

**Definition** (Identity morphism). 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

$$\text{Id}(x \circ_{\mathbf{S}} y) = \text{Id}(x) \circ_{\mathbf{S}} \text{Id}(y)$$

is satisfied for all  $s_1, s_2 \in \mathbf{S}$ . We call this the *identity morphism* of  $\mathbf{S}$ .