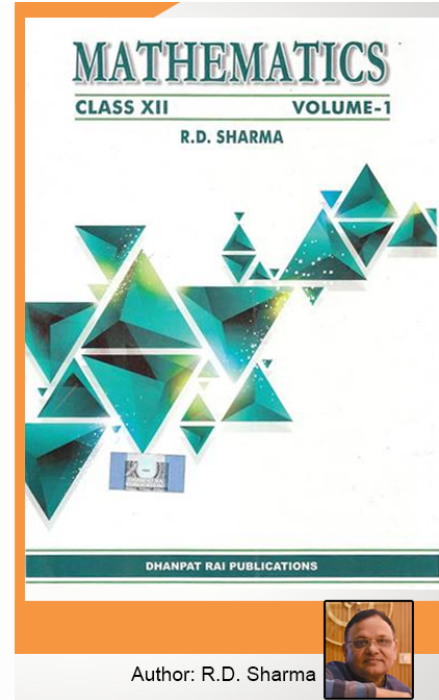


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Exercise 3.1 Page No: 3.4

1. Determine whether the following operation define a binary operation on the given set or not:

(i) '*' on \mathbb{N} defined by $a * b = a^b$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$.

(ii) 'O' on \mathbb{Z} defined by $a O b = a^b$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$.

(iii) '*' on \mathbb{N} defined by $a * b = a + b - 2$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

(iv) ' \times_6 ' on $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ defined by $a \times_6 b =$ Remainder when $a b$ is divided by 6.

(v) ' $+_6$ ' on $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ defined by $a +_6 b$

$$= \begin{cases} a + b, & \text{if } a + b < 6 \\ a + b - 6, & \text{if } a + b \geq 6 \end{cases}$$

(vi) ' \odot ' on \mathbb{N} defined by $a \odot b = a^b + b^a$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

(vii) '*' on \mathbb{Q} defined by $a * b = (a - 1)/(b + 1)$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$

Solution:

(i) Given '*' on \mathbb{N} defined by $a * b = a^b$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$.

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$. Then,

$a^b \in \mathbb{N}$ [$\because a^b \neq 0$ and a, b is positive integer]

$\Rightarrow a * b \in \mathbb{N}$

Therefore,

$a * b \in \mathbb{N}, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

Thus, * is a binary operation on \mathbb{N} .

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(ii) Given 'O' on Z defined by $a O b = a^b$ for all $a, b \in Z$.

Both $a = 3$ and $b = -1$ belong to Z.

$$\Rightarrow a * b = 3^{-1}$$

$$= 1/3 \notin Z$$

Thus, * is not a binary operation on Z.

(iii) Given '*' on N defined by $a * b = a + b - 2$ for all $a, b \in N$

If $a = 1$ and $b = 1$,

$$a * b = a + b - 2$$

$$= 1 + 1 - 2$$

$$= 0 \notin N$$

Thus, there exist $a = 1$ and $b = 1$ such that $a * b \notin N$

So, * is not a binary operation on N.

(iv) Given ' \times_6 ' on $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ defined by $a \times_6 b =$ Remainder when a b is divided by 6.

Consider the composition table,

	1	2	3	4	5
X_6					
1	1	2	3	4	5
2	2	4	0	2	4
3	3	0	3	0	3
4	4	2	0	4	2
5	5	4	3	2	1

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Here all the elements of the table are not in S.

⇒ For $a = 2$ and $b = 3$,

$a \times_6 b = 2 \times_6 3 = \text{remainder when } 6 \text{ divided by } 6 = 0 \neq S$

Thus, \times_6 is not a binary operation on S.

(v) Given ' $+_6$ ' on $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ defined by $a +_6 b$

$$= \begin{cases} a + b, & \text{if } a + b < 6 \\ a + b - 6, & \text{if } a + b \geq 6 \end{cases}$$

Consider the composition table,

	0	1	2	3	4	5
$+_6$						
0	0	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	2	3	4	5	0
2	2	3	4	5	0	1
3	3	4	5	0	1	2
4	4	5	0	1	2	3
5	5	0	1	2	3	4

Here all the elements of the table are not in S.

⇒ For $a = 2$ and $b = 3$,

$a \times_6 b = 2 \times_6 3 = \text{remainder when } 6 \text{ divided by } 6 = 0 \neq S$ Thus, \times_6 is not a binary operation on S.

(vi) Given ' \circ ' on N defined by $a \circ b = a^b + b^a$ for all $a, b \in N$

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Let $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$. Then,

$$a^b, b^a \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^b + b^a \in \mathbb{N} \quad [\cdot : \text{Addition is binary operation on } \mathbb{N}]$$

$$\Rightarrow a \odot b \in \mathbb{N}$$

Thus, \odot is a binary operation on \mathbb{N} .

