### ARTHUR RYMAN

Abstract. This article formalizes groups and related group-like algebraic structures using Z Notation and has been type checked by fUZZ.

### Contents

1.	Introduction	1
2.	Group-Like Algebraic Structures	1
3.	Binary Operations	2
4.	Magmas	3
5.	Semigroups	7
6.	Monoids	8
7.	Groups	11
8.	Abelian Groups	13
References		13

# 1. Introduction

Groups are ubiquitous in mathematics and physics. This article formalizes groups and related group-like algebraic structures using Z Notation[1]. It has been type checked by fUZZ[2].

# 2. Group-Like Algebraic Structures

A general algebraic structure consists of a set equipped with one or more operations. A group is an algebraic structure equipped with one binary operation, typically referred to as its product or group law.

Magmas, semigroups, monoids, and abelian groups are algebraic structures that are like groups but differ from them in the properties imposed on their product operations.

The underlying set of an algebraic structure is sometimes referred to as its *carrier*. It is unnecessary to distinguish between a structure and its carrier when the intended meaning is clear from context. For example, in the statement: "Let G be a group

Date: January 26, 2025.

and let g be an element of G." the first instance of G stands for the structure while the second stands for its carrier.

However, a set of elements may have more than one structure in a given context. For example, the set of integers has both addition and multiplication. In such cases it may be ambiguous if only the carrier is specified. Furthermore, if the mathematics is expressed using a formal language such as Z Notation, distinct mathematical objects must be referred to using distinct names or expressions.

In order to distinguish between structures and their carriers, this article adopts the common practice of defining structures as *tuples* consisting of a carrier together with one or more additional features.

When introducing variables to refer to structures and their carriers, we'll use some typographical convention such as bold font to relate the two. For example, the structure  $\mathbf{A}$  has carrier A.

Let t be a set and let A be a subset of it. We say that a structure with carrier A is a structure in t. If A = t we say that the structure is a structure on t or a structure over t. Note that a structure on or over t is also a structure in t.

### 3. Binary Operations

A partial binary operation on a set t maps some subset of pairs of elements to other elements.

$$PBinOp[t] == t \times t \rightarrow t$$

**Example.** Integer division and modulus are partial binary operations on  $\mathbb{Z}$  since division by 0 is undefined.

$$(\_\operatorname{div}\_) \in PBinOp[\mathbb{Z}]$$
  
 $(\_\operatorname{mod}\_) \in PBinOp[\mathbb{Z}]$ 

A total binary operation, or simply a binary operation, is a partial binary operation defined on every pair of elements.

$$BinOp[t] == t \times t \longrightarrow t$$

**Remark.** Every binary operation is a partial binary operation.

$$BinOp[\mathsf{T}] \subseteq PBinOp[\mathsf{T}]$$

**Example.** Integer addition, subtraction, and multiplication are binary operations on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

$$(-+-) \in BinOp[\mathbb{Z}]$$

$$(\_-\_) \in BinOp[\mathbb{Z}]$$

$$(\_*\_) \in BinOp[\mathbb{Z}]$$

### 4. Magmas

A magma is a set A equipped with a total binary operation, generically referred to as a product. Let  $x \cdot y$  denote the product of x and y. Regarded as a structure **A**, a magma is a pair  $(A, (\_, \_))$ .

```
Magma[t] \_\_
A : \mathbb{P} t
\_ \cdot \_ : PBinOp[t]
A : \mathbb{P} t \times PBinOp[t]
(\_ \cdot \_) \in BinOp[A]
A = (A, (\_ \cdot \_))
```

- The product is a binary operation on A.
- The structure is the pair consisting of the carrier and the binary operation.

Let magma[t] be the set of all magmas in t.

$$magma[t] == \{ Magma[t] \bullet A \}$$

4.1. Integer Addition. Let  $int\_add$  be the set of integers equipped with addition.

 $int\_add == (\mathbb{Z}, (\_+\_))$ 

**Example.** Integer addition is a magma on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

 $int\_add \in magma[\mathbb{Z}]$ 

4.2. **Integer Subtraction.** Let *int\_sub* be the set of integers equipped with subtraction.

$$int\_sub == (\mathbb{Z}, (\_-\_))$$

**Example.** Integer subtraction is a magma on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

 $int\_sub \in magma[\mathbb{Z}]$ 

4.3. Integer Multiplication. Let  $int\_mul$  be the set of integers equipped with multiplication.

$$int\_mul == (\mathbb{Z}, (\_*\_))$$

**Example.** Integer multiplication is a magma on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

 $int\_mul \in magma[\mathbb{Z}]$ 

4.4. **Magma Homomorphisms.** Let A and A' be a magmas and let f be a map from A to A'. We refer to A as the *domain* and A' as the *codomain* of the map. Alternatively, we refer to A as the *source* and A' as the *target* of the map.

