

Unit-III : Algebraic Structures

Algebraic Structures:

Algebraic Systems: Examples and General Properties, Semi groups and Monoids, Polish expressions and their compilation, Groups: Definitions and Examples, Subgroups and Homomorphism's, Group Codes.

Lattices and Boolean algebra:

Lattices and Partially Ordered sets, Boolean algebra.

3.1 Algebraic systems

$N = \{1,2,3,4,\dots\}$ = Set of all natural numbers.

$Z = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \dots\}$ = Set of all integers.

Q = Set of all rational numbers.

R = Set of all real numbers.

Binary Operation: The binary operator $*$ is said to be a binary operation (closed operation) on a non- empty set A , if

$a * b \in A$ for all $a, b \in A$ (Closure property).

Ex: The set N is closed with respect to addition and multiplication

but not w.r.t subtraction and division.

3.1.1 Algebraic System: A set A with one or more binary(closed) operations defined on it is called an algebraic system.

Ex: $(N, +)$, $(Z, +, -)$, $(R, +, \cdot, -)$ are algebraic systems.

3.1.2 Properties

Associativity: Let $*$ be a binary operation on a set A .

The operation $*$ is said to be associative in A if

$(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$ for all a, b, c in A

Identity: For an algebraic system $(A, *)$, an element 'e' in A is said to be an identity element of A if $a * e = e * a = a$ for all $a \in A$.

Note: For an algebraic system $(A, *)$, the identity element, if exists, is unique.

Inverse: Let $(A, *)$ be an algebraic system with identity 'e'. Let a be an element in A . An element b is said to be inverse of a if

$$a * b = b * a = e$$

3.1.3 Semi groups

Semi Group: An algebraic system $(A, *)$ is said to be a semi group if

1. $*$ is closed operation on A .
2. $*$ is an associative operation, for all a, b, c in A .

Ex. $(\mathbb{N}, +)$ is a semi group.

Ex. (\mathbb{N}, \cdot) is a semi group.

Ex. $(\mathbb{N}, -)$ is not a semi group.

3.1.4 Monoid

An algebraic system $(A, *)$ is said to be a **monoid** if the following conditions are satisfied.

- 1) $*$ is a closed operation in A .
- 2) $*$ is an associative operation in A .
- 3) There is an identity in A .

Ex. Show that the set ' \mathbb{N} ' is a monoid with respect to multiplication.

Solution: Here, $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

1. Closure property: We know that product of two natural numbers is again a natural number.

i.e., $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

\therefore Multiplication is a closed operation.

2. Associativity: Multiplication of natural numbers is associative.

i.e., $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$ for all $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$

3. Identity: We have, $1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a$ for all $a \in \mathbb{N}$.

\therefore Identity element exists, and 1 is the identity element.

Hence, \mathbb{N} is a monoid with respect to multiplication.

Examples

Ex. Let $(\mathbb{Z}, *)$ be an algebraic structure, where \mathbb{Z} is the set of integers

and the operation $*$ is defined by $n * m = \text{maximum of } (n, m)$.

Show that $(\mathbb{Z}, *)$ is a semi group.

Is $(\mathbb{Z}, *)$ a monoid? Justify your answer.

Solution: Let a, b and c are any three integers.

Closure property: Now, $a * b = \text{maximum of } (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

Associativity : $(a * b) * c = \text{maximum of } \{a, b, c\} = a * (b * c)$

$\therefore (\mathbb{Z}, *)$ is a semi group.

Identity : There is no integer x such that

$$a * x = \text{maximum of } (a, x) = a \quad \text{for all } a \in \mathbb{Z}$$

\therefore Identity element does not exist. Hence, $(\mathbb{Z}, *)$ is not a monoid.

Ex. Show that the set of all strings 'S' is a monoid under the operation 'concatenation of strings'.

Is S a group w.r.t the above operation? Justify your answer.

Solution: Let us denote the operation

'concatenation of strings' by $+$.

Let s_1, s_2, s_3 are three arbitrary strings in S.

Closure property: Concatenation of two strings is again a string.

$$\text{i.e., } s_1 + s_2 \in S$$

Associativity: Concatenation of strings is associative.

$$(s_1 + s_2) + s_3 = s_1 + (s_2 + s_3)$$

Identity: We have null string, $I \in S$ such that $s_1 + I = S$.

\therefore S is a monoid.

Note: S is not a group, because the inverse of a non empty string does not exist under concatenation of strings.

3.2 Groups

Group: An algebraic system $(G, *)$ is said to be a **group** if the following conditions are satisfied.

- 1) $*$ is a closed operation.
- 2) $*$ is an associative operation.
- 3) There is an identity in G.
- 4) Every element in G has inverse in G.

