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Reflected gray Code



Chinese Rings



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Brain

Engineer Bell Labs 30's TV.

Binary Code

$0, 1, 2, \dots, 2^n - 1$

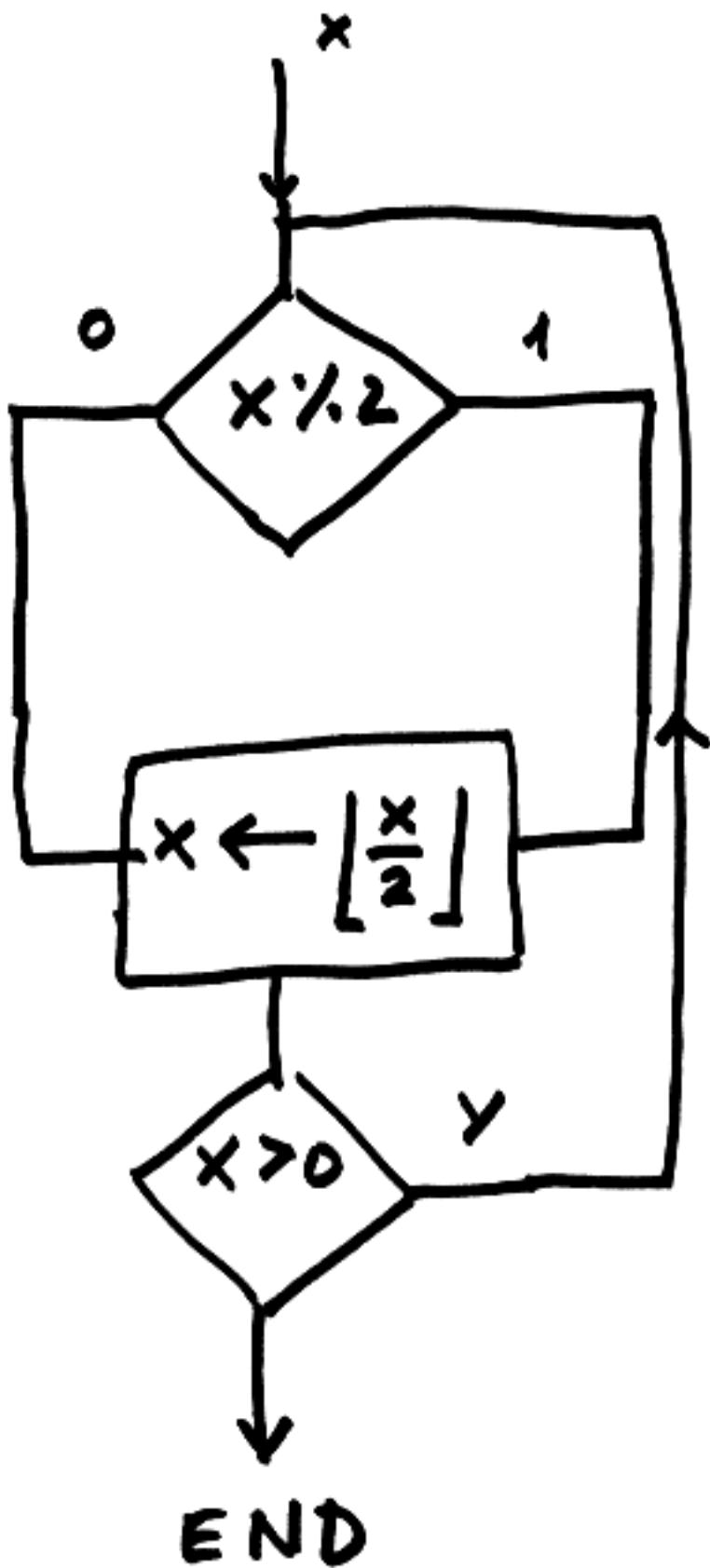
number \xrightarrow{x}

code word
= string of 0 and 1's.

$$13 = \begin{matrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{matrix}_2$$

