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Groups and Permutations

Defn: We say $(G, *)$ is a group if:

G is a set and $*$ is a binary operation, (such as addition) such that

1. If $a, b \in G$, $a * b \in G$ (condition of closure)
2. If $a, b, c \in G$, $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$ (operation is associative)
3. There exists an element $e \in G$ such that $a * e = a = e * a$ (identity element)
4. For each $a \in G$ there exists $\bar{a} \in G$ such that $a * \bar{a} = e = \bar{a} * a$ (inverse)

E.g. $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$, $e = 0$, $\bar{a} = -a$ is a group
So is $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ and $(\mathbb{R}, +)$

$$(\mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}, \times) \quad e = 1 \quad \bar{a} = \frac{1}{a}$$

Set of rationals with zero removed

$$\text{E.g. } (\{\pm 1\}, \times) \quad e = 1 \quad \bar{a} = a$$

Lemma 1.1

Let $(G, *)$ be a group. The identity element e is unique.

In fact, if $a * e = a = e' * a$ then $e = e'$

For any $a \in G$, $\bar{a} \in G$ is unique

In fact, if $b * a = e = a * b'$ then $b = b'$

Proof of Lemma 1.1

$$e' = e * e' = e$$

$$\text{Assume } b * a = e = a * b'$$

$$\text{Then } b = b * (a * b') = (b * a) * b' = e * b' = b'$$

due to associativity

1. A group may or may not be Abelian or commutative

2. The associative law means we do not need brackets $a * b * c = (a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$

3. Often we drop $*$ and write $a b$ or $a \cdot b$ for $a * b$

Lemma 1.2 i) If $a, b \in G$ $(\overline{ab}) = \overline{b} \overline{a}$

socks and shoes lemma

i) $\overline{\overline{a}} = a$

Proof $(ab)(\overline{b} \overline{a}) = [(ab)\overline{b}] \overline{a} = [a(b\overline{b})] \overline{a} = (ae) \overline{a} = a \overline{a} = e$

And so $(\overline{b} \overline{a})(ab) = e$
 ii) $\overline{a} \overline{\overline{a}} = e = \overline{\overline{a} \overline{a}}$, also $\overline{a} a = e = a \overline{a}$, so by 1.2, inverse uniqueness, $\overline{a} =$
Lemma 1.3

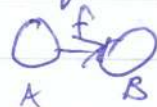
(cancellation) If $ax = bx$ then $a = b$
 Also $xa = xb \Rightarrow a = b$

Proof $ax = bx$, $a(x\overline{x}) = b(x\overline{x})$, $ae = be$, $a = b$

Permutations

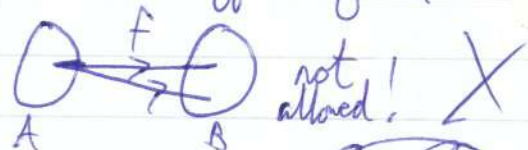
If A, B are sets, a function (or a mapping) $f: A \rightarrow B$ is a rule which assigns each $a \in A$ a unique element $f(a) \in B$

E.g. $A = \mathbb{R} = B$ $f(x) = x^2$



E.g. $A = \text{a deck of cards (set)} = B$, f is a shuffle of A

Functions are single valued



If $A \rightarrow B$ is bijective (one to one correspondence)

If for all $b \in B$ there exists a unique pre image

$f(a) = b$. If $f: A \rightarrow B$, A and B are the same size

$f: A \rightarrow B$ is Injective if $f(a_1) = f(a_2) \Rightarrow a_1 = a_2$
 Surjective if for all $b \in B$ there is an $a \in A$ with $f(a) = b$

Bijective is Both !!

$A = B = X$, $f: X \rightarrow X$ is a permutation if bijective

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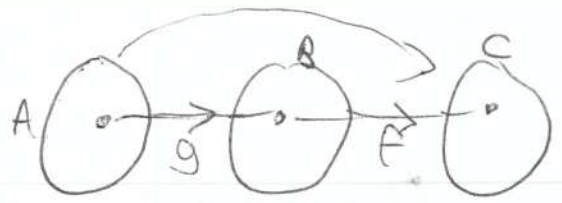
Composite functions



$$f \circ g : A \rightarrow C$$

$$a \mapsto f[g(a)]$$

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Recap: $(G, *)$ is a group if G is a set
 $*$ is a binary operation on G such that

- i) G is closed under $*$
- ii) identity element
- iii) associative
- iv) inverse for each element

$$g: A \rightarrow B \quad f: B \rightarrow C \quad f \circ g: A \rightarrow C$$

$$f \circ g(a) = f[g(a)]$$

Lemma 1.4 $g: A \rightarrow B$ $f: B \rightarrow C$ are bijective
 then $f \circ g: A \rightarrow C$ is bijective

In fact if injective or surjective used, lemma still true

Proof

Let $c \in C$. Let $b \in B$ be a preimage of c in B , so $f(b) = c$. Let $a \in A$ with $g(a) = b$. Then $f \circ g(a) = f(g(a)) = f(b) = c$

This a is unique:

if $f \circ g(a_1) = f \circ g(a_2)$ then $f(g(a_1)) = f(g(a_2))$
 as f is injective $g(a_1) = g(a_2)$ and as g is also, $a_1 = a_2$

$\text{Sym}(X) =$ the set of all permutations of a set X .

Theorem 1.5 $[\text{Sym}(X), \circ]$ is a group, the Symmetry group on X .

Proof

1. If $f, g \in \text{Sym}(X)$ then so is $f \circ g$ by 1.4

2. $f, g, h \in \text{Sym}(X)$. Let $x \in X$
 $[(f \circ g) \circ h](x) = (f \circ g)[h(x)] = f\{g[h(x)]\}$

$$[f \circ (g \circ h)](x) = f[(g \circ h)(x)] = f\{g[h(x)]\}$$

True for all x so $(f \circ g) \circ h = f \circ (g \circ h)$ for All functions.

3. The identity is $i: X \rightarrow X$

If $f \in \text{Sym}(X)$ then $f \circ i = i \circ f$
 since if $x \in X$ $f \circ i(x) = f[i(x)] = f(x)$
 $i \circ f(x) = i[f(x)] = f(x)$

4. $f \in \text{Sym}(X)$. For $y \in X$, take x to be the unique pre image of y under f , define $f^{-1}(y)$ to be this x .
 Doing it for all $y \in X$, get a function $f^{-1}: X \rightarrow X$.
 Then $f^{-1} \in \text{Sym}(X)$ and $f \circ f^{-1} = i = f^{-1} \circ f$
 since $f \circ f^{-1}(z) = z$ and $f^{-1} \circ f(z) = z$

Notation: If $|X| = n$ $\rightarrow$ number of elements, often write $X = [1, n] = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

Also write $\text{Sym}(X) = S_n$ $\rightarrow$ symmetric group of degree n
 $|X|$ is the degree.

Definition: If G is a group, the order of G is the size $|G|$
 $|S_n| = n!$, the order of the symmetric group of degree n

Notation $(G, *)$ is a group, $g \in G$
 $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, if $n > 0$, $g^n = \underbrace{g * g * \dots * g}_{n \text{ times}}$ $g^1 = g$
 if $n = 0$, $g^0 = e$ $g^{n+1} = g^n * g$
 if $n < 0$, $g^n = (g^{-1})^{|n|} = (g^{|n|})^{-1}$

Definition Possible that $g^n = e$ for some $n > 0$, the smallest such n is the order of the element g .
 If no such n exists, g has ∞ order.

Finite element order, finite group
 Likewise with infinite

NOTE
 $g^j * g^k = g^{k+j}$

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Lemma 1.6

If G is a finite group, and $g \in G$, then order of g is finite
(in fact $o(g) \mid |G|$ for any $g \in G$)
Proof, exercise 1/4.

Lemma 1.7 ~~Q~~ If G is a group, $g \in G$ with $o(g) = n$
and if $g^m = e$, then $n \mid m$, so $m = qn$ for $q \in \mathbb{Z}$
see NTS

Proof: $m = qn + r$ with $r \in \mathbb{Z}$, $0 \leq r < n$

Then $g^n = e = g^m$, so $g^r = e$ since $g^r = g^{m-qn}$

n is least positive with $g^n = e$ so $r = 0$ $g^r = g^m \cdot (g^n)^{-q}$

Example

S_3 $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$ Notation $f \begin{pmatrix} 1, 2, \dots, n \\ f(1), f(2), \dots, f(n) \end{pmatrix}$

$$i \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tau \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} \sigma^3 &= i \\ \tau^2 &= i \\ \sigma\tau & \\ \sigma^2\tau & \end{aligned}$$

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Groups (3)

~~Degree: Number of elements~~ For $S_n = \text{Sym}(X)$ symmetric group
 Degree: Number of Points! Order: Number of Elements!

If $|X| = n$, $|S_n| = n!$

$X = \{1, 2, 3\}$ Note $|X| = 3$, order 3
 $S_3 = \text{Sym}(X)$ $|S_3| = 3! = 6$, order 6, degree 3

$i = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ order 1 $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $O(\sigma) = 3$
 order of $\sigma = 3$

$\sigma^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ order 3 $\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ order 2
 Note!
 NON ABELIAN

$\sigma\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ order 2 $\tau\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Ex, S_4 has 24 elements.

More transparent notation for permutations, as product of disjoint cycles.

Define: $\sigma \in S_n [= \text{Sym}(X)]$ is a k cycle written $\sigma = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$
 if $\sigma(a_i) = a_{i+1}$
 $\sigma(a_k) = a_1$
 $\sigma(x) = x$ for all $x \in X$ which are not a_i for any i

Remarks $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) = (a_2, a_3, \dots, a_k, a_1)$

1. k different ways to write a different cycle.

2. $(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_k)^{-1} = (a_1, a_k, a_{k-1}, \dots, a_2)$

3. $\sigma^k = i$, $O(\sigma) = k$
 order of sigma is the length of the cycle

Definition: The cycles $\sigma = (a_1 a_2 \dots a_k)$
and $\tau = (b_1 b_2 \dots b_l)$
are disjoint if all a_i, b_i are distinct

Lemma 1.8 Two disjoint cycles commute $(1\ 2) \circ (3\ 4\ 5) = (3\ 4\ 5) \circ (1\ 2)$

Note: if σ, τ are NOT disjoint, in general they do not commute
 $(1\ 2\ 3) \circ (2\ 3) = (2\ 1)(3)$
 $(2\ 3) \circ (1\ 2\ 3) = (1\ 3)(2)$

Proof of 1.8 $\sigma = (a_1 \dots a_k)$ $\tau = (b_1 \dots b_l)$

$\sigma \circ \tau = \tau \circ \sigma$ because let $x \in X$
 if $x = a_i$ then $\sigma\tau(x) = \sigma(\tau(a_i)) = \sigma(a_i)$
 $\tau\sigma(x) = \tau(\sigma(a_i)) = \sigma(a_i)$

$x = b_j$ $\sigma\tau(b_j) = \tau(b_j)$
 $\tau\sigma(b_j) = \tau(b_j)$

And, if $x \in X$ but not one of a_i, b_j then x is fixed
 by σ, τ , so $\sigma\tau(x) = x = \tau\sigma(x)$
 so $\sigma\tau = \tau\sigma$ $\square$

Disjoint cycle notation for permutations.

Theorem 1.9 Any permutation in S_n can be written as a product of disjoint cycles in an essentially unique way.

$|X| = 8$
 $X = \{1, 2, \dots, 8\}$ E.g. $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 1 & 5 & 8 & 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix} = (1\ 2\ 4)(3\ 6\ 8\ 7)(5)$
 $= (6\ 8\ 7\ 3)(2\ 4\ 1)$

Proof: Let $\pi \in S_n$ $X = \{1, \dots, n\}$

Let $a \in X$. Look at $a, \pi(a), \pi^2(a), \dots$

Since X is finite, there is a $k \in \mathbb{N}$ with

$\pi^k(a) \in \{a, \pi(a), \dots, \pi^{k-1}(a)\}$. Take smallest k for which this holds.

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Claim $\pi^k(a) = a$
 if $\pi^k(a) = \pi^j(a)$ with $0 \leq j < k$ $\pi^{k-j}(a) = a$
 and $0 < k-j \leq k$ forces $j = 0$

Put $a_1 = a, a_2 = \pi(a) \dots a_k = \pi^{k-1}(a)$ $\pi^k(a) = a$

If not all points of X have been covered choose b in X different from all previous points. Look at $b, \pi(b), \pi^2(b), \dots$ and let L be the smallest with $\pi^L(b) \in \{b, \pi(b), \dots, \pi^{L-1}(b)\}$

Then put $b_1 = b, b_2 = \pi(b), \dots, b_L = \pi^{L-1}(b)$. Note that b_i are distinct from all previous points since all powers of π are bijective.
 After finitely many steps, all points of X will be covered.

Thus $\pi = (a_1 a_2 \dots a_k)(b_1 \dots b_L) \dots$ $\leftarrow$ note, finite
a product of disjoint cycles

Lemma 1.10 The order of π or $O(\pi)$ is the least common multiple of the length of the cycles in its disjoint cycle notation.

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Lemma 1.10

The order $o(\pi)$ of the permutation π is the LCM of the lengths of cycles in its disjoint cycle composition.

The disjoint cycles in π commute so $\pi^m = i$ iff $\sigma^n = i$ for each cycle in π .

$$[\pi = (\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_k)]^m = \sigma_1^m \sigma_k^m$$

Now $\sigma^m = i$ iff length of σ divides m . $[o(\sigma) = \text{length } \sigma \text{ and } \sigma^m = i \text{ iff } \text{order } \sigma \mid m]$

Thus the order of π is the LCM of cycles in π .

Defn A transposition is a 2 cycle.

$\tau = (r \ s)$ swaps two points in X

Lemma 1.11

Any permutation can be written as a product of transpositions.

E.g. $(1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5) = (1\ 2)(2\ 3)(3\ 4)(4\ 5)$

First write π as the product of (disjoint) cycles. Then write $(a_1\ a_2 \dots a_k) = \underbrace{(a_1\ a_2)(a_2\ a_3) \dots (a_{k-1}\ a_k)}_{k-1 \text{ transpositions}}$

Note: $o((1\ 2)(2\ 3)) = o(1\ 2\ 3) = 3$

Remark 1.12

A k cycle can be written as the product of $k-1$ transpositions.

E.g. $i = (1\ 2)(1\ 2) \rightarrow \text{but not interesting}$

but in any such product we use an even number of transpositions.

