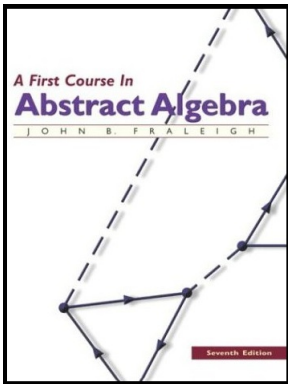


# Introduction to Modern Algebra

## Part I. Groups and Subgroups

### I.3. Isomorphic Binary Structures



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