



# Lecture 2

## Binary Operation & Symmetries

# What you will learn in Lecture 2

## **2.1** Binary Operations (二項演算)

## **2.2** Symmetries (対称性)

## 2.1 Binary Operations (二項演算)

### Definition 2.1

A **binary operation** (or *law of composition*) on a **nonempty set**  $G$  is a function  $G \times G \rightarrow G$ .

It implies “closure” property.

For example,  $+$  is a binary operation on  $\mathbb{Z}$  which assigns 3 to the pair  $(2, 1)$  (Notice: here all of the elements 1, 2, 3 are in set  $G$ ).

Namely, for any ordered pair  $(a, b) \in G \times G$  of elements  $a, b \in G$ , a binary operation  $\circ$  assigns the third element  $a \circ b$  of  $G$ .

If  $\circ$  is a **binary operation** on  $G$ , we write  $a \circ b$  as the element of operation result (the composition of  $a$  and  $b$ ), where  $a, b \in G$ . Since the image of  $\circ$  is a **subset** of  $G$ , we say **the set  $G$  is closed under  $\circ$** .

### Example 2.1

Is  $+$  (addition) a binary operation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ ?

$\mathbb{Z}$  is closed under  $+$  since if we add two integers we obtain an integer.

### Example 2.2

Is  $-$  (subtraction) a binary operation on  $\mathbb{N}$ ?

Since  $2, 5 \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $2 - 5 = -3 \notin \mathbb{N}$ , we see that  $-$  (subtraction) is NOT a binary operation of  $\mathbb{N}$  and we say that  $\mathbb{N}$  is NOT closed under  $-$ .

### Definition 2.2

A **mathematical system** is an ordered  $(n + 1)$ -tuple  $(G, \circ_1, \dots, \circ_n)$ , where  $G$  is a nonempty set and  $\circ_i$  is a binary operation on  $G$ , where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .  $G$  is called the underlying set of the system.

### Definition 2.3

Let  $(G, \circ)$  be a mathematical system with only one binary operation. Then

- (i)  $\circ$  is called **associative** if for all  $x, y, z \in G$ ,  $x \circ (y \circ z) = (x \circ y) \circ z$ .
- (ii)  $\circ$  is called **commutative** if for all  $x, y \in G$ ,  $x \circ y = y \circ x$ .

### Example 2.3

Consider the mathematical system  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ .

Since addition of integers is both associative and commutative, then the binary operation  $+$  is both associative and commutative.

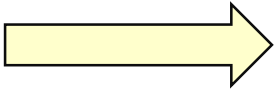
## 2.1 Binary Operations (二項演算)

## operation table

A convenient way to define a **binary operation** on a finite set  $G$  is by means of an **operation table**.

For example, let  $G = \{a, b, c\}$ . Define  $\circ$  on  $G$  by the following operation table.

( $i$ th entry on the left)  $\circ$  ( $j$ th entry on the top)  
= (entry in the  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column of the table body)

$\circ$	$a$	$b$	$c$		$\circ$	$a$	$b$	$c$
$a$	$a \circ a$	$a \circ b$	$a \circ c$	For example 	$a$	$c$	$b$	$a$
$b$	$b \circ a$	$b \circ b$	$b \circ c$		$b$	$a$	$a$	$a$
$c$	$c \circ a$	$c \circ b$	$c \circ c$		$c$	$b$	$b$	$b$

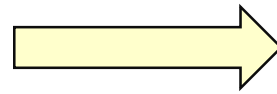
**Notice:** here **all** of the elements  $a \circ a, a \circ b, a \circ c, b \circ a, b \circ b, b \circ c, c \circ a, c \circ b, c \circ c \in G$



## 2.1 Binary Operations (二項演算)

$\circ$	$a$	$b$	$c$
$a$	$a \circ a$	$a \circ b$	$a \circ c$
$b$	$b \circ a$	$b \circ b$	$b \circ c$
$c$	$c \circ a$	$c \circ b$	$c \circ c$

For example



$\circ$	$a$	$b$	$c$
$a$	$c$	$b$	$a$
$b$	$a$	$a$	$a$
$c$	$b$	$b$	$b$

Table 2.1

### Example 2.4

Is the binary operation  $\circ$  in Table 2.1 commutative ?

No. Because  $a \circ b \neq b \circ a$ .

### Definition 2.4

Let  $(G, \circ)$  be a mathematical system. An element  $e \in G$  is called an **identity** of  $(G, \circ)$  if for all  $x \in G$ ,

$$e \circ x = x = x \circ e.$$

### Example 2.5

Let  $G = \{e, a, b\}$ . Define  $\circ$  on  $G$  by the following operation table

$\circ$	$e$	$a$	$b$
$e$	$e$	$a$	$b$
$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$
$b$	$b$	$a$	$a$

We note that  $e \circ a = a = a \circ e$ ,  $e \circ b = b = b \circ e$  and  $e \circ e = e = e \circ e$ . Thus,  $e$  is an identity of  $(G, \circ)$

### Theorem 2.1

An identity element (if it exists) of a mathematical system  $(G, \circ)$  is unique.

**Proof.**

Suppose  $e_1, e_2$  be identities of  $(G, \circ)$ . Since  $e_1$  is identity,  $e_1 * a = a$  for all  $a \in G$ .

Substituting  $e_2$  for  $a$ , we get

$$e_1 * e_2 = e_2 \quad (2.1)$$

Now  $e_2$  is identity and so  $a * e_2 = a$  for all  $a \in S$ .