Abelian group (Commutative group): A group $(G, *)$ is

said to be **abelian** (or **commutative**) if

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

Properties

In a Group $(G, *)$ the following properties hold good

1. Identity element is unique.
2. Inverse of an element is unique.
3. Cancellation laws hold good

$$a * b = a * c \Rightarrow b = c \quad (\text{left cancellation law})$$

$$a * c = b * c \Rightarrow a = b \quad (\text{Right cancellation law})$$

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

In a group, the identity element is its own inverse.

Order of a group : The number of elements in a group is called order of the group.

Finite group: If the order of a group G is finite, then G is called a finite group.

Ex1 . Show that, the set of all integers is an abelian group with respect to addition.

Solution: Let Z = set of all integers.

Let a, b, c are any three elements of Z .

1. Closure property : We know that, Sum of two integers is again an integer.

$$\text{i.e., } a + b \in Z \quad \text{for all } a, b \in Z$$

2. Associativity: We know that addition of integers is associative.

$$\text{i.e., } (a+b)+c = a+(b+c) \quad \text{for all } a, b, c \in Z.$$

3. Identity: We have $0 \in Z$ and $a + 0 = a$ for all $a \in Z$.

\therefore Identity element exists, and '0' is the identity element.

4. Inverse: To each $a \in Z$, we have $-a \in Z$ such that

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

Each element in Z has an inverse.

5. Commutativity: We know that addition of integers is commutative.

$$\text{i.e., } a + b = b + a \quad \text{for all } a, b \in Z.$$

Hence, $(Z, +)$ is an abelian group.

Ex2 . Show that set of all non zero real numbers is a group with respect to multiplication .

Solution: Let R^* = set of all non zero real numbers.

Let a, b, c are any three elements of R^* .

1. Closure property : We know that, product of two nonzero real numbers is again a nonzero real number .

i.e., $a \cdot b \in R^*$ for all $a, b \in R^*$.

2. Associativity: We know that multiplication of real numbers is associative.

i.e., $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$ for all $a, b, c \in R^*$.

3. Identity : We have $1 \in R^*$ and $a \cdot 1 = a$ for all $a \in R^*$.

\therefore Identity element exists, and '1' is the identity element.

4. Inverse: To each $a \in R^*$, we have $1/a \in R^*$ such that

$a \cdot (1/a) = 1$ i.e., Each element in R^* has an inverse.

5. Commutativity: We know that multiplication of real numbers is commutative.

i.e., $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$ for all $a, b \in R^*$.

Hence, (R^*, \cdot) is an abelian group.

Note: Show that set of all real numbers 'R' is not a group with respect to multiplication.

Solution: We have $0 \in R$.

The multiplicative inverse of 0 does not exist.

Hence, R is not a group.

Example: Let S be a finite set, and let F(S) be the collection of all functions $f: S \rightarrow S$ under the operation of composition of functions, then show that F(S) is a monoid.

Is S a group w.r.t the above operation? Justify your answer.

Solution:

Let f_1, f_2, f_3 are three arbitrary functions on S.

Closure property: Composition of two functions on S is again a function on S.

i.e., $f_1 \circ f_2 \in F(S)$

Associativity: Composition of functions is associative.

$$\text{i.e., } (f_1 \circ f_2) \circ f_3 = f_1 \circ (f_2 \circ f_3)$$

Identity: We have identity function $I : S \rightarrow S$

$$\text{such that } f_1 \circ I = f_1.$$

$\therefore F(S)$ is a monoid.

Note: $F(S)$ is not a group, because the inverse of a non bijective function on S does not exist.

Ex. If M is set of all non singular matrices of order ' $n \times n$ '.
then show that M is a group w.r.t. matrix multiplication.
Is $(M, *)$ an abelian group?. Justify your answer.

Solution: Let $A, B, C \in M$.

1. Closure property : Product of two non singular matrices is again a non singular matrix, because

$$\frac{1}{2}AB\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}A\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}B\frac{1}{2} \neq 0 \quad (\text{Since, } A \text{ and } B \text{ are nonsingular})$$

$$\text{i.e., } AB \in M \text{ for all } A, B \in M.$$

2. Associativity: Matrix multiplication is associative.

$$\text{i.e., } (AB)C = A(BC) \quad \text{for all } A, B, C \in M.$$

3. Identity: We have $I_n \in M$ and $A I_n = A$ for all $A \in M$.

\therefore Identity element exists, and ' I_n ' is the identity element.

4. Inverse: To each $A \in M$, we have $A^{-1} \in M$ such that

$$A A^{-1} = I_n \quad \text{i.e., Each element in } M \text{ has an inverse.}$$

$\therefore M$ is a group w.r.t. matrix multiplication.

We know that, matrix multiplication is not commutative.

Hence, M is not an abelian group.

Ex. Show that the set of all positive rational numbers forms an abelian group under the composition $*$ defined by

$$a * b = (ab)/2.$$

Solution: Let $A =$ set of all positive rational numbers.

