} &= a^{-1}(xa)a^{-1} \\ \Rightarrow (a^{-1}a)(xa^{-1}) &= (a^{-1}x)(aa^{-1}) \\ \Rightarrow xa^{-1} &= a^{-1}x \text{ as } a^{-1}a = aa^{-1} = e \\ \Rightarrow a^{-1} &\in Z(G_1)\end{aligned}$$

\therefore By two step subgroup test
 $Z(G_1) \leq G_1$.

Def:- Centralizer of an element in a group.

Let 'a' be a fixed element of a group. The centralizer of the element 'a' in the group G_1 is,

$$C_{G_1}(a) = \{ g \in G_1 \mid ga = ag \}$$

Theorem :-

for each 'a' in a group G_1 , the centralizer of 'a' is a subgroup of G_1 .

Proof :-

$$\text{We have } C_{G_1}(a) = \{ x \in G_1 \mid xa = ax \}$$

Since $ea = ae \Rightarrow e \in C_{G_1}(a), \therefore C_{G_1}(a) \neq \emptyset$

Let $x, y \in C_{G_1}(a)$ [To show: $xy^{-1} \in C_{G_1}(a)$]

$$\Rightarrow xa = ax \quad \text{---(1)} \quad \text{i.e., } (xy^{-1})a = a(xy^{-1})$$

$$\Rightarrow xyay^{-1} = ya \quad \text{---(2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (xy^{-1})a &= x(y^{-1}a) = x(ay^{-1}) \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{We have } ya = ay \text{ (using 2)} \\ \Rightarrow y^{-1}(ya)y^{-1} = y^{-1}(ay)y^{-1} \end{array} \right] \\ &= x(ay^{-1}) = (xa)y^{-1} = (ax)y^{-1} \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow y^{-1}y(ay) = (y^{-1}a)(yy^{-1}) \\ \text{Hence, } ay^{-1} = y^{-1}a \end{array} \right] \\ &= a(xy^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (xy^{-1})a = a(xy^{-1}) \Rightarrow xy^{-1} \in C_{G_1}(a)$$

$$\therefore C_{G_1}(a) \leq G_1.$$

Ques:- Let G_1 be a group and $a \in G_1$. Prove that,

$$C_G(a) = C_G(a^{-1})$$



Def :- Let G_1 be a group. Let $H \leq G_1$ and $x \in G_1$. Then,
 $xHx^{-1} = \{xhx^{-1} \mid h \in H\}$ is called a conjugate of the
 subgroup H .

Theorem :- Let G_1 be a group. Let $H \leq G_1$ and $x \in G_1$. Then
 xHx^{-1} is a subgroup of G_1 .

Proof :- Let $a, b \in xHx^{-1}$
 $\Rightarrow a = xh_1x^{-1}, h_1 \in H$
 $b = xh_2x^{-1}, h_2 \in H$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } (ab) &= (xh_1x^{-1})(xh_2x^{-1}) \\ &= xh_1(x^{-1}x)h_2x^{-1} \\ &= xh_1h_2x^{-1} \in xHx^{-1} \text{ as } h_1, h_2 \in H \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } a &= xh_1x^{-1} \in xHx^{-1} \\ a^{-1} &= (xh_1x^{-1})^{-1} = (x^{-1})^{-1}h_1^{-1}x^{-1} \\ &= xh_1^{-1}x^{-1} \in xHx^{-1} \text{ (as } h_1^{-1} \in H) \end{aligned}$$

[Also, $xe^{-1} \in xHx^{-1} \Rightarrow e \in xHx^{-1}$]
 $\therefore xHx^{-1} \neq \emptyset$.

Therefore by two-step subgroup test $xHx^{-1} \leq G_1$.

Def :- Let G_1 be a group. Let $H \leq G_1$, Then normalizer of
 subgroup H in G_1 is defined as,

$$N_{G_1}(H) = \{x \in G_1 \mid xHx^{-1} = H\}$$

Theorem :- For any subgroup H of a group G_1 , $N_{G_1}(H)$ is a
 subgroup of G_1 .

