

Q. Is set of odd numbers with binary operations (+), i.e.,  $\langle O, + \rangle$  an abelian group? If not explain the reason with necessary notations.

Answer: No, the set of odd integers with addition is not an abelian group.

$$\text{Let } O = \{2K+1 \mid K \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

check the group axioms:

1. Closure: Take  $a = 2m+1 \in O$  and  $b = 2n+1 \in O$

$$\begin{aligned} a+b &= (2m+1) + (2n+1) \\ &= 2(m+n+1) \end{aligned}$$

which is an even integer, so  $a+b \notin O$  in general.

Example:  $1, 3 \in O$  but  $1+3 \notin O$ .

2. Associativity: Addition is associative on  $\mathbb{Z}$ , so it is associative on  $O$ .

3. Identity element: The additive identity in  $\mathbb{Z}$  is 0, but  $0 \notin O$ . So there is no identity element in  $O$  for addition.

4. Inverses: If  $a = 2K+1 \in O$ , then  $-a = -2K-1 = 2(-K-1)+1 \in O$ . So each element has a additive inverse inside  $O$ .

5. Commutativity: Addition is commutative on  $\mathbb{Z}$ , so it would be commutative on  $O$ .

Because closure (hence identity) fails,  $\langle O, + \rangle$  is not a group - and therefore not an abelian group.