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**Solutions**  
**Class 12 Maths**  
**Chapter 3**  
**Ex 3.2**

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q1

We have,

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

(1)

Now,

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

$$3 * 5 = \text{l.c.m.}(3, 5) = 15$$

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

(ii)

Commutativity:

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

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

$$\Rightarrow a * b = b * a$$

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

Associativity:

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

$$\begin{aligned} (a * b) * c &= \text{l.c.m.}(a, b) * c \\ &= \text{l.c.m.}(a, b, c) \end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and, } a * (b * c) &= a * \text{l.c.m.}(b, c) \\ &= \text{l.c.m.}(a, b, c) \end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) and (ii)

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

$\therefore$   $*$  is associative on  $\mathbb{N}$ .

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q2

(i) Clearly, by definition  $a * b = 1 = b * a$ ,  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

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

$$\text{and } a * (b * c) = (a * 1) = 1 \quad \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$$

Hence,  $\mathbb{N}$  is both associative and commutative.

$$(ii) \quad a * b = \frac{a+b}{2} = \frac{b+a}{2} = b * a,$$

which shows  $*$  is commutative.

$$\text{Further, } (a * b) * c = \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) * c = \frac{\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + c}{2} = \frac{a+b+2c}{4}$$

$$a * (b * c) = a * \left(\frac{b+c}{2}\right) = \frac{a + \left(\frac{b+c}{2}\right)}{2} = \frac{2a+b+c}{2} \neq \frac{a+b+2c}{4}$$

Hence,  $*$  is not associative.

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q3

We have, binary operator  $*$  defined on  $A$  and is given by

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

Commutativity: Let  $a, b \in A$ , then

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

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

$\therefore$   $*$  is not commutative on  $A$ .

Associativity: Let  $a, b, c \in A$ , then

$$(a * b) * c = b * c = c \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\text{and, } a * (b * c) = a * c = c \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) and (ii)

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

$\Rightarrow$   $*$  is associative on  $A$ .

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q4(i)

$*$  is a binary operator on  $Z$  defined by  $a * b = a + b + ab$  for all  $a, b \in Z$ .

Commutativity of  $*$ :

Let  $a, b \in Z$ , then

$$a * b = a + b + ab = b + a + ba = b * a$$

$$\therefore a * b = b * a$$

Associative of  $*$ :

Let  $a, b \in Z$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (a * b) * c &= (a + b + ab) * c = a + b + ab + c + ac + bc + abc \\ &= a + b + c + ab + bc + ac + abc \end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Again,  $a * (b * c) = a * (b + c + bc)$

$$= a + b + c + bc + ab + ac + abc \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) & (ii), we get

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

$\therefore$   $*$  is commutative and associative on  $Z$

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q4(ii)

Commutative:

Let  $a, b \in N$ , then

$$a * b = 2^{ab} = 2^{ba} = b * a$$

$$\therefore a * b = b * a$$

$\therefore$   $*$  is commutative on  $N$

Associative:

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

$$(a * b) * c = 2^{ab} * c = 2^{2^{ab} \cdot c} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\text{and, } a * (b * c) = a * 2^{bc} = 2^{a \cdot 2^{bc}} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) & (ii), we get

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

$\therefore$   $*$  is not associative on  $N$

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q4(iii)

Commutativity:

Let  $a, b \in Q$ , then

$$a * b = a - b \neq b - a = b * a$$

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

$\Rightarrow$   $*$  is not commutative on  $Q$

Associative:

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

$$(a * b) * c = (a - b) * c = a - b - c \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\text{and, } a * (b * c) = a * (b - c) = a - b + c \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) & (ii), we get

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

$\therefore$   $*$  is not associative on  $Q$

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q4(iv)

Commutative:

Let  $a, b \in Q$ , then

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

$$\Rightarrow a \oplus b = b \oplus a$$

$\therefore \oplus$  is commutative on  $Q$ .

