

## Subgroup:

A subset  $H$  of  $G$  is called subgroup of  $G$  if  $H$  is itself a group under the operation of  $G$ .

Example: ①  $G = (\mathbb{R}, +)$  is a group  
 $H = (\mathbb{Q}, +)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

②  $G = GL(2, \mathbb{R})$  under matrix multiplication is a group.

$H = SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  ~~under~~ is a subgroup of  $G$ .

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$$G_4 = \{1, -1, i, -i\} \quad i = \sqrt{-1}$$

$G_4$  is group under multiplication.

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

$$H = \{1, -1\}$$

Closed, Associative, Identity, Inverse.

$H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

## Order of a group

The no. of elements of a group

is called its order. Notation:  $|G|$

or  $O(G)$ .

$$U(10) = \{1, 3, 7, 9\}$$

$$|U(10)| = 4.$$

## Order of an element:

The order of an element  $g \in G$  is the

smallest positive integer  $n$  such that

$$g^n = e. \quad \left[ g^n = \underbrace{g * g * g * \dots * g}_{n \text{ times}} \right]$$

In addition,  $g^n = g + g + \dots + g$   
 $= ng.$

If no such integer exist, we say that

Order of 2 is infinite.

Notation:  $O(g)$  or  $|g|$ .

$U(12) = \{1, 5, 7, 11\}$ , under multiplication modulo 12.  
 $|1| = 1$ ,  $|5| = 2$ ,  $|7| = 2$ ,  $|11| = 2$ .

$$5^1 = 5 \pmod{12} = 5$$

$$5^2 = 25 \pmod{12} = 1 = e. \quad \# \quad \underline{5^4 = 1}$$

$$\therefore |5| = 2.$$

$$7^1 = 7 \pmod{12} = 7$$

$$7^2 = 49 \pmod{12} = 1 \Rightarrow |7| = 2$$

similarly  $|11| = 2$ .

②  $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ , multiplication  
Identity = 1.  
 $|1| = 1$ ,  $|-1| = 2$ ,  $|i| = 4$ ,  $|-i| = 4$

③  $(\mathbb{Z}_4, +_4)$  is a group.

$\mathbb{Z}_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ , Identity = 0.

$$|0| = 1, \quad 1+_4 1+_4 1+_4 1 = 4 \pmod{4} = 0$$

$$|1| = 4, \quad 2+_4 2 = 4 \pmod{4} = 0.$$

$$|2| = 2.$$

$$|3| = 4, \quad 3+_4 3 = 2, \quad 3+_4 3+_4 3 = 1$$

$$3 + a^3 + a^3 + a^3 = 12 \pmod{9}$$
$$- = 0.$$