

Summary of Findings from Studying Group Generated by A and B

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Summary

The first step was proving that:

$$A^j = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} & -\sin \frac{2\pi}{n} \\ \sin \frac{2\pi}{n} & \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} \end{bmatrix}^j = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{2j\pi}{n} & -\sin \frac{2j\pi}{n} \\ \sin \frac{2j\pi}{n} & \cos \frac{2j\pi}{n} \end{bmatrix}$$

After this, it is simple enough to also prove that $A^j = A^{j+n}$. This means that A^j repeats for every n increase in the exponent.

It is fairly obvious that the group generated by B^k has 2 elements
We then prove that $A^j B = B A^{-j}$

Taking all these factors together, we can see that A^j has n unique values, as $j = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n$. Even though the group generated by A and B must consider both $A^j B^k$ as well as $B^k A^j$, we know that the latter can be written instead as $A^{-j} B^k$, and then we can make the exponent of A positive by adding the appropriate multiple of n .