Proof :- Since $eHe^{-1} = H \Rightarrow e \in N_{G_1}(H)$.

$\therefore N_{G_1}(H)$ is non-empty.

Let $x, y \in N_G(H)$

To show: $xy \in N_G(H)$

$$\Rightarrow xHx^{-1} = H \text{ and } yHy^{-1} = H$$

To show: $(xy)H(xy)^{-1} = H$

$$\begin{aligned}(xy)H(xy)^{-1} &= (xy)H(y^{-1}x^{-1}) \\ &= x(yHy^{-1})x^{-1} = xHx^{-1} = H\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (xy)H(xy)^{-1} = H$$

$\therefore xy \in N_G(H)$

Let $x \in N_G(H)$ [To show: $x^{-1} \in N_G(H)$]

$$\Rightarrow xHx^{-1} = H$$

To show: $x^{-1}H(x^{-1})^{-1} = H$

$$\Rightarrow x^{-1}(xHx^{-1})x = x^{-1}Hx$$

$$H = x^{-1}Hx$$

$$H = x^{-1}H(x^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$\therefore N_G(H) \leq G_1.$$

Defn:- Let G_1 be a group. Let $H \leq G_1$, then centralizer of subgroup H is defined as,

$$C_{G_1}(H) = \{x \in G_1 \mid xh = hx \ \forall h \in H\}$$

i.e. the set of all those elements of G_1 which commute with every element of H .

Theorem:- for any ^{sub-}group H of a group G_1 , $C_{G_1}(H)$ is a subgroup of G_1 .

Proof :- $C_G(H) = \{x \in G \mid xh = hx \text{ } \forall h \in H\}$

Since $eh = he \text{ } \forall h \in H \Rightarrow e \in C_G(H)$

$\therefore C_G(H) \neq \emptyset$.

Let $x_1, x_2 \in C_G(H)$ [To show: $(x_1 x_2^{-1})h = h(x_1 x_2^{-1}) \forall h \in H$]

$$(x_1 x_2^{-1})h = x_1(x_2^{-1}h) = x_1(hx_2^{-1})$$

$$[\text{As } x_2 \in C_G(H) \Rightarrow x_2h = hx_2 \Rightarrow x_2^{-1}x_2hx_2^{-1} = x_2^{-1}hx_2x_2^{-1} \\ \Rightarrow hx_2^{-1} = x_2^{-1}h]$$

$$= (x_1 h)x_2^{-1} = (hx_1)x_2^{-1} \quad [\text{As } x_1 \in C_G(H)] \\ \Rightarrow x_2h = hx_1 \quad \Rightarrow x_2^{-1}hx_1 = x_2^{-1}hx_2x_2^{-1} \\ = h(x_1 x_2^{-1})$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 x_2^{-1} \in C_G(H)$$

$$\therefore C_G(H) \leq G$$

Def :-

Let G_1 be a group and let $a \in G_1$.

$$\langle a \rangle = \{a^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$\langle a \rangle$ is called the cyclic subgroup of the group G_1 generated by 'a'.

Cyclic Groups.

Def :- Let G_1 be a group and let $a \in G_1$
let $\langle a \rangle = \{a^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{a^0, a^1, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^0, a^{-1}, a^{-2}, \dots\}$
 $\langle a \rangle$ is called cyclic subgroup of the Group G_1 generated by 'a'.

→ A group G_1 is called a cyclic group if \exists an element 'a' in G_1 such that every element of G_1 is an integral power of a.

Then G_1 is said to be generated by a, and a is called generator of G_1 .

We write $G_1 = \langle a \rangle$

So, if G_1 is a cyclic group generated by a, then

$$G_1 = \{a^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

If G_1 is a cyclic group under addition, then

$$G_1 = \{na \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$na = \underbrace{a + a + a + \dots + a}_{n \text{ times}}$$

1) Let $G_1 = \mathbb{Z}$ under addition.

