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Groups

Definition: (Binary operation)

Let G be a set. A binary operation on G is a function that assigns each ordered pair of elements of G an element i.e

$$*: G \times G \rightarrow G$$

The set G is said to be closed under the operation $*$.

For example: $\{R\}$

$$+: R \times R \rightarrow R$$

$$(a, b) \rightarrow a + b$$

$$\cdot: R \times R \rightarrow R$$

$$(a, b) \rightarrow a \cdot b$$

Example 1:

$(+)$ and (\cdot) are binary operations on N, Z, Q and R .

$(-)$ is binary operation on Z, Q, R but not on N

$$\text{Since } 3 - 5 = -2 \notin N$$

(\div) is not binary operation on N, Z, Q and R .

but it is binary operation on $Q^* = Q - \{0\}$

and $R^* = R - \{0\}$

Definition: A binary operation is said to be associative if

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

Example 2:

1. The operations $(+)$ and (\cdot) on R are associative.

2. The operation $(-)$ on Z is not associative since

$$(3 - 5) - 1 \neq 3 - (5 - 1)$$

Definition: A binary operation is said to be commutative if

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

Example 3:

- The binary operation $(+)$ is always assumed to be commutative.
- Multiplication are commutative for numbers, so (\mathbb{N}, \cdot) , (\mathbb{Z}, \cdot) , (\mathbb{Q}, \cdot) , (\mathbb{R}, \cdot) and (\mathbb{C}, \cdot) are all commutative. However, matrix multiplication is usually not commutative.
- Subtraction on \mathbb{R} is not commutative since $5-7 \neq 7-5$

Definition: (Cayley table)

A binary operation $*$ on a finite set G displayed in the form of an array, called the Cayley table.

For examples

Let $G = \{0, 1\}$ and $*$ is just multiplication of numbers. Then the Cayley table is given by:

$*$	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

Remark: A binary operation on a finite set is commutative \Leftrightarrow the table is symmetric about the diagonal running from upper left to lower right

Definition (Group):

A group is a set G together with a binary operation $*$: $G \times G \rightarrow G$

Satisfying:

Associativity holds:

$$a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c \quad \text{for all } a, b, c \in G.$$

Identity:

There exist an element $e \in G$ such that

$$e * a = a * e = a \quad \text{for all } a \in G.$$

Inverse:

For every $a \in G$, there is an element $a^{-1} \in G$ s.t

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

Notation:-

1. We will often write $(G, *)$ to distinguish the operation on G .

2. For most of the groups, the operation $*$ is denoted by addition $+$ or multiplication like \cdot or \times . Note we can write

$$5 - 3 \quad \text{as} \quad 5 + (-3)$$

$$3 \div 5 \quad \text{as} \quad 3 \times \frac{1}{5}$$

3. If we use multiplication notation then

$$e = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad a^{-1} = \frac{1}{a}$$

If we use additive notation then

$$e = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad a^{-1} = -a$$

Example 1:

\mathbb{Z} : The set of integers

$(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is a group. However, (\mathbb{Z}, \cdot) is not a group since the inverses do not always exist. For example,

$$5 \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ but } \frac{1}{5} \notin \mathbb{Z}.$$

what about $(\{1, -1\}, \cdot)$. Is it a group?

Example 2:

\mathbb{Q} : The set of rational numbers

$(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ is a group. However, (\mathbb{Q}, \cdot) is not a group since the ratio $\frac{a}{b}$ is undefined whenever $b=0$.

$$(\mathbb{Q}^*, \cdot) \text{ where } \mathbb{Q}^* = \mathbb{Q} - \{0\}$$

What about $\mathbb{Q}^* = \mathbb{Q} - \{0\}$. Is it a group? yes \checkmark

- ^{This} yes. defines a binary operation

- Multiplication is associative.

- The identity is 1 and 1

- The inverse of $\frac{a}{b}$ is just $\frac{b}{a}$

$$\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{b}{a} = 1.$$

Similarly, we could define \mathbb{R}^* , \mathbb{C}^* and these would be groups under multiplication.

Example 3:

\mathbb{Z}_n : The set of integers mod n .

$$\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$$

$(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$ is a group. However, (\mathbb{Z}_n, \cdot) is not a group since inverses fail. For example:

$(\mathbb{Z}_4, +)$

+	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	3	0
2	2	3	0	1
3	3	0	1	2

- \mathbb{Z}_4 is closed under +
- The operation is associative.
- 0 is the identity element
- Inverse

a	0	1	2	3
a ⁻¹	0	3	2	1

(\mathbb{Z}_4, \cdot)

•	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3
2	0	2	0	2
3	0	3	2	1

- \mathbb{Z}_4 is closed under •
- The operation • is associative.
- 1 is the identity element
- Inverse.

a	0	1	2	3
a ⁻¹	x	1	x	3

* What about (\mathbb{Z}_n^*, \cdot) . Is it a group.

Consider (\mathbb{Z}_4^*, \cdot) and (\mathbb{Z}_5^*, \cdot)

(\mathbb{Z}_4^*, \cdot)
↓ composite.

•	1	2	3
1	1	2	3
2	2	0	2
3	3	2	1

The operation • is not binary on \mathbb{Z}_4^* because
 $2 \cdot 2 = 0 \notin \mathbb{Z}_4^*$

Remark: (\mathbb{Z}_n^*, \cdot) is a group iff n is prime.

(\mathbb{Z}_5^*, \cdot)
↓ prime

•	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4
2	2	4	1	3
3	3	1	4	2
4	4	3	2	1

- The operation is binary on \mathbb{Z}_5^*
- The operation (•) is associative
- 1 is the identity element.
- Inverse:

a	1	2	3	4
a ⁻¹	1	3	2	4

Example 4:

$M_n(\mathbb{R})$: The set of all $n \times n$ matrices with real number entries.

$(M_n(\mathbb{R}), +)$ is a group. However $(M_n(\mathbb{R}), \cdot)$ is not a group because inverses fail. For example:

let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$. Since $\det(A) = 6 - 6 = 0$, A^{-1} will not exist.

Remember the fact: Given a 2×2 square matrix A :

1. if $\det(A) \neq 0$ then A^{-1} will exist.
2. If $\det(A) = 0$ then A^{-1} will not exist.

Example 5:

General linear group $\leftarrow GL_n(\mathbb{R})$: The set of all invertible $n \times n$ matrices with real number entries
or $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$

$$GL_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid \det(A) \neq 0\}$$

$(GL_n(\mathbb{R}), +)$ is not a group since if we take

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \in GL_2(\mathbb{R}) \quad \text{so} \quad -A = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \in GL_2(\mathbb{R})$$

$$\text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \notin GL_2(\mathbb{R})$$

So $+$ is not binary operation on $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$.

However, $(GL_n(\mathbb{R}), \cdot)$ is a group. (Prove)!

closure \leftarrow 1. $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ is closed under matrix multiplication because

if $\det(A) \neq 0$ and $\det(B) \neq 0$ then
 $\det(AB) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B) \neq 0$

Asso \leftarrow 2. For all matrices the associativity holds and so for $GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq M_n(\mathbb{R})$ it automatically holds

3. The identity matrix $I \in GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ since $\det(I) = 1 \neq 0$.

4. The inverses exist because of the fact that

$$A^{-1} \text{ exists} \iff \det(A) \neq 0$$

Remark: For simplicity, we will restrict our matrix example to 2×2 case.

Example 6:

Special
linear
group

$SL_n(\mathbb{R})$: The set of all $n \times n$ matrices with real number entries and determinant 1.

$$SL_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid \det(A) = 1\}$$

H.W: prove that $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ forms a group under matrix multiplication.

Remarks:

1. In $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$, the inverse of

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

2. In $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$, the inverse of

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \text{ is } \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} \text{ since } \det(A) = ad-bc = 1$$

3. What about the inverse of $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ in $GL_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)$, $SL_2(\mathbb{Z}_p)$.

Find the inverse of the element $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ in $GL(2, \mathbb{Z}_{11})$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 5 - 6 \cdot 3} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{-8} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

In \mathbb{Z}_{11} , $-8 = 3$, $-6 = 5$, and $-3 = 8$.

$$\frac{1}{-8} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 \\ 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 3^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 \\ 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Finally, $3 \cdot 4 \pmod{11} = 1$ so $3^{-1} = 4$ in \mathbb{Z}_{11}^* . Therefore

Example 7:

$U(n)$: The set of all ^{number > 0} positive integers in \mathbb{Z}_n that is less than n and relatively prime to n .

$$U(n) = \{a \in \mathbb{Z}_n \mid \gcd(a, n) = 1\}$$

$(U(n), \cdot)$ is a group. For example:

For $n=10$ we have $U(10) = \{1, 3, 7, 9\}$

\cdot	1	3	7	9
1	1	3	7	9
3	3	9	1	7
7	7	1	9	3
9	9	7	3	1

From the table we see that:

\cdot is binary operation on $U(10)$

\cdot is associative.

The identity element is 1

Each element in $U(10)$ has an inverse.

So $(U(10), \cdot)$ is a group.

Definition:

Let $(G, *)$ be a group. Then G is abelian if $*$ is commutative i.e. $a * b = b * a$.

Remarks:

1) $+$ is always commutative.

$(\mathbb{Z}, +)$, $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$, $(\mathbb{R}, +)$, $(\mathbb{C}, +)$, $(M_n(\mathbb{R}), +)$, $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$ are all abelian groups.

2) \cdot might or might not be abelian.

