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Permutation

⇒ Let S be a non-empty finite set. A bijective mapping f from $S \rightarrow S$ is said to be a permutation on S .

$$S = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n\}$$

$$f \equiv \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \dots & a_n \\ f(a_1) & f(a_2) & f(a_3) & \dots & f(a_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

Eg: $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$$f_1 = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$f_2 = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$f_3 = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

S_n contains all the permutations defined on S .
($= n!$)

• Product / Composition :-

Let $f, g \in S_n$, then

$f \circ g$ / fg is defined as \rightarrow

$$f \circ g(x) / fg(x) \equiv f(g(x))$$

$$S = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} ; g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f(g(1)) = f(g(1)) = f(2) = 1$$

$$fg(2) = f(g(2)) = f(1) = 3$$

$$fg(3) = f(g(3)) = f(3) = 2$$

$$fg = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle S_n, \circ \rangle \longrightarrow \text{finite but non-abelian.}$$

\hookrightarrow permutation/symmetric group.

$$gf(1) = g(f(1)) = g(3) = 3$$

$$g(f(2)) = g(1) = 2$$

$$g(f(3)) = g(2) = 1$$

• Inverse of permutation :-

Let f is a ~~func~~^{set} of permutation, $f \in S_n$ and $f: a_i \rightarrow a_j$, then the inverse of f denoted as f^{-1} is defined as \rightarrow

$$f^{-1}: a_j \rightarrow a_i$$

$$fg = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$ff^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f^{-1}f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$$

$$p \in S_n$$

$$p(a_1) = a_2, \quad p(a_2) = a_3, \quad p(a_3) = a_4, \dots, \quad p(a_n) = a_1$$

$$p = (a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \dots & a_n \\ a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & \dots & a_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let $S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$. A permutation $\rho \in S_n$ is said to be a cycle of length of ' r ' or an ' r '-cycle if there are ' r ' elements denoted as \rightarrow

$$\{a_{i_1}, a_{i_2}, a_{i_3}, \dots, a_{i_r}\}, \quad \rho(a_{i_1}) = a_{i_2},$$

$$\rho(a_{i_2}) = a_{i_3} \dots \rho(a_{i_r}) = a_{i_1}$$

and $\rho(a_j) = a_j \quad \forall j \notin \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_r\}$

Eg: $\rho = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow 2\text{-cycle.}$

$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow 1 \text{ cycle. } (1)$$

\Rightarrow Proposition: Every permutation is either a cycle or (2) can be expressed as a product of disjoint cycles. (3)

Proof: Let $S = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n\}$ be a permutation on S . Let ρ be a permutation on S . Let us consider the elements $a_1, \rho(a_1), \rho^2(a_1), \dots$. All these can't be distinct since all of them $\in S$ and S is a finite set. Let r = least +ve integer : $\rho^r(a_1) = a_1$. Then $\rightarrow \rho(a_1), \rho^2(a_1), \dots, \rho^{r-1}(a_1)$ are distinct. Otherwise for some p, q such that $0 < p < q < r \rightarrow \rho^p(a_1) = \rho^q(a_1)$.

$$\Rightarrow \rho^{p-q}(a_1) = a_1$$

This is a contradiction that r is the least element. Therefore we get an ' r '-cycle ρ which can be written as $\rho = (a_1, \rho(a_1), \rho^2(a_1), \dots, \rho^{r-1}(a_1))$. If $r = n$, then the theorem is proved, otherwise,

Let $a_m \in S$ such that it does not belong to $\{a_1, p(a_1), p^2(a_1), \dots, p^{p-1}(a_1)\}$ and find $p(a_m), p^2(a_m)$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} p \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \\ p(1, 2, 3) \end{bmatrix}$$

Let us consider elements $p_m, p^2(m), \dots$

Now, none of these elements \in set P_1 , because

$$\text{if, } p^i(a_m) = p^j(a_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow p^{j-i}(a_1) = a_m$$

which is a contradiction, since $a_m \notin P_1$.

and certainly the process of finding $p(a_m), p^2(a_m), \dots$ will stop and yield a_m at some

time, since $S =$ finite set, giving us another

cycle (say) of length s . Let us name the cycle as P_2 . If $r+s = m$, then the theorem

is proved & $p = P_1 \cdot P_2$. Otherwise we can

repeat the process for finite no. of times

and obtain disjoint cycles $\rightarrow P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$.

$$p = P_1 \circ P_2 \circ P_3 \circ \dots \circ P_n$$

- A cycle of length - 2 is called Transposition.

$$p = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$$

$$P_1 = (a_1, a_3) = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_3 & a_2 & a_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_2 = (a_1, a_2) = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_2 & a_1 & a_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_1 \circ P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_2 & a_3 & a_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p = (a_1 \ a_2 \ a_3)$$

- Every permutation can be written as product of transposition. If the no. of such transpositions are even, then the permutations are called even permutation else odd-permutation.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 5 & 6 & 8 & 7 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(1\ 3)(4\ 5\ 6\ 8)$$

$$= (1\ 3)(4\ 8)(4\ 5)(4\ 6) \quad \textcircled{4}$$

Even permutation.

- Identity permutation can be written as

$$(a_p\ a_s)(a_p\ a_s)$$

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$$

$$i = (1\ 2)(1\ 2) \quad \text{or} \quad (6\ 7)(6\ 7)$$

pick up any 2 elements.