Substituting  $e_1$  for  $a$  we get

$$e_1 * e_2 = e_1 \quad (2.2)$$

From Eqs. (2.1) and (2.2), we get  $e_1 = e_2$ .

Hence, an identity element (if it exists) is unique.

## 2.1 Binary Operations (二項演算)

### Example 1 of Binary Operation

#### The Integers mod $n$

The integers mod  $n$  have become indispensable in the theory and applications of algebra. In mathematics they are used in cryptography, coding theory, and the detection of errors in identification codes.

We have already seen that two integers  $a$  and  $b$  are equivalent mod  $n$  if  $n$  divides  $a - b$ . The integers mod  $n$  also **partition**  $\mathbb{Z}$  into  $n$  different equivalence classes  $[\cdot]$ ; we will denote the entire set of these equivalence classes  $[\cdot]$  by  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

**For example**, if we consider the equivalence relation established by the integers modulo 3, then we have corresponding partition sets of the integers

$$[0] = \{\dots, -3, 0, 3, 6, \dots\}$$

$$[1] = \{\dots, -2, 1, 4, 7, \dots\}$$

$$[2] = \{\dots, -1, 2, 5, 8, \dots\}$$

## 2.1 Binary Operations (二項演算)

### Example 1 of Binary Operation

We can do arithmetic on  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

For two integers  $a$  and  $b$ , define **addition modulo  $n$**  to be  $(a + b) \pmod{n}$ ; that is, the remainder when  $a + b$  is divided by  $n$ .

Similarly, **multiplication modulo  $n$**  is defined as  $(ab) \pmod{n}$ , the remainder when  $ab$  is divided by  $n$ .

### Example 2.6

The following examples illustrate integer arithmetic modulo  $n$ :

$$7 + 4 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$7 \cdot 3 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$3 + 5 \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$$

$$3 \cdot 5 \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$$

$$3 + 4 \equiv 7 \pmod{12}$$

$$3 \cdot 4 \equiv 0 \pmod{12}.$$

In particular, notice that it is possible that the product of two nonzero numbers modulo  $n$  can be equivalent to 0 modulo  $n$ .

## 2.1 Binary Operations (二項演算)

### Example 1 of Binary Operation

Most, but not all, of the usual laws of arithmetic hold for addition and multiplication in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

#### Example 2.7

It is not necessarily true that there is a multiplicative inverse. Consider the multiplication operation table for  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  in the following Table. Notice that 2, 4, and 6 do not have multiplicative inverses; that is, for  $n = 2, 4$ , or  $6$ , there is no integer  $k$  such that  $kn \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ .

$\cdot$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	0	2	4	6	0	2	4	6
3	0	3	6	1	4	7	2	5
4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4
5	0	5	2	7	4	1	6	3
6	0	6	4	2	0	6	4	2
7	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1



Notice: Never exist for  $k \cdot 2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$

## 2.2 Symmetries (对称性)



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A **symmetry** of a geometric figure is a rearrangement of the figure **preserving** the arrangement of its **sides** (辺) and **vertices** (頂点) as well as its **distances** and **angles**.

A map from the plane to itself **preserving** the symmetry of an object is called a **rigid motion** (剛体運動).

For example, if we look at the rectangle in Figure 2.1, it is easy to see that a rotation of  $180^\circ$  or  $360^\circ$  returns a rectangle in the plane with the same orientation as the original **rectangle** (矩形) and the same relationship among the vertices.

However, a  $90^\circ$  rotation in either direction **cannot be** a symmetry unless the **rectangle** is a **square** (正方形).

