

The background of the entire page is a dense, repeating geometric pattern. It consists of interlocking shapes, primarily triangles and hexagons, outlined in red and blue. At the vertices of these shapes are small, intricate gold-colored star-like motifs. The overall effect is a rich, textured, and highly symmetrical design.

Math 3500

Algebra I: Group Theory

Book 3

Eg. $F = \mathbb{F}_p = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$ where p is a prime
(finite field of order p).

Take $n=2$ and consider the vector space $V = F^2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} : a, b \in F \right\}$,
an additive abelian group of order p^2 .

Every homomorphism $V \rightarrow V$ is a linear transformation over the field F .

If $T: V \rightarrow V$ is a homomorphism then $T(v+w) = T(v) + T(w)$.

$$T(2v) = T(v+v) = T(v) + T(v) = 2T(v)$$

$$T(3v) = T(2v+v) = T(2v) + T(v) = 2T(v) + T(v) = 3T(v)$$

In fact $T(kv) = kT(v)$ for all $k \in \mathbb{F}_p$.

So $Tv = Av$ for some 2×2 matrix A over F .

There are exactly p^4 homomorphisms $V \rightarrow V$.

How many of these p^4 homomorphisms are automorphisms of V ?

$$(p^2-1)(p^2-p) = |GL_2(F)|.$$

The Klein four-group (any group of order 4 which is not cyclic)

	1	3	5	7
1	1	3	5	7
3	3	1	7	5
5	5	7	1	3
7	7	5	3	1

eg. $G \cong \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ under multiplication mod 8

or $\langle (12)(34), (13)(24) \rangle < S_4$

$$= \{(), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)\}$$

	1	a	b	c
1	1	a	b	c
a	a	1	c	b
b	b	c	1	a
c	c	b	a	1

$$F = \mathbb{F}_2 = \{0, 1\} \quad (\text{integers mod } 2)$$

$G \cong F^2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} : x, y \in F \right\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is an additive abelian group

This is another way to look at the Klein four-group.

It has 6 automorphisms i.e. isomorphisms from the group to itself.

The group G (Klein four-group) has 16 endomorphisms

(homomorphisms $G \rightarrow G$)

Why? To define an endomorphism T of $G = \{1, a, b, c\}$
 $= \langle a, b \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} ab &= c \\ |a| &= |b| = |c| = 2 \end{aligned}$$

	1	a	b	c
1	1	a	b	c
a	a	1	c	b
b	b	c	1	a
c	c	b	a	1

think of T as a linear transformation $T: G \rightarrow G$

there are four choices of $T(a) \in G$ i.e. $T(a) \in \{1, a, b, c\}$

... .. $T(b) \in G$

$$\text{Then } T(c) = T(ab) = T(a)T(b)$$

Only 6 of these 16 homomorphisms are invertible.

How many endomorphisms does a finite cyclic group have?

Take $G = C_n = \{1, g, g^2, \dots, g^{n-1}\}$, $|g| = n$.

How many homomorphisms are there from this group to itself? Exactly n .

They are the maps $\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_{n-1}$ where $\phi_j: G \rightarrow G$, $\phi_j(g^i) = g^{ij}$.

Note that $\phi_j(xy) = (xy)^j = x^j y^j = \phi_j(x) \phi_j(y)$ so ϕ_j is a homomorphism.

Note that $\phi_j \neq \phi_k$ for $j \neq k$ in $\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$

Since $\phi_j(g) = g^j \neq g^k = \phi_k(g)$ so we have at least n different homomorphisms $C_n \rightarrow C_n$.

Conversely, suppose $\phi: C_n \rightarrow C_n$ is any homomorphism. Then $\phi(g) = g^i \in G$, $0 \leq i \leq n-1$. In this case we claim $\phi = \phi_i$.

$$\phi(g^2) = \phi(gg) = \phi(g)\phi(g) = g^i g^i = g^{2i} = (g^2)^i = \phi_i(g^2)$$

$$\phi(g^3) = \phi(g^2g) = \phi(g^2)\phi(g) = g^{2i} g^i = g^{3i} = (g^3)^i = \phi_i(g^3)$$

Inductively we get $\phi(x) = \phi_i(x)$ for all $x \in G$ i.e. $\phi = \phi_i$. \square

eg. $G = C_4 = \{1, g, g^2, g^3\}$ has four endomorphisms $\phi_0, \phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3$ defined by

$$\phi_j(g^i) = g^{ij}$$

x	$\phi_0(x)$	$\phi_1(x)$	$\phi_2(x)$	$\phi_3(x)$
1	1	1	1	1
g	1	g	g^2	g^3
g^2	1	g^2	1	g^2
g^3	1	g^3	g^2	g

$$\phi_0(g^i) = g^{0i} = g^0 = 1$$

trivial homomorphism

$$\phi_0(ab) = \phi_0(a)\phi_0(b)$$

$$\phi_1(g^i) = g^{1i} = g^i \text{ is the identity}$$

$$\phi_2(g^i) = g^{2i}, \quad \phi_2(x) = x^2$$

$$\phi_3(x) = x^3$$

$$\text{If } \psi(g^i) = g \text{ then } g = \psi(g^2) = \psi(gg) \neq \underbrace{\psi(g)}_g \underbrace{\psi(g)}_g = g^2 \quad \phi_j(xy) = (xy)^j = x^j y^j = \phi_j(x)\phi_j(y)$$

$G = \{1, g, g^2, \dots, g^{n-1}\}$ has n homomorphisms $G \rightarrow G$, namely $\phi_k(x) = x^k$, $0 \leq k \leq n-1$ or $1 \leq k \leq n$.

How many of these are isomorphisms? (bijective)

$\phi_k: G \rightarrow G, x \mapsto x^k$ is one-to-one iff it's onto iff it's bijective iff $\gcd(k, n) = 1$

For $n=12$, $\phi_k: C_{12} \rightarrow C_{12}$ is bijective iff $k \in \{1, 5, 7, 11\}$. (k is relatively prime to n).

$\phi_3: C_{12} \rightarrow C_{12}$ has image $\phi_3(C_{12}) = \{1, g^3, g^6, g^9\}$ ϕ_3 is neither one-to-one nor onto.

$$\phi_3(1) = \phi_3(g^4) = 1$$

$$g \notin \phi_3(C_{12}) \quad \text{''} g^2 \text{''} \quad \text{''} g^7 \text{''}$$

The image of $f: G \rightarrow H$ is $f(G) = \{f(g) : g \in G\}$.

$\phi_5: C_{12} \rightarrow C_{12}$ is onto; its image is $\{1, g^5, g^{10}, g^{15}, g^{20}, g^{25}, g^{30}, g^{35}, g^{40}, g^{45}, g^{50}, g^{55}\}$

$\phi_9: C_{12} \rightarrow C_{12}$ is not onto; $\phi_9(C_{12}) = \{1, g^9, g^6, g^3, g^0\}$ $g^{60} = (g^{12})^5 = 1^5 = 1$

Euclid's Algorithm (extended form):

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, not both zero, and let $d = \gcd(a, b)$. Then there exist integers $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $d = ra + sb$. (That is, d is an integer linear combination of a, b).

Ex. $a=369$, $b=126$. We will compute $d=\gcd(a,b)$ and write d as an integer linear combination of a,b .

$$369 = 2 \times 126 + 117$$

$$126 = 1 \times 117 + \boxed{9} \leftarrow d=9 = \gcd(a,b)$$

$$117 = 13 \times 9 + 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 369 \\ 252 \\ \hline 117 \end{array}$$

$$9 = 126 - 117$$

$$= 126 - (369 - 2 \times 126)$$

$$= 3 \times 126 - 369$$

$$12 = 2 \times 5 + 2$$

$$5 = 2 \times 2 + \boxed{1} = \gcd(12,5) =$$

$$2 = 2 \times 1 + 0$$

$$1 = 5 - 2 \times 2$$

$$= 5 - 2(12 - 2 \times 5)$$

$$= 5 \times 5 - 2 \times 12$$

$$k = 5k \times 5 - 2k \times 12$$

We want to show every element of C_{12} is the 5th power of some element.

$$g^k = g^{5k \times 5 - 2k \times 12} = (g^{5k})^5 \underbrace{(g^{12})^{-2k}}_1 = (g^{5k})^5$$

$(k \in \mathbb{Z})$

$$a = 369 = 3 \times 123 = 3^2 \times 41$$

$$b = 126 = 3 \times 42 = 2 \times 3 \times 21 = 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 7 = 2 \times 3^2 \times 7.$$

There are n homomorphisms $\phi_k: C_n \rightarrow C_n$, $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ $\phi_k(x) = x^k$.

