

$$\underline{S_n} = \{ \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots \} \quad n!$$

S_n

$$X = \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$n=4. \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha$$

$$\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

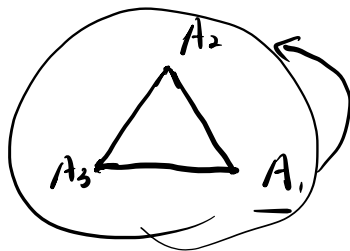
$$\alpha(1) = 2, \quad \alpha(2) = 3, \quad \alpha(3) = 4, \quad \alpha(4) = 1.$$

$$\alpha \cdot 1 = 2, \quad \alpha \cdot 2 = 3, \quad \alpha \cdot 3 = 4, \quad \alpha \cdot 4 = 1.$$

$$\alpha \cdot 1 = i_1, \quad \alpha \cdot 2 = i_2, \quad \alpha \cdot 3 = i_3, \quad \alpha \cdot 4 = i_4.$$

$$D_n = \{ e, a, \dots, a^{n-1}, b, ab, \dots \} \quad 2n.$$

D_3



$$\{A_1, A_2, A_3\}$$

$$\alpha \in D_3$$

$$\alpha \cdot A_1 = A_2, \quad \alpha \cdot A_2 = A_3, \quad \alpha \cdot A_3 = A_1.$$

$$\alpha \text{ rotation } \left[\frac{2}{3}\pi \right]$$

§13. G -sets, stabilisers and Orbits.

Def 13.1. For a group G a G -set is set X equipped with a rule assigning to each $g \in G$ and each element $x \in X$ an element $g \cdot x \in X$ satisfying

$$(i) \quad e \cdot x = x, \quad \forall x \in X$$

$$(ii) \quad \underline{(g_1 g_2) \cdot x = g_1 (g_2 \cdot x)}, \quad \forall g_1, g_2 \in G, \quad x \in X.$$

Exam 13.1. If $X = G$. A group G is a G -set.

$$(i) \quad \underline{g \cdot x = gx}, \quad \forall g \in G, \quad \forall x \in G.$$

$$(ii) \quad g \cdot x = xg, \quad \forall g \in G, \quad \forall x \in G.$$

$$(iii) \quad \underline{g \cdot x = g x g^{-1}}, \quad \forall g \in G, \quad \forall x \in G. \quad (\text{Conjugation or Adjoint action})$$

pf. $\underline{e \cdot x = ex e^{-1} = x}, \quad \forall x \in G.$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{(g_1 g_2) \cdot x} &= \underline{(g_1 g_2) x (g_1 g_2)^{-1}} \\ &= g_1 \underline{(g_2 x g_2^{-1})} g_1^{-1} \\ &= \underline{g_1 (g_2 \cdot x) g_1^{-1}} \\ &= \underline{g_1 \cdot (g_2 \cdot x)} \end{aligned}$$

Exam 13.2. Let X be the set of all subsets of elements of a finite group G . Define G -set action by $g \cdot S = \underline{gS}$, i.e.

$gS = \{g s_1, \dots, g s_n\}$, where $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\} \in X$.

pf. (i) $e \cdot S = eS = \{e s_1, \dots, e s_n\} = S, \quad \forall S \in X.$

(ii) $(g_1 g_2) \cdot S = (g_1 g_2)S = \{g_1 g_2 s_1, \dots, g_1 g_2 s_n\}$

$$= g_1 \cdot \{g_2 s_1, \dots, g_2 s_n\} = g_1 \cdot \{g_2 s_1, \dots, g_2 s_n\} \\ = g_1 \cdot (g_2 \cdot S)$$

- X be the set of all subgroups of G .

$$g \cdot H = gHg^{-1}$$

Exercise

$$(i) \quad e \cdot H = eHe^{-1} = H, \quad \forall H \in X.$$

$$(ii) \quad (g_1 g_2) \cdot H = g_1 \cdot (g_2 \cdot H), \quad \forall g_1, g_2 \in G, H \in X.$$

Def 13.2. Given a G -set X , the stabiliser of the element $x \in X$ is the set of elements $g \in G$ such that $g \cdot x = x$, i.e.

$$C_x = \{g \in G : g \cdot x = x\} \subset G.$$

Exam 13.3. If $X = G$, $g \cdot x = gx$. $x \in X = G$.

$$C_x = \{e\}.$$

Thm 13.1. C_x is a subgroup of G .

