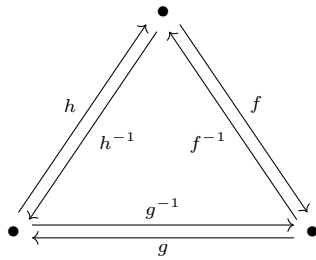


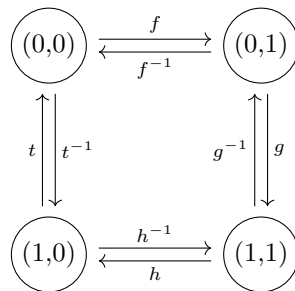
FIGURE 1.



That the diagram is commutative follows from it (because for paths  $\sigma, \tau$  we have the paths  $\sigma \circ \tau^{-1}$  and  $\tau \circ \sigma^{-1}$  being identities).  $\square$

LEMMA 194. Let  $f, g, h, t$  be isomorphisms. Let  $t \circ h \circ g \circ f = 1_{\text{Src } f}$ . The diagram at the figure 2 is commutative, every cycle in the diagram is an identity.

FIGURE 2.



PROOF. Assign to every vertex  $(i, j)$  of the diagram morphism  $W(i, j)$  defined by the table 1.

TABLE 1.

$i$	$j$	$W(i, j)$
0	0	$1_{\text{Src } f}$
0	1	$f$
1	0	$t^{-1}$
1	1	$g \circ f$

It is easy to verify by induction that the morphism corresponding every cycle in the diagram starting at the vertex  $(0, 0)$  and ending with a vertex  $(x, y)$  is  $W(x, y)$ .

Thus the morphism corresponding to every cycle starting at the vertex  $(0, 0)$  is identity.

By symmetry, the morphism corresponding to every cycle is identity.

That the diagram is commutative follows from it (because for paths  $\sigma, \tau$  we have the paths  $\sigma \circ \tau^{-1}$  and  $\tau \circ \sigma^{-1}$  being identities).  $\square$

### 2.3. Intro to group theory

DEFINITION 195. A *semigroup* is a pair of a set  $G$  and an associative binary operation on  $G$ .