There are $\phi(n)$ isomorphisms $C_n \rightarrow C_n$, namely ϕ_k , $1 \leq k \leq n$, $\gcd(k, n) = 1$.
Euler's totient function $\phi(n) =$ number of integers $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that $\gcd(k, n) = 1$.

$$\phi(12) = 4.$$

Sorry I'm using " ϕ " more than once.

There are exactly $\phi(n)$ elements $x \in C_n$ such that $\langle x \rangle = C_n$.

For $n=12$, $\phi(12) = 4$ since $1, 5, 7, 11$ are the only elements $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, 12\}$ such that $\gcd(k, 12) = 1$.

In $C_{12} = \{1, g, g^2, \dots, g^{11}\}$, $\langle g \rangle = C_{12} = \langle g^5 \rangle = \langle g^7 \rangle = \langle g^{11} \rangle$

Suppose $f: G \rightarrow H$ is a group homomorphism.

Then $f(1_G) = 1_H$ where 1_G is the identity element of G and 1_H is the identity element of H . Eg. if $T: V \rightarrow W$ is a linear transformation then

$$T(0) = 0$$

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zero vector.

Proof: $f(1_G) = f(1_G 1_G) = f(1_G) f(1_G)$. Multiply both sides on the left by $f(1_G)^{-1} \in H$
to get $1_H = f(1_G)^{-1} f(1_G) = \underbrace{f(1_G)^{-1} f(1_G)}_{1_H} f(1_G) = 1_H f(1_G) = f(1_G)$. \square

$$f(1_G)^{-1} (f(1_G) f(1_G)) = \underbrace{f(1_G)^{-1} f(1_G)}_{1_H} f(1_G)$$

More generally, $|f(g)|$ divides $|g|$ for every $g \in G$ (assuming $|g| < \infty$).

If $|g| = 6$ then $|f(g)| = 1, 2, 3$ or 6 .

If $|g| = 1$ then $|f(g)| = 1$ (which says $f(1_G) = 1_H$).

Proof? Note that $f(g^k) = f(\underbrace{g \cdot g \cdot g \cdots g}_{k \text{ times}}) = \underbrace{f(g) f(g) \cdots f(g)}_{k \text{ times}}$

$$f(gg) = f(g)f(g)$$

$$f(ggg) = f(g)f(gg) = f(g)f(g)f(g)$$

Now suppose $|g| = n$ and $d = |f(g)|$. We must show that $d|n$.

We have $n = qd + r$ for some integers q, r with $0 \leq r < d$. Then

$$1 = g^n \Rightarrow 1 = f(1) = f(g^n) = f(g)^n = f(g)^{qd+r} = (f(g)^d)^q f(g)^r = 1^q f(g)^r$$

By definition of the order of an element, $r=0$, i.e. $d|n$. $\square = f(g)^r$

One way in which group theory is different from linear algebra: If V, W are vector spaces and you take $v \in V, w \in W$. You can always find a linear transformation $T: V \rightarrow W$ such that $T(v) = w$ (unless $v=0$ and $w \neq 0$). Recall $T(0) = 0$.

If $f: C_{12} \rightarrow C_{12}$ is a homomorphism then we cannot have $f(g^3) = g^9$ since $|g^3| = 4$ does not divide $|g^3| = 4$. Every homomorphism $f: C_{12} \rightarrow C_{12}$ must take $f(g^3) \in \{1, g^3, g^6, g^9\}$. Use ϕ_0, ϕ_1, ϕ_2 to get these.

Careful: In S_4 , there are several homomorphisms $S_4 \rightarrow S_4$.

If $f: S_5 \rightarrow S_5$ is a homomorphism, $f((12)) \in \{1, (12), (12)(34), \dots\}$
elements of order 1 or 2

But what is an example of a homomorphism $f: S_5 \rightarrow S_5$ only.
such that $f((12)) = (12)(34)$?

You can say $f(\sigma) = \begin{cases} (1) & \text{if } \sigma \text{ is even} \\ (12)(34) & \text{if } \sigma \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$ (i.e. $\sigma \in A_5$)

This is not an isomorphism.

There is an isomorphism $\phi: S_5 \rightarrow S_5$ such that $\phi((12345)) = (12453)$?
Yes.

More generally if G is a multiplicative group and $a \in G$, then we can define an isomorphism $\psi_a: G \rightarrow G$, $\psi_a(x) = axa^{-1}$ (conjugation by a).

$$\psi_a(xy) = a(xy)a^{-1} = (axa^{-1})(aya^{-1}) = \psi_a(x)\psi_a(y) \text{ for all } xy \in G.$$

This shows that $\psi_a: G \rightarrow G$ is a homomorphism.

Why is it one-to-one? If $\psi_a(x) = \psi_a(x')$ then $axa^{-1} = ax'a^{-1}$ then $a^{-1}(axa^{-1})a = a^{-1}(ax'a^{-1})a$
so $x = x'$.

Why is it onto? For all $y \in G$, we must find $x \in G$ such that $\psi_a(x) = y$
 $axa^{-1} = y$

$\psi_a: G \rightarrow G$ is a bijection

and it is a homomorphism

so it is an isomorphism from G to G so it is an automorphism of G .

$$x = a^{-1}(axa^{-1})a = a^{-1}ya$$

i.e. $\psi_a(a^{-1}ya) = y$

If G is abelian then $\psi_a(x) = axa^{-1} = a\cancel{a}^{-1}x = x$ i.e. $\psi_a = \text{identity}$.
 The center of G is $Z(G) = \{z \in G : z \text{ commutes with every element of } G\}$

$Z(G)$ is a subgroup of G . If $z_1, z_2 \in Z(G)$ then $z_1 z_2 \in Z(G)$ since

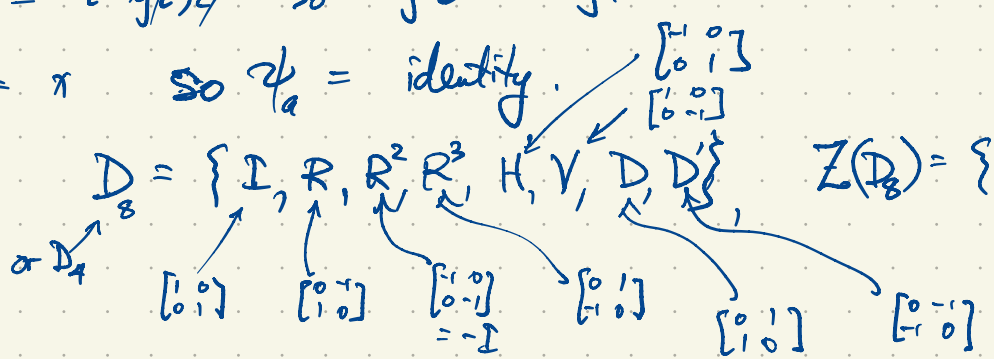
$$z_1 z_2 g = z_1 g z_2 = g z_1 z_2 \text{ for all } g \in G.$$

Clearly $1 = 1_G$ commutes with every $g \in G$ since $1g = g = g1$, $1 \in Z(G)$.

If $z \in Z(G)$ then $z^{-1} \in Z(G)$ since for all $g \in G$,
 $zg = gz$ so $z^{-1}(zg)z^{-1} = z^{-1}(gz)z^{-1}$ so $gz^{-1} = z^{-1}g$.

If $a \in Z(G)$ then $\psi_a(x) = axa^{-1} = x\cancel{a}a^{-1} = x$ so $\psi_a = \text{identity}$.

