

# (十四) 群论: 子群 (Subgroup)

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$$H = \{1, 2, 4\} \leq G = \mathbb{Z}_7^* = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

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## Definition (Symmetric Group (对称群; $\text{Sym}(M)$ ))

Let  $M \neq \emptyset$  be a set.

All the **permutations/bijective functions** of  $M$ , together with the **composition** operation, is a group, called the **symmetric group** of  $M$ .

$$M = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

$$S_n \triangleq \text{Sym}(M)$$

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(1)

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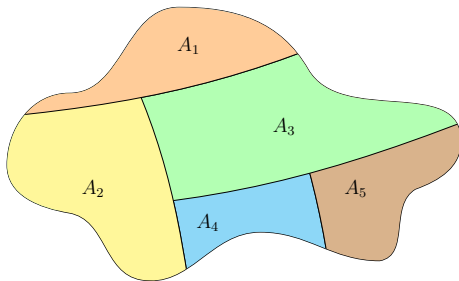
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A balanced partition of  $G$  by its subgraph  $H$



## Theorem (Lagrange's Theorem)

*Suppose that  $H \leq G$ . Then*

$$|G| = [G : H] \cdot |H|$$

## Definition (Index (指标))

$$G/H = \{gH \mid g \in G\}$$

$$[G : H] \triangleq |G/H|$$



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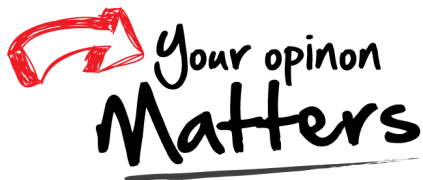
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