

ABSTRACT ALGEBRA

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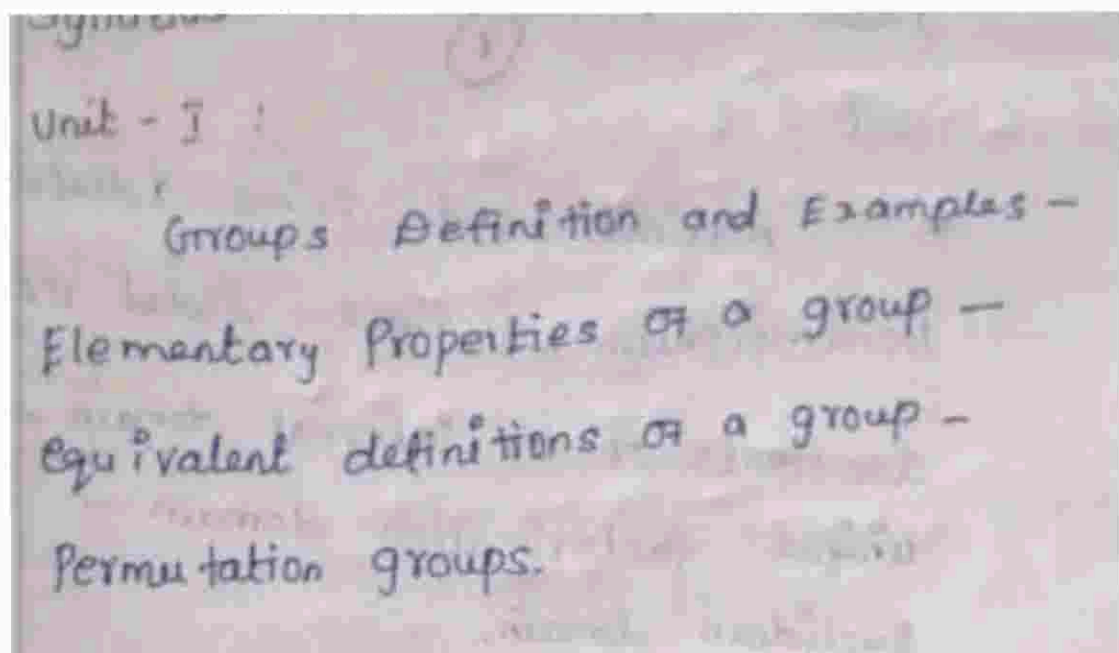
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Unit 1



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GROUPS

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Definition and Examples:-

Definition:-

① A non-empty set G together with a binary operation $*$: $G \times G \rightarrow G$ is called a group, if the following conditions are satisfied

i) $*$ is closed

ie, $a, b \in G \Rightarrow a * b \in G$.

ii) $*$ is associative

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

iii) there exists an element $e \in G$, such that $a * e = e * a = a$ for all $a \in G$.

iv) For any element in G there exists an element $a' \in G$ such that

$$a * a' = a' * a = e.$$

a' is called inverse of a .

Examples:-

- 1) $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$ are groups under addition.

Soln:-

- i) Closure axiom:-

$$\text{For all } a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow a+b \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ (or } \mathbb{Q} \text{ or } \mathbb{R})$$

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}$ is a closure with respect to addition.

- ii) Associative axiom:-

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ then

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

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}$ is a associative under addition.

- iii) Existence of identity:-

$$0+a = a+0 = a, \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$\therefore 0$ is the identity element of $\mathbb{Z}$.

- iv) Existence of inverse:-

If $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $-a \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$(-a)+a = a+(-a) = 0.$$

Hence, the inverse element exists

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}$ is a group under addition.

2) $C = \{x+iy / x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}.$

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i) Closure axiom:-

For all $a, b \in C$

$$a = x_1 + iy_1$$

$$b = x_2 + iy_2$$

$$a+b = (x_1 + iy_1) + (x_2 + iy_2)$$

$$= (x_1 + x_2) + i(y_1 + y_2) \in C.$$

$\therefore C$ is a closure under addition.

ii) Associative axiom:-

Let $a, b, c \in C.$

$$a = x_1 + iy_1$$

$$b = x_2 + iy_2$$

$$c = x_3 + iy_3.$$

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

$$(x_1 + iy_1) + [(x_2 + iy_2) + (x_3 + iy_3)] = [(x_1 + iy_1) + (x_2 + iy_2)] + (x_3 + iy_3)$$

$$(x_1 + iy_1) + [(x_2 + x_3) + i(y_2 + y_3)] = [(x_1 + x_2) + i(y_1 + y_2)] + x_3 + iy_3$$

$$\textcircled{12} \quad \frac{(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) + i(y_1 + y_2 + y_3)}{x + iy \in \mathbb{C}} = (x_1 + x_2 + x_3) + i(y_1 + y_2 + y_3) \in \mathbb{C}.$$

$\therefore \mathbb{C}$ is associative under addition.

iii) Existence of identity :-

Let $a, e \in \mathbb{C}$.

$$a = x + iy$$

$$e = 0 + i0$$

$$a + e = (x + iy) + (0 + i0)$$

$$= x + iy.$$

$$e + a = (0 + i0) + (x + iy)$$

$$= x + iy.$$

$$a + e = e + a \in \mathbb{C}.$$

$\therefore e$ is the identity element of $\mathbb{C}$.

iv) Existence of inverse :-

Let $a, -a \in \mathbb{C}$.

$$-a + a =$$

$$a = x + iy$$

$$-a = -a(x + iy)$$

$$a + (-a) = (x + iy) - (x + iy)$$

$$= 0 + i0.$$

Hence, the identity element exists.

$\therefore \mathbb{C}$ is a group under addition.

3) The set of all 2×2 matrices $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ is a group under matrix addition.

sol:-

$$M = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

i) Closure axiom:-

let $A, B \in M$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$A + B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 6 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \in M.$$

$\therefore M$ is a closure under addition.

ii) Associative axiom:-

let $A, B, C \in M$.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$$

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$$A + (B + C) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \left[\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 7 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \in M \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$(A + B) + C = \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \right] + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 7 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \in M. \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\therefore \textcircled{1} = \textcircled{2}$$

$\therefore$ M is associative under addition.

iii) Existence of identity:-

Let $A, E \in M$.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A + E = E + A = A$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \in M.$$

$\therefore E$ is the identity element of M .

iv) Existence of inverse.

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Let $A, -A \in M$.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } -A = -\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A + (-A) = -A + A = E$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in M$$

Hence, the identity element exists.

$\therefore M$ is a group under addition.

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4) N is not a group under usual addition.

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Since, there is no element

$e \in N$, such that $x + e = x$. But

N is a semigroup.

5) The set E of all even integers under usual addition is a group.

Soln:

$$\text{For, } a, b \in E \Rightarrow a + b \in E$$

$0 \in E$ is the identity element.

If $a \in E$, $-a \in E$ is the inverse of a .



6) $\mathbb{Q}^*$ and $\mathbb{R}^*$ under usual multiplications are groups.

sol:-

Since 1 is the identity element and the inverse of a is $1/a$.

7) The set of all 2×2 non-singular matrices $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$, is a group under matrix multiplication.

sol:-

$$M = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

i) Closure axiom:-

Let $A, B \in M$.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3+4 & 6+2 \\ 12+10 & 24+5 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 8 \\ 22 & 29 \end{pmatrix} \in M.$$

$\therefore M$ is a closure under matrix multiplication.

ii) Associative axiom:

$$\text{let } A, B, C \in M$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A(BC) = (AB)C.$$

$$A(BC) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1+6 & 2+2 \\ 2+3 & 4+1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 4 \\ 5 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 7+10 & 4+10 \\ 21+20 & 12+20 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 17 & 14 \\ 41 & 32 \end{pmatrix} \in M. \rightarrow (i)$$

$$(AB)C = \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1+4 & 2+2 \\ 3+8 & 6+4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 11 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 5+12 & 10+4 \\ 11+30 & 22+10 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 17 & 14 \\ 41 & 32 \end{pmatrix} \in M \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\textcircled{1} = \textcircled{2}$$

$\therefore M$ is a associative under matrix multiplication.

iii) Existence of identity:-

Let $A, E \in M$.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AE = EA = A$$

$$AE = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1+0 & 0+2 \\ 2+0 & 0+1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in M \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$EA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in M. \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\textcircled{1} = \textcircled{2}.$$

$\therefore E$ is the identity element of M .

iv) Existence of Inverse :-

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} (\text{adj } A)$$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 4 - 6$$

$$= -2$$

$$|A| = -2.$$

$$\text{adj } A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3/2 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A A^{-1} = A^{-1} A = E$$

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

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2+3 & 1-1 \\ -6+6 & 3-2 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ I.M.}$$

Hence, the identity element exists

$\therefore M$ is a group under matrix multiplication.

8) $\mathbb{Q}^+$ is a group under usual multiplication?

(13) Sol:-

$$\mathbb{Q}^+ = \{ p/q, q \neq 0 \}.$$

i) Closure axiom:-

$$\text{let } a, b \in \mathbb{Q}^+.$$

$$a = 1/x, \quad b = 1/y.$$

$$ab = 1/xy \in \mathbb{Q}^+$$

$\therefore \mathbb{Q}^+$ is a closure under usual multiplication.

ii) Associative axiom:-

$$\text{let } a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}^+$$

$$a = 1/x, \quad b = 1/y, \quad c = 1/z.$$

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

$$1/x (1/yz) = (1/xy) 1/z$$

$$\frac{1}{xyz} = \frac{1}{xyz} \in \mathbb{Q}^+$$

$\therefore \mathbb{Q}^+$ is a associative under usual multiplication.

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iii) Existence of identity :-

$$\text{let } a, e \in \mathbb{Q}^+$$

$$a = 1/x, \quad e = 1/1$$

$$ae = 1/x \cdot 1$$

$$= 1/x \in \mathbb{Q}^+$$

$\therefore e$ is the identity element of $\mathbb{Q}^+$.

iv) Existence of inverse :-

$$\text{let } a, a^{-1} \in \mathbb{Q}^+$$

$$a = 1/x, \quad a^{-1} = x/1$$

$$a \cdot a^{-1} = 1/x \cdot x/1$$

$$= 1/1 \in \mathbb{Q}^+$$

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

Hence, the inverse element exists.

$\therefore \mathbb{Q}^+$ is the group under usual multiplication.

9) $(\mathbb{Z}, \cdot)$ is not a group.

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Solution:-

$1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ is the identity element but inverse element is not exists.

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}$ is monoid.

10) Let $G = \{e\}$ and $e * e = e$ clearly G is a group.

11) Let $G = \{1, -1\}$ is a group under usual multiplication.

Soln:-

1 is the identity element.

The inverse of each element is itself

$\cdot$	1	-1
1	1	-1
-1	-1	1

Conversely,

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$$\text{let } a^m = e.$$

Let $m = nq + r$, where $0 \leq r < n$

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

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

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

$$\therefore a^r = e \text{ and } 0 \leq r < n.$$

Now, since n is the smallest +ve integer.

such that $a^n = e$, we have $r = 0$.

Hence $m = nq$.

$$\therefore n/m.$$

THEOREM : 2.13

Let G be a group and $a, b \in G$,

then

i) Order of a = Order of a^{-1}

ii) Order of a = Order of $b^{-1}ab$

iii) Order of ab = Order of ba .

Proof:-

i) Let a be an element of order n .

$$\text{Then } a^n = e$$

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

Now, if possible let $0 < m < n$ and $(a^{-1})^m = e$.

$\therefore (a^m)^{-1} = e$. Hence $a^m = e$ which contradicts the definition, of the order of a . Thus, n is the least positive integer such that $(a^{-1})^n = e$.

$\therefore$ The order of a^{-1} is n .

ii) We shall first prove that for any positive integer r .

$$(b^{-1}ab)^r = b^{-1}a^r b \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$\textcircled{1}$ is trivially true, if $r=1$

Now, suppose that $\textcircled{1}$ is true for $r=k$.
so that, $(b^{-1}ab)^k = b^{-1}a^k b$.

Then,

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

Hence by induction $\textcircled{1}$ is true for all positive integers.