Just as magmas are structures, so also are magma maps. A magma map is a pair of magmas  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A}')$  and a map f between their carriers.

Recall that we may informally use the same name, say A, to refer to both a magma and its carrier. Similarly, we may use the same name, say f, to refer to both a magma map structure and its underlying map of the carriers. When we need to distinguish between the map structure and its underlying map, we'll use some typographic convention to relate the two. For example, we may use F for the structure and f for its underlying map. In any case, the formal text must always use distinct names in any given context.

```
\begin{array}{c} \textit{Magma\_Map}[\mathsf{t},\mathsf{u}] \\ \textit{Magma'}[\mathsf{u}] \\ \textit{Magma'}[\mathsf{u}] \\ \textit{f}: \mathsf{t} \to \mathsf{u} \\ \textit{F}: (\textit{magma}[\mathsf{t}] \times \textit{magma}[\mathsf{u}]) \times (\mathsf{t} \to \mathsf{u}) \\ \\ \hline \textit{f} \in \textit{A} \to \textit{A'} \\ F = (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A'}) \mapsto \textit{f} \end{array}
```

- f maps A to A'
- A magma map structure consists of a pair of magmas and a map between their carriers.

Let  $magma\_map[t, u]$  be the set of all magma maps from magmas in t to magmas in u.

```
magma\_Map[t, u] == \{ Magma\_Map[t, u] \bullet F \}
```

A magma map f is a magma homomorphism if it preserves products.

• f preserves the product operation

Let  $magma\_Hom[t,u]$  be the set of all homomorphisms from magmas in t to magmas in u

```
magma\_Hom[t, u] == \{ Magma\_Hom[t, u] \bullet F \}
```

Let  $magma\_hom(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A}')$  be the subset of  $magma\_Hom[\mathsf{t}, \mathsf{u}]$  that consists of all homomorphisms from  $\mathbf{A}$  to  $\mathbf{A}'$ .

```
magma\_hom[t, u] ==
(\lambda \mathbf{A} : magma[t]; \mathbf{A}' : magma[u] \bullet
\{(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A}')\} \lhd magma\_Hom[t, u])
```

**Remark.**  $magma\_hom(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A}')$  is a subset of  $magma\_Hom$ .

```
\forall \mathit{Magma\_Hom}[\mathsf{T},\mathsf{U}] \bullet \\ \mathit{magma\_hom}(\mathbf{A},\mathbf{A}') \subseteq \mathit{magma\_Hom}[\mathsf{T},\mathsf{U}]
```

# 4.4.1. The Identity Map.

**Example.** The identity map is a homomorphism.

```
Magma\_Id[t]
Magma\_Map[t,t]
A' = A
f = id A
```

$$\begin{array}{c} \forall \, Magma\_Id[\mathsf{T}] \, \bullet \\ Magma\_Hom[\mathsf{T},\mathsf{T}] \end{array}$$

4.4.2. Multiplication by a Fixed Integer.

**Example.** Multiplication by a fixed integer c maps  $\mathbb Z$  to  $\mathbb Z$  and preserves addition.

Therefore

 $\forall MulConst \bullet \\ Magma\_Hom[\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}]$ 

Proof.

$$\forall \, c, x, y : \mathbb{Z} \bullet \\ c * (x + y) = c * x + c * y$$

4.4.3. Exponentiation by a Fixed Natural Number.

**Example.** Exponentiation by a fixed natural number n maps  $\mathbb Z$  to  $\mathbb Z$  and preserves multiplication.

```
ExpConst \\ Magma\_Map[\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}] \\ n : \mathbb{N}
\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}' = int\_mul
f = (\lambda x : \mathbb{Z} \bullet x ** n)
```

Therefore

$$\forall ExpConst \bullet \\ Magma\_Hom[\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}]$$

Proof.

```
\forall n: \mathbb{N}; x, y: \mathbb{Z} \bullet (x*y)**n = x**n*y**n
```

4.5. **Subset.** Given a subset S of the elements of a magma A we can restrict the product  $x \cdot y$  to pairs in S. Let  $x \cdot y$  denote the restriction of the product to S. We get a new structure  $\mathbf{S} = (S, (\_ \cdot \_))$  which may or may not itself be a magma.