Defn The sign of the permutation π is $(-1)^k$ where k is the number of transpositions in some expression for π as the product of transpositions.

$$\text{Sign}(\pi) = (-1)^k$$

E.g. In S_3 $i, (1\ 2\ 3), (1\ 3\ 2)$ sign $+1$ even
 $(1\ 2), (1\ 3), (2\ 3)$ sign -1 odd

Lemma 1.13

The function, $\text{sign}: S_n \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ is well defined: if $\pi = T_1 \dots T_k = T'_1 \dots T'_L$ with transpositions then $(-1)^k = (-1)^L$.

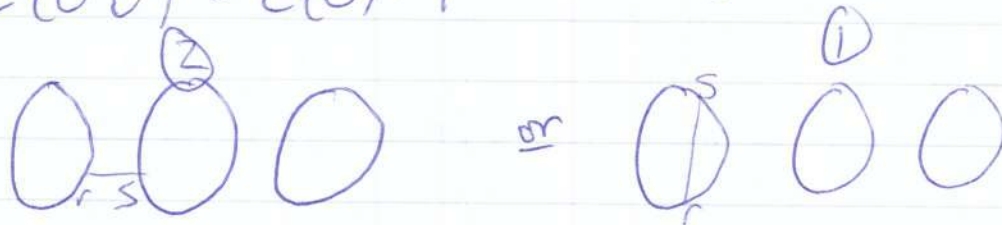
Proof Write $c(\pi)$ for the number of all cycles in the disjoint cycle expression for π including cycles of length 1.

E.g. $c(i) = n$

$c(k \text{ cycle}) = n - k + 1$



Claim Let σ be any permutation, let T be a transposition, say $T = (rs)$. $c(\sigma T)$ is $c(\sigma) + 1$ or $c(\sigma) - 1$. For, the σT cycles are the same as the σ cycles except for those 1 or 2 which contain r, s .



In case 1, the cycle containing both r and s becomes the two σT cycles.
In case 2, the cycles containing r, s become one σT cycle.

Case 1.
$$[(r, r+1 \dots s-1, s, s+1 \dots r-1)](rs) = (r, s+1 \dots r-1)(s, r+1 \dots s-1)$$

Case 2.
$$[(r, r+1 \dots r-1)(s, s+1 \dots s-1)](rs) = (r, s+1 \dots s-1, s, r+1 \dots r-1)$$

Claim is proved.

It follows that $(-1)^{c(\sigma T)} = -(-1)^{c(\sigma)}$

Consider $\pi = i T_1 T_2 \dots T_k = i T'_1 T'_2 \dots T'_L$

$$(-1)^{c(\pi)} = (-1)^{c(i T_1 \dots T_k)} = (-1)^{c(i)} (-1)^k = (-1)^{c(i T'_1 \dots T'_L)} = (-1)^{c(i)} (-1)^L$$

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Recap

Sign of a permutation π is $\pi = (-1)^k$ where k is the number of transpositions with product π .

sign $S_n \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ is well defined.

If $\pi = \tau_1 \tau_2 \dots \tau_k = \tau'_1 \dots \tau'_l$
with τ_i, τ_j $(-1)^k = (-1)^l$

Proof write $c(\sigma)$ for the number of cycles in a disjoint cycle expression of σ . If τ is a transposition then $c(\sigma\tau) = c(\sigma) \pm 1$:
for, if $\tau = (rs)$ then σ cycles and $\sigma\tau$ cycles are the same, except for those containing r, s .

If r, s are in the same σ cycle, that becomes two $\sigma\tau$ cycles.

If r, s are in two σ cycles this becomes one $\sigma\tau$ cycle.

$$\text{Hence } (-1)^{c(\pi)} = (-1)^{c(i\tau_1\tau_2\dots\tau_{k-1}\tau_k)} = (-1)^{c(i\tau_1\dots\tau_{k-1})} (-1) \\ = (-1)^{c(i)} (-1)^k$$

$$\text{Similarly for } \tau'_1\tau'_2\dots\tau'_{l-1}\tau'_l \quad (-1)^{c(\pi)} = (-1)^{c(i)} (-1)^l \\ (-1)^k = (-1)^l \quad k \equiv l \pmod{2}$$

Remark 1 Perhaps more natural to use index of π

$$\text{ind}(\pi) = n - c(\pi) \quad \pi \in S_n$$

$$\text{e.g. } \text{ind}(1) = 0 \quad \text{ind}(\tau) = 1$$

reflects better the "complexity" of π

$$(-1)^{a+b} = (-1)^a (-1)^b$$

Mod 2 arithmetic $a \equiv 0$ if a is even, $a \equiv 1$ if a is odd

$+ \pmod{2}$	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

Definition If $\pi \in S_n$ says
 π is an even permutation if $\text{sgn}(\pi) = +1$
otherwise, $\text{sgn}(\pi) = -1$ and π is odd.

Lemma 1.14 $\text{sgn}(\sigma_1 \circ \sigma_2) = \text{sgn}(\sigma_1) \text{sgn}(\sigma_2)$

Proof If $\sigma_1 = \tau_1 \tau_2 \dots \tau_k$, $\sigma_2 = \tau'_1 \tau'_2 \dots \tau'_l$

Then $\sigma_1 \sigma_2 = \tau_1 \dots \tau_k \tau'_1 \dots \tau'_l$, a product of $k+l$ transpositions

So $\text{sgn}(\sigma_1 \sigma_2) = (-1)^{k+l} = (-1)^k (-1)^l = \text{sgn}(\sigma_1) \text{sgn}(\sigma_2)$

Note Even $\times$ Even = Even
Odd $\times$ Odd = Even
Even $\times$ Odd = Odd

Corollary 1.15 The set of all even permutations of the set X forms a group, $\text{Alt}(X)$, the alternating group on X .

Of $|X| = n$, with $A_n = \text{Alt}(X)$, $|A_n| = \frac{n!}{2}$, $n > 1$

Proof $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in A_n$, $\sigma_1 \circ \sigma_2 \in A_n$

It is associative, proved in S_n earlier. $i \in A_n$

And, if $\sigma \in A_n$ then the inverse permutation is even.

$$\text{sgn}(\sigma) \text{sgn}(\sigma^{-1}) = \text{sgn}(i) = +1$$

$$\text{So } \text{sgn}(\sigma) = +1 \Rightarrow \text{sgn}(\sigma^{-1}) = +1$$

Finally, let τ be an odd permutation, fixed, e.g. $\tau = (12)$

Then the mapping

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{all even} \\ \text{permutations of } X \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{all odd permutations} \\ \text{of } X \end{array} \right\}$$
$$\sigma \Rightarrow \sigma \tau$$

So half of all permutations of X are even, the other half odd.

$$\text{So } |A_n| = \frac{1}{2} S_n = \frac{n!}{2}$$

Eg. A_4 : $(12)(34)$ (123) (321)
 $|A_4| = 12$ $(13)(24)$ (124) (421)
 $(14)(23)$ (134) (431)
 (234) (432)

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Remark 1.16 Cycles of even length are odd permutations
 (k cycles can be written as products of $k-1$ transpositions)

So a permutation is odd if and only if the number of cycles of even length in its disjoint cycle expression is odd.

An alternative definition of sign:

Definition: Given σ in S_n , let $x_1, \dots, x_n$ be n distinct integers.
 Define $E(\sigma) = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{x_{\sigma(j)} - x_{\sigma(i)}}{x_j - x_i}$

$n=3$, $\sigma = (123)$, $x_i = i$

$$E(\sigma) = \frac{3-2}{2-1} \frac{1-2}{3-1} \frac{1-3}{3-2} = 1 \times (-1) \times (-1) = +1$$

Lemma 1.17 $E(\sigma) = \pm 1$, independent of the x_i used to define it.

In $E(\sigma) = (-1)^{N(\sigma)}$ where $N(\sigma) = \# \{ i < j \mid \sigma(i) > \sigma(j) \}$

Proof For each $r < s$, exactly one of $x_r - x_s$ and $x_s - x_r$ appears on top [only $x_s - x_r$ appears in the denominator]

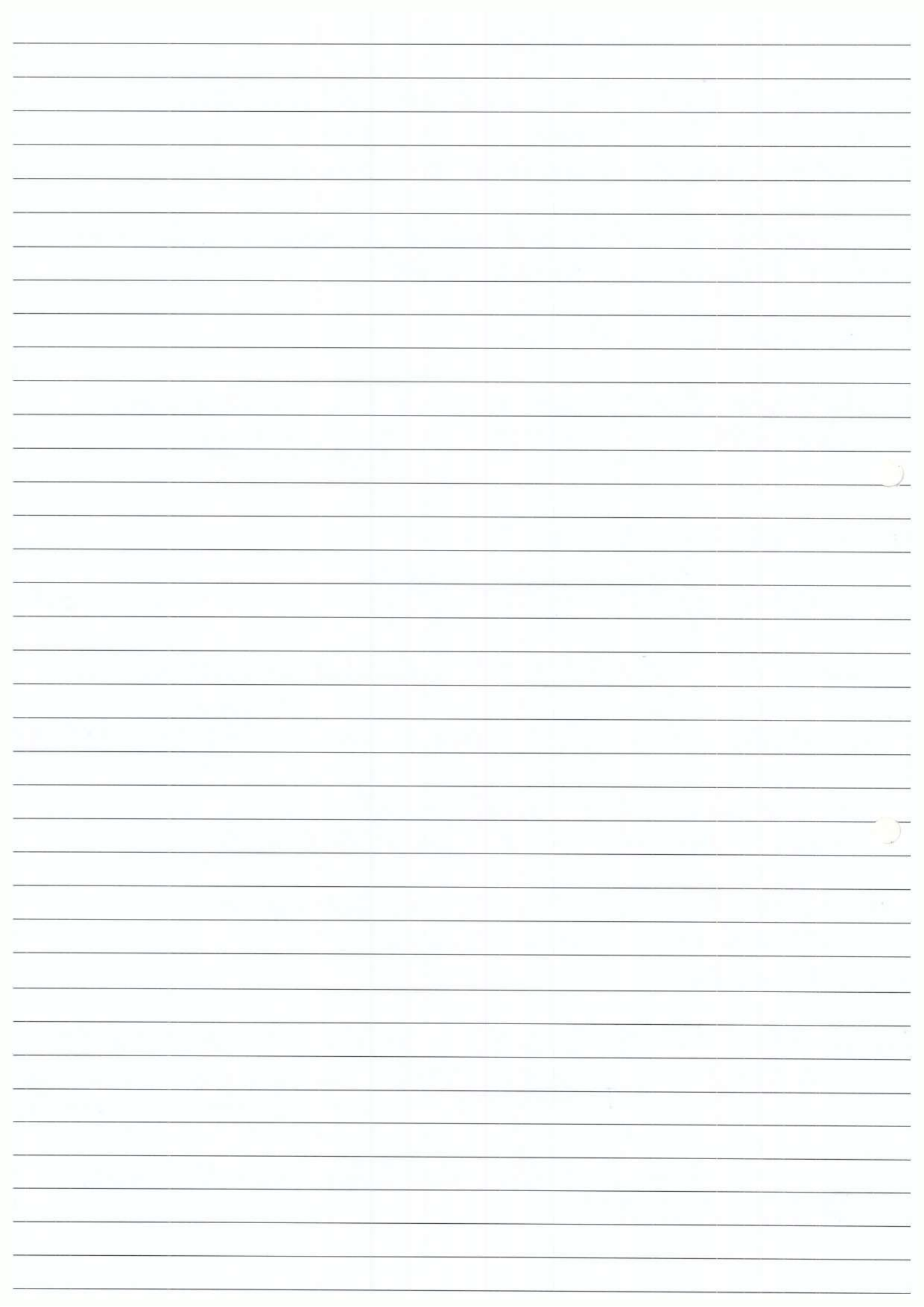
if $\sigma^{-1}(r) < \sigma^{-1}(s)$, it is $x_s - x_r$ that appears

if $\sigma^{-1}(s) < \sigma^{-1}(r)$, it is $x_r - x_s$

Hence the assertion.

Lemma 1.18 For σ, π in S_n , $E(\sigma \circ \pi) = E(\sigma) E(\pi)$

Proof $E(\sigma \pi) = \prod_{i < j} \frac{\sigma \pi(j) - \sigma \pi(i)}{j - i} = \prod_{i < j} \frac{\sigma(j) - \sigma(i)}{j - i} \prod_{i < j} \frac{\sigma \pi(j) - \sigma \pi(i)}{\sigma(j) - \sigma(i)}$
 $= E(\sigma) E(\pi)$ since taking $x_i = \sigma(i)$ have
 $x_{\pi(i)} = \sigma[\pi(i)]$



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If $T \in (k, L)$ then $N(T) = 2(L-k-1) + 1$
 $\Rightarrow \sum(T) = -1$

$$\# \{i < j \mid T(i) > T(j)\}$$

The only (i, j) contributing are those

with $i = k < j < L$

or $i < k < j = L$

or $i = k, j = L$

Back to general theory

Definition The subset H of G is a subgroup of the group $(G, *)$ (if H is a group with respect to $*$ restricted to H).

i) If $h_1, h_2 \in H$ then $h_1 * h_2 \in H$ closure

$e \in H$ identity

if $h \in H$ then its inverse is in H inverse

associativity is ~~not~~ inherited

$$H \leq G$$

Eg. $(\mathbb{Z}, +) < (\mathbb{Q}, +) < (\mathbb{R}, +)$
 $(\{\pm 1\}, \times) < (\mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$

Note: operation must match

Eg.

$$A_n < S_n$$

If $(G, *)$ is a group, $g \in G$

$\langle g \rangle = \{g^i \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is a subgroup of G , the cyclic subgroup generated by g

This is the smallest subgroup of G containing g .

