

Similarly we can show that Right-cancellation law holds good in G .
Hence cancellation law holds good in G .

(ii). Let x be any elt. of G .

We now show that inverse of x is unique.
If possible, let x_1 & x_2 be two inverse of x .

Then — $xx_1 = x_1x = e$ — (1)

& $xx_2 = x_2x = e$ — (2)

∴ From (1) & (2) we get —

$$xx_1 = xx_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \text{ (by left cancellation law).}$$

This shows that the inverse of x is unique.

Hence every elt. of G has its unique inverse.

(iii). If possible, let e_1 and e_2 be two identity element of G .

Since e_1 is the identity element of G .

$$\therefore xe_1 = e_1x = x, \forall x \in G.$$

$$\Rightarrow e_2e_1 = e_1e_2 = e_2 \text{ — (1) [Taking } x=e_2].$$

Again since e_2 is the identity elt. of G ,

$$\therefore xe_2 = e_2x = x, \forall x \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow e_1e_2 = e_2e_1 = e_1 \text{ — (2) [Taking } x=e_1].$$

∴ From (1) & (2) we get —

$$e_1 = e_2$$

This shows that the identity elt. of G is unique.

(iv) Since, $a \in G$.

$$\therefore a^{-1} \in G \text{ and } (a^{-1})^{-1} \in G.$$

Then,

$$aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a = e.$$

$$\& a^{-1}(a^{-1})^{-1} = (a^{-1})^{-1}a^{-1} = e.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}aa^{-1} &= e \\ \Rightarrow (aa^{-1})(a^{-1})^{-1} &= e(a^{-1})^{-1} \\ \Rightarrow a \{ a^{-1}(a^{-1})^{-1} \} &= (a^{-1})^{-1} \quad (\text{by asso.}) \\ \Rightarrow a e &= (a^{-1})^{-1} \\ \Rightarrow a &= (a^{-1})^{-1} \\ \Rightarrow \underline{(a^{-1})^{-1} = a} \quad \text{Proved}\end{aligned}$$

(V) To show $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$.

Since $a, b \in G$

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

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned}xx^{-1} &= x^{-1}x = e \\ \Rightarrow x^{-1} &= x^{-1}\end{aligned}}$$

$$\therefore aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a = e$$

$$\& \quad bb^{-1} = b^{-1}b = e.$$

$$\text{Now, } (ab)(b^{-1}a^{-1}) = a(bb^{-1})a^{-1} = ae a^{-1} = (ae)a^{-1} = aa^{-1} = e$$

$$\& \quad (b^{-1}a^{-1})(ab) = b^{-1}(a^{-1}a)b = b^{-1}eb = b^{-1}(eb) = bb^{-1} = e$$

$$\therefore (ab) = (b^{-1}a^{-1}) = (b^{-1}a^{-1})(ab) = e$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{b^{-1}a^{-1} = (ab)^{-1}} \quad \text{Proved}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned}xx^{-1} &= x^{-1}x = e \\ \Rightarrow x^{-1} &= x^{-1}\end{aligned}}$$

(VI) The given equation is $ax = b$

$$ax = b$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1}(ax) = a^{-1}b$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^{-1}a)x = a^{-1}b$$

$$\Rightarrow ex = a^{-1}b$$

$$\Rightarrow x = a^{-1}b$$

Since, $a, b \in G$

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

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1}b \in G$$

$$\therefore x = a^{-1}b \in G$$

This shows that the eqn $ax = b$ has solⁿ in G .

note

Uniqueness:-

If possible, let x_1 and x_2 be two solⁿ of the eqⁿ (1), then,
 $ax_1 = b$
 and $ax_2 = b$.

$\therefore ax_1 = ax_2$
 $\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$ [by left cancellation law].

This shows that the given eqⁿ has a unique solⁿ.

Finite group and infinite group.

Finite group:-

A group 'G' is said to be a finite group if the set 'G' is finite.

Otherwise it is said to be infinite group if the set 'G' is infinite.

Order of a group:-

Let 'G' be a finite group then the no. of distinct element of 'G' is said to be the order of 'G' and is denoted by $o(G)$.

$\therefore o(G) = \text{no. of distinct element of } G$.

eg $\rightarrow G = \{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$ is a group w.r. to multiplication.

$\therefore o(G) = 3$.

$G_1 = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ is a group w.r. to multiplication

$\therefore o(G) = 4$.

Order of an element \rightarrow Let 'a' be any element of a group G. Then the least positive (+ve) integer 'm' is said to be the order of 'a' if $a^m = e$.

$\therefore o(a) = m \Leftrightarrow a^m = e$, where 'm' is the least +ve integer.