



UNIT 4- ALGEBRAIC STRUCTURES

Groups

Problems:

Q. Show that the set $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ consisting of the 4th roots of unity is a commutative group under multiplication.

Soln.:

Multiplication (Cayley) Table

*	1	-1	i	-i
1	1	-1	i	-i
-1	-1	1	-i	i
i	i	-i	-1	1
-i	-i	i	1	-1

i). Closure: Now $1, -1 \in G$, $+1 * -1 = -1 \in G$
 $\therefore G$ is closed.

ii). Associative: $1, -1, i \in G$ $(1 * -1) * i = -i \in G$
 $1 * (-1 * i) = -i \in G$
 $\therefore (1 * -1) * i = 1 * (-1 * i)$
 It satisfies the associativity.

iii). Identity elt.: For $1, -1, i, -i \in G$
 $1 * 1 = 1, -1 * +1 = -1, i * +1 = i, -i * 1 = -i$
 $\therefore 1$ is the identity elt.

iv). Inverse elt.:
 Inverse of -1 is -1 i.e., $-1 * -1 = 1 \in G$
 Inverse of 1 is 1 i.e., $1 * 1 = 1 \in G$



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Inverse of i is $-i$ i.e., $i * -i = 1 \in G$
 Inverse of $-i$ is i i.e., $-i * i = 1 \in G$

v). Commutative: $i, -i \in G$ $i * -i = 1 \in G$
 $-i * i = 1 \in G$

$\Rightarrow i * -i = -i * i$

$\therefore G$ is commutative group under multiplication.

2] Prove that the set $A = \{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$ is an Abelian group of order 3 under usual multiplication where $1, \omega, \omega^2$ are cube roots of unity and $\omega^3 = 1$

Soln.

Composition table

*	1	ω	ω^2
1	1	ω	ω^2
ω	ω	ω^2	1
ω^2	ω^2	1	ω

i). Closure:
 All the elts in the above table are the elts. of A . Hence A is closed under multiplication.

ii). Associative:
 $(1 * \omega) * \omega^2 = \omega^3 = 1 \in A$
 $1 * (\omega * \omega^2) = \omega^3 = 1 \in A$
 It satisfies the associative property.

$(1 * \omega) * \omega^2 = 1 * (\omega * \omega^2)$

iii). Identity elt.: $1, \omega, \omega^2 \in A$
 $1 * 1 = 1, 1 * \omega = \omega, \omega^2 * 1 = \omega^2$
 1 is the identity elt. of A

iv). Inverse elt.
 Inverse of 1 is 1 i.e., $1 * 1 = 1 \in A$
 ω is ω^2 i.e., $\omega * \omega^2 = \omega^3 = 1 \in A$
 ω^2 is ω i.e., $\omega^2 * \omega = \omega^3 = 1 \in A$



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v). commutative :

$$1 * w = w \in A$$

$$w * 1 = w \in A$$

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

3]. Let I be the set of integers. Let Z_m be the set of equivalence classes generated by the equivalence relation "congruence modulo m " for any +ve integer m . Then $(Z_m, +_m)$ and (Z_m, \times_m) are monoids.

Soln.

For $[i], [j] \in Z_m$

a). $+_m$ is defined as $[i] +_m [j] = [(i+j) \pmod{m}]$

b). \times_m is defined as $[i] \times_m [j] = [(i \times j) \pmod{m}]$

The composition table for $m=5$ is given as

$(Z_5, +_5)$						(Z_5, \times_5)					
$+_5$	0	1	2	3	4	\times_5	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	1	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	2	3	4	0	1	0	1	2	3	4
2	2	3	4	0	1	2	0	2	4	1	3
3	3	4	0	1	2	3	0	3	1	4	2
4	4	0	1	2	3	4	0	4	3	2	1

i). closure property :

In the above table $(Z_5, +_5)$ and (Z_5, \times_5) satisfies closure property.

ii). Associative :

Clearly, $(Z_5, +_5)$ and (Z_5, \times_5) satisfies associative property.

iii). Identity elt. :

$[0]$ is the identity elt. w.r. to $+_m$
 $[1]$ is the " " " " \times_m



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$\therefore (\mathbb{Z}_m, +_m)$ and (\mathbb{Z}_m, \times_m) are monoids.

4J. Show that $(\mathbb{Q}^+, *)$ is an abelian group where $*$ is defined by $a * b = \frac{ab}{2}, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Q}^+$

Soln.

i). For $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}^+ \Rightarrow a * b = \frac{ab}{2} \in \mathbb{Q}^+$
 $\therefore \mathbb{Q}^+$ is closed

ii). For $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}^+$. Then $a * (b * c) = a * \frac{bc}{2} = \frac{a \cdot \frac{bc}{2}}{2} = \frac{abc}{4} \rightarrow (1)$

$(a * b) * c = \frac{ab}{2} * c = \frac{\frac{ab}{2} \cdot c}{2} = \frac{abc}{4} \rightarrow (2)$

From (1) and (2),
 $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$

iii). Identity:
Let $a \in \mathbb{Q}^+$. Then $\exists e \in \mathbb{Q}^+$ such that
Now $a * e = a$
 $\frac{ae}{2} = a \Rightarrow e = 2$

iv). Inverse elt.:
Let $a \in \mathbb{Q}^+$. Then $\exists a^{-1} \in \mathbb{Q}^+$ such that
 $a * a^{-1} = e$
 $\frac{a a^{-1}}{2} = 2 \Rightarrow a^{-1} = \frac{4}{a}$

v). Commutative:
Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}^+$. Then $a * b = \frac{ab}{2}$
and $b * a = \frac{ba}{2}$
 $\therefore a * b = b * a$

Hence $(\mathbb{Q}^+, *)$ is an abelian group.



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17]. Let G denote the set of all matrices of the form $\begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix}$ where $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Prove that G is a group under matrix multiplication.

Soln.

i). closure :

Let $A, B \in G$

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix}; B = \begin{bmatrix} y & y \\ y & y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } AB &= \begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y & y \\ y & y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} xy+xy & xy+xy \\ xy+xy & xy+xy \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2xy & 2xy \\ 2xy & 2xy \end{bmatrix} \in G \end{aligned}$$

ii). Associative:

Matrix multiplication is associative.

iii). Identity elt.:

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Then } \exists E = \begin{bmatrix} e & e \\ e & e \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow AE = A$$

$$\text{Now, } \begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e & e \\ e & e \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2xe & 2xe \\ 2xe & 2xe \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2xe = x \Rightarrow e = \frac{1}{2}$$

Hence $E = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ is the identity elt. of G .

iv). Inverse elt.:

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Then } \exists A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} r_0 & r_0 \\ r_0 & r_0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$AA^{-1} = E \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x & x \\ x & x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_0 & r_0 \\ r_0 & r_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2xr_0 & 2xr_0 \\ 2xr_0 & 2xr_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2xr_0 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow r_0 = \frac{1}{4x}$$

Hence $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4x} & \frac{1}{4x} \\ \frac{1}{4x} & \frac{1}{4x} \end{bmatrix}$ is the inverse of A

Hence G is a group under matrix multiplication.



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HW. S.T. $(\mathbb{R} - \{0\}, *)$ is an abelian group,
where $*$ is defined by $a * b = a + b + ab, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$