

GROUP-LIKE ABSTRACT ALGEBRAIC STRUCTURES

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1. SEMIGROUPOID

- a set of objects
- for every two objects A and B , a set $\text{Mor}(A, B)$ of morphisms from A to B . If f is in $\text{Mor}(A, B)$, we write $f : A \rightarrow B$.
- for every three objects A, B and C a binary operation $\text{Mor}(A, B) \times \text{Mor}(B, C) \rightarrow \text{Mor}(A, C)$ called *composition of morphisms*. The composition of $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ is written as $g \circ f$ or gf .

1.1. Axioms.

- associativity if $f : A \rightarrow B$, $g : B \rightarrow C$ and $h : C \rightarrow D$ then $h \circ (g \circ f) \equiv (h \circ g) \circ f$.

2. CATEGORY

A category C consists of

- a class $\text{ob}(C)$ of objects
- a class $\text{hom}(C)$ of morphisms between the objects.