

## The elements of $S_4$ (which is the same as $\text{Sym}(\{1, 2, 3, 4\})$ )

The number of permutations is  $|S_4| = 4! = 24$ .

List elements by **cycle type**.

type	#	permutations
1, 1, 1, 1	1	id
2, 1, 1	6	(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 4)
3, 1	8	(1, 2, 3), (1, 2, 4), (1, 3, 4), (2, 3, 4) (1, 3, 2), (1, 4, 2), (1, 4, 3), (2, 4, 3)
4	6	(1, 2, 3, 4), (1, 3, 4, 2), (1, 4, 2, 3) (4, 3, 2, 1), (2, 4, 3, 1), (3, 2, 4, 1)
2, 2	3	(1, 2)(3, 4), (1, 3)(2, 4), (1, 4)(2, 3)

This must be right because they are all different permutations and  $1 + 6 + 8 + 6 + 3 = 24$ .

Where is (2, 4, 1, 3)? Or  $(3, 4, 1) = (3, 4, 1)(2)$ ?