Let a, b, c be any three elements of A .

1. Closure property: We know that, Product of two positive rational numbers is again a rational number.

i.e., $a * b \in A$ for all $a, b \in A$.

2. Associativity: $(a * b) * c = (ab/2) * c = (abc) / 4$

$$a * (b * c) = a * (bc/2) = (abc) / 4$$

3. Identity: Let e be the identity element.

We have $a * e = (a e)/2 \dots(1)$, By the definition of $*$

again, $a * e = a \dots(2)$, Since e is the identity.

From (1) and (2), $(a e)/2 = a \Rightarrow e = 2$ and $2 \in A$.

\therefore Identity element exists, and '2' is the identity element in A .

4. Inverse: Let $a \in A$

let us suppose b is inverse of a .

Now, $a * b = (a b)/2 \dots(1)$ (By definition of inverse.)

Again, $a * b = e = 2 \dots(2)$ (By definition of inverse)

From (1) and (2), it follows that

$$(a b)/2 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow b = (4 / a) \in A$$

$\therefore (A, *)$ is a group.

Commutativity: $a * b = (ab/2) = (ba/2) = b * a$

Hence, $(A, *)$ is an abelian group.

Ex. Let R be the set of all real numbers and $*$ is a binary operation defined by $a * b = a + b + a b$. Show that $(R, *)$ is a monoid.

Is $(R, *)$ a group?. Justify your answer.

Try for yourself.

identity = 0

inverse of $a = -a / (a+1)$

Ex. If $E = \{ 0, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 6, \dots \}$, then the algebraic structure $(E, +)$ is

a) a semi group but not a monoid

b) a monoid but not a group.

c) a group but not an abelian group.

d) an abelian group.

Ans; d

Ex. Let $A =$ Set of all rational numbers 'x' such that $0 < x \leq 1$.

Then with respect to ordinary multiplication, A is

- a) a semi group but not a monoid
- b) a monoid but not a group.
- c) a group but not an abelian group.
- d) an abelian group.

Ans. b

Ex. Let $C =$ Set of all non zero complex numbers .Then with respect to multiplication, C is

- a) a semi group but not a monoid
- b) a monoid but not a group.
- c) a group but not an abelian group.
- d) an abelian group.

Ans. d

Ex. In a group $(G, *)$, Prove that the identity element is unique.

Proof: a) Let e_1 and e_2 are two identity elements in G.

$$\text{Now, } e_1 * e_2 = e_1 \quad \dots(1) \quad (\text{since } e_2 \text{ is the identity})$$

$$\text{Again, } e_1 * e_2 = e_2 \quad \dots(2) \quad (\text{since } e_1 \text{ is the identity})$$

$$\text{From (1) and (2), we have } e_1 = e_2$$

\therefore Identity element in a group is unique.

Ex. In a group $(G, *)$, Prove that the inverse of any element is unique.

Proof: Let $a, b, c \in G$ and e is the identity in G.

Let us suppose, Both b and c are inverse elements of a .

$$\text{Now, } a * b = e \quad \dots(1) \quad (\text{Since, } b \text{ is inverse of } a)$$

$$\text{Again, } a * c = e \quad \dots(2) \quad (\text{Since, } c \text{ is also inverse of } a)$$

From (1) and (2), we have

$$a * b = a * c$$

$\Rightarrow b = c$ (By left cancellation law)
 In a group, the inverse of any element is unique.

Ex. In a group $(G, *)$, Prove that
 $(a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}$ for all $a, b \in G$.

Proof: Consider,

$$\begin{aligned} (a * b) * (b^{-1} * a^{-1}) & \\ &= (a * (b * b^{-1}) * a^{-1}) \quad (\text{By associative property}). \\ &= (a * e * a^{-1}) \quad (\text{By inverse property}) \\ &= (a * a^{-1}) \quad (\text{Since, } e \text{ is identity}) \\ &= e \quad (\text{By inverse property}) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can show that

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

Hence, $(a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}$.

Ex. If $(G, *)$ is a group and $a \in G$ such that $a * a = a$,
 then show that $a = e$, where e is identity element in G .

Proof: Given that, $a * a = a$

$\Rightarrow a * a = a * e$ (Since, e is identity in G)

$\Rightarrow a = e$ (By left cancellation law)

Hence, the result follows.

Ex. If every element of a group is its own inverse, then show that
 the group must be abelian.

Proof: Let $(G, *)$ be a group.

Let a and b are any two elements of G .

Consider the identity,

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

$\Rightarrow (a * b) = b * a$ (Since each element of G is its own inverse)

Hence, G is abelian.

Note: $a^2 = a * a$

$$a^3 = a * a * a \text{ etc.}$$

Ex. In a group $(G, *)$, if $(a * b)^2 = a^2 * b^2$ $\forall a, b \in G$

then show that G is abelian group.

