

Definition of Group:

A nonempty set G , with a binary operation ' \circ ' is called a group (G, \circ) if the following properties hold for the operation ' \circ '.

- ① Closure property: - G is closed under the binary operation ' \circ ',
i.e. $a \circ b \in G \quad \forall a, b \in G$.
- ② Associative property: - The associative property holds for the operation ' \circ '
i.e. $(a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ (b \circ c) \quad \forall a, b, c \in G$.

③ Existence of Identity Element
The identity element exists in G , i.e. $a \circ e = e \circ a = a \quad \forall a \in G$.

④ Existence of Inverse Element: -
for every $a \in G$, \exists an element $b \in G$ such that $a \circ b = b \circ a = e$,
where e being the identity element.
The (G, \circ) is a group.

The inverse element of a is denoted by a^{-1} and so
 $a \circ a^{-1} = a^{-1} \circ a = e$.

Theorem:- Prove that identity element
in a group is unique.

PROF:- Let e be the identity element
in group (G, \circ) .

Then existence of identity element
of the group, we have

$$a \circ e = e \circ a = a \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$\forall a \in G$

Now to prove that e is unique.

Let e is not unique, let e' be
another identity element in a group (G, \circ)
where $e' \neq e$.

Then existence of identity element
of the group, we have.

$$a \circ e' = e' \circ a = a \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$\forall a \in G$.

Since (i) is true $\forall a \in G$ and $e' \in G$
therefore putting $a = e'$ in (i)

$$e' \circ e = e \circ e' = e' \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

Similarly, putting $a = e$ in (ii)

$$\text{we get } e \circ e' = e' \circ e = e \quad \text{--- (iv)}$$

From eqn (iii) and (iv)

$e' = e$, which contradicts
our assumption that $e' \neq e$. Hence identity
element is unique.

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A group with two properties stated and verified then $\text{Group}(G, \circ)$ is called Semi-Group.

A 1st commutative property hold in $\text{Group}(G, \circ)$

i.e. - $a, b \in G$, then

$$a \circ b = b \circ a, \quad \forall a, b \in G$$

Then the $\text{Group}(G, \circ)$ is called Abelian Group.

for Example-

(i) $\{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$ is a finite group w.r. to multiplication, where ω is the cube roots of unity.

(ii) The set of all integers is an finite group w.r. to addition.