Associative:

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

$$(a \oplus b) \oplus c = (a^2 + b^2) \oplus c = (a^2 + b^2)^2 + c^2 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\text{and, } a \oplus (b \oplus c) = a \oplus (b^2 + c^2) = a^2 + (b^2 + c^2)^2 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) & (ii),

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

$\therefore \oplus$  is not associative on  $Q$ .

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q4(v)

Binary operation ' $\circ$ ' defined on  $Q$ , given by  $a \circ b = \frac{ab}{2}$  for all  $a, b \in Q$

Commutative:

Let  $a, b \in Q$ , then

$$a \circ b = \frac{ab}{2} = \frac{ba}{2} = b \circ a$$

$$\Rightarrow a \circ b = b \circ a$$

$\therefore \circ$  is commutative on  $Q$ .

Associativity:

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

$$(a \circ b) \circ c = \left(\frac{ab}{2}\right) \circ c = \frac{abc}{4} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$a \circ (b \circ c) = a \circ \left(\frac{bc}{2}\right) = \frac{abc}{4} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) & (ii) we get

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

$\therefore \circ$  is associative on  $Q$ .

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q4(vi)

Commutative:

Let  $a, b \in Q$ , then

$$a * b = ab^2 \neq ba^2 = b * a$$

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

$\therefore$   $*$  is not commutative on  $Q$

Associativity:

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

$$(a * b) * c = ab^2 * c = ab^2c^2 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\& a * (b * c) = a * bc^2 = a(bc^2)^2 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) and (ii)

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

$\therefore$   $*$  is not associative on  $Q$

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q4(vii)

Commutativity:

Let  $a, b \in Q$ , then

$$a * b = a + ab \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$b * a = b + ab \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) & (ii)

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

$\Rightarrow$   $*$  is not commutative on  $Q$

Associativity:

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

$$(a * b) * c = (a + ab) * c = a + ab + ac + abc \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a * (b * c) &= a * (b + bc) \\ &= a + ab + abc \end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) and (ii)

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

$\Rightarrow$   $*$  is not associative on  $Q$

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q4(viii)

Commutativity: Let  $a, b \in R$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}a * b &= a + b - 7 \\ &= b + a - 7 \\ &= b * a\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow a * b = b * a$$

$\Rightarrow$   $*$  is commutative on  $R$

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

$$\begin{aligned}(a * b) * c &= (a + b - 7) * c \\ &= a + b - 7 + c - 7 \\ &= a + b + c - 17\end{aligned}\quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{and, } a * (b * c) &= a * (b + c - 7) \\ &= a + b + c - 7 - 7 \\ &= a + b + c - 17\end{aligned}\quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) & (ii)

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

$\Rightarrow$   $*$  is associative on  $R$

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q4(ix)

Commutativity:

Let  $a, b \in R - \{-1\}$ , then

$$a * b = \frac{a}{b+1} \neq \frac{b}{a+1} = b * a$$

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

$$\Rightarrow * \text{ is not commutative on } R - \{-1\}$$

Associativity:

Let  $a, b, c \in R - \{-1\}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (a * b) * c &= \left( \frac{a}{b+1} \right) * c \\ &= \frac{\frac{a}{b+1}}{c+1} = \frac{a}{(b+1)(c+1)} \end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \& \quad a * (b * c) &= a * \left( \frac{b}{c+1} \right) \\ &= \frac{a}{\frac{b}{c+1} + 1} = \frac{a(c+1)}{b+c+1} \end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) and (ii)

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

$$\Rightarrow * \text{ is not associative on } R - \{-1\}$$

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q4(x)

Commutativity:

Let  $a, b \in Q$ , then

$$a * b = ab + 1 = ba + 1 = b * a$$

$$\Rightarrow a * b = b * a$$

$$\Rightarrow * \text{ is commutative on } Q$$

Associativity:

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

$$\begin{aligned} (a * b) * c &= (ab + 1) * c \\ &= abc + c + 1 \end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a * (b * c) &= a * (bc + 1) \\ &= abc + a + 1 \end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) and (ii)