(vii) Given $*$ on \mathbb{Q} defined by $a * b = (a - 1) / (b + 1)$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$

If $a = 2$ and $b = -1$ in \mathbb{Q} ,

$$a * b = (a - 1) / (b + 1)$$

$$= (2 - 1) / (-1 + 1)$$

$$= 1/0 \text{ [which is not defined]}$$

For $a = 2$ and $b = -1$

$a * b$ does not belong to \mathbb{Q}

So, $*$ is not a binary operation in \mathbb{Q} .

2. Determine whether or not the definition of $*$ given below gives a binary operation. In the event that $*$ is not a binary operation give justification of this.

(i) On \mathbb{Z}^+ , defined $*$ by $a * b = a - b$

(ii) On \mathbb{Z}^+ , define $*$ by $a * b = ab$

(iii) On \mathbb{R} , define $*$ by $a * b = ab^2$

(iv) On \mathbb{Z}^+ define $*$ by $a * b = |a - b|$

(v) On \mathbb{Z}^+ define $*$ by $a * b = a$

(vi) On \mathbb{R} , define $*$ by $a * b = a + 4b^2$

Here, \mathbb{Z}^+ denotes the set of all non-negative integers.

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Solution:

(i) Given On Z^+ , defined $*$ by $a * b = a - b$

If $a = 1$ and $b = 2$ in Z^+ , then

$$a * b = a - b$$

$$= 1 - 2$$

$$= -1 \notin Z^+ \text{ [because } Z^+ \text{ is the set of non-negative integers]}$$

For $a = 1$ and $b = 2$,

$$a * b \notin Z^+$$

Thus, $*$ is not a binary operation on Z^+ .

(ii) Given Z^+ , define $*$ by $a*b = a b$

Let $a, b \in Z^+$

$$\Rightarrow a, b \in Z^+$$

$$\Rightarrow a * b \in Z^+$$

Thus, $*$ is a binary operation on R .

(iii) Given on R , define by $a*b = ab^2$

Let $a, b \in R$

$$\Rightarrow a, b^2 \in R$$

$$\Rightarrow ab^2 \in R$$

$$\Rightarrow a * b \in R$$

Thus, $*$ is a binary operation on R .

(iv) Given on Z^+ define $*$ by $a * b = |a - b|$

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Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$\Rightarrow |a - b| \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$\Rightarrow a * b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Therefore,

$a * b \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Thus, $*$ is a binary operation on \mathbb{Z}^+ .

(v) Given on \mathbb{Z}^+ define $*$ by $a * b = a$

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$\Rightarrow a \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$\Rightarrow a * b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Therefore, $a * b \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Thus, $*$ is a binary operation on \mathbb{Z}^+ .

(vi) Given On \mathbb{R} , define $*$ by $a * b = a + 4b^2$

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$\Rightarrow a, 4b^2 \in \mathbb{R}$

$\Rightarrow a + 4b^2 \in \mathbb{R}$

$\Rightarrow a * b \in \mathbb{R}$

Therefore, $a * b \in \mathbb{R}, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Thus, $*$ is a binary operation on \mathbb{R} .

3. Let $*$ be a binary operation on the set I of integers, defined by $a * b = 2a + b - 3$. Find the value of $3 * 4$.

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Given $a * b = 2a + b - 3$

$3 * 4 = 2(3) + 4 - 3$

$= 6 + 4 - 3$

$= 7$

4. Is $*$ defined on the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ by $a * b = \text{LCM of } a \text{ and } b$ a binary operation? Justify your answer.

Solution:

LCM	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	2	3	4	5
2	2	2	6	4	1
3	3	5	3	1	1
4	4	4	1	4	2
5	5	1	1	2	5
	0	5	0		

In the given composition table, all the elements are not in the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$.

If we consider $a = 2$ and $b = 3$, $a * b = \text{LCM of } a \text{ and } b = 6 \notin \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$.

Thus, $*$ is not a binary operation on $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$.

5. Let $S = \{a, b, c\}$. Find the total number of binary operations on S .

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Number of binary operations on a set with n elements is n^2

Here, $S = \{a, b, c\}$

Number of elements in $S = 3$

Number of binary operations on a set with 3 elements is $3^3 = 27$

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1. Let $*$ be a binary operation on N defined by $a * b = \text{l.c.m.}(a, b)$ for all $a, b \in N$

(i) Find $2 * 4, 3 * 5, 1 * 6$.

(ii) Check the commutativity and associativity of $*$ on N .

Solution:

(i) Given $a * b = \text{l.c.m.}(a, b)$

$$2 * 4 = \text{l.c.m.}(2, 4)$$

$$= 4$$

$$3 * 5 = \text{l.c.m.}(3, 5)$$

$$= 15$$

$$1 * 6 = \text{l.c.m.}(1, 6)$$

$$= 6$$

(ii) We have to prove commutativity of $*$

Let $a, b \in N$

$$a * b = \text{l.c.m.}(a, b)$$

$$= \text{l.c.m.}(b, a)$$

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$$= b * a$$

Therefore

$$a * b = b * a \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{N}$$

Thus * is commutative on \mathbb{N} .

