

Most important Questions ^{of this chapter} for
 pass Aspirants

Qtho ① Fundamental theorem of cyclic subgroups

① State and prove Two step Subgroup Test and ST $H = \{x \in G / x^n = e\}$ is Subgroup of G when G is abelian

② State and prove finite Subgroup Test

③ Define Centre of group G ST Centre $Z(G)$ is Subgroup of G .

④ ST every Subgroup of cyclic group is cyclic.

⑤ State and prove fundamental theorem of cyclic groups

⑥ G is a group and $a \in G$ then $a^i = a^j$ if and only if

(i) a has infinite order then

$a^i = a^j$ if and only if $i = j$

(ii) if a has finite order then

$a^i = a^j$ if and only if $i \equiv j \pmod{n}$

⑦ State & prove 2 step Subgroup Test

Remaining Imp Q's of chapter

- (1) prove the following,
- (i) Intersection of Subgroups is again a Subgroup
 - (ii) Identity element is unique in groups
 - (iii) Inverse uniqueness " " "
 - (iv) Socks-shoes property i.e. $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$
 - (v) Cancellation laws
 - (vi) H and K are 2 Subgroups of $G \Rightarrow ST$
 $HK = \{hk \mid h \in H, k \in K\}$ is Subgroup of G
or product of 2 Subgroups is again a Subgroup
 - (vii) ~~for~~ every Subgroup of cyclic group is abelian

- (2) a and b are 2 elements a abelian group G
if n is any integer $\Rightarrow ST$ $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$ and
 $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1} b^{-1}$
is it true for non abelian group?

- (3) prove that $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ is group under ^{matrix} multiplication

- (4) If $*$ defined on \mathbb{Q}^+ by $a * b = \frac{ab}{2} \Rightarrow ST$ $(\mathbb{Q}^+, *)$
is a group

- (5) S is set of real number except -1
define $*$ on S by $a * b = a + b + ab \Rightarrow ST$
 $(S, *)$ is abelian group

- (6) a be an element of order n in group $\Rightarrow PT$ K is
 $\langle a^k \rangle = \langle a^{\gcd(n, k)} \rangle$ & $|a^k| = \frac{n}{\gcd(n, k)}$ \uparrow the num ber

① Binary operations

group G is a set $*$ is a operation
 and for ^{any 2 elements} ~~every~~ $a, b \in G$ $a * b \in G$

operation $\rightarrow [*, \circ, \oplus]$ denoted by symbols.

Groups

A non empty set $\langle G, * \rangle$ said to be group under $*$ binary operation ($*$) if it satisfies following properties

Closure property
 $\forall a, b \in G$
 $\exists a * b \in G$

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

Inverse
 $\forall a, a' \in G$ that
 $a * a' = a' * a = e$

Identity
 $e \in G$
 $\forall a \in G$
 $a * e = e * a = a$

Properties of Groups

Uniqueness of Identity
 In G \exists only one Identity element

for every element its inverse is unique

Cancellation laws

$a, b, c \in G$
 $ba = ca$
 $b = c$ (Right Cancellation law)

$ab = ac$
 $b = c$ (Left Cancellation law)

Socks-shoes property

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

Types of Groups

Abelian Group
 (G, \times) is group
 $a, b \in G$
 $(a \times b = b \times a)$
 is abelian

Finite Group
 Group with finite number of elements

Sub Group (SG)
 H is a group
 H is subset of G and $1 \in H \rightarrow$ group under same operation of G
 H is subgroup ($H \leq G$)

Cyclic Group (CG)
 G is a group
 $a \in G$ group G written using a
 i.e. $G = \langle a \rangle = \{a^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$
 $\rightarrow a$ is generator of G

\rightarrow order of Group: - Number of elements of G \Rightarrow denoted by $|G|$

\rightarrow order of element: - $|a| = n$ if $a^n = e$ n is smallest +ve integer if $a^n = e$

\rightarrow Center of group: - The set of $a \in G$, where $ax = xa \forall x \in G$ denoted by $Z(G)$

properties
 $|a| = |\langle a \rangle|$
 $\rightarrow SG$ of CG is cyclic

1. Binary Operations

- (i) A binary operation $(*)$ on any set ' G ' is a mapping $* : G \times G \rightarrow G$ is the Cartesian product of G itself. It is as denoted by $0, \cdot, \oplus$ etc.
- (ii) $+, -, *$ are the binary operations on integers.
- (iii) Division is not a binary operation.

2. Groups

A group $\langle G, * \rangle$ can be defined as non empty a set ' G ' which is closed under a binary operation $(*)$, such that, at it satisfies the following properties.

(i) Associativity

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

(ii) Identity

There exists an element ' e ' in the set ' G ', such that, $e * a = a * e = a \forall a \in G$. Where e is the identity in G .

(iii) Inverse

There exists an element a' in G for each $a \in G$ such that $a * a' = a' * a = e$.

Where a' is the inverse of a .

3. Elementary Properties of Groups

(i) Uniqueness of the Identity

It states that "In a group G , there exists only one identity element".

(ii) Cancellation Laws

Let, a, b, c be the elements of a group G .

$$ba = ca \Rightarrow b = c \quad (\text{Right cancellation law})$$

$$ab = ac \Rightarrow b = c \quad (\text{Left cancellation law}).$$

(iii) Uniqueness of Inverse

It states that "For each element a in a group G , there is a unique element b in G such that $ab = ba = e$ ".

(iv) Socks-Shoes Property

If a, b are the elements of a group G , then

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

4. Abelian Group

A group $(G, *)$ is said to be an abelian if it satisfies commutative property.

$$\text{i.e., } a * b = b * a, \forall a, b \in G.$$

5. Order of a Group

The order of a group is the number of elements of a group G . It is denoted as $|G|$.