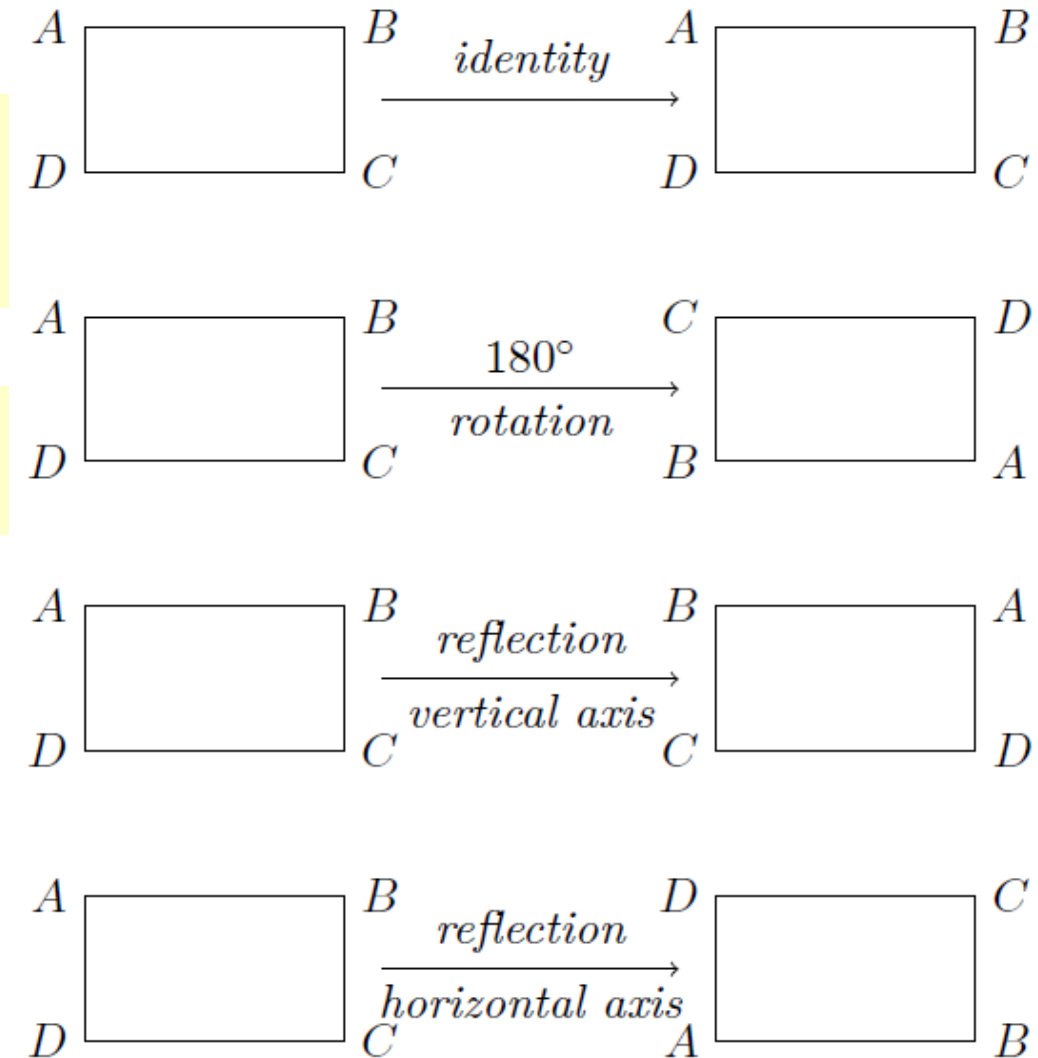
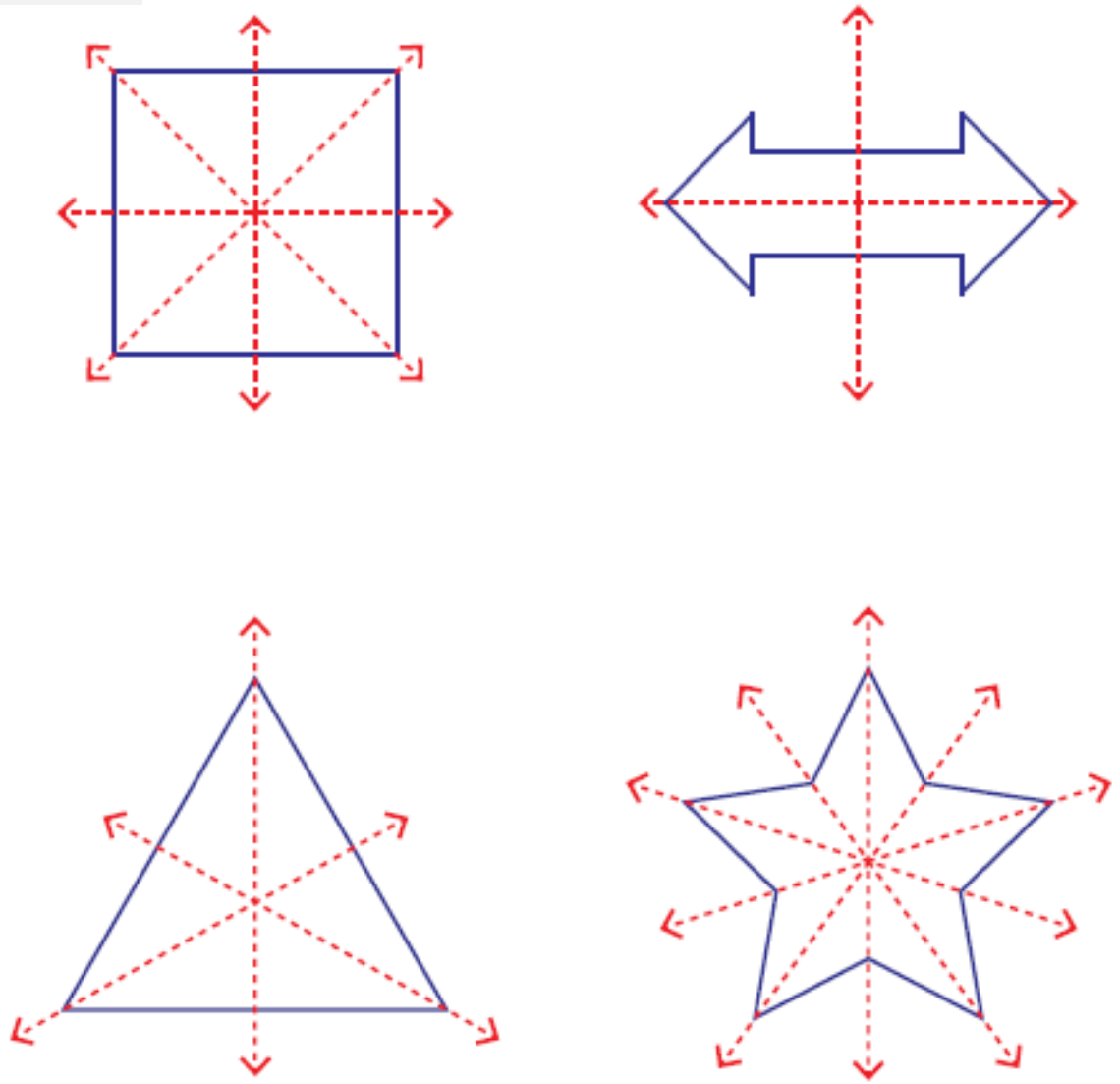
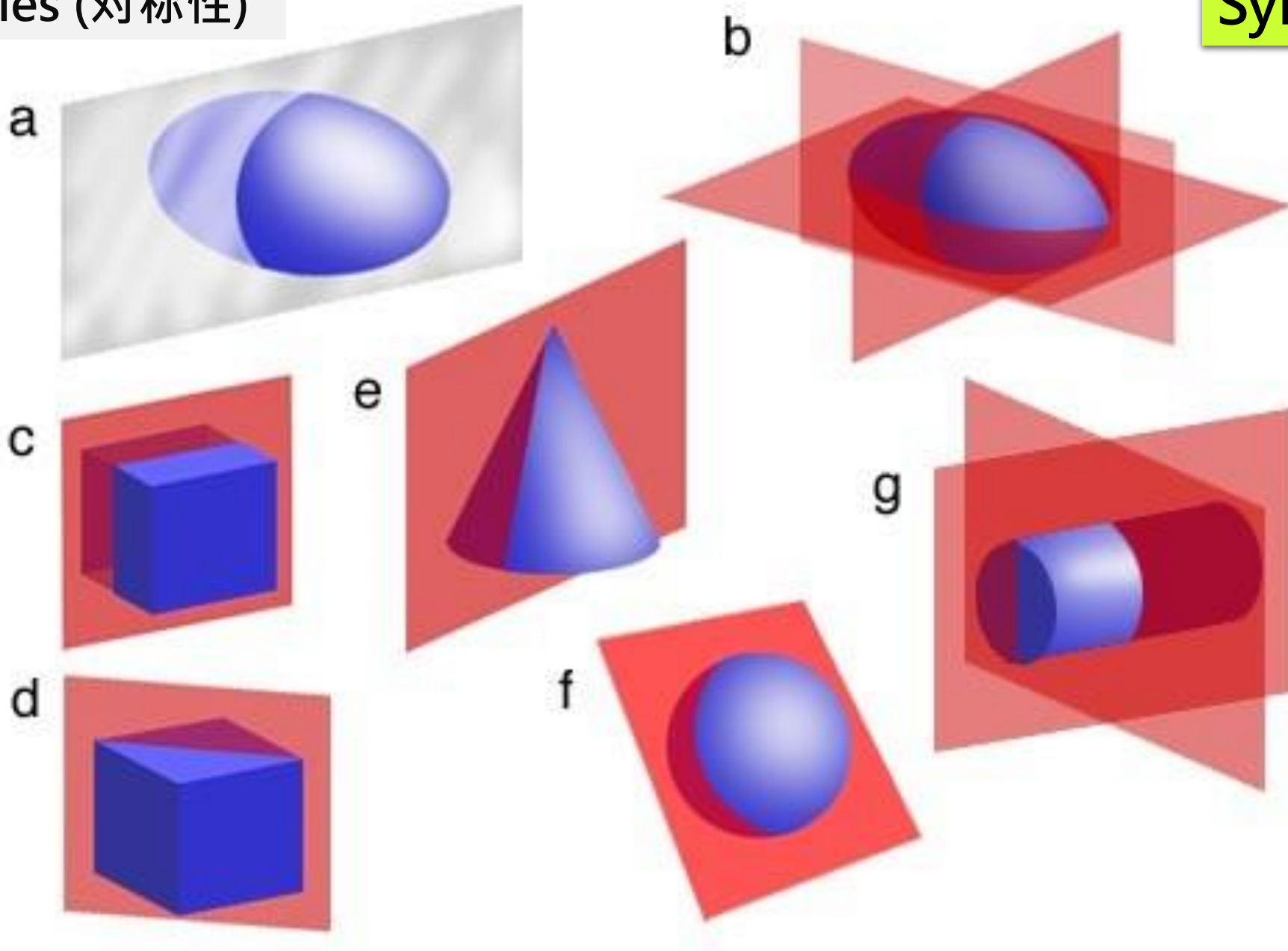


