

G -maps and G -orbits

Let G be a group. Let S and S' be two G -sets. A map

$$f: S \rightarrow S'$$

is called a G -map, or a morphism of G -sets if

$$f(xs) = xf(s)$$

for all $x \in G$ and all $s \in S$.

Let G be a group and S a G -set. Given an element $s \in S$, the map

$$\begin{aligned} G &\rightarrow S \\ x &\mapsto xs \end{aligned}$$

is a G -map. Its image, Gs , is called the orbit of s .

If $Gs = S$ for some $s \in S$, we say that the action of G on S is transitive, or simply that S is a transitive G -set.