6. Order of an Element of a Group

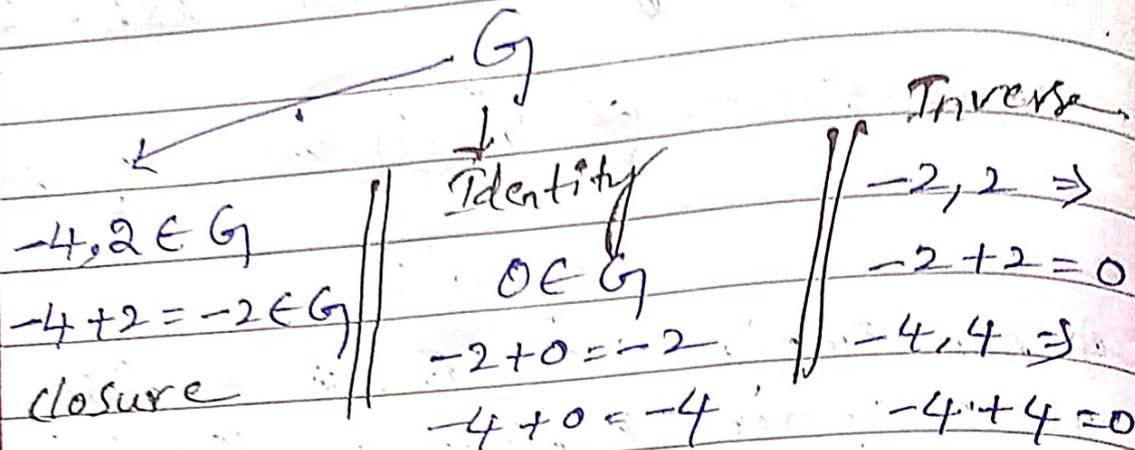
The order of an element of a group G is the smallest positive integer ' n ' such that $a^n = e$.

It is denoted by $|a| = n$

7. Center of a Group

The set of all $a \in G$ that commute with every element of G is called center of a group G . It is denoted by

Example: $G = \{ \dots, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, 8, \dots \}$
 Set of even Integers
 $(G, +)$ is group under addition



Associativity

eg $-2, 4, 6$

$$-2 + (4 + 6) = (-2 + 4) + 6$$

$$-2 + 10 = 2 + 6$$

$$8 = 8$$

$\therefore G$ group.

properties: ① unique Identity '0' exists

② for every element inverse exists in a way their operation results in identity

Cancellation: $-2, 4, 6$

$$(-2)(4) = 2(4) \Rightarrow 4 = 4 \quad -2 = -2$$

Shoe socks \downarrow

$$(46)^{-1} = 24^{-1} = \frac{1}{24}$$

$$4^{-1} 6^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{24}$$

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

Sub group of $G = \{ \dots, -2, 0, 2, 4, 6, \dots \}$
($G, +$)

$\Rightarrow H = \{ 0, 2, 4, 6 \}$

$$2+2 = 4$$

$$2+4 = 6 \quad \text{is subgroup}$$

$$(-2)+2 = 0$$

$$G = \{ -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, 6, \dots \}$$

$$2+(-2) = 0$$

$$2+2 = 4$$

$$2+0 = 2$$

$$2+2+2 = 6$$

$$2+2+2+2 = 8$$

$$2+(-2)+(-2) = -2$$

$$2+(-2)+(-2)+(-2) = -4$$

$\langle 2 \rangle$ is generators

$$G = [2 + (2n) : n \in \mathbb{Z}]$$

① State and prove 2 step Subgroup Test
(or)

prove \rightarrow [A non-empty subset of H of a Group G is Subgroup of G if and only if
(i) $\forall a, b \in H, ab \in H$
(ii) $\forall a \in H, a^{-1} \in H$]

statement of $\bar{a} \in []$ operation.

proof: - let $G(G, *)$ is group under binary $(*)$ operation.

(nonempty)
and let H be a subset of G .

necessary condition :-

let H is a Subgroup of G .

then by the definition Subgroup $(H, *)$ is group and $H \leq G$.

then H is called as Subgroup of G .

\rightarrow So H should be a Subgroup of itself.

If H is a group.
then it satisfies closure, Identity
Inverse and Associative properties

If $a, b \in H$
 $ab \in H$ since H is group so by
closure property \rightarrow (1)

The group H has Identity element
such that $a, e \in H$
 $a \times e = e \times a = a \in H$

By inverse law $\exists a^{-1} \in H$. \rightarrow (2)
 $aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a = e$.

hence from (1) and (2)
 $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$
 $\forall a \in H, a^{-1} \in H$ if H
 H is subgroup of G .

Sufficient condition

If $a, b \in H$ and $ab \in H$
also $\forall a \in H, a^{-1} \in H$

\Rightarrow (i) closure property i.e for $a, b \in H$
 $a \times b \in H$

(ii) Associative law: $a, b, c \in H$

$\Rightarrow (a \times b) \times c = a \times (b \times c)$

By $a \in H$ and $a^{-1} \in H$.

$$aa^{-1} \in H$$

$$e \in H$$

Identity element in G exists

$$a \cdot e = e \cdot a = a \in H$$

Inverse law :- $a \in H$ and $e \in H$

from $a^{-1} \in H$ & $a \in H$

$aa^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow aa^{-1} = e$ by closure

and we have identity element
 $aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a = e$

$\therefore (H, *)$ satisfies ~~addition~~

closure, Associative, Inverse
and Identity properties

Hence we can say
when $a^{-1} \in H$ and $ab \in H$

H is a subgroup.

2 Step Subgroup test Imp Question

ST $H = \{x \in G : x^2 = e\}$ is a subgroup of G if G is abelian.

