

② Theorem - Prove that the order of a every cyclic group is equal to the order of its ~~generator~~ generators.

Ans Let  $G = \langle a \rangle$  be a cyclic group generated by  $a$  which is of finite order  $n$ . Then  $n$  is the least (+)ve integer such that  $a^n = e$

To prove  $G$  is of order  $n$

Since  $G$  is cyclic hence each element of  $G$  is some integral power of  $a$  and by closure property, Each integral power of  $a$  belongs to  $G$ . We claim that  $G$  contains  $n$  distinct elements as  $a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^n = e$   $\rightarrow$  ①

First we shall prove that all the elements of ① are distinct. Let  $i$  and  $j$  be the two distinct integers.

Such that

$$1 \leq i < j \leq n$$

Where ~~where~~  $a^i = a^j$

$$\Rightarrow (a^i)^{-1} a^i = (a^i)^{-1} a^j$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-i} a^i = a^{-i} a^j$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{i-i} = a^{j-i}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{j-i} = a^0 = e$$

$$\{ \because a^0 = e \}$$

Which is impossible since  $j-i < n$  and  $n$  is the least positive integer such that  $a^n = e$ . Hence all the elements of ① are distinct. It remains to prove that any integral power of  $a$  greater than  $n$  is one of the elements of ①

Let  $m > n$

We can write  $m = nq + r$

where  $q$  is the integer and  $0 \leq r < n$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 a^m &= a^{nq+r} = a^{nq} a^r \\
 &= (a^n)^q a^r = e^q a^r = e a^r = a^r \quad (\because e^q = e) \\
 &= a^r \quad \text{relates to } a^r
 \end{aligned}$$

As  $a^n \in G$  so  $a^r$  and so  $a^m$  is one of the elements of  $G$ .  
Hence  $G$  contains only  $n$  distinct elements which are in  $G$ .  
Thus order of  $G$  is  $n$ .  
Hence the order of a cyclic group is equal to the order of its generator.

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Complex of group Any subset of group is called complex of a group.

Sub-group of a group - If  $H$  be a subset of a group  $G$ . Then  $H$  is called sub group of  $G$ , if  $H$  is also a group under the same operations of  $G$ .

Theorem - If  $H$  be the subset of a group  $G$  then prove that  $H$  is sub group of  $G$  iff  $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$

OR, Prove that necessary and sufficient condition that subset  $H$  of a group  $G$  is sub group if  $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$

The necessary part:

Let  $H$  be the sub-group of  $G$   
to prove that  $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$

~~$a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$~~

If  $b \in H \Rightarrow b^{-1} \in H$  ( $\because$   $H$  is subgroup, so invertible)  
again,

$$a, b \in H \Rightarrow a, b^{-1} \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H \text{ [by closure property on } H \text{]}$$

Which is the necessary condition for sub-group.

The sufficient part:-

Let  $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$  — ①

To prove  $H$  is a sub-group.

We verify the following group ~~axioms~~ properties:

Replacing  $b$  by  $a$  in ①

$$a, a \in H \Rightarrow aa^{-1} \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow e \in H \text{ [where } e \text{ is identity element of } G \text{]}$$

$\Rightarrow$  identity element exists in  $H$ .

From ①

$$e, a \in H \Rightarrow ea^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$$

~~$a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$~~

~~$\Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow e, b^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow b^{-1} \in H$~~

$\therefore$  Inverse of any element of  $H$  exists.

~~(ii)  $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$~~   
 ~~$\Rightarrow e, b \in H \Rightarrow eb^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow b^{-1} \in H$~~   
~~Inverse of any element of  $H$  exists. X~~  
 (iii)  $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$   
 $\Rightarrow a, (b^{-1})^{-1} \in H$   
 $\Rightarrow a, b \in H$

(iii)  $a, b \in H \Rightarrow a \cdot b^{-1} \in H$   
 $\Rightarrow a(b^{-1})^{-1} \in H$   
 $\Rightarrow ab \in H$  hold  
 i.e. closure property ~~is~~ in  $H$ .