• commutative for numbers

(\mathbb{Q}^*, \cdot) , (\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot) , (\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot) ,
 (\mathbb{Z}_n^*, \cdot) and $(U(n), \cdot)$
 are all abelian groups.

• non-commutative for

matrix multiplication.

$(M_n(\mathbb{R}), \cdot)$, $(GL_n(\mathbb{R}), \cdot)$
 and $(SL_n(\mathbb{R}), \cdot)$ are
 not abelian group for
 $n \geq 2$.

Example 8:

Let $G = \mathbb{Q}^+$ and define a binary operation on G by

$$a * b = \frac{ab}{3}$$

Prove that $(G, *)$ is an abelian group.

- Closure law: Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}^+$. Product ab of two rational numbers is again a rational number and $\frac{ab}{3}$ is also a rational number. Thus $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Q}^+, a * b = \frac{ab}{3} \in \mathbb{Q}^+$

So $*$ is binary operation

- Associative law: Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}^+$

$$(a * b) * c = \frac{ab}{3} * c = \frac{abc}{3}$$

$$a * (b * c) = a * \frac{bc}{3} = \frac{abc}{3}$$

So $*$ is associative.

- Identity law: Let $a, e \in \mathbb{Q}^+$ s.t

$$a * e = a$$

$$\frac{ae}{3} = a$$

$\Rightarrow e = 3$ is the identity element.

- Inverse law: Let $a, a^{-1} \in \mathbb{Q}^+$ s.t

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

$$\frac{aa^{-1}}{3} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1} = \frac{9}{a}$$

- Commutative law: Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}^+$ then

$$a * b = \frac{ab}{3} = \frac{ba}{3} = b * a$$

So $*$ is commutative

Therefore, $(G, *)$ is an abelian group.

Elementary Properties of Groups

Theorem: Let G be a group. Then

1. There is only one identity element.

Proof:

Let e_1, e_2 be two identity elements. Then

$$e_1 * e_2 = e_2 \text{ as } e_1 \text{ is the identity}$$

$$e_1 * e_2 = e_1 \text{ as } e_2 \text{ is the identity}$$

Thus e_1 and e_2 are both equal to $e_1 * e_2$ and so are equal to each other

2. The right and left cancellation laws hold; That is
 $ba = ca \Rightarrow b = c$ and $ab = ac \Rightarrow b = c$

Proof:

Suppose that $ab = ac$. Let a^{-1} be an inverse of a . Then

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

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

$$\Rightarrow eb = ec$$

$$\Rightarrow b = c$$

Similarly, one can prove that $ba = ca \Rightarrow b = c$ by multiplying a^{-1} on the right. See for example: (Contemporary Abstract Algebra, p(24)).

3. The inverse of any element is unique.

Let b_1, b_2 be two inverses of a . Then

$$b_1 a = e \text{ and } b_2 a = e \text{ so that}$$

$$b_1 a = b_2 a. \text{ Canceling the } a \text{ on both sides gives}$$

$$b_1 = b_2$$

$$4. (ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$$

Since $(ab)(ab)^{-1} = e$ and

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

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

5. The equation $ax = b$ has a unique solution and the equation $xa = b$ has a unique solution.

Examples: Solve the following equations:

1. $3x = 5$ in (\mathbb{Q}^*, \cdot)

$$x = 3^{-1} \cdot 5 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 5 = 5/3.$$

2. $3 \cdot x = 5$ in (\mathbb{Z}_7^*, \cdot)

$$x = 3^{-1} \cdot 5$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 5 \cdot 5 = 25 = 4 \pmod{7}.$$

\cdot	1	2	3	4	5	6
3	2	6	2	5	1	4

3. $3 + x + 4 = 1$ in $(\mathbb{Z}_8, +)$

$$x = 3^{-1} + 4^{-1} + 1. \text{ Since the inverse}$$

of a in $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$ is given by:

$$a^{-1} = n - a. \text{ we have}$$

$$3^{-1} = 8 - 3 = 5 \text{ and } 4^{-1} = 8 - 4 = 4$$

$$\text{Thus: } x = 5 + 4 + 1 = 10 = 2 \pmod{8}.$$

4. If we define $*$ on \mathbb{Q}^+ by $a * b = \frac{ab}{3}$, then solve the equation $4 * x = 7$

Sol:

$$4 * x = 7 \Rightarrow \frac{4x}{3} = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{7 \cdot 3}{4} = \frac{21}{4}$$

Terminology and notation:

Exponential Notation:

Given a group G , $a \in G$ then:

* For operation \cdot we have:

1. $a^n = a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot \dots \cdot a$
2. $a^0 = 1$
3. $a^{-n} = (a^{-1})^n = a^{-1} \cdot a^{-1} \cdot a^{-1} \dots \cdot a^{-1}$

* For operation $+$ we have:

1. $a^n = a^n + a^n + a^n + \dots + a^n = n \cdot a$

$$a^n \cdot a^m = a^{n+m}$$

$$(a^n)^m = a^{nm}$$

$$(a \cdot b)^n = abab$$

Note that: If G is abelian then

$$(a \cdot b)^n = a^n b^n.$$

* Definition: (order of a group)

The order of a group G , denoted by $|G|$ is the number of element in G . If G is infinite, we say that G has infinite order.

Examples:

1. $|\mathbb{Z}_n| = n$
2. $|\mathbb{Z}_p^*| = p-1$
3. $|\mathbb{Z}| = \infty$
4. $|\{1, -1, i, -i\}| = 4$
5. $|G_{\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{R})| = \infty$

Definition (order of an element)

The order of an element g in G is the smallest positive integer n such that

- In multiplication notation: $g^n = 1$
- In additive notation: $n \cdot g = 0$

Example 1:

Consider the group $U(15) \rightarrow$ this is a group with \cdot

- Find the order of $U(15)$.
- Find the order of the element 7.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a)} - U(15) &= \{ \underset{a > 0}{a} \in \mathbb{Z}_{15} \mid \gcd(a, 15) = 1 \} \\ &= \{ 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14 \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } |U(15)| = 8$$

b) To compute the order of the element 7, we have to compute the sequence:

$$7^1 = 7$$

$$7^2 = 49 \equiv 4$$

$$7^3 = 7^2 \cdot 7 = 4 \cdot 7 = 28 \equiv 13$$

stop $7^4 = 7^3 \cdot 7 = 13 \cdot 7 = 91 \equiv \boxed{1}$

$$\text{So } |7| = 4$$

Example 2:

Compute the order of element 2 in \mathbb{Z}_{10}^+ this is a group with $+$

$$2 \cdot 1 = 2, \quad 2 \cdot 4 = 8$$

$$2 \cdot 2 = 4, \quad 2 \cdot \boxed{5} = 10 \equiv \boxed{0} \text{ stop}$$

$$2 \cdot 3 = 6$$

$$\text{Thus } |2| = 5$$

Example 3: Find the order of each element in a group (\mathbb{Z}_7^*, \cdot)

1 is the identity element $\Rightarrow |1| = 1$

②

$$2^1 = 2$$

$$2^2 = 4$$

stop $\leftarrow 2^3 = 2^2 \cdot 2 = 4 \cdot 2 = 8 \equiv 1$

$$\Rightarrow |2| = 3$$

③

$$3^1 = 3$$

$$3^2 = 9 \equiv 2$$

$$3^3 = 3^2 \cdot 3 = 2 \cdot 3 = 6$$

$$3^4 = 3^3 \cdot 3 = 6 \cdot 3 \equiv 4$$

$$3^5 = 3^4 \cdot 3 = 4 \cdot 3 \equiv 5$$

$$3^6 = 3^5 \cdot 3 = 5 \cdot 3 \equiv 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |3| = 6$$

⑥

$$6^1 = 6$$

$$6^2 = 36 \equiv 1 \text{ stop}$$

$$\Rightarrow |6| = 2$$

What relation do you see between the orders of the elements of a group and the order of the group.

we see that $|3| = |5| = 6$ and $|2| = |4| = 3$.

This is because 5 is the inverse of 3 i.e.

$$3x \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \Rightarrow x = 5$$

Also,

$|\mathbb{Z}_7^*| = 6$ and the order of all elements divide 6.

④

$$4^1 = 4$$

$$4^2 = 16 \equiv 2$$

stop $\leftarrow 4^3 = 2^2 \cdot 4 = 8 \equiv 1$

$$\Rightarrow |4| = 3$$

⑤

$$5^1 = 5$$

$$5^2 = 25 \equiv 4$$

$$5^3 = 5^2 \cdot 5 = 4 \cdot 5 \equiv 6$$

$$5^4 = 5^3 \cdot 5 = 6 \cdot 5 \equiv 2$$

$$5^5 = 5^4 \cdot 5 = 2 \cdot 5 \equiv 3$$

$$5^6 = 5^5 \cdot 5 = 3 \cdot 5 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |5| = 6$$

Corollary: Let G be a finite group then:

1. $|e| = 1$

2. $|a| = |a^{-1}|$

3. $|a| \mid |G|$

4. every element has an order.

Example 4: Find the order of each element in a group (\mathbb{Z}_5^*, \cdot)

$$|1| = 1$$

2

$$2^1 = 2$$

$$2^2 = 4$$

$$2^3 = 8 \equiv 3$$

$$2^4 = 2^3 \cdot 2 = 3 \cdot 2 \equiv 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |2| = 4 = |3|$$

↑
inverse

4

$$4^1 = 4$$

$$4^2 = 16 \equiv 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |4| = 2$$

More Exercises

Let $G = \mathbb{R} - \{-1\}$ and define the binary operation on G by

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

Prove that $(G, *)$ is an abelian group.

