



**Definition**

Given a group  $(G, \circ)$  and a subset  $H \subset G$ , if  $(H, \circ|_H)$  is a group then we call it a *subgroup* of  $(G, \circ)$ . As we often refer to the group  $G$  we refer to  $H$  as the subgroup. If  $H \subsetneq G$ , we refer to  $H$  as a *proper subgroup*.

**Examples**

*Trivial subgroup.* Suppose  $e \in G$  is the identity element of the group  $(G, \circ)$ . Then  $\{e\}$  is a subgroup of  $(G, \circ)$ .