$$1 + 4 + 8 = 13$$

Number Theory



$$13 = \overleftarrow{1101}_2$$

$\lfloor y \rfloor$ = largest integer smaller than or equal to y

$$x = 13$$

$$13 \times 2 = 1$$

$$\lfloor \frac{13}{2} \rfloor = 6$$

$$6 \times 2 = 0$$

$$\lfloor \frac{6}{2} \rfloor = 3$$

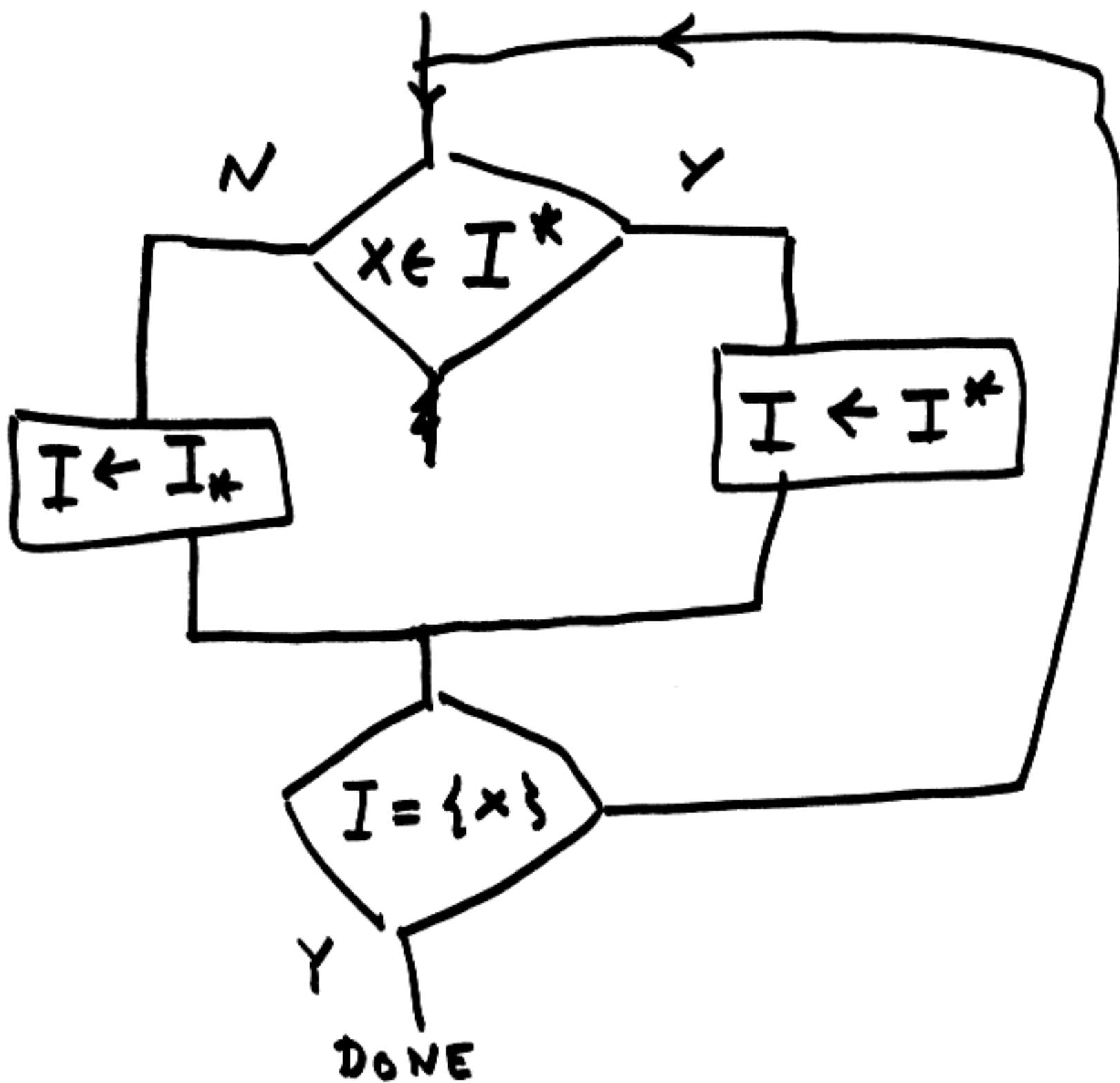
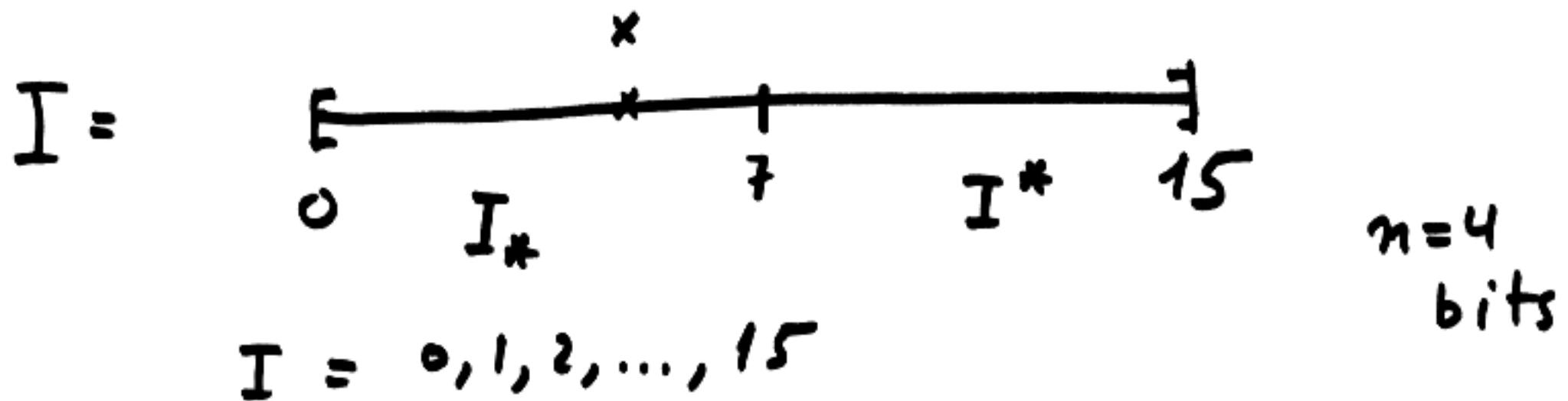
$$3 \times 2 = 1$$