Solution:

1. Closure Law: To show that G is closed under $*$ i.e.

if $a, b \in G \Rightarrow a * b \in G$, we need to show that

If $a \neq -1$ and $b \neq -1$ then $a * b \neq -1$

Assume that $a * b = -1$

$$a + b + ab = -1$$

$$a(1+b) = -(1+b) \quad [\text{since } b \neq -1, \text{ we divide both side by } (1+b)]$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -1 \quad \text{which is a contradiction}$$

Therefore, $a * b \neq -1$ and $a * b \in G$. Thus $*$ is binary operation on G .

2. Associative Law: Let $a, b, c \in G$ s.t

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

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

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

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

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

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

So $*$ is associative.

3. Identity Law: Let $a, e \in G$ s.t

$$a * e = a$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow e = 0$$

4. Inverse Law: Let $a, a^{-1} \in G$ s.t

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

$$a + a^{-1} + a a^{-1} = 0^*$$

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

$$a^{-1} = \frac{-a}{1+a} \text{ is the inverse of } a.$$

5. Commutative Law: Let $a, b \in G$ then

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

So $*$ is commutative

Therefore $(G, *)$ is an abelian group.

Let $G = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$ and define a binary operation on G by

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

prove that $(G, *)$ is an abelian group.

Hint:

1. Associative Law: $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c.$

2. Identity element $e = 0$

3. Inverse Law: $a^{-1} = \frac{-a}{1+a}$

Let $G = \mathbb{Q}^+$ and define a binary operation on G by

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

prove that $(G, *)$ is an abelian group.

Hint:

1. Associative Law: $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c) = \frac{abc}{4}$

2. Identity element $e = 2$

3. Inverse Law: $a^{-1} = \frac{4}{a}.$

Let $G = \mathbb{Z}$ and define the binary operation by

$$a * b = a + b - 5$$

a). prove that $(G, *)$ is an abelian group.

b). Solve $x * 3^{-1} = 2$.

Solution:

a). - closure: Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. Clearly, $a + b - 5$ is a gain an element of \mathbb{Z} . Thus $a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow a * b = a + b - 5 \in \mathbb{Z}$.

- Associative Law: Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t

$$\begin{aligned}(a * b) * c &= (a + b - 5) * c \\ &= a + b - 5 + c - 5 \\ &= a + b + c - 10\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}a * (b * c) &= a * (b + c - 5) \\ &= a + b + c - 5 - 5 \\ &= a + b + c - 10\end{aligned}$$

So $*$ is associative.

- Identity Law: Let $a, e \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t

$$a * e = a$$

$$\Rightarrow a + e - 5 = a$$

$$\Rightarrow e = 5 \quad \text{is the identity element.}$$

- Inverse Law: Let $a, a^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t

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

$$\Rightarrow a + a^{-1} - 5 = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1} = 10 - a \quad \text{is the inverse of } a.$$

- commutative Law: $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have

$$a * b = a + b - 5 = b + a - 5 = b * a$$

So $*$ is commutative.

Thus $(\mathbb{Z}, *)$ is an abelian group.

b). $x * 3^{-1} = 2$

First we compute 3^{-1} . From (a) we have:

$$a^{-1} = 10 - a. \text{ Thus}$$

$$3^{-1} = 10 - 3 = 7$$

So:

$$\begin{aligned} x * 3^{-1} = 2 &= x * 7 = 2 \\ &= x + 7 - 5 = 2 \\ \Rightarrow x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Let $G = \mathbb{Z}$ and define the binary operation by

$$a * b = a + b - 7$$

Find the identity and the inverse of 14.

Solution:

Identity: Let $a, e \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t

$$a * e = a$$

$$\Rightarrow a + e - 7 = a$$

$$\Rightarrow e = 7 \text{ is the identity}$$

Inverse: Let $a, a^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t

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

$$\Rightarrow a + a^{-1} - 7 = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1} = 14 - a$$

$$\text{So: } 14^{-1} = 14 - 14 = 0$$

Prove that if $a = a^{-1}$ for all a in a group G , then G is abelian.

Suppose that $a^{-1} = a$ for all $a \in G$

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

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

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

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

Since we assume

$$\Rightarrow ba = ab$$

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

$$\Rightarrow G \text{ is abelian.}$$

Let G be a group. Prove that $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$ for all $a, b \in G$ iff G is abelian.

(\Rightarrow) If G is abelian then

$$(ab)^2 = abab$$

$$= aabb$$

$$= a^2b^2$$

(\Leftarrow) If $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$ then

$$abab = aabb$$

$$ba = ab$$

$\Rightarrow G$ is abelian

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Prove that a group G is abelian $\Leftrightarrow (ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$.

(\Rightarrow) Let G be abelian that is for any $a, b \in G$,

$$ab = ba. \text{ Then}$$

$$G \text{ abelian } (ab)^{-1} = (ba)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$$

(\Leftarrow) Suppose that $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$ for all $ab \in G$. Then

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow ab = ba$$

$$\Rightarrow G \text{ is abelian}$$

Subgroups

Definition: A subset H of a group G is a subgroup of G if H itself a group under the operation of G .

By other words:-

A subset H of a group G is a subgroup of G if:

$$x, y \in H \Rightarrow x * y \in H$$

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

$$e \in H$$

Remark:

We do not need to check the associativity in H because it comes automatically from G .

Notation:

If H is a subgroup of G , we write $H \leq G$.

Example 1:

- $(\mathbb{Z}, +) \leq (\mathbb{Q}, +) \leq (\mathbb{R}, +) \leq (\mathbb{C}, +)$
- $(\{2, -1\}, \cdot) \leq (\mathbb{Q}^*, \cdot) \leq (\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot) \leq (\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot)$
- The singleton $\{e\}$ is a subgroup of G which is called the trivial subgroup.
- $(\mathbb{N}, +)$ is not a subgroup of $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ since $1 \in \mathbb{N}$ but $-1 \notin \mathbb{N}$.

Remark:-

- Every group G has at least two subgroups:

G itself	and	$\{e\}$
↓		↓
Improper subgroup		trivial subgroup.

All other subgroups of G are said to be **proper subgroups** or **non-trivial subgroups**.

2. It is important to know that two sets must have the same operation. For example,

(\mathbb{Q}^*, \cdot) is not a subgroup of $(\mathbb{R}, +)$

Although $\mathbb{Q}^* \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ but the operation on these two sets are different

Another example:

$(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$ is not a subgroup of $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$.
 \downarrow \downarrow
 $+ \text{ mod } n$ \downarrow \downarrow
ordinary $+$

(the operation is not the same)

Example 2: Show that $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ is a subgroup of $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$.

1. Closure:

For any $A, B \in SL_2(\mathbb{R})$, we have $AB \in SL_2(\mathbb{R})$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{because } \det(AB) &= \det(A) \cdot \det(B) \\ &= 1 \cdot 1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

and so $AB \in SL_2(\mathbb{R})$.

2. Identity:

The multiplicative identity is $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\det(I) = 1$
so $I \in SL_2(\mathbb{R})$.

3. Inverse:

For $A \in SL_2(\mathbb{R})$, we have $A^{-1} \in SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ because

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

or:

$$1 = \det(I) = \det(A A^{-1}) = \det(A) \cdot \det(A^{-1}) = \det(A^{-1})$$

so $A^{-1} \in SL_2(\mathbb{R})$.

Example 3: Show that $\{0, 3, 6\}$ is a subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_4 .

+	0	3	6	- + is binary operation on \mathbb{Z}_4
0	0	3	6	- The identity element is 0
3	3	6	0	- Each element has an inverse.
6	6	6	3	

a	0	3	6
a ⁻¹	0	6	3

So $\{0, 3, 6\} \leq \mathbb{Z}_4$.

Definition: Let n be a positive integer. The number of divisors of n is denoted by $d(n)$.

For example:

The number of divisors of $n=8$ is $d(8)=4$ ← 1, 2, 4, 8

Theorem: The number of all subgroups of $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$ is equal to $d(n)$.

For example

All subgroups of \mathbb{Z}_8 are equal to $d(8)=4$.

They are:

$H_1 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\} = \mathbb{Z}_8$ (Improper subgroup)

$H_2 = \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$ } proper subgroups or
 $H_3 = \{0, 4\}$ } non-trivial subgroups

$H_4 = \{0\}$ (trivial subgroup)

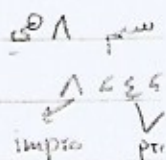
Theorem: The number of proper subgroups of $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$ is equal to $d(n) - 2$

For example:

The number of proper subgroups of $(\mathbb{Z}_8, +)$ is
 $d(8) - 2 = 4 - 2 = 2$

They are:

$H_2 = \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$ and $H_3 = \{0, 4\}$



Remark:

If $n = p$ (prime) then $(\mathbb{Z}_p, +)$ has no proper subgroups since the divisors of p are just 1 and p thus $d(p) = 2$ and the number of proper subgroups $= d(p) - 2 = 2 - 2 = 0$.