Given that G is abelian

\Rightarrow if $a, b \in G$ $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$

and also given $H = \{x \in G : x^2 = e\}$

let if $e \in G \Rightarrow e^2 = e$
 $\Rightarrow e \in H$

H is non-empty.

let $a, b \in H$

$a^2 = e$ and $b^2 = e$ from $x^2 = e$
consider

$ab^{-1} \Rightarrow (ab^{-1})^2$ from $x^2 = e$

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

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

$$(ab^{-1})^{-1} = e \cdot e^{-1} = e$$

Hint

H

\downarrow

S_G

\downarrow

inverse

& closure



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So here $(ab^{-1})^2 = e$
it means according to $x^2 = e$ if $x \in H$

we can say $ab^{-1} \in H$

Hence H is Subgroup of G .

Q.3) State and prove Statement 2.19
 proof of Lagrange's theorem.

(a) State and prove Finite Subgroup Test

Statement If H is a non empty finite subset of a group G if H is closed under the operation of $G \Rightarrow H$ is subgroup of G .

proof :- Given H is non empty finite subset of a group G

and also given H is closed under operation of G

$a, b \in H$

$ab \in H$ (closed)

Case (i) $a = e$

$a \cdot a = e$

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

$\therefore H$ Subgroup of G

Case (ii)

$a \neq e$

$a, a^2, a^3, \dots \in H$

H is finite

$a^i = a^j \quad i > j$

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

$a^{i-j} = e \quad [i-j > 1]$

$a a^{i-j-1} = a^{i-j} = e$

$a^{i-j-1} = a^{-1}$

~~$a^{i-j-1} = a^{-1}$~~

Hint

H Subgroup
 $H \leq G$

→ closure

→ Identity

→ Inverse

→ Associative

$aa^{-1} = e$

$ae = ea = a$

~~$a = e$~~

$a = e \quad a \neq e$



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$$a^{i-j-1} = a^{-1}$$

$$i-j-1 \geq 1 \quad [i-j \geq 1]$$

$$\underline{a}^{-1} = a^{i-j-1}$$

$a^{-1} \in H$ for any $a \in H$

$\therefore H$ is a group

State and prove that Center of group
is a subgroup of that group

Statement:- If G is a group \Rightarrow
Center of G i.e. $Z(G)$ is a
subgroup of G

Center of group G :-

Let a be an element of a group G
The center of G is set of all $a \in G$
that commute with every element
of G i.e. denoted by $Z(G)$
if $a \in G$

$$Z(G) = \{ a \in G \mid an = na \forall n \in G \}$$

RTP:-

Center $Z(G)$ is Subgroup of G

Let $Z(G)$ be center of group G

Let $a, b \in Z(G) \Rightarrow$

$Z(G)$ is said to be a subgroup if

$a \in Z(G) \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in Z(G)$ $ab \in Z(G)$

[2 Step SG]
Test also

(i) The Center of group,

$$Z(G) = \{a \in G : an = na \forall n \in G\}$$

Consider $n \in G, a \in Z(G)$

$$an = na$$

$$a^{-1}(an)a^{-1} = a^{-1}(na)a^{-1} \quad [aa^{-1} = e]$$

$$(a^{-1}a) \cdot na^{-1} = (a^{-1}n) \cdot (aa^{-1})$$

$$na^{-1} = a^{-1}n$$

$$a^{-1} \in Z(G)$$

in form
 $a \in G$
 $an = na$
here $x = a^{-1}$

$$(ii) \quad (ab)n = (ab)n \\ = a(nb) \\ = (an)b$$

$$[\text{if } b \in G \\ an = nb]$$

$$(ab)n = nab$$

$$(ab)n = n \cdot (a,b)$$

$$[an = na \\ \text{at } a \in Z(G)]$$

$$\Rightarrow ab \in Z(G)$$

$$a, b \in Z(G)$$

from (i) & (ii)

$$a \in Z(G) \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in Z(G)$$

$$a, b \in Z(G) \Rightarrow ab \in Z(G)$$

So by 2-step SG Test

we can see that

$Z(G)$ is a Subgroup of G .

there Center of a group is its Subgroup.

Cyclic Groups



(4)

State and prove fundamental theorem of cyclic groups.

(or)

(Statement given below)

Statement: fundamental theorem of cyclic groups states that

(i) Every ^{sub}group of a cyclic group is abelian cyclic

(ii) If $|\langle a \rangle| = n$ then the order of any subgroup of $\langle a \rangle$ is divisor of n .

(iii) for each positive divisor k of n , the group $\langle a \rangle$ has exactly one subgroup of order k namely $\langle a^{n/k} \rangle$

Cyclic Group:

A group G is cyclic if there exists an element $a \in G$ such that

$$G = \{a^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \Rightarrow a \text{ is generator of } G$$

$\Rightarrow G = \langle a \rangle = \{a^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is cyclic group

(5)

Proof

(i) let G be cyclic group generated by a

$$\Rightarrow G = \langle a \rangle$$

(ii) point every SG of CG is cyclic [chance (ab)].

Prove that every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic.

Answer :

Cyclic Group

A group 'G' is cyclic if there exists an element $a \in G$ such that $G = \{a^n | n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, where 'a' is a generator of G. i.e., $G = \langle a \rangle = \{a^n | n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is a cyclic group.

Proof

Let, 'G' be the cyclic group generated by 'a'.