4.6. **Submagma.** A subset S of a magma is a submagma if the product of any pair of elements of S is an element of S.

4.7. **Image.** The *image* of a magma homomorphism consists of the image of the map and the product restricted to those elements.

```
Magma\_Image[t, u]
Magma\_Hom[t, u]
Magma\_Subset'[u]
S' = f(A)
```

**Remark.** The image of a magma homomorphism is a submagma of its codomain.

 $\forall Magma\_Image[T, U] \bullet Submagma'[U]$ 

4.8. **Composition.** Let f be a homomorphism from A to A' and let f' be a homomorphism from A' to A''. The function composition  $g = f' \circ f$  is a map from A to A''.

```
 \begin{array}{c} \textit{Magma\_Composition}[\mathsf{t},\mathsf{u},\mathsf{v}] \\ \textit{Magma\_Hom}[\mathsf{t},\mathsf{u}] \\ \textit{Magma\_Hom'}[\mathsf{u},\mathsf{v}] \\ \textit{g}:\mathsf{t} \to \mathsf{v} \\ \textit{G}:\textit{magma\_Map}[\mathsf{t},\mathsf{v}] \\ \hline \textit{g} = f' \circ f \\ \textit{G} = (\mathbf{A},\mathbf{A}'') \mapsto \textit{g} \end{array}
```

**Remark.** The composition of two magma homomorphisms is a magma homomorphism.

```
\forall Magma\_Composition[T, U, V] \bullet G \in magma\_hom(A, A'')
```

Let  $G = F' \circ F$  denote the composition of magma homomorphisms.

$$(\_ \circ \_)[\mathsf{t},\mathsf{u},\mathsf{v}] == \{ \mathit{Magma\_Composition}[\mathsf{t},\mathsf{u},\mathsf{v}] \bullet (F',F) \mapsto G \}$$

# 5. Semigroups

A magma is said to be *associative* if the result of applying its operation to any three elements is independent of the order in which it is applied pairwise. An associative magma is called a *semigroup*.

```
Semigroup[t] \\ Magma[t] \\ \forall x, y, z : A \bullet \\ x \cdot y \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z)
```

Let semigroup[t] denote the set of all semigroups in t.

```
semigroup[t] == \{ Semigroup[t] \bullet A \}
```

Remark. Every semigroup is a magma.

```
semigroup[T] \subseteq magma[T]
```

A semigroup homomorphism is a homomorphism of the underlying magmas.

```
Semigroup\_Hom[t, u]
Magma\_Hom[t, u]
\mathbf{A} \in semigroup[t]
\mathbf{A}' \in semigroup[u]
```

- A is a semigroup in t
- A' is a semigroup in u

Let  $semigroup\_Hom[t,u]$  be the set of all homomorphisms from semigroups in t to semigroups in u.

```
semigroup\_Hom[t, u] == \{ Semigroup\_Hom[t, u] \bullet F \}
```

Let  $semigroup\_hom(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A}')$  be the subset of semigroup homomorphisms from  $\mathbf{A}$  to  $\mathbf{A}'$ .

```
\begin{aligned} semigroup\_hom[t, u] &== \\ (\lambda \, \mathbf{A} : semigroup[t]; \, \mathbf{A}' : semigroup[u] \bullet \\ \{ \, (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A}') \, \} \lhd semigroup\_Hom[t, u] ) \end{aligned}
```

**Remark.** Every magma homomorphism of semigroups is a semigroup homomorphism.

```
\forall Magma\_Hom[\mathsf{T},\mathsf{U}] \bullet 

\mathbf{A} \in semigroup[\mathsf{T}] \land \mathbf{A}' \in semigroup[\mathsf{U}] \Rightarrow 

F \in semigroup\_hom(\mathbf{A},\mathbf{A}')
```

**Remark.** If **A** is a semigroup, **A'** is a magma, and f is magma homomorphism from **A** to **A'** then the image of f is a semigroup.

TODO: Define the image of a magma homomorphism.