E.g. $\langle (123) \rangle \leq S_3$
 $= \{i, (123), (132)\}$

More generally, if $g_i \in G$ for $i \in I$, some indexing set
 $\langle g_i \mid i \in I \rangle \leq G$ is the smallest subgroup of G containing all g_i $i \in I$

in fact

$$\langle g_i \mid i \in I \rangle = \bigwedge_{\substack{H \leq G \\ g_i \in H \forall i \in I}} H$$

Defn G is generated by $\{g_i \mid i \in I\}$

if no proper subgroup contains all g_i $H < G$

E.g. $S_n = \langle (i\ j) \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq n \rangle$

Exercise S_n is also generated by 2 elements $= \langle (1\ 2), (1\ 2\ \dots\ n) \rangle$

Homomorphisms

A mapping θ from $(G_1, *_1)$ to $(G_2, *_2)$ is a homomorphism if for all $a, b \in G_1$

$$\theta(a *_1 b) = \theta(a) *_2 \theta(b)$$

E.g. $\text{sgn} : S_n \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$

$(S_n, \circ)$ $(\{\pm 1\}, \times)$
is a well defined homomorphism from S_n onto $(\{\pm 1\}, \times)$

e.g. $\text{sgn}(\sigma\tau) = \text{sgn}(\sigma)\text{sgn}(\tau)$

Defn A bijective homomorphism $(G_1, *_1) \rightarrow (G_2, *_2)$ is an isomorphism.

E.g. $G_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ $*_1$ is matrix multiplication

$$(G_2, *_2) = (\mathbb{R}, +)$$

Then $\theta : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ is an isomorphism. For this a bijective

and $\theta \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \theta \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a+b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] = a+b$

E.g. $G_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq 0 \right\}$ $*_1$ matrix multiplication

$(G_2, *_2) = (\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \times)$ $\theta : G_1 \rightarrow G_2, \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \mapsto a$

$$\pi^i \pi^j = \pi^{i+j}$$

Groups ⑤

Consider the cyclic subgroup.
it consists of $i, \pi, \pi^2, \pi^3, \dots, \pi^{n-1}$ $\langle \pi \rangle \leq S_n$

Define $C_n = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ under $+_n$ addition mod n

$$i + j = \begin{cases} i + j & \text{if } i + j < n \\ i + j - n & \text{otherwise, } k \in \mathbb{N} \end{cases}$$

This is a group, identity 0, inverse i is $n-i$

Then $\langle \pi \rangle \cong (C_n, +_n)$
isomorphism

$$\theta: \pi^i \mapsto i \\ \langle \pi \rangle \rightarrow C_n$$

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$$\theta(a * b) = \theta(a) * \theta(b)$$

Groups ⑦

- Lemma 1.21
- i) $i: (G, *) \rightarrow (G, *)$ is an isomorphism
 - ii) If $\theta: (G_1, *_1) \rightarrow (G_2, *_2)$ is an isomorphism then $\theta^{-1}: (G_2, *_2) \rightarrow (G_1, *_1)$ is an isomorphism
 - iii) If $\theta: (G_1, *_1) \rightarrow (G_2, *_2)$ and $\varphi: (G_2, *_2) \rightarrow (G_3, *_3)$ are isomorphisms (or homomorphisms) then $\varphi \circ \theta$ is an isomorphism (or homomorphism)
- Thus $G_1 \cong G_2 \Rightarrow G_2 \cong G_1$
 $G_1 \cong G_2 \cong G_3 \Rightarrow G_1 \cong G_3$
 so "Being isomorphic" is an equivalence relation.

Proof i) is clear

ii) Let $c, d \in G_2$

then let $a, b \in G_1$ with $\theta(a) = c$, $\theta(b) = d$

$$\theta^{-1}(c *_2 d) = \theta^{-1}[\theta(a) *_2 \theta(b)] = \theta^{-1} \theta(a *_1 b) = a *_1 b$$

$$\text{iii) Let } a, b \in G_1. \text{ Then } \varphi \theta(a *_1 b) = \varphi[\theta(a) *_2 \theta(b)] = \varphi \theta(a) *_3 \varphi \theta(b)$$

φ, θ are homomorphisms, so is $\varphi \theta$.

Remark 1.22 A group $(G, *)$ is a cyclic group if $\exists x \in G$ such that all elements in G are powers of x . Any two cyclic groups of the same order are isomorphic.

Note, if $O(x)$ is finite, say $O(x) = n$

$$G = \langle x^i \mid i \in \mathbb{Z} \rangle \quad G \cong C_n \left[\begin{matrix} \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\} \\ * = +_n \end{matrix} \right]$$

If $O(x)$ is infinite then $(G, *) \cong (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ cyclic, generator 1

Justification: Let $\theta: G \rightarrow C_n$ [where $n = O(x)$]

$$G = \{e, x, x^2, \dots, x^{n-1}\}$$

$$\text{Take } x^i \mapsto i$$

θ is a "well defined" isomorphism.

$$j, k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$$

If $x^j = x^k$ then $x^{j-k} = e$ $\phi(x) = n$ so $n | j-k$
so $j \equiv k \pmod n$ (same element in C_n).

Also θ is bijective, ~~see~~ check.

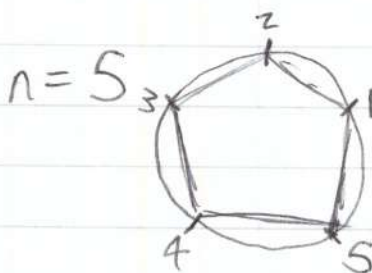
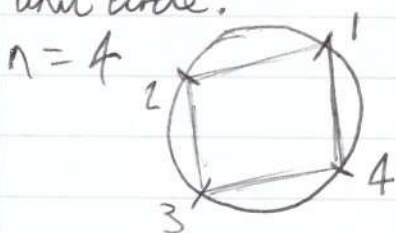
And θ is a homomorphism, $\theta(x^j \cdot x^k) = \theta(x^{j+k}) = j+k$
 $= \theta(x^j) + \theta(x^k)$

However, if $\phi(x)$ is infinite, let $\theta: G \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, $x^j \mapsto j$
This is well defined for the same reason: $x^j = x^k$, $x^{j-k} = e$, $j-k = 0$
Bijective and homomorphic.

See
Section
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Groups of symmetries of the regular n -gons (dihedral groups)

Take a regular n -gon: n vertices ^{regularly distributed} at equal distance on the unit circle.



Symmetries: elements of the symmetry group S_n acting on vertices which do not destroy ~~the~~ our n -gon.

E.g. $n=4$ 4 rotations $i, (1234), \sigma^2, \sigma^3$
4 reflections $(12)(34), \tau\sigma, \tau\sigma^2, \tau\sigma^3$

8 elements

These form $D_8 < S_4$ $|D_8| = 8$

(Composition of symmetries is a symmetry, inverse of a symmetry is a symmetry).

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$$n=5 \quad \sigma = (1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5) \\ \tau = (3\ 4)(2\ 5)$$

General n : $\sigma = (1\ 2\ \dots\ n)$ $o(\sigma) = n$ n rotations
 σ^j $j \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ forming cyclic subgroups
 $\tau = (1)(2\ n)(3\ n-1) \dots$ etc

$$D_{2n} = \{\sigma^j, \tau\sigma^j \mid j \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}\}$$

Note $\sigma^n = i$ $\tau^2 = i$ ~~$\tau\sigma\tau = \sigma^{-1}$~~
 $\sigma\tau = \tau\sigma^{-1}$ $\tau = \tau^{-1}$
 $\tau\sigma\tau = \sigma^{-1}$ $\sigma\tau = \sigma\tau^{-1} = (\tau\sigma^{-1})^{-1} = \sigma$

In general if a group $(G, *)$ is generated by two elements s and t , such that $o(s) = n$, $o(t) = 2$ and $tst = s^{-1}$

then $|G| = 2n$ $G = \{e, s, \dots, s^{n-1}, t, ts, \dots, ts^{n-1}\}$

For $\langle s, t \rangle = G$ $s^i t = t s^{-i}$

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Groups ⑧

Subgroups, cosets, Lagrange's Theorem

~~Lemma~~ ^(G, *) If G is finite, then H is a subgroup then H is a subgroup if $H \neq \emptyset$ and $h_1 * h_2 \in H$.

Lemma 2.1 If $(G, *)$ is a group and $H \subseteq G$, then H is a subgroup if $H \neq \emptyset$ and if $a, b \in H$, then $a^{-1} * b \in H$. (a, b = e)

^{Proof} Let $a \in H$. Then $e = a^{-1} * a \in H$. Also, $a^{-1} = a^{-1} * e \in H$ (b = e)

Finally, if $a, b \in H$, then $a^{-1} \in H$, so $a * b = (a^{-1})^{-1} * b \in H$

Theorem 2.2 Lagrange If H is a subgroup of the finite group G , then $|H|$ divides $|G|$.

eg. $|G| = 6$, $G = S_3$, Subgroups H

$$H = S_3$$

$$H = \langle (123) \rangle$$

$$H = \langle (12) \rangle \langle (13) \rangle \langle (23) \rangle$$

$$H = \{ \}$$

Definition: If $H \leq G$, $g \in G$, ^{the left coset} $gH = \{g * h \mid h \in H\}$

Lemma 2.3 Let $H \leq G$; all left cosets ~~of~~ ^{of} H in G have the same size $|H|$.

^{$g \in G$}
Proof Define $\theta: H \rightarrow gH$, $h \mapsto g * h$. This is a well defined mapping.
It is injective $(gh_1 = gh_2 \Rightarrow h_1 = h_2)$
and surjective. So $|H| = |gH|$ as there is a bijection between them.

Lemma 2.4 Let $H \subseteq G$. The distinct left cosets of H in G form a partition of G :

- (evident) i) any $g \in G$ is in some left coset of H - eg in gH .
ii) if ~~$aH \cap bH \neq \emptyset$~~ for some $a, b \in G$ then $aH = bH$
 $aH \cap bH \neq \emptyset$

Proof of ii) Claim: if $c \in aH$ then $cH = aH$
For, let $c = ah$, for any $h \in H$
 $ch = ah, h \in aH$, so $cH \subseteq aH$
And, $a = ch^{-1} \in cH$, so $aH \subseteq cH$ by previous line.

Thus, if $c \in aH \cap bH$, then $aH = cH = bH$ as required.

Proof of 2.2 G is partitioned into distinct left cosets of H and all these have the same size $|H| \Rightarrow |H| \mid |G|$

Definition If $H \subseteq G$, the index $|G:H|$ is the number of distinct left cosets of H in G . $|G:H| = \frac{|G|}{|H|}$.

Remark Converse of Lagrange's Theorem is false.
Eg: A_4 has no subgroup of order 6, A_5 has no subgroup of index 2, 3, 4.

Note (But Sylow's Theorem says that if $|G| = p^a m$ with $p \nmid m$, p a prime then G has subgroups of order p^a .)

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Theorem 2.5 If g is an element of the finite group G then $o(g) \mid |G|$
 Thus $g^{|G|} = e$.

Proof Let $\langle g \rangle = \{e, g, \dots, g^{n-1}\}$, where $n = o(g)$
 $\langle g \rangle \subseteq G$
 $|\langle g \rangle| = o(g) \mid |G|$ by 2.2.

Thus, if $|G| = q \cdot o(g)$
 then $g^{|G|} = (g^{o(g)})^q = e^q = e, \quad q \in \mathbb{Z}$

Corollary 2.6 If G is a group of prime order p , then G is cyclic (and hence $G \cong C_p$). In fact G is generated by any of its non identity elements.

Proof Let $g \in G, g \neq e$. Then $\langle g \rangle \subseteq G$. Its order divides p , so $o(g)$ must be p . So $|\langle g \rangle| = p$, so $G = \langle g \rangle$.

Returning to the example: $G = S_3, |G| = 6$

$H \subseteq G$

order 6 S_3

order 3

order 2

order 1

$\langle (123) \rangle$ only one such

$\langle (12) \rangle, \langle (13) \rangle, \langle (23) \rangle$ 3 such

$\{e\}$

$$gH = \{g * h \mid h \in H\}$$

Back to left cosets of H in G [$H \subseteq G$].

H is one of the left cosets. In fact $gH = H$ if and only if $g \in H$.

Note: $aH = bH$ if and only if $a^{-1}b$ lies in H .

$\Rightarrow$ For, if $b = ah$, then $h = a^{-1}b \in H$.

If $a^{-1}b \in H$, for some h , then $b = ah \in aH$

$\Leftarrow$

Eg $H = \langle (12) \rangle \subseteq G = S_3$

$(G:H) = H, (123)H, (132)H$

the set of
left cosets

$\{i, (12)\} \quad \{(123), (13)\} \quad \{(132), (23)\}$

Definition If $H \subseteq G, g \in G$ then the right coset
 $Hg = \{hg \mid h \in H\}$

Remark 2.2' If G is finite, $H \subseteq G$, then G is partitioned into the distinct right cosets, and they all have the same size as H .

Ex $\# \{ \text{left cosets of } H \text{ in } G \} = \# \{ \text{right cosets of } H \text{ in } G \}$
Find a natural bijection.

E.g. $H = \langle (12) \rangle \subseteq G = S_3$

Then three right cosets are: $H, H(123), H(132).$

$\{i, (12)\} \quad \{(123), (23)\} \quad \{(132), (13)\}$

Note $aH = bH$ if and only if $a^{-1}b \in H$
 $Ha = Hb$ if and only if $ba^{-1} \in H$

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Recall $aH = bH$ iff $a^{-1}b \in H$

Alternatively: Define a relation on G by $a \equiv b$ if $a^{-1}b \in H$.

Claim $\equiv$ is an equivalence relation.

Reflexive $a^{-1}a \in H$, so $a \equiv a$

Symmetric $a \equiv b \Leftrightarrow a^{-1}b \in H \Leftrightarrow b^{-1}a \in H \Leftrightarrow b \equiv a$

Transitive $a \equiv b \equiv c \Rightarrow a \equiv c$
 $a^{-1}c = (a^{-1}b)(b^{-1}c) \in H$

Equivalence classes partition the set G . Here they are the left cosets of H in G .

An application in Number Theory:

Recall $C_n = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ under $+_n$

Fix $n \in \mathbb{N}$. On $\mathbb{Z}$, define $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ if $n \mid a-b$

This is an equivalence relation.

The classes are $[0], [1], \dots, [n-1]$

So could take $C_n = \{[0], [1], \dots, [n-1]\}$

with addition $[a] + [b] = [a+b]$

Let $C_n^* = \{[a] \mid (a, n) = 1\}$ "units" mod n
 $= \{1 \leq a \leq n \mid (a, n) = 1\}$

Define multiplication mod n :

$$[a] \times_n [b]$$

This is well defined

$$[a], [b] \in C_n^* \Rightarrow (a, n) = 1 = (b, n) \\ \Rightarrow (ab, n) = 1 \Rightarrow [a] \times_n [b] \in C_n^*$$

And, if $[a_1] = [a_2]$ and $[b_1] = [b_2]$ then $[a_1 b_1] = [a_2 b_2]$

$a_2 = a_1 + q_1 n$, $b_2 = b_1 + q'_1 n$, then

$$a_2 b_2 = (a_1 + q_1 n)(b_1 + q'_1 n) = a_1 b_1 + (q_1 b_1 + q'_1 a_1 + q_1 q'_1 n) n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Lemma 2.8 ~~C_n^*~~ $C_n^* = \{[a] \mid (a, n) = 1\}$ is a group under multiplication mod n , $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$[a] \times_n [b] = [ab]$$

Proof Well defined, closed. $\checkmark$
Associative, as multiplication in $\mathbb{Z}$ is associative. The identity is $[1]$.