Proof: Given that $(a * b)^2 = a^2 * b^2$

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

$$\Rightarrow a * (b * a) * b = a * (a * b) * b \quad (\text{By associative law})$$

$$\Rightarrow (b * a) * b = (a * b) * b \quad (\text{By left cancellation law})$$

$$\Rightarrow (b * a) = (a * b) \quad (\text{By right cancellation law})$$

Hence, G is abelian group.

3.2.2 Finite groups

Ex. Show that $G = \{1, -1\}$ is an abelian group under multiplication.

Solution: The composition table of G is

.	1	-1
1	1	-1
-1	-1	1

1. Closure property: Since all the entries of the composition table are the elements of the given set, the set G is closed under multiplication.

2. Associativity: The elements of G are real numbers, and we know that multiplication of real numbers is associative.

3. Identity: Here, 1 is the identity element and $1 \in G$.

4. Inverse: From the composition table, we see that the inverse elements of

1 and -1 are 1 and -1 respectively.

Hence, G is a group w.r.t multiplication.

5. Commutativity: The corresponding rows and columns of the table are identical. Therefore the binary operation . is commutative.

Hence, G is an abelian group w.r.t. multiplication..

Ex. Show that $G = \{1, w, w^2\}$ is an abelian group under multiplication.

Where 1, w, w^2 are cube roots of unity.

Solution: The composition table of G is

.	1	w	w^2
1	1	w	w^2
w	w	w^2	1
w^2	w^2	1	w

1. Closure property: Since all the entries of the composition table are the elements of the given set, the set G is closed under multiplication.

2. Associativity: The elements of G are complex numbers, and we know that multiplication of complex numbers is associative.

3. Identity: Here, 1 is the identity element and $1 \in G$.

4. Inverse: From the composition table, we see that the inverse elements of $1, w, w^2$ are $1, w^2, w$ respectively.

Hence, G is a group w.r.t multiplication.

5. Commutativity: The corresponding rows and columns of the table are identical. Therefore the binary operation \cdot is commutative.

Hence, G is an abelian group w.r.t. multiplication.

Ex. Show that $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ is an abelian group under multiplication.

Solution: The composition table of G is

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

1. Closure property: Since all the entries of the composition table are the elements of the given set, the set G is closed under multiplication.

2. Associativity: The elements of G are complex numbers, and we know that multiplication of complex numbers is associative.

3. Identity: Here, 1 is the identity element and $1 \in G$.

4. Inverse: From the composition table, we see that the inverse elements of

$1, -1, i, -i$ are $1, -1, -i, i$ respectively.

5. Commutativity: The corresponding rows and columns of the table are identical. Therefore the binary operation \cdot is commutative. Hence, (G, \cdot) is an abelian group.

Modulo systems.

Addition modulo m ($+_m$)

let m is a positive integer. For any two positive integers a and b

$$a +_m b = a + b \quad \text{if } a + b < m$$

$$a +_m b = r \quad \text{if } a + b \geq m \quad \text{where } r \text{ is the remainder obtained}$$

by dividing $(a+b)$ with m .

Multiplication modulo p ($*_m$)

let p is a positive integer. For any two positive integers a and b

$$a *_m b = a b \quad \text{if } a b < p$$

$$a *_m b = r \quad \text{if } a b \geq p \quad \text{where } r \text{ is the remainder obtained}$$

by dividing (ab) with p .

Ex. $3 *_5 4 = 2$, $5 *_5 4 = 0$, $2 *_5 2 = 4$

Example : The set $G = \{0,1,2,3,4,5\}$ is a group with respect to addition modulo 6.

Solution: The composition table of G is

$+_6$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	2	3	4	5	0
2	2	3	4	5	0	1
3	3	4	5	0	1	2
4	4	5	0	1	2	3
5	5	0	1	2	3	4

1. Closure property: Since all the entries of the composition table are the elements of the given set, the set G is closed under $+_6$.

2. Associativity: The binary operation $+_6$ is associative in G .

$$\text{for ex. } (2 +_6 3) +_6 4 = 5 +_6 4 = 3 \quad \text{and}$$

$$2 +_6 (3 +_6 4) = 2 +_6 1 = 3$$

3. Identity: Here, The first row of the table coincides with the top row. The element heading that row, i.e., 0 is the identity element.

4. Inverse: From the composition table, we see that the inverse elements of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 are 0, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 respectively.

5. Commutativity: The corresponding rows and columns of the table are identical. Therefore the binary operation $+_6$ is commutative.

Hence, $(G, +_6)$ is an abelian group.

Example : The set $G = \{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$ is a group with respect to multiplication modulo 7.

Solution: The composition table of G is

$*_7$	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	2	4	6	1	3	5
3	3	6	2	5	1	4
4	4	1	5	2	6	3
5	5	3	1	6	4	2
6	6	5	4	3	2	1

1. Closure property: Since all the entries of the composition table are the elements of the given set, the set G is closed under $*_7$.

