

# نظرية الزمر

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## Chapter One : Groups Theory

### الفصل الاول : نظرية الزمر

#### **Definition 1.1: Binary Operations**

Let  $A$  be a non empty set. A binary operation on a set  $A$  is a function from  $A \times A$  into  $A$ . (i.e.)

\*:  $A \times A \rightarrow A$  is a binary operation iff

- (1)  $a * b \in A, \forall a, b \in A$  (Closure)
- (2) If  $a, b, c, d \in A$  such that  $a = c$  and  $b = d$ , then  $a * b = c * d$  (well-define).

#### **Example 1.2:**

- (1) The operations  $\{+, -, \times\}$  are binary operations on  $R, Z, Q, C$ .  
But " $-$ " is not binary operation on  $N$ .
- (2) The operations  $\{+, -\}$  are not binary operations on  $O$  (odd number).
- (3) The operation  $\div$  is binary operation on  $R \setminus \{0\}, Q \setminus \{0\}, C \setminus \{0\}$ .

#### **Example 1.3:**

Let  $a * b = a + b + 2, \forall a, b \in Z^+$ . Is  $*$  a binary operation on  $Z^+$ ?

#### **Solution:**

- (1) Closure : Let  $a, b \in Z^+$ , then  $a * b = \overbrace{a + b}^{\in Z^+} + 2 \in Z^+$ .
- (2) well-define : Let  $a, b, c, d \in A$  such that  $a = c$  and  $b = d$ ,  
then  $a * b = a + b + 2 = c + d + 2 = c * d$   
 $\Rightarrow *$  is a binary operation on  $Z^+$ .

#### **Example 1.4:**

Let  $a * b = a^b, a, b \in Z$ . Is  $*$  is a binary operation on  $Z$ .

#### **Solution:**

- (1) Closure : if  $a = 3$  and  $b = -1$ . Then  $a * b = 3^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \notin Z$   
 $\Rightarrow *$  is not a binary operation on  $Z$ .

**Remark 1.5:** Some time we used the symbols  $*, \circ, \#, \odot, \dots$  to denote a binary operation.

**Exercises (1):** which of the following are binary operations?

[1]  $a * b = a + b, \forall a, b \in R \setminus \{0\}$ .

[2]  $a \odot b = \frac{a}{b}, \forall a, b \in Z$ .

[3]  $a \# b = a + b - 3, \forall a, b \in N$ .

[4]  $a \circ b = a + 2b - 5, \forall a, b \in R$ .

[5]  $\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd}, \forall \frac{a}{b}, \frac{c}{d} \in Q \setminus \{0\}$ .

**Definition 1.6: (Commutative)**

A binary operation  $*$  on a set  $A$  is called a commutative if and only if

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

**Definition 1.7: (Associative)**

A binary operation  $*$  on a set  $A$  is called an associative if

$$(a * b) * c = a * (b * c) \quad \forall \quad a, b, c \in A.$$

**Example 1.8:** Let  $R$  be a set of real numbers and  $*$  be a binary operation on  $R$  defined as  $a * b = a + b - ab$ . Is  $*$  commutative and associative.

**Solution:**

Let  $a, b \in R$ , then

$$a * b = a + b - ab = b + a - ba = b * a$$

Which implies that  $*$  is commutative.

Let  $a, b, c \in R$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (a * b) * c &= (a + b - ab) * c \\ &= (a + b - ab) + c - (a + b - ab)c \\ &= a + b + c - ab - ac - bc + abc \dots \dots \dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a * (b * c) &= a * (b + c - bc) \\ &= a + (b + c - bc) - a(b + c - bc) \\ &= a + b + c - bc - ab - ac + abc \dots \dots \dots (2) \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow (1) = (2) \Rightarrow *$  is associative.

**Exercises (2):** Which of the following binary operations is a comm., asso.?

[1]  $a * b = a - b, \quad \forall a, b \in Z$ .

[2]  $a \odot b = 2ab, \quad \forall a, b \in E$ .

[3]  $a \# b = a^3 + b^3, \quad \forall a, b \in R$ .

**Definition 1.9: (Mathematical System)**

A Mathematical System or (Mathematical Structure) is a non-empty set of elements with one or more binary operations defined on this set.

**Example 1.10:**

$(R, +)$ ,  $(R, \cdot)$ ,  $(R, -)$ ,  $(R \setminus \{0\}, \div)$ ,  $(R, +, \cdot)$ ,  $(N, +)$ ,  $(E, +, \times)$  are Math. System. But  $(N, -)$ ,  $(R, \div)$ ,  $(O, +, -)$  are not Math. System.

**Definition 1.11: (Semi group)**

A semi group is a pair  $(S, *)$  in which  $S$  is a non-empty set and  $*$  is a binary operation on  $S$  with associative law.

(i.e.)  $(S, *)$  is semi group  $\Leftrightarrow$  (1)  $S \neq \emptyset$ ,  
 (2)  $*$  is a binary operation,  
 (3)  $\forall a, b, c \in S, (a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$ .

**Example 1.12:**

(1)  $(Z, +)$ ,  $(Z, \times)$ ,  $(N, +)$ ,  $(N, \times)$ ,  $(E, +)$ ,  $(E, \times)$  are semi groups.  
 (2)  $(O, +)$ ,  $(Z, -)$ ,  $(E, -)$ ,  $(R \setminus \{0\}, \div)$  are not semi groups.

**Definition 1.13: (The identity element)**

Let  $(S, *)$  be a Mathematical System and  $e \in S$ . Then  $e$  is called an identity element if  $a * e = e * a = a, \forall a \in S$ .

**Definition 1.14: (The inverse element)**

Let  $(S, *)$  be a Mathematical System and  $a, b \in S$ . Then  $b$  is called an inverse of  $a$  if  $a * b = b * a = e$  and denoted by  $b = a^{-1}$ .

**Definition 1.15: (The Group)**

The pair  $(G, *)$  is a group iff  $(G, *)$  is a semi group with identity in which each element of  $G$  has an inverse.