Subgroup Test:

one step subgroup test:

Let G be a group and $\emptyset \neq H \subseteq G$

In multiplication notation

$$\text{If } a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$$

In additive notation

$$\text{If } a, b \in H \Rightarrow a - b \in H.$$

Example

1. Let $G = (\mathbb{Q}^*, \cdot)$ and $H = \{3^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. Then

If $3^n, 3^m \in H$ then we have

$$(3^n)(3^m)^{-1} = 3^n \cdot \underbrace{3^{-m}}_{\left(\frac{1}{3^m}\right)} = 3^{n-m} \in H$$

Thus $H \leq \mathbb{Q}^*$

2. Let $G = \mathbb{Z}$ and $H = 7\mathbb{Z} = \{7r : r \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

If $7r_1, 7r_2 \in H$ then we have

$$(7r_1)(7r_2)^{-1} = 7r_1 - 7r_2 = 7(r_1 - r_2) \in 7\mathbb{Z}.$$

Thus $H \leq \mathbb{Q}^*$.

Theorem:

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Prove!

The intersection of two subgroups of a group G is also a group.

Remark:

The union of two subgroups need not to be a subgroup.

"Cyclic Groups"

Definition:

A group G is cyclic if G can be generated by a single element.

In the other words:

There exist $a \in G$ s.t

IF G is a group under $+$

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

IF G is a group under \cdot

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

we call a the generator.

Example 1: Show that (\mathbb{Z}_7^*, \odot) is cyclic group.

$$\mathbb{Z}_7^* = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

↑
always gives 1

$$2^0 = 1$$

$$2^1 = 2$$

$$2^2 = 4$$

$$2^3 = 2^2 \cdot 2 = 4 \cdot 2 = 8 \equiv 1 \quad \text{stop}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle 2 \rangle = \{1, 2, 4\}$$

$$3^0 = 1$$

$$3^1 = 3$$

$$3^2 = 9 \equiv 2$$

$$3^3 = 3^2 \cdot 3 = 2 \cdot 3 = 6$$

$$3^4 = 3^3 \cdot 3 = 6 \cdot 3 \equiv 4$$

$$3^5 = 3^4 \cdot 3 = 4 \cdot 3 \equiv 5$$

$$3^6 = 3^5 \cdot 3 = 5 \cdot 3 \equiv 1$$

$$\langle 3 \rangle = \{3^0, 3^1, 3^2, 3^3, 3^4, 3^5\}$$

$$= \{1, 3, 2, 6, 4, 5\}$$

So \mathbb{Z}_7^* is cyclic group generated by 3.

ملاحظات:

① لكي نثبت بأن زمرة ما

مولدة، نكتفي فقط بإيجاد

مولد واحد للزمرة.

② المولد غير وحيد فمثلاً الزمرة

\mathbb{Z}_7^* لها مولد آخر وهو 5

③ العلاقة بين المولد 3 و 5

هي أن 5 معكوس للعدد 3

بأن $3x = 1 \pmod{\mathbb{Z}_7^*}$

يكون الناتج $x = 5$

Example 2: Show that $(\mathbb{Z}_4, +)$ is cyclic group.

$$\mathbb{Z}_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

$$1 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$2 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

$$2 \cdot 1 = 2$$

$$1 \cdot 2 = 2$$

$$2 \cdot 2 = 4 \equiv 0 \quad \text{stop}$$

$$1 \cdot 3 = 3$$

$$\langle 2 \rangle = \{0, 2\}$$

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

$$\neq \mathbb{Z}_4$$

$$= \mathbb{Z}_4$$

$$3 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$3 \cdot 1 = 3$$

$$3 \cdot 2 = 2$$

$$3 \cdot 3 = 9 \equiv 1$$

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

$$= \mathbb{Z}_4$$

ملاحظات:

① في هذا المثال لإثبات أن \mathbb{Z}_4 زمرة مولدة

قد نكتفي بالمولد فقط.

② العلاقة بين المولد 1 و 3 هو أن 3 معكوس

للعدد واحد لأن في $(\mathbb{Z}_4, +)$ معكوس

$3^{-1} = 4 - 3 = 1$ وبأن $a^{-1} = n - a$

Remarks:

- 1- The generator is not unique
- 2- If $G = \langle a \rangle$ is cyclic then $G = \langle a^{-1} \rangle$
- 3- $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$ is cyclic group generated by 1 and $n-1 \Rightarrow$

1 و $n-1$ ليست

فقط هي المولدان

التي هنا أن نؤكد

بأن هـ

Theorem 2- If G is a cyclic group generated by a then

- 1- If G is infinite then a, a^{-1} are only the generator.
- 2- If G is finite and $|G| = n$ then all generator take the

Form: $\langle a^t \rangle$ where $\gcd(t, n) = 1$
elements of G order of G
generator of G

Example: Find all generator of (\mathbb{Z}_7^*, \cdot)

We have proved that \mathbb{Z}_7^* is cyclic group generated by 3.

So all generator of \mathbb{Z}_7^* take the form:

$$3^t \text{ where } \gcd(t, 6) = 1$$

So $t = 1, 5$ and there are two generator of \mathbb{Z}_7^*

$$3^1 = 3 \text{ and } 3^5 = 3^4 \cdot 3 = 5.$$

Example: Find all generator of $(\mathbb{Z}_{30}, +)$

$\mathbb{Z}_{30} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 29\}$ is cyclic group generated by 1, $|\mathbb{Z}_{30}| = 30$

So all generator of \mathbb{Z}_{30} take the form

means \leftarrow
 $1 \cdot t = (1)^t$ where $\gcd(t, 30) = 1$
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So $t = (1, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23 \text{ and } 29)$. They are the generator of \mathbb{Z}_{30}

Example: Show that $(\mathbb{Z}_{13}^*, \cdot)$ is cyclic and find all of its generator.

Solution:

$$\mathbb{Z}_{13}^* = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 12\} \text{ and } |\mathbb{Z}_{13}^*| = 12$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} 2^0 = 1 & 2^5 = 2^4 \cdot 2 = 3 \cdot 2 = 6 & 2^9 = 2^8 \cdot 2 = 9 \cdot 2 \equiv 5 \\ 2^1 = 2 & 2^6 = 2^5 \cdot 2 = 6 \cdot 2 = 12 & 2^{10} = 2^9 \cdot 2 = 5 \cdot 2 = 10 \\ 2^3 = 8 & 2^7 = 2^6 \cdot 2 = 12 \cdot 2 = 11 & 2^{11} = 2^{10} \cdot 2 = 10 \cdot 2 \equiv 7 \\ 2^4 = 16 \equiv 3 & 2^8 = 2^7 \cdot 2 = 11 \cdot 2 \equiv 9 & \end{array}$$

So \mathbb{Z}_{13}^* is cyclic group generated by 2.

All generator of \mathbb{Z}_{13}^* take the form

$$2^t \text{ where } \gcd(t, 12) = 1$$

So $t = 1, 5, 7, 11$ and there are four generator of \mathbb{Z}_{13}^*

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^1, 2^5, 2^7, 2^{11} \\ & = 2, 6, 11, 7. \end{aligned}$$

Example: Show that $U(10)$ is cyclic and find all of its generator:

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} U(10) &= \{a \in \mathbb{Z}_{10} \mid \gcd(a, 10) = 1\} \\ &= \{1, 3, 7, 9\} \quad \text{and } |U(10)| = 4. \end{aligned}$$

$$3^0 = 1, \quad 3^1 = 3, \quad 3^2 = 9, \quad 3^3 = 7, \quad 3^4 = 3^3 \cdot 3 = 7 \cdot 3 \equiv 1$$

$$\text{So } \langle 3 \rangle = \{1, 3, 7, 9\} = U(10)$$

Thus $U(10)$ is cyclic group generated by 3.

All generator of $U(10)$ take the form:

$$3^t \text{ where } \gcd(t, 4) = 1.$$

So $t = 1$ and 3 , and there are 2 generator of $U(10)$

$$3^1 = 3 \text{ and } 3^3 = 7$$

Example: Is $U(8) = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ cyclic group.

$3^0 = 1$	$5^0 = 1$	$7^0 = 1$
$3^1 = 3$	$5^1 = 5$	$7^1 = 7$
$3^2 = 1$	$5^2 = 25 \equiv 1$	$7^2 = 49 \equiv 1$ stop
$\Rightarrow \langle 3 \rangle = \{1, 3\}$	$\langle 5 \rangle = \{1, 5\}$	$\langle 7 \rangle = \{1, 7\}$

So $U(8)$ is not cyclic group because \dots

$U(8) \neq \langle a \rangle$ for any $a \in U(8)$

Theorem:

Every cyclic group is abelian. But

the converse is not true. For example: \dots

$(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ is abelian but not cyclic.

Assume

Assume that $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ is cyclic group generated by $\frac{a}{b}$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Q} = \langle \frac{a}{b} \rangle = \{ n(\frac{a}{b}) : n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

$$\text{Since } \frac{a}{2b} \in \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow \frac{a}{2b} = n(\frac{a}{b})$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{1}{2} \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

which is a contradiction.

$$\text{In } + \dots \\ \langle a \rangle = \{ na : n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

Permutation Groups

Definitions: (permutation of A)

A permutation of a set A is a function from A to A that is both 1-1 and onto.

Note: We will focus on the case where A is finite. We usually take $A = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$. **For example:** we define a permutation α of the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ by specifying $\alpha(1) = 2$, $\alpha(2) = 3$, $\alpha(3) = 1$, $\alpha(4) = 4$

- We can express α in array form as

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Definitions (Symmetric Group S_n)

Let $A = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. The set of all permutations of A is called the symmetric group of degree n and is denoted by S_n .

- **Elements of S_n have the form:**

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & n \\ \alpha(1) & \alpha(2) & \dots & \alpha(n) \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Example:** Find all permutations on $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$.