In the dihedral group of order 8, $D_8 = \{I, R, R^2, R^3, H, V, D, D'\}$, $Z(D_8) = \{I, R^2\}$



We have an nontrivial automorphism of D_8

$$\psi_R(x) = RxR^{-1}$$

$$\psi_R(I) = I$$

$$\psi_R(-I) = -I$$

$$\psi_R(R) = RRR^{-1} = R$$

$$\psi_R(R^3) = RRR^3R^{-1} = R^{-1} = R^3$$

$$\psi_R(D) = D' \quad \psi_R(H) = V$$

$$\psi_R(D') = D \quad \psi_R(V) = H$$

$$\psi_D(x) = DxD^{-1} = Dx D$$

$$\psi_D(I) = I \quad \psi_D(H) = V$$

$$\psi_D(-I) = -I \quad \psi_D(V) = H$$

$$\psi_D(R) = R^3 \quad \psi_D(D) = D$$

$$\psi_D(R^3) = R \quad \psi_D(D') = D'$$

$$\psi_D(R^2) = R^2$$

Four automorphisms of D_8 :

$$\psi_I = \psi_{R^2} = \text{identity}$$

Since $I, R^2 \in Z(D_8)$

$$\psi_R = \psi_{R^3}$$

$$\psi_D = \psi_{D'}$$

$$\psi_H = \psi_V$$

If $a, x \in G$ then we say axa^{-1} is the conjugate of x by a .

Conjugation in G is the map $x \mapsto axa^{-1}$ for fixed $a \in G$.

We say two elements $x, y \in G$ are conjugate if $y = axa^{-1}$ for some $a \in G$.

In this case we often write $x \sim y$.

In $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$, two elements are conjugate iff they are similar.

Conjugacy (the relation \sim) is an equivalence relation.

D_8 has five conjugacy classes: $\{I\}$, $\{R^2\}$, $\{R, R^3\}$, $\{H, V\}$, $\{D, D'\}$.

In any group, the conjugacy classes of size 1 are $\{z\}$, $z \in Z(G)$.

$$aza^{-1} = zaa^{-1} = z$$

$Z(G)$ is the union of conjugacy classes of size 1 in G .

Given $a, x \in G$, $\varphi_a(x) = axa^{-1}$ (the conjugate of x by a).

$\varphi_a: G \rightarrow G$ which is conjugation by a .

φ_a is an automorphism of G : φ_a is bijective and $\varphi_a(xy) = \varphi_a(x)\varphi_a(y)$.

Eg. Conjugation in S_n takes permutations to permutations of the same cycle structure (ie. it preserves cycle structure).

When we count elements of S_n according to their cycle structure, we are actually counting group elements by conjugacy classes.

For $n=8$, $\sigma = (13725)(48)$, $\tau = (14)(2536)$. Conjugating σ by τ gives

$$\varphi_{\tau}(\sigma) = \tau\sigma\tau^{-1} = \underbrace{(14)(2536)}_{\tau} \underbrace{(13725)(48)}_{\sigma} \underbrace{(14)(2635)}_{\tau^{-1}} = (18)(2)(34675) = \underline{(18)(34675)}$$

Observe: σ and $\tau\sigma\tau^{-1}$ are not only the same order, they have the same cycle structure.

But conversely, if two permutations have the same cycle structure, they must be conjugate. Why?

$$\begin{array}{l} \sigma = (13725)(48) \\ \quad \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \quad \downarrow \downarrow \\ \tau\sigma\tau^{-1} = (46753)(18) = \underline{(18)(34675)} \end{array} \quad \tau = (14)(2536)$$

Eg. Find $\tau \in S_8$ such that $\tau(135)(2746)\tau^{-1} = (1823)(457)$

$$\begin{array}{l} \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \quad \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \\ (457)(1823) \end{array} \quad \tau = (142)(35786) \text{ works.}$$

$$\underline{\text{OR}} \quad \begin{array}{l} (8) \\ \downarrow \\ (6) \end{array} \tau(135)(2746)\tau^{-1} = (1823)(457)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \quad \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \\ (574)(2318) \end{array} \quad \tau = (154)(2)(37)(68) = (154)(37)(68)$$

Given $g \in G$, the centralizer of g is $C_G(g) = \{ \text{all elements of } G \text{ that commute with } g \}$
 $= \{ z \in G : zg = gz \}$

Once again, $C_G(g) \leq G$ ($C_G(g)$ is a subgroup of G)

If $z_1, z_2 \in C_G(g)$ then $z_1 z_2 \in C_G(g)$ since $(z_1 z_2)g = z_1 g z_2 = g z_1 z_2$.

$1_G \in C_G(g)$ since $1_G g = g = g 1_G$

If $z \in C_G(g)$ then $z^{-1} \in C_G(g)$ as before (back 2 pages or so).

If x and y are conjugate in G then the number of elements $a \in G$ conjugating x to y is $|C_G(x)|$.

Eg. In $G = S_8$, how many elements $\tau \in S_8$ conjugate $(13725)(48)$ to

$(46753)(18)$? Same as: How many elements commute with

$\sigma = (13725)(48)$. Answer: 10. in this case.

Why is $\tau \sigma \tau^{-1}$ the same as σ with all symbols in the cycle structure replaced by $i \mapsto \tau(i)$?

$$\sigma = (\dots, i, \sigma(i), \dots) (\dots) \dots (\dots)$$

$$(\tau \sigma \tau^{-1})(\tau(i)) = \tau \sigma \tau^{-1}(\tau(i)) = \tau(\sigma(i)) \text{ i.e.}$$

$$\tau \sigma \tau^{-1} = (\dots, \tau(i), \tau(\sigma(i)), \dots) \dots (\dots)$$

If $A \in GL_n(F)$ is diagonalizable (which happens over \mathbb{C} "most" of the time)

then A is similar (i.e. conjugate) to a diagonal matrix in $GL_n(F)$, i.e. $A = BDB^{-1}$ for some diagonal matrix D and $B \in GL_n(F)$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} v & \xrightarrow{A} & Av = BDB^{-1}v \\ B^{-1} \downarrow & & \uparrow B \\ B^{-1}v & \xrightarrow{D} & DB^{-1}v \end{array}$$

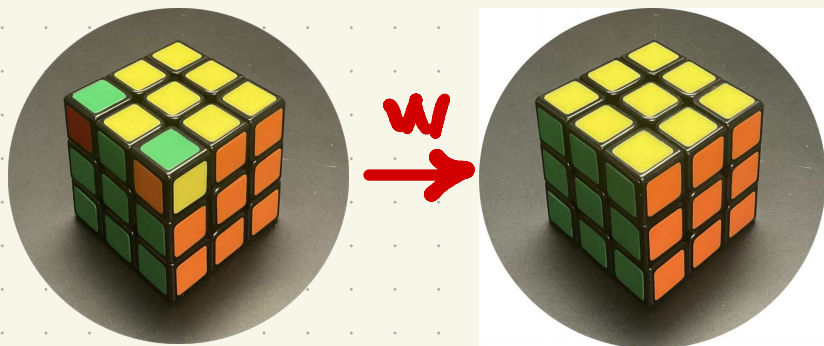
Scale by λ_i i^{th} coordinate

Similarly in $GL_n(F)$:

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \text{ scales } e_i \mapsto \lambda_i e_i \text{ where } e_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{i^{\text{th}}}$$