**Definition 1.16: (The Group)**

A group  $(G, *)$  is a non-empty set  $G$  and a binary operation  $*$ , such that the following axioms are satisfied:

(1) The binary operation  $*$  is associative.

$$(i.e.) (a * b) * c = a * (b * c), \forall a, b, c \in G$$

(2) There is an element  $e$  in  $G$  such that

$$a * e = e * a = a, \forall a \in G.$$

This element  $e$  is an identity element for  $*$  on  $G$ .

(3) For each  $a$  in  $G$ , there is an element  $b$  in  $G$  such that

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

The element  $b$  is an inverse of  $a$  and denoted by  $a^{-1}$ .

**Remark 1.17:**

Every group is a semi group but the converse is not true as in the following example shows.

$(N, +)$  is a semigroup but not group because  $\nexists a^{-1} \in N, \forall a \in N$ .

**Definition 1.18: (Commutative group)**

A group  $(G, *)$  is called a Commutative group iff  $a * b = b * a, \forall a, b \in G$ .

**Example 1.19:**

(1)  $(Z, +), (E, +), (Q, +), (C, +)$  are commutative groups .

(2)  $(Z^+, +)$  is not a group because there is no identity element for  $+$  in  $Z^+$ .

(3)  $(Z^+, \times)$  is not a group because there is an identity element 1 but no inverse for 5.

(4)  $(G = \{1, 0, -1, 2\}, +)$  is not group since  $+$  is not a binary operation on  $G$ ,  $1+2 = 3 \notin G$ .

(5)  $(G = \{1, -1\}, \times)$  is comm. Group.

(6)  $(R \setminus \{0\}, \times), (Q \setminus \{0\}, \times), (C \setminus \{0\}, \times)$  are comm. Groups.

**Example 1.20:** Let  $G = \{a, b, c, d\}$  be a set. Define operation  $*$  on  $G$  by the following table.

(Klein 4-group)

$*$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
$a$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
$b$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$a$
$c$	$c$	$d$	$a$	$b$
$d$	$d$	$a$	$b$	$c$

Is  $(G, *)$  a commutative group?

**Solution:**

(1) Closure is true.

(2) Asso. ?

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

$$b * c = a * d$$

$$d = d$$

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

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

$$d * (a * c) = d * c = b = (d * a) * c \dots \rightarrow$$

$\Rightarrow *$  is asso.

(3) The identity: To prove  $\exists e \in G$  s.t.  $a * e = e * a = a, \forall a \in G$ .

$$a * a = a, b * a = b, c * a = c, d * a = d.$$

$\Rightarrow e = a$  is an identity element of  $G$ .

(4) The inverse:  $a * a = a \Rightarrow a^{-1} = a$

$$b * d = a \Rightarrow b^{-1} = d$$

$$c * c = a \Rightarrow c^{-1} = c$$

$$a * a = a \Rightarrow a^{-1} = a$$

$$d * b = a \Rightarrow d^{-1} = b$$

(5) Comm. ?

$$a * b = b * a ?$$

$$b = b$$

$$a * c = c * a = c$$

$$a * d = d * a = d$$

$$b * c = c * b = d$$

$$b * d = d * b = a$$

$$c * d = d * c = b$$

$\Rightarrow *$  is a comm.

Therefore  $(G, *)$  is a comm. group and called **Klein 4-group**.

**Example 1.21:** Let  $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$  be a set and "." be operation on  $G$ .

Is  $(G, .)$  a group? Comm. ?

**Solution:**

.	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 is true.
  - (2) Asso. Law is true
  - (3) 1 is an identity element.
  - (4)  $1^{-1} = 1$ ,  $-1^{-1} = -1$ ,  $i^{-1} = -i$ ,  $-i^{-1} = i$
  - (5) Comm. is true
- $\therefore (G, .)$  is a comm.group.

**Example 1.22:** Let  $G = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}, a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ . Is  $(G, +)$  group?

Show that  $(G, +)$  is a comm. group? (H.W)

**Solution:**

(1) Closure: ?

$$\text{Let } a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ then } \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+c & 0 \\ 0 & b+d \end{bmatrix} \in G \text{ since } a+c \in \mathbb{Z}$$

and  $b+d \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow$  Closure is true

(2) Asso. Low: H.W

(3) Identity: ?

$$0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is the identity element of } G \text{ since}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$$

(4) Inverse: ?

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \ni A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$ . To prove  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -a & 0 \\ 0 & -b \end{bmatrix}$  is the inverse element of  $A$

$$A+B = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -a & 0 \\ 0 & -b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -a & 0 \\ 0 & -b \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore B = A^{-1} \Rightarrow \forall A \in G \exists B \in G \text{ such that } B = A^{-1}.$$

$\therefore (G, +)$  is a group.

**Example 1.23:**

Let  $G = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \{(a, b) : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq 0\}$  and  $*$  be defined by

$$(a, b) * (c, d) = (ac, bc + d)$$

Prove that  $(G, *)$  is group. Is  $(G, *)$  Comm.?