Now, let a be an element of order n .

Then $a^n = e$

$$\therefore (b^{-1}ab)^n = (b^{-1}a^n b) \quad [\text{by } \textcircled{1}]$$

$$= b^{-1}eb$$

$$= e$$

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Now, it is possible let $0 < m < n$, and $(b^{-1}ab)^m = e$

$\therefore b^{-1}amb = e$. Hence $am = e$.

Which contradicts the definition of the order of a . Thus n is the least positive integer such that $(b^{-1}ab)^n = e$.

iii) The order of ab = The order $a^{-1}(ab)a$
 [by ii]
 = The order of ba .

THEOREM : 2.14

Let G be a group and let a be an element of order n in G . Then the order of a^s , where $0 < s < n$, is n/d (n divides d), where d is greatest common divisor [G.C.D.] of n and s .

Proof:

$$\text{Let } (n/d) = k \text{ and } (s/d) = l$$

so that k and l are relatively prime.

$$\text{Now, } (a^s)^k = a^{sk}$$

$$= a^{ldk}$$

$$= a^{ln}$$

$$s/d \nmid l$$

$$dk = n$$

$$(a^n)^d = e$$

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Further if m is any +ve integer such that $(a^s)^m = e$ then

$$a^{sm} = e$$

since order of a is n .

We have $n \mid sm$

$$\therefore kd \mid ldm$$

$$\text{Hence } k \mid lm.$$

But k and l are relatively prime.

Hence $k \mid m$ so that $m \geq k$.

Thus k is the least positive integer such that $(a^s)^k = e$

$$\therefore \text{Order of } a^s = k = n/d.$$

Corollary: 1

The order of any power of a cannot exceed the order of a .

Corollary: 2

Let G be a finite cyclic group of order n generated by an element a . Then a^s generates a cyclic group of

order n divides d , where d is 30

G.C.D (Greatest Common Divisor).

Corollary : 3

Let G be a finite cyclic group of order n , generated by an element a . a^s is a generator of G if and only if s and n are relatively prime. Hence, the number of generators of a cyclic group of order n is $\phi(n)$, where $\phi(n)$ is the number of +ve integer less than n and relatively prime to n .

for example,

consider the group $(\mathbb{Z}_{12}, \oplus)$.

$$\phi(12) = 4.$$

Hence, the group exactly 4 generators and they are 1, 5, 7, 11.

Solved Problems:-

3)

- i) If G is a finite group with even number of elements, then G contains at least one element of order 2.

soln:

a is an element of order 2 $\Leftrightarrow a^2 = e$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^{-1} = a$$

Hence, it is enough to prove that there exists an element different from e in G , whose inverse is itself.

$$\text{let } S = \{a \mid a \in G, a \neq a^{-1}\}$$

Clearly $a \in S \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in S$ and $a \neq a^{-1}$.

Hence S contains an even number of elements.

Also, $e \notin S$

Hence $S \cup \{e\}$ contains an odd number of elements.

Since, the order of the group is even, there exists at least one element

$$a \in S \cup \{e\}$$

Clearly $a = a^{-1}$.

2) The order of a permutation P is the L.C.M of the length. if it's 32 disjoint cycle.

soln.

$$\text{Let } P = c_1, c_2, \dots, c_r,$$

where c_i 's are mutually disjoint cycle of length l_i .

$$\text{Now, let } P^m = e.$$

Since, the product of disjoint cycle is commutative.

$$\begin{aligned} e &= P^m = (c_1 c_2 \dots c_r)^m \\ &= c_1^m c_2^m \dots c_r^m \end{aligned}$$

Now, since, the elements moved by one cycles are left fixed by all the other cycles.

$$c_1^m = c_2^m = \dots = c_r^m = e.$$

$$\text{Now, } c_1^m = e \Rightarrow l_1/m.$$

Since, the order of $c_1 = l_1$

Similarly $l_2, l_3, \dots, l_r$ divide m .

Thus m is a common multiple of $l_1, l_2, \dots, l_r$.

$\therefore$ The order of P is the least, such m which is obviously the L.C.M of $l_1, l_2, \dots, l_r$.

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$$1. \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 5 & 7 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = P$$

(2 elmts) (4 elmts)

The cycle of $P = (1\ 5)(2\ 7\ 3\ 6)$

(L.C.M) $2 \times 3 = 6$ $2 \times 2 = 4$

The order of permutation is 4

3) If a is the generator of the cyclic group G . If there exists two unequal integers m and n , such that $a^m = a^n$. Prove that G is a finite group.

Soln:

Since m and n are unequal.

We may assume that m greater than n .

Hence $m-n$ is a positive integer.

$$\text{Also, } a^m = a^n$$

$$a^{m-n} = e$$

$\therefore$ order of a is finite.

$\therefore G = \langle a \rangle$ is a finite group.

[By thrm: 2.10]

COSETS - AND LAGRANGE'S THEOREM.

Definition:

Let H be a subgroup of G .
Let $a \in G$. Then the set $aH = \{ah \mid h \in H\}$ is called the left coset of H , defined by a in G .

Similarly $Ha = \{ha \mid h \in H\}$ is called the right coset of H , defined by a in G .

Example:

Let us determine the left cosets of $(5\mathbb{Z}, +)$ in $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$.
Here, the operation is '+'.
1) $0 + 5\mathbb{Z} = 5\mathbb{Z}$ is the left coset

$$1 + 5\mathbb{Z} = \{1 + 5n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$2 + 5\mathbb{Z} = \{2 + 5n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$3 + 5\mathbb{Z} = \{3 + 5n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$\text{and } 4 + 5\mathbb{Z} = \{4 + 5n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

These are all the left cosets of $(5\mathbb{Z}, +)$

2) ³⁵ Consider $(\mathbb{Z}_{12}, \oplus)$, then $H = \{0, 4, 8\}$ is a subgroup of G .

$$0 + H = \{0, 4, 8\} \quad aH$$

$$1 + H = \{1, 5, 9\}$$

$$2 + H = \{2, 6, 10\}$$

$$3 + H = \{3, 7, 11\}$$

$$4 + H = \{4, 8, 0\} \text{ etc. } \dots$$

There are ^{left} 4 cosets.

$$H + 0 = \{0, 4, 8\}$$

$$H + 1 = \{1, 5, 9\}$$

$$H + 2 = \{2, 6, 10\}$$

$$H + 3 = \{3, 7, 11\}$$

$$H + 4 = \{4, 8, 0\} \text{ etc. } \dots$$

There are 4 right cosets.

THEOREM: 2.15

Let G be a group and H be a subgroup of G . Then, if

$$\text{i) } a \in H \Rightarrow aH = H$$

$$\text{ii) } aH = bH \Rightarrow a^{-1}b \in H$$

$$\text{iii) } a \in bH \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in Hb^{-1}$$

$$\text{iv) } a \in bH \Rightarrow aH = bH$$

Proof:-

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i) Let $a \in H$. We claim that $aH = H$.

Let $x \in aH$. Then $x = ah$ for some $h \in H$.

Now $a \in H$ and $h \in H \Rightarrow ah = x \in H$.

(Since H is a subgroup)

Hence $aH \subseteq H$.

Let $x \in H$. Then $x = a(a^{-1}x) \in aH$.

Hence $H \subseteq aH$. Thus $H = aH$. $x = h$
 $= aa^{-1}h$
 $= a(a^{-1}h)$
 $= a(a^{-1}x)$

Conversely,

Let $aH = H$. Now $a = ae \in aH$.

$\therefore a \in H$

ii) Let $aH = bH$.

$$\therefore a^{-1}(aH) = a^{-1}(bH)$$

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

$$\therefore a^{-1}b \in H \quad [\text{by i)] } a \in H$$

Conversely,

$$\text{Let } a^{-1}b \in H$$

$$\text{Then } a^{-1}bH = H \quad [\text{by i)]}$$

$$\therefore aa^{-1}bH = aH$$

$$\text{Hence } aH = bH$$

iii) Let $a \in bH$.

Then $a = bh$ for some $h \in H$.

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

$$= h^{-1}b^{-1} \in Hb^{-1}$$

Converse can be similarly proved.

iv) let $a \in bH$

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We claim that $aH = bH$

let $x \in aH$

Then $x = ah_1$ for some $h_1 \in H$.

Also,

$a \in bH \Rightarrow a = bh_2$ for some $h_2 \in H \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

$$\therefore x = (bh_2)h_1$$

$$= b(h_2h_1) \in bH$$

$$\therefore aH \subseteq bH$$

Now, let $x \in bH$. Then $x = bh_3$ for some $h_3 \in H$

Also, from $\textcircled{1}$, $b = ah_2^{-1}$

$$\therefore x = ah_2^{-1}h_3 \in aH$$

$$\therefore bH \subseteq aH$$

Hence $aH = bH$

Conversely,

let $aH = bH$

Then,

$$a = ae \in aH$$

$$\therefore a \in bH$$

(Let H be a subgroup of G .)

Then, i) any two left cosets of H are either identical or disjoint

ii) Union of all the left cosets of H is G

iii) The number of elements in any left coset aH is the same as the number of element in H

(Lagrange's Thm)

Proof:

i) Let aH and bH be the two left cosets.

Suppose aH and bH are not disjoint.

We claim that $aH = bH$.

Since aH and bH are not disjoint,

$$aH \cap bH \neq \emptyset$$

$\therefore$ There exists an element $c \in aH \cap bH$

$$\therefore c \in aH \text{ and } c \in bH$$

$$\therefore aH = cH \text{ and } bH = cH$$

[by (iv) of thm: 2.15]

$$\therefore aH = bH$$

ii) Let $a \in G$. Then $a = ae \in aH$.

$\therefore$ Every element of G belongs to a left coset of H

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$\therefore$ The union of all the left cosets of H is G .

iii) The map $f: H \rightarrow aH$ defined by $f(h) = ah$ is clearly a bijection. Hence every left coset has the same number of elements as H .

Note: 1

This theorem shows that the collection of all left cosets forms a partition of the group.

Note: 2

The above result is true if we replace left cosets by right cosets.

In what follows, the results we prove for left cosets are also true for right cosets.

Let H be a subgroup of G . The number of left cosets of H is the same as the number of right cosets of H .

Proof:

Let L and R respectively denote the set of left and right cosets of H . We define a map $f: L \rightarrow R$ by $f(aH) = Ha^{-1}$. f is well defined. For $aH = bH \Rightarrow a^{-1}b \in H$

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

$$\Rightarrow \exists h \in H \text{ such that } a^{-1} = hb^{-1}$$

f is 1-1 for

$$f(aH) = f(bH)$$

$$\Rightarrow Ha^{-1} = Hb^{-1}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1} = hb^{-1} \text{ for some } h \in H$$

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

$$\Rightarrow a \in bH$$

$$\Rightarrow aH = bH$$

f is onto. For, every right cosets

Ha has a pre-image under f namely $a^{-1}H$.

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Hence f is a bijection from L to R . Hence the number of left cosets is the same as the number of right cosets.

Definition:-

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

Remark:-

Example:-

In $(\mathbb{Z}_8, \oplus)$, $H = \{0, 4\}$ is a subgroup. the left cosets of H are

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

$$1 + H = \{1, 5\}$$

$$2 + H = \{2, 6\}$$

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

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

These are the 4 distinct left cosets of H .

Hence, the index of the subgroup H is 4.

Note:-



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$$[Z_8 : H] \times |H| = 4 \times 2 = 8 = |Z_8|$$

Remark:-

Let H be a subgroup of G .
We define a relation in G as

follows

$$\text{Define } a \sim b \Leftrightarrow a^{-1}b \in H$$

Then $\sim$ is an equivalence relation.

Proof:-

$$\text{For, } a^{-1}a = e \in H, \text{ Hence } a \sim a.$$

Hence $\sim$ is reflexive.

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

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

$$\therefore a \sim b = b \sim a$$

Hence $\sim$ is symmetric.

Now,

$$a \sim b \text{ and } b \sim c \Rightarrow a^{-1}b \in H \text{ and } b^{-1}c \in H$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow a \sim c.$$

Hence $\sim$ is transitive.

Thus, $\sim$ is an equivalence relation.

