

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

### Constituents

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

### Conditions

1. Associative law:  $(x \circ y) \circ z = x \circ (y \circ z)$   $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbf{G}$ ;
2. Neutrality laws:  $\text{id} \circ x = x = x \circ \text{id}$   $\forall x \in \mathbf{G}$ ;
3. Inverse laws:

$$\text{inv}(x) \circ x = \text{id} = x \circ \text{inv}(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{G}.$$