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

$$\Rightarrow * \text{ is not associative on } Q.$$



### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q4(xi)

Commutativity:

Let  $a, b \in N$ , then

$$a * b = a^b \neq b^a = b * a$$

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

$$\Rightarrow '*' \text{ is not commutative on } N$$

Associativity:

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

$$(a * b) * c = a^b * c = (a^b)^c = a^{bc} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$a * (b * c) = a * b^c = (a)^{b^c} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) and (ii)

$$a^{bc} \neq (a)^{b^c}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow '*' \text{ is not associative on } N.$$

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q4(xii)

Commutativity:

Let  $a, b \in N$ , then

$$a * b = a^b \neq b^a = b * a$$

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

$$\Rightarrow '*' \text{ is not commutative on } N$$

Associativity:

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

$$(a * b) * c = a^b * c = (a^b)^c = a^{bc} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$a * (b * c) = a * b^c = (a)^{b^c} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) and (ii)

$$a^{bc} \neq (a)^{b^c}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow '*' \text{ is not associative on } N.$$

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q4(xiii)

Commutativity:

Let  $a, b \in Z$  then,

$$a * b = a - b \neq b - a = b * a$$

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

$\Rightarrow$   $*$  is not commutative on  $Z$

Associativity:

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

$$(a * b) * c = (a - b) * c = (a - b - c) \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\& \quad a * (b * c) = a * (b - c) = (a - b + c) \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) & (ii)

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

$\Rightarrow$   $'*$  is not associative on  $Z$ .

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q4(xiv)

Commutativity:

Let  $a, b \in Q$  then,

$$a * b = \frac{ab}{4} = \frac{ba}{4} = b * a$$

$$\Rightarrow a * b = b * a$$

$\therefore$   $*$  is commutative on  $Q$

Associativity:

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

$$(a * b) * c = \frac{ab}{4} * c = \frac{abc}{16} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\text{and, } a * (b * c) = a * \frac{bc}{4} = \frac{abc}{16} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) and (ii)

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

$\therefore$   $'*$  is associative on  $Q$ .

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q4(xv)

Commutativity:

Let  $a, b \in Q$  then,

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

$$\Rightarrow a * b = b * a$$

$\therefore$   $*$  is commutative on  $Q$ .

Associativity:

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

$$(a * b) * c = (a - b)^2 * c = \left[ (a - b)^2 - c \right]^2 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\text{and, } a * (b * c) = a * (b - c)^2 = \left[ a - (b - c)^2 \right]^2 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) and (ii)

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

$\therefore$   $*$  is not associative on  $Q$ .

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q5

The binary operator  $\circ$  defined on  $Q - \{-1\}$  is given by

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

Commutativity:

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

$$a \circ b = a + b - ab = b + a - ba = b \circ a$$

$$\Rightarrow a \circ b = b \circ a$$

$\Rightarrow$   $\circ$  is commutative on  $Q - \{-1\}$ .

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q6

The binary operator  $*$  defined on  $Z$  and is given by

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

Commutativity: Let  $a, b \in Z$ , then

$$a * b = 1a + 7b \text{ and}$$

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

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

Hence,  $*$  is not commutative on  $Z$ .

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q7

We have,  $*$  is a binary operator defined on  $Z$  is given by

$$a * b = ab + 1 \text{ for all } a, b \in Z$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}(a * b) * c &= (ab + 1) * c \\ &= abc + c + 1\end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{and, } a * (b * c) &= a * (bc + 1) \\ &= abc + a + 1\end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) & (ii)

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

Hence, ' $*$ ' is not associative on  $Z$ .