Now we have to prove associativity of *

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$

$$a * (b * c) = a * \text{l.c.m.}(b, c)$$

$$= \text{l.c.m.}(a, (b, c))$$

$$= \text{l.c.m.}(a, b, c)$$

$$(a * b) * c = \text{l.c.m.}(a, b) * c$$

$$= \text{l.c.m.}((a, b), c)$$

$$= \text{l.c.m.}(a, b, c)$$

Therefore

$$(a * (b * c)) = ((a * b) * c), \quad \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$$

Thus, * is associative on \mathbb{N} .

2. Determine which of the following binary operation is associative and which is commutative:

(i) * on \mathbb{N} defined by $a * b = 1$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

(ii) * on \mathbb{Q} defined by $a * b = (a + b)/2$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$

Solution:

(i) We have to prove commutativity of *

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

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$$a * b = 1$$

$$b * a = 1$$

Therefore,

$$a * b = b * a, \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbb{N}$$

Thus $*$ is commutative on \mathbb{N} .

Now we have to prove associativity of $*$

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\text{Then } a * (b * c) = a * (1)$$

$$= 1$$

$$(a * b) * c = (1) * c$$

$$= 1$$

Therefore $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$ for all $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$

Thus, $*$ is associative on \mathbb{N} .

(ii) First we have to prove commutativity of $*$

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

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

$$= (b + a)/2$$

$$= b * a$$

Therefore, $a * b = b * a, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

Thus $*$ is commutative on \mathbb{N} .

Now we have to prove associativity of $*$

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Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$

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

$$= [a + (b + c)]/2$$

$$= (2a + b + c)/4$$

$$\text{Now, } (a * b) * c = (a + b)/2 * c$$

$$= [(a + b)/2 + c] / 2$$

$$= (a + b + 2c)/4$$

$$\text{Thus, } a * (b * c) \neq (a * b) * c$$

$$\text{If } a = 1, b = 2, c = 3$$

$$1 * (2 * 3) = 1 * (2 + 3)/2$$

$$= 1 * (5/2)$$

$$= [1 + (5/2)]/2$$

$$= 7/4$$

$$(1 * 2) * 3 = (1 + 2)/2 * 3$$

$$= 3/2 * 3$$

$$= [(3/2) + 3]/2$$

$$= 4/9$$

Therefore, there exist $a = 1, b = 2, c = 3 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $a * (b * c) \neq (a * b) * c$

Thus, $*$ is not associative on \mathbb{N} .

3. Let A be any set containing more than one element. Let $$ be a binary operation on A defined by $a * b = b$ for all $a, b \in A$. Is $**$ commutative or associative on A ?**

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Solution:

Let $a, b \in A$

Then, $a * b = b$

$b * a = a$

Therefore $a * b \neq b * a$

Thus, $*$ is not commutative on A

Now we have to check associativity:

Let $a, b, c \in A$

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

$= c$

Therefore

$a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c, \forall a, b, c \in A$

Thus, $*$ is associative on A

4. Check the commutativity and associativity of each of the following binary operations:

(i) $'**'$ on Z defined by $a * b = a + b + a b$ for all $a, b \in Z$

(ii) $'**'$ on N defined by $a * b = 2^{ab}$ for all $a, b \in N$

(iii) $'**'$ on Q defined by $a * b = a - b$ for all $a, b \in Q$

(iv) $'\odot'$ on Q defined by $a \odot b = a^2 + b^2$ for all $a, b \in Q$

(v) $'o'$ on Q defined by $a o b = (ab/2)$ for all $a, b \in Q$

(vi) $'**'$ on Q defined by $a * b = ab^2$ for all $a, b \in Q$

(vii) $'**'$ on Q defined by $a * b = a + a b$ for all $a, b \in Q$

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(viii) '*' on R defined by $a * b = a + b - 7$ for all $a, b \in R$

(ix) '*' on Q defined by $a * b = (a - b)^2$ for all $a, b \in Q$

(x) '*' on Q defined by $a * b = a b + 1$ for all $a, b \in Q$

(xi) '*' on N defined by $a * b = a^b$ for all $a, b \in N$

(xii) '*' on Z defined by $a * b = a - b$ for all $a, b \in Z$

(xiii) '*' on Q defined by $a * b = (ab/4)$ for all $a, b \in Q$

(xiv) '*' on Z defined by $a * b = a + b - ab$ for all $a, b \in Z$

(xv) '*' on Q defined by $a * b = \text{gcd}(a, b)$ for all $a, b \in Q$

Solution:

(i) First we have to check commutativity of *

Let $a, b \in Z$

Then $a * b = a + b + ab$

$= b + a + ba$

$= b * a$

Therefore,

$a * b = b * a, \forall a, b \in Z$

Now we have to prove associativity of *

Let $a, b, c \in Z$, Then,

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

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

$= a + b + c + b c + a b + a c + a b c$

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$$\begin{aligned}(a * b) * c &= (a + b + a b) * c \\ &= a + b + a b + c + (a + b + a b) c \\ &= a + b + a b + c + a c + b c + a b c\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c, \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Thus, * is associative on \mathbb{Z} .