Inverses exist: let $[a] \in C_n^*$
since $(a, n) = 1$, $\exists r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$, $ar + ns = 1$
Hence $[a] = [r]^{-1}$ since $ar \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

Also, it is abelian.

The order of C_n^* :

Euler Totient Function

$$\phi(n) = \#\{a \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 1 \leq a \leq n, (a, n) = 1\}$$

e.g., $n = p$, a prime $\phi(p) = p - 1$

$n = 4$, $\phi(4) = 2$

$$|C_n^*| = \phi(n)$$

Theorem 2.9 (Fermat Euler) If $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $(a, n) = 1$
then $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

Proof Lagrange's Theorem: $[a]^{\phi(n)} = [1]$ in C_n^*
 $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

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Corollary (Fermat's Little Theorem)

If p is a prime, $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $p \nmid a$, then $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

e.g. $p = 101$ $53^{100} \equiv 1 \pmod{101}$

Small Groups (either small order or elementary structure)Cyclic groupsRecall: G is cyclic if for some $x \in G$ all elements of G are just powers of x .Remark: If G is finite, G is cyclic iff there exists $x \in G$ with $o(x) = |G|$ If G is cyclic generated by x , if $o(x) = n$, then $G \cong (\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$
if $o(x)$ is not finite, $G \cong (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ lemma 3.1 Any subgroup H of the cyclic group G is cyclic.If G is generated by x , $H = \langle x^k \rangle$ $H \neq \{e\}$
where k is least positive integer with $x^k \in H$.

Proof Ex 2/6

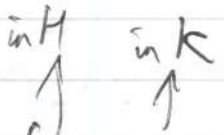
Corollary Remark 3.2Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, consider the subgroup generated by a and b in $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$.
Now an subgroup of $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is cyclic so $\langle a, b \rangle = \langle c \rangle$ for some $c \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $c = (a, b)$.And $c \in \langle a, b \rangle$, so for some $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$, ~~$c = ra + sb$~~
 $c = ra + sb$

Direct Product of Groups

Let H, K be groups.

Let $H \times K$ be $\{(h, k) \mid h \in H, k \in K\}$

This is a group with respect to $(h_1, k_1)(h_2, k_2) = (h_1 h_2, k_1 k_2)$



This is a group, the new product is well defined, associative,

identity $e_{H \times K} = (e_H, e_K)$

inverse $(h, k)^{-1} = (h^{-1}, k^{-1})$

E.g. $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}^n$ group (abelian) under component wise addition

$(\mathbb{C}_2, +_2), (\mathbb{C}_3, +_3)$

$\mathbb{C}_2 \times \mathbb{C}_3 \cong \mathbb{C}_6$ e.g. generated by $(1, 1)$

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Groups (10)

Remark 3.4 i) $H \times K$ is abelian iff both H and K are

ii) $|H \times K| = |H| |K|$

iii) $H \times K$ contains a subgroup $\{(h, e_K) \mid h \in H\} \cong H$
and $\{(e_H, k) \mid k \in K\} \cong K$

The two subgroups intersect in $\{e\}$
Also $(h, e_K)(e_H, k) = (h, k) = (e_H, k)(h, e_K)$.

Lemma 3.5 Let G be a group with subgroups H and K such that

1. Each element $g \in G$ can be written as $g = hk$ for some $h \in H, k \in K$
 2. $H \cap K = \{e\}$
 3. $hk = kh$ for all $h \in H, k \in K$
- Then $G \cong H \times K$

Proof If $(h_1, k_1) = (h_2, k_2)$ then $h_1 = h_2, k_1 = k_2$
 $h_2^{-1}h_1 = k_2k_1^{-1} \in H \cap K = \{e\}$
So $h_1 = h_2, k_1 = k_2$

Define $\theta : G \rightarrow H \times K \quad hk \mapsto (h, k)$

This is well defined, by above, bijection.

It is a homomorphism: $\theta(h_1k_1, h_2k_2) = \theta(h_1h_2, k_1k_2)$
 $\theta(h_1h_2, k_1k_2) = (h_1h_2, k_1k_2) = (h_1, k_1)(h_2, k_2) = \theta(h_1, k_1)\theta(h_2, k_2)$

Dihedral Groups

Abstractly, we can define D_{2n} as a group generated by two elements s, t subject to the imposed relations. $s^n = e, t^2 = e, tst = s^{-1}$

Any such group has $2n$ elements:

$$\{e, s, s^2, \dots, s^{n-1}, t, ts, \dots, ts^{n-1}\}$$

shows st is listed as ts with a term

and is isomorphic to the group of symmetries of a regular n -gon.

$\theta : t^i s^j \mapsto \tau^i \sigma^j$ is visibly an isomorphism

Similarly, ^{we can} define C_n to be the group generated by an element x with $x^n = e$.

Notation: $C_n = \langle x \mid x^n = e \rangle$
 $D_{2n} = \langle s, t \mid s^n = e, t^2 = e, tsts = e \rangle$

Groups of order ≤ 8

Order	# groups up to isomorphism	Groups
1	1	$\{e\}$
2	1	C_2
3	1	C_3
4	2	$C_4, C_2 \times C_2$
5	1	C_5
6	2	C_6, D_6
7	1	C_7
8	—	—

Proof Any group of prime order p is cyclic (corollary of Lagrange's Theorem)

$|G| = 4$ If G contains an element of order 4, then $G \cong C_4$

Assume $G \not\cong C_4$, so all non identity elements have order 2.

Let $a \neq b \in G \setminus \{e\}$

Then $G = \{e, a, b, ab\}$ and $ba = ab$

$G \cong \langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle \cong C_2 \times C_2$

$|G| = 6$ Assume G is not cyclic. Now G contains an element a of order 3 and an element b of order 2.

If all elements have order 2, take $b \neq e$, non identity. Then $(bc)^{-1} = c^{-1}b^{-1} = cb$ and $\{e, b, c, bc\} \subset G$ Contradiction to Lagrange.

(Exercise: If all elements $G \setminus \{e\}$ have order 2, G is abelian.)

2 If all elements of $G \setminus \{e\}$ have order 3:

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Take a, c , $\langle a \rangle \neq \langle c \rangle$ Then $\langle a \rangle \cap \langle c \rangle = e$
 Then G contains $e, a, a^{-1}, c, c^{-1}, ac, (ac)^{-1}$ all distinct, not so.

(Exercise, if G is a group of even order, it contains an element of order 2)

$$\text{Then } G = \{e, a, a^2, b, ba, ba^2\}$$

Now ab is not a^j , not b . So ab is ba or ba^{-1} . In the former case, G is abelian, in fact C_6 (since $(ab)^3 = e$) - assumed not.

$$\text{In the other case, } G = \langle a, b \mid a^3 = e = b^2, bab = a^{-1} \rangle \cong D_6$$

$|G| = 8$. Assume G is not C_8 . If all non identity elements have order 2, then G is abelian.

So taking $a \in G \setminus \{e\}$, $b \in G \setminus \langle a \rangle$, $c \in G \setminus \langle a, b \rangle$ we see that

$$\langle a, b \rangle \cong \langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle \cong C_2 \times C_2$$

$$\text{and } G \cong \langle a, b \rangle \times \langle c \rangle \cong (C_2 \times C_2) \times C_2 \cong C_2 \times C_2 \times C_2$$

Now let $a \in G$ of order 4, $b \in G \setminus \langle a \rangle$.

$$ab = ba \text{ or } ab = ba^{-1}$$

$$b^2 = e \text{ or } b^2 = a^2$$

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$|G|$ order 8

G contains an element of order 8

C_8

If all non-id elements have order 2

$C_2 \times C_2 \times C_2$

Assume neither.

Let $a \in G$ order 4, $b \in G \setminus \langle a \rangle$

$$G = \underbrace{\{e, a, a^2, a^3\}}_{H = \langle a \rangle}, \underbrace{\{b, ba, ba^2, ba^3\}}_{bH}$$

Continue to get bab^{-1} is a or a^{-1} .

$$bab^{-1} = e, b^2 = 1 \Rightarrow C_4 \times C_2$$

$$bab^{-1} = a^{-1}, b^2 = 1 \Rightarrow D_8$$

$$bab^{-1} = a, b^2 = a^2 \Rightarrow$$

$|G| = 6$

G contains an element of order 3, and one of order 2.

$$G = \{e, a, a^2, b, ba, ba^2\}$$

$$ab = ba \Rightarrow C_3 \times C_2 \cong C_6$$

$$o(ab) = 6$$

$$ab = ba^{-1} \Rightarrow D_6$$

Now $b^2 \in \langle a \rangle$ since $bH \neq b^2H$ so $b^2H = H$

If $b^2 = a$, $o(b) = 8$ not so.

$b^2 = e$ or a^2 , ab is ba or ba^{-1}

otherwise $a = ba^2b^{-1}$ so $a^2 = (ba^2b^{-1})(ba^2b^{-1}) = e$ not so.

So four cases remain

i) $ab = ba, b^2 = 1 \Rightarrow G \cong \langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle \cong C_A \times C_2$
 ii) $ab = ba, b^2 = a^2$, then $\langle a^{-1}b \rangle \cong C_2$ so replace b by $a^{-1}b$

iii) $bab^{-1} = a^{-1}, b^2 = 1 \quad G \cong D_8$

iv) $bab^{-1} = a^{-1}, b^2 = a^2 \quad G \cong Q_8 \rightarrow$ Quaternion group order 8
 all elements of G other than a^2 have order 4, so not D_8 .

$$Q_8 = \langle a, b \mid a^4 = e, b^2 = a^2, bab^{-1} = a^{-1} \rangle$$

Usual notation (Hamilton)

$$-1 = i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk$$

We can also write Q_8 as a group of eight 2×2 complex matrices

$$1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad i = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} \quad j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Remark 3.9

$$H = \{ \alpha 1 + \beta i + \mu j + \delta k \mid \alpha, \beta, \mu, \delta \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

a 4 dimensional vector space over $\mathbb{R}$, with multiplication which is associative but not commutative. The quaternion algebra.

Remark 3.10

(general n ?)
 $|G| = 8$. Consider first the abelian groups, these are always direct products of cyclic groups (Groups, Rings and Modules IB). Then consider the non abelian groups - harder but more interesting.

Note G order n is cyclic $\Leftrightarrow G$ contains an element of order n .

G is dihedral of order $2n$ if there is an element a of order n inverted by an element of order 2. $bab^{-1} = a^{-1}$

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4. Actions

We have subgroups of symmetric groups $\text{Sym}(X)$.

These are permutation groups on X . Here we start from an abstract group and look to embed it into $\text{Sym}(X)$.

Defn Let $(G, *)$ be a group, X a nonempty set. We say G acts on X if there is a mapping $\rho: G \times X \rightarrow X$
 $(g, x) \mapsto g(x)$

satisfying:

- 0) $g(x) \in X$
- 1) $(g * h)(x) = g(h(x))$
- 2) $e(x) = x$

for all $x \in X, g, h \in G$

lemma 4.1 Fix $g \in G$, where G acts on X . Then $\theta_g: X \rightarrow X, x \mapsto g(x)$ is a permutation.

Proof The inverse of θ_g is $\theta_{g^{-1}}$ because $g^{-1}(g(x)) = (g^{-1}g)(x) = e(x) = x$
 Must be a bijection $\Rightarrow$ is a permutation.

lemma 4.2 Let G act on X . The mapping $\theta: G \rightarrow \text{Sym}(X)$ is a homomorphism,
 $g \mapsto \theta_g$ a permutation representation of G .

Proof If $g \in G$, then $\theta_g \in \text{Sym}(X)$. Check θ is a homomorphism.
 $\theta(g_1 g_2) = \theta_{g_1 g_2} = \theta_{g_1} \circ \theta_{g_2}$: Let $x \in X$,
 $\theta_{g_1 g_2}(x) = (g_1 g_2)(x) = g_1(g_2(x)) = \theta_{g_1}(\theta_{g_2}(x))$

E.g. $G = D_8, G < \text{Sym}(X)$ where X is the set of vertices of a square.
 Certainly G acts on X . Let Y = set of edges of our square. Then G acts on Y also.

Orbits and Stabilisers

Defn The action G on X is transitive if for any $x_1, x_2 \in X$ there is a $g \in G$ with $g(x_1) = x_2$.

Defn If G acts on X , let $x \in X$. The orbit of G on X containing x is $G(x) = \{g(x) \mid g \in G\}$

Note: G is transitive on the set $X \Leftrightarrow X = G(x)$ for $x \in X$

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Homomorphism $\theta: G \rightarrow \text{Sym}(X)$
 $g \mapsto \theta_g = g_x$

$(G, *)$ acts on X if there is a mapping
 $G \times X \rightarrow X$
 $(g, x) \rightarrow g(x)$

such that

- 0) $g(x) \in X$
- 1) $(g_1 * g_2)(x) = g_1(g_2(x))$
- 2) $e(x) = x$

Then $x \in X, g, g_1, g_2 \in G$

Action is transitive if for $x_1, x_2 \in X$, there exists $g \in G$ with $g(x_1) = x_2$

orbit of $x \in X$ is $G(x) = \{g(x) \mid g \in G\}$
 G transitive iff $G(x) = X$ for $x \in X$.

lemma 4.3 Let G act on X . Each G orbit $G(x)$ is G -invariant:
 $g(G(x)) = G(x)$ for $g \in G$
 and G is transitive on $G(x)$. The distinct G orbits form a partition of X .

Proof $G(x)$ is G -invariant.
 if $g, g' \in G$ then $g'(g(x)) = (g'g)(x) \in G(x)$
 So G acts on $G(x)$; it is transitive.