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q8

We have, set of real numbers except  $-1$  and  $*$  is an operator given by

$$a * b = a + b + ab \text{ for all } a, b \in S = R - \{-1\}$$

Now,  $\forall a, b \in S$

$$a * b = a + b + ab \in S$$

$$\therefore \text{if } a + b + ab = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b(1 + a) + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + 1)(b + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -1 \text{ or } b = -1$$

but  $a \neq -1$  and  $b \neq -1$  (given)

$$\therefore a + b + ab \neq -1$$

$$\Rightarrow a * b \in S \text{ for } a, b \in S$$

$$\Rightarrow '*' \text{ is a binary operator on } S$$

Commutativity: Let  $a, b \in S$

$$\Rightarrow a * b = a + b + ab = b + a + ba = b * a$$

$$\Rightarrow a * b = b * a$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and, } a * (b * c) &= a * (b + c + bc) \\ &= a + b + c + bc + ab + ac + abc \end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) and (ii)

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

$\therefore$  '\*' is associative on S.

$$\text{Now, } (2 * x) * 3 = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 + x + 2x) * 3 = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + x + 2x + 3 + 6 + 3x + 6x = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow 11 + 12x = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow 12x = -4$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-4}{12} \quad \Rightarrow x = \frac{-1}{3}$$

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q9

The binary operator \* defined as

$$a * b = \frac{a - b}{2} \text{ for all } a, b \in Q.$$

Now,

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

$$\begin{aligned} (a * b) * c &= \frac{a - b}{2} * c = \frac{\frac{a - b}{2} - c}{2} \\ &= \frac{a - b - 2c}{4} \end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and, } a * (b * c) &= a * \frac{b - c}{2} = \frac{a - \frac{b - c}{2}}{2} \\ &= \frac{2a - b + c}{4} = \end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) & (ii)

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

Hence, '\*' is not associative on Q.

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q10

The binary operator  $*$  defined as

$$a * b = a + 3b - 4 \text{ for all } a, b \in Z$$

Now,

Commutativity: Let  $a, b \in Z$ , then

$$a * b = a + 3b - 4 \neq b + 3a - 4 = b * a$$

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

$\Rightarrow$  ' $*$ ' is not commutative on  $Z$ .

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

$$\begin{aligned} (a * b) * c &= (a + 3b - 4) * c = a + 3b - 4 + 3c - 4 \\ &= a + 3b + 3c - 8 \end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and, } a * (b * c) &= a * (b + 3c - 4) = a + 3(b + 3c - 4) - 4 \\ &= a + 3b + 9c - 16 \end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) & (ii)

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

Hence, ' $*$ ' is not associative on  $Z$ .

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q11

$Q$  be the set of rational numbers and  $*$  be a binary operation defined as

$$a * b = \frac{ab}{5} \text{ for all } a, b \in Q$$

Now,

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

$$(a * b) * c = \frac{ab}{5} * c = \frac{abc}{25} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\text{and, } a * (b * c) = a * \frac{bc}{5} = \frac{abc}{25} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) & (ii)

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

$\Rightarrow$   $*$  is associative on  $Q$ .

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q12

The binary operator  $*$  is defined as

$$a * b = \frac{ab}{7} \text{ for all } a, b \in Q$$

Now,

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

$$(a * b) * c = \frac{ab}{7} * c = \frac{abc}{49} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\text{and, } a * (b * c) = a * \frac{bc}{7} = \frac{abc}{49} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) & (ii)

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

$\Rightarrow$  ' $*$ ' is associative on  $Q$ .

### Binary Operations Ex 3.2 Q13

The binary operator  $*$  defined as

$$a * b = \frac{a+b}{2} \text{ for all } a, b \in Q.$$

Now,

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

$$\begin{aligned} (a * b) * c &= \frac{a+b}{2} * c = \frac{\frac{a+b}{2} + c}{2} \\ &= \frac{a+b+2c}{4} \end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and, } a * (b * c) &= a * \frac{b+c}{2} \\ &= \frac{a + \frac{b+c}{2}}{2} \\ &= \frac{2a+b+c}{4} \end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) & (ii)

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

Hence, ' $*$ ' is not associative on  $Q$ .