

0.1 Mathematical Structures

0.1.1 Sets

[Set] A *set* is a collection of distinct objects.

0.1.2 Group

[Group] A *group* is a set G with a binary operation \bullet , denoted (G, \bullet) , which satisfies the following conditions:

- **Closure:** $\forall a, b \in G, a \bullet b \in G$
- **Associativity:** $\forall a, b, c \in G, (a \bullet b) \bullet c = a \bullet (b \bullet c)$
- **Identity:** $\exists e \in G, \forall a \in G, a \bullet e = e \bullet a = a$
- **Inverse:** $\forall a \in G, \exists a^{-1} \in G, a \bullet a^{-1} = a^{-1} \bullet a = e$

[Semigroup] A *semigroup* is (G, \bullet) , which satisfies Closure and Associativity.

[Monoid] A *monoid* is a semigroup (G, \bullet) which also has identity.

[Abelian Group] An *Abelian Group* or *Commutative Group* is a group (G, \bullet) with the following property:

- **Commutativity:** $\forall a, b \in G, a \bullet b = b \bullet a$

0.1.3 Ring

[Ring] A *Ring* is a set R with two binary operations $+$ and \cdot , denoted $(R, +, \cdot)$, which satisfies the following conditions:

- $(R, +)$ is an abelian group
- (R, \cdot) is a semigroup
- **Distribution** \cdot is distributive with respect to $+$, that is, $\forall a, b, c \in R$:
$$a \cdot (b + c) = (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c) \quad (a + b) \cdot c = (a \cdot c) + (b \cdot c)$$

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