If $x_1, x_2 \in G(x)$, let $g_1(x) = x_1, g_2(x) = x_2$ ($g_i \in G$)
 Then $g_2 g_1^{-1}(x_1) = x_2$ so G is transitive on $G(x)$. To see the
 final claim, define relation $\sim$ on X by $x_1 \sim x_2$ if $x_2 = g(x_1)$ for some
 $g \in G$. This is an equivalence relation, the $\sim$ classes form the G -orbits
 G orbits and form a partition of X .

Define
 1 If G acts on X , the stabiliser of the point x in G is $G_x = \{g \in G \mid g(x) = x\}$

E.g. $G = D_8$, $X = \{\text{vertices of square}\}$ or regular n -gon

Let $x = 1$.

Then $G_x = \langle \tau \rangle$ $\tau = (1)(2n)(3 \dots n-1) \dots$

Lemma 4.4 If G acts on X , and $x \in X$, the stabiliser G_x is a subgroup of G . $G_x \subseteq G$

Proof First, $e \in G_x$. If $g_1, g_2 \in G_x$, so does $g_1^{-1}g_2$
 $g_1(x) = x = g_2(x)$
 $(g_1^{-1}g_2)(x) = g_1^{-1}(g_2(x)) = x$ $g_1^{-1}g_2 \in G_x$

$$G(x) = \{g(x) \mid g \in G\}$$

$$G_x \subseteq G$$

$$\{g \mid g(x) = x\}$$

Theorem 4.5 Orbit-Stabiliser Theorem.

Let G act on X , $x \in X$. Then

$$|G| = |G(x)| |G_x|$$

In particular, if G is transitive on X then $|G| = |X| |G_x|$

E.g. D_{2n} of symmetries on a regular n -gon has order $2n$. It is transitive on the set X of vertices, $|X| = n$ and $G_1 = \langle (1)(2 \dots n)(3 \dots n-1) \dots \rangle$ order 2.

Proof $G_x \subseteq G$. Consider the set $(G : G_x)$ of left cosets of G_x in G .

$$\text{Now } \phi : (G : G_x) \rightarrow G(x) \subseteq X$$

$$g G_x \mapsto g(x)$$

ϕ is a well defined bijection:

If $g G_x = g' G_x$ then $g^{-1}g' \in G_x$, so $(g^{-1}g')(x) = x$
 Hence $g(x) = g'(x)$. So ϕ is well defined.

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Reverse steps (carefully) to show injectivity.

It is surjective because any $y \in Gx$ is $g(x)$ for some g so $gGx \mapsto y$

E.g. $(G, *)$ any group, $X = G$

The left regular action of G on X

$$g: x \mapsto g * x \quad \text{for } x \in X = G, g \in G$$

This ~~gives~~ action gives a permutation g^x for each $g \in G$.

This gives a homomorphism $\theta: G \rightarrow \text{Sym}(G)$

Definition The kernel of the action of G on X is

$\bigcap_{x \in X} G_x$ (the part of the group acting trivially on X).

The action of G on X is faithful if $\bigcap_{x \in X} G_x = \{e\}$

Theorem 4.6 (Cayley) Any group G is isomorphic to a subgroup of a symmetry group namely $\text{Sym}(G)$.

Proof The left regular action of G on $X = G$ gives a homomorphism $\theta: G \rightarrow \text{Sym}(G)$. This is injective:

if $g^x = e$ then $gx = x$ for all $x \in X$ so $g = e$. Thus $\theta: G \rightarrow \theta(G) \leq \text{Sym}(G)$ is an isomorphism onto $\theta(G)$ of $\text{Sym}(G)$.

E.g. 4.7 The left coset action of G on the set of the left cosets of $H \leq G$.
 Let $H \leq G$, $X = (G:H)$, the set of left cosets of H in G .
 For $g \in G$, xH with $x \in G$
 $g: xH \mapsto gxH$
 $X \rightarrow X$

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Def 4.8

Let $(G, *)$ is a group, $H \leq G$.
Let $X = \{G/H\}$, the set of left cosets of H in G . Then G acts on X via the left coset action.

$$G \times X \rightarrow X \\ (g, xH) \mapsto (g*x)H \in X$$

This is well defined

Check: if $x_1 H = x_2 H$ then also $(gx_1)H = (gx_2)H$,

1) For if $x_1^{-1}x_2 \in H$, then $(gx_1)^{-1}(gx_2) \in H$?
 $= x_1^{-1}x_2$ well defined

And $(g*x)H \in X$ for $g \in G, xH \in X$

$$2) (g_1 g_2) xH = (g_1 g_2 x)H = g_1 (g_2 (xH))$$

$$3) e(xH) = xH \text{ for all } xH$$

The action is transitive: to get from $x_1 H$ to $x_2 H$, let $g = x_2 x_1^{-1}$; then $g(x_1 H) = x_2 H$.

The stabiliser of the "point" $H \in X$ is H .

The stabiliser of the point xH is $xHx^{-1} = \{xhx^{-1} | h \in H\}$
 $(xhx^{-1})(xH) = xh(x^{-1}xH) = x(hH) = xH$.

Conjugation

Lemma 4.10 Let G be a group, let $X = G$, the set of elements of G .
Define an action: $G \times X \rightarrow X, (g, x) \mapsto g(x) = gxg^{-1}$.
This is an action - conjugation action of G .

Proof Certainly a mapping from $G \times X \rightarrow X$.
And $(g_1 g_2)(x) = g_1 g_2 x (g_1 g_2)^{-1} = g_1 (g_2 x g_2^{-1}) g_1^{-1} = g_1 (g_2(x))$
and $e(x) = x$ for $x \in X$ so $e: X \rightarrow X$.

The orbits in the conjugation action are the conjugacy classes.

If $x \in X$, we write $\text{cd}_G(x) = \{gxg^{-1} \mid g \in G\}$

The stabiliser of x is $C_G(x) = \{g \in G, gx = xg\}$ given all g which commute with x
centraliser of $x \in G$

Corollary 4.11 If G is a finite group, $x \in G$, then $|G| = |\text{cd}_G(x)| |C_G(x)|$

Proof Follows from orbit-stabiliser theorem.

The kernel of the conjugation actions of G :

$$\bigcap_{x \in G} C_G(x) = \bigcap_{x \in G} C_G(x) \quad \text{the centre of } G \text{ denoted by } Z(G)$$

$$Z(G) = \{z \in G \mid zx = xz \forall x \in G\}$$

G is abelian if $Z(G) = G$.

$$g \in G, g \in Z(G) \text{ iff } \text{cd}_G(g) = \{g\}$$

$$\text{E.g. } G = D_8 \quad |G| = 8 \quad G = \langle \sigma, \tau \mid \sigma^4 = e = \tau^2, \tau\sigma\tau^{-1} = \sigma^{-1} \rangle$$

$$\text{cd}_G(x) \quad \{e\} \quad \{\sigma^2\} \quad \{\sigma, \sigma^{-1}\} \quad \{\tau\sigma, \tau\sigma^{-1}\} \quad \{\tau, \tau\sigma^2\}$$

$$C_G(x) \quad G \quad G \quad \langle \sigma \rangle \quad \langle \tau\sigma, \sigma^2 \rangle \quad \langle \tau, \sigma^2 \rangle$$

Remark 4.11 Any two conjugate elements of G have the same order:

if $x^n = e$, $(gxg^{-1})^n = gxg^{-1}gxg^{-1} \dots gxg^{-1} = g x^n g^{-1} = g e g^{-1} = e$
And vice versa $(gxg^{-1})^n = e \Rightarrow x^n = e$

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Conjugacy classes in S_n

If $\pi \in S_n$ is written in disjoint cycle notation (including cycles of length 1) the type of π is defined to be $(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k)$ where π has cycles of length $n_1 \geq n_2 \geq \dots \geq n_k \geq 0$ $n = n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k$

E.g.

$$n=6 \quad (123)(46)(5)$$

i

$$\text{type } (3, 2, 1)$$

$$\equiv \text{type } (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1) = (1^6)$$

Theorem 4.13

Two permutations of S_n are conjugate in S_n iff they have the same type.

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Proof Two permutations in S_n are conjugate if they have the same type.

Let $\sigma = (a_{11} a_{12} \dots a_{1n_1}) (a_{21} a_{22} \dots a_{2n_2}) \dots (a_{k1} \dots a_{kn_k})$

4.14 for any $\pi \in S_n$

$$\pi \sigma \pi^{-1} = [\pi(a_{11}) \pi(a_{12}) \dots \pi(a_{1n_1})] \dots [\pi(a_{k1}) \dots \pi(a_{kn_k})]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{for } (\pi \sigma \pi^{-1}) \pi(a_{11}) &= \pi(a_{12}) \\ \pi \sigma \pi^{-1} \pi(a_{1n_1}) &= \pi(a_{11}) \end{aligned}$$

So conjugates have the same cycle type.

Conversely, let $\tau = (b_{11} b_{12} \dots b_{1n_1}) (b_{21} b_{22} \dots b_{2n_2}) \dots (b_{k1} \dots b_{kn_k})$
 If $\pi \in S_n$ takes a_{ij} to b_{ij} we see from 4.14 that $\pi \sigma \pi^{-1} = \tau$ so σ and τ are conjugate.

E.g. $(2k)(12)(2k) = (1k)$

Corollary 4.15 S_n has $p(n)$ conjugacy classes of elements, where $p(n)$ is the number of partitions $n = n_1 + \dots + n_k$ with $n_i \in \mathbb{N}$, $n_1 \geq \dots \geq n_k$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

E.g. $n = 4$

Cycle type	x , e.g.	$ cc_{S_4}(x) $	$\langle x \rangle$	$ C_{S_4}(x) $	sgn
(1^4)	i	1	S_4	24	+
$(2, 1^2)$	(12)	6	$\langle (12)(34) \rangle$	4	-
$(3, 1)$	(123)	8	$\langle (123) \rangle$	3	+
(2^2)	$(12)(34)$	3	D_8	8	+
(4)	(1234)	6	$\langle (1234) \rangle$	4	-

E.g. Conjugacy Classes in A_n
 A_4 has four ccls:

cycle type	$ ccl_{A_4}(x) $	$C_{A_4}(x)$
1	1	A_4
2^2	3	$\langle (12)(34), (13)(24) \rangle$
$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (123) \\ (132) \end{pmatrix}$	4	$\langle (123) \rangle$
	4	

Let $x \in A_n$. Then $ccl_{A_n}(x) \subseteq ccl_{S_n}(x)$

$$|ccl_{S_n}(x)| = |S_n : C_{S_n}(x)|$$

index 2 index 1 or 2

and

$$|ccl_{A_n}(x)| = |A_n : C_{A_n}(x)|$$

(If $C_{S_n}(x)$ contains odd permutations, then half are even, half are odd).

Now $A_n < S_n$ index 2.

$C_{A_n}(x) \subseteq C_{S_n}(x)$ index 1 or 2.

Theorem 4.16 Let $x \in A_n$. Then either
 $ccl_{A_n}(x) = ccl_{S_n}(x)$ $C_{S_n}(x)$ contains odd permutations.

or
 $|ccl_{A_n}(x)| = \frac{1}{2} |ccl_{S_n}(x)|$ $C_{S_n}(x) \subseteq A_n$

Theorem 4.17

Let p be a prime. Let G be a finite p -group so that $|G| = p^a$ for some power a of p . Then $Z(G) = \{z \in G \mid gz = zg, \forall g \in G\}$ is non trivial.

Proof

G acts on G by conjugation. We claim that G has at least p conjugacy classes of size 1. By the orbit stabilizer theorem, each conjugacy class in G has size 'some power of p '. Their union is G , size p^a and $\{e\}$ is a ccl of size one. Hence there are at least p ccls of size 1, and the corresponding elements lie in $Z(G)$.

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Theorem 4.18 (Cauchy)

If p is a prime, and G is a group of order divisible by p , then G contains an element of order p .

Proof Let $C_p = \langle x \mid x^p = 1 \rangle$ act on the set X .

$$X = \{(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_p) \mid g_i \in G, g_1 g_2 g_3 \dots g_p = e\}$$

by permuting coordinates $x^j: (g_1, \dots, g_p) \mapsto (g_{1+j}, g_{2+j}, \dots, g_{p+j})$
indices modulo p .

Now $|X| = |G|^{p-1}$ so $p \mid |X|$ and X splits into orbits of size 1 or p . Now $\{(e, \dots, e)\}$ is one orbit of size 1, hence there are others.

$\{(x, \dots, x)\}$ size 1 $\Rightarrow x_i = x$ for all i and $x^p = e$.

Groups (15)

Groups of symmetries of regular solids

Tetrahedron Let G be the group of all symmetries, G^+ be the group of all rotational symmetries. A Tetrahedron has four vertices; G acts on the set X of vertices, transitively. If v is a vertex in X , $|G| = 4|G_v| = 4 \cdot 6$ as $|G_v| = 6$.

The action is faithful, so we have an injective homomorphism.

$$\theta: G \rightarrow S_4 \text{ so } \theta(G) = S_4 \text{ as } |G| = |S_4| \\ G \cong S_4. \text{ And } |G^+| = 12 \text{ and } G^+ \cong A_4.$$

Cube (or an octahedron)

(Octahedron is dual to a cube: putting vertices in the centres of faces of a cube gives an octahedron, so they have the same groups of symmetries.)

Let G be the group of all symmetries,

Let G^+ be the subgroup of rotational symmetries.

Let F be the set of faces of the cube, $|F| = 6$. Now G^+ acts on F , transitively. If $f \in F$ then $|G^+| = 6 \cdot |G_f^+| = 6 \cdot 4 = 24$.

Let D be the set of four diagonals of the cube.

Now G, G^+ act transitively on D .

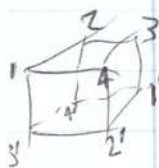
Now G^+ is faithful on D , and the ~~action~~ kernel of the action of G on D is $\langle (11')(22')(33')(44') \rangle$ of order 2.

If G fixes all diagonals, either

$g: 1 \mapsto 1 \Rightarrow 1' \mapsto 1', \Rightarrow 1 \mapsto 1$ as $2'$ is further from 1 than 2 or

$g: 1 \mapsto 1' \Rightarrow 1' \mapsto 1 \Rightarrow 1 \mapsto 1'$ for the same reason

So the kernel of G on D is $\langle (11')(22')(33')(44') \rangle$ and since $K \cap G^+ = \{1\}$, we have that G^+ is faithful. So we get an injective homomorphism $\theta: G^+ \rightarrow S_4$ and since $|\theta(G^+)| = 24$ we have $G^+ \cong S_4$.