**Solution:**

(1) Closure : Let  $(a, b), (c, d) \in G \Rightarrow a \neq 0, c \neq 0 \Rightarrow ac \neq 0$

$$(a, b) * (c, d) = (ac, bc + d) \in G \quad ac \neq 0$$

(2) Asso. : Let  $(a, b), (c, d), (e, f) \in G$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (a, b) * [(c, d) * (e, f)] &= (a, b) * (ce, de + f) \\ &= (ace, bce + de + f) \dots\dots(1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [(a, b) * (c, d)] * (e, f) &= (ac, bc + d) * (e, f) \\ &= (ace, (bc + d)e + f) \\ &= (ace, bce + de + f) \dots\dots(2) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore (1) = (2)$ , then asso. is true

(3) Identity : Let  $(a, b), (x, y) \in G \ni$

$$(a, b) * (x, y) = (x, y) * (a, b) = (a, b)$$

$$(a, b) * (x, y) = (ax, bx + y) = (a, b)$$

$$\therefore ax = a \Rightarrow x = 1$$

$$\text{and } bx + y = b \Rightarrow b + y = b \Rightarrow y = 0$$

$$\therefore (x, y) = (1, 0)$$

$$\text{Also, } (x, y) * (a, b) = (xa, ya + b) = (a, b)$$

$$\therefore xa = a \Rightarrow x = 1$$

$$ya + b = b \Rightarrow ya = b - b \Rightarrow ya = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$$

$$\therefore (x, y) = (1, 0)$$

$\therefore (1, 0)$  is an identity element of  $G$

(4) Inverse: Let  $(a, b), (c, d) \in G, a \neq 0, c \neq 0$

$$(a, b) * (c, d) = (c, d) * (a, b) = (1, 0)$$

$$(c, d) * (a, b) = (1, 0)$$

$$(ac, bc + d) = (1, 0) \Rightarrow ac = 1 \Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{a}$$

$$bc + d = 0 \Rightarrow b \frac{1}{a} + d = 0 \Rightarrow d = -\frac{b}{a}$$

$\therefore (c, d) = \left(\frac{1}{a}, -\frac{b}{a}\right)$  is an inverse of  $G$

(5) Comm :  $G$  is not comm., since Take  $(3, 5), (4, 6)$

$$(3, 5) * (4, 6) = (12, 26) \quad \left. \vphantom{(3, 5) * (4, 6)} \right\} \Rightarrow G \text{ is not comm..}$$

$$(4, 6) * (3, 5) = (12, 23) \quad \left. \vphantom{(4, 6) * (3, 5)} \right\}$$



**Example 1.24:** Let  $(G, *)$  be an arbitrary group. The set of the function from  $G$  in to  $G : F_G = \{f_a : a \in G\}$ ,  $f_a : G \rightarrow G$  s.t.  $f_a(x) = a * x$ ,  $x \in G$ ,  
With the composition  $(F_G, \circ)$  is forms a group, prove that.

**Solution:**

(1) Closure: Let  $f_a, f_b \in F_G$ ,  $a, b \in G$

$$\begin{aligned}(f_a \circ f_b)(x) &= f_a(f_b(x)) = f_a(b * x) \\ &= a * (b * x) \\ &= (a * b) * x, \text{ since } G \text{ is a group.} \\ &= f_{a*b}(x) \in F_G, \text{ since } a*b \in G\end{aligned}$$

(2) Asso : Let  $f_a, f_b, f_c \in F_G$ ,  $a, b, c \in G$

$$\begin{aligned}(f_a \circ f_b) \circ f_c &= f_{a*b} \circ f_c = f_{(a*b)*c} \\ \text{since } * \text{ is asso. on } G \\ &= f_{a*(b*c)} = f_a \circ f_{b*c} = f_a \circ (f_b \circ f_c)\end{aligned}$$

(3) Identity :  $f_e$  is an identity of  $F_G$ , since

$$f_a \circ f_e = f_{a*e} = f_{e*a} = f_e \circ f_a = f_a$$

(4) Inverse : The inverse of  $f_a$  in  $F_G$  is  $f_a^{-1}$ , since

$$f_a \circ f_a^{-1} = f_{a*a^{-1}} = f_{a^{-1}*a} = f_a^{-1} \circ f_a = f_e$$

Also, if  $G$  is comm. group, then  $(F_G, \circ)$  is comm. group .

**Exercises (3):** Determine the systems  $(G, *)$ . Is  $(G, *)$  group? Is  $(G, *)$  comm. group?

[1]  $G = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a * b = a + b + 4$

[2]  $G = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \{a, b\} : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$  s.t  
 $(a, b) * (c, d) = (a + b, b + d - 3bd)$ .

[3]  $(G = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6\}, \circ)$ , where

$$f_1(x) = x, f_2(x) = \frac{1}{x}, f_3(x) = 1+x, f_4(x) = \frac{x+1}{x}, f_5(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}, f_6(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$$

[4]  $G = \{(a, b) : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq 0, b \neq 0\}$  s.t.

$$(a, b) * (c, d) = (ac, b+d)$$

[5]  $(G = \{am : m \in \mathbb{Z}\}, +)$

[6]  $G = \mathbb{Q}^+$ ,  $a * b = \frac{ab}{5}$ .

[7]  $G = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a * b = a + b - 2$

[8] Let  $G = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}, a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ . Is  $(G, \cdot)$  group? zdxr

[9] Let  $G = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix}, a \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ . Is  $(G, +)$  group?

[10] Let  $G = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4\}$ , where  $f_i \ni i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , are mappings on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \ni$   
 $f_1(x) = x, f_2(x) = -x, f_3(x) = \frac{1}{x}, f_4(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$ . Show that  $(G, \circ)$  is a  
group. Is  $(G, \circ)$  Comm. ?

### Some Properties of Groups:

**Theorem 1.25:** If  $G$  is a group with a binary operation  $*$ , then the left and right cancellation laws hold in  $G$ , that is:

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

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

For all  $a, b, c \in G$ .

**Proof:** H.W.

**Theorem 1.26:** In a group  $(G, *)$ , there is only one element  $e$  in  $G$  such that  $e * a = a * e = a, \forall a \in G$ .

**Proof:** Suppose that  $G$  has two identity elements  $e$  and  $e'$  that mean  $\forall a \in G$ .

$$a * e = e * a = a \text{ and } a * e' = e' * a = a$$

Since each  $e$  and  $e'$  belong to  $G$ , so

$$e * e' = e' * e = e \quad (\text{عنصر } e' \text{ و عنصر محايد } e)$$

$$e' * e = e * e' = e' \quad (\text{عنصر } e \text{ و عنصر محايد } e')$$

It follows that  $e' = e$ .