$$\lfloor \frac{1}{2} \rfloor = 1$$

$$1 \times 2 = 1 \quad \lfloor \frac{1}{2} \rfloor = 0$$

Dissection, Binary search

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$$x = 13$$

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$$[0, \dots, 15] \quad 13 > 7 \quad 1$$

$$[8, \dots, 15] \quad 13 > 11 \quad 1$$

$$8, 9, 10, 11 \\ [12, 13, 14, 15] \quad 13 > 13 \quad 0$$

$$[12, 13] \quad 13 > 12 \quad 1$$

$$[13]$$

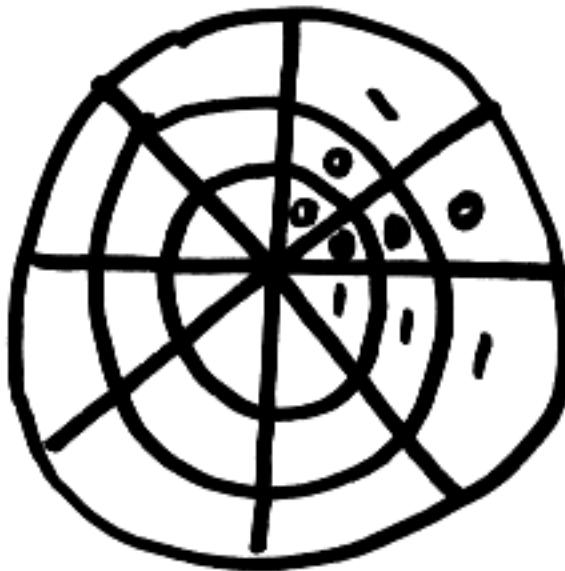
$$13 = 1101_2$$

Binary Code

	8 4 2 1	# changes
0	0 0 0 0	
1	0 0 0 1	1
2	0 0 1 0	2
3	0 0 1 1	1
4	0 1 0 0	3
5	0 1 0 1	1
6	0 1 1 0	2
7	0 1 1 1	1
8	1 0 0 0	4
9	1 0 0 1	1
10	1 0 1 0	2
11	1 0 1 1	1
12	1 1 0 0	3
13	1 1 0 1	1
14	1 1 1 0	2
15	1 1 1 1	1

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Robot's arm



Binary

An error in reading will typically give a totally wrong answer.

It's better to have code words differ by ^{at} only one slot.

Binary Code

n	
1	0, 1
2	00, 01, 10, 11 tag 0 tag 1
3	000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111

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Binary code

0, 1, 2, ..., 15

$n = 4$ length

7		0111
8		1000

4 changes

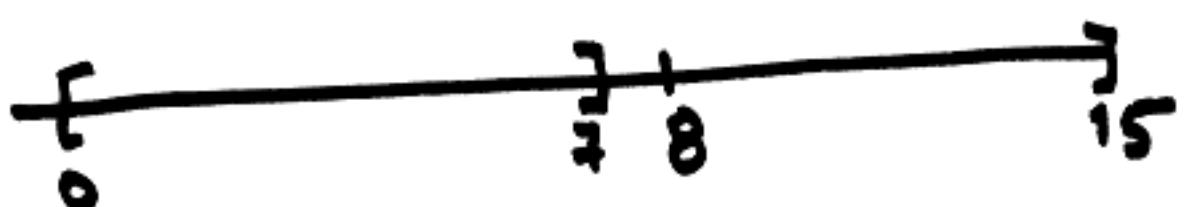
Gray code

A way to encode numbers such that any two consecutive words differ in exactly one slot.

Binary

Recursively

0 B_m 1 B_m



$n=3$
 $n=4$

0, 1, 2, ..., 7

0, 1, 2, ..., 15

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- $n=1 \quad B_1: 0, 1$
- $n=2 \quad B_2: 00, 01, 10, 11$
- $n=3 \quad B_3: \underline{000, 001, 010, 011}, \underline{100, 101, 110, 111}$

