

Ex. 2 chap. 3

Checking associativity is cumbersome. In example a) we could check

$$\begin{aligned} \text{that } (a \circ a) \circ b &= a \circ b = c \\ a \circ (a \circ b) &= a \circ c = d \end{aligned} \quad \text{So it is not associative}$$

- let us check existence of a neutral element (a line, a column = $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = (abcd)$)

a) No ~~b)~~ Yes it is a

b) Yes it is a d) Yes it is a

- Inverses ? ~~a)~~ a) Not even relevant

c) Yes $a^2 = a$
 $c^2 = a$

$$bd = db = a$$

b) Yes they are their own inverses

d) No inverse for d.

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• Check that $*$ is associative let a, b, c be in S ,

$$\text{we have } (a * b) * c = (a + b + ab) * c$$

$$= a + b + ab + c + (a + b + ab)c$$

$$= a + b + c + ab + ac + bc + abc$$

$$\text{and also } a * (b * c) = a * (b + c + bc)$$

$$= a + b + c + bc + a(b + c + bc)$$

$$= a + b + c + bc + ab + ac + abc$$

So indeed $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$ ✓

• Commutative is clear.

• Neutral element? looking for $e \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{d-1\}$ such that

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{d-1\}, \quad a + e + ae = a$$

$e = 0$ works well.

HW 1 - Solution

1. Binary operations

1) let x, x' be such that $\varphi(x) = \varphi(x')$.

By definition, we have $s \cdot x = s \cdot x'$.

let us apply the left-inverse of s . We get

$$t \cdot (s \cdot x) = (t \cdot s) \cdot x \quad (\text{by associativity})$$

$$= e \cdot x$$

$$= x$$

and similarly $t \cdot (s \cdot x') = x'$, but since $s \cdot x = s \cdot x'$,

we see that $t \cdot (s \cdot x) = t \cdot (s \cdot x')$, hence $x = x'$,

which shows that φ is one-to-one.

2) A one-to-one map from S to itself (if S is finite) is also onto.

3) Since by question 2) we know that φ is onto, in particular there exists u in S such that $\varphi(u) = e$, which means

$$s \cdot u = e.$$

4) We have $(t \cdot s) \cdot u = t \cdot (s \cdot u) = t \cdot e = t$

$$\parallel$$
$$e \cdot u$$

$$\parallel$$
$$u$$

↑ associativity

hence $t = u$.

- Inverse? Given $a \in \mathbb{R} - \{-1\}$, look for $b \in \mathbb{R} - \{-1\}$ such that

$$a + b + ab = 0$$

$$\boxed{b = \frac{-a}{1+a}}$$

works well,

$a \neq -1$ so it makes sense and

$$\frac{-a}{1+a} \neq -1 \text{ because } -1 \neq 0.$$

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Induction on n .

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let a, b be in G . Compute $(ab)(ba) = a(bb)a = aea = aa = e$

and $(ba)(ab) = e$ similarly, so

ab and ba are inverses of each other.

But on the other hand $(ab)^2 = e$ by assumption, so ab is its own inverse. By uniqueness of inverses, we have $ab = ba$, hence G is abelian.

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• Clearly $1 = 1 + 0 \cdot \sqrt{2}$ is in G

• If $a, b; c, d$ are in \mathbb{Q} , $(a+b\sqrt{2})(c+d\sqrt{2}) = (ac + 2bd) + (ad + bc)\sqrt{2}$

so

in G .

• If a, b are in \mathbb{Q} and $\neq 0$,

we have $\frac{1}{a+b\sqrt{2}} = \frac{a-b\sqrt{2}}{a^2-2b^2} = \frac{a}{a^2-2b^2} - \frac{b}{a^2-2b^2}\sqrt{2}$

$\in \mathbb{Q}$ so $(a+b\sqrt{2})^{-1}$ is in G .

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• By def. the identity must be in both subgroups, hence in the intersection.

• If $h_1 \in H \cap H', h_2 \in H \cap H'$ then

$h_1 \cdot h_2 \in H$ and in H' so $h_1 \cdot h_2 \in H \cap H'$

$h_1^{-1} \in H$ and in H' so $h_1^{-1} \in H \cap H'$