

S3 Group

The S3 group is the group of permutation on 3 elements. It has 6 elements. It is the group of all the automorphism on the set $\{1, 2, 3\}$.

Here is the full list of the elements of S3:

```
e <- as.cycle()

a <- as.cycle(c(1,2))
b <- as.cycle(c(1,3))
c <- as.cycle(c(2,3))

p <- as.cycle(c(1,2,3))
p2 <- as.cycle(c(1,3,2))
```

The group

$= \{e, p, p2\}$ is normal in S3:

```
all(p^a == p2, p^b == p2, p^c == p2)
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

The classes of

in S3 are:

$\{e, p, p2\}, \{a, b, c\}$

The action of a on

: (p p2)

Subgroups of S3

is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ and it has no non-trivial subgroups.

If G is a subgroup of S3 containing

then G^*

is a subgroup of S3/

. S3/

is a group of order 2 so it is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ and it has no non trivial subgroup. The only subgroups containing p are $\{e\}$ and S3.

If G is a sub-group not including

. Then $\text{inter}(G,$

) is $\{e\}$. because $\text{inter}(G,$

) is a subgroup of

and it cannot be

because G does no include

So G is included in $\{e, a, b, c\}$. G cannot contain more than 2 elements because any of products ab, bc, \dots will yield an element of

. So G is either $\{e, a\}, \{e, b\}, \{e, c\}$.

Conclusion: Here is the full list of the subgroups of S_3 : $\{e\}, \{e, a\}, \{e, b\}, \{e, c\}, \{e, p, p^2\}, \{e, a, b, c, p, p^2\}$

Action of the group

Act on the 'edges' of a triangle $\{1, 2, 3\}$: $\{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}\}$

[1] TRUE

The action of a can also be defined: $a(\{1, 2\}) = \{1, 2\}$ $a\{1, 3\} = \{2, 3\}$ $a\{2, 3\} = \{1, 3\}$

Since a and p generate S_3 we deduce that S_3 acts on the edges. And the action is faithful.

The natural action of S_3 on $\{1, 2, 3\}$ is also faithful.

The action of S_3 on $S_3/$

is not faithful. $S_3/$

$= \{\{e, p, p^2\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$ Any element of

is sent to the identity. Any other element is sent to $(\{e, p, p^2\} \{a, b, c\})$

There is also an action of S_3 on $\{a, b, c\}$.

And an action of S_3 on

How to see if 2 actions are isomorphic?

An action is a group morphism $\text{phi1}: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(S)$ where S is some set. Let $\text{phi2}: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(S_2)$ be another group action. 2 action are isomorphic if there exist a set isomorphism $f: S \rightarrow S_2$ such that

$$\forall g \in G, f(\text{phi1}(g)(x)) = \text{phi2}(g)(f(x))$$

$$f(\text{phi1}(g_1 * g_2)(x)) = f(\text{phi1}(g_1)(\text{phi1}(g_2)(x))) = \text{phi2}(g_1)(f(\text{phi1}(g_2)(x))) = \text{phi2}(g_1)(\text{phi2}(g_2)(fx)) = \text{phi2}(g_1 g_2)(fx)$$

Let's show that the action on $\{1, 2, 3\}$ is isomorphic to the action on $\{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}\}$ by taking $f: 1 \rightarrow \{2, 3\}$ $f: 2 \rightarrow \{1, 3\}$ $f: 3 \rightarrow \{1, 2\}$

$$f(p.1) = f(2) = \{1, 3\} \quad p.f(1) = p.\{2, 3\} = \{1, 3\}$$

$$f(p.2) = f(3) = \{1, 2\} \quad p.f(2) = p.\{1, 3\} = \{1, 2\}$$

$$f(a.1) = f(2) = \{1, 3\} \quad a.f(1) = a.\{2, 3\} = \{1, 3\}$$

$$f(a.3) = f(3) = \{1, 2\} \quad a.f(3) = a.\{1, 3\} = \{1, 2\}$$

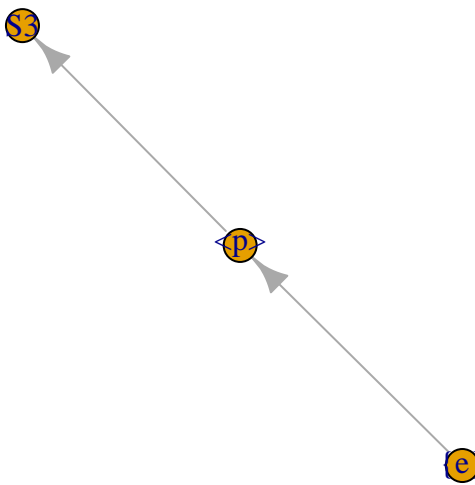
$$f(b.2) = f(2) = \{1, 3\} \quad b.f(2) = b.\{1, 3\} = \{1, 3\}$$

$$f(c.1) = f(1) = \{2, 3\} \quad c.f(1) = c.\{2, 3\} = \{2, 3\}$$

So f is an isomorphism of actions.

Lattice of normal subgroups

```
g <- make_empty_graph() +  
vertex('S3') +  
vertex('{e}') +  
vertex('<p>') +  
path('{e}', '<p>', 'S3')  
  
plot(g)
```



```
g <- make_empty_graph() +  
vertex('S3') +  
vertex('{e}') +  
vertex('<p>') +  
vertex('<a>') +  
vertex('<b>') +  
vertex('<c>') +  
path('{e}', '<p>', 'S3') +  
path('{e}', '<a>', 'S3') +  
path('{e}', '<b>', 'S3') +  
path('{e}', '<c>', 'S3')  
  
plot(g)
```