**Remark.** The identity mapping of a semigroup to itself is a semigroup homomorphism.

```
\forall Magma\_Id[T] \bullet
\mathbf{A} \in semigroup[T] \Rightarrow
Semigroup\_Hom[T, T]
```

Consider the composition of semigroup homomorphisms.

```
Semigroup\_Composition[t, u, v] Magma\_Composition[t, u, v] Semigroup[t] Semigroup'[u] Semigroup''[v]
```

**Remark.** The composition of semigroup homomorphisms is a semigroup homomorphism.

```
\forall Semigroup\_Composition[T, U, V]  \bullet G \in semigroup\_hom(A, A'')
```

## 6. Monoids

Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a magma and let e be an element of A. The element e is said to be an *identity element* of  $\mathbf{A}$  if left and right products with it leave all elements unchanged.

Clearly, not all magmas have identity elements. For example, consider the set of even integers under multiplication. However, if a magma has an identity element, then it is unique. This will be proved next.

Let identity\_element denote the relation between magmas and identity elements.

```
identity\_element[t] == \{ IdentityElement[t] \bullet \mathbf{A} \mapsto e \}
```

## Remark.

```
identity\_element[T] \in magma[T] \longleftrightarrow T
```

Consider the case of a magma **A** that has, possibly distinct, identity elements e, e'.

Remark. If a magma has an identity element then it is unique.

```
orall IdentityElements[T] ullet
e = e'

Proof.
e

= e \cdot e'
= e'

[e' \text{ is an identity element}]
= e'

[e \text{ is an identity element}]
```

**Remark.** If an identity element exists then it is unique. Therefore the relation from magmas to identity elements is a partial function.

```
\mathit{identity\_element}[\mathsf{T}] \in \mathit{magma}[\mathsf{T}] \to \mathsf{T}
```

Identity elements are typically denoted by the symbols 0 when the operation is thought of as an addition or 1 when the operation is thought of as a multiplication.

A monoid in t is a semigroup in t that has an identity element.

```
Monoid[t]
Semigroup[t]
IdentityElement[t]
```

Let monoid[t] be the set of all monoids in t.

```
monoid[t] == \{ Monoid[t] \bullet A \}
```

**Remark.** Given a monoid we can recover its identity element by applying the identity\_element function to it.

```
identity\_element[\mathsf{T}] \in monoid[\mathsf{T}] \longrightarrow \mathsf{T}
```

Let **A** and **A**' be monoids and let f map the elements of A to the elements of A'. The map f is said to *preserve the identity element* if it maps the identity element of A to the identity element of B.

```
\begin{array}{c} \mathit{MapPreservesIdentity}[\mathsf{t},\mathsf{u}] \\ \mathit{Monoid}[\mathsf{t}] \\ \mathit{Monoid'}[\mathsf{u}] \\ \mathit{Magma\_Map}[\mathsf{t},\mathsf{u}] \\ \hline f(e) = e' \end{array}
```

A monoid homomorphism from A to A' is a homomorphism f of the underlying semigroups that preserves identity.

```
Monoid_Hom[t, u]

Semigroup_Hom[t, u]

MapPreservesIdentity[t, u]
```

Let  $monoid\_Hom[t,u]$  be the set of all homomorphisms from monoids in t to monoids in u.

```
monoid\_Hom[t, u] == \{ Monoid\_Hom[t, u] \bullet F \}
```

Let  $monoid\_hom(\mathbf{A},\mathbf{A}')$  denote the set of all monoid homomorphisms from  $\mathbf{A}$  to  $\mathbf{A}'.$ 

```
\begin{aligned} \mathit{monoid\_hom}[\mathsf{t},\mathsf{u}] == \\ (\lambda \, \mathbf{A} : \mathit{monoid}[\mathsf{t}]; \, \mathbf{A}' : \mathit{monoid}[\mathsf{u}] \bullet \\ \{ \, (\mathbf{A},\mathbf{A}') \, \} \lhd \mathit{monoid\_Hom}[\mathsf{t},\mathsf{u}] ) \end{aligned}
```

Remark. The identity mapping is a monoid homomorphism.

**Remark.** The composition of two monoid homomorphisms is another monoid homomorphism.

## 7. Groups

Let A be a magma in t that has an identity element. A unary operation inv on A is said to be an *inverse operation* if it maps each element to an element whose product with it is the identity element.

Let *inverse\_operation* denote the relation between monoids and their inverse operations.

```
\begin{split} \mathit{inverse\_operation}[t] == \\ \{ \mathit{InverseOperation}[t] \bullet \mathbf{A} \mapsto \mathit{inv} \ \} \end{split}
```

Remark. If a monoid has an inverse operation then it is unique.