There are six permutations. We will represent these permutations using the array forms as follows:

$$P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = I, \quad P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus $S_3 = \{P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_5, P_6\}$

Theorem: The order of S_n is $n!$

For example: The order of $S_3 = 3! = 6$ permutations

The order of $S_4 = 4! = 24$ permutations.

* **Definition:** A group of permutations, with composition as operation is called a permutation group on A . For example S_n is a permutation group.

* **Composition of Permutations:**

Composition of permutations expressed in array notation is carried out from right to left by going from top to the bottom, then again from top to the bottom. For example,

$$\text{let } \alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{then } \alpha \circ \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

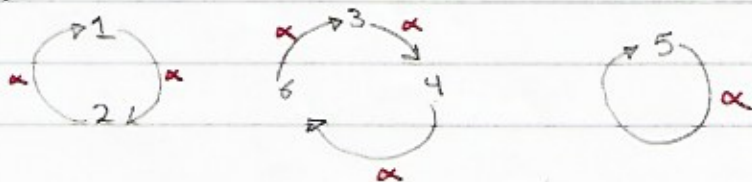
$$\text{and } \beta \circ \alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha \circ \beta \neq \beta \circ \alpha$$

* **cycle Notation:**

Ex (1):-

consider $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$, α follows the circle pattern:



In cycle notation we can write $\alpha = (12)(346)(5)$.

Ex: Express the permutation $\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 & 1 & 6 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ using cycle notation.

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 & 1 & 6 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = (2315)(64) \\ = (46)(3152)$$

Remarks:

1. We can omit cycles that have only one entry. In this case it is understood that any missing element is mapped to itself. (fixed element). For example:

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = (134) \overset{\substack{\swarrow \text{Fixed elements.} \\ \uparrow \text{one entry}}}{(2)(5)} = (134)$$

2. The identity permutation consists only of cycles with one entry, so we cannot omit all of these!. In this case one usually writes just one cycle. For example

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = (1) \text{ or } (3) \text{ or any cycle}$$

Ex: How many permutations in S_5 fix 1.

Fixing 1 means that the permutation becomes a permutation on the set $\{2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and there are $4! = 24$ such a permutations.

How many permutations in S_5 fix both 1 and 3.

A product of permutation in cyclic form:

A multiplication of cycles is performed by applying the right permutation first. For examples:

Let:

1. $\alpha = (1, 2)(4, 5)$, $\beta = (1, 5, 3)(2, 4)$. Then $\alpha\beta = (1, 4)(2, 5, 3)$

2. $\alpha = (1, 3, 5, 2, 4)$, $\beta = (3, 2, 4, 5, 6)$. Then $\alpha\beta = (2, 1, 3, 4)(5, 6)$

3. $\alpha = (2, 4, 3)$, $\beta = (1, 2, 3, 5)$, $\gamma = (2, 4, 5, 6, 3, 1)$. Then $\alpha\beta\gamma = ?$

Since $\beta\gamma = (2, 4, 1, 3)(5, 6)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha\beta\gamma &= (2, 4, 3)(2, 4, 1, 3)(5, 6) \\ &= (2, 3, 4, 1)(5, 6)\end{aligned}$$

4. $\alpha = (1, 3, 4)$, $\beta = (2, 6, 5, 8)$. Then $\alpha\beta = (1, 3, 4)(2, 6, 5, 8)$

Did you notice something about α and β .?!

Definition:

If α and β are two cycle, they are called disjoint if their cycle presentation contain different elements of the set $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$.

Ex: The cycle $(1, 2, 4)$ and $(3, 5, 6)$ are disjoint but the cycle $(1, 2, 4)$ and $(3, 4, 6)$ are not disjoint. Since they have number 4 in common.

Th: If α and β are disjoint cycles then $\alpha\beta = \beta\alpha$

For example:

$$\alpha = (1, 3), \beta = (2, 5, 6). \text{ Then}$$

$$\alpha\beta = (1, 3)(2, 5, 6) = (2, 5, 6)(1, 3) \text{ and}$$

$$\beta\alpha = (2, 5, 6)(1, 3) = (1, 3)(2, 5, 6).$$

Give an example of $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in S_5$, non of which is the identity, with $\alpha\beta = \beta\alpha$ and $\alpha\gamma = \gamma\alpha$ but with $\beta\gamma \neq \gamma\beta$.

Sol:

We choose α, β , and γ to be cycles s.t

α and β are disjoint,

α and γ are disjoint, and

β and γ are not disjoint.

For example:

Take $\alpha = (12)$, $\beta = (34)$, $\gamma = (4,5)$. Then

$\beta\gamma = (345)$ while $\gamma\beta = (354)$

Th: Every permutation of a finite set can be written as a cycle or as a product of disjoint cycles.

Theorem: The order of a permutation of a finite set written in disjoint cycle form is the least common multiple of the length of the cycle.

Ex: What is the order of each of the following permutations:

$(124)(357)$

(124) and (357) are of length 3. Thus $\text{l.c.m}(3,3) = 3$ and hence $(124)(357)$ has order 3.

$(124)(35)$

(124) of length 3 and (35) of length 2. Thus $\text{l.c.m}(3,2) = 6$. Hence $(124)(35)$ has order 6.

parity of permutations: (Even or odd permutation)

The parity of an n -cycle is even if n is odd and vice versa. *or tells*

For example:

(1345) is an 4-cycle and so it is an odd permutation.

(1468253) is an 7-cycle and so it is an even permutation.

Remarks:-

even + even = even

odd + odd = even

odd + even = odd.

For example:

$(134)(2563)$ is an odd permutation since

(134) is an 3-cycle and (2563) is an 4-cycle.

$(12)(134)(152)$ is an odd permutation since

(12) is an 2-cycle, (134) and (152) are cycles of length 3.

Ex: Find all even and odd permutation of S_3 .

Sol:

$$S_3 = \{ I, (12), (13), (23), (123), (132) \}$$

All even permutations of S_3 are

$$E_3 = \{ I, (123), (132) \}$$

All odd permutations of S_3 are

$$O_3 = \{ (12), (13), (23) \}$$

Th:

$$|E_n| = |O_n| = \frac{1}{2} |S_n| = \frac{n!}{2}$$

Definition: The length of permutations

An expression of the form (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) is called a cycle of length n or n -cycle

For example:

$(1\ 3\ 4\ 5)$ is a cycle of length 4 or an 4-cycle

$(2\ 8)$ is a cycle of length 2 or an 2-cycle

$(6\ 7\ 3)$ is a cycle of length 3 or an 3-cycle.

Ex: Write the permutation $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 1 & 6 & 3 & 7 & 5 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ as an 4-cycle.

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 1 & 6 & 3 & 7 & 5 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = (1) (2\ 6\ 4\ 7) (3) (5) = (2\ 6\ 4\ 7)$$

Remark:

Note that one can write the same cycle in many ways using this type of notation. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= (2\ 6\ 4\ 7) \\ &= (6\ 4\ 7\ 2) \\ &= (4\ 7\ 2\ 6) \\ &= (7\ 2\ 6\ 4) \end{aligned}$$

but be careful:

$$\alpha = (2\ 6\ 4\ 7) \neq (6\ 7\ 2\ 4)$$

Th: A k -cycle can be written in k -different ways, since

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) = (a_2, a_3, \dots, a_k, a_1) = \dots = (a_k, a_1, \dots, a_{k-1})$$

* The inverse of permutation:

If $\alpha = (a_0 a_1 \dots a_n)$ then the inverse of α is

$$\alpha^{-1} = (a_n \dots a_1 a_0)$$

For example:

$$\begin{aligned} (13425)^{-1} &= (52431) \\ &= (15243) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1463)^{-1} &= (3641) \\ &= (1364) \\ &= (6413) \end{aligned}$$

Note:

$$(\alpha \circ \beta)^{-1} = \beta^{-1} \circ \alpha^{-1}$$

* Show that (S_3, \circ) is non commutative group.

$$S_3 = \{ I, (12), (13), (23), (123), (132) \} \neq \emptyset.$$

.	id	(12)	(13)	(23)	(123)	(132)
id	id	(12)	(13)	(23)	(123)	(132)
(12)	(12)	id	(132)	(123)	(23)	(13)
(13)	(13)	(123)	id	(132)	(12)	(23)
(23)	(23)	(132)	(123)	id	(13)	(12)
(123)	(123)	(13)	(23)	(12)	(132)	id
(132)	(132)	(23)	(12)	(13)	id	(123)

From the table:

- 1). The operation is binary on S_3 .
- 2). " " is associative on S_3 .
- 3). I is the identity element

4).

a	I	(12)	(13)	(23)	(123)	(132)
a^{-1}	I	(12)	(13)	(23)	(132)	(123)

Hence (S_3, \circ) is a group. Since

$$(12) \circ (13) = (132) \text{ and } (13) \circ (12) = (123)$$

Thus $(12) \circ (13) \neq (13) \circ (12)$. The operation is not commutative.

Hence (S_3, \circ) is non-commutative group.

Theorem: The set of even permutation in S_n forms a subgroup of S_n .

Ex: Is E_3 a subgroup of S_3 .

$$E_3 = \{ I, (123), (132) \}$$

From the table:

\circ	I	(123)	(132)	- The operation is binary and associative on E_3 . - I is the identity element.
I	I	(123)	(132)	
(123)	(123)	(132)	I	
(132)	(132)	I	(123)	

Hence (E_3, \circ) is a subgroup of S_3 .

Remark:

Every subgroup of abelian group is abelian.

