

Homomorphisms and isomorphisms

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The notion of an *isomorphism* is that two groups have the same group-theoretic structure (any property that can be derived from the axioms of the group holds for both groups). Let $(G, *)$ and (H, \cdot) be groups. A map $\phi : G \rightarrow H$ such that $\phi(x*y) = \phi(x) \cdot \phi(y)$ for all $x, y \in G$ is a homomorphism. For this map to be considered an isomorphism, it must be bijective. The symbol \cong represent the equivalence isomorphic relation. Since \cong is an equivalence relation in the set \mathfrak{G} of all groups, it follows that there are equivalence classes that are isomorphic. This is important for the classification of groups using isomorphisms.

1 Exercises