Reflected gray Code

$$n : C_n \qquad C'_n = C_n \text{ back wards}$$

$n+1 : 0C_n, 1C'_n$

1	0, 1
2	00, 01, 11, 10
3	000, 001, 011, 010, 110, 111, 101, 100

0	000
1	001
2	011
3	010
4	110
5	111
6	101
7	100

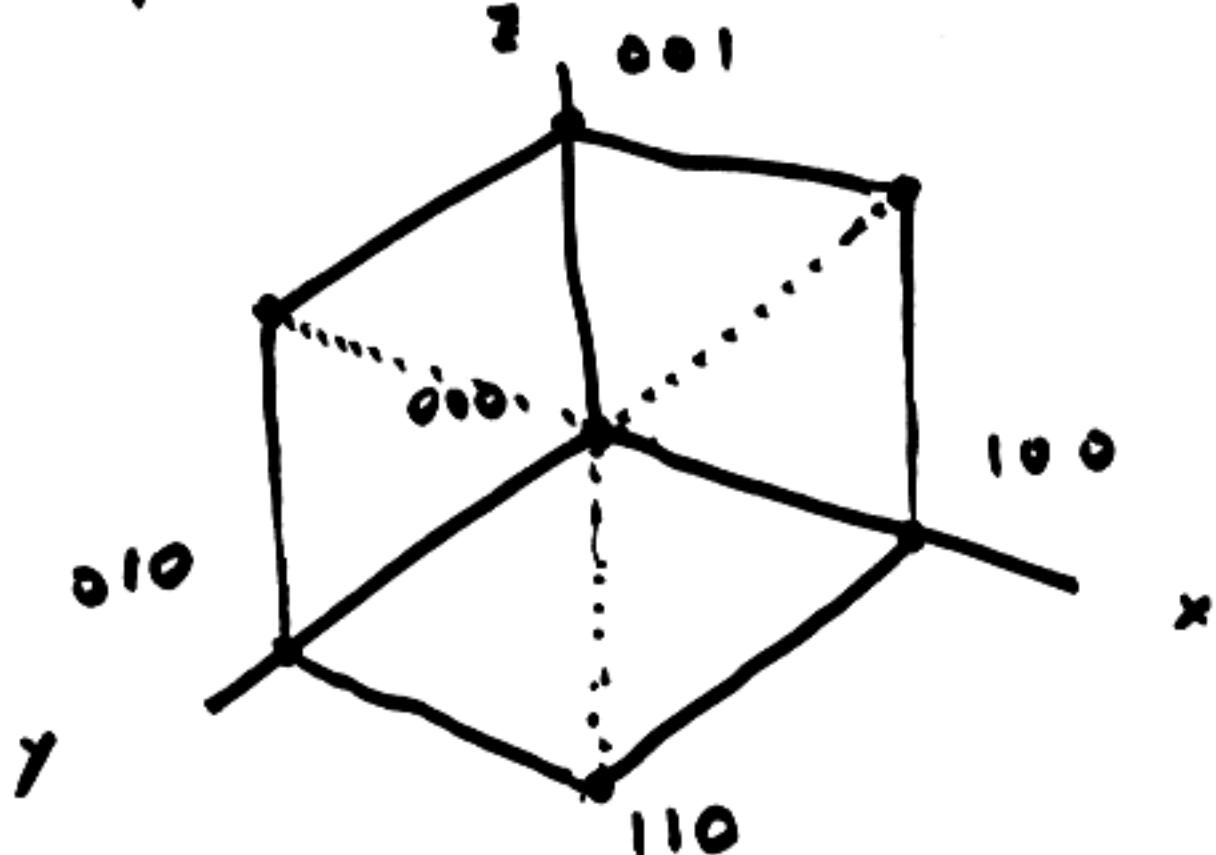
There is only two possible moves
either

- change rightmost bit
- change the bit to the left
of the rightmost 1

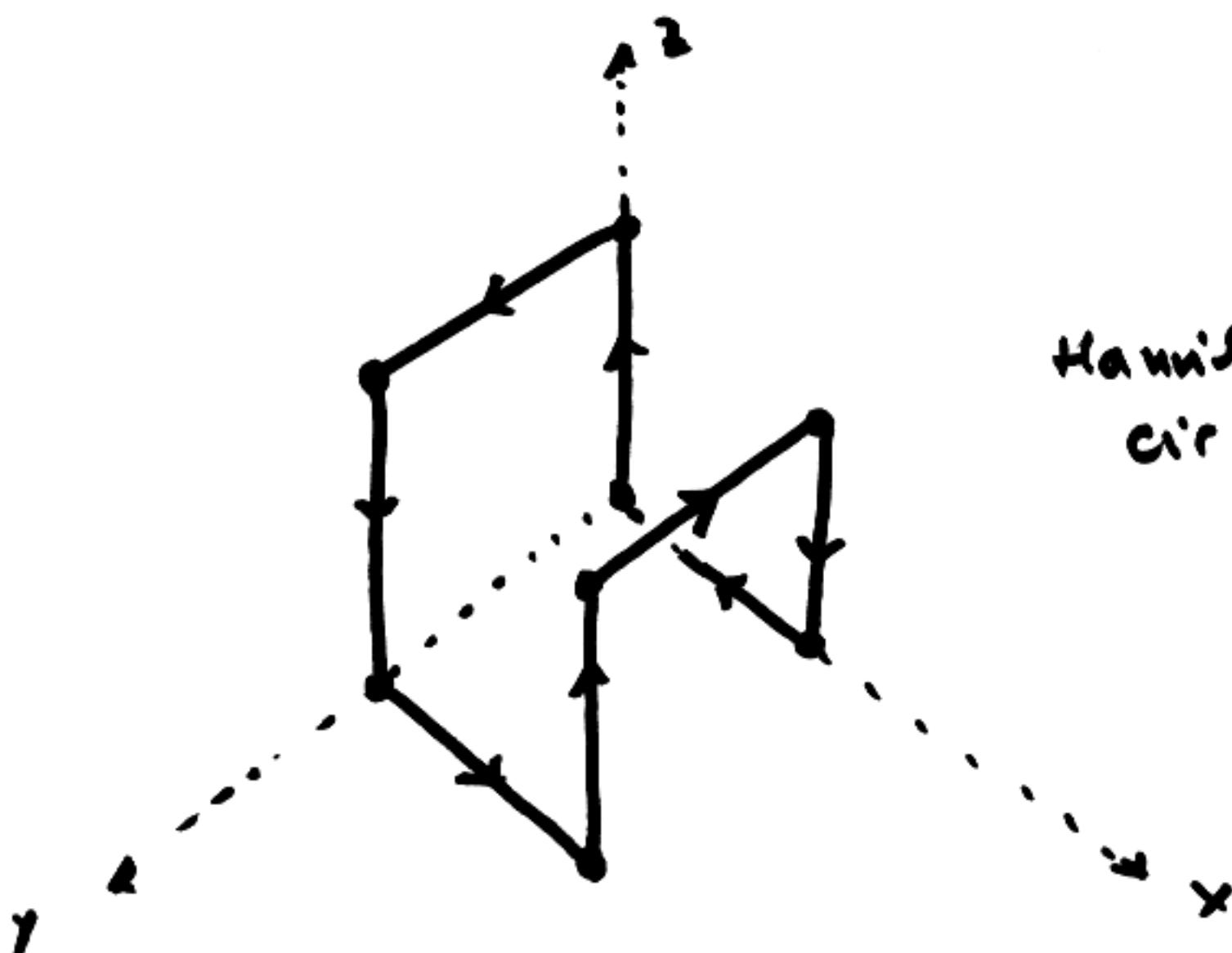
... ... \boxed{x} $\boxed{1}$ 0 0
 ↑
 change

Hamiltonian circuit

Represent length 3 binary words
as points on a cube



(x, y, z)
words of length
3 \leftrightarrow vertices
of cube.



Hamiltonian
circuit

Path on the cube going through
every vertex only once.

Gray code of length n



Hamiltonian circuit in the n -cube.