Figure 2.1 Rigid motions of a rectangle



## 2.2 Symmetries (对称性)

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## Symmetries of equilateral triangle

Let us find the **symmetries** of the **equilateral triangle**  $\triangle ABC$ . To find a symmetry of  $\triangle ABC$ , we must first examine the **permutations of the vertices**  $A, B$ , and  $C$  and then ask if a permutation extends to a symmetry of the triangle.

Recall that a **permutation of a set  $S$**  is a **one-to-one and onto map  $\pi: S \rightarrow S$** . The three vertices have  $3! = 6$  permutations, so the triangle has **at most six symmetries**. (To see that there are six permutations, observe there are three different possibilities for the first vertex, and two for the second, and the remaining vertex is determined by the placement of the first two. So we have  $3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 3! = 6$  different arrangements.)

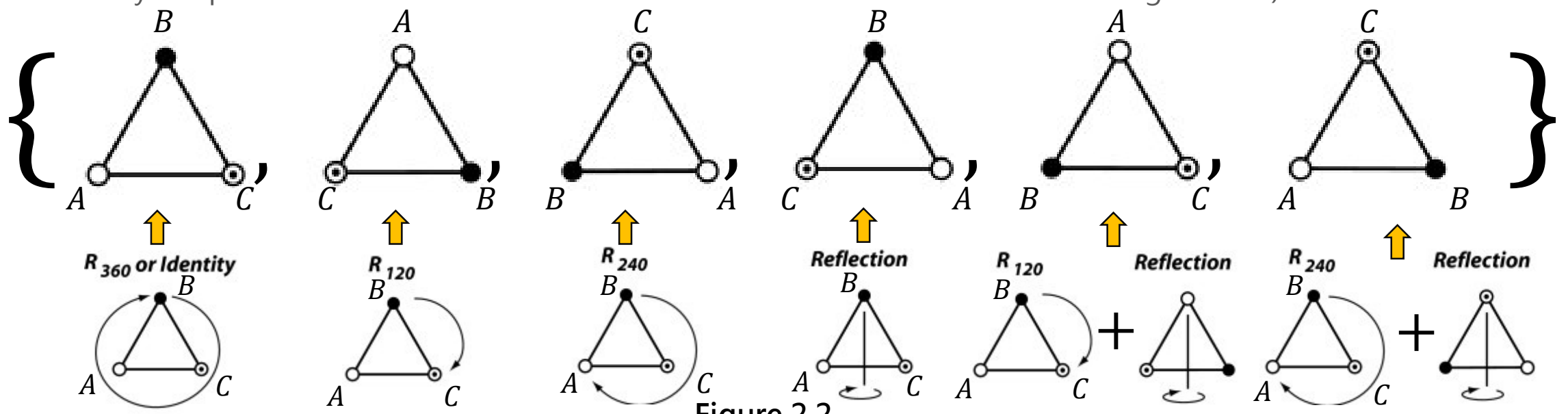


Figure 2.2

## 2.2 Symmetries (对称性)

To denote the **permutation** of the vertices of an equilateral triangle that sends **A to B, B to C, and C to A**, we write the array

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B & C \\ \pi(A) & \pi(B) & \pi(C) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B & C \\ B & C & A \end{pmatrix}$$

**Notice** that this particular permutation corresponds to the rigid motion of rotating the triangle by  $120^\circ$  in a clockwise direction.

In fact, every permutation gives rise to a symmetry of the triangle.

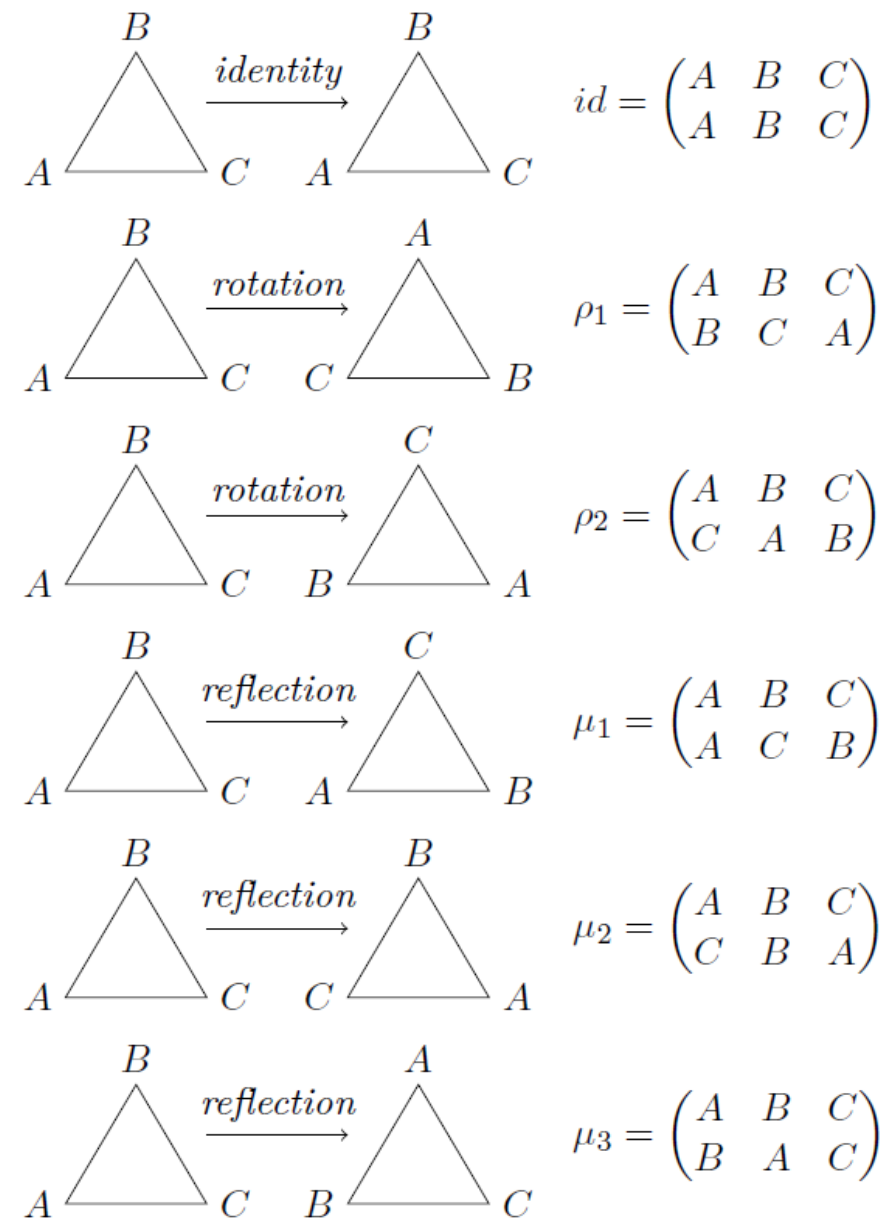


Figure 2.3 Symmetries of an equilateral triangle

A natural question to ask is what happens if one motion of the triangle  $\triangle ABC$  is followed by another. Which symmetry is  $\mu_1\rho_1$ ; that is, what happens when we do the permutation  $\rho_1$  and then the permutation  $\mu_1$ ?

