

**Problem: 1**

Show that  $C$ , the set of all non-zero complex numbers is a multiplicative group.

**Solution:** Let  $C = \{z: z = x + iy, x, y \in R\}$ . Here  $R$  is the set of all real numbers and  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ .

**(1) Closure Axiom:** If  $a + ib \in C$  and  $c + id \in C$ , then by the definition of multiplication of complex numbers

$$(a + ib)(c + id) = (ac - bd) + i(ad + bc) \in C$$

Since  $ac - bd, ad + bc \in R$  for  $a, b, c, d \in R$ . Therefore,  $C$  is closed under multiplication.

**(2) Associative Axiom:**

$$(a + ib)\{(c + id)(e + if)\} = (ace - adf - bcf - bde) + i(acf + ade + bce - bdf)$$

$$= \{(a + ib)(c + id)\}(e + if) \text{ for } a, b, c, d \in R.$$

**(3) Identity Axiom:**  $e = 1 (= 1 + i0)$  is the identity in  $C$ .

**(4) Inverse Axiom:** Let  $(a + ib) (\neq 0) \in C$ , then

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

$$= a - ib / (a^2 + b^2)(a + ib)^{-1}$$

$$= a / (a^2 + b^2) + i(b / (a^2 + b^2))$$

$$= m + in \in C$$

where  $m = a / (a^2 + b^2)$  and  $n = b / (a^2 + b^2)$ . Hence  $C$  is a multiplicative group.

**Problem: 2**

Prove that the set all  $n$ th roots of unity with usual multiplication is a group.

**Proof:**

$$\text{Let } \omega = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right)$$

Then the  $n$ th roots of unity are given by  $1, \omega, \omega^2, \dots, \omega^{n-1}$

Let  $G = \{1, \omega, \omega^2, \dots, \omega^{n-1}\}$  be the group with respect to multiplication.

We know that  $\omega^n = 1, \omega^{n+1} = \omega$  etc.

Let  $\omega^r, \omega^s \in G$ . Let  $r + s = qn + t$  where  $0 \leq t < n$ .  $\omega^r, \omega^s = \omega^{r+s} = \omega^{qn+t} = (\omega^n)^q \omega^t = \omega^t \in G$

We know that usual multiplication of complex number is associative.

$1 \in G$  is the identity element.

Inverse of  $\omega^r$  is  $\omega^{n-r}$ .

Hence  $G$  is a group.

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**Problem: 3**

Let  $G$  denote the set of all matrices of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ x & x \end{pmatrix}$  where  $x \in R^*$ . Then prove that  $G$  is a group under multiplication.

Proof:

Let  $A, B \in G$ . Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} y & y \\ y & y \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Closure Axiom:**

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 2xy & 2xy \\ 2xy & 2xy \end{pmatrix} \in G.$$

**Associative Axiom:**

We know that matrix multiplication is associative.

**Identity Axiom:**

Let  $E = \begin{pmatrix} e & e \\ e & e \end{pmatrix}$  be such that  $AE=A$ .

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e & e \\ e & e \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} 2xe & 2xe \\ 2xe & 2xe \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore 2xe = x. \text{ Hence } e = 1/2.$$

Hence  $E = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$  is the identity element of  $G$ .

**Inverse Axiom:**

Let  $\begin{pmatrix} y & y \\ y & y \end{pmatrix}$  be the inverse of  $\begin{pmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{pmatrix}$ .

Then  $\begin{pmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y & y \\ y & y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{pmatrix}$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} 2xy & 2xy \\ 2xy & 2xy \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore 2xy = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Hence } y = \frac{x}{4}$$

$$\therefore \text{Inverse of } \begin{pmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{pmatrix} \text{ is } \begin{pmatrix} x/4 & x/4 \\ x/4 & x/4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence  $G$  is a group.

**Problem 6:** Let  $G=\{0,1,2,3,4,5\}$  be a set. Show that under addition modulo 6  $G$  form a group.

**Proof:**

$+_6$	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. From table it is clear that  $G$  is closed under closure property as resulting element again element of set  $G$ .
2. Clearly associative law hold in  $G$
3. From second row and second column it is clear that 0 is the identity element of the group.
4. From table it is clear that inverse of every element of  $G$  exist in  $G$ .  
That is  $1^{-1}=5, 2^{-1}=4, 3^{-1}=3, 4^{-1}=2, 5^{-1}=1$ .
5. Since all the elements are symmetrical about principle diagonal,  $G$  is abelian.  
Hence  $G$  is abelian group.

**Problem 5:**

Let  $G=\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$  be a set. Show that under multiplication modulo 7  $G$  form a group.

**Proof:**

$\times_7$	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. From table it is clear that  $G$  is closed under closure property as resulting element again element of set  $G$ .
2. Clearly associative law holds in  $G$
3. From second row and second column it is clear that 1 is the identity element of the group.
4. From table it is clear that inverse of every element of  $G$  exist in  $G$ . Since all the elements are symmetrical about principle diagonal,  $G$  is abelian.

Hence  $G$  is abelian group.

#### Exercises.

1. Prove that  $C^*$  is a group under usual multiplication given by  $(a + ib)(c + id) = (ac - bd) + i(ad + bc)$ .
2. Let  $G = \{a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbf{Z}\}$ . Then prove that  $G$  is a group under usual addition.
3. Let  $G = \{1, i, -1, -i\}$ . Prove that  $G$  is a group under usual multiplication.
4. Let  $G$  be the set of all real numbers except -1. Define  $*$  on  $G$  by  $a*b = a + b + ab$ . Prove that  $(G, *)$  is a group.
5. In  $\mathbf{R} - \{1\}$  we define  $a*b = a + b - ab$ . Show that  $(\mathbf{R} - \{1\}, *)$  is a group. Is this group abelian?.