

# Groups

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$\{a^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , where $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , $a \neq 0, \pm 1$ , is some fixed number		
$\left\{ \frac{p}{2^n} : p \in \mathbb{N}, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \right\}$		

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A group is called abelian if  $x * y = y * x$  for any  $x, y \in G$ .

**Notation:**

We denote by  $S_n$  a family of all the permutations of the set  $X = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

**Theorem:**

$S_n$  is a group (so-called, symmetric group) under operation of composition.

**Example:**

The parity group  $\mathcal{P}$  has two elements, the words ”even” and ”odd,” with operation

$$\text{even} + \text{even} = \text{even} = \text{odd} + \text{odd}$$

and

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$Z$			
$Q$			
$R$			
$R \setminus Q$			

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$Z_{\geq 0}$		
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