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properties.

Lecture-3

Commutative Group / Abelian Group

A group $(G, *)$ is commutative group
iff $a * b = b * a \quad \forall a, b \in G$

Order of a Group

Let $(G, *)$ is a group. The order of group G
denoted as $|G|$ or $O(G)$ is the number of
elements in non-empty set G .
Ex $\rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is an infinite group

Order of $\mathbb{Z} = |\mathbb{Z}| = \text{Infinite}$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad G = \{1, -1, i, -i\} \quad (G, \cdot)$$

$$O(G) = |G| = 4$$

Order of elements in $(G, *)$:-

let $a \in G$. Order of element 'a' in G is the least positive integer 'n' s.t. —

$$\boxed{a * a * a * \dots \text{ n times} = e}$$

- ⊕ \mathbb{Z} $*$ = \cdot $a^n = e$
- ⊕ \mathbb{Z} $*$ = $+$ $na = e$

Ex $\rightarrow G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ (G, \cdot)
 $O(G) = 4$

In this case, $e = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} (-1) \cdot (-1) &= (-1)^2 = 1 & (1)^1 &= 1 \\ O(-1) &= 2 & O(1) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (i)^4 &= 1 & (-i)^4 &= 1 \\ O(i) &= 4 & O(-i) &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

Note $\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ $O(G) = 4$

Order of elements in G can be = 1/2/4
 i.e. factors of 4.

Self Inverse - let $a \in (G, *)$ then a is called self inverse if —

$$a * a = e$$

Note → ① If $*$ = \cdot then $a^2 = 1$ i.e. $a^{-1} = a$

② If 'a' is self inverse and a is non-identity then order of 'a' is always 2.

③ Order of identity element is always 1.

④ An element and its inverse both have same order.

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

Order Description Tables

① $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ (G, \cdot)

$$o(G) = 4$$

$$1/2/4$$

Element	Order
1	1
-1	2
i	4
-i	4

② $G = \{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$ (G, \cdot)

$$o(G) = 3$$

$$1/3$$

Element	Order
1	1
ω	3
ω^2	3