

# GROUP THEORY

## FIELDS

# Field:

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- A field is a commutative division ring.
- Another definition : Let  $F$  be a non empty set with at least two elements and equipped with two binary operations defined by  $(+)$ ,  $(\cdot)$  respectively. Then the algebraic structure  $F(+, \cdot)$  is a field if the following properties are satisfied:
- Axioms of addition:
  1. Closure property:  $a+b \in F$  for all  $a, b \in F$ .

2. Associative law:

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

3. Existence of identity: for all  $a \in F$ , there exists an element  $0 \in F$  Such that

$$a+0=0+a$$

4. Existence of inverse: for each  $a \in F$ , there exists an element  $b \in F$  such that

$$a+b=0=b+a$$

Element  $b$  is called inverse of  $a$  and is denoted by  $-a$ .

**Commutative law:**  $a+b=b+a$  for all  $a,b \in F$

Axioms of multiplication:

**6. Closure law :** for all  $a,b \in F$  ,the elements of  $a.b \in F$

**7. Commutative law :**  $a.b=b.a$  for all  $a,b \in F$

**8. Associative law:** multiplication is associative

i.e.,  $a.(b.c)=(a.b).c$  for all  $a,b \in F$

**9. Existence of multiplication identity:** for each  $a \in F$  , there exists  $1 \in F$  such that

$$a.1=a=1.a$$

10. Existence of inverse: for each non zero element  $a \in F$ , there exists an element  $b \in F$  such that  $a \cdot b = 1 = b \cdot a$

Element  $b$  is called multiplication inverse of  $a$  and is denoted by  $1/a$

11. Distributive law : multiplication is distributive w.r.t. addition.

i.e., for all  $a, b, c \in F$

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

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

# Integral domain:

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A commutative ring with unity having no zero divisor is called integral domain

Another definition:

Let  $D$  be a ring,  $D$  is said to be Integral Domain if the following conditions are holds

- $D$  is commutative ( $ab=ba$ )
- $D$  has ring with unity ( $a.1=a=1.a$ )
- $D$  has no zero divisor

Let  $R$  be a ring, an element  $a \neq 0 \in R$  is said to be zero divisor  $b \neq 0 \in R$  if  $ab=0$ .

# Theorem:

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## Statement

Every field is an integral domain.

## Proof:

Suppose  $(F, +, \cdot)$  is a Field

i.e.  $F$  is commutative, ring with unity and Every non zero element is invertible.

## Claim:

$F$  is integral domain.

It is enough to prove that

$F$  has no zero divisor

Let  $a$  &  $b$  be elements of  $F$  with  $a \neq 0$   
such that  $ab = 0$ .

Now,  $a \neq 0$  implies that  $a^{-1}$  exists.

For  $ab = 0$ ,

multiply  $a^{-1}$  to both sides,

$$(ab)a^{-1} = (0)a^{-1}$$

$$(a \cdot a^{-1})b = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 0$$

Therefore,  $a \neq 0$ ,

$ab = 0$  implies that  $b = 0$

Similarly,

let  $ab = 0$  and  $b \neq 0$

Let  $a, b \in F$

Let  $a$  &  $b$  be elements of  $F$  with  $a \neq 0$  such that  
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multiply  $b^{-1}$  to both sides,

$$(ab)b^{-1} = (0)b^{-1}$$

$$(b \cdot b^{-1})a = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 0$$

Therefore,  $b \neq 0$ ,  $ab = 0$  implies that  $a = 0$

In field  $F$ ,

$$ab = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 0 \text{ or } b = 0$$

Therefore,  $F$  has no zero divisors.

**Hence proved, Field is an integral domain.**