(ii) First we have to check commutativity of *

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned}a * b &= 2^{ab} \\ &= 2^{ba} \\ &= b * a\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $a * b = b * a, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

Thus, * is commutative on \mathbb{N}

Now we have to check associativity of *

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Then, } a * (b * c) &= a * (2^{bc}) \\ &= 2a * 2^{bc} \\ &= 2^{ab} * c \\ &= 2^{ab} * 2^c \\ &= 2^{ab+c}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $a * (b * c) \neq (a * b) * c$

Thus, * is not associative on \mathbb{N}

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(iii) First we have to check commutativity of $*$

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$, then

$$a * b = a - b$$

$$b * a = b - a$$

Therefore, $a * b \neq b * a$

Thus, $*$ is not commutative on \mathbb{Q}

Now we have to check associativity of $*$

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$, then

$$a * (b * c) = a * (b - c)$$

$$= a - (b - c)$$

$$= a - b + c$$

$$(a * b) * c = (a - b) * c$$

$$= a - b - c$$

Therefore,

$$a * (b * c) \neq (a * b) * c$$

Thus, $*$ is not associative on \mathbb{Q}

(iv) First we have to check commutativity of \odot

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$, then

$$a \odot b = a^2 + b^2$$

$$= b^2 + a^2$$

$$= b \odot a$$

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Therefore, $a \circ b = b \circ a, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$

Thus, \circ on \mathbb{Q}

Now we have to check associativity of \circ

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$, then

$$a \circ (b \circ c) = a \circ (b^2 + c^2)$$

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

$$= a^2 + b^4 + c^4 + 2b^2c^2$$

$$(a \circ b) \circ c = (a^2 + b^2) \circ c$$

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

$$= a^4 + b^4 + 2a^2b^2 + c^2$$

Therefore,

$$(a \circ b) \circ c \neq a \circ (b \circ c)$$

Thus, \circ is not associative on \mathbb{Q} .

(v) First we have to check commutativity of \circ

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$, then

$$a \circ b = (ab/2)$$

$$= (b a/2)$$

$$= b \circ a$$

Therefore, $a \circ b = b \circ a, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$

Thus, \circ is commutative on \mathbb{Q}

Now we have to check associativity of \circ

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Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$, then

$$a \circ (b \circ c) = a \circ (b c/2)$$

$$= [a (b c/2)]/2$$

$$= [a (b c/2)]/2$$

$$= (a b c)/4$$

$$(a \circ b) \circ c = (ab/2) \circ c$$

$$= [(ab/2) c] /2$$

$$= (a b c)/4$$

Therefore $a \circ (b \circ c) = (a \circ b) \circ c, \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$

Thus, \circ is associative on \mathbb{Q} .

(vi) First we have to check commutativity of $*$

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$, then

$$a * b = ab^2$$

$$b * a = ba^2$$

Therefore,

$$a * b \neq b * a$$

Thus, $*$ is not commutative on \mathbb{Q}

Now we have to check associativity of $*$

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$, then

$$a * (b * c) = a * (bc^2)$$

$$= a (bc^2)^2$$

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$$= ab^2 c^4$$

$$(a * b) * c = (ab^2) * c$$

$$= ab^2c^2$$

Therefore $a * (b * c) \neq (a * b) * c$

Thus, $*$ is not associative on Q .

(vii) First we have to check commutativity of $*$

Let $a, b \in Q$, then

$$a * b = a + ab$$

$$b * a = b + ba$$

$$= b + ab$$

Therefore, $a * b \neq b * a$

Thus, $*$ is not commutative on Q .

Now we have to prove associativity on Q .

Let $a, b, c \in Q$, then

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

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

$$= a + ab + a b c$$

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

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

$$= a + a b + a c + a b c$$

Therefore $a * (b * c) \neq (a * b) * c$

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Thus, $*$ is not associative on Q .

(viii) First we have to check commutativity of $*$

Let $a, b \in R$, then

$$a * b = a + b - 7$$

$$= b + a - 7$$

$$= b * a$$

Therefore,

$$a * b = b * a, \text{ for all } a, b \in R$$

Thus, $*$ is commutative on R

Now we have to prove associativity of $*$ on R .

Let $a, b, c \in R$, then

$$a * (b * c) = a * (b + c - 7)$$

$$= a + b + c - 7 - 7$$

$$= a + b + c - 14$$

$$(a * b) * c = (a + b - 7) * c$$

$$= a + b - 7 + c - 7$$

$$= a + b + c - 14$$

Therefore,

$$a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c, \text{ for all } a, b, c \in R$$

Thus, $*$ is associative on R .