$\Rightarrow G = \langle a \rangle$ to prove $\langle a \rangle$ is cyclic

Let, \rightarrow 'H' be a subgroup of 'G'

Every element of H is also an element of G

$\Rightarrow a^n \in H$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Let q be the smallest integer in \mathbb{Z}^+ such that $a^q \in H$

$b \in H \Rightarrow b \in G$

$\Rightarrow b = a^d$ for $d \in \mathbb{Z}$

From division algorithm, there exist two unique integers 's' and 'r' such that,

$$d = qs + r, \text{ for } 0 \leq r < q$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow a^d &= a^{qs+r} \\ &= (a^q)^s a^r \end{aligned}$$

But $a^q \in H \Rightarrow (a^q)^s \in H$

$\Rightarrow a^{qs} \Rightarrow a^{-qs} \in H$ [$\because a \in H, a^{-1} \in H$]

$$a^d, a^{-qs} \in H$$

$\Rightarrow a^d \cdot a^{-qs} \in H$

$\Rightarrow a^{d-qs} \in H$

$\Rightarrow a^r \in H$ for $0 \leq r < q$

This is a contradiction unless $r = 0$

$$\therefore d = qs$$

Thus, $b = a^d = (a^q)^s \Rightarrow b \in \langle a^q \rangle$

$\Rightarrow H = \langle a^q \rangle$

$\therefore H$ is cyclic.

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 Point 1, 2 & 3 Proof

(ii)

Let,

$$|\langle a \rangle| = n$$

Let H be any subgroup of $\langle a \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow H = \langle a^m \rangle$$

Where,

m is the least positive integer such that $a^m \in H$

From the property of cyclic group i.e.,

$$\text{If } |\langle a \rangle| = n \text{ then } a^n = e$$

Let b be any arbitrary member of H

$$\text{Let } b = a^k \text{ for some } k$$

From division algorithm,

$$k = mq + r$$

$$\Rightarrow k = mq \quad [\because r = 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow a^k = a^{mq}$$

$$\text{As, } b = e = a^k = a^n$$

$$\Rightarrow a^n = a^{mq}$$

$$\Rightarrow n = mq$$

Hence, the order of any subgroup of $\langle a \rangle$ is a divisor of n

(ii) Let k represents the positive divisor of n

From the property of cyclic groups i.e., if a is an element of order n in a group and k is a positive integer, then

$$\langle a^k \rangle = \langle a^{\gcd(n,k)} \rangle \quad \text{and}$$

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

$$\langle a^{\frac{n}{k}} \rangle \text{ has order}$$

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

Let H is a subgroup of $\langle a \rangle$

$$\text{But } H = \langle a^m \rangle$$

Where,

m is a divisor of n

Then,

$$m = \gcd(n, m)$$

$$k = |a^m|$$

$$= |a^{\gcd(n,m)}| = \frac{n}{\gcd(n,m)}$$

$$k = \frac{n}{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \frac{n}{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow H = \langle a^m \rangle = \langle a^{\frac{n}{k}} \rangle$$

Hence, the group $\langle a \rangle$ has exactly one subgroup of order k i.e., $\langle a^{\frac{n}{k}} \rangle$ for each positive divisor k of n .

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Q64. Prove that n^{th} roots of unity form a cyclic group of order 'n'.

Answer :

From the standard identities of trigonometry,

$$1 = \cos 0 + i \sin 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \cos (2\pi k) + i \sin (2\pi k)$$

Where,

$$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (n - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1^{1/n} = [\cos(2\pi k) + i \sin (2\pi k)]^{1/n}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1^{1/n} = \cos \frac{2\pi k}{n} + i \sin \frac{2\pi k}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1^{1/n} = e^{i2\pi k/n} \quad [\because \cos \theta + i \sin \theta = e^{i\theta}]$$

\therefore The n^{th} root of unity is given as,

$$e^{i2\pi k/n} \text{ where, } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (n - 1)$$

Let, $G = \{ \omega^0 = 1, \omega^1, \omega^2, \dots, \omega^{n-1} \}$, where

$$\omega^k = e^{2k\pi i/n} \text{ for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (n - 1)$$

\Rightarrow 'G' is a group under multiplication.

Moreover, $\omega^0 = 1 = e$

$$\omega^1 = \omega$$

$$\omega^2 = \omega \cdot \omega$$

$$\omega^{n-1} = \omega, \omega \cdot \omega \dots \omega, (n - 1) \text{ times}$$

Therefore, every element of G is a power of ω

$$\Rightarrow G = \langle \omega \rangle$$

\therefore 'G' is a cyclic group of order 'n'.

If G is a group and let $a \in G$ then

(6)

$$a^i = a^j \quad a^i = a^j$$

(a) if a has infinite order

$$\Rightarrow a^i = a^j \text{ if and only if } i = j$$

(b) If a has finite order lets say n then,

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

and $a^i = a^j$ if and only if n divides $(i-j)$

(a) The order of a is infinite $[a^n = e]$

There is non zero n such that

$$a^n = e$$

$$\text{if } a^i = a^j \\ \frac{a^i}{a^j} = 1$$

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

$$a^{i-j} = a^0$$

$$i-j = 0$$

$$i = j$$

hence $a^i = a^j$ if & only if $i = j$ if a has infinite order

Reason

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} \because a^n = e = a^0 \\ \text{Since } a \text{ has} \\ \text{infinite order} \end{array}}$$

Comparing the exponential terms on both sides,

$$i - j = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow i = j$$

$\Rightarrow a^i = a^j$ if and only if $i = j$ when a has infinite

order.

(ii) Case (i) : $\langle a \rangle = \{e, a, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1}\}$

Let, n be the order of a .

$\Rightarrow |a| = n \Rightarrow n$ is the least positive integer such that,

$$a^n = e \quad \dots (1)$$

Let a^k represents an arbitrary member of cyclic group $\langle a \rangle$.

