

# GTLA Lecture 04.09.2020

## The symmetric group $S_6$

matrix notation  
two line notation  
one line notation

function notation  
cycle notation.

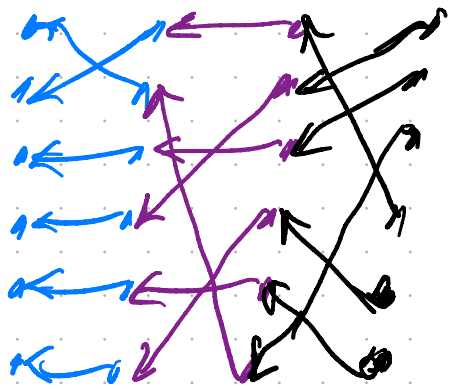
Compute  $(12) \times (246) \times (123654)$

$$W_1 = (12) = \begin{array}{c} 1 \times 2 \\ 2 \times 1 \\ 3 \times 3 \\ 4 \times 4 \\ 5 \times 5 \\ 6 \times 6 \end{array} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

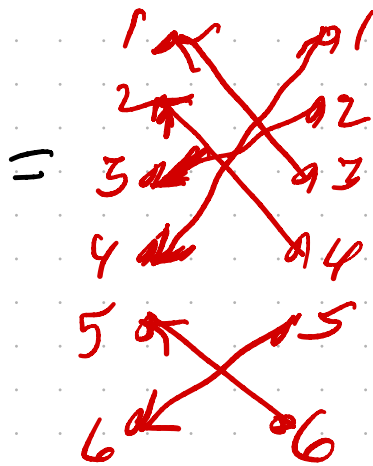
$$W_2 = (246) = \begin{array}{c} 1 \times 1 \\ 2 \times 4 \\ 3 \times 3 \\ 4 \times 2 \\ 5 \times 5 \\ 6 \times 6 \end{array} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$W_3 = (123654) = \begin{array}{c} 1 \times 3 \\ 2 \times 4 \\ 3 \times 1 \\ 4 \times 2 \\ 5 \times 5 \\ 6 \times 6 \end{array} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$w_1, w_2, w_3 =$



$w_1 \quad w_2 \quad w_3$



$$= (1423)(56) \quad \text{in cycle notation}$$

$$= (4231)(65)$$

$$= (2314)(56)$$

$$S_3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

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$$= \{ 1, (12), (23), (123), (132), (13) \}$$

Let  $G$  be a group.

Let  $S$  be a subset of  $G$ .

The subgroup <sup>of 6</sup> generated by  $S$  is

the subgroup  $H$  such that

(a)  $H \ni S$ .

(b) If  $K$  is a subgroup and  $K \ni S$  then  $K \ni H$ .

In English:  $H$  is the smallest subgroup containing  $S$ .

Note the similarity in structure to one of characterisations of gcd (or lcm): this is a "universal property".

### Subgroups of $S_3$

Cardinality

6

$S_3$

$\{1, (12), (123), (23), \dots\}$

3

$\{1, (123), (132)\}$

2

$\{1, (12)\}$

$\{1, (23)\}$

$\{1, (13)\}$

1

$\{1\}$

Let  $S = \{(12), (13)\}$  subset of  $S_3$

Let  $H$  be ~~be~~ the subgroup generated by  $S$ .

$$\text{So } H = S_3$$

Let  $G$  be a group and  $g \in G$ .

The order of  $g$  is the smallest  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  such that

$$\underbrace{g \circ g \circ g \circ \dots \circ g}_{k \text{ times}} = \text{e}$$

If  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  doesn't exist then  $\text{order}(g) = \infty$ .

The group  $\mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z}$

$$\mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$$

$$9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 9 = 0$$

$$\text{So } \text{order}(9) = 10.$$

$$8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 0 \text{ so } \text{order}(8) = 5.$$

$$7 + 7 + 7 + 7 + 7 + 7 + 7 + 7 + 7 + 7 = 0$$

$$\text{So } \text{order}(7) = 10$$

$$6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 = 0 \text{ so } \text{order}(6) = 5.$$

$$5 + 5 = 0 \text{ so } \text{order}(5) = 2.$$

$$4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 = 0 \text{ so } \text{order}(4) = 5$$

$$3+3+3+3+3+3+3+3+3+3+3=0$$

$$\text{So order}(3)=10$$

$$2+2+2+2+2=0 \text{ So order}(2)=5$$

$$1+1+1+1+1+1+1+1+1+1=0$$

$$\text{So order}(1)=10$$

$$0=0$$

$$\text{So order}(0)=1.$$

## Subgroups of $\mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z}$

Warmup: Subgroup generated by 3.

$$\{0, 3, 6, 9, 2, 5, 8, 1, 4, 7\}$$

$$= \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\} = \mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z}.$$

Cardinality

10

$\mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z}$

5

$$\{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}$$

2

$$\{0, 5\}$$

1

$$\{0\}$$

Proposition Let  $G$  be group and let  $g \in G$ .

(a) Let  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  and assume  $\text{order}(g) = k$ . Then the subgroup generated by  $g$  is

$$\{1, g, g^2, g^3, \dots, g^{k-1}\} \text{ and}$$

$$\text{Card}\{1, g, g^2, \dots, g^{k-1}\} = \text{order}(g).$$

(b) Assume  $\text{order}(g) = \infty$ .

Then the subgroup generated by  $g$

$$\{ \dots, g^{-3}, g^{-2}, g^{-1}, 1, g, g^2, g^3, \dots \} = \langle g \rangle$$

and

$$\text{Card}(\langle g \rangle) = \infty.$$

Let  $G$  be a group. A cyclic subgroup of  $G$  is a subgroup generated by one element.

$(1623574)$  in cycle notation  
 $(1623574)$  in one-line notation.  
 $(G, \circ)$        $(G, \cdot)$