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1 (b) The quantity a is the **inverse** of b . Furthermore, the *converse* of this statement is also true.

1 (c) (i) Given $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and the defined operations $x \odot y = 4x + 5y$, then

$4x \in \mathbb{R}$, Multiplication is closed on \mathbb{R}

$5y \in \mathbb{R}$, Multiplication is closed on \mathbb{R}

$4x + 5y \in \mathbb{R}$, Addition is closed on \mathbb{R}

Then, *the binary operator, \odot , is closed on \mathbb{R} .*

1 (c) (ii) Given $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x \odot y = 4x + 5y$, then

$$\begin{aligned}(x \odot y) \odot z &= 4(x \odot y) + 5z \\ &= 4(4x + 5y) + 5z \\ &= 16x + 20y + 5z\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}x \odot (y \odot z) &= 4x + 5(y \odot z) \\ &= 4x + 5(4y + 5z) \\ &= 4x + 20y + 25z \\ &\neq (x \odot y) \odot z\end{aligned}$$

Then, *the binary operator, \odot is not associative on \mathbb{R} .*

1 (c) (iii) Given $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x \odot y = 4x + 5y$, then

$$\begin{aligned}x \odot (y + z) &= 4x + 5(y + z) \\ &= 4x + 5(y + y) \\ &= 4x + 5y + 5z\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}(x \odot y) + (x \odot z) &= (4x + 5y) + (4x + 5z) \\ &= 8x + 5y + 5z \\ &\neq x \odot (y + z)\end{aligned}$$

Then, *the binary operator, \odot is not distributive on \mathbb{R} .*

2 (a) Given $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and the defined operations $x \otimes y = 2x^2 + 2y^2 - 3$, then

$x^2 \in \mathbb{R}$,	Multiplication is closed on \mathbb{R}
$2x^2 \in \mathbb{R}$,	"
$y^2 \in \mathbb{R}$,	"
$2y^2 \in \mathbb{R}$,	"
$2x^2 + 2y^2 \in \mathbb{R}$,	Addition is closed on \mathbb{R}
$2x^2 + 2y^2 - 3 \in \mathbb{R}$,	Subtraction is closed on \mathbb{R}

Hence, *the binary operator, \otimes is closed on \mathbb{R} .*

2 (b) Given $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x \otimes y = 2x^2 + 2y^2 - 3$, then

$$\begin{aligned}y \otimes x &= 2y^2 + 2x^2 - 3 \\ &= 2x^2 + 2y^2 - 3 \quad \text{since addition is commutative} \\ &= x \otimes y\end{aligned}$$

Then, *the binary operator, \otimes is indeed commutative on \mathbb{R} .*

2 (c) Given $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x \otimes y = 2x^2 + 2y^2 - 3$, then

$$\begin{aligned}(x \otimes y) \otimes z &= 2(x \otimes y)^2 + 2z^2 - 3 \\ &= 2(2x^2 + 2y^2 - 3)^2 + 2z^2 - 3\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}x \otimes (y \otimes z) &= 2x^2 + 2(y \otimes z)^2 - 3 \\ &= 2x^2 + 2(2y^2 + 2z^2 - 3)^2 - 3 \\ &\neq (x \otimes y) \otimes z\end{aligned}$$

Then, *the binary operator, \otimes is not associative on \mathbb{R} .*

2 (d) Given $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x \otimes y = 2x^2 + 2y^2 - 3$, then

$$\begin{aligned}x \otimes (y + z) &= 2x^2 + 2(y + z)^2 - 3 \\ &= 2x^2 + 2(y^2 + 2yz + z^2) - 3 \\ &= 2x^2 + 2y^2 + 4yz + 2z^2 - 3\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}(x \otimes y) + (x \otimes z) &= (2x^2 + 2y^2 - 3) + (2x^2 + 2z^2 - 3) \\ &= 4x^2 + 2y^2 + 2z^2 - 6 \\ &\neq x \otimes (y + z)\end{aligned}$$

Then, *the binary operator, \otimes is not distributive on \mathbb{R} .*

3 (a) Given $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x \otimes y = 3x + y^2 - 10$, then

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \otimes (-3) &= 3(2) + (-3)^2 - 10 \\ &= 6 + 9 - 10 \\ &= 15 - 10 \\ &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (-3) \otimes (2) &= 3(-3) + (2)^2 - 10 \\ &= -9 + 4 - 10 \\ &= 4 - 19 \\ &= -15 \end{aligned}$$

Comments

Since $2 \otimes (-3) \neq (-3) \otimes (2)$, then the binary operator, \otimes is not commutative on \mathbb{R} .

3 (b) Given $x \otimes y = 3x^2 + y^2 - 10$, then $x \otimes x = 0$ implies

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + x^2 - 10 &= 0 \\ x^2 + 3x - 10 &= 0 \\ x^2 - 5x + 2x - 10 &= 0 \\ x(x - 5) + 2(x - 5) &= 0 \\ (x + 2)(x - 5) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, either $x = -2$ or $x = 5$

End of Solutions (EOS)

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