

Q.2) Define the operation $*$ on \mathbb{Z} by $a*b = a+b+2$ for all a, b in \mathbb{Z} .

a) Show that $*$ is a commutative operation on \mathbb{Z} .

b) Show that \mathbb{Z} is a group with respect to $*$.

c) For $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, find an explicit formula to compute 0^n (the formula should not have any $*$ in it).

d) Determine whether $\langle 0 \rangle$ is finite or infinite. Explain.

a) Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. $a*b = a+b+2 = b+a+2 = b*a$.

Hence $*$ is commutative.

b) \mathbb{Z} is closed w.r. to $*$ because $a*b = a+b+2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ for $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$*$ is associative because for all $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have

$$a*(b*c) = a + b*c + 2 = a + b + c + 2 + 2 =$$

$$= a + b + 2 + c + 2 = (a*b) + c.$$

$*$ has an identity element; $a*x = a \Leftrightarrow a+x+2 = a$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = -2.$$

By (a) $*$ is commutative, so -2 is the identity element.

Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}$. $a*x = -2 \Leftrightarrow a+x+2 = -2 \Leftrightarrow x = -4-a$.

Hence $a^{-1} = -4-a \in \mathbb{Z}$. Thus inverses exist in \mathbb{Z} w.r. to $*$.

Therefore \mathbb{Z} is a group w.r. to $*$.

c) $0^1 = 0$, $0^2 = 0*0 = 0+0+2 = 2$, $0^3 = 0*0^2 = 0+2+2 = 4$,

$$0^4 = 0^2*0^2 = 2*2 = 2+2+2 = 6, \dots$$

$$0^1 = 0$$

$$0^2 = 2$$

$$0^3 = 4$$

$$0^4 = 6$$

Claim: $0^n = 2(n-1)$, for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

$n=1, n=2$ are true.

Suppose $0^{n-1} = 2(n-1) = 2(n-2) + 2$ is true.

$$\text{Then } 0^n = 0*0^{n-1} = 0*2(n-2) = 2(n-2) + 2 = 2n - 4 + 2 = 2(n-1).$$

Therefore by P.M.I. $0^n = 2(n-1)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

d) Since $0^n = 2(n-1)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $0^n \neq -2$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

$$\text{Because } 2(n-1) = -2 \Leftrightarrow 2n - 2 = -2 \Leftrightarrow 2n = 0 \Leftrightarrow n = 0.$$

Therefore $0^n \neq -2$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

Then $\langle 0 \rangle$ is an infinite group.

Q.3) Let $\mathbb{Z}_{12} = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \dots, \bar{11}\}$ be the additive group of integers modulo 12.

a) Find all distinct subgroups of \mathbb{Z}_{12} .

b) Find all generators of \mathbb{Z}_{12} .

Let G denote the set of all invertible elements of \mathbb{Z}_{12} with respect to multiplication. It is known that G is a group with respect to multiplication.

c) Find all elements of G .

d) Find the order of each one of the elements of G .

e) Determine if G a cyclic group or not and write down all cyclic subgroups of G .

a) $\mathbb{Z}_{12} = \langle \bar{1} \rangle$, all subgroups of \mathbb{Z}_{12} are of the form $\langle \bar{1}^d \rangle$ where d is a positive divisor of 12. Divisors of 12 are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12.

Hence $\langle \bar{1} \rangle, \langle \bar{2} \rangle, \langle \bar{3} \rangle, \langle \bar{4} \rangle, \langle \bar{6} \rangle, \langle \bar{0} \rangle$ are all distinct subgroups of \mathbb{Z}_{12} .

b) a^m is a generator of $\langle a \rangle$ if and only if $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ where $|\langle a \rangle| = n$.

Hence $\bar{1}, \bar{5}, \bar{7}, \bar{11}$ are generators of \mathbb{Z}_{12} , there is no other generator.

c) $G = \{\bar{1}, \bar{5}, \bar{7}, \bar{11}\}$,

d) $\sigma(\bar{1}) = 1$, $\sigma(\bar{5}) = 2$ because $\bar{5}\bar{5} = \bar{25} = \bar{1}$.

$\sigma(\bar{7}) = 2$ because $\bar{7}\bar{7} = \bar{49} = \bar{1}$.

$\sigma(\bar{11}) = 2$ because $\bar{11}\bar{11} = \bar{121} = \bar{1}$.

e) G is not cyclic every element when squared is itself, so, there is no generator for G .

$$\langle \bar{1} \rangle = \{\bar{1}\},$$

$$\langle \bar{5} \rangle = \{\bar{1}, \bar{5}\}$$

$$\langle \bar{7} \rangle = \{\bar{1}, \bar{7}\}$$

$$\langle \bar{11} \rangle = \{\bar{1}, \bar{11}\}.$$