

**Definition** (Group). A *group* is a monoid together with an “inverse” operation. In more detail, a group  $\mathbf{M}$  is

### Constituents

1. a set  $\mathbf{M}$ ;
2. a binary operation  $\circ : \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$ , called *composition*;
3. a specified element  $\text{id} \in \mathbf{M}$ ;
4. a map  $\text{inv} : \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$  called “inverse”.

### Conditions

1. Associative law:  $(x \circ y) \circ z = x \circ (y \circ z)$ ;
2. Neutrality Laws:  $\text{id} \circ x = x = x \circ \text{id}$ .
3. Inverse law:

$$\text{inv}(x) \circ x = \text{id} = \text{inv}(x) \circ x$$