Now, we claim that equivalence class,

$$[a] = aH.$$

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Let $b \in [a]$. Then $a \sim b$.

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

$$\therefore a^{-1}b = h \text{ for some } h \in H.$$

$$b = ah, \text{ hence } b \in aH$$

$$\therefore [a] \subseteq aH$$

Also,

$$b \in aH \Rightarrow b = ah \text{ for some } h \in H.$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1}b = h \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow a \sim b$$

$$\Rightarrow b \in [a]$$

Thus, the left cosets of H in G are precisely the equivalence classes determined by $\sim$.

Hence, the left cosets form a partition of G . This is another

proof of Theorem 2.17

Lagrange's Theorem ⁴⁴ [Thm: 2.18]

Let G be a finite group of order n and H be any subgroup of G . Then the order of H divides the order of G .

Proof:-

Let $|H| = m$ and $[G:H] = r$, then the number of distinct left cosets of H in G is r .

[By thm: 2.16]

these r left cosets are mutually disjoint, they have the same number of elements namely m and their union is G .

$$\therefore n = rm$$

Hence m divides n $\therefore [G:H] = \frac{|G|}{|H|}$

Corollary:-

$$[G:H] = \frac{|G|}{|H|}$$

The converse of Lagrange's theorem is not true.

(e) If G is a group of order n and m divides n , then G need not have a subgroup of order m .

Example :-

A_4 is a group of order 12, and it doesn't have a subgroup of order 6.

Let $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ is gp of order 4 and $H = \{1, -1\}$ is a subgp of

order 2

and the other subset $\{i, -i\}$ of order 2

But $\{i, -i\}$ is not a subgp

$\frac{|H|}{|G|} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$

$[H:G] = 2$

Note : 2

ex. for Lagrange's theorem

A group G of order 8, cannot have subgroups of order

3, 5, 6 (or) $\neq$ intact any proper subgroup of G must be of order 4 or 2

→ Any group of prime order has no proper subgroup.

THEOREM : 2.19

The order of any element of a finite group G divides the order of G .

Proof:

Let G be a group of order n .

Let $a \in G$ be an element of order m .

Then the order a is the same as the order of the cyclic group $\langle a \rangle$.

Now, by the Lagrange's theorem, the order of the subgroup $\langle a \rangle$ divides the order of G .

Hence, m/n .

THEOREM : 2.20

Every group of prime order is cyclic.

Proof:

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Let G be a group of order p ,
where p is prime.

Let $a \in G$, and $a \neq e$.

[By thm.: 2.18]

order of a divides p .

$\therefore$ Order of a is 1 or p .

Since $a \neq e$, order of a is p .

Hence, $G = \langle a \rangle$ so that G is cyclic.

THEOREM: 2.21

Let G be a group of order n .

Let $a \in G$. Then $a^n = e$.

Proof:

Let the order of a be m .

Then m divides n .

Hence, $n = mq$

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

$$= (a^m)^q$$

$$= e^q$$

$$= e$$

$$\therefore a^n = e.$$

EULER'S THEOREM:

If n is any integer and $(a, n) = 1$
then $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

($\phi(n)$ is the number of positive integer
less than n relatively prime to n)

Proof:-

Let $G = \{m \mid m < n \text{ and } (m, n) = 1\}$

G is a group under multiplication
modulo n . This group of order is $\phi(n)$.

Now, let $(a, n) = 1$

Let $a = qn + r$, $0 \leq r < n$.

so that $a \equiv r \pmod{n}$

Since $(a, n) = 1$

We have $(n, r) = 1$

so that $r \in G$.

$\therefore r^{\phi(n)} = 1$ (by thm: 2.21)

$\therefore r^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

Also, $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv r^{\phi(n)} \pmod{n}$

so that $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

[$\because \equiv$ is transitive]

Hence proved.

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THEOREM: 2.23

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FERMAT'S THEOREM:

Let p be a prime number and a be any integer, relatively prime to p . Then, $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

Proof:

Since p is prime, $\phi(p) = p-1$

and hence, the result follows from Euler's theorem.

THEOREM: 2.24

A group G has no proper subgroups, iff it is a cyclic group of prime order.

Proof:

Suppose, G is a group of prime order.

Then, it follows from Lagrange's theorem, that G has no proper subgroups.

Conversely,

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Let G be a group having no proper subgroup.

First we shall prove that G is cyclic.

Suppose G is not cyclic.

Let $a \in G$ and $a \neq e$.

Then, the cyclic group $\langle a \rangle$ is a proper subgroup of G , which is a contradiction.

Hence, G is cyclic.

Also G cannot be infinite, for an infinite cyclic group contains a proper subgroup, $\langle a^2 \rangle$.

Hence G must be of finite order say, n .

We claim that, n is prime. If possible let n be a composite number. Let $n = pq$

where $p, q > 1$.

Let $a \in G$ be a generator of the group.

Then $\langle a^p \rangle$ is a subgroup of order q and hence is a proper subgroup of G , which is a contradiction.

Hence n is prime.

$\therefore G$ is cyclic group of prime order

Solved Problem:-

5)

- 1) let A and B be a subgroups of
5m finite group G , such that A is a
u.q subgroup of B . Show that

$$[G:A] = [G:B][B:A]$$

Sol.

$$[G:A] = \frac{|G|}{|A|}$$

$$[G:B] = \frac{|G|}{|B|}$$

$$[B:A] = \frac{|B|}{|A|}$$

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$$[G:B][B:A] = \frac{|G|}{|B|} \frac{|B|}{|A|}$$

$$= \frac{|G|}{|A|}$$

$$= [G:A]$$

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Hence proved.

- 2) ⁵² let A and B be two finite subgroups of a group G , such that $|A|$ and $|B|$ have no common divisors. Then show that $A \cap B = \{e\}$.

Soln:

W.K.T:-

$A \cap B$ is a subgroup of A and B .

By Lagrange's theorem,

$|A \cap B|$ divides $|A|$ and $|B|$

have no common divisors.

$$\therefore |A \cap B| = 1$$

$$\text{Hence } A \cap B = \{e\}.$$

- 3) Let H and K be two subgroups of G of finite index in G . Prove that HK is a subgroup of finite index in G .

Soln:

(By theorem: 2.5)

HK is a subgroup of G .

$$\text{Let } [G:H] = m \text{ and } [G:K] = n.$$

We claim that for any $a \in G$.

$$(HK)a = Ha \cap Ka.$$

Clearly, $H \cap K \subseteq H$ and K .

(1) Let $a \in H \cap K$ and ka .

$$(H \cap K)a \subseteq Ha \cap Ka \rightarrow (1)$$

Now, let $x \in Ha \cap Ka$.

$\therefore x \in Ha$ and $x \in Ka$.

$\therefore x = ha$ for some $h \in H$ and

$x = ka$ for some $k \in H$.

$$\therefore x = ha = ka$$

$$\therefore h = k$$

$$\therefore h \in H \cap K$$

$$\therefore x \in (H \cap K)a$$

$$\therefore Ha \cap Ka \subseteq (H \cap K)a \rightarrow (2)$$

From (1) & (2), we have,

$$(H \cap K)a = Ha \cap Ka,$$

$\therefore$ Every right coset of $H \cap K$ in G is the intersection of a right coset of H and a right coset of K .

Also, since $[G : H] = m$, the number of right cosets of H in G is m .

Similarly, the number of right cosets of K in G is n .

Hence the number of right cosets of $H \cap K$ in G is almost mn .

$$\therefore [G : H \cap K] \leq mn. \quad 54$$

$\therefore H \cap K$ is a subgroup of finite index in G .

A) Let H and K be two finite subgroups of a group G . Then $|HK|$ or $|H \cup K| = \frac{|H||K|}{|H \cap K|}$

$$\text{or } o(HK) = \frac{o(H)o(K)}{o(H \cap K)}$$

proof:-

Let $L = H \cap K$. Since H and K are subgroups of G , L is also a subgroup of G .
 $L \subseteq H$ and K

Now, let $Lx_1, Lx_2, \dots, Lx_m$ be the distinct right cosets of L in K so that

$$K = Lx_1 \cup Lx_2 \cup \dots \cup Lx_m \rightarrow (1)$$

and

$$m = [K : L] = \frac{|K|}{|L|} = \frac{|K|}{|H \cap K|} \rightarrow (2)$$

from (1)

$$HK = H L x_1 \cup H L x_2 \cup \dots \cup H L x_m$$

$$= H x_1 \cup H x_2 \cup \dots \cup H x_m$$

(since $L \subseteq H$) $\rightarrow (3)$

We claim that the cosets $Hx_1, Hx_2, \dots, Hx_m$ are distinct.

Suppose $Hx_i = Hx_j$

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$$\therefore x_i x_j^{-1} \in H$$

Also, $x_i, x_j \in K$ and hence $x_i x_j^{-1} \in K$

$$\therefore x_i x_j^{-1} \in H \cap K = 1$$

Hence, $Lx_i = Lx_j$ which is contradiction.

Since the cosets $Lx_1, Lx_2, \dots, Lx_m$ are distinct

Thus from (3) we have,

$$|HK| = |Hx_1| + |Hx_2| + \dots + |Hx_m|$$

$$= m|H|$$

$$= \frac{|H||K|}{|H \cap K|} \quad [\text{by (2)}]$$

5) Let H and K be two subgroups of a finite group G such that

$$|H| > \sqrt{|G|} \text{ then } H \cap K \neq \{e\}$$

Proof:

$$\text{Suppose } H \cap K = \{e\}$$

$$|H \cap K| = 1$$

$$|HK| = \frac{|H||K|}{|H \cap K|} \quad [\text{by problem 2}]$$

$$= |H||K|$$

$$> \sqrt{|G|} \sqrt{|G|}$$

= 161

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$\therefore |HK| > 161$, which is contradiction.

$\therefore H \cap K \neq \{e\}$.

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UNIT III

left coset = right coset

NORMAL SUBGROUPS AND QUOTIENT GROUP :-

Consider the subgroup $H = \{e, p_3\}$ of S_3 . Then $HP_1 = \{p_1, p_5\}$ and $P_1H = \{p_1, p_4\}$. Hence $HP_1 \neq P_1H$.

Definition :-

A subgroup H of G is called a normal subgroup of G , if $aH = Ha$, all $a \in G$.

Ex:-

- 1) In S_3 the subgroup $\{e, p_1, p_2\}$ is normal.
- 2) In S_3 the subgroup $\{e, p_3\}$ is not a normal subgroup.

(2)

THEOREM: 3.1

Every subgroup of an abelian group is a normal subgroup.

Proof:-

Let G be an abelian group and let H be a subgroup of G . Let $a \in G$.

We claim that,

$$aH = Ha.$$

Let $x \in aH$. Then

$$x = ah \text{ for some } h \in H.$$

$$x = ha \text{ (since } G \text{ is abelian)}$$

$$\therefore x \in Ha. \text{ Hence } aH \subseteq Ha.$$

Similarly,

$$Ha \subseteq aH.$$

$\therefore aH = Ha$ and hence H is a normal subgroup of G .

Ex:- Normal subgroup

- i) $n\mathbb{Z}$ is a normal subgroup of $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$
- ii) Every subgroup of $(\mathbb{Z}_n, \oplus)$ is normal.
- iii) Since any cyclic group is abelian any subgroup of cyclic group is normal.

THEOREM: 3.2

(3)

Let H be a subgroup of index 2 in a group G . Then H is a normal subgroup of G .

Proof:-

If $a \in H$, then $H = aH = Ha$.

If $a \notin H$, then aH is a left coset different from H .

Hence $H \cap aH = \emptyset$.

Further, since index of H in G is 2 ,

$$H \cup aH = G.$$

$$\text{Hence } aH = G - H.$$

Similarly,

$$Ha = G - H, \text{ so that } aH = Ha.$$

Hence, H is a normal subgroup of G .

Example:

The alternating group A_n is a subgroup of index 2 in S_n and

hence is a normal subgroup of S_n .

THEOREM: 3-3

(4)

Let N be a subgroup of G , then the following are equivalent.

- i) N is a normal subgroup of G .
- ii) $aNa^{-1} = N$, for all $a \in G$.
- iii) $aNa^{-1} \subseteq N$ for all $a \in G$.
- iv) $ana^{-1} \in N$ for all $n \in N$ and $a \in G$.