**Theorem 1.27:** In a group  $(G, *)$ , the inverse element of each element in  $G$  is unique.

**Proof:** Let  $a \in G$  and  $a$  has two inverse  $x$  and  $x'$ . Such that

$$a * x = x * a = e$$

$$a * x' = x' * a = e$$

$$\Rightarrow x = x * e = x * (a * x')$$

$$= (x * a) * x'$$

$$= e * x'$$

$$= x'$$

$\therefore x = x' \Rightarrow$  the inverse is an unique element.

**Theorem 1.28:** If  $(G, *)$  is group, then

(1)  $e^{-1} = e$

(2)  $(a^{-1})^{-1} = a \quad \forall a \in G$

(3)  $(a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1} \quad \forall a, b \in G$

**Proof:**(1) Let  $e^{-1} = x$ 

$$e \text{ is the identity element of } G \Rightarrow x * e = e * x = x \text{ ----- (1)}$$

$$x \text{ is the inverse of } e \Rightarrow e * x = x * e = e \text{ ----- (2)}$$

$$\text{from (1) and (2)} \Rightarrow x = e \Rightarrow e^{-1} = e.$$

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

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

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

$$= e * a = a.$$

(3) To prove,  $(a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}, \forall a, b \in G$ 

$$\text{Since } (a * b) \in G \Rightarrow (a * b)^{-1} \in G$$

$$(a * b) * (a * b)^{-1} = (a * b)^{-1} * (a * b) = e \text{ ( def . of inverse )}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Theorem 1.29:** Let  $(G, *)$  be a group . Then(1)  $(a * b)^{-1} = a^{-1} * b^{-1} \Leftrightarrow G$  is comm. group.(2) If  $a = a^{-1}$  , then  $G$  is a comm . gp . (Is the converse true? )**Proof:** (1) ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $(G, *)$  be a group and  $(a * b)^{-1} = a^{-1} * b^{-1}$  .To prove  $G$  is comm.Let  $a, b \in G$  . To show  $a * b = b * a, \forall a, b \in G$ 

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

$$= (b^{-1} * a^{-1})^{-1} \quad (\text{by Theorem 1.29 (3)})$$

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

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

 $\therefore G$  is comm. gp.( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $(G, *)$  is a comm . gp.To prove  $(a * b)^{-1} = a^{-1} * b^{-1}$ 

$$(a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1} \quad (\text{by Theorem 1.29 (3)})$$

$$= a^{-1} * b^{-1} \quad (\text{by comm.})$$

(2) If  $a = a^{-1}$ , then  $G$  is a comm. gp. (Is the converse true?)

**Proof:** Let  $a = a^{-1}$  To prove,  $a * b = b * a$ ,  $\forall a, b \in G$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } a, b \in G \text{ and } a * b \in G &\implies (a * b) = (a * b)^{-1} \\ &= b^{-1} * a^{-1} \text{ (by Theorem 1.29 (3))} \\ &= b * a \text{ (by } a = a^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore G$  is a comm. Group.

**The converse of this part is not true.**

(i.e.) if  $(G, *)$  is comm.  $\nRightarrow a = a^{-1}$

**For example:**

Let  $(G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}, \cdot)$  be comm. group,

$$\text{Let } a = i \implies a^{-1} = -i$$

$\therefore a \neq a^{-1}$

Give another example (H. W.)

**Theorem 1.30:** In a group  $(G, *)$ , the equations  $a * x = b$  and  $y * a = b$  have a unique solution.

**proof:** we take

$$\begin{aligned} a * x = b &\implies a^{-1} * (a * x) = a^{-1} * b \\ (a^{-1} * a) * x &= a^{-1} * b \\ e * x &= a^{-1} * b \\ x &= a^{-1} * b \end{aligned}$$

To show the solution is a unique

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } x' \in G \text{ s.t. } a * x' &= b \\ \implies a * x' &= a * x \\ \implies x' &= x \quad (\text{by com. law}) \end{aligned}$$

By same way, we prove  $y * a = b$  has Solution  $y = b * a^{-1}$ .

**Definition 1.31: (The Integral Powers of  $a$ )**

Let  $(G, *)$  be a group. The integral powers of  $a$ ,  $a \in G$  is defined by :

- (1)  $a^n = \underbrace{a * a \dots * a}_{n\text{-tim}}$
- (2)  $a^0 = e$
- (3)  $a^{-n} = (a^{-1})^n, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$
- (4)  $a^{n+1} = a^n * a, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**For example 1.32:**(1) In  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ ,

$$3^0 = 0,$$

$$3^3 = 3 + 3 + 3 = 9,$$

$$3^{-2} = (3^{-1})^2 = (-3) + (-3)$$

$$= -6.$$

(2) In  $(\mathbb{R}, \cdot)$ ,

$$2^0 = 1,$$

$$2^3 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8,$$

$$2^{-4} = (2^{-1})^4 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{16}$$

(3) In  $(G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}, \cdot)$ ,

$$i^0 = 1, \quad i^2 = i \times i = -1, \quad i^{-2} = (i^{-1})^2 = (-i)^2 = -i \times -i = -1$$

**Theorem 1.33:** Let  $(G, *)$  be a group and  $a \in G, m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then :

(1)  $a^n * a^m = a^{n+m} \quad \forall n, m \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (\text{H. W.})$

(2)  $(a^n)^m = a^{nm} \quad \forall n, m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

(3)  $a^{-n} = (a^n)^{-1} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

(4)  $(a * b)^n = a^n * b^n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z} \Leftrightarrow G \text{ is comm. group.}$

**Proof:**(2) To prove,  $(a^n)^m = a^{nm}, \quad \forall n, m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ 

Let  $p(m) : ((a^n)^m = a^{nm} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+)$

To prove,  $P(m)$  is true  $\forall m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ If  $m = 1 \Rightarrow p(1) : (a^n)^1 = a^n = a^{n \times 1} \Rightarrow p(1)$  is trueSuppose that  $p(k)$  is true with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $k \leq m$ 

$$\therefore (a^n)^k = a^{nk}$$

We have to prove that  $p(k+1)$  is true  $P(k+1) : (a^n)^{k+1} = a^{n(k+1)}$ ??