Remember that **we are composing functions** here. *Although we usually multiply left to right, we compose functions right to left.* We have

Notice: Compute From right  $\rho_1$  to left  $\mu_1$

$$(\mu_1\rho_1)(A) = \mu_1(\rho_1(A)) = \mu_1(B) = C$$

$$(\mu_1\rho_1)(B) = \mu_1(\rho_1(B)) = \mu_1(C) = B$$

$$(\mu_1\rho_1)(C) = \mu_1(\rho_1(C)) = \mu_1(A) = A.$$

This is the same symmetry as  $\mu_2$ . Suppose we do these motions in the opposite order,  $\rho_1$  then  $\mu_1$ . It is easy to determine that this is the same as the symmetry  $\mu_3$ ; hence,  $\rho_1\mu_1 \neq \mu_1\rho_1$ .

## 2.2 Symmetries (对称性)

An operation table for the symmetries of an equilateral triangle  $\triangle ABC$  is given in Table 2.2.

$\circ$	id	$\rho_1$	$\rho_2$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$	$\mu_3$
id	id	$\rho_1$	$\rho_2$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$	$\mu_3$
$\rho_1$	$\rho_1$	$\rho_2$	id	$\mu_3$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$
$\rho_2$	$\rho_2$	id	$\rho_1$	$\mu_2$	$\mu_3$	$\mu_1$
$\mu_1$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$	$\mu_3$	id	$\rho_1$	$\rho_2$
$\mu_2$	$\mu_2$	$\mu_3$	$\mu_1$	$\rho_2$	id	$\rho_1$
$\mu_3$	$\mu_3$	$\mu_1$	$\mu_2$	$\rho_1$	$\rho_2$	id

Table 2.2 Symmetries of an equilateral triangle

Notice that in the operation table for the symmetries of an equilateral triangle, for every motion  $\alpha$  of the triangle, there is another motion  $\beta$  such that  $\alpha\beta = \text{id}$ ; that is, **for every motion there is another motion that takes the triangle back to its original orientation.** It also tells us this is an binary operation.