Proof:

$$(i) \Rightarrow (ii)$$

Suppose N is a normal subgroup of G .

$$aN = Na, \text{ for all } a \in G.$$

$$aNa^{-1} = Na^{-1} = N$$

$$(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) \text{ and } (iii) \Rightarrow (iv) \text{ are}$$

obvious.

$$(iv) \Rightarrow (i)$$

Suppose that $ana^{-1} \in N$ for all $n \in N$ and $a \in G$.

We claim that $aN = Na$.

Let $x \in aN$.

$$\therefore x = an \text{ for some } n \in N.$$

$$\therefore x = (ana^{-1})a \in Na \quad [\because \text{since } ana^{-1} \in N]$$

$$\therefore aN \subseteq Na \rightarrow (i)$$

(5)

Now let $x \in Na$.

$\therefore x = na$ for some $n \in N$.

$$\therefore x = a(a^{-1}na) = a(a^{-1}n(a^{-1})^{-1}) \in aN$$

$$\therefore Na \subseteq aN \rightarrow (2)$$

From (1) & (2)

We get $Na = aN$

Hence N is a normal subgroup of G .

Solved Problems:-

- 1) Prove that the intersection of two normal subgroups of a group G is a normal subgroup of G .

Soln:

Let H and K be two normal subgroups of G . Then $H \cap K$ is a subgroup of G .

Now, let $a \in G$ and $x \in H \cap K$.

Then $x \in H$ and $x \in K$.

Since H and K are normal
 $axa^{-1} \in H$ and $axa^{-1} \in K$.

Hence $axa^{-1} \in H$. Thus, H is a normal subgroup of G .

- 1) The centre H of a group G is a normal subgroup of G .

Soln:

The centre H of G is given by
 $H = \{a \mid a \in G, ax = xa \text{ for all } x \in G\}$.

Now let $x \in H$ and $a \in G$.

$$\text{Hence } ax = xa$$

$$\therefore x = axa^{-1} \in H.$$

Hence H is a normal subgroup of G .

- 2) Let H be a subgroup of G . Let $a \in G$.
Then aHa^{-1} is a subgroup of G .

Soln:

$$e = aea^{-1} \in aHa^{-1} \text{ and hence } aHa^{-1} \neq \emptyset$$

$$\text{Now, let } x, y \in aHa^{-1}$$

$$\text{Then } x = ah_1a^{-1} \text{ and } y = ah_2a^{-1}$$

$$\text{where } h_1, h_2 \in H$$

Now,

$$xy^{-1} = (ah_1a^{-1})(ah_2a^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$= (ah_1a^{-1})(ah_2^{-1}a^{-1})$$

$$= a(h_1h_2^{-1})a^{-1} \in aHa^{-1}$$

$\therefore aHa^{-1}$ is a subgroup of G .

- 4) Show that if a group G has exactly one subgroup H of given order, then H is a normal subgroup of G .

Soln.

Let the order of H be m .

Let $a \in G$. Then by solved pblm: 3

aHa^{-1} is also a subgroup of G .

We claim that, $|H| = |aHa^{-1}| = m$.

Now,

Consider $f: H \rightarrow aHa^{-1}$ defined by

$$f(h) = aha^{-1}.$$

f is 1-1 for,

$$f(h_1) = f(h_2) \Rightarrow ah_1a^{-1} = ah_2a^{-1}.$$

$$\Rightarrow h_1 = h_2$$

f is onto, for let $x = aha^{-1} \in aHa^{-1}$.

Then $f(h) = x$. Thus f is a bijection.

$$|H| = |aHa^{-1}| = m$$

But H is the only subgroup of G of order m .

$\therefore aHa^{-1} = H$. Hence $aH = Ha$.

$\therefore H$ is a normal subgroup of G .

5) show that if H and N are subgroups of a group G and N is normal in G , then HN is normal in H . Show by an example that HN need not be normal in G .

Soln.

Let $x \in HN$, and $a \in H$.

We claim that $axa^{-1} \in HN$.

Now, $x \in N$ and $a \in H \Rightarrow axa^{-1} \in N$

[$\because N$ is a normal subgroup]

Also $x \in H$ and $a \in H \Rightarrow axa^{-1} \in H$

[$\because H$ is a group]

Hence $axa^{-1} \in HN$.

$\therefore HN$ is a normal subgroup of H .

The following example show that HN need not be normal in G .

Let $G = S_n$. Take $N = G$ and

$H = \{e, P_s\}$. $\sim$ Symmetry grp

Now, $HN = H$, which is not normal in G .

(9)

6) If H is a subgroup of G and N is a normal subgroup of G then HN is a subgroup of G .

Soln.

To prove that HN is a subgroup of G .

It is enough, if we prove that

$$HN = NH \quad [\text{By thm: 2.7}]$$

Let $x \in HN$, then $x = hn$,

where $h \in H$ and $n \in N$.

$$\therefore x \in hN$$

But $hN = Nh$ ($\because N$ is a normal).

$$\therefore x \in Nh$$

Hence $x = nh$, where $n \in N$.

$$\therefore x \in NH$$

Hence $HN \subseteq NH$

$$\text{Similarly, } NH \subseteq HN$$

$$\therefore HN = NH$$

Hence HN is a subgroup of G .

7) M and N are normal subgroups of a group G , such that $M \cap N = \{e\}$.

Show that every element of M commutes with every element of N .

Soln

Let $a \in M$ and $b \in N$.

We claim that $ab = ba$.

Consider the element $aba^{-1}b^{-1}$.

Since $a^{-1} \in M$ and M is normal,

$$ba^{-1}b^{-1} \in M.$$

Also, $a \in M$, so that $aba^{-1}b^{-1} \in M$.

Again since $b \in N$ and N is normal,

$$aba^{-1} \in N$$

Also $b^{-1} \in N$, so that $aba^{-1}b^{-1} \in N$

$$\therefore aba^{-1}b^{-1} \in M \cap N = \{e\}$$

$$aba^{-1}b^{-1} = e$$

$$ab = ba.$$

THEOREM: 3.4

(2)

A subgroup N of G is normal if and only if, the product two right coset of N is again a right coset of N .

Proof:

~~Let G be a group.~~

Suppose N is a normal subgroup of G .

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} NaNb &= N(aN)b \\ &= N(Na)b \quad [\because aN = Na] \\ &= N(Nab) \\ &= NNab \\ &= Nab \quad [\because NN = N] \end{aligned}$$

Conversely,

Suppose that the product of two right coset of N is again a right coset of N .

Further $ab = (ea)(eb) \in NaNb$.

Hence $NaNb$ is the right coset containing ab .

$$\therefore NaNb = Nab$$

(13)

Now, We prove that N is a normal subgroup of G .

let $a \in G$ and $n \in N$

then,

$$ana^{-1} = eana^{-1} \in NaNa^{-1}$$

$$= Na a^{-1}$$

$$= N$$

$$\therefore ana^{-1} \in N$$

hence N is a normal subgroup of G .

THEOREM : 3.5

Let N be a normal subgroup of G .

Then G/N is a group under the operation defined by $NaNb = Nab$

Proof:

By the above theorem, the operation given by $NaNb = Nab$ is well defined binary operation in G/N .

Now, let $Na, Nb, Nc \in G/N$.

$$\text{Then } Na(NbNc) = Na(Nbc)$$

$$= N a(bc)$$

$$= N(ab)c$$

$$= (Na Nb) Nc$$

(14)

$\therefore$ The binary operation is associative. $Ne = N \in G/N$ and

$$Na Ne = Nae = Na$$

$$= Nea$$

$$= NeNa.$$

$\therefore Ne$ is the identity element

$$\text{Also, } NaNa^{-1} = Na e^{-1}$$

$$= Ne$$

$$= Na^{-1}a$$

$$= Na^{-1}Na$$

$\therefore Na^{-1}$ is the inverse of Na .

$\therefore G/N$ is a group.

Definition:-

Let N be a normal subgroup of

Then the group G/N is called the

Quotient group (Factor group)

of G modulo N .

Example:-

$3\mathbb{Z}$ is a normal subgroup

of $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$.

(15) The Quotient group $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{3\mathbb{Z}} = \{3\mathbb{Z} + 0, 3\mathbb{Z} + 1, 3\mathbb{Z} + 2\}$.

Hence, $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ is a group of order 3.

HOMOMORPHISM :-

Definition :-

A map f from a group G into a group G' is called a homomorphism if $f(ab) = f(a)f(b)$ for all $a, b \in G$.

Example :-

1) $f(\mathbb{Z}, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ defined by

$f(x) = 2x$ is a homomorphism

$$\text{for, } f(x+y) = 2(x+y)$$

$$= 2x + 2y$$

$$f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$$

$\therefore f$ is a homomorphism.

2) $f: (\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^+, \cdot)$ defined by $f(x) = |x|$

is a homomorphism.

$$\text{for, } f(xy) = |xy|$$

$$= |x||y|$$

$$= f(a) + f(y)$$

$\therefore f$ is homomorphism.

3) $f: G \rightarrow G'$ defined by $f(a) = e'$, where e' is the identity in G' is a trivial homomorphism.

$$\text{for, } f(ab) = e' e' = f(a) + f(b)$$

$\therefore f$ is homomorphism.

4) $f: (R \times R, +) \rightarrow (R, +)$ given by

$f(x, y) = x$ is a homomorphism.

$$f((x, y) + (y, z)) = x + y = f(x, y) + f(y, z).$$

$\therefore f$ is a homomorphism.

5) Let G be a group and N is a normal subgroup of G .

$f: G \rightarrow G/N$ is given by $f(a) = Na$ is a homomorphism.

$$f(ab) = N(ab) = NaNb$$

$$= f(a) f(b)$$

$\therefore f$ is a homomorphism.

This f is called "canonical
 $f: G \rightarrow G/N$
homomorphism" from G to G/N

Definition:-

Let $f: G \rightarrow G'$ be a homomorphism.

i) If f is onto, then it is called
 an "Epimorphism".

ii) If f is 1-1, then it is called
 a "Monomorphism".

iii) If f is an Epimorphism, then
 G' is called a "Homomorphic
 image of G ".

iv) A homomorphism of a group
 to itself is called an endo-
 morphism.

THEOREM: 3.6

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Let $f: G \rightarrow G'$ be a homomorphism.

i) $f(e) = e'$

ii) $f(a^{-1}) = [f(a)]^{-1}$

iii) If H is a subgroup of G ,

then $f(H)$ is a subgroup of G' .

iv) If H is a normal in G ,

then $f(H)$ is normal in $f(G)$.

v) If H' is a subgroup of G' ,

then $f^{-1}(H')$ is a subgroup of G .

vi) If H' is normal in $f(G)$ then

$f^{-1}(H')$ is normal in G .

Proof:-

i) Let $a \in G$.

$$\text{Then } f(a) = f(ae) = f(a)f(e)$$

$$\text{Hence } f(e) = e'$$

ii) $f(a)f(a^{-1}) = f(e) = e'$

$$\text{Hence } f(a^{-1}) = [f(a)]^{-1}$$

iii) Let H be a subgroup of G .

Since H is non-empty, $f(H)$ is also non-empty.

Now, let $x, y \in f(H)$

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Then $x = f(a)$ and $y = f(b)$ where $a, b \in H$.

$$\therefore xy^{-1} = f(a) [f(b)]^{-1}$$

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

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

Now, since H is a subgroup of G ,
 $ab^{-1} \in H$.

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

$\therefore f(H)$ is a subgroup of G .

iv) Let H be a normal in G . Let $x \in f(H)$
and $y \in f(G)$.

We claim that $yxy^{-1} \in f(H)$.

Now, $x = f(a)$ and $y = f(b)$, where
 $a \in H$ and $b \in G$.

Since H is normal in G , $bab^{-1} \in H$.

$$\therefore f(bab^{-1}) \in f(H)$$

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

$\therefore yxy^{-1} \in f(H)$. Hence $f(H)$ is
normal in $f(G)$.

v) Since $f(e) = e' \in H'$;

$e \in f^{-1}(H')$ and hence $f^{-1}(H') \neq \emptyset$

Now, let $a, b \in f^{-1}(H')$.