From division algorithm,

$$k = nq + r \text{ with } 0 \leq r < n \quad \dots (2)$$

$$a^k = a^{nq+r} \quad [\because \text{From equation (2)}]$$

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

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

$$= e^q \cdot a^r \quad [\because \text{From equation (1)}]$$

$$= e \cdot a^r$$

$$= a^r \quad 0 \leq r < n$$

$$\Rightarrow a^k = a^r$$

k lies between 0 and n i.e., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, n

$$\Rightarrow \{a^0, a^1, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^{n-1}\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{e, a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^{n-1}\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle a \rangle = \{e, a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^{n-1}\}$$

$$\therefore \langle a \rangle = \{e, a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^{n-1}\}$$

Case (ii) : n divides $(i - j)$

Let, $a^i = a^j$ and $i > j$

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

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

$$i - j = nq + r, \text{ with } 0 \leq r < n \quad \dots (3)$$

[\because From equation (2)]

$$\Rightarrow a^{nq+r} = e$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{nq} \cdot a^r = e$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^n)^q \cdot a^r = e$$

$$\Rightarrow (e)^q \cdot a^r = e \quad [\because \text{From equation (1)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow e \cdot a^r = e$$

$$\Rightarrow a^r = e$$

$$\Rightarrow a^r = a^0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 0$$

Substituting $r = 0$ in equation (3),

$$i - j = nq + 0$$

$$\Rightarrow i - j = nq \text{ where, } q \in Z$$

$$\Rightarrow n \text{ divides } i - j$$

$\therefore a^i = a^j$ if and only if n divides $i - j$ when ' a ' has finite order

Lets do Remaining questions they
are easy and unique interesting

① Define Subgroup $\rightarrow G \rightarrow$ subset
& group properties
PT intersection of 2 Subgroups
is again a Subgroup
let G

\Rightarrow let H, K be SG of G $H \leq G$
 $K \leq G$

$e \in H$ e be identity G $H \cap K \leq G$
 $e \in H$ and $e \in K$

$\therefore e \in H \cap K$

$H \cap K$ non empty Set, $H \cap K \leq G$

$a, b \in H \cap K$

$a, b \in H$ $a, b \in K$

$ab \in H$ $ab \in K$ $\left[H, K \text{ SG} \right]$

$ab \in H \cap K$

closure

$a^{-1} \in H \cap K$

$a^{-1} \in H$

$a^{-1} \in K$

$a^{-1} \in H$

$a^{-1} \in K$

$a^{-1} \in H \cap K$

$H \leq K \leq G$

every element

has its Inverse

$\therefore H \cap K$ - Set is Closure

Asso, Identity, Inverse

$H \cap K$ SG

② State and prove one step Subgroup Test

Statement: A non empty subset H of group G is subgroup of G if and only if $ab^{-1} \in H$ for all $a, b \in H$

Given,

H is a non empty subset of G

Let, $ab^{-1} \in H \forall a, b \in H$

(i) $a, b \in H$

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

Let, $b = a$

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

$$\Rightarrow e \in H$$

$$\therefore e \in H$$

(ii) $e \in H, a \in H$

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

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

$e \in H, b \in H$

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

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

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

Let, $b = b^{-1}$

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

$$\Rightarrow ab \in H$$

\therefore The closure property is satisfied in H

(iv) $a, b, c \in H \Rightarrow a, b, c \in G$

$$\Rightarrow a(bc) = (ab)c$$

i.e., All elements of H are in G and the composition is associative in G and H .

Hence, H forms a group with the same operation in G

$\therefore H$ is a subgroup of G .

Converse: Let H be a subgroup.

(i) By closure axiom: $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$

(ii) By inverse axiom: $a, b \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H, b^{-1} \in H$

$$\therefore a \in H, b^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H.$$

③ state and prove uniqueness of the identity theorem in group

Soln: In a group G there is only one identity element

proof: Let e and e' identity of G
 $a \in G$

$$ae' = ea' = a \quad (1)$$

$$a \cdot e' = e'a = a \quad (2) \quad \forall a \in G$$

$$ae' \Rightarrow e'e = e'e' = e' \quad (4)$$

are

$$ae'e' = e'e = e \quad (3)$$

\Rightarrow (3) and four der

$$e' = e$$

(4) State and prove Cancellation laws

a, b, c elements
a group & binary op

(i) $ba = ca \Rightarrow b = c$ [Right Cancellation law]

(ii) $ab = ac \Rightarrow b = c$ [Left Cancellation law]

Proof:- RCL:-

a^{-1} be an inverse of a

$$(ba)a^{-1} = (ca)a^{-1}$$

$$baa^{-1} = caa^{-1}$$

$$b \cdot e = c \cdot e$$

$$\boxed{b = c}$$

LCL:-

a^{-1} be inverse of a

$$a^{-1}(ab) = a^{-1}(ac)$$

$$a^{-1}a \cdot b = a^{-1}a \cdot c$$

$$e \cdot b = e \cdot c$$

$$\boxed{b = c}$$

State and prove uniqueness of
inverse theorem in group

⇒ Statement:—
for each element in group
there is unique element

$$a, b \in G$$

$$ab = ba = e$$

Proof:— let b, c be inverse of a
where $a \in G$

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

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

e identity element in G

$$ab = ac \quad \text{or} \quad ba = ca$$

$$b = c$$

$$b = c$$

every
element has its unique inverse

5) for any 2 elements a, b in G
pt $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$
(or) =

state and prove shows \exists such property

Proof: Given that

$a, b \in G \Rightarrow ab \in G$ } closure
 $a^{-1}, b^{-1} \in G \Rightarrow a^{-1}b^{-1} \in G$ } property

$$\begin{aligned}(ab)(b^{-1}a^{-1}) &= a.bb^{-1}a^{-1} \\ &= a.e.a^{-1} \\ &= aa^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

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

Q49. Let G be a group and H, K be two subgroups of G . Then show that $HK = \{hk \mid h \in H, k \in K\}$ is a subgroup of G .