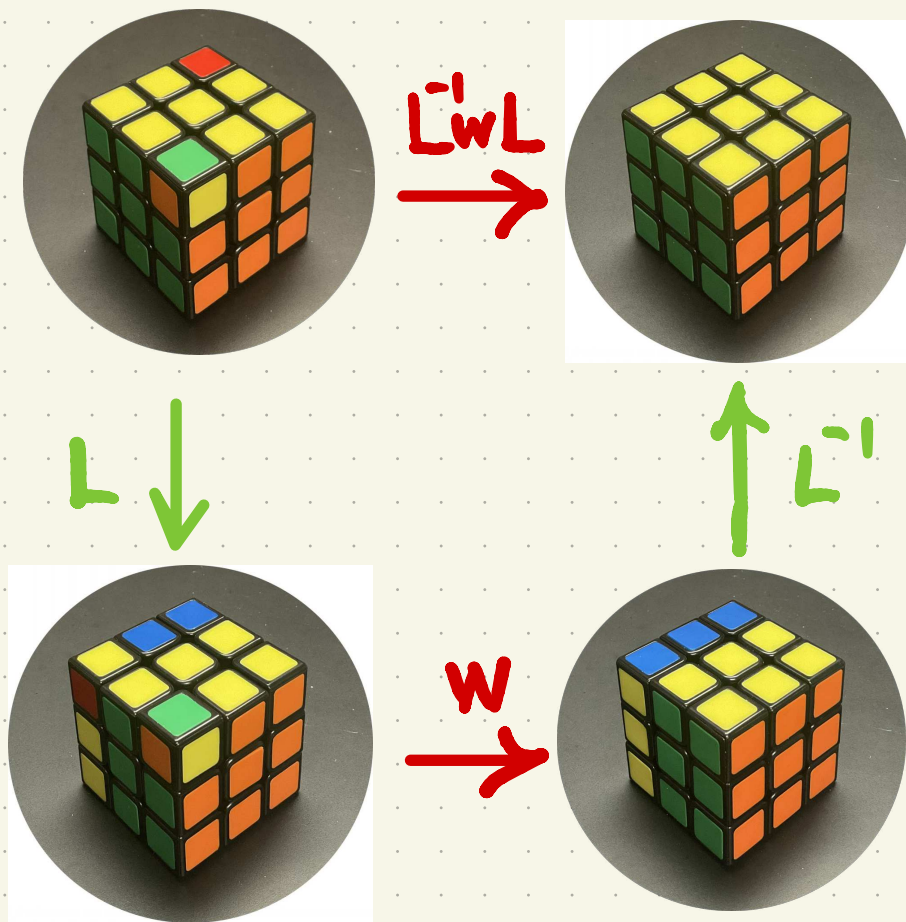
Example: The group G of legal moves of Rubik's Cube has order $|G| = 43252003274489856000$ (depending a little on whether or not we count moves that move the six center pieces).

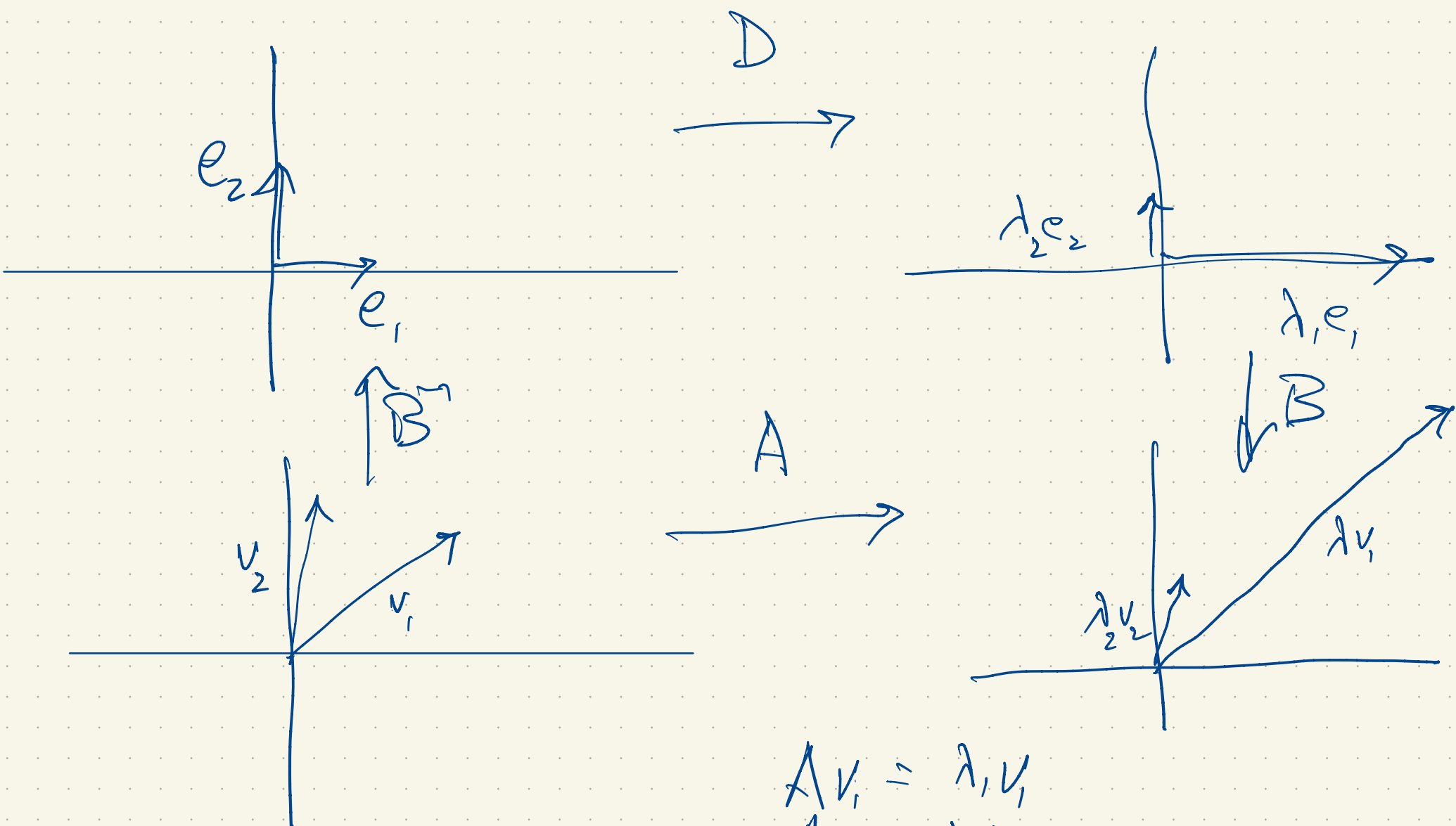
An example of conjugation in G :



In our class, we might write

$$W = U^2 B U^2 B U B U^2 B U^2 B U^2 B U^2 B U^2 B$$
 (right-to-left composition) but the standard guides for cubing would reverse this (using left-to-right composition as mathematicians prefer).

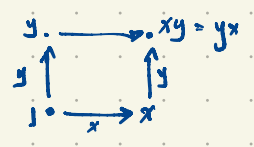




$$A v_1 = \lambda_1 v_1$$

$$A v_2 = \lambda_2 v_2$$

Commutative diagram



If G is any group then an automorphism of G is a bijection $\phi: G \rightarrow G$ such that $\phi(gh) = \phi(g)\phi(h)$ for all $g, h \in G$.

Eg. If $G = C_n = \langle g \rangle = \{1, g, g^2, \dots, g^{n-1}\}$ ^{cyclic} of order n , then there are $\phi(n)$ automorphisms of C_n where $\phi(n) = |\{k : 1 \leq k \leq n, \gcd(k, n) = 1\}|$. ϕ is Euler's totient function.

$\phi_k(x) = x^k, \phi_k(g^i) = g^{ki}$ is a homomorphism $C_n \rightarrow C_n$; it's an automorphism iff $\gcd(k, n) = 1$.

If $n=6$, there are 6 homomorphisms $\phi_k: C_6 \rightarrow C_6, x \mapsto x^k$.

$\phi_1(x) = x$ identity

$\phi_2(x) = x^2$ is not one-to-one since $\phi_2(g^3) = (g^3)^2 = g^6 = 1 = \phi_2(1)$

$\phi_3(x) = x^3$ is not one-to-one since $\phi_3(g^2) = (g^2)^3 = g^6 = 1 = \phi_3(1) = \phi_3(g^4) = g^{12} = 1$

$\phi_4(x) = x^4$ is not one-to-one since $\phi_4(g^3) = (g^3)^4 = g^{12} = 1 = \phi_4(1)$

$\phi_5(x) = x^5 = x^{-1}$ is one-to-one and onto.

x	$\phi_5(x)$
1	1
g	g^5
g^2	g^4
g^3	g^3
g^4	g^2
g^5	g

Eg. $\text{Aut}(G) = \{\text{all automorphisms of } G\}$ is a group (not to be confused with G), the automorphism group of G .