(ix) First we have to check commutativity of $*$

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Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$, then

$$a * b = (a - b)^2$$

$$= (b - a)^2$$

$$= b * a$$

Therefore,

$$a * b = b * a, \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$$

Thus, $*$ is commutative on \mathbb{Q}

Now we have to prove associativity of $*$ on \mathbb{Q}

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$, then

$$a * (b * c) = a * (b - c)^2$$

$$= a * (b^2 + c^2 - 2bc)$$

$$= (a - b^2 - c^2 + 2bc)^2$$

$$(a * b) * c = (a - b)^2 * c$$

$$= (a^2 + b^2 - 2ab) * c$$

$$= (a^2 + b^2 - 2ab - c)^2$$

Therefore, $a * (b * c) \neq (a * b) * c$

Thus, $*$ is not associative on \mathbb{Q} .

(x) First we have to check commutativity of $*$

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$, then

$$a * b = ab + 1$$

$$= ba + 1$$

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$$= b * a$$

Therefore

$$a * b = b * a, \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$$

Thus, $*$ is commutative on \mathbb{Q}

Now we have to prove associativity of $*$ on \mathbb{Q}

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$, then

$$a * (b * c) = a * (bc + 1)$$

$$= a (b c + 1) + 1$$

$$= a b c + a + 1$$

$$(a * b) * c = (ab + 1) * c$$

$$= (ab + 1) c + 1$$

$$= a b c + c + 1$$

Therefore, $a * (b * c) \neq (a * b) * c$

Thus, $*$ is not associative on \mathbb{Q} .

(xi) First we have to check commutativity of $*$

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$, then

$$a * b = a^b$$

$$b * a = b^a$$

Therefore, $a * b \neq b * a$

Thus, $*$ is not commutative on \mathbb{N} .

Now we have to check associativity of $*$

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$$a * (b * c) = a * (b^c)$$

=

$$a^{b^c}$$

$$(a * b) * c = (a^b) * c$$

$$= (a^b)^c$$

$$= a^{bc}$$

Therefore, $a * (b * c) \neq (a * b) * c$

Thus, * is not associative on N

(xii) First we have to check commutativity of *

Let $a, b \in Z$, then

$$a * b = a - b$$

$$b * a = b - a$$

Therefore,

$$a * b \neq b * a$$

Thus, * is not commutative on Z.

Now we have to check associativity of *

Let $a, b, c \in Z$, then

$$a * (b * c) = a * (b - c)$$

$$= a - (b - c)$$

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

$$(a * b) * c = (a - b) - c$$

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$$= a - b - c$$

Therefore, $a * (b * c) \neq (a * b) * c$

Thus, $*$ is not associative on Z

(xiii) First we have to check commutativity of $*$

Let $a, b \in Q$, then

$$a * b = (ab/4)$$

$$= (ba/4)$$

$$= b * a$$

Therefore, $a * b = b * a$, for all $a, b \in Q$

Thus, $*$ is commutative on Q

Now we have to check associativity of $*$

Let $a, b, c \in Q$, then

$$a * (b * c) = a * (b c/4)$$

$$= [a (b c/4)]/4$$

$$= (a b c/16)$$

$$(a * b) * c = (ab/4) * c$$

$$= [(ab/4) c]/4$$

$$= a b c/16$$

Therefore,

$$a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c \text{ for all } a, b, c \in Q$$

Thus, $*$ is associative on Q .

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(xiv) First we have to check commutativity of *

Let $a, b \in Z$, then

$$a * b = a + b - ab$$

$$= b + a - ba$$

$$= b * a$$

Therefore, $a * b = b * a$, for all $a, b \in Z$

Thus, * is commutative on Z.

Now we have to check associativity of *

Let $a, b, c \in Z$

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore,

$$a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c, \text{ for all } a, b, c \in Z$$

Thus, * is associative on Z.

(xv) First we have to check commutativity of *

Let $a, b \in N$, then

$$a * b = \gcd(a, b)$$

$$= \gcd(b, a)$$

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$$= b * a$$

Therefore, $a * b = b * a$, for all $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

Thus, $*$ is commutative on \mathbb{N} .

Now we have to check associativity of $*$

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$

$$a * (b * c) = a * [\gcd(a, b)]$$

$$= \gcd(a, b, c)$$

$$(a * b) * c = [\gcd(a, b)] * c$$

$$= \gcd(a, b, c)$$

Therefore,

$$a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c, \text{ for all } a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$$

Thus, $*$ is associative on \mathbb{N} .

5. If the binary operation \circ is defined by $a \circ b = a + b - ab$ on the set $\mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$ of all rational numbers other than -1 , show that \circ is commutative on $\mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$.