2. Associativity: The binary operation $*_7$ is associative in G.

$$\text{for ex. } (2 *_7 3) *_7 4 = 6 *_7 4 = 3 \quad \text{and}$$

$$2 *_7 (3 *_7 4) = 2 *_7 5 = 3$$

3. Identity: Here, The first row of the table coincides with the top row. The element heading that row, i.e., 1 is the identity element.

4. Inverse: From the composition table, we see that the inverse elements of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 are 1, 4, 5, 2, 5, 6 respectively.

5. Commutativity: The corresponding rows and columns of the table are identical. Therefore the binary operation $*_7$ is commutative.

Hence, $(G, *_7)$ is an abelian group.

More on finite groups

In a group with 2 elements, each element is its own inverse

In a group of even order there will be at least one element (other than identity element) which is its own inverse

The set $G = \{0,1,2,3,4,\dots,m-1\}$ is a group with respect to addition modulo m.

The set $G = \{1,2,3,4,\dots,p-1\}$ is a group with respect to multiplication modulo p , where p is a prime number.

Order of an element of a group:

Let $(G, *)$ be a group. Let 'a' be an element of G . The smallest integer n such that $a^n = e$ is called order of 'a'. If no such number exists then the order is infinite.

Ex. $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ is a group w.r.t multiplication. The order $-i$ is a) 2 b) 3
c) 4 d) 1

Ex. Which of the following is not true.

a) The order of every element of a finite group is finite and is a divisor of the order of the group.

b) The order of an element of a group is same as that of its inverse.

c) In the additive group of integers the order of every element except 0 is infinite

d) In the infinite multiplicative group of nonzero rational numbers the order of every element except 1 is infinite.

Ans. D

3.3 Sub groups

Def. A non empty sub set H of a group $(G, *)$ is a sub group of G , if $(H, *)$ is a group.

Note: For any group $\{G, *\}$, $\{e, *\}$ and $(G, *)$ are trivial sub groups.

Ex. $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ is a group w.r.t multiplication.

$H_1 = \{1, -1\}$ is a subgroup of G .

$H_2 = \{1\}$ is a trivial subgroup of G .

Ex. $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ and $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ are sub groups of the group $(\mathbb{R}, +)$.

Theorem: A non empty sub set H of a group $(G, *)$ is a sub group of G iff

i) $a * b \in H \quad \forall a, b \in H$

ii) $a^{-1} \in H \quad \forall a \in H$

Theorem

Theorem: A necessary and sufficient condition for a non empty subset H of a group (G, *) to be a sub group is that

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

Proof: Case1: Let (G, *) be a group and H is a subgroup of G

$$\text{Let } a, b \in H \Rightarrow b^{-1} \in H \quad (\text{since H is a group})$$

$$\Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H. \quad (\text{By closure property in H})$$

Case2: Let H be a non empty set of a group (G, *).

$$\text{Let } a * b^{-1} \in H \quad " a, b \in H$$

Now, $a * a^{-1} \in H$ (Taking $b = a$)

$$\Rightarrow e \in H \quad \text{i.e., identity exists in H.}$$

Now, $e \in H, a \in H \Rightarrow e * a^{-1} \in H$

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

\therefore Each element of H has inverse in H.

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

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

$$\Rightarrow a * b \in H. \quad \therefore H \text{ is closed w.r.t } *.$$

Finally, Let $a, b, c \in H$

$$\Rightarrow a, b, c \in G \quad (\text{since } H \subset G)$$

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

$\therefore *$ is associative in H

Hence, H is a subgroup of G.

Theorem: A necessary and sufficient condition for a non empty finite subset H of a group (G, *) to be a sub group is that

$$a * b \in H \quad \text{for all } a, b \in H$$

Proof: Assignment .

Example : Show that the intersection of two sub groups of a group G is again a sub group of G.

Proof: Let (G, *) be a group.

Let H_1 and H_2 are two sub groups of G .

Let $a, b \in H_1 \cap H_2$.

Now, $a, b \in H_1 \Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H_1$ (Since, H_1 is a subgroup of G)

again, $a, b \in H_2 \Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H_2$ (Since, H_2 is a subgroup of G)

$\therefore a * b^{-1} \in H_1 \cap H_2$.

Hence, $H_1 \cap H_2$ is a subgroup of G .

Ex. Show that the union of two sub groups of a group G need not be a sub group of G .

Proof: Let G be an additive group of integers.

Let $H_1 = \{ 0, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 6, \pm 8, \dots \}$

and $H_2 = \{ 0, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm 9, \pm 12, \dots \}$

Here, H_1 and H_2 are groups w.r.t addition.

Further, H_1 and H_2 are subsets of G .