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Binary \rightarrow Gray $(b_{n-1}, b_{n-2}, \dots, b_1, b_0)_2 \leftarrow \text{Binary}$  $(c_{n-1}, c_{n-2}, \dots, c_1, c_0) \leftarrow \text{Gray}$ E.g. 13 $(1101)_2$

$$c_j \equiv b_j + b_{j+1} \pmod{2}$$

$+$	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

mod 2 addition

$$0 + 0 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

$$0 + 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

$$1 + 0 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

$$1 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

$$1 \oplus 1 = 0$$

$$c_j = b_j \oplus b_{j+1}$$

$$1 \oplus 0 = 1$$

$$0 \oplus 1 = 1$$

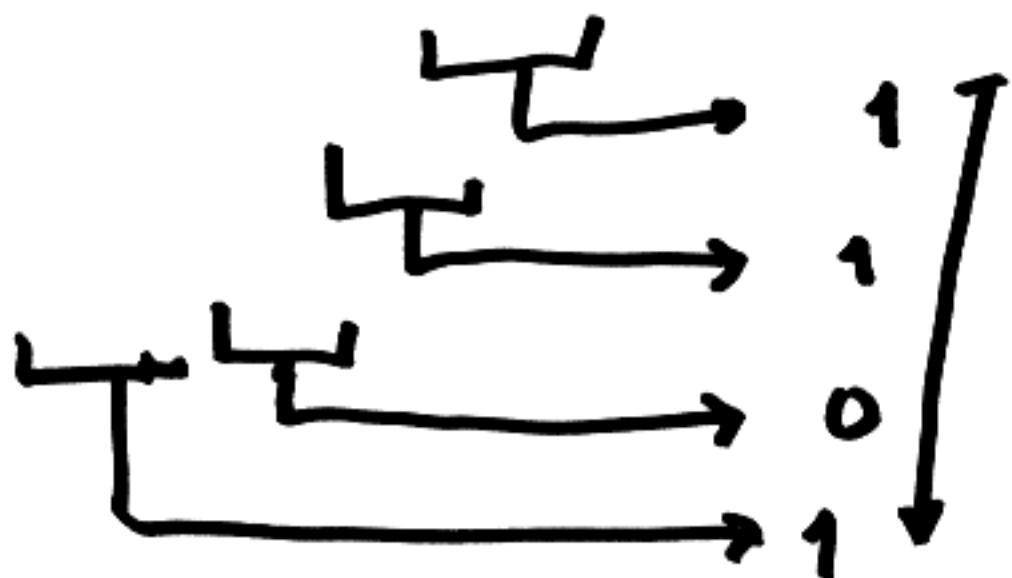
$$0 \oplus 0 = 0$$

$$1 \oplus 1 = 0$$

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$$c_j = b_j \oplus b_{j+1}$$