Then $f(a), f(b) \in H'$.

$$\therefore f(a) [f(b)]^{-1} \in H'$$

$$\therefore f(ab^{-1}) \in H' \text{ i.e., } ab^{-1} \in f^{-1}(H')$$

Hence, $f^{-1}(H')$ is a subgroup of G .

vi) Let $x \in f^{-1}(H')$ and $a \in G$.

$$\text{Then } f(ax) \in H' \text{ and } f(a) \in f(G)$$

Since H' is normal in $f(G)$

$$f(a) f(x) [f(a)]^{-1} \in H'$$

$$\therefore f(axa^{-1}) \in H'$$

$$\text{Hence } axa^{-1} \in f^{-1}(H')$$

Thus, $f^{-1}(H')$ is normal in G .

Example :-

$$\text{Let } K = \ker f$$

i) Consider the homomorphism

$f: (\mathbb{Z}, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_n, \oplus)$ which is given in the beginning of this section.

$$\text{Let } K = \{x/x \in \mathbb{Z}, f(x) = 0\}$$

Clearly, $K = n\mathbb{Z}$, which is a normal subgroup of $\mathbb{Z}$.

2) Consider the homomorphism. (21)

$f: (R^*, \cdot) \rightarrow (R^+, \cdot)$ which is given by $f(x) = |x|$.

$$\text{let } K = \{x \mid x \in R^*, f(x) = 1\}$$

Clearly, $K = \{1, -1\}$ which is a normal subgroup of $(R^*, \cdot)$

Definition:-

Let $f: G \rightarrow G'$ be a homomorphism. Let $K = \{x \mid x \in G, f(x) = e'\}$. Then K is called the kernel of f and denoted by $\ker f$.

THEOREM: 5.7

Let $f: G \rightarrow G'$ be a homomorphism. Then the kernel K of f is a normal subgroup of G .

Proof:-

Since $f(e) = e'$, $e \in K$ and

hence $K \neq \emptyset$.

Now, let $x, y \in K$

Then $f(x) = e'$, $f(y) = e'$

$$f(xy^{-1}) = f(xy^{-1})$$

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$$= f(x) f(y^{-1})$$

$$= f(x) [f(y)]^{-1}$$

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

$$= e'$$

Thus, $xy^{-1} \in K$.

Hence K is a subgroup of G .

Now, let $x \in K$, and $a \in G$.

$$\text{Then } f(axa^{-1}) = f(a) f(x) f(a^{-1})$$

$$= f(a) e [f(a)]^{-1}$$

$$= f(a) [f(a)]^{-1}$$

$$= e'$$

$$\therefore axa^{-1} \in K$$

Hence K is a normal subgroup of G .

Unit - III

FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM OF HOMOMORPHISM

Theorem : 3.8

Let $f: G \rightarrow G'$ be a epimorphism
 let K be a kernel of f . Then $G/K \cong G'$.

Proof:-

Define $\phi: G/K \rightarrow G'$ by $\phi(Ka) = f(a)$

Step (i)

ϕ is well defined.

Let $Ka = Kb$.

Then $b \in Ka$

Hence $b \in Ka$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } f(b) &= f(Ka) = f(K)f(a) \\ &= e'f(a) \\ &= f(a) \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi(Kb) = f(b) = f(a) = \phi(Ka)$$

Step (ii)

ϕ is 1-1

for $\phi(ka) = \phi(kb)$ (24)

$$\Rightarrow f(a) = f(b)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a) [f(b)]^{-1} = e'$$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow a \in kb$$

$$\Rightarrow ka \in kb$$

Step (iii)

ϕ is onto

Let $a' \in G'$

Since f is onto, there exists $a \in G$ such that $f(a) = a'$

Hence $\phi(ka) = f(a) = a'$

Step (iv)

ϕ is a homomorphism.

$$\phi(kakb) = \phi(kab)$$

$$= f(ab)$$

$$= f(a) f(b)$$

$$= \phi(ka) \phi(kb)$$

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Thus, ϕ is an homomorphism from G/K onto G' .

$$\therefore G/K \cong G'$$

Solved Problems:-

- 1) Let $f: G \rightarrow G'$ be a homomorphism.
Then f is 1-1 iff $\ker f = \{e\}$.

Soln.

Obviously f is 1-1 $\Rightarrow \ker f = \{e\}$

Conversely, let $\ker f = \{e\}$

To prove that f is 1-1

$$f(x) = f(y)$$

$$f(xy^{-1}) = e'$$

$$xy^{-1} \in \ker f$$

$$xy^{-1} = e'$$

$$x = y$$

Hence f is 1-1

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2) Let G be any group and H be the centre of G . Then $G/H \cong \mathcal{I}(G)$, the group of inner automorphisms of G .

soln:

Consider $f: G \rightarrow \mathcal{I}(G)$ defined by

$$f(a) = \phi_a$$

$$f(ab) = \phi_{ab} = \phi_a \circ \phi_b = f(a)f(b)$$

Hence f is homomorphism.

Clearly f is onto.

Now, we claim that $\ker f = H$

$$a \in \ker f \Leftrightarrow f(a) = \phi_e$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \phi_a = \phi_e$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underline{\phi_a(x)} = x \text{ for all } x \in G$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underline{axa^{-1}} = x \text{ for all } x \in G$$

$$\Leftrightarrow ax = xa \text{ for all } x \in G$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \in H.$$

Hence $\ker f = H$

$\therefore$ By the fundamental theorem,

of homomorphism $G/H \cong \mathcal{I}(G)$.

3) Show that $\mathbb{R}^* / (1, -1) \cong \mathbb{R}^+$ (27)

Soln

Consider $f: \mathbb{R}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ defined by

$$f(x) = |x|$$

Clearly f is an epimorphism and

$$\ker f = (1, -1)$$

Hence by the fundamental theorem of homomorphism.

$$\mathbb{R}^* / (1, -1) \cong \mathbb{R}^+.$$

4) Any homomorphism image of a cyclic group is cyclic.

Soln

Let G be a cyclic group and

$f: G \rightarrow G'$ be an epimorphism.

Let a be a generator of G . Then $f(a)$ is a generator of G' .

Hence G' is cyclic.

5) Show that the map $f: (C, +) \rightarrow (R, +)$

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defined by $f(x+iy) = y$ is an epimorphism and $\ker f = iR$. Deduce that $C/R \cong R$.

Sol.

Let $z_1 = x_1 + iy_1$ and $z_2 = x_2 + iy_2$

Then $z_1 + z_2 = (x_1 + x_2) + i(y_1 + y_2)$

$$f(z_1 + z_2) = y_1 + y_2 = f(z_1) + f(z_2)$$

Hence f is a homomorphism.

Clearly f is onto.

Now,

$$\ker f = \{x + iy \mid f(x + iy) = 0\}$$

$$= \{x + iy \mid y = 0\}$$

$$= R$$

By the fundamental theorem of homomorphism $C/R \cong R$.

ISOMORPHISM :-

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Definition:-

Let G and G' be two groups.

A map $f: G \rightarrow G'$ is called an isomorphism, if

i) f is bijection

ii) $f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$ for all $x, y \in G$.

$f(ab) = f(a)f(b)$

Two groups G and G' are said to be isomorphic. If there exists an

isomorphism $f: G \rightarrow G'$. If two groups

G and G' are isomorphic we write

$G \cong G'$. If $f: G \rightarrow G'$ is an isomorphism we say that G is isomorphic to G' and we write $G \cong G'$.

THEOREM: 3.9

Isomorphism is an equivalence relation among groups.

Proof:-

For any group G , $\text{id}_G: G \rightarrow G$ is clearly an isomorphism.

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Hence $G \cong G$. Therefore the relation is reflexive.

Now, let $G \cong G'$ and let $f: G \rightarrow G'$ be an isomorphism.

Then f is a bijection.

$\therefore f^{-1}: G' \rightarrow G$ is also a bijection.

Now, let $x', y' \in G'$

Let $f^{-1}(x') = x$ and $f^{-1}(y') = y$

$f(xy)$ Then $f(x) = x'$ and $f(y) = y'$

$$f(xy) = f(x)f(y) = x'y'$$

$$f^{-1}(x'y') = xy = f^{-1}(x')f^{-1}(y')$$

Hence f^{-1} is a isomorphism.

Thus $G' \cong G$ and hence the relation is symmetric

Now, let $G \cong G'$ and $G' \cong G''$ and $g: G' \rightarrow G''$

Since f and g are bijection
let $g \circ f: G \rightarrow G''$ is also a bijection.

Now, let $x, y \in G$, then

3)

$$(g \circ f)(xy) = g[f(xy)] \\ = g[f(x)f(y)]$$

$\therefore$ Since f is an isomorphism

$$= g[f(x)]g[f(y)]$$

$(\because g \text{ is an isomorphism})$

$$= (g \circ f)(x)(g \circ f)(y)$$

Hence $g \circ f$ is an isomorphism.

Thus $G \cong G''$ and hence the relation is transitive.

$\therefore$ Isomorphism is an equivalence relation among groups.

Example :-

$$1) (Z, +) \cong (2Z, +)$$

Consider $f: Z \rightarrow 2Z$ given by $f(x) = 2x$.

Clearly f is a bijection.

$$f(x+y) = 2(x+y)$$

$$= 2x + 2y$$

$$= f(x) + f(y)$$

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Hence f is an isomorphism.

$$2) \text{ let } G = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R}^* \right\}$$

G is a group under matrix multiplication.

We claim that $G \cong (\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot)$

Consider $f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$ given by,

$$f \left(\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = a$$

$$\text{let } A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} ab & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore f(AB) = ab = f(A) \cdot f(B)$$

Hence f is an isomorphism.

$$3) (\mathbb{R}, +) \cong (\mathbb{R}^+, \cdot)$$

Consider $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ given by $f(x) = e^x$

Clearly f is a bijection.

$$\therefore f(x+y) = e^{x+y} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$= e^x \cdot e^y \quad (1) = (2)$$

$$= f(x) \cdot f(y)$$

$$e^x \cdot e^y = e^{x+y} \rightarrow (3)$$

$\therefore f$ is an isomorphism.

- 4) $G = \mathbb{R} - \{-1\}$ is a group under $*$ defined by $a * b = a + b + ab$

We claim that $G \cong (\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot)$

Consider $f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$ given by,

$$f(x) = x + 1$$

Clearly f is a bijection.

$$f(x * y) = f(x + y + xy)$$

$$= x + y + xy + 1$$

$$= (x + 1)(y + 1)$$

$\therefore f$ is an isomorphism.

- 5) $(\mathbb{Z}_n, \oplus)$ is a group.

Let G denote the set of all n^{th} roots of unity. G is a group under usual multiplication.

We claim that $(\mathbb{Z}_n, \oplus) \cong G$.

Consider $f: \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow G$ given by

$$f(m) = \omega^m, \text{ where}$$

where $\omega = e^{2\pi i/n}$

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$$f(m) = \omega^m, \text{ where } \omega = \cos(2\pi/n) + i \sin(2\pi/n)$$

Clearly f is a bijection.

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_n$.

Let $a+b = qn+r$, where $0 \leq r < n$,
then $a \oplus b = r$

$$f(a \oplus b) = \omega^r \rightarrow (1)$$

Also,

$$f(a) f(b) = \omega^a \omega^b = \omega^{a+b}$$

$$= \omega^{qn+r}$$

$$= \omega^{qn} \cdot \omega^r = \omega^r \rightarrow (2)$$

From (1) & (2)

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

$\therefore f$ is an Isomorphism.

THEOREM : 3.10

Let $f: G \rightarrow G'$ be an Isomorphism. Then

i) $f(e) = e'$, where e and e' are the identity element of G and G' respectively. ie) in an isomorphism, identity is mapped onto identity.

$$\text{ii) } f(a^{-1}) = [f(a)]^{-1}.$$

Proof:-

i) To prove that $f(e) = e'$.