$\therefore H_1$ and H_2 are sub groups of G .

$H_1 \cup H_2 = \{ 0, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 6, \dots \}$

Here, $H_1 \cup H_2$ is not closed w.r.t addition.

For ex. $2, 3 \in G$

But, $2 + 3 = 5$ and 5 does not belongs to $H_1 \cup H_2$.

Hence, $H_1 \cup H_2$ is not a sub group of G .

Homomorphism and Isomorphism.

Homomorphism : Consider the groups $(G, *)$ and (G^1, \oplus)

A function $f : G \rightarrow G^1$ is called a homomorphism if

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

Isomorphism : If a homomorphism $f : G \rightarrow G^1$ is a bijection then f is called isomorphism between G and G^1 .

Then we write $G \cong G^1$

Example : Let R be a group of all real numbers under addition and R^+ be a group of all positive real numbers under multiplication. Show that the mapping $f : R \rightarrow R^+$ defined by $f(x) = 2^x$ for all $x \in R$ is an isomorphism.

Solution: First, let us show that f is a homomorphism.

Let $a, b \in R$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } f(a+b) &= 2^{a+b} \\ &= 2^a \cdot 2^b \\ &= f(a) \cdot f(b) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f$ is an homomorphism.

Next, let us prove that f is a Bijection.

For any $a, b \in R$, Let, $f(a) = f(b)$

$$\Rightarrow 2^a = 2^b$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b$$

$\therefore f$ is one-to-one.

Next, take any $c \in R^+$.

Then $\log_2 c \in R$ and $f(\log_2 c) = 2^{\log_2 c} = c$.

\Rightarrow Every element in R^+ has a pre image in R .

i.e., f is onto.

$\therefore f$ is a bijection.

Hence, f is an isomorphism.

Ex. Let R be a group of all real numbers under addition and R^+ be a group of all positive real numbers under multiplication. Show that the mapping $f : R^+ \rightarrow R$ defined by $f(x) = \log_{10} x$ for all $x \in R^+$ is an isomorphism.

Solution: First, let us show that f is a homomorphism.

Let $a, b \in R^+$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } f(a \cdot b) &= \log_{10} (a \cdot b) \\ &= \log_{10} a + \log_{10} b \\ &= f(a) + f(b) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f$ is an homomorphism.

Next, let us prove that f is a Bijection.

For any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$, Let, $f(a) = f(b)$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{10} a = \log_{10} b$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b$$

$\therefore f$ is one-to-one.

Next, take any $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

Then $10^c \in \mathbb{R}^+$ and $f(10^c) = \log_{10} 10^c = c$.

\Rightarrow Every element in \mathbb{R} has a pre image in \mathbb{R}^+ .

i.e., f is onto.

$\therefore f$ is a bijection.

Hence, f is an isomorphism.

Theorem: Consider the groups $(G_1, *)$ and (G_2, \oplus) with identity elements e_1 and e_2 respectively. If $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ is a group homomorphism, then prove that

a) $f(e_1) = e_2$

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

c) If H_1 is a sub group of G_1 and $H_2 = f(H_1)$,

then H_2 is a sub group of G_2 .

d) If f is an isomorphism from G_1 onto G_2 ,

then f^{-1} is an isomorphism from G_2 onto G_1 .

Proof: a) we have in G_2 ,

$$e_2 \oplus f(e_1) = f(e_1) \quad (\text{since, } e_2 \text{ is identity in } G_2)$$

$$= f(e_1 * e_1) \quad (\text{since, } e_1 \text{ is identity in } G_1)$$

$$= f(e_1) \oplus f(e_1) \quad (\text{since } f \text{ is a homomorphism})$$

$$e_2 = f(e_1) \quad (\text{By right cancellation law})$$

b) For any $a \in G_1$, we have

$$f(a) \oplus f(a^{-1}) = f(a * a^{-1}) = f(e_1) = e_2$$

$$\text{and } f(a^{-1}) \oplus f(a) = f(a^{-1} * a) = f(e_1) = e_2$$

$\therefore f(a^{-1})$ is the inverse of $f(a)$ in G_2

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

c) $H_2 = f(H_1)$ is the image of H_1 under f ; this is a subset of G_2 .

Let $x, y \in H_2$.

Then $x = f(a), y = f(b)$ for some $a, b \in H_1$

Since, H_1 is a subgroup of G_1 , we have $a * b^{-1} \in H_1$.

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}x \oplus y^{-1} &= f(a) \oplus [f(b)]^{-1} \\ &= f(a) \oplus f(b^{-1}) \\ &= f(a * b^{-1}) \in f(H_1) = H_2\end{aligned}$$

Hence, H_2 is a subgroup of G_2 .

d) Since $f : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ is an isomorphism, f is a bijection.

$\therefore f^{-1} : G_2 \rightarrow G_1$ exists and is a bijection.

