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Let G be a group, X a set, and $\cdot: G \times X \longrightarrow X$ a group action. For any subset S of X, the *stabilizer* of S, denoted $\operatorname{Stab}(S)$, is the subgroup

$$\operatorname{Stab}(S) := \{g \in G \mid g \cdot s \in S \text{for all } s \in S\}.$$

The stabilizer of a single point x in X is often denoted G_x .