$$(a^n)^{k+1} = (a^n)^k * (a^n)^1 \quad (\text{by define of } a^{n+1} = a^n * a^1)$$

$$= a^{nk} * a^n$$

$$= a^{nk+n} \quad \text{by (1) above}$$

$$= a^{n(k+1)}$$

 $\therefore p(k+1)$  is true

By the principle of mathematical induction

$$\Rightarrow p(m) \text{ is true } \forall m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$\therefore (a^n)^m = a^{nm}, \quad \forall n, m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

(3) To prove,  $a^{-n} = (a^{-1})^n = (a^n)^{-1}$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

If  $n = 1 \Rightarrow p(1) : (a^{-1})^1 = a^{-1} = (a^1)^{-1}$

Suppose that if  $n = k$  is true  $\Rightarrow p(k) = (a^{-1})^k = (a^k)^{-1}$

We must prove  $p(k+1)$  is true

$P(k+1) : (a^{-1})^{k+1} = (a^{k+1})^{-1}$  ?

$(a^{-1})^{k+1} = (a^{-1})^k * (a^{-1})^1 = (a^k)^{-1} * (a^1)^{-1} = (a^{k+1})^{-1}$

$\therefore p(k+1)$  is true

By the principle of math. ind.  $\Rightarrow p(n)$  is true,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

(4) ( $\Rightarrow$ ) If  $n = 2 \Rightarrow (a * b)^2 = a^2 * b^2$ , To prove, is comm. Group.

$(a * b) * (a * b) = a * a * b * b$  (by def. of power int.)

$a * (b * a) * b = a * (a * b) * b$  (by asso.)

$(b * a) * b = (a * b) * b$  (by cancellation law)

$b * a = a * b$  (by cancellation law)

$\therefore G$  is comm. group.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $G$  be comm. group.

To prove,  $(a * b)^n = (a^n * b^n)$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Let  $p(n) : (a * b)^n = a^n * b^n$

If  $n = 1 \Rightarrow (a * b)^1 = a^1 * b^1$  is true

Suppose that  $p(k)$  is true with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $k \leq n$

s.t.  $(a * b)^k = a^k * b^k$

We must prove  $P(k+1)$  is true

$P(k+1) : (a * b)^{k+1} = (a * b)^k * (a * b)^1$

$= a^k * b^k * a^1 * b^1$

$= (a^k * b^k) * (b * a)$  (G is comm.)

$= a^k * (b^k * b) * a$  (by asso.)

$= a^k * b^{k+1} * a$

$= a^k * a * b^{k+1}$

$= a^{k+1} * b^{k+1}$

$\therefore p(k+1)$  is true,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Definition 1.34: ((Order of a Group ))**

The number of elements of a group  $G$  is called the order of  $G$  and is denoted by  $|G|$  or  $o(G)$ .

$G$  is called a finite group if  $|G| < \infty$  and infinite group otherwise .

**Definition 1.35: ( The Order of an Element )**

The order of an element  $a$ ,  $a \in G$  is the least positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n = e$ , where  $e$  is the identity element of  $G$ . We denoted to order  $a$  by  $|a|$  or  $o(a)$ .

(i.e.)  $|a| = n$  if  $a^n = e$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Example 1.36:**  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is an infinite group .

**Example 1.37:** In a trivial group  $G = \{0\}$

$|G| = 1$ ,  $G$  is the only group of order 1.

**Example 1.38:** find the order of  $G$  and the order of each element of  $(G, \cdot)$ . Such that  $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ .

**Solution:**

$|G| = 4$  and

$|a| = ??$

If  $a = 1$ , and  $(1)^1 = 1$ ,  $\Rightarrow |a| = |1| = 1$  (since  $e = 1$ )

If  $a = -1$ , and  $(-1)^2 = 1$   $\Rightarrow |-1| = 2$

If  $a = i$ , and  $i^2 = -1$ ,  $i^4 = 1 \Rightarrow |i| = 4$

If  $a = -i$ , and  $-i^2 = -1$ ,  $-i^3 = i$ ,  $-i^4 = 1 \Rightarrow |-i| = 4$

**The Group of Integers Modulo  $n$** 

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**Definition 1.39:**

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n > 0$ . Then  $a$  is congruent to  $b$  modulo  $n$  if  $a - b = nk$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and denoted by  $a \equiv b$  or  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$

**Example 1.40:**

(1)  $17 \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ , since  $17 - 5 = 12 = (6)(2)$

(2)  $8 \equiv 4 \pmod{2}$ , since  $8 - 4 = 4 = (2)(2)$

(3)  $-12 \equiv 3 \pmod{3}$ , since  $-12 - 3 = -15 = (3)(-5)$

(4)  $5 \not\equiv 2 \pmod{2}$ , since  $5 - 2 = 3 \neq (2)(k)$ ,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$

**Theorem 1.41:** The congruence modulo  $n$  is an equivalence relation on the set of integers.

**Proof:** Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}, n > 0$

$$(1) \quad a - a = 0 = n(0)$$

$\therefore a \equiv a \pmod{n}$  **Reflexive is true**

$$(2) \quad \text{If } a \equiv b \pmod{n}, \text{ To prove, } b \equiv a \pmod{n}$$

Since  $a \equiv b \pmod{n} \Rightarrow a - b = nk, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{so, } b - a = -nk = n(-k), -k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\therefore b \equiv a \pmod{n} \Rightarrow$  **Symmetric is true**

$$(3) \quad \text{If } a \equiv b \pmod{n} \text{ and } b \equiv c \pmod{n}. \text{ To prove, } a \equiv c \pmod{n}$$

Since  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ , then  $a - b = nk$

And  $b \equiv c \pmod{n}$ , then  $b - c = nk'$

By adding these two eqs.  $\Rightarrow a - c = n(k + k'), k + k' \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\therefore a \equiv c \pmod{n} \Rightarrow$  **Transitive is true**

$\therefore$  The congruence modulo  $n$  is an equivalence relation.

