Structure Before Operation After

Group \mathbb{Z} All integers Quotient by $5\mathbb{Z}$ $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} = \{0,1,2,3,4\}$

Ring $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ Polynomials with integer coeffs Mod out $(x^2 + 1)$ $\mathbb{Z}[i]$, complex-like ring

Real line \mathbb{R} Infinite line Mod out \mathbb{Z} Circle $S^1 = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$

Sphere S² Identify all points at south pole Collapse subspace Cone over sphere

Vector space \mathbb{R}^3 Keep only first 2 coordinates Project to \mathbb{R}^2 Flat 2D plane (x, y)

Sequence a_n Defined for all n Limit as $n \to \infty$ Converges to number L

Graph with cycles Nodes with symmetry Collapse redundant edges Minimal tree-like structure

Mathematical Lifecycle Table — Constructor / Operation / Destructor

Structure	Constructor (Definition)	Operations (Core Behavior)	Destructor (Reduction / Collapse)
Set	Define a collection {a, b, c}	Membership, union, intersection	Subset, difference, empty set (\emptyset)
Group	Set + binary op + identity + inverse	·, identity e, inverse a ⁻¹ , associativity	Quotient Group (G/N), collapse symmetry
Abelian Group	Group + commutativity	Same as group + a + b = b + a	Mod out torsion, reduce to cyclic group
Ring	Two operations $(+, \cdot)$ with additive group	Addition, multiplication, distributivity	Quotient Ring (R/I), reduce by ideal
Field	Ring + multiplicative inverses (excluding 0)	+, -, ·, /	Construct finite field, collapse by irreducible polynomial
Ideal	Special subset of ring with absorption $r \cdot a \in I$	Inclusion, absorption, generators	Quotient ring R/I
Vector Space	Set + field + scalar multiplication	Vector addition, scalar multiplication	Reduce dimension, project, contract
Module	Abelian group + ring scalar multiplication	Generalized vector operations	Collapse submodules, quotient module
Algebra	Vector space + bilinear product	Linear + multiplication	Restrict multiplication, mod out ideal
Topological Space	Set + open set system	Open sets, continuity, convergence	Collapse to quotient space, retract
Category	Objects + morphisms (arrows)	Composition, identity morphisms	Collapse via functors, equivalences, or limits

Philosophical Mapping

Phase	Purpose	In Math
Constructor	Birth / Definition	Axiomatic declaration — "Let G be a group"
Operation	Behavior / Dynamics	Functional rules — "For all a, b \in G, a \cdot b \in G"
Destructor	Reduction / Quotient / Collapse	Mod out, simplify, reduce — "Take G/N" or "Project space"

Simple Example: Group

Phase Example

Constructor Let $G = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$, the integers under addition

Operation + is associative, has identity (0), and inverses (-a) Destructor Form $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow$ quotient group of integers mod n

Would you like to add **computational parallels** to this table too — showing how these concepts show up in programming terms like classes, memory, APIs, etc.?

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