

Warm up questions

1) Is $(\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}, *)$ a group with $a * b = \min\{a, b\}$?

2) What is the inverse of $z = -1$ in the gp (\mathbb{U}, \cdot)

3) If c' denotes the inverse elt of $c \in G$ then
 $(a' * b')' = ?$

4) assume $*$ and $\#$ are associative for which operation
 is $\{e, a, b, c\}$ a group?
correction

G2
 $e = \text{identity}$

| $*$ | e | a | b | c |
|-----|---|---|---|---|
| e | e | a | b | c |
| a | a | e | c | e |
| b | b | c | e | a |
| c | c | e | a | e |

but $a * a = a * c = e$ *not a group*

G3
 inverses are spp. to be

| $\#$ | e | a | b | c |
|------|---|---|---|---|
| e | e | b | a | c |
| a | b | b | e | c |
| b | a | e | c | a |
| c | c | c | a | a |

no identity element
x not a group

1) Is $(\underbrace{\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}}_{\text{"S"}}, *)$ a group with $a * b = \min\{a, b\}$?

Last time: (\mathbb{R}, \max) max was associative

G1 $a * (b * c) = \min\{a, b, c\} = (a * b) * c$ ✓

G2 Identity? $a * e = e * a = a$ $e := \infty$
 $\min\{a, e\}$ is the identity

G3 Inverses $a * a' = e$?

$\min\{a, a'\} = \infty$

say $a = 0$ $\min\{0, a'\} \leq 0 < \infty$ no inverses for $\min = *$.

2. inverse of $z = -1$ in (U, \cdot)

inverse is z' s.t. $\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| = 1\}$.

$$z \cdot z' = z' \cdot z = 1 \Rightarrow z' = -1.$$

$$z' \cdot (-1) = 1$$

$$z' = -1$$

$$3. (\underbrace{a'} * b')' = (b')' * (a')' = b * a$$

Cor 4.18. $(a * b)' = b' * a'$

Thm 4.16 (Solving equations in groups)

let $(G, *)$ be a group and $a, b \in G$. Then
 $a * x = b$ and $y * a = b$ have unique
solutions for x and y , respectively. ("linear equations")

Proof Consider $a * x = b$, let $a' \in G$ be inverse of a G3

$$\text{Then } a' * (a * x) = a' * b$$

$$\underline{G1} \Rightarrow (a' * a) * x = a' * b$$

$$\underline{G3} \Rightarrow e * x = a' * b$$

$$\underline{G2} \Rightarrow x = a' * b \in G$$

Therefore, $x = a' * b$ is the unique solution \square

See text for
a slightly
different part

Question Why does

$x = a' * b$ imply
 x is unique.

$$\underline{a' * b} : * (a', b)$$

$$* : S \times S \rightarrow S$$

\rightarrow a function!

it is well defined

ie. $a' * b$ is a

unique elt of S .

Group multiplication tables pg 43. $|G| = n$

| | g_0 | g_1 | ... | g_{n-1} |
|-----------|-----------|-------|-----|-----------|
| g_0 | g_0 | g_1 | ... | g_{n-1} |
| g_1 | g_1 | | ... | |
| \vdots | \vdots | | | |
| g_{n-1} | g_{n-1} | | | |

G1 associativity is unfortunately not easy to check from the table.

G2 \exists an elt $g_0 \stackrel{e}{\text{ s.t.}}$ the row & column for g_0 are exactly the list of gr elts \otimes as ordered in the table.

G3 \exists of inverses $\forall g_i$, e must appear at least once.
 These properties follow from the axioms!

Thm 4.17 uniqueness of inverses and identity elt \Rightarrow there is one such g_0 with property \otimes . Also e appears exactly once in each row and column.

Thm 4.15 Every group elt must appear exactly once in each row and each column.

Def 4.1 A group $(G, *)$ is a binary structure such that

G1: $*$ is associative

$$\forall a, b, c \in G \quad (a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$$

G2: Identity element

$$\exists e \in G \text{ s.t. } \forall a \in G \quad e * a = a * e = a$$

G3: Inverse elements say "a' is the inverse of a in G"

$$\forall a \in G \quad \exists a' \in G \text{ s.t. } a * a' = a' * a = e$$

Ques What should we require of a group isomorphism?

$$(G, *) , (G', \#)$$

$$f: G \rightarrow G'$$

1) $f: G \rightarrow G'$ is bijective

2) $\forall x, y \in G \quad f(x * y) = f(x) \# f(y)$ } isomorphism of binary structures.

We should also desire:

3) G2 $f(e) = e' \in G'$ e iden. in G e' iden. in G'

4) G3 $f(a') = f(a)'$ where ' denotes inverse of elts in G' and G

If $(G, *)$ and $(G', *')$ are groups and the underlying binary structures are isomorphic then φ (i.e. we get property 3 + 4 from previous page for free).

• $\varphi(e) = e' \in G'$

exercise

• $\varphi(a^2) = \varphi(a)'^2 \in G'$

exercise

Equivalent group axioms

Finally, it is possible to give axioms for a group $\langle G, * \rangle$ that seem at first glance to be weaker, namely:

1. The binary operation $*$ on G is associative.
2. There exists a **left identity element** e in G such that $e * x = x$ for all $x \in G$.
3. For each $a \in G$, there exists a **left inverse** a' in G such that $a' * a = e$.

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Exercise 4.38 (also see 4.39!)

Group multiplication tables and isomorphisms

The following two tables define groups. Are they isomorphic?

| * | e | a | b | c |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| e | e | a | b | c |
| a | a | e | c | b |
| b | b | c | e | a |
| c | c | b | a | e |

| * | e' | a' | b' | c' |
|----|----|----|----|----|
| e' | e' | a' | b' | c' |
| a' | a' | b' | c' | e' |
| b' | b' | c' | e' | a' |
| c' | c' | e' | a' | b' |