It is enough, if we prove that,

$$a' f(e) = f(e) a' = a' \text{ for all } a' \in G'.$$

Let $a' \in G'$

since $f: G \rightarrow G'$ is a bijection, there exists $a \in G$ such that $f(a) = a'$.

$$a' f(e) = f(a) f(e)$$

$$= f(ae)$$

$$= f(a)$$

$$= a'$$

Similarly $f(e)a' = a'$. (36)

$$\therefore f(e) = e'$$

ii) It is enough to prove that

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

$$= e'$$

$$\text{Now, } f(a)f(a^{-1}) = f(aa^{-1})$$

$$= f(e)$$

$$= e'$$

$$\text{Also, } f(a^{-1})f(a) = f(a^{-1}a)$$

$$= f(e)$$

$$= e'$$

$$\therefore f(a)f(a^{-1}) = f(a^{-1})f(a) = e'$$

$$\therefore f(a^{-1}) = [f(a)]^{-1}$$

THEOREM : 3.11

Let $f: G \rightarrow G'$ be an isomorphism. If G is abelian, then G' is also abelian.

Proof:-

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Let $a', b' \in G'$, then there exists $a, b \in G$, such that $f(a) = a'$ and $f(b) = b'$.

$$a'b' = f(a)f(b)$$

$$= f(ab)$$

$$= f(ba)$$

$$= b'a'$$

$$\therefore a'b' = b'a'$$

Hence, G' is abelian.

THEOREM: 3.12

Let $f: G \rightarrow G'$ be an Isomorphism. Let $a \in G$ then the $o(a) = o[f(a)]$, i.e. isomorphism preserves the order of each element in a group.

Proof:-

Suppose, the order of a is n .

then n is the least positive integer such that $a^n = e$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 [f(a)]^n &= f(a) \cdots f(a) \\
 &\quad (f(a) \text{ written } n \text{ times}) \\
 &= f(a^n) \quad (\because f \text{ is an isomorphism}) \\
 &= f(e) \\
 &= e'
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, if possible let m be a +ve integer such that $0 < m < n$ and $[f(a)]^m = e'$, then

$$f(a^m) = [f(a)]^m = e'$$

But $f(e) = e'$

Since f is 1-1, we have $a^m = e$ which contradicts the definition of the order of a .

$\therefore n$ is the least +ve integer such that $[f(a)]^n = e'$.

$\therefore$ The order of $f(a)$ is n .

THEOREM: 3.13

Let $f: G \rightarrow G'$ be an isomorphism, if G is cyclic, then G' is also a cyclic.

Proof:-

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Let a be a generator of the group G .

We shall prove that $f(a)$ is the generator of the group G' .

Let $x' \in G'$. Since f is a bijection, there exists $x \in G$ such that $f(x) = x'$.

Now, since $G = \langle a \rangle$, $x = a^n$ for some integer n .

$$\text{Hence } x' = f(x) = f(a^n) = [f(a)]^n.$$

Since $x' \in G'$ is arbitrary every element of G' is of the form $[f(a)]^n$.

$$\text{So that } G' = \langle f(a) \rangle.$$

Hence G' is cyclic.

Solved Problems:-

- 1) Show that $(\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot)$ is not isomorphic to $(\mathbb{R}, +)$.

Sol:-

In $(\mathbb{R}, +)$, every element other than 0 is of infinite order.

But, in $(\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot)$ there exists
an element other than,
one of finite order.

for example,

-1 is of order 2 in $(\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot)$

Hence, we cannot find an
Isomorphism from $(\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot)$ to $(\mathbb{R}, +)$.

[By thm: 3.12]

2) Show that $(\mathbb{Z}_4, \oplus)$ is not
isomorphic to V_4 .

Soln

In $\mathbb{Z}_4$, 1 is an element of
order 4. But in V_4 every element
other than e is of order 2.

Hence, the two groups are not
isomorphic.

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- 3) If G is a group and G' is a set with a binary operation and there exists a 1-1 mapping $f: G \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} G'$, such that $f(ab) = f(a)f(b)$ for all $a, b \in G$, then show that G' is also a group.

Soln.

Let $a', b', c' \in G'$

Since $f: G \rightarrow G'$ is a bijection, there exists $a, b, c \in G$ such that $f(a) = a'$; $f(b) = b'$; $f(c) = c'$
 Since G is a group, $(ab)c = a(bc)$

$$\therefore f[(ab)c] = f[a(bc)]$$

$$\therefore f(ab)f(c) = f(a)f(bc) \text{ by}$$

hypothesis.

$$\therefore [f(a)f(b)]f(c) = f(a)[f(b)f(c)]$$

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

$\therefore$ The binary operation in G' is associative.

Now, let $e \in G$ be the identity element.

Let $a' \in G'$. Since $f: G \rightarrow G'$ is a bijection, there exists $a \in G$ such that $f(a) = a'$.

$$\text{Now } ae = ea = a$$

$$\therefore f(ae) = f(ea) = f(a)$$

$$\therefore f(a)f(e) = f(e)f(a) = f(a)$$

$$a'f(e) = f(e)a' = a'$$

$\therefore f(e)$ is the identity in G' .

Let $a' \in G'$. Since $f: G \rightarrow G'$ is a bijection, there exists $a \in G$ such that $f(a) = a'$.

$$\text{Now, } aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a = e$$

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

$$f(a)f(a^{-1}) = f(a^{-1})f(a) = f(e)$$

$$a'f(a^{-1}) = f(a^{-1})a' = f(e)$$

$\therefore f(a^{-1})$ is the inverse of a' in G' .

Hence G' is a group.

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Rings:-

A non-empty set R together with two binary operations denoted by "+" and "." and called addition and Multiplication which satisfy the following axioms is called ring.

Conditions:

(i) $(R, +)$ is an abelian group.

(ii) "." is an associative binary operation on R .

(iii) $a \cdot (b+c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$ and $(a+b) \cdot c = a \cdot c + b \cdot c$ for all $a, b, c \in R$.

Examples:-

1) In $R \times R$ we define $(a, b) + (c, d) = (a+c, b+d)$ and $(a, b) \cdot (c, d) = (ac, bd)$

Soln:-

Here $(R \times R, +)$ is an abelian group.

The identity is $(0, 0)$ and the inverse of (a, b) is $(-a, -b)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Further, } (a,b) \cdot [(c,d) + (e,f)] &= (a,b)[(c+e, d+f)] \\ &= (ac, bd) + (ae, bf) \\ &= (a,b)(c,d) + (a,b)(e,f)\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}[(a,b) + (c,d)](e,f) &= [(a+c, b+d)](e,f) \\ &= (ae+ce, bf+df) \\ &= (ae, bf) + (ce, df) \\ &= (a,b)(e,f) + (c,d)(e,f)\end{aligned}$$

② $(\mathbb{Z}_n, \oplus, \odot)$ is a ring.

Proof:-

We know that $(\mathbb{Z}_n, \oplus)$ is an abelian group and $\odot$ is an associative binary operation.

We now prove the distributive laws

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_n$.

$$\text{Then } b \oplus c \equiv (b+c) \pmod{n}$$

$$\text{Hence } (a \odot (b+c)) \equiv a(b+c) \pmod{n}$$

$$\text{Also, } a \odot b \equiv ab \pmod{n} \text{ and}$$

$$a \odot c \equiv ac \pmod{n} \text{ so that,}$$

$$(a \odot b) \oplus (a \odot c) \equiv (ab + ac) \pmod{n}$$

$$\therefore a \odot (b \oplus c) \equiv a(b+c)$$

$$\therefore a \odot (b \oplus c) \text{ and } (a \odot b) \oplus (a \odot c) \in \mathbb{Z}_n$$

we have,

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

Similarly,

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

Hence $(\mathbb{Z}_n, \oplus, \odot)$ is a ring.

Elementary Properties of rings.

Thm: A-1

Let R be a Ring and $a, b \in R$.

Then (i) $0a = a0 = 0$

(ii) $a(-b) = (-a)b = -(ab)$

(iii) $(-a)(-b) = ab$

(iv) $a(b-c) = ab-ac$

Proof:-

(i) $a0 = a(a+0)$

$$a0 = a0 + a0$$

$$0 = a0$$

$$\therefore \boxed{a0 = 0} \text{ (by cancellation law)}$$

Similarly, $\boxed{0a = 0}$

$$(i) \quad a(-b) = (-a)b = -(ab)$$

$$\begin{aligned} a(-b) + (ab) &= a(-b+b) \\ &= a0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$a(-b) = -(ab)$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} (-a)b + ab &= b(-a+a) \\ &= b0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (-a)b = -(ab)$$

$$(iii) \quad (-a)(-b) = ab$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By (ii), } (-a)(-b) &= -[a(-b)] \quad \text{by (ii)} \\ &= -(-ab) \\ &= ab \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (iv) \quad a(b-c) &= a[b + (-c)] \\ &= ab + a(-c) \\ &= ab - ac \end{aligned}$$

Problem: 1

If R is a ring such that

$a^2 = a \quad \forall a \in R$. prove that

$$(i) \quad a+a=0$$

$$(ii) \quad a+b=0 \Rightarrow a=b$$

$$(iii) \quad ab=ba$$

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Proof: —

$$(i) \quad a+a=0$$

$$a+a = a^2+a^2$$

$$= (aa) + (aa)$$

$$= (a+a) \cdot (a+a)$$

$$= a(a+a) + a(a+a)$$

$$= aa+aa + aa+aa$$

$$a+a = (a+a) + (a+a)$$

Hence

$$a+a=0$$

[since $a^2=a$]

$$(ii) \quad \text{Let } a+b=0 \quad \text{[By (i)]}$$

$$a+b = a+a$$

$$b = a+a-a$$

$$b = a$$

$$(iii) \quad a+b = (a+b)(a+b)$$

$$a+b = (a+b)^2 = (a+b)(a+b) \quad (\because a^2=a)$$

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

$$= aa+ab + ba+bb$$

$$= a^2+ab + ba+b^2$$

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

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

Hence, $ab+ba=0$, so that (iii)

$$ab+ba=0$$

$$ab=ba$$

$$[\because a+b=0 \Rightarrow a=b]$$

Problem: 2



The set R of all matrices of the form $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix}$ where $a, b \in R$ is a ring under matrix addition & matrix multiplication.

Proof:-

$$\text{let } A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} \text{ \& } B = \begin{pmatrix} c & d \\ -d & c \end{pmatrix} \in R$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } A+B &= \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} c & d \\ -d & c \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} a+c & b+d \\ -(b+d) & (a+c) \end{pmatrix} \in R. \end{aligned}$$

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c & d \\ -d & c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} ac-bd & ad+bc \\ -(bc+ad) & -(bd+ac) \end{pmatrix}$$

Clearly matrix addition is commutative and associative.

$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in R$ is the zero element

$\begin{pmatrix} -a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}$ is the inverse of the matrix.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix}$$

Further, matrix multiplication is associative and the distributive laws are valid for 2×2 matrices

Hence R is a ring.

Commutative:-

A ring R is said to be commutative if $ab = ba$ for all $a, b \in R$.

Ring with identity:-

Let R be a ring. We say that R is a ring with identity if there exists an element $1 \in R$ such that $a1 = 1a = a$ for all $a \in R$.

Thm : 4.8:-

In a ring with identity element is unique.

Proof:-

Let $1, 1'$ be Multiplicative

Identity

Then $1 \cdot 1' = 1$ (consider $1'$ as identity)

and $1 \cdot 1' = 1'$ (consider 1 as identity)

Hence the identity element is unique

Unit

Let R be a ring with identity

An element $u \in R$ is called a Unit in R

if it has a multiplicative inverse in R

The multiplicative inverse of u is

denoted by u^{-1}

$$\begin{aligned} u \cdot u^{-1} &= e \\ u^{-1} \cdot u &= e \end{aligned}$$

Boolean ring:-

A ring R is called a

Boolean ring if $a^2 = a$ for all $a \in R$.

Examples:-

$(\mathcal{P}(S), \Delta, \cap)$ is a boolean ring.

Isomorphism:- of Rings:-

Let $(R, +)$ and $(R', +, \cdot)$

be two rings. A bijection $f: R \rightarrow R'$ is

called an isomorphism. If,

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Unit:-

Let R be a ring with identity.

An element $u \in R$ is called a Unit in R .

If it has a multiplicative inverse in R .