Answer :

(OU) June-18, Q9(a)(i)

Given,

G is a group

H, K are two subgroups of G

$HK = \{hk \mid h \in H, k \in K\}$

Let a, b be any two elements of HK

i.e., $a, b \in HK$

$\Rightarrow a = h_1 k_1, b = h_2 k_2$

Where,

$h_1, h_2 = h \in H$

$k_1, k_2 = k \in K$

Condition 1

The product of the two elements of H is itself an element of H .

$$ab = h_1 k_1 \cdot h_2 k_2$$

$$= h_1 h_2 k_1 k_2$$

$$= hk \in HK$$

$$\therefore ab \in HK$$

Condition 2

The identity element, $e \in HK$

Condition 3

The inverse of an element of H, K is itself an element of H, K

Since,

$$h_1 h_2 \in H \text{ and } k_1 k_2 \in K$$

$$\text{Also } a^{-1} = (h_1 k_1)^{-1} = k_1^{-1} h_1^{-1}$$

$$b^{-1} = (h_2 k_2)^{-1} = k_2^{-1} h_2^{-1}$$

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

$$= k_1^{-1} h_1^{-1} k_2^{-1} h_2^{-1}$$

$$\in KH = HK$$

$\therefore HK$ is a subgroup of G .

Abelian $\rightarrow (ax = xa) \forall x \in G$



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prove that every cyclic group is abelian

- cyclic group defn order of

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

let us consider

$$x, y \in G \\ x = a^r, \quad y = a^s, \quad r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$xy = a^r a^s$$

$$xy = a^{r+s}$$

$$= a^{s+r}$$

$$xy = a^s a^r$$

$$xy = y \cdot x$$

$$xy = yx$$

$\therefore G$ is abelian

Let a and b be two elements of an abelian group and let n be any integer. Show that $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$ and hence deduce that $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1} b^{-1}$. Is it true for non-abelian?

Answer :

Let, G be an abelian group

Let, a, b are the elements of G .

$$\Rightarrow a, b \in G$$

Let, n be any integer,

(i) n is a Positive Integer

$$\text{Let, } (ab)^n = a^n b^n \quad \dots (1)$$

Substituting, $n = 1$ in equation (1),

$$\begin{aligned} (ab)^1 &= ab \\ &= a^1 b^1 \quad \forall a, b \in G \end{aligned}$$

\therefore Equation (1) is true for $n = 1$

Let, equation (1) is true for $n = k$,

$$\Rightarrow (ab)^k = a^k b^k$$

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned} (ab)^{k+1} &= (ab)^k (ab) \\ &= a^k b^k ab \\ &= a^k (b^k a) b \quad [\because \text{Using associativity in } G] \\ &= a^k (ab^k) b \quad [\because G \text{ is abelian i.e., } ab = ba] \\ &= a^k a \cdot b^k b \\ &= a^{k+1} b^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence, equation (1) is true for $n = k + 1$

From mathematical induction,

$$(ab)^n = a^n b^n \text{ is true } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

(ii) n is a Negative Integer

If n is a negative integer, then $-n$ is a positive integer.

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned}(ab)^n &= (ba)^n && [\because G \text{ is abelian}] \\ &= ((ba)^{-1})^{-n} && [\because n = (-1)(-n)]\end{aligned}$$

From the property of groups,

$$\text{i.e., } (ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow ((ba)^{-1})^{-n} &= (a^{-1}b^{-1})^{-n} \\ &= (a^{-1})^{-n}(b^{-1})^{-n} \\ &= a^n b^n\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (ab)^n = a^n b^n \forall a, b \in G$$

Substituting, $n = -1$ in above equation,

$$\begin{aligned}(ab)^{-1} &= (ba)^{-1} && [\because G \text{ is abelian}] \\ &= a^{-1}b^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1} \text{ when } G \text{ is abelian.}$$

The condition is not true for non-abelian group.

$$\Rightarrow (ab)^n \neq a^n b^n$$

$\therefore (ab)^n = a^n b^n$ when G is abelian and $(ab)^n \neq a^n b^n$ when G is non abelian.

Q37.

Prove that the set $GL(2, R) =$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in R, ad - bc \neq 0 \right\} \text{ is a}$$

non abelian group with respect to matrix multiplication.

(OU) May/June-19, Q1

OR

Show that $GL(2, R)$ is a non-abelian group under matrix multiplication. (KU) PP-1, Q1

OR

Show that the set

$$GL(2, R) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}; a, b, c, d \in R, ad - bc \neq 0 \right\}$$

forms a group under matrix multiplication.

Answer :

(MGU) May/June-18, Q1

Given set is,

$$GL(2, R) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in R, ad - bc \neq 0 \right\}$$

$$\text{Let, } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} \in GL(2, R)$$

$$\Rightarrow \det A = a_1 d_1 - b_1 c_1 \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \det B = a_2 d_2 - b_2 c_2 \neq 0$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 a_2 + b_1 c_2 & a_1 b_2 + b_1 d_2 \\ c_1 a_2 + d_1 c_2 & c_1 b_2 + d_1 d_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

\therefore Multiplication is closed in $GL(2, R)$

Then $\det(AB) = (\det A)(\det B)$

$$\neq 0$$

$\therefore \det(AB) \neq 0$

i.e., product of two matrices with non-zero determinant is also a matrix with non-zero determinant.



Associativity of matrices can also be proved.

The identity is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{i.e., } \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 - 0 = 1 \neq 0$$

The inverse of $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ is $\frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$

$\therefore GL(2, R)$ is a group under matrix multiplication.

Non-Abelian:

$GL(2, R)$ is said to be an abelian group if it satisfies the following condition

$$AB = BA$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 a_2 + b_1 c_2 & a_1 b_2 + b_1 d_2 \\ c_1 a_2 + d_1 c_2 & c_1 b_2 + d_1 d_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots (1)$$

Consider,

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore BA = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 a_1 + b_2 c_1 & a_2 b_1 + b_2 d_1 \\ c_2 a_1 + d_2 c_1 & c_2 b_1 + d_2 d_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots (2)$$

From equations (1) and (2),

$$AB \neq BA$$

$\Rightarrow GL(2, R)$ is non-abelian

\therefore The set $GL(2, R)$ is a non abelian group under matrix multiplication.