Finally $G \cong G^+ \times \langle g \rangle \cong S_4 \times C_2$ for, G is generated by G^+ , $\langle g \rangle$, and g commutes with each element of G and $G \cap \langle g \rangle = \{e\}$.
So $G \cong G^+ \times \langle g \rangle$

In fact, writing our cube in $\mathbb{R}^3$, with vertices $(\pm 1, \pm 1, \pm 1)$, then g is obtained from the transformation $-I$.

Dodecahedron (or icosahedron) - a sketch

12 faces, 30 edges, 20 vertices.

$G^+ \subseteq G$ Act on the set F of faces
 $|G^+| = 12$ $|G^+| = 12 \cdot 5 = 60$

Now consider the set C of five cubes embedded: each edge of a cube appears as a diagonal on a face. G acts on C . We can see 60 elements of order 5 acting. But A_5 is the subgroup of S_5 generated by these. So $G^+ \cong A_5$

Finally $G \cong A_5 \times C_2$

the kernel of the action of G on C is a subgroup of order 2: placing the dodecahedron in the centre O , we see the kernel is $\{\pm I\}$

5. Homomorphisms, normal subgroups and quotient groups

Recall $(G, *_G)$, $(H, *_H)$ are groups

$\theta: G \rightarrow H$ is a homomorphism if $\theta(g_1 *_G g_2) = \theta(g_1) *_H \theta(g_2)$ for all $g_1, g_2 \in G$

The image of a homomorphism $\theta(G) = \{\theta(g) \mid g \in G\}$

Lemma 5.1 If $\theta: G \rightarrow H$ is a homomorphism, then $\theta(G) \leq H$

Proof $e_H \in \theta(G)$ since $\theta(e_G) \theta(e_G) = \theta(e_G)$
so $e_H = \theta(e_G)$.

Next, if $g \in G$, then $\theta(g^{-1}) = \theta(g)^{-1}$ since $\theta(g) \theta(g^{-1}) = \theta(e_G) = e_H = \theta(g^{-1})$

Finally, take $\theta(g_1), \theta(g_2) \in \theta(G)$.

$\theta(g_1)^{-1} \theta(g_2) = \theta(g_1^{-1} g_2) \in \theta(G)$ so $\theta(G) \leq H$

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Recall G, H , groups. $\theta: G \rightarrow H$ is a homomorphism.

$\theta(G) \leq H$, kernel:

$$\ker \theta = \{g \in G \mid \theta(g) = e_H\}$$

E.g. $\text{sgn}: S_n \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$, $\pi \mapsto \text{sgn}(\pi)$. $\ker \text{sgn} = A_n$

E.g.  $\theta: \{\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \times\} \rightarrow \{z \in \mathbb{C}^* \mid |z|=1\}$

$$z \mapsto \frac{z}{|z|}$$

A homomorphism onto the unit circle. $\theta(z_1 z_2) = \frac{z_1 z_2}{|z_1 z_2|} = \theta(z_1) \theta(z_2)$
kernel = $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$

Remark 5.2 If G is a group acting on the set X , the kernel of the corresponding permutation representation $\theta: G \rightarrow \text{Sym}(X)$, $g \mapsto g^x$ is the kernel of the action.

Definition A subgroup K of G is normal ^{in G} if $gk = kg$ for $g \in G$
notation $K \triangleleft G$

Iff $gk g^{-1} \in K$ for all $g \in G$, iff for all $g \in G, k \in K, gkg^{-1} \in K$

If G is abelian, and $K \leq G$, then $K \triangleleft G$.

$G = S_3$ $\langle (123) \rangle \triangleleft G$ but $\langle (12) \rangle$ is not normal.

Lemma 5.3 If $\theta: G \rightarrow H$ a homomorphism, $\ker \theta$ is a normal subgroup of G

Proof $K = \ker \theta$. $K \leq K$: $e_G \in K$ $k_1, k_2 \in K \Rightarrow k_1^{-1} k_2 \in K$
as $\theta(k_1^{-1} k_2) = \theta(k_1)^{-1} \theta(k_2) = e_H$

$K \triangleleft G$, $k \in K, g \in G \Rightarrow gkg^{-1} \in K$: $\theta(gkg^{-1}) = \theta(g) \theta(k) \theta(g)^{-1} = e_H$

Lemma 5.4 If $\theta: G \rightarrow H$ is a homomorphism, then θ is injective iff $\ker \theta = \{e_G\}$

Proof If θ is injective and $k \in \ker \theta$ then $\theta(k) = \theta(e_G) \Rightarrow k = e_G$

so $\ker \theta = \{e_G\}$

Conversely, if $\ker \theta = \{e_G\}$ and $\theta(g_1) = \theta(g_2)$ then $\theta(g_1^{-1} g_2) = e_H$

so $g_1^{-1} g_2 = e_G \Rightarrow g_1 = g_2$

Lemma 5.5 If $K < G$ of ^{index} n then $K \triangleleft G$

Proof Let $g \in G$. If $g \in K$ then $gk = k = kg$

if $g \in G \setminus K$ then $gk = G \setminus K = Kg$

Lemma 5.6 ($= 3.5^\#$) Let G be a group with two normal subgroups G_1 and G_2 such that $G = \langle G_1, G_2 \rangle$. $G_1 \cap G_2 = \{e\}$.

Then $G \cong G_1 \times G_2$.

Proof Let $g_i \in G_i$, then $g_1 g_2 = g_2 g_1$.

Commutator of g_1, g_2 as $G_1 \triangleleft G$ $G_2 \triangleleft G$ $g_1^{-1} g_2^{-1} g_1 g_2 \in G_1 \cap G_2 = \{e\}$ so $g_1 g_2 = g_2 g_1$.

Theorem 5.7 Let $K \triangleleft G$. Then G/K , the set of right cosets k in G , is a group with respect to the operation $g_1 k * g_2 k = g_1 g_2 k$.

Remark G/K is a quotient group of G , $|G/K| = \frac{|G|}{|K|}$ finite sets

Proof If $g_1 k = h_1 k$ and $g_2 k = h_2 k$ then $g_1 g_2 k = h_1 h_2 k$

$h_2^{-1} h_1^{-1} g_1 g_2 k = h_2^{-1} k g_2 = k h_2^{-1} g_2 = k' k_2 \in k$
 put $k = h_1^{-1} g_1 \in k$, take $k' \in k$ $h_2^{-1} k = k' h_2^{-1}$
 $k_2 \in k$ with $k_2 = h_2^{-1} g_2$

$K \triangleleft G$.

So $*$ is well defined, by G/K .

Associative $(g_1 k * g_2 k) * g_3 k = (g_1 g_2 k) * g_3 k = (g_1 g_2 g_3) k$
 $= g_1 (g_2 g_3) k = g_1 k * (g_2 g_3 k) = g_1 k * (g_2 k * g_3 k)$.

Identity element is k . Inverse of gk is $g^{-1}k$.

E.g. $G = S_3$, $K = \langle (123) \rangle$ $G/K = \{k, (12)k\} \cong C_2$

E.g. $D_8 = \langle a, b \mid a^4 = e = b^2, bab^{-1} = a^{-1} \rangle$
 $K = \langle a^2 \rangle = Z(D_8) \triangleleft D_8$

$D_8/K = \{k, ak, bk, abk\} \cong C_2 \times C_2$ Note $Z(G) \triangleleft G$

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Theorem 5.8 (Isomorphism theorem)

Let $\theta: G \rightarrow H$ be a homomorphism. Then $\theta(G) \leq H$, $\ker \theta \triangleleft G$, and $\frac{G}{\ker \theta} \cong \theta(G)$.



We already know $\theta(G) \leq H$, $\ker \theta \triangleleft G$. Let

$$\bar{\theta}: \frac{G}{\ker \theta} \rightarrow \theta(G) \leq H$$

$$gk \mapsto \theta(g)$$

This is a well defined isomorphism from $\frac{G}{\ker \theta}$ onto $\theta(G)$.

if $g_1 k = g_2 k$ then $g_1^{-1} g_2 \in \ker \theta$ so $\theta(g_1^{-1} g_2) = e_H$
 $\Rightarrow \theta(g_1) = \theta(g_2)$, $\bar{\theta}$ is well defined.
 as $\bar{\theta}(g_1 k) = \bar{\theta}(g_2 k)$

$\bar{\theta}$ Injective:
Reverse the steps above.

$\bar{\theta}$ is a homomorphism: $\bar{\theta}(g_1 k g_2 k) = \theta(g_1 g_2) = \theta(g_1) \theta(g_2) = \bar{\theta}(g_1 k) \bar{\theta}(g_2 k)$

$\bar{\theta}$ is surjective. If $h \in \theta(G)$ then $h = \theta(g) \exists g \in G$, so $h = \bar{\theta}(gk)$ for this g .

E.g. $\theta: (\mathbb{R}, +) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^* = (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$
 $t \mapsto e^{ti}$

This is a homomorphism: $e^{(t_1+t_2)i} = e^{t_1 i} \cdot e^{t_2 i}$

$\theta(G) = S^1$ the unit circle.

$\ker \theta = \langle 2\pi \rangle = \{2\pi n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, so $\frac{\mathbb{R}}{\langle 2\pi \rangle} \cong S^1$

E.g. $G = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ $\theta: G \rightarrow H$ for some H , surjective.

(Image of a cyclic group is cyclic, generated by the image of a generator of G).
 Any subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic and normal (abelian group).
 So $\ker \theta = \langle n \rangle$ $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and

$$H \cong \frac{G}{\ker \theta} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\langle n \rangle} \text{ integers mod } n, C_n.$$

So the homomorphic images of $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ are C_n and $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$

Remark 5.9 Any homomorphic image of G is a quotient of G . The converse is also true. Let $K \triangleleft G$, form $\bar{G} = G/K$.

Define $\bar{\cdot}: G \rightarrow G/K = \bar{G}$ $g \mapsto gK = \bar{g}$

This is a homomorphism from G onto $\bar{G}$ with kernel K .

$\bar{\cdot}$ is a homomorphism since $\overline{g_1 g_2} = \overline{g_1 g_2 K} = \overline{g_1 K g_2 K} = \bar{g}_1 \bar{g}_2$

Surjective clearly.

Kernel is K : If $g \in K$ then $\bar{g} = K$, so $g \in \ker \bar{\cdot}$
 and if $g \in \ker \bar{\cdot}$, then $gK = K$, so $g \in K$.

A further look at $\theta: G \rightarrow H$.
 $\ker \theta = K$
 $\bar{G} = G/K$

Remark

In GRM IB course next term, will see other Isomorphism theorems
 e.g. $K \triangleleft G$, there is a 1-1 correspondence preserving inclusion between two sets

$$\{\text{all subgroups of } G \text{ containing } K\} \longleftrightarrow \{\text{all subgroups of } \bar{G}\}$$

Note that $\bar{G}$ is smaller than G unless $\{e\}$

Definition A group G is simple if the only normal subgroups are G or $\{e\}$.

Simple groups are the building blocks of all groups.

The abelian simple groups are the cyclic groups of prime order: in an abelian group any subgroup is normal, so a simple group has prime order.

The non-abelian simple groups are more interesting.

Ex A_5 is simple (and indeed, all A_n , $n \geq 5$).

Note A normal subgroup of a group G is a subgroup that is a union of G -ccls.

Now A_5 has ccls of size 1, 12, 12, 15, 20, but the only divisors of 60 we can obtain by joining these are 1 and 60, so A_5 is simple.

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Matrix Groups, I:

General and special linear groups

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Let F be $\mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{C}$. (or another field)
Let $M_n(F) = \{ \text{all } n \times n \text{ matrices with entries in } F \}$
(in particular, $n=2$ or $n=3$)

Recall from Vectors and Matrices: $A, B \in M_n(F)$, $A = (a_{ij})$, $B = (b_{ij})$

$(AB)_{ij} = a_{ik} b_{kj}$. Then $AB \in M_n(F)$. The multiplication is associative:

$$(AB)C = A(BC)$$

$$((AB)C)_{rs} = (AB)_{rk} C_{ks} = a_{rk} b_{ik} C_{ks} = a_{rk} (BC)_{is} = (A(BC))_{rs}$$

Determinants: $A \in M_n(F)$

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$$\det A = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) a_{1\sigma(1)} a_{2\sigma(2)} \dots a_{n\sigma(n)}$$

E.g. $n=2$, $\det A = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$

From Vectors and Matrices, linear algebra. $\det AB = \det A \det B$
 $\forall A \quad \det A \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \exists A^{-1}$ i.e. $\det A \neq 0$ if A is invertible

Lemma 6.1 Let $GL_n(F) = \{ A \in M_n(F) \mid A \text{ is invertible} \}$

This is a group under matrix multiplication

Proof $G = GL_n(F)$. If $AB \in G$, then $AB \in G$, for AB is a matrix of the right size and $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$ ($AB B^{-1}A^{-1} = I = B^{-1}A^{-1}AB$)

Also $I = I_n$ is the identity. Each element has an inverse and multiplication is associative.

$GL_n(F)$ is the general linear group of $n \times n$ matrices over F .

$SL_n(F)$ is all matrices in F with $\det 1$ i.e. $SL_n(F) = \{ A \in GL_n(F) \mid \det A = 1 \}$

special linear group

We see $GL_n(F) \rightarrow F^*$ is a homomorphism onto F^* : we have seen $\det AB = \det A \det B$.

Surjective as $\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1$

$$SL_n(F) = \ker \det \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{GL_n(F)}{SL_n(F)} \cong F^* \quad (\text{Isomorphism Theorem})$$

Remark

Assume normally that $n > 1$. For if $n=1$, $GL_n(F) \cong F^*$, $SL_n(F) = \{1\}$

6.3 The action of $GL_n(F)$ on F^n

F^n = all $n \times 1$ columns
 $A \in GL_n(F)$, $v \in F^n$

$$(A, v) \mapsto Av$$

Ex. If, for some $A \in GL_n(F)$, $Av = v \forall v \in F^n \Rightarrow A = I$

So the action of $GL_n(F)$ on F^n is faithful.

Also, the action is transitive on the set $F^n \setminus \{0\}$ (and much more, the action is in fact transitive on the set of bases)

6.4 The conjugation action of $GL_n(F)$ on $M_n(F)$:

$$(A, X) \in GL_n(F) \times M_n(F)$$

$$(A, X) \mapsto AXA^{-1}$$

This is an extension of the usual conjugation action of $GL_n(F)$ on $GL_n(F)$.

