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## 10.1

We prove that a connected transformation group  $A = (Q, G)$  is primitive iff it is irreducible.

primitive  $\implies$  irreducible:  $A$  does not contain any primitive block  $P \subset Q$  with  $|P| \geq 2$  and  $P \cap Pg \in \{P, \emptyset\}$  for all  $g \in G$ . Suppose  $A$  is reducible which means  $|Q| \leq 1$  or there exists an admissible partition of  $Q$  that is not trivial. Since  $G$  is transitive,  $Q$  has at least two states which contradicts  $|Q| \leq 1$ .

Suppose there exists a non trivial admissible partition  $\pi = \{H_i\}_{i \in I}$ . For all  $i \in I$  and all  $g \in G$  there exists  $j \in I$  with  $H_i g \subseteq H_j$ . Notice,  $i \neq j$  because otherwise  $P = H_i$  and  $P \cap Pg = P$ . Thus,  $H_i \cap H_j = \emptyset$  but then it follows that  $P \subseteq H_i$  and  $P \cap Pg = \emptyset$  - a contradiction.

irreducible  $\implies$  primitive:  $A$  is irreducible which means  $|Q| > 1$  and all admissible partitions are trivial. Suppose  $A$  is imprimitive. Thus, the group produces a primitive block system with some blocks  $P \subset Q$  with  $|P| \geq 2$  and  $P \cap Pg \in \{P, \emptyset\}$  for all  $g \in G$ . The block system creates an admissible partition  $\pi$  of  $Q$  with for all  $P \in \pi : 2 \leq |P| < |Q|$ . This contradicts the assumption of  $A$  only containing trivial admissible partitions.

This concludes the proof. □

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