**Definition 1.42:** Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}, n > 0$ . The congruence class of  $a$  modulo  $n$ , denoted by  $[a]$  is the set of all integers that are congruent to  $a$  modulo  $n$ .

(i.e.)

$$\begin{aligned} [a] &= \{z \in \mathbb{Z} : z \equiv a \pmod{n}\} \\ &= \{z \in \mathbb{Z} : z = a + kn, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 1.43:**

If  $n = 2$ , find  $[0], [1]$

$$\begin{aligned} [0] &= \{z \in \mathbb{Z} : z \equiv 0 \pmod{2}\} \\ &= \{z \in \mathbb{Z} : z = 0 + 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \\ &= \{0, \bar{2}, \bar{4}, \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [1] &= \{z \in \mathbb{Z} : z \equiv 1 \pmod{2}\} \\ &= \{z \in \mathbb{Z} : z = 1 + 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \\ &= \{\bar{1}, \bar{3}, \bar{5}, \dots\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Example 1.44:**

If  $n = 3$ , find  $[1], [7]$

$$\begin{aligned} [1] &= \{z \in \mathbb{Z} : z \equiv 1 \pmod{3}\} \\ &= \{1, \bar{2}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}, \dots\} \\ &= \{1, -2, 4, 7, -5, \dots\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$[7] \quad (\text{H. W.})$$



**Definition 1.45:**

The set of all congruence classes modulo  $n$  is denoted by  $Z_n$  (which is read  $Z \bmod n$ ).

Thus

$$Z_n = \{ [0], [1], [2], \dots, [n-1] \}, \text{ or}$$

$$Z_n = \{ \bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \dots, \overline{n-1} \}$$

$Z_n$  has  $n$  elements.

**Example 1.46:**

$$Z_1 = \{ \bar{0} \}$$

$$Z_2 = \{ \bar{0}, \bar{1} \}$$

$$Z_3 = \{ \bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2} \}.$$

Now, we define addition on  $Z_n$  (write  $+_n$ ) by the following :

$$[a] +_n [b] = [a +_n b], \quad \forall [a], [b] \in Z_n$$

Similarly, we define multiplication on  $Z_n$  ( write ". $_n$ " by the following :

$$[a] \cdot_n [b] = [a \cdot_n b], \quad \forall [a], [b] \in Z_n$$

It is easy to see that  $(Z_n, +_n)$  is an abelian group with identity  $[0]$  and for every  $[a] \in Z_n$ ,  $[a]^{-1} = [n - a]$ . **This group is called the Additive Group of Integers Modulo  $n$ .**

Also,  $(Z_n, \cdot_n)$  is abelian semi group with identity  $[1]$ . **It is called the Multiplicative Semi Group of Integers modulo  $n$ .**

**Example 1.47:**  $(Z_4, +_4)$ ,  $Z_4 = \{ \bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3} \}$ 

- (1) Closure is true
- (2) Asso. is true
- (3)  $\bar{0}$  is an identity element
- (4) Inverse:
 
$$\bar{1}^{-1} = \bar{4} - \bar{1} = \bar{3}$$

$$\bar{2}^{-1} = \bar{4} - \bar{2} = \bar{2}$$

$$\bar{3}^{-1} = \bar{4} - \bar{3} = \bar{1}$$

- (5) Comm :
 
$$\bar{1} + \bar{2} = \bar{3} = \bar{2} + \bar{1}$$

$$\bar{1} + \bar{3} = \bar{0} = \bar{3} + \bar{1}$$



$\therefore (Z_4, +_4)$  is a Comm.group.

$+_4$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$
$\bar{0}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$
$\bar{1}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{0}$
$\bar{2}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{1}$
$\bar{3}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$

**Example 1.48:**  $(Z_4, \cdot_4)$ ,  $Z_4 = \{ \bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3} \}$

It is clear that we cannot have a group.

Since the number  $\bar{1}$  is identity,

but the numbers  $\bar{0}$  and  $\bar{2}$  have no inverse.

It follows that  $(Z_4, \cdot_4)$  is not a group,

but it is semi group.

$\cdot_4$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$
$\bar{0}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{0}$
$\bar{1}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$
$\bar{2}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{2}$
$\bar{3}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{1}$

**Example 1.49:** Find the order of  $G$  and the order of each element of  $(G, *)$ , such that  $(G, *) = (Z_8, +_8)$ .

**Solution:**

$$Z_8 = \{ \bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}, \bar{6}, \bar{7} \}, e = \bar{0}$$

$$o(Z_8) = 8 \quad \text{since (The number of elements of a group } Z_8 = 8)$$

The order of an element  $a$ ,  $a \in Z_8$  is the least positive integer  $n$  such that  $a^n = \bar{0}$ , where  $\bar{0}$  is the identity element of  $Z_8$ .

$$o(\bar{0}) = 1 \quad \text{since } (\bar{0})^1 = \bar{0} = e$$

$$o(\bar{1}) = 8 \quad \text{since } (\bar{1})^8 = \bar{1} + \bar{1} + \bar{1} + \bar{1} + \bar{1} + \bar{1} + \bar{1} + \bar{1} = \bar{8} = \bar{0} = e$$

$$o(\bar{2}) = 4 \quad \text{since } (\bar{2})^2 = \bar{2} + \bar{2} + \bar{2} + \bar{2} = \bar{8} = \bar{0} = e$$

$$o(\bar{3}) = 8 \quad \text{since } (\bar{3})^8 = \bar{3} + \bar{3} + \bar{3} + \bar{3} + \bar{3} + \bar{3} + \bar{3} + \bar{3} = \bar{24} \\ = \bar{8} + \bar{8} + \bar{8} = \bar{0} + \bar{0} + \bar{0} = \bar{0} = e$$

