

Definition (Identity homomorphism). Let \mathbf{S} be a semigroup. The identity function $\text{Id}_{\mathbf{S}} : \mathbf{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{S}$ is always a morphism of semigroups. Indeed, the condition

$$\text{Id}(s_1 \circ_{\mathbf{S}} s_2) = \text{Id}(s_1) \circ_{\mathbf{S}} \text{Id}(s_2) \quad \forall s_1, s_2 \in \mathbf{S}$$

is satisfied. We call this the *identity homomorphism* of \mathbf{S} .