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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 block system with primitive blocks  $P \subset Q$  with  $|P| \geq 2$  and  $P \cap Pg \in \{P, \emptyset\}$  for all  $g \in G$ .

A primitive block produces a partition by the right coset  $\pi = \{Pg | g \in G\}$ . We prove that by showing  $Pg_1 \cap Pg_2 = \emptyset$ . Suppose there exists an element  $x \in Pg_1 \cap Pg_2$ . Then  $x = p_1 g_1 = p_2 g_2$  and  $p_1 = p_2 g_2 g_1^{-1}$ . Therefore  $p_1 \in P$  and also  $p_1 \in Pg_2 g_1^{-1}$  following

$$\begin{aligned} P &= Pg_2 g_1^{-1} \\ Pg_1 &= Pg_2 \end{aligned}$$

shows that  $pg_1$  and  $pg_2$  are in the same primitive block.

Now we show  $\pi = \{Pg | g \in G\}$  is an admissible partition.

Finally this contradicts the assumption of  $A$  only containing trivial admissible partitions.  $\square$

## 10.2

## 10.3

## 10.4