Solution:

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$.

$$\text{Then } a \circ b = a + b - ab$$

$$= b + a - ba$$

$$= b \circ a$$

Therefore,

$$a \circ b = b \circ a \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$$

Thus, \circ is commutative on $\mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$

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6. Show that the binary operation $*$ on Z defined by $a * b = 3a + 7b$ is not commutative?

Solution:

Let $a, b \in Z$

$$a * b = 3a + 7b$$

$$b * a = 3b + 7a$$

Thus, $a * b \neq b * a$

Let $a = 1$ and $b = 2$

$$1 * 2 = 3 \times 1 + 7 \times 2$$

$$= 3 + 14$$

$$= 17$$

$$2 * 1 = 3 \times 2 + 7 \times 1$$

$$= 6 + 7$$

$$= 13$$

Therefore, there exist $a = 1, b = 2 \in Z$ such that $a * b \neq b * a$

Thus, $*$ is not commutative on Z .

7. On the set Z of integers a binary operation $*$ is defined by $a * b = ab + 1$ for all $a, b \in Z$. Prove that $*$ is not associative on Z .

Solution:

Let $a, b, c \in Z$

$$a * (b * c) = a * (bc + 1)$$

$$= a(bc + 1) + 1$$

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$$= a b c + a + 1$$

$$(a * b) * c = (ab + 1) * c$$

$$= (ab + 1) c + 1$$

$$= a b c + c + 1$$

Thus, $a * (b * c) \neq (a * b) * c$

Thus, $*$ is not associative on Z .

Exercise 3.3 Page No: 3.15

1. Find the identity element in the set I^+ of all positive integers defined by $a * b = a + b$ for all $a, b \in I^+$.

Solution:

Let e be the identity element in I^+ with respect to $*$ such that

$$a * e = a = e * a, \forall a \in I^+$$

$$a * e = a \text{ and } e * a = a, \forall a \in I^+$$

$$a + e = a \text{ and } e + a = a, \forall a \in I^+$$

$$e = 0, \forall a \in I^+$$

Thus, 0 is the identity element in I^+ with respect to $*$.

2. Find the identity element in the set of all rational numbers except -1 with respect to $*$ defined by $a * b = a + b + ab$

Solution:

Let e be the identity element in I^+ with respect to $*$ such that

$$a * e = a = e * a, \forall a \in Q - \{-1\}$$

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$$a * e = a \text{ and } e * a = a, \forall a \in \mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$$

$$a + e + ae = a \text{ and } e + a + ea = a, \forall a \in \mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$$

$$e + ae = 0 \text{ and } e + ea = 0, \forall a \in \mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$$

$$e(1 + a) = 0 \text{ and } e(1 + a) = 0, \forall a \in \mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$$

$$e = 0, \forall a \in \mathbb{Q} - \{-1\} \text{ [because } a \text{ not equal to } -1]$$

Thus, 0 is the identity element in $\mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$ with respect to $*$.

Exercise 3.4 Page No: 3.25

1. Let $*$ be a binary operation on \mathbb{Z} defined by $a * b = a + b - 4$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$.

(i) Show that $*$ is both commutative and associative.

(ii) Find the identity element in \mathbb{Z}

(iii) Find the invertible element in \mathbb{Z} .

Solution:

(i) First we have to prove commutativity of $*$

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. then,

$$a * b = a + b - 4$$

$$= b + a - 4$$

$$= b * a$$

Therefore,

$$a * b = b * a, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Thus, $*$ is commutative on \mathbb{Z} .

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Now we have to prove associativity of Z .

Let $a, b, c \in Z$. then,

$$a * (b * c) = a * (b + c - 4)$$

$$= a + b + c - 4 - 4$$

$$= a + b + c - 8$$

$$(a * b) * c = (a + b - 4) * c$$

$$= a + b - 4 + c - 4$$

$$= a + b + c - 8$$

Therefore,

$$a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c, \text{ for all } a, b, c \in Z$$

Thus, $*$ is associative on Z .

(ii) Let e be the identity element in Z with respect to $*$ such that

$$a * e = a = e * a \quad \forall a \in Z$$

$$a * e = a \text{ and } e * a = a, \quad \forall a \in Z$$

$$a + e - 4 = a \text{ and } e + a - 4 = a, \quad \forall a \in Z$$

$$e = 4, \quad \forall a \in Z$$

Thus, 4 is the identity element in Z with respect to $*$.

(iii) Let $a \in Z$ and $b \in Z$ be the inverse of a . Then,

$$a * b = e = b * a$$

$$a * b = e \text{ and } b * a = e$$

$$a + b - 4 = 4 \text{ and } b + a - 4 = 4$$

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$$b = 8 - a \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Thus, $8 - a$ is the inverse of $a \in \mathbb{Z}$

2. Let $*$ be a binary operation on \mathbb{Q}_0 (set of non-zero rational numbers) defined by $a * b = (3ab/5)$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}_0$. Show that $*$ is commutative as well as associative. Also, find its identity element, if it exists.