The Multiplicative Inverse of u is u^{-1} is $u \in R$
denoted by u^{-1} $u \in R$
 $u u^{-1} = 1$ $u^{-1} u = 1$

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Examples:-

$(\mathcal{P}(S), \Delta, \cap)$ is a Boolean ring.

Isomorphism:- of Ring:-

Let $(R, +)$ and $(R', +, \cdot)$

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called an isomorphism. If,

$$(i) f(a+b) = f(a) + f(b)$$

$$(ii) f(ab) = f(a) \cdot f(b) \quad \forall a, b \in R.$$

If $f: R \rightarrow R'$ is an isomorphism. we say that R is isomorphic to R' and we write $R \cong R'$.

Thm: 4.3

Let R be a ring with identity. The set of all units R is a group under Multiplication.

Proof:

Let U denote the set of all units in R .

clearly $1 \in U$, let $a, b \in U$.

Hence $a^{-1}b^{-1}$ exists in R .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } (ab)(b^{-1}a^{-1}) &= a(bb^{-1})a^{-1} \\ &= a1a^{-1} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

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

Hence $ab \in U$

Also, $(a^{-1})^{-1} = a$ and hence

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

Hence U is a group under multiplication

Skew field (or) Division ring :-

(i) Let R be a ring with identity element. R is called a skew field (or) a division ring if every non-zero element in R is a unit.

(ii) for every non-zero element $a \in R$, there exists a multiplicative inverse $a^{-1} \in R$ such that $aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a = 1$.

Thus in a skew field the non-zero elements form a group under multiplication.

Field:-

A commutative skew field is called a field.

In other words a field is a system $(F, +, \cdot)$ satisfied the following conditions

- (i) $(F, +)$ is an abelian group.
- (ii) $(F - \{0\}, \cdot)$ is an abelian group.
- (iii) $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$ for all $a, b, c \in F$.

Thm: 4.4:

In a skew field R ,

- (i) $ax = ay, a \neq 0 \Rightarrow x = y$ } cancellation
- (ii) $xa = ya, a \neq 0 \Rightarrow x = y$ } laws in ring
- (iii) $ax = 0 \iff a = 0$ (or) $x = 0$.

Proof:-

(i) Let $ax = ay$ and $a \neq 0$.

Since R is a skew field there exists $a^{-1} \in R$ such that $aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a = 1$.

Hence $ax = ay$.

$$a^{-1}(ax) = a^{-1}(ay)$$

$$(a^{-1}a)x = (a^{-1}a)y$$

$$\boxed{x = y}$$

(ii) Let $xa = ya$ and $a \neq 0$.

We claim that, $x = y$.

Since R is a skew field there exists

$a^{-1} \in R$ such that $aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a = 1$

$$\text{Hence } xa = ya.$$

$$(xa)a^{-1} = (ya)a^{-1}$$

$$\boxed{x = y}$$

(iii) If $a = 0$, (or) $x = 0$, then clearly

$$ax = 0,$$

conversely, let $ax = 0$ and $a \neq 0$.

$$\therefore ax = a0$$

$$\boxed{x = 0}$$

[by (i)]

Zero divisor:- (or) (0-divisor)

Let R be a ring. A non-zero element $a \in R$ is said to be a zerodivisor if there exist a non-zero element $b \in R$ such that $ab = 0$ (or) $ba = 0$.

Examples:-

In the ring of matrices $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ are zero-divisor, since,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thm: 4.5:



A ring R has no zero
divisors iff cancellation laws is valid
in R .

Proof:-

Let R be a ring without zero-
divisors.

let $ax = ay$ and $a \neq 0$.

$$\therefore ax - ay = 0$$

Hence $a(x - y) = 0$ and $a \neq 0$.

$\therefore x - y = 0$ (since R has no zero divisors)

$$\therefore x = y$$

Thus cancellation laws is valid in R .

Conversely,

let the cancellation law be
valid in R .

let $ab = 0$ and $a \neq 0$

$$\text{Then } ab = 0 = a \cdot 0$$

Hence by cancellation law $b = 0$

$\therefore R$ has no zero-divisors

Thm: 4.6:-

Any Unit in R cannot be a zero divisors.

Proof:-

let $a \in R$ be a Unit.

$$\text{Then } ab = 0$$

$$a^{-1}(ab) = 0$$

$$\boxed{b = 0}$$

similarly.

$$ba = 0$$

$$(ba)a^{-1} = 0$$

$$\boxed{b = 0}$$

$$\boxed{aa^{-1} = 1}$$

Hence R cannot be a zero divisor.

Integral domain:-



A commutative ring with identity having no zero divisors is called an Integral domain.

This is an integral domain. $ab = 0$. Either $a = 0$ (or) $b = 0$
(or) Equivalently $\underline{ab = 0}$ & $\underline{a \neq 0} \Rightarrow \underline{b = 0}$ (or)
 $\underline{a \neq 0}$ & $\underline{b \neq 0} \Rightarrow \underline{ab \neq 0}$.

Thm 4-1

$\mathbb{Z}_n$ is an integral domain iff n is prime.

Proof:-

Let $\mathbb{Z}_n$ is an integral domain.

We claim that n is prime.

Suppose, n is not prime.

Then $n = pq$ where $1 < p < n$ and $1 < q < n$

clearly $p \odot q = 0$.

Hence p and q are zero divisors

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}_n$ is not an integral domain

which is a contradiction.

Hence n is prime

conversely,

Suppose, n is prime

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_n$

Then $a \odot b = 0$

$$\Rightarrow ab = qn \quad \text{where } q \in \mathbb{Z}_n$$

$$\Rightarrow n/ab$$

$$\Rightarrow n/a \text{ (or) } n/b \quad (\text{since } n \text{ is prime})$$

$$\therefore a=0 \text{ (or) } b=0.$$

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}_n$ has no zero divisors.

Also $\mathbb{Z}_n$ is commutative ring with identity.

Hence $\mathbb{Z}_n$ is an integral domain.

Thm : 4-8

Any field F is an integral domain.

Proof:-

It is enough if we prove that F has no zero divisors.

Let $a, b \in F$, $ab=0$ and $a \neq 0$.

Since F is a field a^{-1} exists

Now,

$$ab=0$$

$$a^{-1}(ab)=0$$

$$b=0$$

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

$\therefore F$ has no zero divisors
Hence, F is an integral domain.

Thm: 4.9: -

Let R be a commutative ring with identity 1 . Then R is an integral domain iff the set of non-zero elements in R is closed under multiplication.

proof:

let R be an integral domain

let $a, b \in R - \{0\}$

since R has no zero-divisors $ab \neq 0$
so that $R - \{0\}$ is closed under multiplication.

conversely,

suppose $R - \{0\}$ is closed under multiplication.

Then the product of any two non-zero elements is a non-zero element.

Hence R has no zero-divisors so that R is an integral domain.

Thm 4.11

Any finite integral domain is a field.

Proof:-

Let R be a finite integral domain.

We need only to prove that every non-zero element in R has a multiplicative inverse.

Let $a \in R$ and $a \neq 0$.

Let $K = \{0, 1, a, a^2, \dots, a^n\}$.

Consider $\{a, aa, aa^2, \dots, aa^n\}$.

By thm 4.9 all these elements are non-zero and all these elements are distinct.

Hence $aa_i = 1$ for some $a_i \in R$

Since R is commutative, $aa_i = a_i a = 1$

So that $a_i = a^{-1}$

Hence R is a field

Problem:-

Prove that the only idempotent elements of an integral domain are 0 and 1

Proof:-

Let R be an integral domain

Let $a \in R$ be an idempotent element.

Then $a^2 = a$ so that $a^2 - a = a(a-1) = 0$

Since R has no zero-divisors

$$a(a-1) = 0$$

$$a = 0 \text{ (or) } a-1 = 0$$

$$\text{Hence, } \boxed{a=0} \text{ (or) } \boxed{a=1}$$

Hence 0 and 1 are the only idempotent elements of R .

characteristic of a ring:-

Let R be a ring. If there exists a positive integer n such that $na = 0$, for all $a \in R$ then the least such positive integer is called the characteristic of the ring R . If no such positive integer exists then the ring is said to be of characteristic zero.

Thm: 4.15:-

The characteristic of an integral domain D is either 0 or a prime number.

proof:-

If the characteristic of D is 0 then there is nothing to prove.

If not be the characteristic of D be n .

If n is not prime, let $n = pq$
where $1 < p < n$ and $1 < q < n$

Since characteristic of D is n
we have $n \cdot 1 = 0$

$$\text{Hence } n \cdot 1 = pq \cdot 1$$

$$= (p \cdot 1)(q \cdot 1)$$

$$= 0$$

Since D is an integral domain either
 $p \cdot 1 = 0$ or $q \cdot 1 = 0$

Since p, q are both less than n , this
contradicts the definition of the characteristic
of D .

Hence n is a prime number.

Subrings:-

A non-empty subset of a ring
 $(R, +, \cdot)$ is called a subring if S
itself is a ring under the same
operations as in R .

Thm : 4.17:

A non-empty subset S of a ring R is a subring iff $a, b \in S \Rightarrow a-b \in S$ and $ab \in S$

Proof:-

Let S be a subring of R .

Then $(S, +)$ is a subgroup of $(R, +)$

Hence $a, b \in S \Rightarrow a-b \in S$.

Also, since S itself is a ring $ab \in S$

Conversely,

let S be a non-empty subset of R such that $a, b \in S \Rightarrow a-b \in S$ and $ab \in S$.

Then $(S, +)$ is a subgroup of $(R, +)$

Also, S is closed under multiplication

The associative and distributive laws are consequences of the corresponding laws in R .

Hence S is a subring.

Ideals:-

Let R be a ring. A non-empty subset of R is called a left ideal of R if

$$(i) a, b \in I \Rightarrow a - b \in I$$

$$(ii) a \in I \text{ and } r \in R \Rightarrow ra \in I$$

I is called a right ideal of R if

$$(i) a, b \in I \Rightarrow a - b \in I$$

$$(ii) a \in I \text{ and } r \in R \Rightarrow ar \in I$$

I is called an ideal of R if

I is both a left ideal and a right ideal.

Thm: 4.20:-

Let R be ring with identity

1. If I is an ideal of R and $1 \in I$.

Then $I = R$.

Proof:-

Obviously, $I \subseteq R$.

Now, let $r \in R$.

Since $1 \in I$, $r \cdot 1 = r \in I$

Thus $R \subseteq I$.

Hence $R = I$.

Thm : 4.21:-

Let F be a any field. Then
the only ideal of F are $\{0\}$ and F .

Proof:-

Let I be an ideal of F .

Suppose $I \neq \{0\}$.

We shall prove that $I = F$.

Since $I \neq \{0\}$, there exists an element
 $a \in I$ such that $a \neq 0$.

Since F is a field a has a
Multiplicative inverse $a^{-1} \in F$.

Now, $a \in I$ and $a^{-1} \in F \Rightarrow aa^{-1} = 1 \in I$

Hence by thm 4.2,

$I = F$.

Thm: 4.23:-

Let R be a ring and I be a subgroup of $(R, +)$. The multiplication in R/I given by $(I+a)(I+b) = I+ab$ is well defined iff I is an Ideal of R .

Proof:-

Let I be an ideal of R .

To prove multiplication is well defined.

Let $I+a_1 = I+a$ & $I+b_1 = I+b$

Then $a_1 \in I+a$ & $b_1 \in I+b$.

$\therefore a_1 = i_1 + a$ and $b_1 = i_2 + b$ where

$i_1, i_2 \in I$.

Hence $a, b_1 = (i_1 + a)(i_2 + b)$

$$= i_1 i_2 + i_1 b + a i_2 + ab$$

Now, Since I is an ideal we have

$i_1 i_2, i_1 b, a i_2 \in I$

Hence, $a, b_1 = i_3 + ab$ where

$$i_3 = i_1 i_2 + i_1 b + a i_2 \in I$$

$$\therefore a, b \in I + ab.$$

$$\text{Hence, } I + ab = I + a, b_1$$

conversely,

Suppose that the multiplication in R/I given by $(I+a)(I+b) = I+ab$ is well defined.

To prove, I is an ideal of R .