Ex: Give two reasons why the set of odd permutation in S_n is not a subgroup.

1. The identity is even permutation
2. The set is not closed since the (odd per) \circ (odd per) = (even per).

For example: The set of odd permutation in S_3 is

$$O_3 = \{ (12), (13), (23) \} \neq \emptyset$$

- 1) O_3 has no identity element (I).
- 2) $(12) \circ (13) = (132) \notin O_3$. The operation is not binary on O_3 .
 $\therefore O_3$ is not a subgroup of S_3 .

Ex: Find the order of each element in a group S_3 . Is S_3 a cyclic?

Sol:

I is the identity element in a group $S_3 \Rightarrow o(I) = 1$

$(12)^2 = (12)(12) = I \Rightarrow o(12) = 2 = o(13) = o(23).$

$(123)^2 = (123)(123) = (132)$

$(123)^3 = (123)^2 \cdot (123) = (132)(123) = I$

$\Rightarrow o((123)) = 3 = o((132)).$

a	I	(12)	(13)	(23)	(123)	(132)
$o(a)$	1	2	2	2	3	3

No, S_3 is not a cyclic group since there is no $a \in S_3$

s.t. $o(a) = |S_3| = 6.$

x Ex: Is E_3 a cyclic?!

Yes, E_3 is a cyclic group generated by (123) or (132)

as $o((123)) = 3 = |E_3|$

Remarks—

1. Every subgroup of cyclic group is cyclic.

2. (S_n, o) is a group $\begin{cases} \text{non-commutative if } n > 2 \\ \text{commutative if } n = 1, 2 \\ S_1 = \{I\}, S_2 = \{I, (12)\} \end{cases}$

1. Express each of the following permutations as a product of disjoint cycles:

(a) The permutation $\sigma \in S_8$ given by

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(1) &= 5, \sigma(2) = 3, \sigma(3) = 7, \sigma(4) = 1 \\ \sigma(5) &= 8, \sigma(6) = 2, \sigma(7) = 4, \sigma(8) = 6\end{aligned}$$

(b) $(135)(357)(579) \in S_9$

(c) $(13)(234)(4578) \in S_8$

(d) $(12)(23)(43)(57)(24)(61) \in S_7$

Solution:

(a) $\sigma = (15862374)$.

(b) $(13)(79)$

(c) (1345782)

(d) $(162)(34)(57)$

2. For each of the permutations of question 1 say, giving a reason, whether it is even or odd.

Solution:

(a) This is an 8-cycle. It is odd, since 8 is even.

(b) This is even; it is a product of two transpositions.

(c) This is a 7-cycle and hence is even.

(d) This is even; it is a product of six transpositions.

3. For each of the permutations of question 1 say, giving a reason, what its order is.

Solution:

(a) This is an 8-cycle and has order 8.

(b) This is a product of 2 disjoint transpositions and has order 2.

(c) This is a 7-cycle and has order 7.

(d) From its representation as a product of disjoint cycles, the order of this permutation is $\text{lcm}(3, 2, 2) = 6$.

4. Let

$$\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \beta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Compute each of the following.

(a) α^{-1}

$$\alpha^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) $\beta\alpha$

$$\beta\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 6 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) $\alpha\beta$

$$\alpha\beta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 2 & 1 & 5 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. Let

$$\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 1 & 7 & 8 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \beta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 1 & 3 & 8 & 7 & 6 & 5 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Write α , β , and $\alpha\beta$ as

(a) products of disjoint cycles;

$$\alpha = (12345)(678), \beta = (23847)(56), \alpha\beta = (12485736)$$

(b) products of 2-cycles.

$$\alpha = (15)(14)(13)(12)(68)(67), \beta = (27)(24)(28)(23)(56),$$

$$\alpha\beta = (16)(13)(17)(15)(18)(14)(12)$$

6. Write each of the following permutations as a product of disjoint cycles.

(a) $(1235)(413)$

$$(15)(234)$$

(b) $(13256)(23)(46512)$

$$(124)(35) \text{ or } (124)(35)(6)$$

7. For each of the following permutations, do four things: (i) Write it as a product of disjoint cycles (disjoint cycle notation), (ii) Find its order, (iii) Write it as a product of transpositions (not necessarily disjoint), and (iv) Find its parity (even or odd).

(a) $(1\ 2\ 3\ 5\ 7)(2\ 4\ 7\ 6)$

Solution: (i) $(1\ 2\ 4)(3\ 5\ 7\ 6)$ (ii) order = 12, (iii) $(1\ 4)(1\ 2)(3\ 6)(3\ 7)(3\ 5)$ (iv) odd

(b) $(1\ 2)(1\ 3)(1\ 4)$

Solution: (i) $(1\ 4\ 3\ 2)$ (ii) 4 (iii) already done (iv) odd

(c) $(1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5)(1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 6)(1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 7)$

Solution: (i) $(1\ 4\ 7\ 3\ 6\ 2\ 5)$ (ii) 7 (iii) $(1\ 5)(1\ 2)(1\ 6)(1\ 3)(1\ 7)(1\ 4)$ (iv) even

(d) $(1\ 2\ 3)(1\ 3\ 2)$

Solution: (i) ϵ (ii) 1 (iii) $(1\ 2)(1\ 2)$ (iv) even

(e) $(1\ 2\ 3)(3\ 5\ 7)(1\ 2\ 3)^{-1}$

Solution: (i) $(1\ 5\ 7)$ (ii) 3 (iii) $(1\ 7)(1\ 5)$ (iv) even

(f) $(1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5)^3$

Solution: (i) $(1\ 4\ 2\ 5\ 3)$ (ii) 5 (iii) $(1\ 3)(1\ 5)(1\ 2)(1\ 4)$ (iv) even

Cosets of a subgroup.

Definition:

Let G be a group, $H \leq G$. A right H -coset in G is a set of the form:

$$Ha = \{ha \mid h \in H\}, \text{ for some } a \in G.$$

Similarly,

a left H -coset in G is the set of the form

$$aH = \{ah \mid h \in H\}, \text{ for some } a \in G.$$

Definition (Index)

The number of distinct right (left) cosets of G is called the index of H in G and is denoted by $[G:H]$.

Remarks:

1. If G and H are both finite group, then $[G:H] = \frac{|G|}{|H|}$
If G and H are both infinite, then $[G:H]$ can be finite.

Example:

Let $G = S_3$ and $H = \{(1), (13)\}$. Then:

All left cosets of H in G are

$$(1)H = H$$

$$(12)H = \{(12), (12)(13)\} = \{(12), (132)\}$$

$$(13)H = \{(13), (13)(13)\} = \{(13), (1)\} = H$$

$$(23)H = \{(23), (23)(13)\} = \{(23), (123)\} = (123)H.$$

$$(123)H = \{(123), (13)(123)\} = \{(123), (23)\}$$

$$(132)H = \{(132), (13)(132)\} = \{(132), (12)\} = (12)H$$

All distinct left cosets of H in G are

$$H, (12)H, (23)H.$$

All right cosets of H in G are:

$$H(1) = H$$

$$H(12) = \{(12), (13)(12)\} = \{(12), \underline{(123)}\} = (123)H$$

$$H(13) = H \quad \text{as } (13) \in H.$$

$$H(23) = \{(23), (13)(23)\} = \{(23), \underline{(132)}\} = (132)H$$

All distinct right cosets of H in G are

$$H, H(12), H(23).$$

Since $|\mathcal{S}_3| = 3! = 6$ and $|H| = 2$, the index of H in G is given by

$$[G:H] = \frac{|G|}{|H|} = \frac{6}{2} = 3.$$

Note that: $(12)H \neq H(12)$

H.W: Find all distinct left and right cosets of $H = \{(1), (12)\}$ in \mathcal{S}_3 .

Remark:

If G is abelian group, $H \leq G$, $a \in G$. Then
 $aH = Ha$.

Ex: Let $G = \mathbb{Z}$ and $H = 5\mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 5, \pm 10, \dots\}$. Then

All left (= right) cosets of $5\mathbb{Z}$ in \mathbb{Z} are

$$0 + 5\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -10, -5, 0, 5, 10, \dots\}$$

$$1 + 5\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -9, -4, 1, \boxed{6}, 11, \dots\}$$

$$2 + 5\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -8, -3, 2, \boxed{7}, 12, \dots\}$$

$$3 + 5\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -7, -2, 3, 8, 13, \dots\}$$

$$4 + 5\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -6, -1, 4, 9, 14, \dots\}$$

$$5 + 5\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -5, 0, 5, 10, 15, \dots\}$$

$$6 + 5\mathbb{Z} = 1 + 5\mathbb{Z}$$

$$7 + 5\mathbb{Z} = 2 + 5\mathbb{Z}$$

$$7 \pmod{5}$$

All distinct left (right) cosets of $5\mathbb{Z}$ in \mathbb{Z} are
 $5\mathbb{Z}, 1+5\mathbb{Z}, 2+5\mathbb{Z}, 3+5\mathbb{Z}, 4+5\mathbb{Z}.$

In general:

All left (right) cosets of $n\mathbb{Z}$ in \mathbb{Z} are
 $n\mathbb{Z}, 1+n\mathbb{Z}, 2+n\mathbb{Z}, \dots, (n-1)+n\mathbb{Z}.$

Note that: $[\mathbb{Z}, 5\mathbb{Z}] = 5$
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 infinite finite

In general: $[\mathbb{Z}, n\mathbb{Z}] = n$

Ex 3: Find all distinct left and right cosets of $H = \{1, -1\}$
of $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}.$