Then $\mathbb{Z} = \langle 1 \rangle$ and $\mathbb{Z} = \langle -1 \rangle$

2) $(\mathbb{Z}_8, +) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$

$$\mathbb{Z}_8 = \langle 1 \rangle$$

3) $U_8 = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ is not a cyclic as there does not exist any $R \in U(8)$ such that U_8

④ $(m\mathbb{Z}, +)$

$$(2\mathbb{Z}, +) = \{2k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \\ = \{\dots, -6, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, 6, \dots\}$$

Generated by $\langle 2 \rangle$ and $\langle -2 \rangle$ is a cyclic group.

⑤ $U_{20} = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 17, 19, \textcircled{X}_{20}\}$

$$\langle 3 \rangle = \{3, 9, 7, 1\} \neq U_{20}$$

$$\langle 7 \rangle \neq U_{20}$$

$$\langle 9 \rangle = \{9, 1\} \neq U_{20}$$

$$\langle 11 \rangle = \{11, 1\} \neq U_{20}$$

$$\langle 13 \rangle = \{13, 1, 9, 7\} \neq U_{20}$$

$$\langle 17 \rangle \neq U_{20}$$

$$\langle 19 \rangle = \{19, 1\} \neq U_{20}$$

⑥ $U(14) = \{1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 13\}$

$$\langle 3 \rangle = \{1, 3, 9, 13, 11, 15\} = U(14)$$

Theorem :-

Every cyclic group is abelian, but not conversely.

Proof :- Let G_1 be a cyclic group.

$$\text{Let } G_1 = \langle a \rangle$$

$$\text{Let } x, y \in G_1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = a^s, y = a^r; s, r \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$xy = a^s \cdot a^r = a^{s+r} = a^{r+s} = a^r \cdot a^s = yx$$

$$xy = yx$$

$U(8)$ is an abelian group but not cyclic.

Theorem :- Let G be a group and let $a \in G$

1) If a has infinite order, then all distinct powers of ' a ' are distinct powers of a are distinct group elements.

2) If a has finite order n , then

$$\langle a \rangle = \{e, a, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1}\} \text{ and } a^i = a^j \text{ iff } n|i-j$$

for example $\mathbb{U}(8) = \{1, 3, 5, 7, \otimes_8\}$

$$\mathbb{U}(3) = \{1, 2\}$$

$$\langle 3 \rangle = \{3^0, 3^1, 3^2, \dots\}$$

$$= \{1, 3\} \text{ a finite group.}$$

Proof :- 1) Let a has infinite order then, there is no non-zero ' n ' such that $a^n = e$.

Let $a^i = a^j$ for $i \neq j$

$$\Rightarrow a^i = a^j \text{ if } a^{i-j} = e$$

$$\Rightarrow i-j = 0 \text{ as a infinite order.}$$

$\Rightarrow i = j$ a contradiction,

This implies that all distinct power of a , distinct group elements.

2) Let $o(a) = n \Rightarrow n$ is least +ve integers such that,

$$a^n = e$$

We first show that $e, a, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1}$ are all distinct.

Let $a^i = a^j; i, j \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$

$$i \neq j$$

Let $i > j$ then $i-j \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$

$$a^i = a^j \Rightarrow a^{i-j} = e$$

$$\text{and } i-j < n$$

f) contradiction as $\phi(a) = n$, the least positive integer.

$\Rightarrow a^i \neq a^j$ for $i \neq j$

Let $a^k \in \langle a \rangle$

Applying division algorithm, to k and n , $\exists q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$

such that, $R = nq + r$

$$a^k = a^{nq+r}$$

$$a^k = a^{nq} \cdot a^r$$

$$a^k = (a^n)^q \cdot a^r$$

$$a^k = a^q \cdot a^r$$

$$a^k = a^q \quad \text{with } 0 \leq q < n$$

a^k is of the form $a^0, a^1, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1}$

$$\Rightarrow a^k \in \{e, a, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1}\}$$

$$\langle a \rangle \subseteq \{e, a, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1}\}$$

Also, $1-e \{e, a, \dots, a^{n-1}\} \subseteq \langle a \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow \langle a \rangle = \{e, a, \dots, a^{n-1}\}$$