Let $i \in I$ and $r \in R$.

we have to prove that $ir, ri \in I$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } I + ir &= (I+i)(I+r) \\ &= (I+0)(I+r) \\ &= I + ir \\ &= I \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore ir \in I$$

Similarly

$$ri \in I$$

Hence I is an ideal.

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Maximal and prime ideals

Definition:

Let R be a ring. An ideal $M \neq R$ is said to be a maximal ideal of R if whenever U is an ideal of R such that $M \subseteq U \subseteq R$ then either $U = M$ or $U = R$. That is there is no proper ideal of R properly containing M .

Prime Ideal:

Let R be a commutative ring. An ideal $P \neq R$ is called a prime ideal if $ab \in P \Rightarrow$ either $a \in P$ or $b \in P$.

Example:

(3) is a prime ideal of $\mathbb{Z}$ for, $ab \in (3) \Rightarrow ab = 3n$
for some integer n .

$$ab \in (3) \Rightarrow ab = 3n$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \mid ab$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \mid a \text{ or } 3 \mid b$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in (3) \text{ (or) } b \in (3)$$

$\therefore (3)$ is a prime ideal

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Example : (maximum ideal)

Let p be any prime. Then (p) is maximal ideal in $\mathbb{Z}$.

Let U be any ideal of $\mathbb{Z}$ such that $(p) \subseteq U$

Since every ideal of $\mathbb{Z}$ is a principal ideal $U = (n)$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$\text{Now, } [p \in (p) \subseteq U \Rightarrow p \in U = (n)]$$

$\therefore p = nm$ for some integer m .

Since p is prime either $n=1$ or $n=p$

Suppose $n=1$. Then $U = \mathbb{Z}$

Suppose $n=p$. Then $U = (p)$

$\therefore$ There is no proper ideal of $\mathbb{Z}$ properly containing (p) .

Hence (p) is a maximal ideal in $\mathbb{Z}$.

Theorem: 4.34

Let R be a commutative ring with identity. An ideal M of R is maximal iff R/M is a field.

Proof:

Let M be a maximal ideal in R .

Since R is a commutative ring with

identity and $M \neq R$, R/M is also a commutative ring with identity.

Now, let $M+a$ be a non-zero element in R/M such that $a \notin M$.

We shall now prove that $M+a$ has multiplicative inverse in R/M .

$$\text{Let } U = \{ra + m \mid r \in R \text{ and } m \in M\}$$

We claim that U is an ideal of R .

$$(r_1a + m_1) - (r_2a + m_2) = (r_1 - r_2)a + (m_1 - m_2) \in U.$$

$$\text{Also } r(r_1a + m_1) = (rr_1)a + rm_1 \in U \quad (\because rm_1 \in M)$$

$\therefore U$ is an ideal of R .

Now, let $m \in M$. Then $m = 0a + m \in U$.

$$\therefore M \subseteq U$$

$\therefore U$ is an ideal of R properly containing M .

But M is a maximal ideal of R .

$$\therefore U = R. \text{ Hence } 1 \in U$$

$$\therefore 1 = ba + m \text{ for some } b \in R.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } M+1 &= M+ba + M = M+ba \quad (\because m \in M) \\ &= (M+b)(M+a) \end{aligned}$$

Hence $M+b$ is the inverse of $M+a$.

Thus every non-zero element of R/M has a inverse.

Hence R/M is a field.

Conversely,

Suppose R/M is a field.

Let U be any ideal of R properly containing M .

$\therefore$ There exists an element $a \in U$ such that $a \notin M$.

$\therefore M+a$ is non-zero element of R/M .

Since R/M is a field $M+a$ has an inverse,

Say $M+b$

$$\therefore (M+a)(M+b) = M+1$$

$$M+ab = M+1$$

$$\therefore 1-ab \in M.$$

But $M \subseteq U$. Hence $1-ab \in U$

$$\text{Also } a \in U \Rightarrow ab \in U$$

$$\therefore 1 = (1-ab) + ab \in U. \text{ Thus } 1 \in U$$

$\therefore U = R$. Thus there is no proper ideal of R properly containing M .

Hence M is a Maximal Ideal in R .

Theorem 4.25

Let R be any commutative rings with identity. Let P be an ideal of R . Then P is a prime ideal $\Leftrightarrow R/P$ is an integral domain.

proof:

Let p be a prime ideal. Since R is commutative ring with identity and $M \neq R$, R/M is also a commutative ring with identity.

$$\text{Now, } (p+a)(p+b) = p+0$$

$$\Rightarrow p+ab=p$$

$$\Rightarrow ab \in p$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in p \text{ or } b \in p \quad (\text{since } p \text{ is a prime ideal})$$

$$\Rightarrow p+a=p \text{ or } p+b=p$$

Thus R/p has no zero divisors.

$\therefore R/p$ is integral domain.

Conversely, suppose R/p is an integral domain.

We claim that p is a prime ideal of R .

Let $ab \in p$.

$$\text{Then } p+ab=p$$

$$\therefore (p+a)(p+b) = p$$

$$\therefore p+a=p \text{ (or) } p+b=p$$

(since R/p has no zero-divisors)

$$\therefore \boxed{a \in p \text{ or } b \in p}$$

$\therefore p$ is a prime ideal of R .



Homomorphism Rings:

Let R and R' be rings. A function $f: R \rightarrow R'$ is called a homomorphism, if

$$i) f(a+b) = f(a) + f(b) \text{ and}$$

$$ii) f(ab) = f(a) \cdot f(b) \forall a, b \in R.$$

If f is 1-1, then f is called a monomorphism. If f is onto, then f is called an epimorphism. A homomorphism of a ring onto itself is called an endomorphism.

Example:-

Let R be a ring and I be an ideal of R . Then $\phi: R \rightarrow R/I$ defined by $\phi(x) = I+x$ is a ring homomorphism. ϕ is called the natural homomorphism.

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(x+y) &= I+(x+y) \\ &= (I+x) + (I+y) \\ &= \phi(x) + \phi(y)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(xy) &= I+xy \\ &= (I+x)(I+y) \\ &= \phi(x) \phi(y)\end{aligned}$$

Hence ϕ is a ring homomorphism.

Theorem 4.28

fundamental theorem of homomorphism.

Let R and R' be rings and $f: R \rightarrow R'$ be an epimorphism. Let K be the kernel of f . Then $R/K \cong R'$.

Proof:

Define $\phi: R/K \rightarrow R'$ by $\phi(K+a) = f(a)$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{and } \phi[(K+a)(K+b)] &= \phi(K+ab) \\ &= f(ab) \\ &= f(a) \cdot f(b)\end{aligned}$$

(Since f is homomorphism)

$$= \phi(K+a) \phi(K+b)$$

Hence ϕ is an isomorphism.

Hence $R/K \cong R'$.

Field of quotients:-

The field F which any integral domain D can be embedded in a field F and every element of F can be expressed as a quotient of two elements of D , is called the field of quotients of D .

Theorem : 4.30

The field of quotients F of an integral domain D is the smallest field containing D . (ie) If F' is any other field containing D then F' contains a subfield isomorphic to F .

proof:

Let $a, b \in D$ and $b \neq 0$.

Then $a, b \in F'$ and since F' is a field $ab^{-1} \in F'$.

Now, let F be the quotient field of D .

We define $f: f \rightarrow f'$ by $f(a/b) = ab^{-1}$

f is well defined,

for let $(a_1, b_1) \sim (a, b)$

Then $a_1 b = b_1 a$.

Hence $a_1 b_1^{-1} = ab^{-1}$

f is 1-1, Since $f(a/b) = f(c/d)$

$$\Rightarrow ab^{-1} = cd^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow ad = cb$$

$$\Rightarrow a/b = c/d.$$

Now, let $a/b, c/d \in F$

$$\text{Then } f[(a/b) + (c/d)] = f[(ad + bc)/bd]$$

$$= (ad + bc)(bd)^{-1}$$

$$= (ad + bc)d^{-1}b^{-1}$$

$$= ab^{-1} + cd^{-1}$$

$$= f(a/b) + f(c/d)$$

$$\text{Also} = f[(a/b)(c/d)] = f[(ac)/(bd)]$$

$$= (ac)(bd)^{-1}$$

$$= acd^{-1}b^{-1}$$

$$= ab^{-1} \cdot cd^{-1}$$

$$= f(a/b) \cdot f(c/d)$$

Thus F is homomorphically embedded in F' .

Ordered Integral domain :

An Integral domain D is called an ordered Integral domain if D contains a subset, S with the following properties.

$$i) a, b \in S \Rightarrow a+b \in S$$

$$ii) a, b \in S \Rightarrow ab \in S$$

For each element $a \in D$, exactly one of the following holds.

$$a=0, a \in S, -a \in S$$

The elements of S are called positive elements and the non-zero elements of D which are not in S are called negative elements.

Unique factorization domain :-

An integral domain R is said to be unique factorization domain (U.F.D) if

i) any non-zero element in R which is not a unit can be expressed as the product of a finite number of prime elements.

ii) the factorization in (i) is unique up to the order and associates of the prime elements.

i.e) If $a = p_1 p_2 \dots p_r = q_1 q_2 \dots q_s$

where the p_i 's and q_j 's are prime elements then $r=s$ and each p_i is an associate of some q_j .

Euclidean domain:-

Let R be a commutative rings without zero-divisors R is called an Euclidean domain or an Euclidean Ring if for every non-zero element $a \in R$, there is defined a non-negative integer $d(a)$ satisfying the following conditions.

i) For any two non-zero elements $a, b \in R$
 $d(a) \leq d(ab)$.

ii) for any two non-zero elements $a, b \in R$ there exists $q, r \in R$ such that $a = qb + r$ where either $r = 0$ or $d(r) < d(b)$.

Theorem 4.31:

Any Euclidean domain R has an identity element.

proof:

Since R is an ideal of R , there exists $c \in R$ such that $R = cR$.

$\therefore$ Every element of R is a multiple of c .

In particular $c = ec$ for some $e \in R$.

Now,

let $x \in R$

Then $x = cy$ for some $y \in R$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore ex &= e(cy) \\ &= (ec)y \\ &= cy \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore e$ is the required identity element.

Theorem : 4.31.

Let R be an Euclidean domain. Let a and b be two non-zero elements of R .

Then (i) b is not a unit in $R \Rightarrow d(a) < d(ab)$

(ii) b is a unit in $R \Rightarrow d(a) = d(ab)$

proof:

i) Suppose b is not a unit in R .

By defn of Euclidean domain there exists elements $q, r \in R$ such that

$$a = q(ab) + r \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where either $r = 0$ (or) $d(r) < d(ab)$

Now,

Suppose $r = 0$ then $a = q(ab)$

$$\therefore a - q(ab) = 0$$

$$a(1 - qb) = 0$$

Now, R has no zero-divisors and $a \neq 0$

$$\therefore 1 - qb = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } \boxed{qb = 1}$$

$\therefore b$ is a unit in R which is contradiction

$$\therefore r \neq 0. \text{ Hence } d(r) < d(ab) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Now,

$$r = a(1 - qb) \quad (\text{by (1)})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore d(r) &= d[a(1 - qb)] \\ &\geq d(a) \quad \text{--- (3)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore d(a) \leq d(r) < d(ab) \quad (\text{by (2)})$$

$$\therefore d(a) < d(ab)$$

ii) Suppose b is unit in R

$$\text{Now, } d(a) \leq d(ab)$$

$$\text{Also, } d(a) = d[(ab)b^{-1}] \geq d(ab)$$

$$\therefore d(a) \geq d(ab)$$

$$\therefore d(a) = d(ab)$$

Theorem : 4.40

Let a be a non-zero element of an Euclidean domain R . Then a is a unit in R iff $d(a) = d(1)$

Proof:-

Suppose a is a unit in R .

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore d(a) &= d(aa^{-1}) && (\text{by thm 4.39}) \\ &= d(1) \end{aligned}$$

Conversely,

$$\text{let } d(a) = d(1)$$

Suppose a is not a unit in R .

$$\text{Then } d(a) > d(1) \quad (\text{by thm 4.39})$$

$\therefore d(a) > d(1)$ which is contradiction.

$\therefore a$ is unit in R .

The End