Since G is abelian group, $H \leq G$, then all left (= right)
cosets of H in G are

$$(1) H = H = (-1)H \quad \text{as } -1, 1 \in H.$$

$$(i) H = \{i, -i\}$$

$$(-i)H = \{-i, i\}$$

Thus all distinct cosets are: $H, iH.$

Properties of cosets:

Let H be a subgroup of G , and let a and b belong to G . Then,

1. $a \in aH,$
2. $aH = H$ if and only if $a \in H,$
3. $aH = bH$ if and only if $a \in bH$
4. $aH = bH$ or $aH \cap bH = \emptyset,$
5. $aH = bH$ if and only if $a^{-1}b \in H,$
6. $|aH| = |bH|,$
7. $aH = Ha$ if and only if $H = aHa^{-1},$
8. aH is a subgroup of G if and only if $a \in H.$

Lagrange's theorem:

If G is a finite group, $H \leq G$, then

$$|H| \mid |G|$$

Proof:

Since G is a finite group, then \exists a finite distinct left (right) cosets of H in G , say

$$a_1 H, a_2 H, \dots, a_n H$$

$$\Rightarrow G = a_1 H \cup a_2 H \cup a_3 H \dots \cup a_n H.$$

where

$$a_i H \cap a_j H = \emptyset \quad \forall i \neq j$$

$$\Rightarrow |G| = |a_1 H| + |a_2 H| + \dots + |a_n H|$$

$$= |H| + |H| + \dots + |H|$$

$$= n |H|$$

$$\Rightarrow |H| \mid |G|.$$

Example:

If $|G| = 12$ then the only possible orders for a subgroups are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 12.

* Remark:

1. Lagrange's Theorem greatly simplifies the problem of determining all the subgroups of a finite group.
2. The converse of Lagrange's Theorem is not true in general. That is, if n is a divisor of $|G| \nRightarrow G$ has a subgroup of order n .

For example: -

The set of all even permutations E_4 in S_4 is given by

$$E_4 = \{ (1), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23), (123), (132), (124), (142), (134), (143), (234), (243) \}$$

$|E_4| = 12$, then the only possible orders for a subgroups

are:

$\{ (1) \}$ of order 1

$\{ (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23) \}$ of order 2

$\{ (123), (132), (124), (142), (134), (143), (234), (243) \}$
of order 3

$\{ A_4 \}$ of order 12.

We see that E_4 has no subgroup of order 6.

In general:-

For $n \geq 3$, A_n does not contain a subgroup of order $\frac{n!}{4}$.

Theorem: Every subgroup of cyclic group is cyclic.

Proof: see p. 77-78 (Contemporary Abstract Algebra).

Corollary: Subgroups of \mathbb{Z}_n :

For each positive divisor k of n the set $\langle n/k \rangle$ is the unique subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_n of order k . Moreover, these are the only subgroups of \mathbb{Z}_n .

Ex: Find all subgroups of \mathbb{Z}_{12}

\mathbb{Z}_{12} is finite cyclic group. All subgroups of \mathbb{Z}_{12}

$\langle 12/\overset{k}{12} \rangle = \langle 1 \rangle = \{ 0, 1, 2, \dots, 12 \}$ of order 12

$\langle 12/6 \rangle = \langle 2 \rangle = \{ 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 \}$ of order 6

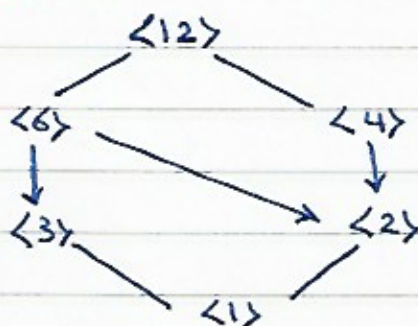
$\langle 12/4 \rangle = \langle 3 \rangle = \{ 0, 3, 6, 9 \}$ of order 4

$\langle 12/3 \rangle = \langle 4 \rangle = \{ 0, 4, 8 \}$ of order 3

$\langle 12/2 \rangle = \langle 6 \rangle = \{ 0, 6 \}$ of order 2

$\langle 12/1 \rangle = \langle 12 \rangle = \{ 0 \}$ of order 1.

Subgroup lattice of \mathbb{Z}_{12} :



Ex: Find all subgroups of \mathbb{Z}_{24} .

\mathbb{Z}_{24} is finite cyclic group of order 24. All subgroups of \mathbb{Z}_{24} are:

$$\langle 24/24 \rangle = \langle 1 \rangle = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 24\}$$

$$\langle 24/12 \rangle = \langle 2 \rangle = \{0, 2, 4, 8, 10, \dots, 22\}$$

$$\langle 24/8 \rangle = \langle 3 \rangle = \{0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21\}$$

$$\langle 24/6 \rangle = \langle 4 \rangle = \{0, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20\}$$

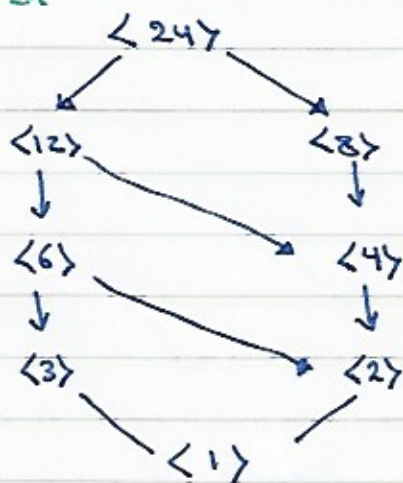
$$\langle 24/4 \rangle = \langle 6 \rangle = \{0, 6, 12, 18\}$$

$$\langle 24/3 \rangle = \langle 8 \rangle = \{0, 8, 16\}$$

$$\langle 24/2 \rangle = \langle 12 \rangle = \{0, 12\}$$

$$\langle 24/1 \rangle = \langle 24 \rangle = \{0\}$$

Subgroup lattice of \mathbb{Z}_{24} :



Nice Corollaries of Lagrang:

Corollary 1:

Every group of order prime is cyclic. (abelian)

Proof:

Let G be a group, $|G| = p$

Let H be cyclic subgroup of G generated by a
where $a \neq e$. By Lagrange's theorem we have

$$|H| \mid |G|$$

but $|G| = p \Rightarrow |H| = 1$ or $|H| = p$

If $|H| = 1 \Rightarrow H = \{e\} = \langle e \rangle$ which is a contradiction
with $a \neq e$

Hence $|H| = p = |G| \Rightarrow G = H$ is cyclic
(G is abelian group).

Corollary 2:

If G is a finite group, $a \in G$, then

$$o(a) \mid |G|$$

$$a^{|G|} = e$$

Remark:

Every group of order prime has only two subgroups, namely $\{e\}$ and the group itself.

For example: The subgroups of \mathbb{Z}_5 are: 1 and \mathbb{Z}_5

Since $|\mathbb{Z}_5| = 5$ (prime).

Normal subgroup.

Definition:

If G is a group, $H \leq G$, then H is called normal if

$$aH = Ha \quad \forall a \in G.$$

We write $H \triangleleft G$.

Remark:

If G is abelian group, $H \leq G$, then $aH = Ha \quad \forall a \in G$

and H is normal subgroup. i.e:

"Every subgroup of abelian group is normal."

For example:

1. $5\mathbb{Z}$ is normal subgroup of \mathbb{Z} since \mathbb{Z} is abelian group and $5\mathbb{Z} \leq \mathbb{Z}$. We write $5\mathbb{Z} \triangleleft \mathbb{Z}$.

2. $H = \{(1), (13)\}$ is not normal subgroup of S_3 since
(12) $H \neq H$ (12)

Ex: Show that a subgroup E_3 is normal of S_3 .

Solution:

$$E_3 = \{I, (123), (132)\} \leq S_3.$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad I E_3 = E_3 = E_3 I. \quad \text{as } I \in E_3$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad (12) E_3 = \{(12)I, (12)(123), (12)(132)\} = \{(12), (23), (13)\} \\ = (13) E_3 = (23) E_3$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad (123) E_3 = E_3 = E_3 (123) \\ (132) E_3 = E_3 = E_3 (132) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{as } (123) \text{ and} \\ (132) \in H. \end{array} \right\}$$

we just need to check that: $E_3(12) = (12)E_3$

$$\begin{aligned} E_3(12) &= \{ I(12), (123)(12), (132)(12) \} \\ &= \{ (12), (13), (23) \} \\ &= (12)E_3. \end{aligned}$$

Thus E_3 is normal subgroup of S_3 .

Theorem:

If G is a group, $H \leq G$ then $H \triangleleft G$ iff $aHa^{-1} \subseteq H$
 $\forall a \in G$.

Proof:

(\Rightarrow) H is normal of G (given)

$$\Rightarrow aH = Ha \quad \forall a \in G.$$

$$aHa^{-1} = Haq^{-1} = He = H.$$

$$\therefore aHa^{-1} \subseteq H$$

(\Leftarrow) $aHa^{-1} \subseteq H \quad \forall a \in G$ (given)

We need to show that

$$aH = Ha \quad \forall a \in G.$$

$$\text{let } ah \in aH \Rightarrow aha^{-1} \in aHa^{-1}$$

$$\text{Since } aHa^{-1} \subseteq H \Rightarrow aha^{-1} \in aHa^{-1} \subseteq H$$

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

$$\Rightarrow aH \subseteq Ha \rightarrow (1)$$

Also, $Ha \subseteq aH \rightarrow (2)$

$$\text{Thus: } aH = Ha \quad \forall a \in G$$

Therefore, H is normal subgroup of G .

