

# Algebraic Structures (Algebraic System)

Definition - If  $A$  is a set and  $*$  is a binary operation on  $A$ , then  $(A, *)$  is called an Algebraic structure.

Ex - let  $R$  be the set of real numbers, then  $(R, +)$  is an Algebraic structure.

Some of the most fundamental algebraic structures — groupoids, semi-groups, monoids, groups and rings.

## ① Groupoids

If  $*$  is a binary operation on a non-empty set  $A$ , such that  $a * b \in A$  for all  $a, b \in A$  then we say that  $A$  is closed under the operation.

Ex - If  $A = \{0, 1\}$ , then  $A$  is closed under multiplication  
~~Sol~~ we have  $0 \times 0 = 0$ ,  $0 \times 1 = 0$ ,  $1 \times 0 = 0$ ,  $1 \times 1 = 1$ .

But  $A$  is not closed under Addition  
we have  $1 + 1 = 2 \notin A$ .

A Groupoid is an algebraic structure consisting of non-empty set  $A$  and a binary operation  $*$ , which is such that  $A$  is closed under  $*$ .

Ex - The set of real numbers is closed under addition.  
therefore,  $(R, +)$  is a groupoid.

## ② Semi-Group

Let  $S$  be a non-empty set and  $*$  be a binary operation on  $S$ . The algebraic  $(S, *)$  is called semi-group if operation  $*$  is associative. In other words, the groupoid is a semi-group if  $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$  for all  $a, b, c \in S$ .

Thus, a semi-group requires the following :

- (i) A set
- (ii) A binary operation  $*$  defined on element of  $S$ .
- (iii) Closure,  $a * b$  whenever  $a, b \in S$
- (iv) Associativity  $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$  for all  $a, b, c \in S$

Ex let  $N$  be a set of Natural numbers. Then  $(N, +)$  and  $(N, *)$  are semi-groups.

### Homomorphism of Semi-Groups

Let  $(S, *)$  and  $(T, \circ)$  be any two semi-groups. A mapping  $f: S \rightarrow T$  such that for any two element  $a, b \in S$ .

$$f(a * b) = f(a) \circ f(b)$$

is called a semi-group homomorphism.

A homomorphism of a semi-group into itself is called a semi-group endomorphism.

### Isomorphism of semi-groups

Let  $(S, *)$  and  $(T, \circ)$  be any two semi-groups. A homomorphism  $f: S \rightarrow T$  is called semi-group isomorphism if  $f$  is one-to-one and onto.

If  $f: S \rightarrow T$  is an isomorphism then  $(S, *)$  and  $(T, \circ)$  are said to be isomorphic.

An isomorphism of a semi-group onto itself is called semi-group automorphism.

Theorem: Let  $(S, *)$ ,  $(T, \circ)$  and  $(V, \Delta)$  be semi-groups  $f: S \rightarrow T$  and  $g: T \rightarrow V$  be semi-group homomorphism. Then  $g \circ f: S \rightarrow V$  is a semi-group homomorphism from  $(S, *)$  to  $(V, \Delta)$ .

Proof - Let  $a, b \in S$  then

$$\begin{aligned} g \circ f(a * b) &= g[f(a * b)] \\ &= g[f(a) \circ f(b)] \\ &= g(f(a) \Delta f(b)) \\ &= g \circ f(a) \Delta g \circ f(b) \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $g \circ f: S \rightarrow V$  is a semi-group homomorphism