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lecture-7

Properties of Groups-

① Theorem  $\rightarrow$  'let  $G$  be a group.  $G$  has unique identity element'

Proof  $\rightarrow$  Suppose  $G$  has 2 identity elements say  $e$  and  $e'$

$\Rightarrow e \in G$  and  $e' \in G$  ( $e \neq e'$ )

$$e * a = a * e = a \quad \forall a \in G \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$e' * a = a * e' = a \quad \forall a \in G \quad \text{--- ②}$$

from eq-① take  $a = e'$

$$e * e' = e' * e = e' \quad \text{--- ③}$$

from eq-② take  $a = e$

$$e' * e = e * e' = e \quad \text{--- ④}$$

from eq-③ & ④, we get  $\rightarrow$   
 $e = e'$

It contradicts our assumption that  $e \neq e'$   
Hence,  $e = e'$

Therefore, group  $G$  has unique identity element.

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② Cancellation Law - let  $G$  be a group &  $a, b, c \in G$   
st.  $a * b = a * c$  then  $b = c$

Proof  $\rightarrow a \in G \Rightarrow a^{-1}$  exists  
 $\Rightarrow a^{-1} * a = e = a^{-1} * a^{-1} \quad \forall a \in G$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } a * b &= a * c \\ (a^{-1} * a) * b &= (a^{-1} * a) * c \\ b &= c \end{aligned}$$

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③ let  $G$  be a group then each element ' $a$ '  
in  $G$  has unique inverse in  $G$ .

Proof  $\rightarrow$  let element ' $a$ ' in  $G$  has 2 inverse  
say  $b$  and  $b'$   
 $\Rightarrow b, b' \in G \quad (b \neq b')$

By definition of inverse ———

$$a * b = e \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$a * b' = e \quad \text{--- ②}$$

from eq ① & ②, we get  $\rightarrow$   
 $a * b = a * b'$

By left cancellation law, we get  $\rightarrow$   
 $b = b'$

It contradicts our assumption that  $b \neq b'$   
Hence,  $b = b'$

Therefore, each element ' $a$ ' in group  $G$   
has unique inverse in  $G$ .

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