*Proof.* Suppose inv and inv' are inverse operations. Let x be any element.

inv'x

**Remark.** Since inverse operations are unique if exist they, the relation between monoids and inverse operations is a partial function.

```
\mathit{inverse\_operation}[\mathsf{T}] \in \mathit{monoid}[\mathsf{T}] \mathrel{+\!\!\!\!+\!\!\!\!-} \mathsf{T} \mathrel{+\!\!\!\!-\!\!\!\!-} \mathsf{T}
```

A group is a monoid that has an inverse operation.

Let t be a set of elements. Let group[t] be the set of all groups in t.

```
group[t] == \{ Group[t] \bullet A \}
```

Let t and u be sets of elements, let A and A' be groups in t and u, and let f map t to u. The map f is said to *preserve the inverses* if it maps the inverses of elements of A to the inverses of the corresponding elements of A'.

Let A and A' be groups. A group homomorphism from A to A' is a monoid homomorphism from A to A' that preserves inverses.

Let  $group\_Hom[t, u]$  be the set of all group homomorphisms.

```
group\_Hom[t, u] == \{ Group\_Hom[t, u] \bullet F \}
```

Let  $group\_hom(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A}')$  denote the set of all group homomorphisms from  $\mathbf{A}$  to  $\mathbf{A}'$ .

```
\begin{aligned} group\_hom[\mathsf{t},\mathsf{u}] &== \\ (\lambda \, \mathbf{A} : group[\mathsf{t}]; \, \mathbf{A}' : group[\mathsf{u}] \bullet \\ \{ \, (\mathbf{A},\mathbf{A}') \, \} \lhd group\_Hom[\mathsf{t},\mathsf{u}] ) \end{aligned}
```

Remark. The identity mapping is a group homomorphism.

**Remark.** The composition of two group homomorphisms is another group homomorphism.

7.1. **Bijections.** Let t be a set and let bij[t] denote the set of all bijections  $t \rightarrow t$  from t to itself.

$$bij[t] == t \rightarrow t$$

Remark. The composition of bijections is a bijection.

$$\begin{array}{c} \forall f,g:\mathit{bij}[\mathsf{T}] \bullet \\ f \circ g \in \mathit{bij}[\mathsf{T}] \end{array}$$

Remark. Composition is associative.

$$\forall f, g, h : bij[\mathsf{T}] \bullet f \circ (g \circ h) = (f \circ g) \circ h$$

**Remark.** The identity function id T acts as a left and right identity element under composition.

$$\forall f : bij[\mathsf{T}] \bullet \\ \mathrm{id} \, \mathsf{T} \circ f = f = f \circ \mathrm{id} \, \mathsf{T}$$

**Remark.** The inverse  $f^{\sim}$  of a bijection f is its left and right inverse under composition.

$$\begin{array}{c} \forall f: \mathit{bij}[\mathsf{T}] \bullet \\ f \circ f^{\sim} = \operatorname{id} \mathsf{T} = f^{\sim} \circ f \end{array}$$

The preceding remarks show that set bij[t] under the operation of composition has the structure of a group. Let Bij[t] denote the composition of bijections.

$$Bij[t] == (\lambda f, g : bij[t] \bullet f \circ g)$$

**Example.** Let T be any set. The composition of bijections of T is a group.  $(bij[T], Bij[T]) \in group[bij[T]]$ 

## 8. Abelian Groups

A magma A in t is said to be *commutative* when the product of two elements doesn't depend on their order.

An abelian group is a group in which the product is commutative.

```
__AbelianGroup[t] _____
Group[t]
Commutative[t]
```

Let abelian\_group[t] denote the set of all abelian groups in t.

$$abelian\_group[t] == \{ AbelianGroup[t] \bullet A \}$$

Often in an abelian group the binary operation is denoted as addition x + y, the identity element as a zero 0, and the inverse operation as negation - x.

Example. Addition over the integers is an abelian group.

$$(\mathbb{Z}, (\_+\_)) \in abelian\_group[\mathbb{Z}]$$

## References

- [1] J. M. Spivey. *The Z Notation*. Second Edition. Prentice Hall International, 1992. URL: https://spivey.oriel.ox.ac.uk/wiki/files/zrm/zrm.pdf.
- [2] Mike Spivey. The fuzz Manual. Second Edition. The Spivey Partnership, 2000. URL: https://github.com/Spivoxity/fuzz/blob/59313f201af2d536f5381e65741ee6d98db54a70/doc/fuzzman-pub.pdf.

Email address, Arthur Ryman: arthur.ryman@gmail.com