→ PT matrix of 2×2 and is non abelian group

Answer :

Given that,

$$SL(2, F) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid \text{with } ad - bc = 1, \text{ where } a, b, c, d \in Q \right\} \quad \dots (1)$$

Where F in a field of real, rational or complex numbers i.e., $F = R, F = Q, F = C$ (or) $F = Z_p$ where p is prime.

Claim: $SL(2, Q)$ is non-abelian group

Since,

Q^+ forms a group under multiplication.

(i) **Closure**

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} \in SL(2, Q)$$

Where, a_1, b_1, c_1, d_1 & $a_2, b_2, c_2, d_2 \in Q$ with $a_1 d_1 - b_1 c_1 = 1$ and $a_2 d_2 - b_2 c_2 = 1$

[\because From equation (1)]

Consider,

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a_1 a_2 + b_1 c_2 & a_1 b_2 + b_1 d_2 \\ c_1 a_2 + d_1 c_2 & c_1 b_2 + d_1 d_2 \end{bmatrix} \in SL(2, Q) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow AB \in SL(2, Q)$$

$\therefore SL(2, Q)$ is closure.

(ii) **Associative**

$$\text{For } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$\text{Let } C = \begin{bmatrix} a_3 & b_3 \\ c_3 & d_3 \end{bmatrix} \in SL(2, Q)$$

$$\Rightarrow (A.B).C = A.(B.C)$$

$SL(2, Q)$ is Associative

(iii) **Identity**

$$\text{Let, } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} \in SL(2, Q)$$

$$\text{Then, there exist } I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ such that } AI = IA = A$$

$$\therefore I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ in the identity matrix in } SL(2, Q).$$

(iv) **Inverse**

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} \in SL(2, Q)$$

$$|A| = a_1 d_1 - b_1 c_1 = 1$$

Then there exist A^{-1} such that $A.A^{-1} = A^{-1}.A$

Consider,

$$A.A^{-1} = I,$$

Where,

$$A^{-1} = \frac{\text{Adj}(A)}{\det(A)}$$

$$\text{Adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & -b_1 \\ -c_1 & a_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} d_1 & -b_1 \\ -c_1 & a_1 \end{bmatrix}}{1} \quad [\because \text{From equation (1)}]$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & -b_1 \\ -c_1 & a_1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is the inverse matrix of}$$

$\therefore SL(2, Q)$ is a group

(v) **Commutative Property**

$$\text{Let, } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A.B &= \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a_1 a_2 + b_1 c_2 & a_1 b_2 + b_1 d_2 \\ c_1 a_2 + d_1 c_2 & c_1 b_2 + d_1 d_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B.A &= \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a_2 a_1 + b_2 c_1 & a_2 b_1 + b_2 d_1 \\ c_2 a_1 + d_2 c_1 & c_2 b_1 + d_2 d_1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow A.B \neq B.A$$

\therefore It is not a commutative

Thus, $SL(2, Q)$ does not satisfies commutative property.

$\therefore SL(2, Q)$ is non-abelian group.

Q39. Show that every group G with identity e such that $x * x = e$ for all x in G , is abelian.

Answer :

Given that,

' G ' is a group with identity ' e ' such that,

$$x * x = e \quad \forall x \in G$$

Let, $a, b \in G$

$$\Rightarrow a * a = e \text{ and } b * b = e$$

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

Since,

$$a, b \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow a * b \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow (a * b) * (a * b) = e$$

$$\Rightarrow (a * b) = (a * b)^{-1} [\because e \text{ is an identity element}]$$

$$= b^{-1} * a^{-1}$$

$$= b * a$$

$$\Rightarrow a * b = b * a \quad \forall a, b \in G$$

\therefore 'G' is an abelian group.

Q41. If $*$ defined on Q^+ by $a * b = \frac{ab}{2}$. Then show that $(Q^+, *)$ is a group.

Answer : [March/April-17, Q1 | March/April-14, Q1 | March-12, Q1]

Given that,

$*$ is the operation defined on Q^+ such that $a * b = \frac{ab}{2} \forall a, b \in Q^+$

Q^+ is the set of all positive rational number.

(i) **Closure**

For $a, b \in Q^+$

$$\frac{ab}{2} \in Q^+$$

$$\Rightarrow a * b = \frac{ab}{2} \in Q^+$$

(ii) **Associativity**

For $a, b, c \in Q^+$

$$\begin{aligned}(a * b) * c &= \left(\frac{ab}{2}\right) * c \\ &= \left(\frac{ab}{2}\right) \left(\frac{c}{2}\right) = \frac{abc}{4}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}a * (b * c) &= a * \left(\frac{bc}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{abc}{2(2)} = \frac{abc}{4}\end{aligned}$$

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

(iii) **Identity**

For $a \in Q^+$

$$a * e = a \quad [\because e \text{ is an identity element }]$$

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

$$\Rightarrow ae = 2a$$

$$\Rightarrow e = 2 \in Q^+$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow e * a &= \frac{ea}{2} = \frac{2a}{2} \\ &= a\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow a * e = e * a = a$$

Therefore, $\forall a \in Q^+$, $e = 2$ is an identity element in Q^+ .

(iv) **Inverse**

For $a \in Q^+$

$$a * a' = e$$

$$\Rightarrow a * a' = 2 \quad [\because e = 2]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{aa'}{2} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow aa' = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow a' = \frac{4}{a} \in Q^+$$

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

$$= 2 = e$$

$$\Rightarrow a * a' = a' * a = e$$

Therefore, $a \in Q^+$ there is an element $a' = \frac{4}{a} \in Q$ such that $a' = \frac{4}{a}$ is the inverse of 'a'.

$\therefore (Q^+, *)$ is a group.

Q42. Let S be the set of all real numbers except -1 . Define $*$ on S by $a * b = a + b + ab$. Show that $(S, *)$ is an abelian group.