To show, $a^i = a^j \Rightarrow a^{i-j} = e$

Applying division algorithm to,
($i-j$) and n $\exists q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that,

$$i-j = nq+r, \quad 0 \leq r < n$$

$$a^{i-j} = a^{nq+r}$$

$$e = (a^n)^q a^r$$

$$e = e^q a^r$$

$$e = a^r$$

$$a^r = e$$

Since n is the least positive integer such that

$$a^n = e$$

∴ we must have $a=0$

$$\Rightarrow i-j = nq$$

$$\underline{n \mid i-j}$$

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Conversely, let $n \mid i-j$

$$i-j = nq, q \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a^{i-j} = a^{nq} = (a^n)^q = (e)^q = e$$

$$a^{i-j} = e$$

$$a^i = a^j$$

Corollary :- Let G be a group. Let $a \in G$ such that

$$o(a) = n$$

If $a^k = e$, then $n \mid k$.

Lemma :- If $a \in \langle a^k \rangle$, then $\langle a \rangle \subseteq \langle a^k \rangle$

Example :- $(\mathbb{Z}_8, +)$

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

$$2 \in \langle 3 \rangle$$

$$\langle 2 \rangle = \{0, 2, 4, 6\} \subseteq \langle 3 \rangle$$

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

Proof :- Let $x \in \langle a \rangle \Rightarrow x = a^m, m \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{Now } a \in \langle a^k \rangle \Rightarrow a = (a^k)^p, p \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$x = a^m = (a^k)^m = (a^k)^{mp} \in \langle a^k \rangle$$

$$\langle a \rangle \subseteq \langle a^k \rangle$$



Theorem :- Let $G_1 = \langle a \rangle$ be a cyclic group of order n

Then $G_1 = \langle a^k \rangle$ iff $\gcd(k, n) = 1$

Proof :- Let $G_1 = \langle a \rangle$ be a cyclic group of order n .

$$\text{i.e. } o(G_1) = o(\langle a \rangle) = o(a) = n$$

$$\text{As, } o(a) = n \Rightarrow a^n = e$$

$$\text{Let } G_1 = \langle a^k \rangle \Rightarrow o(a^n) = o(a^k) = n$$

To show, $\gcd(k, n) = 1$

$$\gcd(k, n) = d > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow d | k, d | n$$

$$\Rightarrow k = sd, n = td, t, s \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } (a^k)^t &= (a^{sd})^t \\ &= (a^{td})^s = (a^n)^s = e^s = e \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } o(a^k) = n \quad \text{and} \quad t < n$$

$$\text{A contradiction, } \gcd(k, n) = 1$$

Converse :-

$$\text{Let } \gcd(k, n) = 1$$

$\exists \mu, \nu \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$uk + vn = 1$$

$$a = a' = a^{\frac{uk+vn}{n}}$$

$$a = a^{\frac{uk}{n}} a^{\frac{vn}{n}}$$

$$a = (a^{\frac{uk}{n}})(a^n)^{\nu} = (a^{\frac{uk}{n}})e^v = a^{\frac{uk}{n}}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = a^{ku} = (a^k)^u$$

$$a \in \langle a^k \rangle$$

By lemma, $\langle a \rangle \subseteq \langle a^k \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow G_1 \subseteq \langle a^k \rangle$$

$$\text{Also, } \langle a^k \rangle \subseteq G_1 \Rightarrow G_1 = \langle a^k \rangle$$

Example :- $U(14) = \{1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 13\}$

$$U(14) = \langle 3 \rangle$$

$$n=6, k=1, 5$$

$$\langle 3^1 \rangle \quad \langle 3^5 \rangle$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$$
$$\langle 3 \rangle \quad \langle 5 \rangle$$

Corollary :- An integer $k \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ is a generator of \mathbb{Z}/n
iff $\gcd(k, n) = 1$

$$\mathbb{Z}_8 = \{6, 1, 2, \dots, 7\}$$
$$= \langle 1 \rangle = \langle 3 \rangle = \langle 5 \rangle = \langle 7 \rangle$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_{10} = \langle 1 \rangle = \langle 3 \rangle = \langle 7 \rangle = \langle 9 \rangle$$