Let $x, y \in G_2$. Then $x \oplus y \in G_2$

and there exists $a, b \in G_1$ such that $x = f(a)$ and $y = f(b)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore f^{-1}(x \oplus y) &= f^{-1}(f(a) \oplus f(b)) \\ &= f^{-1}(f(a * b)) \\ &= a * b \\ &= f^{-1}(x) * f^{-1}(y)\end{aligned}$$

■ This shows that $f^{-1} : G_2 \rightarrow G_1$ is an homomorphism as well.

$\therefore f^{-1}$ is an isomorphism.

3.3 Cosets

If H is a sub group of $(G, *)$ and $a \in G$ then the set

$$Ha = \{h * a \mid h \in H\} \text{ is called a right coset of } H \text{ in } G.$$

Similarly $aH = \{a * h \mid h \in H\}$ is called a left coset of H in G .

Note:- 1) Any two left (right) cosets of H in G are either identical or disjoint.

2) Let H be a sub group of G . Then the right cosets of H form a partition of G . i.e., the union of all right cosets of a sub group H is equal to G .

3) Lagrange's theorem: The order of each sub group of a finite group is a divisor of the order of the group.

4) The order of every element of a finite group is a divisor of the order of the group.

5) The converse of the Lagrange's theorem need not be true.

Ex. If G is a group of order p , where p is a prime number. Then the number of sub groups of G is

- a) 1 b) 2 c) $p - 1$ d) p

Ans. b

Ex. Prove that every sub group of an abelian group is abelian.

Solution: Let $(G, *)$ be a group and H is a sub group of G .

Let $a, b \in H$

$\Rightarrow a, b \in G$ (Since H is a subgroup of G)

$\Rightarrow a * b = b * a$ (Since G is an abelian group)

Hence, H is also abelian.

State and prove Lagrange's Theorem

Lagrange's theorem: The order of each sub group H of a finite group G is a divisor of the order of the group.

Proof: Since G is finite group, H is finite.

Therefore, the number of cosets of H in G is finite.

Let Ha_1, Ha_2, \dots, Ha_r be the distinct right cosets of H in G .

Then, $G = Ha_1 \cup Ha_2 \cup \dots \cup Ha_r$

So that $O(G) = O(Ha_1) + O(Ha_2) + \dots + O(Ha_r)$.

But, $O(Ha_1) = O(Ha_2) = \dots = O(Ha_r) = O(H)$

$\therefore O(G) = O(H) + O(H) + \dots + O(H)$. (r terms)

$$= r \cdot O(H)$$

This shows that $O(H)$ divides $O(G)$.

3.4 Lattices and Boolean algebra: Lattices and Partially Ordered sets, Boolean algebra.

Lattice and its Properties:

Introduction:

A lattice is a partially ordered set (L, \leq) in which every pair of elements $a, b \in L$ has a greatest lower bound and a least upper bound.

The glb of a subset, $\{a, b\} \subseteq L$ will be denoted by $a * b$ and the lub by $a \dot{\wedge} b$.

Usually, for any pair $a, b \in L$, $GLB \{a, b\} = a * b$, is called the **meet** or **product** and $LUB\{a, b\} = a \dot{\wedge} b$, is called the **join** or **sum** of a and b .

Example1 Consider a non-empty set S and let $P(S)$ be its power set. The relation $\dot{\subseteq}$ "contained in" is a partial ordering on $P(S)$. For any two subsets $A, B \in P(S)$ $GLB \{A, B\}$ and $LUB \{A, B\}$ are evidently $A \dot{\cap} B$ and $A \dot{\cup} B$ respectively.

Example2 Let I^+ be the set of positive integers, and D denote the relation of "division" in I^+ such that for any $a, b \in I^+$, $a D b$ iff a divides b . Then (I^+, D) is a lattice in which

the join of a and b is given by the least common multiple(LCM) of a and b , that is, $a \dot{\wedge} b = LCM$ of a and b , and the meet of a and b , that is, $a * b$ is the greatest common divisor (GCD) of a and b .

A lattice can be conveniently represented by a diagram.

For example, let S_n be the set of all divisors of n , where n is a positive integer. Let D denote the relation "division" such that for any $a, b \in S_n$, $a D b$ iff a divides b .

Then (S_n, D) is a lattice with $a * b = gcd(a, b)$ and $a \dot{\wedge} b = lcm(a, b)$.

Take $n=6$. Then $S_6 = \{1, 2, 3, 6\}$. It can be represented by a diagram in Fig(1). Take $n=8$. Then $S_8 = \{1, 2, 4, 8\}$

Two lattices can have the same diagram. For example if $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$ then $(S, \dot{\subseteq})$ and (S_6, D)

have the same diagram viz. fig(1), but the nodes are differently labeled.