## Example 2 of Binary Operation

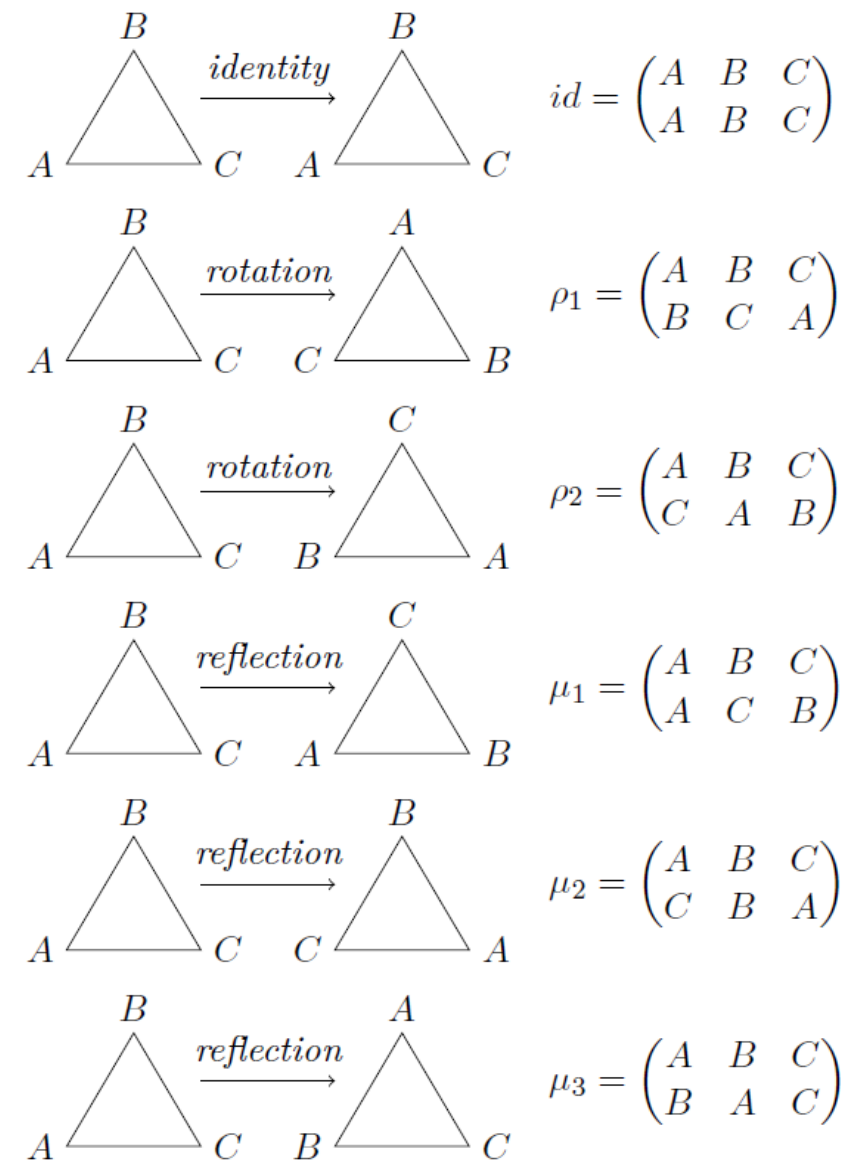


Figure 2.3 Symmetries of an equilateral triangle

# Review for Lecture 2

- Binary Operations (二項演算)
- Symmetries (対称性)
- Rigid Motion (剛体運動)
- Permutations (置換) of equilateral triangle  $\triangle ABC$



