

Group Theory

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1 Groups

1.1 Binary operations

Let G be a set. A *binary operation* \circ on G is a map

$$G \times G \rightarrow G, \quad (x, y) \rightarrow x \circ y$$

1.2 Cayley tables

A binary operation \circ on a finite set G can be visualized using a *Cayley table*.

Example: $G = \{0, 1\}$ and $\circ \equiv$ multiplication.

\circ	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

1.3 Definition

A *group* (G, \circ) is a tuple containing a set G and a binary operation \circ .