We observe that for any partial ordering relation \leq on a set S the converse relation \geq is also partial ordering relation on S . If (S, \leq) is a lattice with meet $a * b$ and join $a \dot{\wedge} b$, then (S, \geq) is the also a lattice with meet $a \dot{\wedge} b$ and join $a * b$ i.e., the GLB and LUB get interchanged. Thus we have the principle of duality of lattice as follows.

Any statement about lattices involving the operations \wedge and \vee and the relations \leq and \geq remains true if \wedge, \vee, \geq and \leq are replaced by \vee, \wedge, \leq and \geq respectively.

The operation \wedge and \vee are called duals of each other as are the relations \leq and \geq .

Also, the lattice (L, \leq) and (L, \geq) are called the duals of each other.

Properties of lattices:

Let (L, \leq) be a lattice with the binary operations $*$ and $\dot{\wedge}$ then for any $a, b, c \in L$,

- $a * a = a$, $a \dot{\wedge} a = a$ (Idempotent)
- $a * b = b * a$, $a \dot{\wedge} b = b \dot{\wedge} a$ (Commutative)
- $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$, $(a \dot{\wedge} b) \dot{\wedge} c = a \dot{\wedge} (b \dot{\wedge} c)$ (Associative)
- $a * (a \dot{\wedge} b) = a$, $a \dot{\wedge} (a * b) = a$ (absorption)

For any $a \in L$, $a \leq a$, $a \leq \text{LUB} \{a, b\} \Rightarrow a \leq a * (a \dot{\wedge} b)$. On the other hand, $\text{GLB} \{a, a \dot{\wedge} b\} \leq a$ i.e., $(a \dot{\wedge} b) \dot{\wedge} a$, hence $a * (a \dot{\wedge} b) = a$

Theorem 1

Let (L, \leq) be a lattice with the binary operations $*$ and $\dot{\wedge}$ denote the operations of meet and join respectively For any $a, b \in L$,

$$a \leq b \iff a * b = a \iff a \dot{\wedge} b = b$$

Proof

Suppose that $a \leq b$. we know that $a \leq a$, $a \leq \text{GLB} \{a, b\}$, i.e., $a \leq a * b$. But from the definition of $a * b$, we get $a * b \leq a$.

$$\text{Hence } a \leq b \Rightarrow a * b = a \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

Now we assume that $a * b = a$; but is possible only if $a \leq b$, that is $a * b = a \Rightarrow a \leq b \dots\dots\dots (2)$

From (1) and (2), we get $a \leq b \iff a * b = a$.

Suppose $a * b = a$.

$$\text{then } b \dot{\wedge} (a * b) = b \dot{\wedge} a = a \dot{\wedge} b \dots\dots\dots (3)$$

$$\text{but } b \dot{\wedge} (a * b) = b \text{ (by iv)} \dots\dots\dots (4)$$

Hence $a \dot{\wedge} b = b$, from (3) \Rightarrow (4)

Suppose $a \dot{\wedge} b = b$, i.e., $\text{LUB} \{a, b\} = b$, this is possible only if $a \leq b$, thus (3) \Rightarrow (1)

(1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (1). Hence these are equivalent.

Let us assume $a * b = a$.

Now $(a * b) \dot{\wedge} b = a \dot{\wedge} b$

We know that by absorption law , $(a * b) \dot{\wedge} b = b$ so that $a \dot{\wedge} b = b$, therefore $a * b = a \iff a \dot{\wedge} b = b$ (5)

similarly, we can prove $a \dot{\wedge} b = b \iff a * b = a$ (6)

From (5) and (6), we get

$$a * b = a \iff a \dot{\wedge} b = b$$

Hence the theorem.

Theorem 2

For any $a, b, c \in L$, where (L, \leq) is a lattice. $b \leq c \iff \{ a * b \leq a * c \text{ and } \{ a \dot{\wedge} b \leq a \dot{\wedge} c$

$$\{ a * b \leq a * c \text{ and } \{ a \dot{\wedge} b \leq a \dot{\wedge} c$$

Proof

Suppose $b \leq c$. we have proved that $b \leq a \dot{\wedge} b * c = b \dots\dots\dots (1)$

Now consider

$$(a * b) * (a * c) = (a * a) * (b * c) \quad (\text{by Idempotent})$$

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

$$= a * b \quad (\text{by (1)})$$

Thus $(a * b) * (a * c) = a * b$ which $\Rightarrow (a * b) \leq (a * c)$ Similarly
 $(a \dot{\wedge} b) \dot{\wedge} (a \dot{\wedge} c) = (a \dot{\wedge} a) \dot{\wedge} (b \dot{\wedge} c)$
 $= a \dot{\wedge} (b \dot{\wedge} c)$
 $= a \dot{\wedge} c$
which $\Rightarrow (a \dot{\wedge} b) \leq (a \dot{\wedge} c)$

note: These properties are known as **isotonicity**.

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