Note that if $X \in GL_n(F)$ then $AXA^{-1} \in GL_n(F)$ so the conjugation action has some orbits which are conjugacy classes in $GL_n(F)$ and others consisting of ~~non~~ singular matrices in $M_n(F)$.

In any case, the orbits are the similarity classes.

$$B = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$$

Digression - Preview of V+M IA, Linear Algebra IB

V a vector space of dimension n over the field F .

Let B be a fixed basis of V . Then, we have a bijection (isomorphism)

$$V \rightarrow F^n, v \mapsto [v]_B \quad \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v = \sum \lambda_i v_i$$

$$\alpha: V \rightarrow V, \text{ linear function } [\alpha(\lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2 + \dots)] = \lambda_1 \alpha(v_1) + \dots \text{ etc}$$

Then α "becomes" the action

α has a matrix $[\alpha]_B$, $n \times n$, over F with respect to this basis so that α "becomes" the transformation described in 6.3, on F^n .

$$v \in V \iff [v]_B \in F^n$$

$$\alpha: v \mapsto \alpha(v) \iff [v]_B = A[v]_B, A = [\alpha]_B$$

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Taking a different basis B' for V :
 $V \leftrightarrow [v]_{B'}$ and $V \leftrightarrow F^n$
 and $[a]_{B'} = P[a]_B P^{-1}$ for some $P \in GL_n(F)$

P is the change of basis matrix. It becomes important to find "canonical form" of matrices in a given similarity class of $GL_n(F)$ on $M_n(F)$.

Theorem 6.5 (Jordan-Normal Form for $n=2$)

- Given $X \in M_2(\mathbb{C})$, precisely one of:
- i) The similarity orbit of X contains $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix}$, $\lambda \neq \mu \in \mathbb{C}$
 - ii) The similarity orbit of X contains $\{\lambda I_2\}$
 - iii) The similarity orbit of X contains a unique matrix $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$
- # End of Digression #

7. Möbius Transformations. A Möbius Transformation on $\mathbb{C}$ is a mapping $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$ where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$ and $ad-bc \neq 0$

Note that f is injective: $f(z) - f(w) = \frac{(ad-bc)(z-w)}{(cz+d)(cw+d)} \Rightarrow ad-bc \neq 0$

A problem: If $c \neq 0$, $f(-\frac{d}{c})$ is not defined. Introduce a new element, ∞ : from $\mathbb{C}_\infty = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$
 So: Möbius Transformation on $\mathbb{C}_\infty$ is defined by: $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$, $ab-bc \neq 0$
 and if $c=0$, $f(\infty) = \infty$, if $c \neq 0$, $f(-\frac{d}{c}) = \infty$, $f(\infty) = \frac{a}{c}$
 (note: here $\frac{a}{c}$ had no pre image in $\mathbb{C}$).

This makes f into a permutation on $\mathbb{C}_\infty$.

Theorem 7.1 The set of all Möbius Transformations is a group M (a Möbius group) under composition of functions. $M \leq \text{Sym}(\mathbb{C}_\infty)$

Proof $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$, $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$, $ab-bc \neq 0$ ($c=0, f(\infty)=\infty$)
 $g(z) = \frac{\alpha z + \beta}{\gamma z + \delta}$ ($c \neq 0, f(\infty) = \frac{a}{c}, f(-\frac{d}{c}) = \infty$)

Then $fg \in M$. $fg(z) = \frac{a(\frac{\alpha z + \beta}{\gamma z + \delta}) + b}{c(\frac{\alpha z + \beta}{\gamma z + \delta}) + d}$

$$fg(z) = \frac{(a\alpha + b\gamma)z + (a\beta + b\delta)}{(c\alpha + d\gamma)z + (c\beta + d\delta)}$$

$$(a\alpha + b\gamma)(c\beta + d\delta) - (a\beta + b\delta)(c\alpha + d\gamma) = (ad-bc)(\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma) \neq 0$$



$$f(z) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Need to check finitely many points not yet checked - Lengthy

So M is closed under composition. The composition is associative.
 Identity: $i(z) = z$, $\frac{z+1}{0z+1} \in M$.

Inverses $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$, $ad-bc \neq 0$ etc

$$g(z) = \frac{dz-b}{-cz+a} \quad \text{Claim } fg = i = gf$$

If $c=0$, $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{d}$, $g(z) = \frac{dz-b}{a}$ for $z \in \mathbb{C}$

$f(\infty) = \infty = g(\infty)$, so $fg(z) = z = gf(z) \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{C}$

If $c \neq 0$ Assume first $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{-\frac{d}{c}\}$. $f: \mathbb{C} \setminus \{-\frac{d}{c}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{\frac{a}{c}\}$

$fg(z) = z = gf(z)$ (when we substitute) for $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{\frac{a}{c}\}$
 $gf(z) = z$ for $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{-\frac{d}{c}\}$

Finally $gf(-\frac{d}{c}) = g(\infty) = -\frac{a}{c}$, $fg(\frac{a}{c}) = f(\infty) = \infty$
 $gf(\infty) = g(\frac{a}{c}) = \infty$, $fg(\infty) = f(-\frac{d}{c}) = -\frac{d}{c}$
 so $g = f^{-1}$, $g, f \in M$.

Theorem 7.2 There is a surjective homomorphism $\theta: GL_2(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow M$

surjective with kernel $\{\lambda I_2 \mid \lambda \in \mathbb{C}^\times\}$ $ad-bc \neq 0 \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mapsto (f: z \mapsto \frac{az+b}{cz+d})$

Thus $\frac{GL_2(\mathbb{C})}{\{\lambda I_2 \mid \lambda \in \mathbb{C}^\times\}} \cong M$

Proof If $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in GL_2(\mathbb{C})$, then $ad-bc \neq 0$, so $\theta(A) \in M$.

θ is a homomorphism: $\theta\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r & s \\ t & u \end{pmatrix}\right) = \theta\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}\right) \theta\left(\begin{pmatrix} r & s \\ t & u \end{pmatrix}\right)$

θ is surjective - clear.

Finally the kernel, $\ker \theta = \{\lambda I_2 \mid \lambda \in \mathbb{C}^\times\}$

Any scalar matrix mapped to $i \in M$

Conversely $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \ker \theta$ then $\frac{az+b}{cz+d} = z \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{C}$
 so taking $z = \infty \Rightarrow c = 0$ $z = 1 \Rightarrow a = b$
 $z = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0$ scalar, $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$

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In fact, the restriction θ' of θ to $SL_2(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow M$ is a surjective homomorphism with kernel $\{\pm I\}$ where $\frac{SL_2(\mathbb{C})}{\{\pm I\}} \simeq M$

For, if $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$ with $\Delta = ab - bc = 0$, then $f(z)$ is the same mapping as $\mathbb{C} \ni z \mapsto \frac{0 \cdot z + (az+b)}{0 \cdot z + (cz+d)}$, this has determinant 1. So f is the image of the matrix $0^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\text{And } \ker \theta \cap SL_2(\mathbb{C}) = \{\pm I_2\}.$$

Remark $SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid ad - bc = 1, a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ - modular group
 $M(\mathbb{Z}) = \left\{ f(z) \mapsto \frac{az+b}{cz+d} \mid ad - bc = 1, a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$

$$SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) / \{\pm I_2\} \simeq M_{\mathbb{Z}}$$

Theorem 7.5 The action of M on $\mathbb{C}$ is sharply triply transitive.

(triply) If z_{∞}, z_0, z_1 are three points in $\mathbb{C}$ and $w_{\infty}, w_0, w_1 \in \mathbb{C}$, there exists an element $f \in M$ with $f: z_{\infty} \mapsto w_{\infty}, z_0 \mapsto w_0, z_1 \mapsto w_1$.

(sharply) This element is unique.

Proofs To take z_{∞}, z_0, z_1 to $\infty, 0, 1$ let $g: z \mapsto \frac{z-z_0}{z-z_{\infty}} \frac{z_1-z_{\infty}}{z_1-z_0}$ if $z_{\infty}, z_0, z_1 \in \mathbb{C}$
 and if $z_{\infty} = \infty, z \mapsto \frac{z-z_0}{z_1-z_0}$
 $z_1 = 0 \quad z \mapsto \frac{z-z_0}{z-z_{\infty}} \left(g(\infty) = \frac{a}{c} \right) \quad z_0 = \infty, z \mapsto \frac{z_1-z_{\infty}}{z-z_{\infty}}$

If now g sends z_{∞}, z_0, z_1 to $\infty, 0, 1$ and h sends w_{∞}, w_0, w_1 similarly then $f = h^{-1}g$ is an element sending z_{∞}, z_0, z_1 to w_{∞}, w_0, w_1 .

Uniqueness $M_{\infty, 0, 1} = \{i\}$
 7.6 $M_{\infty} = \left\{ \frac{az+b}{d} \mid ad \neq 0 \right\} \quad [c=0]$

$$M_{\infty, 0} = \left\{ \frac{az}{d} \mid ad \neq 0 \right\}$$

In fact, M_{z_{∞}, z_0, z_1} is also the identity: taking g as before
 $g^{-1} M_{\infty, 0, 1} g = M_{z_{\infty}, z_0, z_1}$ and f above is unique: if f_1 also sends $z_i \mapsto w_i$ for $i = \infty, 0, 1$ then $f_1^{-1} f \in M_{z_{\infty}, z_0, z_1} = \{i\}$ so $f = f_1$.

Conjugacy classes and fixed points of elements in M

Jordan Normal Forms
 $n=2$
 Given $A \in GL_2(\mathbb{C})$ one of:
 1) A is conjugate to the diagonal matrix $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix}$, $\lambda \neq \mu \neq 0$
 2) A is λI_2 for some $\lambda \neq 0$
 3) A is conjugate to the triangular matrix $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$

Note $PAP^{-1} = B$ then $\theta(P)\theta(A)\theta(P)^{-1} = \theta(B)$
 so A, B conjugate in $GL_2(\mathbb{C}) \Rightarrow \theta$ images are conjugate in M .

Deduce ccls in M : $f \in M$

- i) f is conjugate to a transformation, $z \mapsto vz, v \neq 0, 1$
- ii) $f = i$, assumed not so here ($\lambda_2 \in \ker \theta$)
- iii) $z \mapsto z + \frac{1}{\lambda}$ can conjugate further to simplify. Take $g(z) = \lambda z$,
 ghg^{-1} sends $z \mapsto z + 1$

Theorem 7.7 Any non-identity Möbius transformation is conjugate to one of:

i) $z \mapsto az, a \in \mathbb{C}, a \neq 0, 1$

or

ii) $z \mapsto z + 1$

Corollary 7.8 Any non-identity Möbius transformation fixes either i) two points or ii) one point off $\mathbb{C}$.

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Alternative Direct Approach (without Jordan Normal Forms)

Let $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$, $ad-bc \neq 0$, $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$

Consider fixed points z_i of f in $\mathbb{C}_\infty$.

$$az_i + b = (cz_i + d)z_i \quad (\text{as } f(z_i) = z_i)$$

so z_i are roots of $cz_i^2 + (d-a)z_i - b = 0$.

If this is non trivial, there are 1 or two roots. If there are two fixed points, z_1, z_2 , let $g \in M$, $g(z_1) = 0$, $g(z_2) = \infty$. Then gfg^{-1} fixes $g(z_i)$, so fixes $0, \infty$, so $gfg^{-1}(z) = az$ for some $a \in \mathbb{C}$, $a \neq 0$.

If there is only one fixed point in $\mathbb{C}_\infty$, z_1 , then let $g(z_1) = \infty$, then gfg^{-1} fixes precisely ∞ and nothing else, in $\mathbb{C}_\infty$. So $gfg^{-1}(z) = az + b$. Now $(a-1)z + b = 0$ has another solution unless $a=1$, so $gfg^{-1}(z) = z + b$. Conjugating a little more, we get f conjugate to $z \mapsto z+1$.

Again (7.8) $f \in M \setminus \{i\}$ fixes a unique point of $\mathbb{C}_\infty$: f conjugate to $z \mapsto z+1$
or f fixes two points of $\mathbb{C}_\infty$: f conjugate to $z \mapsto az$, $a \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$

Ex 7.9 This can be used to work out iterations of Möbius transformations. Suppose $f \in M$, with f fixing precisely one point of $\mathbb{C}_\infty$. What happens to $f^n(z)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for any $z \in \mathbb{C}_\infty$?

Answer: $f^n(z) \rightarrow z_1$, the fixed point of f , as $n \rightarrow \infty$. For some $g \in M$, $gfg^{-1}(z) = h(z) = z+1$ so $gfg^{-1} = h$. Now $h^n: z \mapsto z+n$ for any $z \in \mathbb{C}$ so $h^n(z) \rightarrow \infty$ for any $z \in \mathbb{C}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Thus also $h^n(g(z)) \rightarrow \infty$, so $f^n(z) = g^{-1}h^ng(z) = z_1$, as required.

Proposition 7.10 Any Möbius transformation $f \in M$ can be written as a product or composition of Möbius transformations $z \mapsto az$, ($a \neq 0$) dilation and rotation and $z \mapsto z+b$, translation, and $z \mapsto \bar{z}$ inversion.

Proof Let $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$, $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$, $ad-bc \neq 0$.

If $c = 0$, then $f = f_2 f_1$, with $f_1(z) = \frac{a}{d}z$, $f_2(z) = z + \frac{b}{d}$.

If $c \neq 0$, $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d} = \frac{\frac{a}{c}z + \frac{b}{c}}{z + \frac{d}{c}} = A + \frac{B}{z + \frac{d}{c}}$ $A = \frac{a}{c}$
 $B = -\frac{ad-bc}{c^2}$

So $f = f_4 f_3 f_2 f_1$, with $f_1(z) = z + \frac{d}{c}$, $f_2(z) = \frac{1}{z}$, $f_3(z) = Bz$, $f_4(z) = z + A$.

Circles and straight lines General equation of a circle or a straight line in $\mathbb{C}$: $Az\bar{z} + Bz + \bar{B}\bar{z} + C = 0$ where $A, C \in \mathbb{R}$, $|B|^2 > AC$. $z = x + iy$, $B = b_1 + b_2 i$
 $A(x^2 + y^2) + 2(b_1 x + b_2 y) + C = 0$, circle or straight line in $\mathbb{C}$
 [Straight line $\Leftrightarrow A = 0$; goes through $0 \Leftrightarrow C = 0$]

Theorem 7.12 Möbius transformations take circles/straight lines to circles/straight lines (not respectively).

