

B.Sc. (Math) part - I

Paper - III

Topic: - Notion of groups, Abelian group and non-abelian group

Def: - Let  $G$  be a non empty set and  $\circ$  be the binary operation on  $G$ . Then the set  $G$  together with the operation  $\circ$  denoted by  $(G, \circ)$  is called a group iff the following condition satisfied

- $G_1$ : If  $a, b \in G$  then  $a \circ b \in G$  (closure)
  - $G_2$ : If  $a, b, c \in G$  then  $(a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ (b \circ c)$  (associative law)
  - $G_3$ : There exists an element  $e$  of  $G$  such that  $a \circ e = e \circ a = a$  for all element  $a \in G$ . Existence of identity element
  - $G_4$ : For each element  $a \in G$  there exists an element  $a'$  of  $G$  such that  $a \circ a' = a' \circ a = e$  (Existence of inverse)
- The element  $a'$  is called inverse of  $a$  ( $a^{-1}$ ) is ~~that~~ if  $a \circ a^{-1} = a^{-1} \circ a = e$

Abelian Group:

Def: - A group  $(G, \circ)$  is called abelian group if the commutative law hold for the operation

(75) Commutative law: - The commutative law for the operation ' $\circ$ ' holds i.e.  $a \circ b = b \circ a$  for all  $a, b \in G$

Ex-1 prove that the set of integers is an abelian group under addition.

Soln: - Let  $\mathbb{I}$  be the set of integers

that is  $\mathbb{I} = \{ \dots -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots \}$

G<sub>1</sub>: The sum of two integers is an integer Hence if  $a, b \in \mathbb{I}$  then  $a+b \in \mathbb{I}$

G<sub>2</sub>: Addition of integers is associative Hence if  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{I}$  then  $a+(b+c) = (a+b)+c$

G<sub>3</sub> The identity of  $\mathbb{I}$  is 0 for  $a+0 = 0+a = a$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{I}$

~~G<sub>4</sub> The identity of  $\mathbb{I}$  is~~

G<sub>4</sub>: The inverse of  $a \in \mathbb{I}$  is  $-a \in \mathbb{I}$  for  $a+(-a) = (-a)+a = 0$

Thus all the group postulates are satisfied and hence  $\mathbb{I}$  is a group. Moreover  $\mathbb{I}$  is an Abelian group since addition in  $\mathbb{I}$  is commutative.

Ex-2 prove that the set of integers is not a group under multiplication.

Soln: - (i) Let  $\mathbb{I}$  be the set of integers. Hence if  $a, b \in \mathbb{I}$  then  $a \cdot b \in \mathbb{I}$

(ii) The multiplication of integers

is associative hence  $a, b, c \in I$

then  $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$

(iii) The identity of  $I$  is  $1 \in I$  for  $a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a$  for every  $a \in I$

(iv) The inverse of  $a \in I$  is  $\frac{1}{a}$  for  $a \cdot \frac{1}{a} = 1$  but  $\frac{1}{a} \notin I$ .

These fourth postulate is not satisfied and hence  $I$  is not a group under multiplication.

Ex: - prove that the four fourth root of unity i.e. the set  $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$  is abelian group w.r. to multiplication.

Soln: -  $(G, \cdot)$  is group for

(i) closure law hold! - it is clear from the following multiplication table

X \ Y	1	-1	i	-i
1	1	-1	i	-i
-1	-1	1	-i	i
i	i	-i	-1	1
-i	-i	i	1	-1

(ii) Associative law hold

(iii) Identity element 1 exists

(iv) Inverse element exists

as follow  $(1)^{-1} = 1, (-1)^{-1} = -1, (i)^{-1} = -i, (-i)^{-1} = i$

Also  $G$  is an Abelian group since the table is symmetric about the main diagonal which begins from the left hand corner.