

Sub-Group

If $H \subseteq G$ and G is a group with $\cdot$.
And then if H is also a group with $\cdot$.
Then H is called a sub-group of G .

As an example we can see that
the set $\mathbb{Q}$ of Rationals is a group with $+$. Also $\mathbb{I}$, the set of all integers is also
a group with $+$ and also, $\mathbb{I} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ so,
 $\mathbb{I}$ is a sub group of $\mathbb{Q}$.

Similarly the set $\mathbb{R}_1$ of all non-zero
real numbers forms a group with $(\cdot)$. Further $\mathbb{Z}_1$, the set of all non-zero
Rational Numbers is $\subseteq \mathbb{R}_1$, also $\mathbb{Z}_1$ is a
group with $(\cdot)$. Thus $\mathbb{Z}_1$ is a sub group of
 $\mathbb{R}_1$.

Theorem A non-empty subset H of a
group G is a sub group of G iff.

iff
= if and
only if

for $a, b \in H$, $ab^{-1} \in H$

Proof, ^{Let} Since $H \subseteq G$ and
and H is a sub group of G . So,
 H is a group in itself so,
 $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$

Hence condition is necessary.

For Sufficient part.

have let $H \subseteq G$ and $a, b \in H$ we
show $ab^{-1} \in H$.

Further $e, a \in H \Rightarrow e a^{-1} \in H$
i.e. $a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$

So inverse element exists for each

element of G . Also $a, b \in H \Rightarrow a, b^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$

Also the operation is binary in H

Further operation is associative in G

So it must be associative in H .

Thus H is a group by itself
and so H is a subgroup of G .

Theorem If $\{H_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ is a family of
subgroups of G . Then $H = \bigcap_{\alpha} (H_\alpha)$
is also a subgroup of G .

Alternatively we can say that Intersection
of Subgroups is also a subgroup.

OR The Set of Subgroups is closed under
Intersection

Proof $\rightarrow$

(i) The identity element 'e' is in each H_α

So, $e \in \bigcap_{\alpha} H_\alpha$ i.e. $e \in H$.

(ii) If $a \in H$ then $a \in$ each H_α

and $a \in H_\alpha \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H_\alpha$ so, $a^{-1} \in H$

Thus $a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$

(iii) Also $a, b \in H \Rightarrow a, b \in$ each H_α

$\Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in$ each H_α

$\Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$

Thus by (i), (ii) & (iii), we have
 H is a Sub group of G .

Theorem:- If H_1 and H_2 are two
subgroups of G then $H_1 \cup H_2$ need
not be a subgroup of G .

Proof We prove this by an example

$$\text{Let } H_1 = \{0, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 6, \dots\}$$

i.e. H_1 is set of all even integers

$$\text{and } H_2 = \{0, \pm 3, \pm 6, \pm 9, \dots\}$$

i.e. H_2 is set of all multiples
(integral) of 3.

Now H_1 is a Group $\mathcal{G}$ with addition
because $+$ is Binary (Addition of
even integers is even)

$+$ is Associative

$0 \in H_1$ and for $p \in H_1, -p \in H_1$

So $(H_1, +)$ is a group.

Next H_2 is also a group with $+$
because again (Adding any two
multiples of 3 will give a multiple of 3)

~~$0 \in H_2$~~ $3n + 3m = 3(n+m)$

for any $a \in H_1$, $-a \in H_1$

Thus H_1 & H_2 are both groups with +

However $H_1 \cup H_2$ is not a group
because $2 \in H_1$, $3 \in H_2$

But $2+3=5 \notin H_1 \cup H_2$

Thus the operation is not Binary

So Union of two Sub groups need
not be a Sub-Group.