# Assignment

Please Check <https://github.com/uoaworks/Applied-Algebra>

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# Appendix (付録)

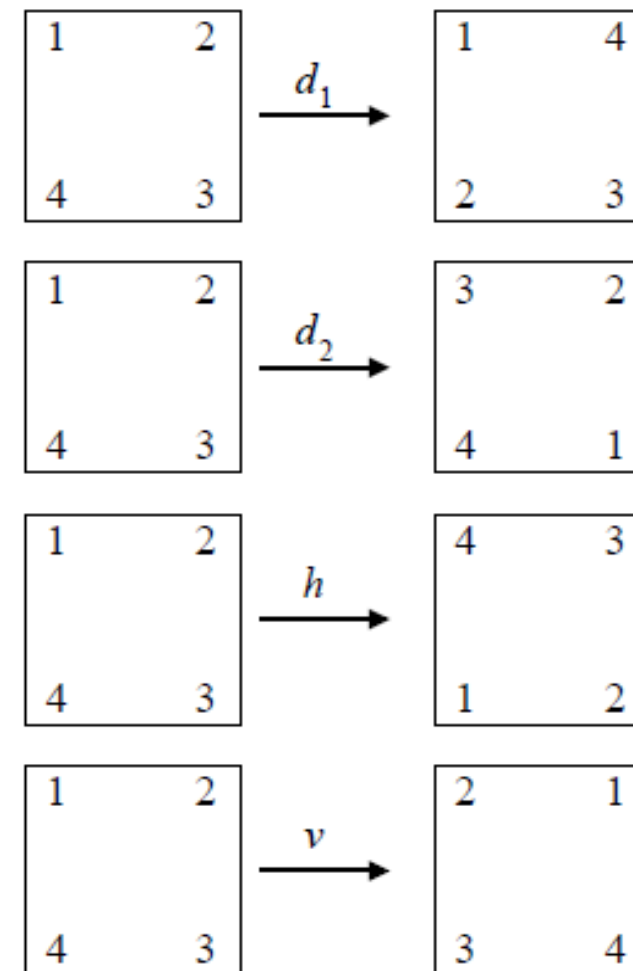
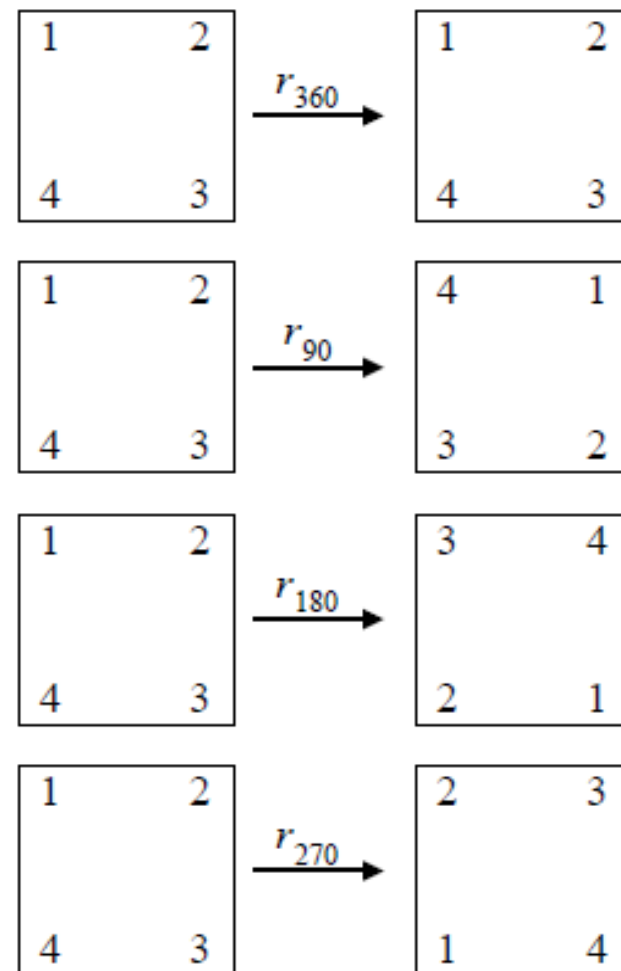
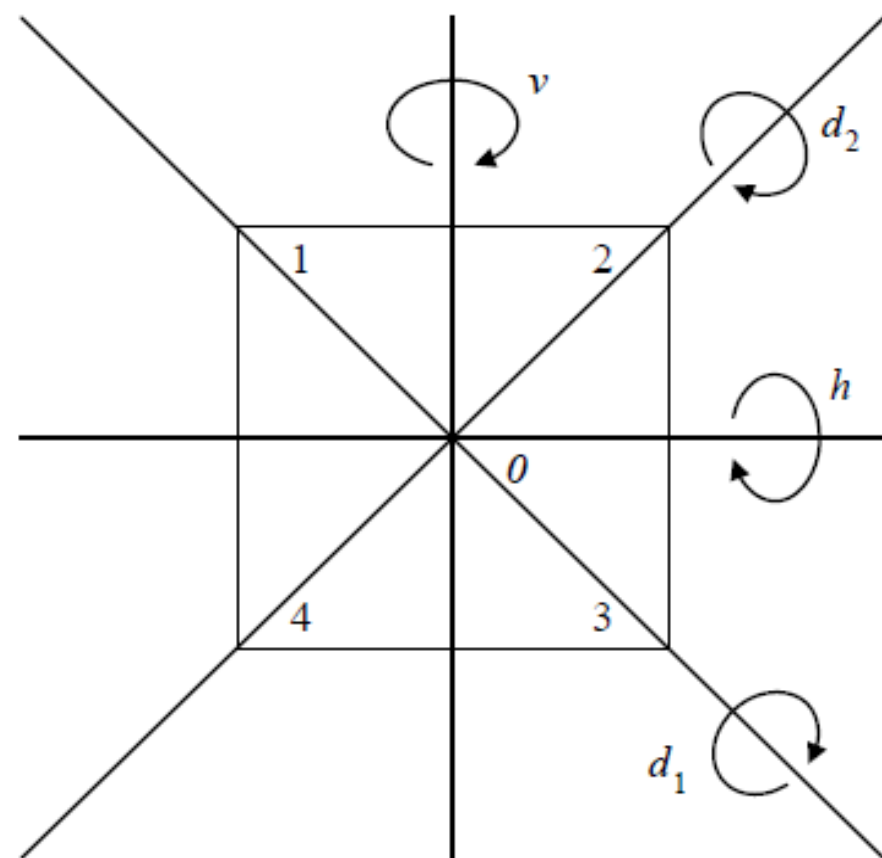
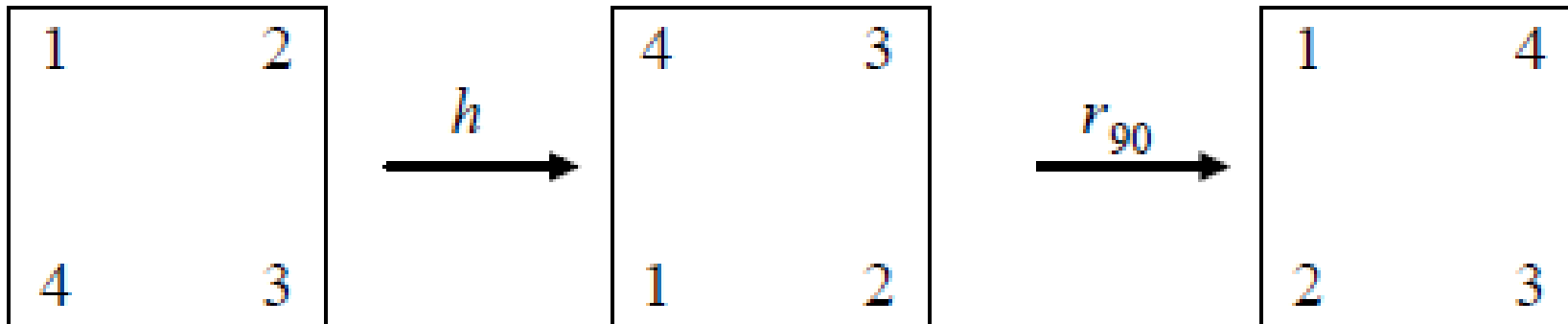


