



$\phi: G \rightarrow H$ a function

ϕ is a group homomorphism

$$\phi(x *_G y) = \phi(x) *_H \phi(y)$$

for all $x, y \in G$

Example

$$\det: GL(2, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$$

Let $A, B \in GL(2, \mathbb{R})$

non-zero real numbers
under multiplication

$$\det(A \cdot B) = \det(A) \times \det(B)$$

\uparrow matrix product \uparrow product in \mathbb{R}

$$GL(2, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow GL(2, \mathbb{R})$$

$$A \rightarrow A^{-1}$$

Take $A, B \in GL(2, \mathbb{R})$

$$(AB)^{-1} \stackrel{?}{=} A^{-1} B^{-1} \quad \times \quad \text{not a homomorphism}$$

In fact $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1} A^{-1}$, which is generally not equal to $A^{-1} B^{-1}$ in $GL(2, \mathbb{R})$

④ $(\mathbb{Z}, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$ $x \rightarrow 2^x$

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$2^{a+b} = 2^a \times 2^b \quad \checkmark \quad \text{Yes}$$

⑤ $GL(2, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, +)$

$A \rightarrow A_{11}$ e.g. $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow 2$

If $A, B \in GL(2, \mathbb{R})$ $(AB)_{11} \stackrel{?}{=} A_{11} + B_{11}$ No

e.g. $A = B = I_2$ then $AB = I_2$ also

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (AB)_{11} = 1 \neq A_{11} + B_{11} = 2$$