$G = C_n$

$\text{Aut}(C_6) = \{\phi_1, \phi_5\} \cong C_2$

↑
identity

	ϕ_1	ϕ_5
ϕ_1	ϕ_1	ϕ_5
ϕ_5	ϕ_5	ϕ_1

eg. $\phi_5 \phi_5(x) = (x^5)^5 = x^{25} = x^{24} \cdot x = 1 \cdot x = x = \phi_1(x)$

This is not that! $G \neq \text{Aut } G$.

	1	g	g^2	g^3	g^4	g^5
1	1	g	g^2	g^3	g^4	g^5
g	g	g^2	g^3	g^4	g^5	1
g^2	g^2	g^3	g^4	g^5	1	g
g^3	g^3	g^4	g^5	1	g	g^2
g^4	g^4	g^5	1	g	g^2	g^3
g^5	g^5	1	g	g^2	g^3	g^4

If $a \in G$ then $\phi_a(x) = axa^{-1}$ (conjugation by $a \in G$) is an inner automorphism of G .

This gives lots of examples of automorphisms of G if G is nonabelian.

Abelian groups tend to have lots of automorphisms but they're not inner (except for the identity $\text{id}: G \rightarrow G$, $\text{id}(g) = g$, $\text{id}(gh) = gh = \text{id}(g)\text{id}(h)$, $\text{id} \in \text{Aut } G$ (not 1_G)).

If F is any field then $V = F^n$ is usually thought of as a vector space of dimension n over F . Ignoring scalar multiplication, this is a group under $+$ with identity element the zero vector.

If $F = \mathbb{F}_p = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$. In this case F is a cyclic group under addition and automorphisms of this group are scalar multiplication by nonzero elements of F .

$\text{Aut}(F^n) \cong GL_n(F)$

Each $A \in GL_n(F)$ gives an automorphism of F^n , $A: v \rightarrow Av$

This is a homomorphism $F^n \rightarrow F^n$ since $A(v+w) = Av + Aw$

Since A is invertible, $A: F^n \rightarrow F^n$ is bijective. The inverse of $A: v \rightarrow Av$ is $A^{-1}: v \rightarrow A^{-1}v$.

Sometimes F^n has more automorphisms than these but often not.

An inner automorphism of F^n is a function of the form $\phi_a: v \rightarrow a + v + (-a) = v$, $a, v \in F^n$

$\phi_a(v) = v$ i.e. $\phi_a = \text{id}$ for all $a \in V$.

Ex. $\text{Aut}(S_n) \cong S_n$ if $n \neq 6$. S_6 has outer automorphisms (automorphisms that are not inner)

There is $f \in \text{Aut}(S_6)$ such that $f((12)) = (12)(34)(56)$ and this cannot be an inner automorphism.

Theorem There is a homomorphism $G \rightarrow \text{Aut } G$ defined by $a \mapsto \phi_a$. Shoer-Sock Theorem

Proof $\phi_{ab} = \phi_a \phi_b$ because $(\phi_a \circ \phi_b)(g) = \phi_a(\phi_b(g)) = a(bg b^{-1})a^{-1} = (ab)g(ba^{-1}) = (ab)g(aba^{-1}) = \phi_{ab}(g)$

for all $a, b, g \in G$.

$GL_4(\mathbb{F}_2) \cong A_8$ of order 20160

$\text{Aut}(GL_4(\mathbb{F}_2)) \cong S_8$ of order 40320.

All automorphisms of $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ are inner. (I think)

For $n > 2$, there are outer automorphisms of $SL_n(\mathbb{R})$.

Let's explain starting with $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$.

Aut $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ includes inner automorphisms. $\phi_B(A) = BAB^{-1}$

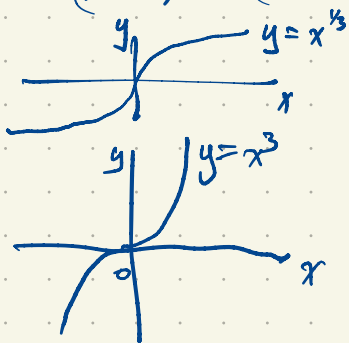
$GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ has an automorphism $\phi(A) = (\det A)A$.

$$\phi(AB) = \det(AB)AB = (\det A)(\det B)AB = (\det A)A \cdot (\det B)B = \phi(A)\phi(B).$$

Why is $\phi: GL_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ bijective?

Suppose $\phi(A) = \phi(B)$ i.e. $(\det A)A = (\det B)B$.

$$(\det A)^3 = (\det B)^3 \Rightarrow \det A = \det B \Rightarrow A = B.$$



Why is ϕ onto?

Given $A \in GL_2(\mathbb{R})$, find $X \in GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ such that $\phi(X) = A$. Answer: $X = (\det A)^{-1/3}A$.

The inverse of $\phi: GL_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow GL_2(\mathbb{R})$, $A \mapsto (\det A)A$

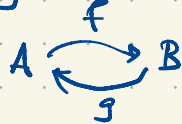
$$\text{is } \phi^{-1}(A) = (\det A)^{-1/2}A$$

also an automorphism of $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$

If a linear transformation is invertible, then its inverse is also a linear transformation.

If a group homomorphism is invertible, then its inverse function is also a group homomorphism.

A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ from set A to set B is bijective \iff it has a (well-defined) inverse $g: B \rightarrow A$.



$$\text{i.e. } f \circ g: B \rightarrow B$$

is the identity on B

$$b \mapsto b \text{ for all } b \in B.$$

$g \circ f: A \rightarrow A$ is the identity $A \rightarrow A$ is $a \mapsto a$ for all $a \in A$.

All automorphisms of $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ are inner: they have the form

$$\phi: SL_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow SL_2(\mathbb{R})$$

$$\phi(A) = BAB^{-1}, B \in SL_2(\mathbb{R})$$

eg. $\phi(A) = A^{-T}$ i.e. $\phi\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} d & -c \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} = BAB^{-1}$ where $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

For $n \geq 3$, $\phi: SL_n(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow SL_n(\mathbb{R})$, $\phi(A) = A^T$ is an automorphism. And for $n \geq 3$, this is not inner. Perhaps later we'll explain why.

A Klein four-group $K = \{1, a, b, c\}$ has six automorphisms

	1	a	b	c
1	1	a	b	c
a	a	1	c	b
b	b	c	1	a
c	c	b	a	1

$$\text{Aut } K \cong S_3 \quad (\text{all six permutations of } a, b, c).$$

The only inner automorphism of K is the identity $\text{id}(x) = x$ eg. $\phi(x) = axa^{-1} = x$

The other five automorphisms of K are outer automorphisms.

If G and H are groups then the direct product of G and H is

$$G \times H = \{(g, h) : g \in G, h \in H\} \quad (\text{the Cartesian product})$$

where $(g_1, h_1)(g_2, h_2) = (g_1 g_2, h_1 h_2)$. $(g, h)^{-1} = (g^{-1}, h^{-1})$ identity in $G \times H$ is $1_{G \times H} = (1_G, 1_H)$.

$$\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} = \{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\} = \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ with usual addition of vectors. (componentwise addition)}$$

eg. $C_n = \{1, g, g^2, \dots, g^{n-1}\}$ cyclic of order n

$$C_m = \{1, h, h^2, \dots, h^{m-1}\} \dots \dots \dots m$$

$$C_3 \times C_5 = \{(g^i, h^j) : i, j \in \mathbb{Z}\} \quad g^3 = 1 = h^5$$

$$\cong C_{15} \quad \text{generated by } (g, h)$$

Powers of (g, h) :

- $(g, h)^0 = (1, 1)$
- $(g, h)^1 = (g, h)$
- $(g, h)^2 = (g^2, h^2)$
- $(g, h)^3 = (1, h^3)$
- $(g, h)^4 = (g, h^4)$
- $(g, h)^5 = (g^2, 1)$
- $(g, h)^6 = (1, h)$
- $(g, h)^7 = (g, h^2) \leftarrow (g^7, h^7)$
- $(g, h)^8 = (g^2, h^3)$
- $(g, h)^9 = (1, h^4)$

$$C_2 \times C_2 \not\cong C_4$$

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow \{1, g\} & \uparrow \{1, g\} \\ C_2 \times C_2 = \{(1, 1), (g, 1), (1, g), (g, g)\} \\ \text{is a Klein four-group.} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (g, h)^{10} &= (g, 1) \\ (g, h)^{11} &= (g^2, h) \\ (g, h)^{12} &= (1, h^2) \\ (g, h)^{13} &= (g, h^3) \\ (g, h)^{14} &= (g^2, h^4) \\ (g, h)^{15} &= (1, 1) \end{aligned} \quad |(g, h)| = 15$$

$$C_3 \times C_5 = \langle (g, h) \rangle \cong C_{15}$$

Every abelian group is (isomorphic to) a direct product of cyclic groups.

