# M0 Categories

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**Definition 1** (Category). A category consists of:

- ullet a collection of objects.
- for any objects A and B, a collection of maps from A to B. We write  $f:A\to B$  iff f is a map from A to B.
- for any object A, an identity map  $1_A: A \to A$
- for any maps  $f:A\to B$  and  $g:B\to C$ , a map  $g\circ f:A\to C$

such that:

**Identity Laws** For any map  $f: A \to B$ , we have  $1_B \circ f = f \circ 1_A = f: A \to B$ 

**Associative Law** For any maps  $f:A\to B,\ g:B\to C$  and  $h:C\to D,$  we hav  $h\circ (g\circ f)=(h\circ g)\circ f:A\to D$