MTH 419

4. Elementary properties of groups

Theorem 4.1

In a group G there is only one identity element.

Theorem 4.2 (Cancellation Property)

If G is a group, $a, b, c \in G$ and either ac = bc or ca = cb then a = b.

Theorem 4.3

If G is a group then every element of G has only one inverse element.

Theorem 4.4

If G is a group and $a, b \in G$ then $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$.

Exercise. Write multiplication tables of all possible groups with 1, 2 and 3 elements.

Exercise. Write multiplication tables of all possible groups with 4 elements.