Exercise

Def 13.3. Let $X = G$, $g \cdot x = gxg^{-1}$.

$$C_G(x) = \{g \in G : gxg^{-1} = x\} = \{g \in G : gx = xg\}.$$

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centeriser.

Exam 13.4. $D_3 = \{ e, a, a^2, b, ab, a^2b \}$. $a^3 = e, b^2 = e, ab = ba^2$.

$$C_{D_3}(b) = \{ g \in D_3 : gb = bg \} \leq D_3.$$

$$|C_{D_3}(b)| = \{ 1, 2, 3, 6 \}$$

$$\langle b \rangle \leq C_{D_3}(b)$$

$$\Rightarrow C_{D_3}(b) = \{ e, b \}$$

Exam 13.5

$$D_4$$

$$|C_{D_4}(b)| = 4$$

$$(2/2)$$

$$|D_4| = 8$$

$$\langle a, b \rangle$$

$$a^4 = e, b^2 = e$$

$$ab = ba^3$$

$$= \{ e, a, a^2, a^3, b, ba, ba^2, ba^3 \}$$

Def 13.4

Let X be the set of subgroups $H \leq G$. $g \cdot H = gHg^{-1}$.

$$H \leq N_G(H) = \{ g \in G : gHg^{-1} = H \} \leq G$$

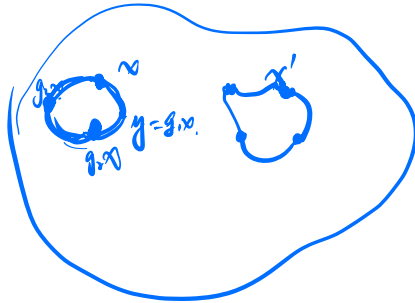
normaliser

Def 13.5

The orbit of x in G -set is given by

$$\text{orb}(x) = \{ g \cdot x : \forall g \in G \} \leq X.$$

X.



$$X = |\text{orb}(x_1)| + |\text{orb}(x_2)| + \dots + |\text{orb}(x_n)|.$$

Exercise. Prove $\text{orb}(x)$ is an equivalence class.

Exam 13.7. If $X = G$, $g \cdot x = gx$.

$$\text{orb}(x) = \{gx : \forall g \in G\} = G. \quad (Gx = \{e\}).$$

$$\forall y \in G, \exists g = yx^{-1}, \text{ s.t. } gx = y$$

Exam 13.8. $X = \{\text{subgroups of } S_3\}$ $g \cdot H = gH$. $\langle a \rangle = \{e, a, a^2\}$
 $\langle b \rangle$

$$\text{orb}(\langle a \rangle) = \{\langle a \rangle, \langle b, ba, ba^2 \rangle\}$$

Thm 13.2. (The orbit-stabiliser Theorem). Let G be a group and X be a G -set. For each $x \in X$, there is

$$|\text{orb}(x)| = \frac{|G|}{|G_x|} = i(G_x, G). \quad \text{index}$$

pf. $M: \text{orb}(x) \rightarrow \underline{e} = \{g \cdot x : \forall g \in G\}$.
 $g \cdot x \mapsto g \cdot x$.

• M is well-defined. $g_1 \cdot x = g_2 \cdot x \Rightarrow g_1 \cdot Gx = g_2 \cdot Gx$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \updownarrow & & \updownarrow \\ (g_2^{-1}g_1) \cdot x = x & \Leftrightarrow & g_2^{-1}g_1 \in Gx \end{array}$$

• M is injective. $g_1 \cdot Gx = g_2 \cdot Gx \Rightarrow g_1 \cdot x = g_2 \cdot x$.

• M is surjective. $g \cdot Gx = M(g \cdot x)$.

$$|\text{orb}(x)| = |e| = i(x, G) = \frac{|G|}{|Gx|}$$



Example 13.9. $X = \{ \text{subgroups of } G \}$. $g \cdot H = gH$.

$$\text{orb}(H) = \{gH : \forall g \in G\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_H &= \{g \in G : gH = H\} \\ &= H. \end{aligned}$$

$$i(H, G) = |\text{orb}(H)| = \frac{|G|}{|G_H|} = \frac{|G|}{|H|}$$