

## Group

Definition :- A non-empty set  $G$  together with a binary operation  $*$  is said to be a group if it satisfies the following conditions.

- (i)  $x * y \in G, \forall x, y \in G$  (closure property).  
(ii)  $x * (y * z) = (x * y) * z, \forall x, y, z \in G$  (associative property).  
(iii) There exists an element  $e \in G$  s.t.  
 $x * e = e * x = x, \forall x \in G$  (existence of identity).  
(iv) For any  $x \in G, \exists$  an element  $x_1 \in G$  s.t.  
 $x * x_1 = x_1 * x = e$  [existence of inverse].

$x = x^{-1} = x^{-1}$   
0 has no inverse  
 $\frac{1}{0} = \infty$

$\mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}$   
 $\mathbb{Q} = \{ \dots \}$   
 $\mathbb{R} = \text{non zero}$

Note :- (i) The element  $e$  as defined above is said to be the identity element of the group  $G$ . and  $x_1$  is said to be the inverse of  $x$  and in this case we write,  $x_1 = x^{-1}$ .

$\therefore x * x^{-1} = x^{-1} * x = e$

II. If there is no doubt about the binary operation then the above four conditions can be written as -

- (i)  $xy \in G, \forall x, y \in G$   
(ii)  $x(yz) = (xy)z, \forall x, y, z \in G$   
(iii)  $x \cdot e = ex = x, \forall x \in G$   
(iv)  $xx^{-1} = x^{-1}x = e$   
or  $xx^{-1} = x^{-1}x = e$ .

III. A set  $G$  is a group w.r. to addition (+) as binary operation if

$$(i) x+y \in G$$

$$(ii) x+(y+z) = (x+y)+z, \forall x, y, z \in G.$$

$$(iii) x+e = e+x = x, \forall x \in G.$$

In this case  $e$  is said to be the additive identity of  $G$ .

$$(iv) \text{ For any } x \in G, \exists x_1 \in G, \text{ s.t. } x+x_1 = x_1+x = e$$

In this case  $x_1$  is said to be the additive inverse of  $x$ , and we write it as  $x_1 = -x$ .

IV. A set  $G$  is a group w.r. to multiplication ( $\cdot$ ) as binary operation if

$$(i) x \cdot y \in G, \forall x, y \in G$$

~~$$(ii) x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z, \forall x, y, z \in G$$~~

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$$(iii) xe = ex = x, \forall x \in G$$

In this case  $e$  is said to be the multiplicative identity of  $G$ .

$$(iv) \text{ For any } x \in G, \exists x_1 \in G, \text{ s.t. } x \cdot x_1 = x_1 \cdot x = e$$

In this case  $x_1$  is said to be the multiplicative inverse of  $x$  and we write it as  $x_1 = x^{-1}$ .

V. A group  $G$  is said to be a commutative group or abelian group if it satisfies commutative law, i.e.

$$x * y = y * x, \forall x, y \in G$$

$$\text{or } x \cdot y = y \cdot x \text{ (w.r. to multiplication)}$$

$$\text{or } x+y = y+x \text{ (w.r. to addition).}$$



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Prove that the set of matrices

$$A_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\alpha$  is a real number, forms a group under matrix multiplication.

Soln: Let  $G = \left\{ A_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

We now show that  $G$  is a group w.r. to matrix multiplication. Let  $A_\alpha, A_\beta \in G$ . Then,

$$A_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \quad \& \quad A_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & -\sin \beta \\ \sin \beta & \cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} A_\alpha \cdot A_\beta &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & -\sin \beta \\ \sin \beta & \cos \beta \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta & -\cos \alpha \sin \beta - \sin \alpha \cos \beta \\ \sin \alpha \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \sin \beta & -\sin \alpha \sin \beta + \cos \alpha \cos \beta \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\alpha + \beta) & -\sin(\alpha + \beta) \\ \sin(\alpha + \beta) & \cos(\alpha + \beta) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= A_{\alpha + \beta} \in G. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore A_\alpha \cdot A_\beta \in G, \forall A_\alpha, A_\beta \in G.$$

(ii) We know that matrix multiplication satisfies associative law.

$$\therefore A_\alpha \cdot (A_\beta \cdot A_\gamma) = (A_\alpha \cdot A_\beta) \cdot A_\gamma, \forall A_\alpha, A_\beta, A_\gamma \in G.$$

(iii) Clearly  $A_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos 0 & -\sin 0 \\ \sin 0 & \cos 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in G$ , which is the identity element of  $G$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 + p_1 & a_2 + p_2 \\ a_3 + q_1 & a_4 + q_2 \end{bmatrix} =$$