(iv) Since  $H$  is subset of  $G$  and  $G$  is a group <sup>and</sup> so all the elements of  $H$  must obey associative law.  
 From (i) to (iv), it follows that  $H$  is a group.  
 So,  $H$  is sub-group of  $G$ .

Q.2  
 A non empty subset  $H$  of a group  $G$  is a sub-group of  $G$  iff (i)  $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$   
 (ii)  $a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$

Where  $a^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $a$  in  $G$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Let  $H$  be a non-empty subset of a group  $G$  such that (i) and (ii) hold. To prove that  $H$  is a sub group of  $G$ . For this we must show that  $H$  is a group.

(i) Closure property  $\forall a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$  { by virtue of (i) }  
 (ii) Associativity  $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c) \quad \forall a, b, c \in H$   
 $\forall a, b, c \in H \Rightarrow a, b, c \in G$  {  $\because H \subseteq G$  }  
 $\Rightarrow (a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$  { by Associative in  $G$  }

(iii) Existence of identity  $\rightarrow$  If  $e$  be the identity in  $G$  then identity for  $H$ .

$a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$  by (ii)  
 $a \in H, a^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow a a^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow e \in H$   
 ~~$\rightarrow e = a a^{-1} \in H$  by (i)~~

$\Rightarrow e \in H$  Thus identity element  $e \in H$

(iv) Existence of inverse  $\rightarrow$  Each element of  $H$  is invertible by virtue of (ii).

The above facts prove that  $H$  is a group.

Conversely -

Let  $H$  be a sub-group of  $G$ .

To prove that (i) and (ii) hold.

Our assumption  $\rightarrow H$  is a group.

$\Rightarrow$  (i) and (ii) hold.

Remark-

(i) A non empty subset  $H$  of a group  $(G, *)$  is a group of  $G$  iff.

$$a, b \in H \Rightarrow a * b \in H$$

$$a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H \quad \text{Here } a^{-1} = -a$$

(3) A necessary and sufficient condition for a non-empty subset  $H$  of a finite group  $G$  to be a group is that  $a \in H, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$   
OR

The above theorem can also be expressed as prove that a non empty subset  $H$  of a finite group  $G$  is a sub-group iff  $a, b \in H$

$$ab \in H \quad \forall a, b \in H$$

Ans  $\rightarrow$  Let  $H$  be a non empty subset of a finite group  $G$  <sup>and</sup> ~~sub~~  
 $H$  is <sup>also</sup> a subgroup of  $G$ .

To prove that  $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$

$H$  is a sub-group of  $G \Rightarrow H$  is a group.

$\Rightarrow H$  is closed ~~with respect to operation~~

from this the required result follows.

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Conversely - Suppose that  $H$  is a non-empty subset of a finite group  $G$  such that  $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$ .

We have to prove that  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , i.e. to prove

(i) closure property  $\rightarrow \forall a, b \in H \rightarrow abc \in H$  [given]

(ii) Existence of identity element -

and  $a \in H$ . Since  $H$  is finite  
 $\therefore$  Order of  $a$  is finite, say  $n$ .  
 [  $G$  is a finite group  $\rightarrow$  every element of  $G$  is of finite order ]

$$\Rightarrow o(a) = n \rightarrow a^n = e$$

$$\rightarrow a, a \in H \rightarrow \text{~~aa~~ } a^2 \in H \text{ [by given condition]}$$

$$\rightarrow a^2 \in H$$

$$\therefore a, a^2 \in H \Rightarrow a^3 \in H$$

Repeating this process we see that  $a^n \in H \Rightarrow e \in H$   
 Thus identity element  $e \in H$

(iii) Associativity  $\rightarrow (ab)c = a(bc) \forall a, b, c \in H$

$$\forall a, b, c \in G \rightarrow a, b, c \in G$$

$$\rightarrow (ab)c = a(bc) \text{ [By Associative law in } G \text{]}$$

$\therefore H \subseteq G$ , and so all elements of  $H$  must obey associative law.

