

Defn: An operation on G is a map $\circ : G \times G \rightarrow G$.

Defn: (G, \circ) is a group if

- G is closed under \circ : $f, g \in G$ implies $f \circ g \in G$.
- \circ is associative: $(f \circ g) \circ h = f \circ (g \circ h)$.
- G has an identity element: $\exists i \in G$ such that $\forall f \in G$, $f \circ i = f$ and $i \circ f = f$.
- All elements of G are invertible: for all $f \in G$, $\exists f^{-1} \in G$ such that, $f^{-1} \circ f = f \circ f^{-1} = i$.

Ex: $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$, $(\mathbb{R} - \{0\}, \times)$

Ex: (M, \times) where $M =$ set of invertible matrices.

Ex: Let $G = \{f : A \rightarrow A \mid f \text{ is a bijection}\}$ under composition of functions.

Ex: $S_n =$ the group of permutations of $\{1, \dots, n\}$
 $= \{f : \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\} \mid f \text{ is a bijection}\}$

Ex: The group of rotations of a regular n -gon
subgrp of D_n subgrp of S_n $= \{i, \rho_n, \rho_n^2, \dots, \rho_n^{n-1}\}$

Ex: The set of reflections of a regular n -gon is NOT a group (the product of two reflections is a rotation).

not a subgroup
Ex: $D_n =$ the group of symmetries of a regular n -gon
 $=$ the group of rotations and reflections of a regular n -gon.
 $= \{i, \rho_n, \rho_n^2, \dots, \rho_n^{n-1}, \tau, \rho_n \tau, \rho_n^2 \tau, \dots, \rho_n^{n-1} \tau\}$

Note a group need not be commutative: $f \circ g \neq g \circ f$.

rotations
all reflections

Defn: H is a subgroup of G if $H \subset G$ and H is a group. I.e.,

- H is closed under \circ .
- the identity i of G is in H .
- for all $f \in H$, $f^{-1} \in H$.

Ex: D_n is a subgroup of S_n .
Note: $D_3 = S_3$. For $(n > 3)$ $D_n \subset S_n, D_n \neq S_n$.
 $|D_3| = 6 = |S_3|$ $|D_n| = 2n$
 $|D_n| < |S_n|$ for $n > 3$

Defn: Let X be a set and G a group. An action of G on X is a map $*$: $G \times X \rightarrow X$ such that

- $e * x = x \quad \forall x \in X$.
- $(g \circ f) * x = g * (f * x) \quad \forall x \in X$ and $\forall g, f \in G$.

Let C be a set of colors.

Defn: A coloring of X is a function $c : X \rightarrow C$

Example: If $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $C = \{\text{red, blue}\}$, then let $C = \{c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5, c_6, c_7, c_8\}$ where

$c_i : \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{\text{red, blue}\} \quad \forall i$ and

$c_1(j) =$ blue for all j ;

$c_2(1) =$ blue, $c_2(2) =$ blue, $c_2(3) =$ red;

$c_3(1) =$ blue, $c_3(2) =$ red, $c_3(3) =$ blue;

$c_4(1) =$ red, $c_4(2) =$ blue, $c_4(3) =$ blue;

$c_5(1) =$ blue, $c_5(2) =$ red, $c_5(3) =$ red;

$c_6(1) =$ red, $c_6(2) =$ blue, $c_6(3) =$ red;

$c_7(1) =$ red, $c_7(2) =$ red, $c_7(3) =$ blue;

$c_8(j) =$ red for all j .

Handwritten notes: "Today's example" and a list of colorings: $\{2, \text{blue}\}$, $\{1, \text{red}\}$, 3 .

Handwritten note: $2^3 = 8$ different colorings

$$\begin{pmatrix} b & b \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{f * c}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} b & b \\ \uparrow & \uparrow \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in C_4$$

Let G be a set of permutations

A permutation f acts on a coloring c as follows:

$$(f * c)(x) = (c \circ f^{-1})(x) = c(f^{-1}(x))$$

Note: $id * c = c \circ id^{-1} = c \circ id = c$

Also, $(g \circ f) * c = c \circ (g \circ f)^{-1} = c \circ (f^{-1} \circ g^{-1})$
 $= (c \circ f^{-1}) \circ g^{-1} = (f * c) \circ g^{-1} = g * (f * c)$

Ex: Suppose f is the permutation $\rho_3 = 231$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_3 * c_2(1) &= c_2(\rho_3^{-1}(1)) = c_2(3) = \text{red.} \\ \rho_3 * c_2(2) &= c_2(\rho_3^{-1}(2)) = c_2(1) = \text{blue.} \\ \rho_3 * c_2(3) &= c_2(\rho_3^{-1}(3)) = c_2(2) = \text{blue.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\rho_3 * c_2 = c_4$

Defn: Let G be a subgroup of the set of permutations, S_n . $c_1 \sim c_2$ if there exists an $f \in G$ such that $f * c_1 = c_2$

Theorem: \sim is an equivalence relation.

ρ_3 acting on coloring c_2

Ex: Find the number of circular permutations of the multiset $\{2 \cdot \text{blue}, 1 \cdot \text{red}\}$



14.2: Burnside's Theorem.

Defn: The stabilizer of $c = G(c) = \{f \in G \mid f * c = c\}$.

Defn: $C(f) = \{c \in C \mid f * c = c\}$.

Thm 14.2.1a: $G(c)$ is a group.

Thm 14.2.1b: $g * c = f * c$ if and only if $f^{-1} \circ g \in G(c)$.

Thm 14.2.2: $|\{f * c \mid f \in G\}| = \frac{|G|}{|G(c)|}$

Note $[c] = |\{f * c \mid f \in G\}|$

= the # of different colorings which are equivalent to c .
 = the number of elements in the equivalence class $[c]$.

Thm 14.2.3: Suppose for all $f \in G$ and for all $c \in C$, $f * c \in C'$. Then

$N(G, C) =$ the number of non-equivalent colorings in C

= the number of different equivalence classes

$$= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{f \in G} |C(f)|$$

= the average of the # of colorings fixed by the permutations in G .