$$o(\bar{4}) = 2 \quad \text{since } (\bar{4})^2 = \bar{4} + \bar{4} = \bar{8} = \bar{0} = e$$

$$o(\bar{5}) = 8 \quad \text{since } (\bar{5})^8 = \bar{5} + \bar{5} + \bar{5} + \bar{5} + \bar{5} + \bar{5} + \bar{5} + \bar{5} = \bar{40} \\ = (\bar{8})^5 = (\bar{0})^5 = \bar{0} = e$$

$$o(\bar{6}) = 4 \quad \text{since } (\bar{6})^8 = \bar{6} + \bar{6} + \bar{6} + \bar{6} = \bar{24} = \bar{0} = e$$

$$o(\bar{7}) = 8 \quad \text{since } (\bar{7})^8 = \bar{56} = \bar{0} = e$$

**Exercises (4):**

1. Find the order of  $Z_6$  and the order of each element of  $(Z_6, +_6)$ .
2. Find the order of  $Z_9$  and the order of each element of  $(Z_8, +_8)$ .
3. Find the order of  $Z_6$  and the order of each element of  $(Z_9, +_9)$ .

**The Permutations :**

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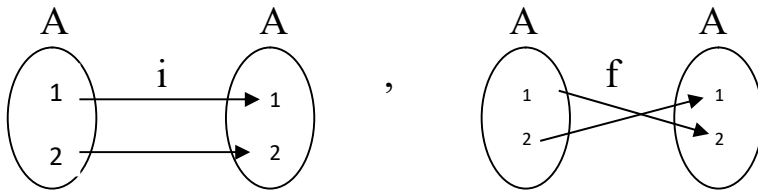
**Definition 1.50:** A Permutation or symmetric of a set A is a function from A in to A that is both one to one and on to.

$$f: A \xrightarrow{1-1, onto} A$$

$\text{Symm}(A) = \{f \mid f: A \xrightarrow{1-1, onto} A\}$  the set of all permutation on A.

If A is the finite set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , then the set of all permutation of A is denoted by  $S_n$  or  $P_n$  and  $o(S_n) = n!$ , where  $n! = n(n-1) \dots (3)(2)(1)$

**Example 1.51:** Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$ . Write all permutation on A.



$$\text{Symm}(A) = \{i, f\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

**Example 1.52:** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Write all permutation on A.

$$f_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, f_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, f_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, f_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, f_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$P_3 = \text{Symm}(A) = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6\}$$

$$o(P_3) = 3! = (3)(2) = 6$$

**Theorem 1.53:** If  $A \neq \varnothing$ , then the set of all permutation on A Forms a group with composition of Maps.

(i.e.) Let  $A \neq \varnothing$ , then  $(\text{Symm}(A), \circ)$  is a group.

**Proof:**

$$\text{Symm}(A) = \{f \mid f: A \xrightarrow{1-1, onto} A \text{ is a mapp.}\},$$

To prove,  $(\text{Symm}(A), \circ)$  is a group.

$$\text{since } \exists i_A: A \xrightarrow{1-1, onto} A \text{ a perm. on } A$$

$$\therefore i_A \in \text{Symm}(A) \implies \text{Symm}(A) \neq \varnothing.$$

(1) Closure : Let  $f, g \in \text{symm}(A)$ , it follows that

$$f: A \xrightarrow{1-1, onto} A, g: A \xrightarrow{1-1, onto} A$$

$$\Rightarrow fog: A \xrightarrow{1-1, onto} A \Rightarrow fog \in \text{Symm}(A)$$

(2) Asso. : True since the composition of maps is an asso.

(3) The identity : since  $i_A \in \text{symm}(A)$  and  $i_A \circ f = f \circ i_A = f$  for all  $f$  in  $\text{symm}(A) \Rightarrow i_A$  is an identity element

(4) The inverse :  $\forall f: A \xrightarrow{1-1, onto} A, \exists f^{-1}: A \xrightarrow{1-1, onto} A$   
 $\therefore f^{-1} \in \text{Symm}(A)$  and  $f \circ f^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ f = i_A$

$\therefore (\text{Symm}(A), \circ)$  is a group.

Is  $(\text{Symm}(A), \circ)$  comm. group ? (H.W.)

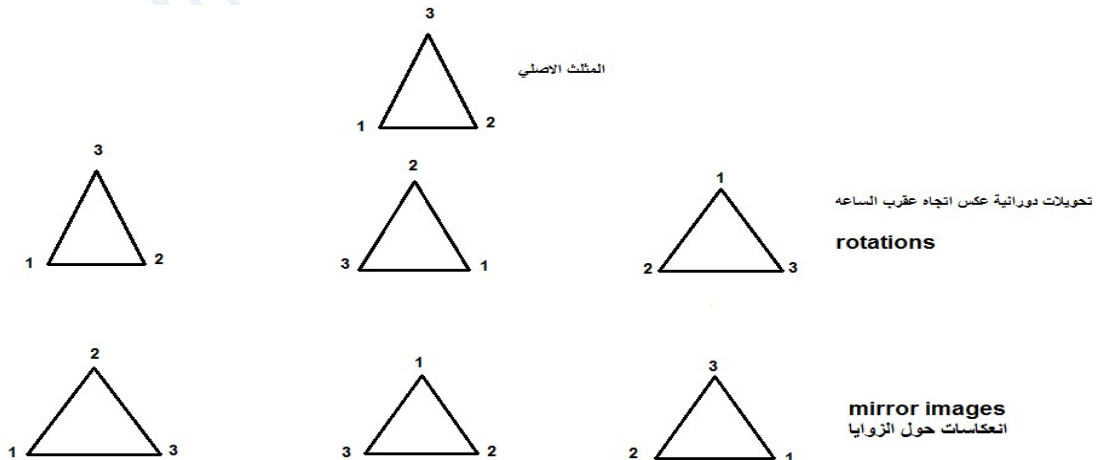
**Example 1.54:** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , then  $S_3 = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6\}$  and  $(S_3, \circ)$  is a group. This group is called symmetric group.