Groups of order 4 are abelian: $C_4, C_2 \times C_2$.

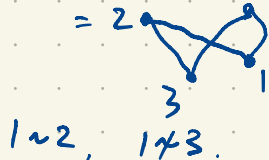
Groups of order 8: there are three abelian groups of order 8: $C_8, C_2 \times C_4, C_2 \times C_2 \times C_2$.

There are two nonabelian groups of order 8: dihedral, quaternion. addition in F^3 , $F = \{0, 1\} = \mathbb{F}_2$.

Graphs (Math 3700: Combinatorics)

A (finite) (labelled) graph has vertices $1, 2, \dots, n$. Every pair of vertices ^{plural of vertex} is either joined by an edge or not.

eg. $\Gamma =$ (a 4-cycle) has order 4 (the number of vertices) and 4 edges $\{1,2\}, \{2,3\}, \{3,4\}, \{1,4\}$.



Vertices i and j are adjacent if $\{i,j\}$ is an edge, and then we write $i \sim j$ ($j \sim i$).

A graph of order n has $\binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ pairs of vertices. This is the maximum number of edges in a graph of order n .

$\text{Aut}(\Gamma) =$ automorphism group of this graph = the set of all permutations of the vertices which preserves the adjacency relation between vertices.
 $= \langle (1234), (13) \rangle$

(12) is not an automorphism of this graph: it maps to a different graph isomorphic but different.

(13) is an automorphism of the graph: it maps to is the same graph.

has automorphism group $\langle (13), (4,5), (23) \rangle \cong S_3 \times S_2 = S_3 \times C_2$
all 6 permutations of 1,2,3 all 2 permutations of 4,5

$\text{Aut}(K_5) \cong S_5 \cong \text{Aut} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
 Complete graph K_5 of order 5.

Given a graph Γ of order n , the complementary graph Γ' of order n has the complementary set of edges.

for $i \neq j$ in $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, i, j are adjacent in Γ' iff they're not adjacent in Γ .

$$\text{Aut } \Gamma' = \text{Aut } \Gamma.$$

$$\text{Aut} \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 3 & 2 & \\ 4 & 1 & \end{array} \right) = \text{Aut} \left(\begin{array}{cc} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{array} \right) = \text{Aut} \left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{array} \right) = \langle (1234), (13) \rangle = \left\{ (1), (13), (24), (13)(24), \right. \\ \left. (12)(34), (1234), (1432), (11)(23) \right\}$$

$$\text{Aut} \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 3 & \\ 4 & 1 & \end{array} \right) = \text{Aut} \left(\begin{array}{cc} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{array} \right) = \langle (1234), (13) \rangle \quad \text{dihedral group of order 8}$$

complementary graphs

$$\text{Aut} \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array} \right) = \langle (12), (123), (45), (456), (14)(25)(36) \rangle = \langle (12), (123), (14)(25)(36) \rangle$$

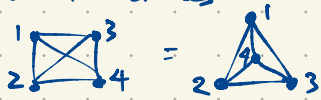
group of order 72 having $\langle (12), (123), (45), (456) \rangle \cong S_3 \times S_3$ as a subgroup of order 36

Aut (regular tetrahedron)
(symmetry group)

$$\text{Aut} \left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{array} \right) = \text{Aut}(K_4) \cong S_4 \text{ of order 24.}$$

complete graph on 4 vertices

Half of these are rotational symmetries (direct isometries) forming a subgroup $\cong A_4$.



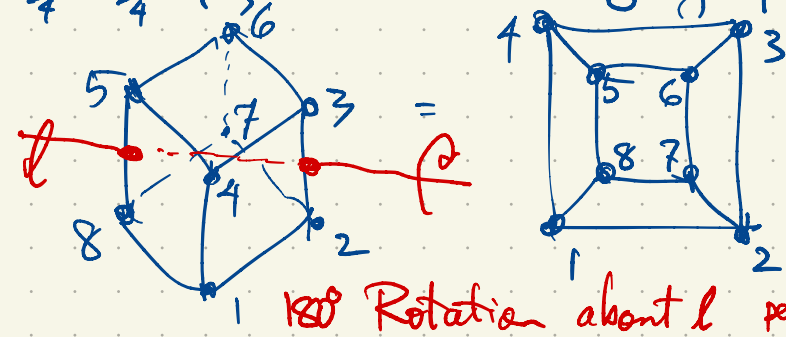
these isometries include 12 direct isometries (rotations with determinant 1) and 12 indirect isometries with determinant -1.

Aut (cube) = symmetry group of cube has order 48 (HW2) $\cong S_4 \times C_2$

$$S_4 \cong S_4 \times \{1\} = \text{direct isometry group of cube} = \text{rotational symmetry group of cube.}$$

This graph of order 8 has the same aut. gp. as the symmetry group of the cube, $G = \text{Aut}(\text{cube})$ (see HW4, T₂)

There are four diagonals joining each vertex with its opposite vertex $\{1,6\}, \{2,5\}, \{3,8\}, \{4,7\}$. Rotations of the cube give every permutation of the four diagonals exactly once. So the rotational symmetry group $\cong S_4$.



Rotational symmetries of the cube can be thought of as 3×3 matrices of determinant 1. (assuming the origin of \mathbb{R}^3 is the center of the cube).

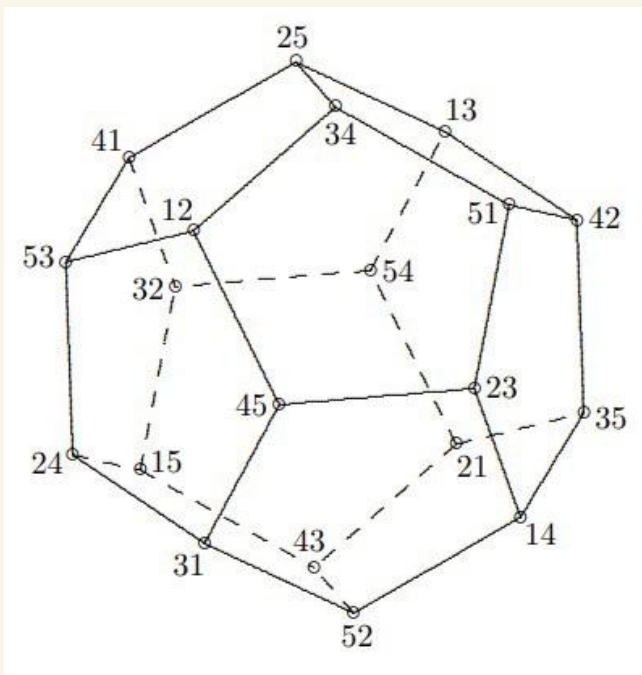
The inversion $-I = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & & \\ & -1 & \\ & & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ is a symmetry of the cube permuting vertices as $(16)(25)(38)(47)$, commuting with all elements of $G = \text{symmetry group of cube} = \{ \pm A : A \text{ rot. symmetry} \}$

$$(\pm A)(\pm B) = \pm AB$$

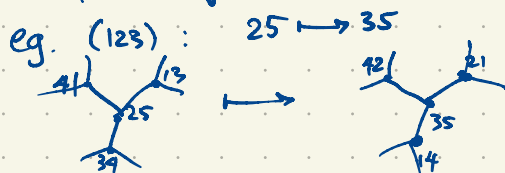
$$G = S_4 \times \{ \pm I \}$$

Regular dodecahedron has 12 faces which are regular pentagons. Its symmetry group has order 120 (direct isometries form a subgroup of order 60, the rotational symmetry group $\cong A_5$; the full symm. group is $\cong A_5 \times C_2$ where $-I$ is inversion $v \mapsto -v$)

The symmetry group has $\{ \pm I \}$ in its center, so this group can't be $\cong S_5$ since $Z(S_5) = 1$ (trivial subgroup). Why does a regular dodecahedron have rotational symmetry group $\cong A_5$?

