

Thm:- A finite semigroup  $(S, *)$  is a group iff  $(S, *)$  satisfies the cancellation laws.

$\Rightarrow$  Let  $(S, *)$  satisfies cancellation laws.

for  $a, z \in S$ ,  $\underline{a * x = b}$ ,  $y * a = b$ .

Let  $S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ .

$A = \{a * a_1, a * a_2, \dots, a * a_n\} \subseteq S$ .

$\left[ \because a * a_i \in S \text{ [closure]} \right]$   
 $i = 1(1)n$ .

Let  $a * a_p = a * a_q$ , for  $1 \leq p < q \leq n$ .

$\Rightarrow a_p = a_q$  [by left cancellation]

Then all elements of  $A$  are distinct.

$\therefore A = S = \{a * a_1, a * a_2, \dots, a * a_n\}$

Since  $b \in S$ ,  $b = a * a_j$ , for  $a_j \in S$ .

$\therefore a * x = b$  has a solution  $a_j$  in  $S$ .

Similarly,  $y * a = b$  has a solution  $a_k$  in  $S$ .

$\therefore (S, *)$  forms a group.

Conversely, if  $(S, *)$  is a group, then cancellation law holds.

$$a^j \cdot a^{i-j} \cdot b = a^j \cdot b$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} a^i \cdot b = a^j \cdot b \\ a^{i-j} \cdot b = b \end{array} \right. \quad \text{for } a, b, a^2 b, \dots \text{ } \right)$$

$$i) \quad i-j = 1$$

$$ii) \quad i-i = 1 \quad a$$

Order of a group

Order of a group :  $\rightarrow$

Order of an element of a group :  $\rightarrow$

Let  $G$  be a group and  $a \in G$ . Then order of  $a$  is the least (+ve) integer  $n$  s.t.  $a^n = e$ .

It is denoted by  $|a| = n$ .

Prop: Let  $|a| = n$  and  $a^m = e$

Let,  $m = nq + r$ ,  $0 \leq r < n$   
 $\Rightarrow |a| \mid m$ ,  $n/m$  ( $n$  divides  $m$ )  
 $a^m = e$   $\xrightarrow{\text{①}}$

$$\Rightarrow a^{nq+r} = e \Rightarrow a^{nq} \cdot a^r = e$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^n)^q \cdot a^r = e$$

$$\Rightarrow e^q \cdot a^r = e \quad [ \because |a| = n ]$$

$$\Rightarrow a^r = e, \quad 0 \leq r < n.$$

Since  $n$  is the least (+ve) integer s.t.

$a^n = e$ . So only possibility is

$$r = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{From ①, } m = nq$$

$$\Rightarrow n/m.$$

#  $(G, +)$  be a group. If  $a \in G$  and

$$|a| = n \Rightarrow na = e$$

Prop: Let  $(G, *)$  be a group,  
...  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  then ...

$a, b \in G$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then,

- i)  $a^m * a^n = a^{m+n} = a^n * a^m$
- ii)  $(a^n)^m = a^{nm}$
- iii)  $a^{-n} = (a^n)^{-1}$
- iv)  $(a * b)^n = a^n * b^n$  iff  $G$  is abelian.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (a * b)^n &= (a * b) * (a * b) * \dots * (a * b) \\ &= a * (b * a) * (b * a) * \dots \\ &= a * (a * b) * \dots \\ &\vdots \\ &= (a * a * \dots * a) * (b * b * \dots * b) \\ &= a^n * b^n. \end{aligned}$$

Ex: —  $(\mathbb{R}^3, \cdot)$   $|1| = 1, |-1| = 2$

counter example: — converse of (iv) is not true.  
 $\mathbb{D}_4, R_{90}, v$

$$(R_{90} \cdot v)^3 = (D)^3 = D$$

$$R_{90}^3 \cdot v^3 = R_{270} \cdot v = D'$$

$$(a \cdot b)^3 \neq a^3 \cdot b^3$$

Prop: —

# iff  $(a * b)^n = a^n * b^n$  holds for consecutive 3 integers, then  $G$  is abelian.

H/W

Ex: —  $(\mathbb{Z}_m, +)$

$(\mathbb{Z}_{12}, +)$

$$|3| = 4, |6| = 2, |7| = 12$$

$$|4| = 3 = \frac{12}{\gcd(3,12)} = \frac{12}{\gcd(6,12)} = \frac{12}{\gcd(7,12)}$$

$$a \in \mathbb{Z}_{12}, |a| = \frac{|\mathbb{Z}_{12}|}{\gcd(a,12)} \quad \int |3^2| = \frac{4}{\gcd(2,4)}$$

$$\# |1| = 12 \quad |9| |3^3| = \frac{4}{\gcd(3,4)} = 4$$

$$a \in \mathbb{Z}_{12}, a = a \cdot 1 = 1^a$$

$$3 = 3 \cdot 1 = 1^3 \text{ (w.r.t. } \cdot \text{)}$$

$$|a| = 12, |a^3| = 4 = \frac{|a|}{\gcd(3,|a|)}$$

$$\# |2| = 6,$$

$$\textcircled{32} |2^3| = |6| = 2 = \frac{12}{\gcd(3,12)}$$

$$= \frac{6}{\gcd(3,6)} = 2$$

Prop:  $\rightarrow$

Let  $(G, \circ)$  be a group and  $a \in G$  with  $|a| = n$ . Then for any (+ve) integer

$$k, o(a^k) = \frac{n}{\gcd(k,n)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Let } o(a^k) = k.$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{k \cdot k} = e.$$

$$\Rightarrow n / k \cdot k \quad [ \because |a| = n ]$$

$$\Rightarrow k \cdot k = n \cdot r, \quad r \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Claim:  $k = \frac{n}{\gcd(k,n)} \quad (k = \frac{n}{d})$

$$\text{Let } \gcd(k,n) = d$$

$\exists$  some integers  $u, v$  s.t.

$$k = du, \quad n = dv, \quad \gcd(u, v) = 1.$$

From (1),  $tk = nr$

$$\Rightarrow duk = dvr$$

$$\Rightarrow uk = vr$$

$$\Rightarrow v/uk$$

$$\Rightarrow v/k \quad [ \because \gcd(u, v) = 1 ]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{d} / k \quad [ \because n = dv ]$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a^k)^{\frac{n}{d}} &= a^{kn/d} \quad \text{--- (A)} \\ &= a^{dun/d} = a^{un} \\ &= (a^n)^u = e^u = e. \end{aligned}$$

But  $o(a^k) = k$

$$\therefore k / \frac{n}{d} \quad \text{--- (B)}$$

From (A), (B),

$$k = \frac{n}{d}$$

$$\Rightarrow o(a^k) = \frac{n}{\gcd(k, n)}$$