

Homomorphism:-

Let $(G, *)$ and (H, \circ) be groups. Then a function

$f: G \rightarrow H$ is a homomorphism if $\forall a, b \in G$,

$$f(a * b) = f(a) \circ f(b)$$

$\in H \qquad \in H$

Isomorphism :- It is a homomorphism which is a bijection

$$\hookrightarrow G \cong H$$

$$f(ab) = f(a)f(b)$$

$$f(a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_n) = f(a_1) f(a_2) \dots f(a_n)$$

Theorem:- Let $f: (G, *) \rightarrow (H, \circ)$ be a homomorphism

(i) $f(e) = e'$, where e' is the identity of H

(ii) If $a \in G$ then $f(a^{-1}) = (f(a))^{-1}$

(iii) If $a \in G$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ then $f(a^n) = (f(a))^n$

$$f(ab^{-1}) = f(a)f(b)^{-1} \rightarrow \text{to prove homomorphism}$$

Q) $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a bijection and X, Y are sets. Show that $\alpha \mapsto f \circ \alpha \circ f^{-1}$ is an isomorphism on $S_X \rightarrow S_Y$.

Ans:- Suppose,
 $f \circ \alpha_1 \circ f^{-1} = f \circ \alpha_2 \circ f^{-1} \Rightarrow f^{-1} \circ f \circ \alpha_1 \circ f^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ f \circ \alpha_2 \circ f^{-1}$
 $\Rightarrow \alpha_1 \circ f^{-1} = \alpha_2 \circ f^{-1} \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 \Rightarrow$
 One-One

$|X| = |Y|$
 $\Rightarrow |Sx| = |Sy|$ and one-one \Rightarrow onto

$$\phi(\alpha_1 \alpha_2) = f \circ \alpha_1 \circ \alpha_2 \circ f^{-1} = f \circ \alpha_1 \circ f^{-1} \circ f \circ \alpha_2 \circ f^{-1} \\ = \phi(\alpha_1) \circ \phi(\alpha_2)$$

Q) Let G be a group and X be a set and $f: G \rightarrow X$ be a bijection. Show that there is a unique operation on X so that X is a group and f is an isomorphism.

Ans:- $|G| = |X|$
 $G = \{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$ $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$
 $a_i * a_j \equiv x_i \circ x_j$ \rightarrow corresponding sign here
 $f(a_i * a_j) = x_i \circ x_j$
 $f(a_i) = x_i$ $\forall i, j, f(a_i * a_j) = f(a_k) = x_k = x_i \circ x_j = f(a_i) \circ f(a_j)$

Suppose another operation exists, let it be \cdot .

for some i, j we must have $f(a_i * a_j) \neq a_i \cdot a_j$

$f(a_i) = x_i$ $f(a_i * a_j) \neq f(a_i) \cdot f(a_j)$

So not homomorphism

Q) For any elements a, b in a group and any integer n , prove that $(a^{-1} b a)^n = a^{-1} b^n a$

Ans:- $(a^{-1} b a)^n = a^{-1} b a a^{-1} b a \dots a^{-1} b a = a^{-1} b^n a$

Q) Prove that if $(ab)^2 = a^2 b^2$ then $ab = ba$, $a, b \in G$

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 $ba = ab$

Q) Let G be a group of exactly 4 elements. Prove that G is abelian.

Ans: - e, a, b, c $ea = a = ae$ $eb = b = be$
 $ec = c = ce$

WLOG, $c = ab$ or ba
 but $ab, ba \in G \Rightarrow ab = ba$
 \Rightarrow all pairs commute
 \Rightarrow Abelian
 Since G has 4 elements only
 $ab = a \Rightarrow b = e$
 $ba = c \Rightarrow b = c^{-1}a$

Multiplicative Table:-

G	a_1	a_2	a_n
a_1	$a_1 * a_1$	$a_2 * a_1$	$a_n * a_1$
a_2	$a_1 * a_2$	$a_2 * a_2$	
	:		
a_n	$a_1 * a_n$	$a_2 * a_n$	$a_n * a_n$

\Rightarrow This has all the elements of G

Q) If G is a multiplicative group of all positive real numbers, show that $\ln : G \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, +)$ is an isomorphism.

Ans: - $a \rightarrow \ln(a) \Rightarrow$ one-one
 $(\ln)^{-1}(b) \in G \Rightarrow$ onto \Rightarrow bijection
 $\ln(ab) = \ln(a) + \ln(b) \Rightarrow$ homomorphism
 \rightarrow isomorphism

Q) Prove that a group G is abelian iff the function $f : G \rightarrow G$ defined by $f(a) = a^{-1}$ is a homomorphism.

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 $ab = ba \quad \forall a, b \in G$

$$f(ab) = (ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1} = f(a)f(b)$$

Suppose, $f(a) = a^{-1}$ is homomorphism,

$$f(ab) = f(a)f(b) \Rightarrow (ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1} \Rightarrow (ab)^{-1} = (ba)^{-1} \\ \Rightarrow ab = ba$$