13 ... 0 | 1 1 0 1 binary



1011 GRAY

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Jan 25, 2007 $n=4$ $0, 1, 2, \dots, 15$

0	—
1	—
2	—
:	:
:	:
15	

↑ strings of 4 bits
words

 $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

subset: $\{1, 3, 4\}$



How many subsets are there?

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$\{1, 3, 4\} \leftrightarrow \begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}$

$\{2, 3, 4\} \leftrightarrow \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}$

$\emptyset \leftrightarrow \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix}$

subset \leftrightarrow (word
(string 4 bits))

$$\{1, 3, 4\} = \{1, 4, 3\}$$

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Pblm #3

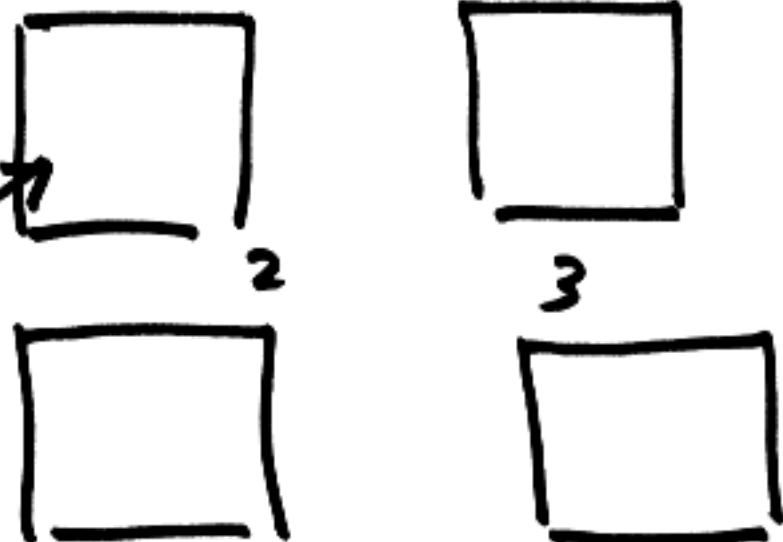
0 0 0	1 0 0
0 0 1	1 0 1
0 1 1	1 1 1
0 1 0	1 1 0
1 1 0	0 1 0
1 1 1	0 1 1
1 0 1	0 0 1
1 0 0	0 0 0

change leftmost bit
0

Pblm #1

Binary

all numbers
0, 1, 2, ..., 75
that have a 1
in the 0 slot



3 2 1 0 |

Pblm #4

$$x = 2^k \cdot y$$

$$\begin{matrix} 2 & x & y \\ (y \text{ is odd}) \end{matrix}$$

Highest power of 2
dividing $x = k$

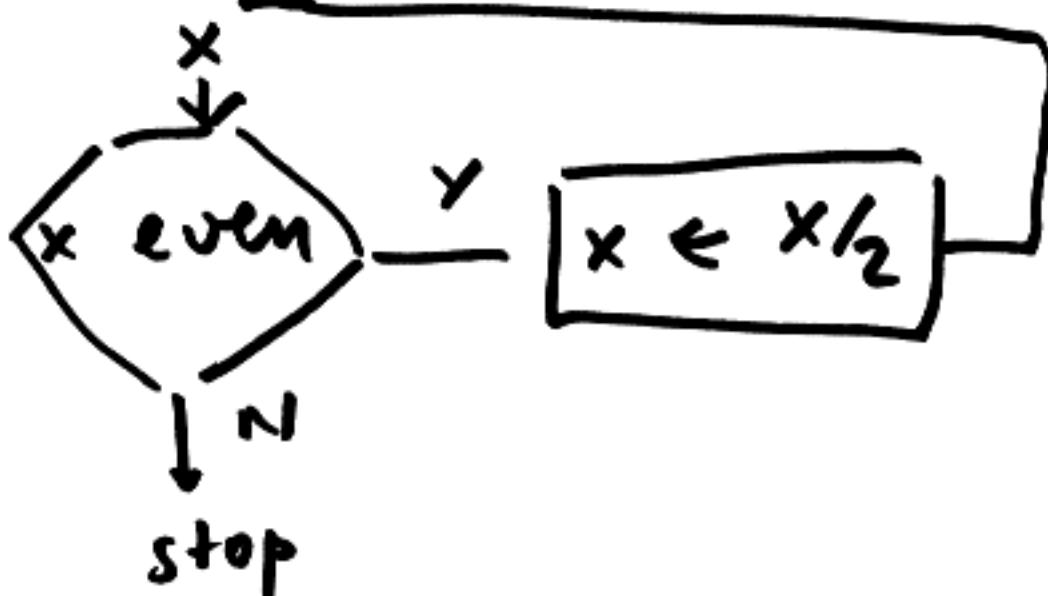
$$12 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \quad \uparrow_{\text{odd}}$$

