

# A MATEMATIKA ALAPJAI, 6. ELŐADÁS

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# EZEN AZ ÓRÁN

- Dolgozunk a házi feladatokon
- Műveletek, struktúrák
- A ZH a 9. héten (nov 2) lesz!

# MÚVELETEK

- We know many kinds: operations on numbers, operations on sets, operations on functions, on logical formulas, etc etc
- The most typical case is *binary*: take two inputs  $X$  and  $Y$ , and produce a single output  $X + Y$ ,  $X \cup Y$ ,  $X \circ Y$ ,  $X \vee Y$ , ...
- Binary operations are functions with two variables
- *Unary* operations are like negative  $-X$ , reciprocal  $X^{-1}$ , negation, etc. These are functions with one variable i.e. binary relations i.e subsets of  $S^2$
- *Nullary* operations are functions with no variable, i.e. *constants*, one-member subsets of  $S^1$ . Why one-member (singleton)? Because the output is unique.
- Typical examples are “distinguished elements” such as arithmetic 0 or 1, the truth values, etc.
- There can be higher *arity* operations, e.g. *ternary* (function with 3 variables) etc. There can also be operations involving elements from more than one structure

# STRUCTURES

- A structure is a set called the 'base set' endowed with some operations (typically only finitely many) each with a given arity.
- These must satisfy the axioms that characterize the structure
- Well-known examples: groups, rings, fields, Boolean algebras
- We start with *semigroups* which have one binary operation satisfying  $(ab)c = a(bc)$  (associativity)
- If we add one nullary operation  $e$  that satisfies  $ea = ae = a$  we have a *monoid*
- If we also add a unary operation  $^{-1}$  that satisfied  $aa^{-1} = e$  we have a *group*

# GROUP THEORY: THIS IS WHERE THE FUN BEGINS

- The *order* of a group is the cardinality of its base set  $|G|$
- The *order* of an element  $a$  is the smallest  $n$  for which  $a^n = e$
- Theorem (Cauchy) in a finite group the order of any element divides the order of the group **HW: try to prove this on your own**
- Generators