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 Algebra (Group.)

Q.1. Show that the identity element in a group is unique.

Proof: Let e_1 and e_2 be two distinct identities of the group G . Then, by definition of identity, we have

$$e_1 * e_2 = e_1 \quad [\because e_2 \text{ is identity}]$$

$$\text{and } e_1 * e_2 = e_2 \quad [\because e_1 \text{ is identity}]$$

Hence, it follows that $e_1 = e_2$

$\Rightarrow$ Identity is unique.

Hence, the identity element in a group is unique.

Q.2. Show that the set of all integers form an abelian group with respect to addition.

Proof: Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $a+b \in \mathbb{Z}$. So, $a * b \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}$ is closed under the composition $*$

$$\text{Next } (a * b) * c = (a + b + 1) * c$$

$$= a + b + 1 + c + 1 = a + b + c + 2$$

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

$$= a + b + c + 1 + 1 = a + b + c + 2.$$

$$\therefore (a * b) * c = a * (b * c), \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$\therefore$ Associative law holds.

Let $e \in \mathbb{Z}$ be such that $a * e = e * a = a$

$$\text{Then, } a + e + 1 = a \text{ i.e. } e = -1 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$\therefore$ The identity element is -1 .

Let, for $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ there exists b such that

$$a * b = b * a = e = -1.$$

$$\text{Then, } a + b + 1 = -1 \text{ i.e. } b = -a - 2 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$\therefore$ The inverse element of $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ is $-a - 2$.

$$\text{Also, } a * b = a + b + 1 = b + a + 1$$

$$= b * a$$

$\therefore$ Commutative law holds.

$\therefore (\mathbb{Z}, *)$ is an abelian group. $\checkmark$

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Q.3. Define a ring with an example.

Soln. Ring: +

Let R be a non-empty set. An algebraic structure $(R, +, \cdot)$ together with two binary operations addition and multiplication for all $a, b \in R$ is called a ring if this structure satisfies following properties:

I Closed under addition;

$$a+b \in R, \forall a, b \in R$$

II Associative under addition:

$$a+(b+c) = (a+b)+c, \forall a, b, c \in R$$

III Existence of identity:

$$a+0 = a = a+0, \forall a \in R.$$

then 0 is an additive identity of R .

IV Existence of inverse:

there exists an element $-a \in R$ such that

$$-a+a = 0 = a+(-a), \forall a \in R.$$

then $-a$ is an additive inverse of a .

V Commutative under addition:

$$a+b = b+a, \forall a, b \in R$$

VI Closed under multiplication:

$$a \cdot b \in R, \forall a, b \in R$$

VII Associative under multiplication:

$$a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c, \forall a, b, c \in R.$$

VIII Distributive laws: [Distribution of $\cdot$ over $+$], $\forall a, b, c \in R$.

$$a \cdot (b+c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c \quad \text{[Left distributive]}$$

$$(b+c) \cdot a = b \cdot a + c \cdot a \quad \text{[Right distributive]}$$

For example. The set $\mathbb{Z}$ of all integers with respect to addition and multiplication forms a ring.