

# First lecture

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## Topics: Groups, Cyclic Groups

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Groups we already know

$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  Natural numbers

$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  all integers positive and negative

$\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{p}{q} : p, q \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$

$\mathbb{R} = \{0.1, 0.0, 0.11, \sqrt{1}, \pi\}$

Relations:  $\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}$

Operations

Addition  $+$  and subtraction  $-$  Multiplication  $\cdot$  division  $\div$

$$a - b = a + (-b)$$

$$a \div b = a * \frac{1}{b}$$

Properties

### Commutativity

We have for addition  $a + b = b + a$  and multiplication  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$  and is called commutativity when  $\forall a, b$

### Associative

We have for addition  $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$  and for multiplication  $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$

### Distributivity

$$a(b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$$

$$(a + b)c = a \cdot c + b \cdot c$$

Binary Operations

Let  $\mathbb{S}$  be a set of elements, with the binary operation  $\varphi : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

Then we have that:

$$\varphi(a, b) = c$$

$$a, b, c \in \mathbb{S}$$

## Ternary Operations

$$\varphi : \mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$$

$$\varphi(a, b, c) = d$$

$$a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{S}$$

This can be extended to a n-ary operation

$$\varphi : \mathbb{S}_1 \times \mathbb{S}_2 \times \dots \times \mathbb{S}_n$$

$$n \in \mathbb{N}$$

## Algebraic System / Structure $\langle S, P \rangle$

Algebraic system with the symbol  $*$  as a binary operation. Here  $S$  is called the groupoid.

$$\langle S, * \rangle$$

$S$  a groupoid where the associative laws holds, is called a semigroupoid.

$$a \times (b \times c) = (a \times b) \times c$$

$$\forall a, b, c$$

$S$  is a semigroup with  $e \in S$  s.t  $e \times a = a \times e = a, \forall a$  is called a monoid.

$e$  is called an identity element.

If  $S$  is a monoid and  $\forall a \in S, \exists a^{-1} \in S$  s.t  $a \times a^{-1} \wedge a^{-1} \times a = e$  Then  $S$  is called a group.

$a^{-1}$  is called the inverse element of  $a$ .

### Definition of a group

$\langle G, * \rangle$  with a binary operation  $*$ , is called a group if the following holds:

i)  $\forall a, b, c \in G$  we have that  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$

ii)  $\forall a \in G, \exists e \in G$  we have that  $e * a = a * e = a$

iii)  $\forall a \in G, \exists a^{-1}$  such that  $a * a^{-1} = a^{-1} * a = e$

If a groups is also commutative, then it is called an abelian group. Then this also applies to the group.

iv)  $a * b = b * a$

### Proof: Identity element of a group is unique

The identity element  $e$  of a group  $G$  is unique.

$$\exists e_1, e_2 \in G$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 e_1 \times a &= a \times e_1 \\
 e_2 \times a &= a \times e_2 \\
 \implies e_1 &= e_1 \times e_2 = e_2 \\
 &\square
 \end{aligned}$$

The inverse element is unique  $\forall a \in G$  in group  $G$ .

**Proof: Inverse element  $\forall a \in G$  is unique**

Let  $a$  be an element in  $G$ ,  $a \in G$ ,

Assume we have to inverse elements  $a^{-1}$  and  $a_1^{-1}$ , for  $a^{-1}$  and  $a_1^{-1}$  the following holds.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a^{-1} \times a &= a \times a^{-1} = e \\
 a_1^{-1} \times a &= a \times a_1^{-1} = e
 \end{aligned}$$

To show that  $a$  only has one inverse element.

$$\begin{aligned}
 a^{-1} \times a &= e \\
 (a^{-1} \times a) \times a_1^{-1} &= e \times a_1^{-1} \\
 a^{-1} \times (a \times a_1^{-1}) &= a_1^{-1} \\
 a^{-1} \times e &= a_1^{-1} \\
 a^{-1} &= a_1^{-1} \\
 &\square
 \end{aligned}$$

If there is two inverse elements, they are the same element.

The identity  $e$  of a group  $G$  is unique, The inverse element is unique  $\forall a \in G$  in group  $G$

Then  $\forall a, b$  we have the following

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

We can then show that:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a \times b)^{-1} \times (a \times b) &= e \\
 (b^{-1} \times a^{-1}) \times (a \times b) &= b^{-1} \times (a^{-1} \times a) \times b^{-1} \\
 RHS &= b^{-1} \times e \times b \\
 &= b^{-1} \times b \\
 (b^{-1} \times a^{-1}) \times (a \times b) &= e \\
 &\square
 \end{aligned}$$

\* Operator

The  $*$  operator will be replaced by either  $+$  or  $\cdot$  for their respective operation,  $\cdot \Rightarrow$  multiplication, and  $+$  for addition.

### Multiplicative notation

$$* := \cdot$$

$$e = 1 \text{ (the identity element)}$$

$$a^{-1} \text{ (the inverse element)}$$

$$a \cdot b = ab$$

$$a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$$

$$a \cdot a \dots a = a^n$$

$$(-a) \cdot (-a) \dots (-a) = (-a)^n$$

$$(-a^{-1}) \cdot (-a^{-1}) \dots (-a^{-1}) = (-a)^{-n}$$

$$a^0 = e$$

$$a^n, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\forall n, m \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ we have } a^n \cdot a^m = a^{n+m}$$

$$(a^n)^m = a^{n \cdot m}$$

$$n \cdot (m \cdot a) = (n \cdot m) \cdot a$$

### Additive notation

$$* := +$$

$$e = 0 \text{ (the identity element)}$$

$$-a \text{ (the inverse element)}$$

$$0 \cdot a = 0$$

$$a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$$

$$a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = n \cdot a$$

$$n \cdot a + m \cdot a = (n + m) \cdot a$$

Example:  $\mathbb{Z}$

$\langle \mathbb{Z}, + \rangle$  is a group, it must fulfil the group definition.

i)  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  we have  $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$  //OK

ii)  $e = 0$  for additive groups  $a + e = a \iff e = 0$  //OK

iii) If  $a$  is an element in  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  then it has an inverse s.t the following holds:

$$a^{-1} + a = e$$

$$(-a) + a = 0$$

All three rules hold, it is a group.

### Example: Trivial Group

In a trivial group, the identity element must exist.

$$G = e$$

$$e * e = e$$

### Example: $\mathbb{Q}$

Is  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, + \rangle$  a group? All three rules hold for this group, so yes this is a group.

Is  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, \cdot \rangle$  a group? Associative property holds Identity property  $e = 1$  for multiplicative groups.

Inverse Element: For  $\mathbb{Q}$  we have that  $a = \frac{p}{q}$  then the inverse element is  $a^{-1} = \frac{q}{p}$ . If  $p = 0$  then  $a^{-1}$  is not a number ( $p = 0 \rightarrow \frac{q}{0} = NaN$ ), and hence  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, \cdot \rangle$  cannot be a group.

### Example: $G$ with 6 elements

Let  $G$  be the set of remainders of all the integers on division by 6, this group contains 6 elements and is:

$$G = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$$

### Not sure why this got noted:

An element  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  is defined as follows:

$$m = g \cdot q + r \text{ where } q \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } 0 \leq r \leq 5$$