

Order of a group:-

Ex: 2.8

The number of elements in a group G is called its order and is denoted by $|G|$ or $O(G)$.

Finite and Infinite Group:-

A group G is called finite if its order is finite otherwise G is called infinite group.

Theorem

In a group $(G, *)$, identity e is unique.

Proof:- Suppose e_1 and e_2 are two identities in G then

$$e_1 * e_2 = e_1 \quad (e_2 \text{ as identity})$$

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$$\Rightarrow e_1 = e_2 = e \quad (\text{let})$$

\Rightarrow Identity e is Unique.

²⁰⁰⁸Theorem

In a group $(G, *)$, inverse of an element $a \in G$ is unique.

Proof:- Suppose a_1^{-1}, a_2^{-1} are two inverses of $a \in G$ then

$$a * a_1^{-1} = e = a_1^{-1} * a \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{and } a * a_2^{-1} = e = a_2^{-1} * a \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Now suppose

$$a_1^{-1} * (a * a_2^{-1}) = (a_1^{-1} * a) * a_2^{-1}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow a_1^{-1} = a_2^{-1} \quad \because a * e = e * a = a$$

\Rightarrow Inverse is unique in G .

Theorem:-

$$\text{Solve, (i) } a * x = b$$

$$\text{(ii) } x * a = b$$

where $a, b \in G$ (G being Group)

Sol:- (i) Consider

$$a * x = b$$

$$\because a, b \in G \Rightarrow a^{-1}, b^{-1} \in G$$

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

$$\Rightarrow (a^{-1} * a) * x = a^{-1} * b \quad (\text{By Ass. Law})$$

$$\Rightarrow e * x = a^{-1} * b \quad (\because a^{-1} * a = e)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = a^{-1} * b \quad (\because e * a = a)$$

which is required Solution.

(ii) Consider

$$x * a = b$$

$$\because a, b \in G \Rightarrow a^{-1}, b^{-1} \in G$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x * (a * a^{-1}) = b * a^{-1} \quad (\text{by Ass. Law})$$

$$\Rightarrow x * e = b * a^{-1} \quad (\because a * a^{-1} = e)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = b * a^{-1} \quad (\because a * e = a)$$

which is required Solution.

Q. Show that set $G = \{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$ where $\omega^3 = 1$ is abelian group under multiplication.

Sol:- Consider $G = \{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$ where $\omega^3 = 1$

G_1 : G is closed by table under " \cdot "

G_2 : G is closed so is associative under " \cdot "

G_3 : Clearly $1 \in G$

which is identity under " \cdot "

G_4 : Clearly

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

$$(\omega)(\omega^2) = 1 \Rightarrow \omega^{-1} = \omega^2 \in G$$

$$(\omega^2)(\omega) = 1 \Rightarrow (\omega^2)^{-1} = \omega \in G$$

$\Rightarrow G$ has inverse of each of its element.

G_5 : G is abelian as table is symmetric about diagonal.

$\Rightarrow G$ is abelian group under " \cdot ".

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

Q. Show that set $S = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ where $i^4 = 1$, is abelian group under multiplication.

Sol:- Consider $S = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$

From multiplication table

G_1 : S is closed under " \cdot ".

G_2 : S is associative as closed.

G_3 : Clearly $1 \in S$

which is multiplicative identity under " \cdot ".

G_4 : Clearly

$$1 \cdot 1 = 1 \Rightarrow (1)^{-1} = 1 \in S$$

$$(-1)(-1) = 1 \Rightarrow (-1)^{-1} = -1 \in S$$

$$(i)(-i) = 1 \Rightarrow i^{-1} = -i \in S$$

$$(-i)(i) = 1 \Rightarrow (-i)^{-1} = i \in S$$

$\Rightarrow S$ has multiplicative inverse of each of its element.

G_5 : Clearly Table is symmetric about diagonal

so S is abelian group.

x	1	-1	i	$-i$
1	1	-1	i	$-i$
-1	-1	1	$-i$	i
i	i	$-i$	-1	1
$-i$	$-i$	i	1	-1

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Q. Show that set consisting the elements of the form $a + \sqrt{3}b$ ($a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$) is an abelian group under addition.

Sol:- G_1 : let $a + \sqrt{3}b, c + \sqrt{3}d \in G = \{a + \sqrt{3}b \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$

$$(a + \sqrt{3}b) + (c + \sqrt{3}d) = (a+c) + \sqrt{3}(b+d) \in G \quad \text{as } a+c, b+d \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

G is closed under addition.

G_2 : G is associative as it is closed under addition.

G_3 : Clearly $0 = 0 + \sqrt{3}(0) \in G \Rightarrow 0 + \sqrt{3}(0)$ is identity under "+".

G_4 : let $a + \sqrt{3}b \in G \Rightarrow -a - \sqrt{3}b \in G$ for $a, b \in \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow -a, -b \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$\text{Such that } (a + \sqrt{3}b) + (-a - \sqrt{3}b) = 0 = (-a - \sqrt{3}b) + (a + \sqrt{3}b)$$

$\Rightarrow G$ has inverse of each of its element.

G_5 : Clearly \mathbb{Q} is abelian so G is abelian by inherited Property

$\Rightarrow (G, +)$ is abelian group.

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