(iv) Existence of inverse - Let  $a \in H$ . such that

$$\therefore o(a) = n, \rightarrow a^n = e$$

By the given condition.

$$a, a \in H \Rightarrow a^2 = a^2 \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 = a^3 \in H$$

Repeating this process we observe that  $a^{n-1} \in H$

~~But~~ But  $a^{-1} = a^{-1} a^1 = e a^{-1} = a^{-1}$   
 ~~$a^{-1} a^1 = a^1 a^{-1} = a^1 a^{-1} = e$~~   $\therefore a^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow \bar{a}^{-1} \in H$

Thus  $\forall a \in H \Rightarrow \bar{a}^{-1} \in H$

Hence every elements of  $H$  is invertible.  
 from what has been done it follows that  $H$  is a group.

Theorem

④ A necessary and sufficient condition for a non empty finite subset of a group  $G$  to be a subgroup is that  $H$  must be closed.

Ans:- Let  $H$  be a non empty finite subset of a group  $G$ .  
 Such that  $H$  is a sub-group of  $G$ .

To prove that  $H$  is closed

$\therefore H$  is a sub-group of  $G \Rightarrow H$  is a group

$\Rightarrow H$  is closed w.r. to operation of  $G$ .

Conversely - Suppose that  $H$  is a non empty finite subset of a group  $G$  and

$a \in H, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$

To prove that  $H$  is a sub-group of  $G$ .

For this we must show that  $H$  is a group.

① Close property -  $\forall a, b \in H$

$\Rightarrow ab \in H$  (given)

② Associativity -

~~$(abc) = (ab)c$~~   ~~$\forall a, b, c \in H$~~

~~$\forall a, b, c \in H$~~   $\therefore H \subseteq G$  and so all elements of  $H$  must obey associativity

~~$a(bc) = (ab)c$~~  (by associativity)

③ Existence of identity element :- Let  $e$  be the identity in  $G$ .  
 By the given condition

$$a \in H, a \in H \Rightarrow a^2 = a a \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 = a^2 a \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow a^4 = a^3 a \in H$$

Proceeding in this way we see that all the elements  $a, a^2, a^3, a^4, \dots$  belong to  $H$  if  $a \in H$ . But  $H$  is a finite set consequently,

~~all these elements are not distinct. That is these elements~~  
~~be repetition in this collection of elements~~

Let  $a^r = a^s$  where  $r, s \in \mathbb{N}$   
such that  $r > s$

$$\Rightarrow a^{r-s} = a^0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{r-s} = e \text{ (also } r-s \text{ is a (+ve) integer)}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = a^{r-s} \in H \Rightarrow e \in H$$

(iv) Existence of inverse:-

Again  $r-s \geq 1$

$$\Rightarrow r-s-1 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{r-s-1} \in H \Rightarrow a^{r-s-1} a^{-1} \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow e a^{-1} \in H$$

Thus  $a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H \forall a \in H$

This shows that every element of  $H$  is invertible. The above facts prove that  $H$  is sub-group of  $G$ .

Remark:- Observe the difference between the theorems (3) and (4)

Remember:- Let  $G$  be a cyclic group and  $o(G) = n$  (finite). Let 'a' be the generator, so  $o(a) = o(G) = n$ .

How many generators:-

$a^m \in G$  is also a generator if  $\text{g.c.d of } m \text{ and } n = (m, n) = 1$

2014 Q8: How many (Find) generators are of a cyclic group of order 10.

Ans: Let  $G = \{a\}$  be a cyclic group of order 10,  
 $\therefore o(a) = o(G) = 10$

$\therefore G = \{a, a^2, a^3, a^4, a^5, a^6, a^7, a^8, a^9, a^{10} = e\}$  (35)  
 $\therefore (1, 10) = 1, (3, 10) = 1, (7, 10) = 1, (9, 10) = 1$   
 $\therefore$  there are four generators of  $G$  namely  $a, a^3, a^7, a^9$ .