Theorem:

If G is a group, $H \leq G$ s.t. $[G:H] = 2$ then $H \triangleleft G$.

proof:

Since $[G:H] = 2$, then there exists only two distinct left (Right) cosets of H in G . Say

$$H, aH \quad (H, Ha)$$

$$\Rightarrow G = H \cup aH, \quad H \cap aH = \emptyset$$

and

$$G = H \cup Ha, \quad H \cap Ha = \emptyset$$

since

$$aH \subseteq G = H \cup Ha$$

$$\Rightarrow aH \subseteq Ha$$

Also, $Ha \subseteq aH$

$$\Rightarrow aH = Ha \quad \forall a \in G$$

Thus:

H is normal of G .

For example:

We have seen that E_3 is normal subgroup. By this theorem:

We can say:

$$E_3 \leq P_3 \text{ and } [P_3 : E_3] = \frac{|P_3|}{|E_3|} = \frac{3!}{3} = \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

Then E_3 is normal subgroup of S_3 .

Remark:

The converse of theorem is not true. For example:

$3\mathbb{Z}$ is normal subgroup of \mathbb{Z} as \mathbb{Z} is abelian group.

But

$$[\mathbb{Z} : 3\mathbb{Z}] = 3 \neq 2.$$

Quotient Group.

Definition:

Let H be a normal subgroup of G . The factor group or (quotient group)

G/H is the set of all left cosets of H in G . i.e

$G/H = \{ aH : a \in G \}$. where the multiplication is defined by

$$aH * bH = abH \quad \text{or} \quad a+bH$$

Theorem: $(G/H, *)$ is a group.

order of G/H :

The order of G/H is given by

$$|G/H| = [G:H] = |G|/|H|.$$

Example:

Let $G = \mathbb{Z}_8 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ and $H = \{0, 4\}$

a. Compute the cosets of \mathbb{Z}_8/H .

b. Does it form a group.

Solution

a. All cosets of H :

$$0 + \{0, 4\} = \{0, 4\}$$

$$1 + \{0, 4\} = \{1, 5\}$$

$$2 + \{0, 4\} = \{2, 6\}$$

$$3 + \{0, 4\} = \{3, 7\}$$

Thus $\mathbb{Z}_8/H = \{ \{0, 4\}, \{1, 5\}, \{2, 6\}, \{3, 7\} \}$

b.

$$|G/H| = \frac{|G|}{|H|} = \frac{8}{2} = 4$$

+	{0,4}	{1,5}	{2,6}	{3,7}
{0,4}	{0,4}	{1,5}	{2,6}	{3,7}
{1,5}	{1,5}	{2,6}	{3,7}	{0,4}
{2,6}	{2,6}	{3,7}	{0,4}	{1,5}
{3,7}	{3,7}	{0,4}	{1,5}	{2,6}

1. \mathbb{Z}_8/H is closed under +.

2. it has an identity element $H = \{0, 4\}$

3. Every element has an inverse

4. Associativity

$\Rightarrow G/H$ forms a group.

How the computation is done.

$$\{2, 6\} + \{1, 5\} = 2 + \{0, 4\} + 1 + \{0, 4\}$$

$$= (2+1) + \{0, 4\}$$

$$= 3 + \{0, 4\}$$

$$= \{3, 7\}$$

or :- نختار أي عدد من كل وحدة مثلاً نختار

2 من $\{2, 6\}$ و 1 من $\{1, 5\}$ ونجزم $2+1=3$

ونشون ما حصل المجموع في أي coset. نجد أن 3

هو موجود في $\{3, 7\}$.

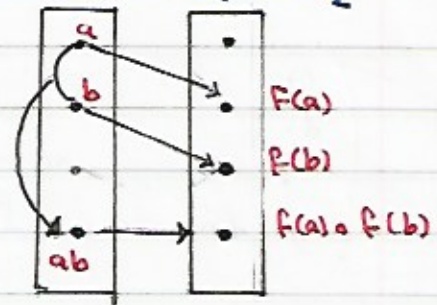
Homomorphism.

Definition:

Let $(G_1, *)$ and (G_2, \circ) be groups. A function $f: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ is called **homomorphism** if $\forall a, b \in G_1$

$$f(a * b) = f(a) \circ f(b)$$

\uparrow operation in G_1 \uparrow operation in G_2



Furthermore:

If f is one-to-one function, we may call it a **monomorphism**
 " " " onto " " " **epimorphism**
 " " " bijective " " " **isomorphism**

If $G_1 = G_2$ we may call a homomorphism
 a homomorphism $f: G \rightarrow G$ **endomorphism** or $f: G$
 an **isomorphism** $f: G \rightarrow G$ **automorphism** "

Examples:

1. Let $f: \mathbb{Z}_6 \rightarrow U_7$ given by $f(n) = n+1$ then

f is not a homomorphism since

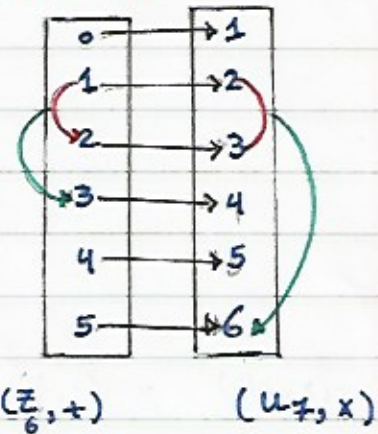
$$f(1+2) = f(3) = 4$$

and

$$f(1) \cdot f(2) = 2 \cdot 3 = 6$$

Thus

$$f(1+2) \neq f(1) \cdot f(2).$$



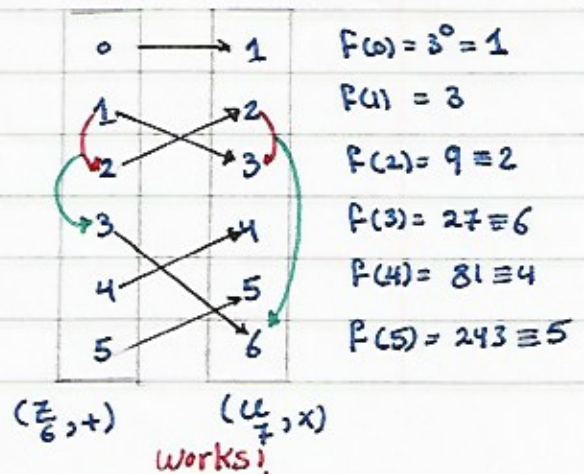
2. Let $f: \mathbb{Z}_6 \rightarrow U_7$ given by $f(n) = 3^n$

f is a homomorphism since

$$\begin{aligned} f(n+m) &= 3^{n+m} \\ &= 3^n \cdot 3^m \\ &= f(n) \cdot f(m) \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, f is an isomorphism since

it is 1-1 and onto.



$$f(0) = 3^0 = 1$$

$$f(1) = 3$$

$$f(2) = 9 \equiv 2$$

$$f(3) = 27 \equiv 6$$

$$f(4) = 81 \equiv 4$$

$$f(5) = 243 \equiv 5$$

The Kernel of homomorphism

Definition:

If $f: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ is homomorphism, then the kernel of f is defined by

$$\text{Ker } f = \{a \in G_1 : f(a) = e_2\}$$

For example:

1. The kernel of the map $f: \mathbb{Z}_6 \rightarrow U_7$ defined by $f(n) = n+1$ is given by:

$$\text{Ker } f = \{a \in \mathbb{Z}_6 : f(a) = 1\} \text{ Identity in } G_2 = U_7$$

$$= \{a \in \mathbb{Z}_6 : a+1 = 1\}$$

$$= \{0\}.$$

2. The kernel of $f: \mathbb{Z}_6 \rightarrow U_7$ defined by $f(n) = 3^n$ is

$$\text{Ker } f = \{a \in \mathbb{Z}_6 : f(a) = 1\}$$

$$= \{a \in \mathbb{Z}_6 : 3^a = 1\}$$

$$= \{0\}.$$

3. The kernel of $f: (\mathbb{R}^+, \times) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, +)$ defined by $f(x) = \ln(x)$ is given by

$$\text{Ker } f = \{a \in \mathbb{R}^+ : f(a) = 0\} \text{ Identity in } (\mathbb{R}, +)$$

$$= \{a \in \mathbb{R}^+ : \ln(a) = 0\}$$

$$= \{1\}$$

Example: If $f: (\mathbb{R}^+, \times) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, +)$ is a function defined by
 $f(x) = \ln x \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^+$, show that f is isomorphism.

1. let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$ then $f(ab) = \ln(ab) = \ln(a) + \ln(b)$
 $= f(a) + f(b)$

Thus f is homomorphism.

2. let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$ such that $f(a) = f(b)$
 $\Rightarrow \ln(a) = \ln(b)$
 $\Rightarrow a = b$

Thus f is 1-1

3. let $b \in \mathbb{R}$, $a \in \mathbb{R}^+$ such that $f(a) = b$
 $\Rightarrow \ln a = b$
 $\Rightarrow a = e^b$

Thus $\forall b \in \mathbb{R} \exists a = e^b \in \mathbb{R}^+$ s.t $f(a) = b$ i.e
 f is onto

Hence from (1), (2), (3), f is isomorphism.

Theorem: If $f: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ is homomorphism then

1). $\text{Ker } f$ is normal subgroup of G_1 .

2). $\text{Ker } f = \{e\}$ iff f is one-to-one.