Solution:

First we have to prove commutativity of $*$

$$\text{Let } a, b \in \mathbb{Q}_0$$

$$a * b = (3ab/5)$$

$$= (3ba/5)$$

$$= b * a$$

Therefore, $a * b = b * a$, for all $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}_0$

Now we have to prove associativity of $*$

$$\text{Let } a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}_0$$

$$a * (b * c) = a * (3bc/5)$$

$$= [a (3 bc/5)] / 5$$

$$= 3 abc/25$$

$$(a * b) * c = (3 ab/5) * c$$

$$= [(3 ab/5) c] / 5$$

$$= 3 abc / 25$$

Therefore $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$, for all $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}_0$

Thus $*$ is associative on \mathbb{Q}_0

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Now we have to find the identity element

Let e be the identity element in Z with respect to $*$ such that

$$a * e = a = e * a \quad \forall a \in Q_0$$

$$a * e = a \text{ and } e * a = a, \quad \forall a \in Q_0$$

$$3ae/5 = a \text{ and } 3ea/5 = a, \quad \forall a \in Q_0$$

$$e = 5/3 \quad \forall a \in Q_0 \text{ [because } a \text{ is not equal to } 0]$$

Thus, $5/3$ is the identity element in Q_0 with respect to $*$.

3. Let $*$ be a binary operation on $Q - \{-1\}$ defined by $a * b = a + b + ab$ for all $a, b \in Q - \{-1\}$. Then,

(i) Show that $*$ is both commutative and associative on $Q - \{-1\}$

(ii) Find the identity element in $Q - \{-1\}$

(iii) Show that every element of $Q - \{-1\}$ is invertible. Also, find inverse of an arbitrary element.

Solution:

(i) First we have to check commutativity of $*$

$$\text{Let } a, b \in Q - \{-1\}$$

$$\text{Then } a * b = a + b + ab$$

$$= b + a + ba$$

$$= b * a$$

Therefore,

$$a * b = b * a, \quad \forall a, b \in Q - \{-1\}$$

Now we have to prove associativity of $*$

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Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$, Then,

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

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

$$= a + b + c + b c + a b + a c + a b c$$

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

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

$$= a + b + a b + c + a c + b c + a b c$$

Therefore,

$$a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c, \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$$

Thus, $*$ is associative on $\mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$.

(ii) Let e be the identity element in I^+ with respect to $*$ such that

$$a * e = a = e * a, \forall a \in \mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$$

$$a * e = a \text{ and } e * a = a, \forall a \in \mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$$

$$a + e + ae = a \text{ and } e + a + ea = a, \forall a \in \mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$$

$$e + ae = 0 \text{ and } e + ea = 0, \forall a \in \mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$$

$$e(1 + a) = 0 \text{ and } e(1 + a) = 0, \forall a \in \mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$$

$$e = 0, \forall a \in \mathbb{Q} - \{-1\} \text{ [because } a \text{ not equal to } -1]$$

Thus, 0 is the identity element in $\mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$ with respect to $*$.

(iii) Let $a \in \mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$ and $b \in \mathbb{Q} - \{-1\}$ be the inverse of a . Then,

$$a * b = e = b * a$$

$$a * b = e \text{ and } b * a = e$$

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$$a + b + ab = 0 \text{ and } b + a + ba = 0$$

$$b(1 + a) = -a \text{ } Q - \{-1\}$$

$$b = -a/1 + a \text{ } Q - \{-1\} \text{ [because } a \text{ not equal to } -1]$$

Thus, $-a/1 + a$ is the inverse of $a \in Q - \{-1\}$

4. Let $A = R_0 \times R$, where R_0 denote the set of all non-zero real numbers. A binary operation 'O' is defined on A as follows: $(a, b) O (c, d) = (ac, bc + d)$ for all $(a, b), (c, d) \in R_0 \times R$.

(i) Show that 'O' is commutative and associative on A

(ii) Find the identity element in A

(iii) Find the invertible element in A.

Solution:

(i) Let $X = (a, b)$ and $Y = (c, d) \in A, \forall a, c \in R_0$ and $b, d \in R$

$$\text{Then, } X O Y = (ac, bc + d)$$

$$\text{And } Y O X = (ca, da + b)$$

Therefore,

$$X O Y = Y O X, \forall X, Y \in A$$

Thus, O is not commutative on A.

