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# ABSTRACT ALGEBRA



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# Operations

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## A. Examples of Operations

- 1  $a * b = \sqrt{|ab|}$  is not an operation on  $\mathbb{Q}$ , because e.g.  $2 * 1 = \sqrt{|2|} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ .
- 2  $a * b = a \ln b$  is not an operation on  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$ , because e.g.  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}_{>0} (b \leq 1 \rightarrow a \ln b \notin \mathbb{R}_{>0})$
- 3 If  $a * b$  is a root of the equation  $x^2 - a^2b^2 = 0$ ,  $*$  is not an operation on  $\mathbb{R}$ , because  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} (a \neq 0 \wedge b \neq 0 \rightarrow x = \pm ab)$
- 4 Subtraction is an operation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ , because  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z} (a - b \in \mathbb{Z})$ .
- 5 Subtraction is not an operation on  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , because e.g.  $0 - 1 \notin \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ .
- 6  $a * b = |a - b|$  is an operation on  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , because  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} (|a - b| \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})$ .



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