Proof Let $f \in M$. Show f sends circles/straight lines to circles/straight lines.
By 7.10 Enough to check for $f(z) = \frac{z-i}{z+i}$ (clear for other transformations).
 Now $f(z) = \frac{z-i}{z+i}$ ~~preserves~~ ^{gives} the equation 7.11 ~~(f gives~~ the same form.
 i.e. $Cz\bar{z} + Bz + \bar{B}\bar{z} + A = 0$

Remark Circles in $\mathbb{C}_\infty$: $\{\text{Euclidean circles in } \mathbb{C}\} \cup \{L \cup \{\infty\} \mid L \text{ a line in } \mathbb{C}\}$

E.g. Find the image of the real axis under $f(z) = \frac{z-i}{z+i}$. It is a "circle" containing $f(\infty)$, $f(0)$, $f(1)$, gives $+1, -1, -i$
 $\Rightarrow$ gives unit circle

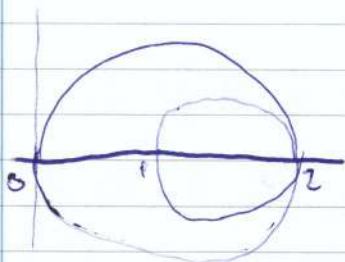
Or f : upper half of complex plane $\mapsto$ inside the unit circle.

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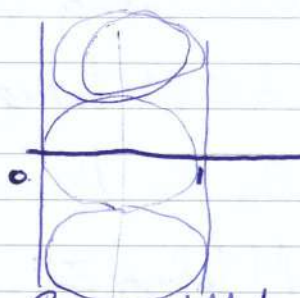
$f \in M$ $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$, $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$, $ad-bc \neq 0$

Circles in $\mathbb{C}_\infty$ are preserved by f (e.g. circles and lines in $\mathbb{C}$)



$$f(z) = \frac{-z}{z-2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 &\mapsto \infty \\ 0 &\mapsto 0 \\ 1 &\mapsto 1 \end{aligned}$$



Produce a necklace of touching circles; $\nearrow$ then shift back with $f^{-1}(z)$

Cross ratios - Definition Let $z_i \in \mathbb{C}_\infty$ be distinct, $i=1,2,3,4$. The cross ratio $[z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4]$ is the element x of $\mathbb{C}_\infty$ such that if $f \in M$

taking $f: \begin{matrix} z_1 & z_2 & z_3 & z_4 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 0 & 1 & \infty & x \end{matrix}$

that is $[z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4] = f(z_4)$

Thus, if $z_i \neq \infty$ then $[z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4] = \frac{z_4 - z_1}{z_4 - z_3} \cdot \frac{z_2 - z_3}{z_2 - z_1}$

and if some $z_i = \infty$, e.g. $[\infty, z_2, z_3, z_4] = \frac{z_2 - z_3}{z_4 - z_3}$

$$[z_1, \infty, z_3, z_4] = \frac{z_4 - z_1}{z_4 - z_3}$$

$$[z_1, z_2, \infty, z_4] = \frac{z_4 - z_1}{z_2 - z_1} \quad [z_1, z_2, z_3, \infty] = \frac{z_2 - z_3}{z_2 - z_1}$$

Naming !!! Different notations exist so be consistent.

Theorem 7.13 Given $z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 \in \mathbb{C}_\infty$ distinct, and w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4 all distinct in $\mathbb{C}_\infty$, there exists $f \in M$ with $f(z_i) = w_i$ for $i=1,2,3,4$ iff the cross ratios are the same i.e. $[z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4] = [w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4]$

Proof Here we claim (7.14) $f \in M$ preserves cross ratios:

$$[z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4] = [f(z_1), f(z_2), f(z_3), f(z_4)]$$

Let $g: \mathbb{C}_\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_\infty$ $\begin{matrix} f(z_1) & f(z_2) & f(z_3) & f(z_4) \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 0 & 1 & \infty & \text{RHS} \end{matrix}$

Then $g \circ f: \mathbb{C}_\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_\infty$ $\begin{matrix} z_1 & z_2 & z_3 & z_4 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 0 & 1 & \infty & \text{RHS} \end{matrix}$

But $g \circ f(z_4) = \text{LHS}$

So assume the cross ratios are equal, say to x .

Let $h \in M$ take $\begin{matrix} z_1 & z_2 & z_3 & z_4 \\ 0 & 1 & \infty & x \end{matrix}$

and $k \in M$ taking $\begin{matrix} w_1 & w_2 & w_3 & w_4 \\ 0 & 1 & \infty & x \end{matrix}$

Then $k^{-1}h \in M$ taking $z_i \mapsto w_i$ for $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

E.g. z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 lie on a circle in $\mathbb{C}_\infty$ iff $[z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4] \in \mathbb{R}$

Proof Let $f \in M$ taking z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 to $0, 1, \infty, x$ (x is $[z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4]$)
The "circle" on $0, 1, \infty$ is the real axis.

Two views of ∞ in $\mathbb{C}_\infty$ - (Beardon) B.6, B.8

1. $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$ $GL_2(\mathbb{C})$ acts on $P^1(\mathbb{C})$ via $\mathbb{C}^2$.

$A \in GL_2(\mathbb{C})$ $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^2$ $A: \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$, A acts on $\mathbb{C}^2$
and hence A also acts on the set of 1D subspaces.

But $\langle \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \rangle \longleftrightarrow \frac{x}{y} \in \mathbb{C}_\infty$ if $y \neq 0$

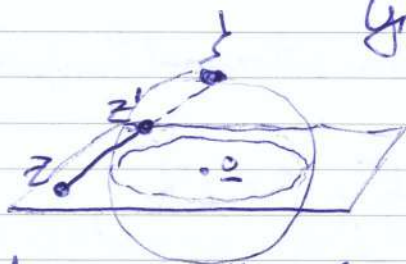
The action of $GL_2(\mathbb{C})$ is right! I.e. $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax+by \\ cx+dy \end{pmatrix}$
If $y=0$ $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax \\ cx \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \infty & \infty \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow \frac{a}{c}$

[e.g. $F \in \mathbb{R}$ $\star \infty$]

2. Riemann Sphere

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unit sphere S in $\mathbb{R}^3$ centre $(0,0,0)$
 $\hat{z} = (0,0,1)$ - north pole
 $\varphi: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow S \setminus \{\hat{z}\}, z \mapsto z'$

where z' is the unique point not $\hat{z}$ where the line z to $\hat{z}$ meets S .
 Also $\varphi(\infty) = \hat{z}$. Can study $\varphi^{-1} \circ \varphi$ on S

§. Matrix groups: Orthogonal Groups
 $F = \mathbb{R}$ $O_n = \{A \in GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid AA^T = I\}$ $n \geq 2$ orthogonal group
 $SO_n = \{A \in O_n \mid \det A = +1\}$ special orthogonal group

Lemma 8.1 $O_n < GL_n(\mathbb{R})$

Proof $A \in O_n \Rightarrow \det A = \pm 1$ as $AA^T = I, (\det A)^2 = 1 \Rightarrow A \in GL_n(\mathbb{R})$

$$I_n \in O_n \text{ as } I_n I_n^T = I_n$$

$$A, B \in O_n \Rightarrow A^T B \in O_n : (A^T B)(A^T B)^T = A^T B B^T A = I$$

Remark $SO_n < O_n$ of index 2

For, let $A = \pm I$ for any $A \in O_n$

If $A, B \in O_n \setminus SO_n$ then $\det A^T B = 1$ so $A^T B \in SO_n$

And there exists $A \in O_n$ with $\det A = -1$. Note $SO_n \triangleleft O_n$

$$O_n / SO_n \cong \mathbb{C}_2$$

$$\text{Note } AA^T = I, A^T = A^{-1}$$

A is orthogonal iff columns of A are orthonormal (iff the rows are orthonormal)

Recall On $\mathbb{R}^n$, we have $\underline{x} \cdot \underline{y} = \sum x_i y_i \in \mathbb{R}, |\underline{x}| = (\underline{x} \cdot \underline{x})^{1/2} \geq 0$

Note 8.2 Let $A \in GL_n(\mathbb{R})$, let $\underline{x}, \underline{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

$$\text{Then } A\underline{x} \cdot \underline{y} = \underline{x} \cdot A^T \underline{y}$$

$$\text{For, if } A = (a_{ij}), \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}, \underline{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A\underline{x} \cdot \underline{y} = \sum_i \left(\sum_j a_{ij} x_j \right) y_i = \sum_j x_j \left(\sum_i a_{ij} y_i \right) = \underline{x} \cdot A^T \underline{y}$$

Lemma 8.3 Assume $A \in O_n, \underline{x}, \underline{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\text{Then (1) } A\underline{x} \cdot A\underline{y} = \underline{x} \cdot \underline{y}$$

$$(2) |A\underline{x}| = |\underline{x}|$$

(so orthogonal transformations are isometries)

$$\text{Proof (1) } A\underline{x} \cdot A\underline{y} = \underline{x} \cdot A^T A \underline{y} = \underline{x} \cdot \underline{y}$$

$$(2) |A\underline{x}|^2 = A\underline{x} \cdot A\underline{x} = |\underline{x}|^2 \text{ so } |A\underline{x}| = |\underline{x}|$$

Partial Converse Any isometry of $\mathbb{R}^n$, fixing $\mathcal{O}$, is an orthonormal transformation.

8.4 Now, more about $n=2, n=3$
 $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$, $A^T = \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}$, and $AA^T = I = A^T A$
 $a^2 + b^2 = 1 = c^2 + d^2$, $a^2 + c^2 = 1 = b^2 + d^2$, $ac - bd = 0 = ab + cd$
 So for a unique θ , with $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$
 $(a, c) = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$ $(b, d) = \pm (-\sin \theta, \cos \theta)$
 so A is either $\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$ $\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$
 $\det A = +1, A \in SO_2$ $\det A = -1, A \in O_2 \setminus SO_2$

The first of these is in SO_2 , a ~~reflection~~^{rotation} by θ , $z \mapsto e^{i\theta} z$
 The second is in $O_2 \setminus SO_2$, a reflection in the line $\frac{y}{x} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$
 $z \mapsto e^{i\theta} \bar{z}$
 (To see this checked fixed points: $e^{i\theta} \bar{z} = z \Leftrightarrow e^{i\frac{\theta}{2}} \bar{z} = e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}} z$
 $\Leftrightarrow \bar{z} e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}} \in \mathbb{R} \Leftrightarrow z = t e^{i\frac{\theta}{2}}$

$n=3$ Theorem 8.5 Any matrix A in SO_3 has eigenvalue $+1$. If v is a corresponding eigenvector is called an axis of rotation.

Proof The characteristic polynomial is a real cubic, so has a real root λ .
 Then $|\lambda| = 1$. If v is a corresponding eigen vector then $|Av| = |\lambda v| = |\lambda||v| = 1$
 as A is orthogonal. so $\lambda = \pm 1$.
 Either A has 3 real roots all ± 1 , product $+1$, so one is $+1$, or the eigenvalues of A are $\pm 1, \alpha, \bar{\alpha}$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$. Since $\det A = 1$, the first of these is $+1$.

Theorem 8.6 Any matrix in SO_3 is conjugate to $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$ for some $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$

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Theorem 8.6 Any matrix in SO_3 is conjugate to $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$ for some $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$.

Proof Let $A \in SO_3$, ~~let~~ choose $\underline{v}$ with $A\underline{v} = \underline{v}$, $|\underline{v}| = 1$.

Let $P \in SO_3$ be a rotation in SO_3 taking $\underline{v}$ to $\underline{e}_1$, where $\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2, \underline{e}_3$ is the standard orthonormal basis. So $P\underline{v} = \underline{e}_1$.

Then PAP^{-1} fixes $\underline{e}_1$, hence also $\underline{e}_1^\perp = \langle \underline{e}_2, \underline{e}_3 \rangle$ setwise so acts as $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$ as the claim follows.

Theorem 8.7 $O_3 \cong SO_3 \times \langle -I_3 \rangle$

Proof $SO_3 \triangleleft O_3$ index 2, $\langle -I_3 \rangle \triangleleft O_3$ order 2.

$\langle -I_3 \rangle \cap SO_3 = \{I_3\}$ so the claim follows from S.S.

More on reflections Some elements in $O_3 \setminus SO_3$ are reflections. Let Π be the plane in $\mathbb{R}^3$ through $\underline{0}$ perpendicular to $\underline{n}$ with $|\underline{n}| = 1$.

(8.8) Reflection in plane Π :

$$\Gamma_{\Pi}(\underline{v}) = \underline{v} - 2(\underline{v} \cdot \underline{n})\underline{n} \quad \underline{n} \mapsto -\underline{n} \quad \underline{v} \in \Pi, \underline{v} \mapsto \underline{v}$$

Theorem 8.9 Any orthogonal matrix (ie in O_3) can be written as a product of at most 3 reflections.

Proof Since $O_3 = SO_3 \cup \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} SO_3$, it is enough to show any matrix in SO_3 is a product of at most 2 reflections. Since each element in SO_3 has an axis $\underline{v}$ we can work in $\underline{v}^\perp$ and show that any element in SO_2 is the product of at most two reflections.

$$\text{But } \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Finite Simple groups C_p , p prime A_n for $n \geq 5$

Matrix groups

$F = \mathbb{F}_p$ Galois Field, integers mod p . In fact there is a unique finite field of size p^n for any prime power but no other sizes.

E.g. $GL_n(\mathbb{F}_p)$

$SL_n(\mathbb{F}_p)$

$PSL_n(\mathbb{F}_p) = \frac{SL_n(\mathbb{F}_p)}{\{\text{scalar matrices}\}}$
projective special linear group

$PSL_n(\mathbb{F}_q)$ is simple for $n \geq 2$ unless $n=2, q=2, 3$.

E.g. $n=2$ Finite Möbius group, $F_{\infty} = \{0, 1, \dots, p-1, \infty\}$

$$|GL_2(\mathbb{F}_p)| = (p^2-1)(p^2-p)$$

$$|PSL_2(\mathbb{F}_p)| = \frac{1}{2}p(p^2-1)$$

$$|SL_2(\mathbb{F}_p)| = p(p^2-1)$$

Ten families of exceptional groups of Lie

26 sporadic simple groups

M

$$|M| \sim 8 \times 10^{53}$$

Mathieu

$$M_{11} \subset S_{11}$$

$$|M_{11}| = 7920$$