Q.8: Find the generators of a cyclic group of order 8.  
 Ans. Do same as above. (Ans.  $a, a^3, a^5, a^7$ )

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(5) If  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  be any two sub-groups of  $G$ , then prove that  $H_1 \cap H_2$  is also a sub-group. OR  
 Prove that intersection of two sub-groups of a group is again a sub-group.

Ans  $\rightarrow H_1$  and  $H_2$  are two sub-groups of  $G$

$$\therefore x_1, x_2 \in H_1 \Rightarrow x_1, x_2^{-1} \in H_1$$

$$\text{and } x_1, x_2 \in H_2 \Rightarrow x_1, x_2^{-1} \in H_2$$

To prove  $H_1 \cap H_2$  is a sub-group of  $G$

$$\therefore H_1 \cap H_2 \subseteq H_1 \subseteq G$$

$$\Rightarrow H_1 \cap H_2 \subseteq G$$

Let  $x_1, x_2$  be any two elements of  $H_1 \cap H_2$

$$\therefore x_1, x_2 \in H_1 \cap H_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1, x_2 \in H_1 \text{ and } x_1, x_2 \in H_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1, x_2^{-1} \in H_1 \text{ and } x_1, x_2^{-1} \in H_2$$

{  $\because H_1$  and  $H_2$  are sub-groups }

$$\Rightarrow x_1, x_2^{-1} \in H_1 \cap H_2$$

$\therefore H_1 \cap H_2$  is a sub-group of  $G$

Hence intersection of two group is also sub-group.

P.T. intersection of sub-groups is also a sub-group.

Let  $H_1, H_2, H_3, H_4, \dots$  be sub-groups of a group  $G$

To prove that  $H_1 \cap H_2 \cap H_3 \cap H_4 \dots$  is also a sub-group of  $G$ .

$\therefore H_1, H_2, H_3, \dots$  are sub-group.

$$\therefore x_1, x_2 \in H_i \Rightarrow x_1, x_2^{-1} \in H_i \quad \forall i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Now,

$$H_1 \cap H_2 \cap H_3 \cap \dots \subseteq H_1 \subseteq G$$

$\Rightarrow H_1 \cap H_2 \cap H_3 \cap \dots \in G$   
 Let  $x_1, x_2$  be any two elements of  
 $H_1 \cap H_2 \cap H_3 \cap \dots$   
 $\therefore x_1, x_2 \in H_i \cap H_2 \cap H_3 \cap \dots$   
 $\Rightarrow x_1, x_2 \in H_i \quad \forall i=1, 2, 3, \dots$   
 $\Rightarrow x_1, x_2^{-1} \in H_i \quad \forall i=1, 2, 3, \dots$  [  $H_i$  is sub-group ]  
 $\therefore x_1, x_2^{-1} \in H_1 \cap H_2 \cap H_3 \cap \dots$   
 $\Rightarrow H_1 \cap H_2 \cap H_3 \cap \dots$  is a sub-group  $G$

Hence intersection of sub-groups of a group is also a sub-group.

Note -

① Find the necessary and sufficient condition for sub-group of a group.

Ans - The necessary and sufficient condition for sub-group  $H$  of a group  $G$  is

$a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H \rightarrow$  [Do theorem ①]

② State and prove that necessary and sufficient conditions for sub-group of a finite group.

Ans - Statement - The necessary and sufficient condition that a subset  $H$  of a group  $G$  is a sub-group is

$a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$

[Do theorem ③]

③ Find the necessary and sufficient condition for it a finite subset  $H$  of a group is sub-group.

Ans - The necessary and sufficient condition for sub-group of a finite subset  $H$  of a group  $G$  is  $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$

[Do theorem ④]