

Group Theory

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Figure 1: Beautiful Algebra To My Elma

0 What is Group?-Introduction to Group

According to Chinese Wikipedia:

In mathematics, the **Group** is a special **set** equipped a **binary operation**, (the **core of Group** operation) which has **associativity**, **identity** and **inverse element**.

Since lots of mathematical structure are all groups (for instance: the integer system equipped with addition forms a Group), therefore, common results can be succinctly summarized from different mathematical structures, which makes groups a core concept in contemporary mathematics.

The unilateral (left) definition of Group (weak definition) is below:

If a given **set** G , and it's equipped **binary operation** $\circ: G \times G \rightarrow G$ satisfying (the result of operation $\circ(a, b)$ is simplified as $a \circ b$):

simplest definition of the Group

Associativity	$\forall g_1, g_2, g_3 \in G$, we have $(g_1 \circ g_2) \circ g_3 = g_1 \circ (g_2 \circ g_3)$	
(L)Identity & (L)Inverse	$\exists e \in G, \forall g \in G$, we have	$e \circ g = g$ and exists $\gamma \in G$, s.t. $\gamma \circ g = e$

then we say (G, \circ) is a **Group**. If \circ is understood, (G, \circ) is simplified as G .

The order of group operations is very important, i.e $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$ (commutative) doesn't necessarily hold.

A group satisfies the commutative law is called **Commutative Group** (or **Abelian Group** named after Niels·Abel), those doesn't satisfy is called **Non-commutative Group** (**Non-Abelian Group**). (For instance: The Dihedra Group (appearing next chapter) is a Non-Abelian Group.)

Equivalence definition of Group: unilateral (right) definition of Group (strong definition) is below: The above definition part of identity and inverse can also be changed to:

equivalence and full definition

Identity(R) & Inverse(R)	$\exists e \in G, \forall g \in G$, we have	$g \circ e = g$ and exists $\gamma \in G$, s.t. $g \circ \gamma = e$
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Because no matter the original definition of lavender or the alternative definition of light-yellow, combined with the associativity, it's equivalent to the following definition:

Identity & Inverse	$\exists e \in G, \forall g \in G$, then we have	$e \circ g = g \circ e = g$ and exists $\gamma \in G$, s.t. $\gamma \circ g = g \circ \gamma = e$
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Ohh! Please remember the definitions above, because this is the most concise definition of Group. And it will be very helpful for us to understand Group Theory!