**Definition** (Semigroup homomorphism). Let **S** and **T** be semigroups. A homomorphism of semigroups from **S** to **T** is a function  $F : S \to T$  such that for all  $x, y \in S$ ,

 $F(x \circ_{\mathbf{S}} y) = F(x) \circ_{\mathbf{T}} F(y)$