Figure. Rigid motions of a square

# Appendix (付録)

$$r_{90} \circ h$$



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The complete operation table for the operation  $\circ$  is as following

$\circ$	$r_{360}$	$r_{90}$	$r_{180}$	$r_{270}$	$h$	$v$	$d_1$	$d_2$
$r_{360}$	$r_{360}$	$r_{90}$	$r_{180}$	$r_{270}$	$h$	$v$	$d_1$	$d_2$
$r_{90}$	$r_{90}$	$r_{180}$	$r_{270}$	$r_{360}$	$d_1$	$d_2$	$v$	$h$
$r_{180}$	$r_{180}$	$r_{270}$	$r_{360}$	$r_{90}$	$v$	$h$	$d_2$	$d_1$
$r_{270}$	$r_{270}$	$r_{360}$	$r_{90}$	$r_{180}$	$d_2$	$d_1$	$h$	$v$
$h$	$h$	$d_2$	$v$	$d_1$	$r_{360}$	$r_{180}$	$r_{270}$	$r_{90}$
$v$	$v$	$d_1$	$h$	$d_2$	$r_{180}$	$r_{360}$	$r_{90}$	$r_{270}$
$d_1$	$d_1$	$h$	$d_2$	$v$	$r_{90}$	$r_{270}$	$r_{360}$	$r_{180}$
$d_2$	$d_2$	$v$	$d_1$	$h$	$r_{270}$	$r_{90}$	$r_{180}$	$r_{360}$