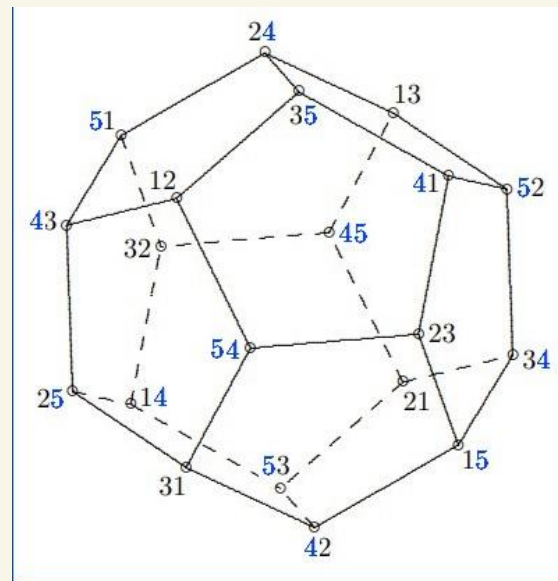


Label the 20 vertices as ij (i, j distinct in $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$) ij, ji antipodal. A_5 permuting $1, 2, 3, 4, 5$.

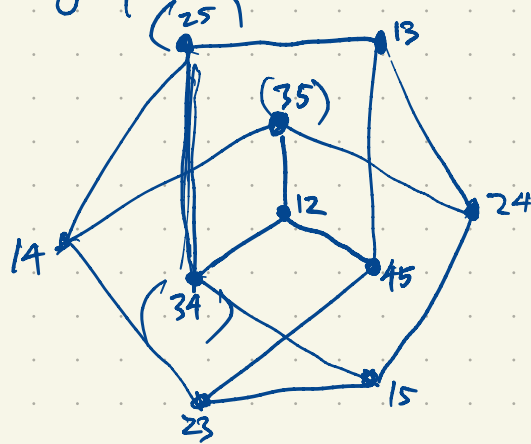


Odd permutations of $1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ do not preserve the dodecahedron.

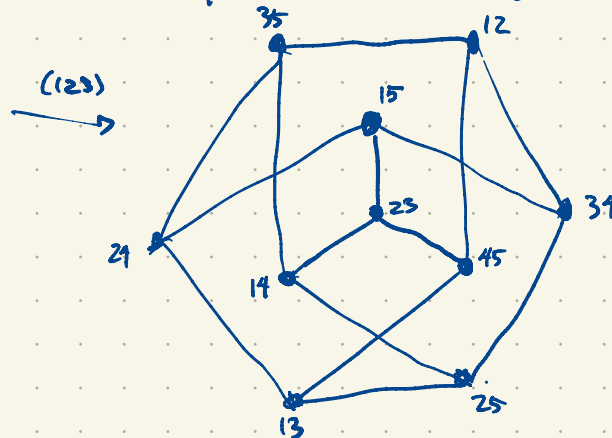
Odd permutations interchange this dodecahedron with another



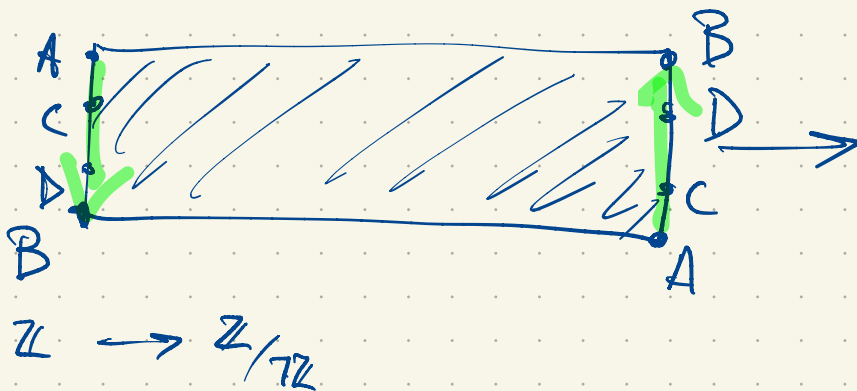
Petersen graph P (see HW4) has 120 automorphisms. $\text{Aut } P \cong S_5$



Join two pairs if they are disjoint.



Label vertices $\{i,j\}$, $i \neq j$ in $\{1,2,3,4,5\}$
 $\{i,j\} = \{j,i\} = ij$



Möbius strip

$$\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}$$

S_5 has 10 transpositions (ij) .

S_5 permutes them using 120 inner automorphisms.

The Petersen graph has as its ten vertices the ten transpositions (ij) in S_5 ($1 \leq i < j \leq 5$).
 Two vertices (ij) , (kl) are adjacent $((ij) \sim (kl))$ iff these two transpositions are distinct and they commute (i.e. $\{i,j\} \cap \{k,l\} = \emptyset$). This is why S_5 is (at least a subgroup of) $\text{Aut } P$. A little more explanation can be given to explanation to justify that S_5 is the full automorphism group of P . $\text{Aut } P \cong S_5$.

For $n=2,3,4$, there is a homomorphism from S_n onto S_{n-1} , say $\phi(S_n) = S_{n-1}$.

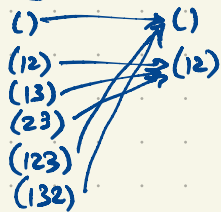
For $n \geq 5$, this does not hold.

This fact underlies the fact that a polynomial in x of degree $n \geq 5$ cannot in general have roots expressible in terms of the coefficients taking $+, -, \times, \div, \sqrt{\quad}$ (square roots, cube roots, etc.)

For $n=2,3,4$ such formulas are known.

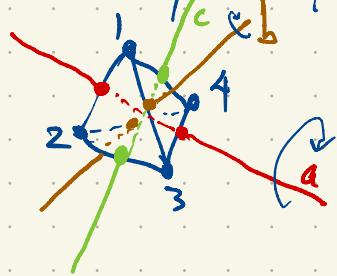
A homomorphism $\phi: S_2 \xrightarrow{\text{onto}} S_1$
 $\{(), (12)\} \rightarrow \{()\}$ $\phi(\sigma) = ()$. This is the trivial homomorphism. It's not one-to-one but it is onto.

A homomorphism $\phi: S_3 \rightarrow S_2$ which is onto: $\phi(\sigma) = \begin{cases} () & \text{if } \sigma \text{ is even;} \\ (12) & \text{if } \sigma \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$



ϕ is really the sign homomorphism $\phi: S_n \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$
 $\phi(\sigma) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } \sigma \text{ is even;} \\ -1 & \text{if } \sigma \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$

A homomorphism $\phi: S_4 \rightarrow S_3$ which is onto?



a, b, c are three lines through the center of the regular tetrahedron with vertices $1, 2, 3, 4$. Any two of a, b, c are at right angles. They are the axes of the 120° rotations in the symmetry group $\cong S_4$. Every $\sigma \in S_4$ (thought of as a symmetry of the tetrahedron) permutes a, b, c .

Eg. (123) permutes (a, b, c) i.e. $a \mapsto c \mapsto b \mapsto a$.
 (12) permutes (b, c) i.e. $a \mapsto a, b \mapsto c \mapsto b$.

It is (more or less) obvious that ϕ is a homomorphism. It's onto $\text{Sym}\{a, b, c\} \cong S_3$

$\phi: ()$	\longrightarrow	$()$	all 6 permutations of a, b, c
$(12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)$	\longrightarrow	(acb)	
$(123), (134), (142), (243)$	\longrightarrow	(abc)	
$(132), (143), (124), (234)$	\longrightarrow	(bc)	
$(1324), (1423), (12), (34)$	\longrightarrow	(ab)	
$(1243), (1342), (14), (23)$	\longrightarrow	(ac)	
$(1234), (1432), (13), (24)$	\longrightarrow	(ca)	

There is no homomorphism from S_3 onto S_4 . But this takes a little more group theory to explain.