$$\rightarrow k = 2$$

$$7 = 2^0 \cdot 7$$

$$\rightarrow k = 0$$

Recursively ↓



$K = \#$ times through this loop

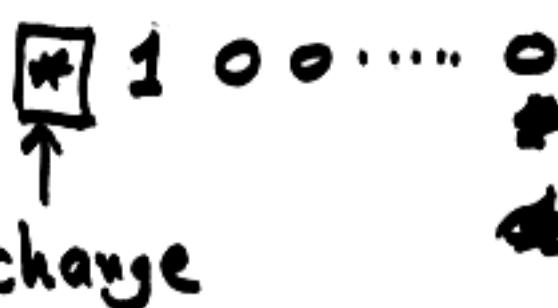
$$x = 36$$

$$36 = 2^2 \cdot 9$$

\downarrow
 18
 \downarrow
 9

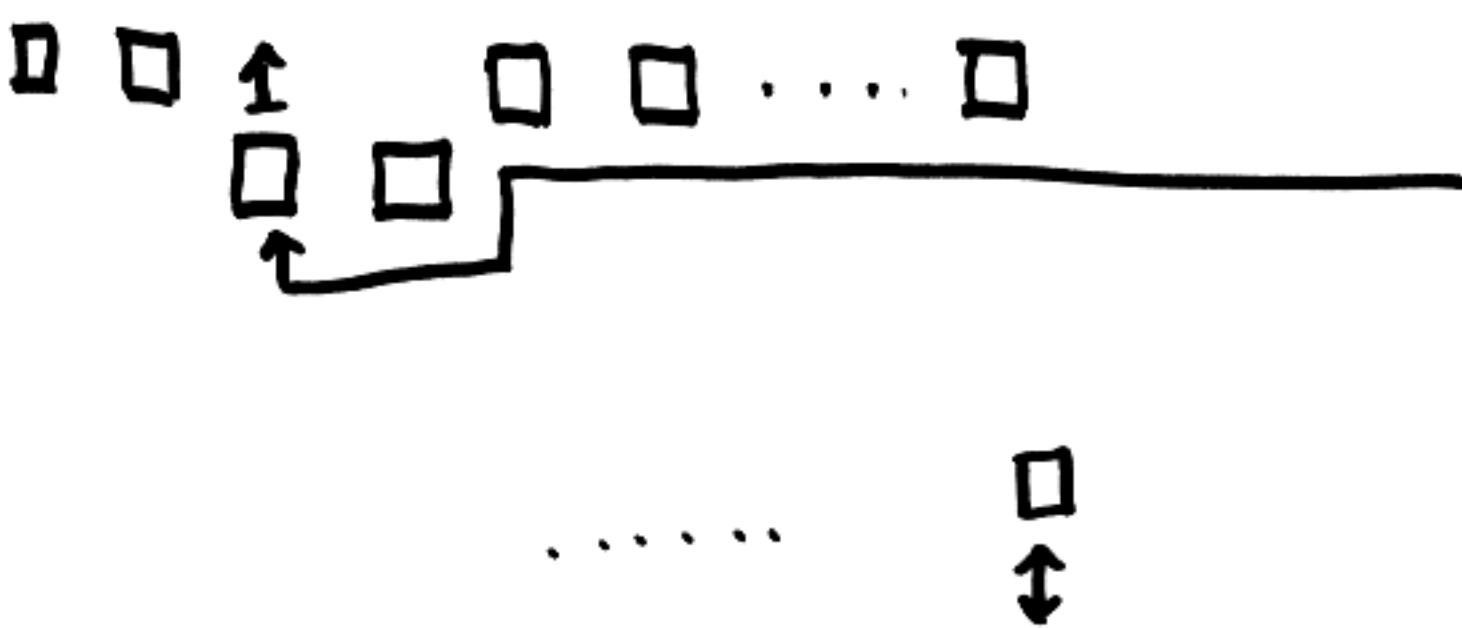
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Two possible moves in Gray code

- * * * * ...  0

~~change next~~

- change first (rightmost)