Now we have to check associativity of O

Let $X = (a, b), Y = (c, d)$ and $Z = (e, f), \forall a, c, e \in R_0$ and $b, d, f \in R$

$$X O (Y O Z) = (a, b) O (ce, de + f)$$

$$= (ace, bce + de + f)$$

$$(X O Y) O Z = (ac, bc + d) O (e, f)$$

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$$= (ace, (bc + d)e + f)$$

$$= (ace, bce + de + f)$$

Therefore, $X \circ (Y \circ Z) = (X \circ Y) \circ Z, \forall X, Y, Z \in A$

(ii) Let $E = (x, y)$ be the identity element in A with respect to $\circ, \forall x \in R_0$ and $y \in R$

Such that,

$$X \circ E = X = E \circ X, \forall X \in A$$

$$X \circ E = X \text{ and } E \circ X = X$$

$$(ax, bx + y) = (a, b) \text{ and } (xa, ya + b) = (a, b)$$

Considering $(ax, bx + y) = (a, b)$

$$ax = a$$

$$x = 1$$

$$\text{And } bx + y = b$$

$$y = 0 \text{ [since } x = 1]$$

Considering $(xa, ya + b) = (a, b)$

$$xa = a$$

$$x = 1$$

$$\text{And } ya + b = b$$

$$y = 0 \text{ [since } x = 1]$$

Therefore $(1, 0)$ is the identity element in A with respect to \circ .

(iii) Let $F = (m, n)$ be the inverse in $A \forall m \in R_0$ and $n \in R$

$$X \circ F = E \text{ and } F \circ X = E$$

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$$(am, bm + n) = (1, 0) \text{ and } (ma, na + b) = (1, 0)$$

Considering $(am, bm + n) = (1, 0)$

$$am = 1$$

$$m = 1/a$$

$$\text{And } bm + n = 0$$

$$n = -b/a \text{ [since } m = 1/a]$$

Considering $(ma, na + b) = (1, 0)$

$$ma = 1$$

$$m = 1/a$$

$$\text{And } na + b = 0$$

$$n = -b/a$$

Therefore the inverse of $(a, b) \in A$ with respect to O is $(1/a, -b/a)$

Exercise 3.5 Page No: 3.33

1. Construct the composition table for \times_4 on set $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$.

Solution:

Given that \times_4 on set $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$

Here,

$$1 \times_4 1 = \text{remainder obtained by dividing } 1 \times 1 \text{ by } 4$$

$$= 1$$

$$0 \times_4 1 = \text{remainder obtained by dividing } 0 \times 1 \text{ by } 4$$

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$$= 0$$

$2 \times_4 3 =$ remainder obtained by dividing 2×3 by 4

$$= 2$$

$3 \times_4 3 =$ remainder obtained by dividing 3×3 by 4

$$= 1$$

So, the composition table is as follows:

	0	1	2	3
\times_4				
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3
2	0	2	0	2
3	0	3	2	1

2. Construct the composition table for $+_5$ on set $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$

Solution:

$1 +_5 1 =$ remainder obtained by dividing $1 + 1$ by 5

$$= 2$$

$3 +_5 1 =$ remainder obtained by dividing $3 + 1$ by 5

$$= 2$$

$4 +_5 1 =$ remainder obtained by dividing $4 + 1$ by 5

$$= 3$$

So, the composition table is as follows:

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	0	1	2	3	4
$+_5$					
0	0	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4	0
2	2	3	4	0	1
3	3	4	0	1	2
4	4	0	1	2	3

3. Construct the composition table for \times_6 on set $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$.

Solution:

Here,

$1 \times_6 1 =$ remainder obtained by dividing 1×1 by 6

$= 1$

$3 \times_6 4 =$ remainder obtained by dividing 3×4 by 6

$= 0$

$4 \times_6 5 =$ remainder obtained by dividing 4×5 by 6

$= 2$

So, the composition table is as follows:

	0	1	2	3	4	5
\times_6						
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5

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2 0 2 4 0 2 4

3 0 3 0 3 0 3

4 0 4 2 0 4 2

5 0 5 4 3 2 1

4. Construct the composition table for \times_5 on set $Z_5 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$

Solution:

Here,

$1 \times_5 1 =$ remainder obtained by dividing 1×1 by 5

$= 1$

$3 \times_5 4 =$ remainder obtained by dividing 3×4 by 5

$= 2$

$4 \times_5 4 =$ remainder obtained by dividing 4×4 by 5

$= 1$

So, the composition table is as follows:

	0	1	2	3	4
\times_5					
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4
2	0	2	4	1	3
3	0	3	1	4	2
4	0	4	3	2	1

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5. For the binary operation \times_{10} set $S = \{1, 3, 7, 9\}$, find the inverse of 3.

Solution:

Here,

$1 \times_{10} 1 =$ remainder obtained by dividing 1×1 by 10

$= 1$

$3 \times_{10} 7 =$ remainder obtained by dividing 3×7 by 10

$= 1$

$7 \times_{10} 9 =$ remainder obtained by dividing 7×9 by 10

$= 3$

So, the composition table is as follows:

	1	3	7	9
\times_{10}				
1	1	3	7	9
3	3	9	1	7
7	7	1	9	3
9	9	7	3	1

From the table we can observe that elements of first row are same as the top-most row.

So, $1 \in S$ is the identity element with respect to \times_{10}

Now we have to find inverse of 3

$3 \times_{10} 7 = 1$

So the inverse of 3 is 7.

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