Answer :

[Oct./Nov.-17, Q1 | March/April-15, Q1]

Given that,

' S ': is the set of all real numbers except -1 .

$*$ is the operation defined on S such that $a * b = a + b + ab \forall a, b \in S$

Let, $a, b, c \in S$ where $a \neq b \neq c \neq -1$.

A set is said to be an abelian group if it satisfies the following conditions.

(i) **Closure**

For $a, b \in S$.

$$a * b = a + b + ab \in S$$

$\therefore (S, *)$ is closed under $*$.

(ii) **Associativity**

For $a, b, c \in S$

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

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

$$[\because a * b = a + b + ab]$$

$$= a + b + ab + c + ac + bc + abc$$

$$= a + b + c + ab + bc + ac + abc$$

Similarly, $a * (b * c) = a * (b + c + bc)$

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

$$= a + b + c + bc + ab + ac + abc$$

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

$\therefore *$ is associative.

(iii) **Identity**

For $a \in S$,

$$a * e = a$$

$$\Rightarrow a + e + ae = a$$

$$\Rightarrow e + ae = 0 \quad \Rightarrow e(1 + a) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow e = 0 \quad [\because a \neq -1]$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}e * a &= e + a + ea \\ &= 0 + a + 0.a \\ &= a\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow a * e = e * a = a$$

$\therefore \forall a \in S, e = 0$ is an identity element for $*$.

(iv) Inverse

For $a \in S$,

$$a * a' = e$$

$$\Rightarrow a * a' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a + a' + aa' = 0 \quad [\because a * b = a + b + ab]$$

$$\Rightarrow a'(1 + a) + a = 0 \quad \Rightarrow a'(1 + a) = -a$$

$$\Rightarrow a' = \frac{-a}{1+a} \text{ where, } a \neq -1$$

Similarly,

$$a' * a = a' + a + a'a$$

$$= \frac{-a}{1+a} + a + \frac{-a}{1+a}(a)$$

$$= \frac{-a}{1+a}(1+a) + a$$

$$= -a + a = 0 = e$$

$$\Rightarrow a * a' = a' * a = e$$

$\therefore \forall a \in S$, there is an element $a' = \frac{-a}{1+a} \in S$ such

that $a' = \frac{-a}{1+a}$ is the inverse of ' a '.

(v) Commutativity

$$a * b = a + b + ab = b + a + ab = b * a$$

$\therefore (S, *)$ is an abelian group.

Q70. Let a be an element of order n in a group and let k be a positive integer. Then prove that $\langle a^k \rangle = \langle a^{\gcd(n, k)} \rangle$ and $|a^k| = \frac{n}{\gcd(n, k)}$,

[(MGU) July/Aug.-22, Q8 | (KU) May/June-18, Q2(b)]

OR

Let G be a group G and $a \in G$ such that $|a| = n$. If k is a positive integer then prove that,

$$\langle a^k \rangle = \langle a^{\gcd(n, k)} \rangle \text{ and } |a^k| = \frac{n}{\gcd(n, k)}.$$

(OU) Jan.-21, Q10

OR

If a is an element of order n in a group and k be a positive integer, then show that $\langle a^k \rangle = \langle a^{\gcd(n, k)} \rangle$ and $|a^k| = \frac{n}{\gcd(n, k)}$.

(KU) PP-1, Q9(b)

OR

Let G be a group and $a \in G$ is such that $O(a) = n$ then show that $O(a^k) = \frac{n}{\gcd(n, k)}$ (where k is a positive integer).

Answer :

(OU) June-18, Q9(a)(ii)

Given that,

The element a has order n i.e.,

$$|a| = n$$

$\Rightarrow n$ is the least positive integer

such that,

$$a^n = e$$

... (1)

(i) Let, the gcd of n, k be d .

$$\text{i.e., } d = \gcd(n, k)$$

Let, $k = \gcd(n, k) \cdot r$

$$\Rightarrow k = dr$$

Consider,

$$a^k = a^{dr}$$

$$= (a^d)^r$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle a^k \rangle \subseteq \langle a^d \rangle$$

... (2)

From the property of gcd of two numbers, i.e., for any two integers n, k there exist integers s and t such that, $\gcd(n, k) = ns + kt$

$$\Rightarrow d = ns + kt$$

Consider,

$$a^d = a^{ns + kt}$$

$$= a^{ns} \cdot a^{kt}$$

$$= (a^n)^s \cdot (a^k)^t$$

$$= e^s (a^k)^t$$

[\because From equation (1)]

$$= (a^k)^t$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle a^d \rangle \subseteq \langle a^k \rangle$$

... (3)

From equations (2) and (3),

$$\begin{aligned}\langle a^k \rangle &= \langle a^d \rangle \\ &= \langle a^{\gcd(n, k)} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \langle a^k \rangle = \langle a^{\gcd(n, k)} \rangle$$

(ii) To prove $|a^d| = \frac{n}{d}$

Consider,

$$(a^d)^{\frac{n}{d}} = a^{\frac{nd}{d}}$$

$$= a^n$$

$$= e$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^d)^{\frac{n}{d}} = e$$

$$\Rightarrow |a^d| \leq \frac{n}{d} \quad \dots (4)$$

If 'i' is a positive integer less than $\frac{n}{d}$ then,

$$(a^d)^i \neq e \quad [\because |a| = n]$$

$$\Rightarrow |a^k| = | \langle a^k \rangle |$$

$$= | \langle a^d \rangle |$$

$$= | \langle a^{\gcd(n, k)} \rangle |$$

$$= | a^{\gcd(n, k)} |$$

$$= \frac{n}{\gcd(n, k)} \quad [\because \text{From equation (4)}]$$

$$\therefore |a^k| = \frac{n}{\gcd(n, k)}.$$