Another explanation of the homomorphism $\phi: S_4 \rightarrow S_3$ (onto!)

Start with the homomorphism $\phi: S_4 \rightarrow \text{Aut } S_4$

$\tau \mapsto \phi_\tau$ where $\phi_\tau(\sigma) = \tau\sigma\tau^{-1}$ (ϕ_τ permutes all 24 elements of S_4).

One of the conjugacy classes in S_4 is the set of three double transpositions $\{(12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)\}$
" " "
a b c

We need to prove Lagrange's Theorem: If $H \leq G$ (H is a subgroup of G , finite groups only) then $|H| \mid |G|$.

In particular if $g \in G$ then $|g|$ divides $|G|$. (Recall: $|g| = |\langle g \rangle|$.)

We did prove Lagrange's Theorem in the very special case of cyclic groups.

Next let's consider an abelian group G of order n . We'll show that every $g \in G$ has order dividing n .

Consider the product of all the elements of G . If $G = \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n\}$. Then $\pi = g_1 g_2 \dots g_n \in G$ (possibly $= 1$, possibly $\neq 1$) but because we're only considering G abelian, π is well-defined (i.e. it doesn't depend on the order in which I have listed the group elements). Then $G = \{g g_1, g g_2, g g_3, \dots, g g_n\}$ so $\pi = (g g_1)(g g_2)(g g_3) \dots (g g_n) = g^n (g_1 g_2 \dots g_n) = g^n \pi$.

Cayley Table

	g_1	g_2	\dots	g_n
g	$g g_1$	$g g_2$	\dots	$g g_n$

Multiply both sides by $\pi^{-1} \in G$, to get $g^n = 1$.

Recall: this implies $|g| = d$ divides n .

$$n = qd + r, \quad 0 \leq r < d.$$

$$\begin{aligned} g^{qd+r} &= 1 \\ (g^d)^q g^r &= 1 \Rightarrow r=0 \\ g^r &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow r &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow n &= qd \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

General case: G is a finite group of order n and H is a subgroup. We are no longer assuming G to be abelian. A coset of H in G is a subset of the form

$$gH = \{gh : h \in H\} \subseteq G, \quad \text{where } g \in G.$$

\mathbb{R}^3 has many subspaces of dimension 1, 2 (also dimension 0 or 3: $\{0\}$ and \mathbb{R}^3)
 lines through the origin planes through the origin.

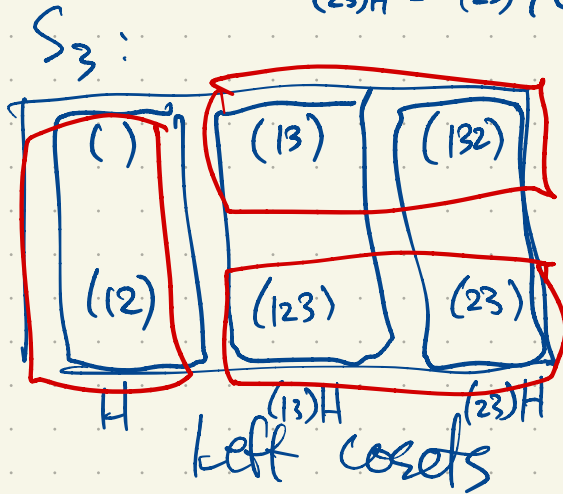
The points, lines, planes in \mathbb{R}^3 are all cosets of the subspaces.

For $G = S_3$ and $H = \langle (12) \rangle$ we have three cosets

$$(1)H = H = \{(), (12)\}$$

$$(13)H = (13)\{(), (12)\} = \{(13), (123)\} = (123)H$$

$$(23)H = (23)\{(), (12)\} = \{(23), (132)\}$$

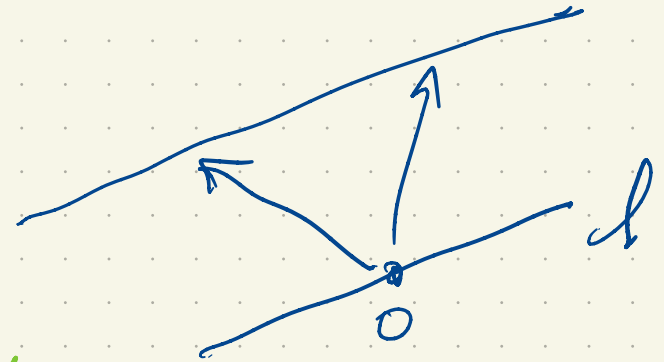


Right cosets

$$|G| = 6 = 2 \times 3$$

$|H|$ \uparrow index of H

$= [G:H] = \text{number of (left) cosets}$



$gH = \{gh : h \in H\}$ is a left coset of H
 $Hg = \{hg : h \in H\}$ is a right coset of H

Using (left) cosets $gH = \{gh : h \in H\}$, $g \in G$,
 the cosets partition G and $|gH| = |H|$ for all $g \in H$ so

$|G| = |H| \times \text{number of cosets}$. Proof: $H \rightarrow gH$, $h \mapsto gh$ is a bijection.

Every $g \in G$ lies in the left coset gH since $g = g1 \in gH$. If two left cosets overlap (i.e. non-disjoint) then they must be equal:



If $g \in xH \cap yH$ then $xH = yH = gH$, since $g = xh_1 = yh_2$ for some $h_1, h_2 \in H$.
 So $gh_1^{-1} = x$ and $xH = gh_1^{-1}H = gH$ and $yH = gh_2^{-1}H = gH$.

Since $|G| = |H| \times [G:H]$, $|H|$ divides $|G|$. (Lagrange's Theorem). Corollary Every element of G has order dividing $|G|$.

Corollary Every group of prime order is cyclic.

Proof Let G be a group of prime order $p \in \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, \dots\}$ and let $g \in G$ be a non-identity element. Then $|g| = |\langle g \rangle| \geq 2$ since $1, g \in \langle g \rangle$ are distinct. And $|g|$ divides p . So $|g| = |\langle g \rangle| = p$ so $\langle g \rangle = G$ i.e. G is cyclic.

Caution: If d divides $|G|$, must there be a subgroup of order d ? No.

$|A_4| = 12$. A_4 has subgroups of order 1, 2, 3, 4 only, not 6. $K = \langle (12)(34), (13)(24) \rangle$ has order 4. A_4 has elements of order 1, 2, 3 only. Not 4, 6.

The "converse" of Lagrange's Theorem.

Groups of order $2p$ are either Klein four-group (if $p=2$) or dihedral (if p is an odd prime). (proof omitted because of time) or cyclic.

The dihedral group of order $2n$ (denoted D_n or D_{2n}) is the symmetry group of a regular n -gon. It has a cyclic ^{sub}group of order n and $D_n = \langle x, y : x^n = 1, y^2 = 1, yxy = x^{-1} \rangle$ (presentation for D_n).

Theorem If n is odd then every group of order $2n$ has a subgroup of order n .

This needs one more lemma:

Cauchy's Theorem If a prime p divides $|G|$, then G has an element of order p .

Proof: Suppose $|G| = 2n$ where n is odd. By Cauchy's Theorem, there exists $\tau \in G$ such that $|\tau| = 2$.

Cayley table:

	g_1	g_2	g_3	g_4	\dots	g_{2n-1}	g_{2n}
1	g_1	g_2	g_3	g_4	\dots	g_{2n-1}	g_{2n}
\vdots							
τ	g_2	g_1	g_4	g_3	\dots	g_{2n}	g_{2n-1}

$$\tau g_1 = g_2$$

$$\tau g_2 = g_1$$

Left-mult. by τ in G is a product of "disjoint transpositions"

So τ is an odd permutation.

The rows of Cayley Table express G as a permutation group of degree $2n$.

Half of these (the even permutation) give a subgroup of order n . \square