O	$f_1$	$f_2$	$f_3$	$f_4$	$f_5$	$f_6$
$f_1$	$f_1$	$f_2$	$f_3$	$f_4$	$f_5$	$f_6$
$f_2$	$f_2$	$f_3$	$f_1$	$f_6$	$f_4$	$f_5$
$f_3$	$f_3$	$f_1$	$f_2$	$f_5$	$f_6$	$f_4$
$f_4$	$f_4$	$f_5$	$f_6$	$f_1$	$f_2$	$f_3$
$f_5$	$f_5$	$f_6$	$f_4$	$f_3$	$f_1$	$f_2$
$f_6$	$f_6$	$f_4$	$f_5$	$f_2$	$f_3$	$f_1$

$(S_3, \circ)$  is not Comm. Group.

Also  $(S_3, \circ)$  is called the group of symmetries of on equilateral triangle .

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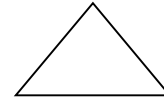


**Definition 1.55 (The Dihedral Group  $D_n$  of Order  $2n$ )**

The  $n^{\text{th}}$  dihedral group is the group of symmetries of the regular  $n$ -gon.  $o(D_n) = 2n$

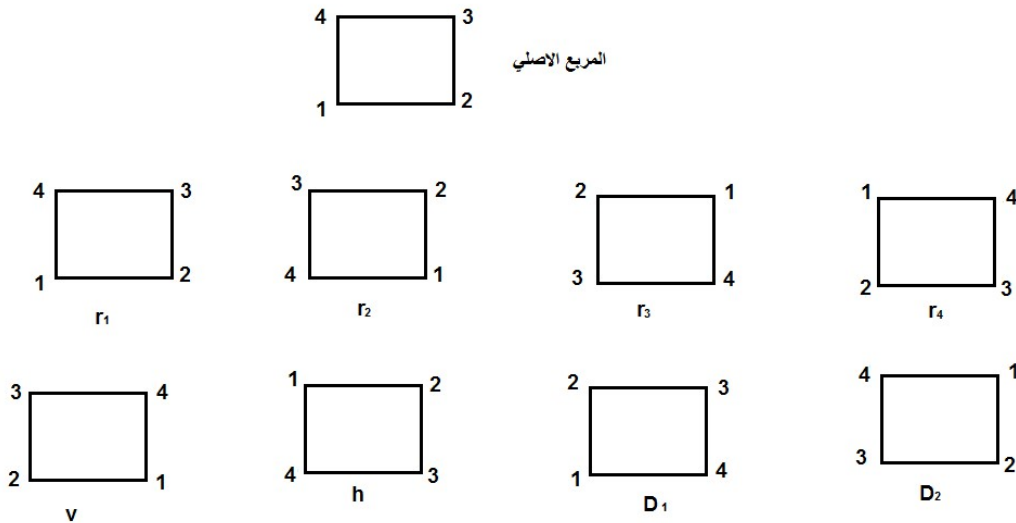
$D_3$  : is the third dihedral group.

,  $O(D_3) = (2)(3) = 6$  elements.



**Example 1.56:** The group of symmetries of square  $D_4$  or  $G_8$ ,  $o(D_4) = 8$

$G_8 = D_4 = \{r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4, h, v, D_1, D_2\}$ , where  $r_i$  are a clockwise rotation  
 $V, h, D_1, D_2$  are mirror images



- (1) Write all elements of  $G_8$  as a permutation.
- (2) Is  $(G_8, o)$  comm. group? Use table (H.W.)

**Definition 1.57:** A permutation  $f$  of a set  $A$  is called a cycle of length  $n$  if there exist  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$  such that

$f(a_1) = a_2, f(a_2) = a_3, \dots, f(a_{n-1}) = a_n, f(a_n) = a_1$  and  $f(x) = x$ ,  
 for  $x \in A$  but  $x \notin \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ . We write  $f = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ .

**Example 1.58:** If  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ , then

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = (1354)(2) = (1354)$

Observe that

$(1354) = (3541) = (5413) = (4135)$ .

**Example 1.59:** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  be a set of a group  $S_6$ . Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = (142) \circ (3) \circ (56) = (142) \circ (56)$$

And

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 4 & 3 & 5 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (16) \circ (245) \circ (3) = (16) \circ (245)$$

These permutations above are not cycles.

**Theorem 1.60:** Every permutation  $f$  of a finite set  $A$  is a product of disjoint cycles.

**Definition 1.61:** A cycle of length 2 is a transposition.

**Example 1.62:** The permutation

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = (24) \text{ is a transposition.}$$

**Proposition 1.63:** Any permutation can be expressed as the product of transpositions.

$$(i.e.) (a_1 a_2 \dots a_n) = (a_1 a_2) (a_1 a_3) \dots (a_1 a_n)$$

Therefore any cycle is a product of transpositions.

**Example 1.64:** We see that  $(16) (253) = (16) (25) (23)$ .

**Definition 1.65:** A permutation is **even or odd** according as it can be written as the product of an even or odd number of transpositions.

**Example 1.66:** Let  $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \in P_3$ . Is  $f$  even or odd permutation.

**Solution:**  $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = (132) = (13)(12)$

$f$  has 2 transpositions  $\Rightarrow f$  is an even perm.

**Example 1.67:** Determine an even and odd permutations of  $P_4$ . (H.W)

**Definition 1.68: (Alternating Group)**

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The Alternating group on  $n$  letters, denoted by  $A_n$  is the group consisting of all even permutations in the symmetric group  $S_n$ .

$$o(A_n) = \frac{n!}{2}, \quad A_n \subset S_n$$

**Example 1.69:** Let  $S_3 = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6\}$ , then

$A_3 = \{i, f_2, f_3\}$  is a sub group of  $S_3$

$$o(A_3) = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$