BINARY \leftrightarrow GRAY

good way to encode / decode

BINARY \leftrightarrow GRAY

$$b_{m-1}, \dots, b_1, b_0 \leftrightarrow c_{m-1}, \dots, c_1, c_0$$

MOD 2 ADDITION OF BITS

\oplus	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

0 \leftrightarrow FALSE
1 \leftrightarrow TRUE

$a \oplus b$
exclusive OR

$$a \oplus b = c$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= b \oplus c \\ b &= a \oplus c \end{aligned}$$

a	b	c
0	0	0
1	1	0

$$c_j = b_j \oplus b_{j+1}$$

(Think of all binary bits being
0 to the left)

E.g.	BINARY	GRAY
	$14 = (1110)_2 \rightarrow$	1001

GRAY \rightarrow BINARY

$$b_3 \ b_2 \ b_1 \ b_0$$

$$c_0 = b_0 \oplus b_1$$

$$c_1 = b_1 \oplus b_2$$

$$c_2 = b_2 \oplus b_3$$

$$c_3 = b_3 \oplus b_4 = b_3 \quad (b_4 = 0)$$

$$b_3 = c_3$$

$$b_2 = c_2 \oplus c_3$$

$$b_1 = c_1 \oplus b_2 = c_1 \oplus c_2 \oplus c_3$$

$$b_0 = c_0 \oplus c_1 \oplus c_2 \oplus c_3$$

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In general

$$b_j = c_j \oplus c_{j+1} \oplus \dots$$

E.g. GRAY \mapsto BINARY

$$1111 \mapsto \begin{array}{c} \text{means} \\ (1010)_2 \\ \text{"} \\ 10 \end{array}$$

$$11111 \mapsto \begin{array}{c} (10101)_2 \\ \text{"} \\ 16 + 4 + 1 = 21 \end{array}$$

$$111111 \mapsto \begin{array}{c} (101010)_2 \\ 32 \quad 8 \quad 2 \\ 32 + 8 + 2 = 42 \end{array}$$

1, 2, 5, 10, 21, 42

↑ # steps to solve spin-out
or Chinese rings puzzle
with 4, 5, 6

$$111 \mapsto 101$$

$$11 \mapsto 10^5$$

$$\underline{n \text{ even}} \quad \frac{2}{3} (2^{n+1} - 1)$$

$$\underline{n \text{ odd}} \quad \frac{1}{3} (2^{n+1} - 1)$$

Rule to get out : (right to left)

n even move 2nd bit

n odd " 1st bit

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Chinese rings

initial position 11...1

all rings are on

GRAY	BINARY	
11...1	$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 10 \dots 010 & \text{"even} \\ 1 \dots 0101 & \text{"odd} \end{array} \right.$	

$$\underbrace{1 \oplus 1 \oplus \dots \oplus 1}_n = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 0 & \text{"even"} \\ 1 & \text{"odd"} \end{array} \right.$$

What number is this?

n odd

$$(10 \dots \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow 10101)_2 = ?$$

... + 16 + 4 + 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 1 + 4 + 16 + \dots + \\
 & = 1 + 4 + 4^2 + 4^3 + \dots + 4^k
 \end{aligned}$$

geometric series

$$0 \quad 1$$

$$1 \quad 1 + 4 = 5$$

$$2 \quad 1 + 4 + 4^2 = 21$$

$$3 \quad 1 + 4 + 4^2 + 4^3 = 85$$

⋮

$$\frac{4^{k+1} - 1}{4 - 1}$$

geometric series, a ^{*} number

$$S_k := 1 + a + a^2 + \dots + a^k = \frac{a^{k+1} - 1}{a - 1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{k+1} &= 1 + a + \dots + a^{k+1} \\ &= 1 + a \underbrace{(1 + a + \dots + a^k)}_{S_k} \end{aligned}$$

$$S_{k+1} = 1 + a S_k$$

~~Verify~~ $S_k = \frac{a^{k+1} - 1}{a - 1}$

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$$(a-1) S_k = a^{k+1} - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} a S_k - S_k &= a(a + a^2 + \dots + a^k) \\ &\quad - (1 + a + \dots + a^k) \\ &= a + a^2 + \dots + a^{k+1} \\ &\quad - (1 + a + \dots + a^k) \\ &= a^{k+1} - 1 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Find # steps to solve the puzzle

n odd

$$\frac{1}{3}(2^{n+1} - 1) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 2^n - \frac{1}{3}$$

n even

$$\frac{2}{3}(2^n - 1) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 2^n - \frac{2}{3}$$

position

2^n = # of positions in puzzle

steps $\approx \frac{2}{3} \times$ positions

Ruler function

$\rho(m) =$ bit that changes in
 gray code $m-1 \mapsto m$
 $=$ # bits that change in
 binary code $m-1 \mapsto m$

GRAY	BINARY	$\rho(m)$
m 4 3 2 1		
0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
1	0 0 0 1	0 0 0 1
2	0 0 1 1	0 0 1 0
3	0 0 1 0	0 0 1 1



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$g(m) = \frac{\text{highest power of } 2}{\text{dividing } m} + 1$

$$12 = 2^2 \times 3$$

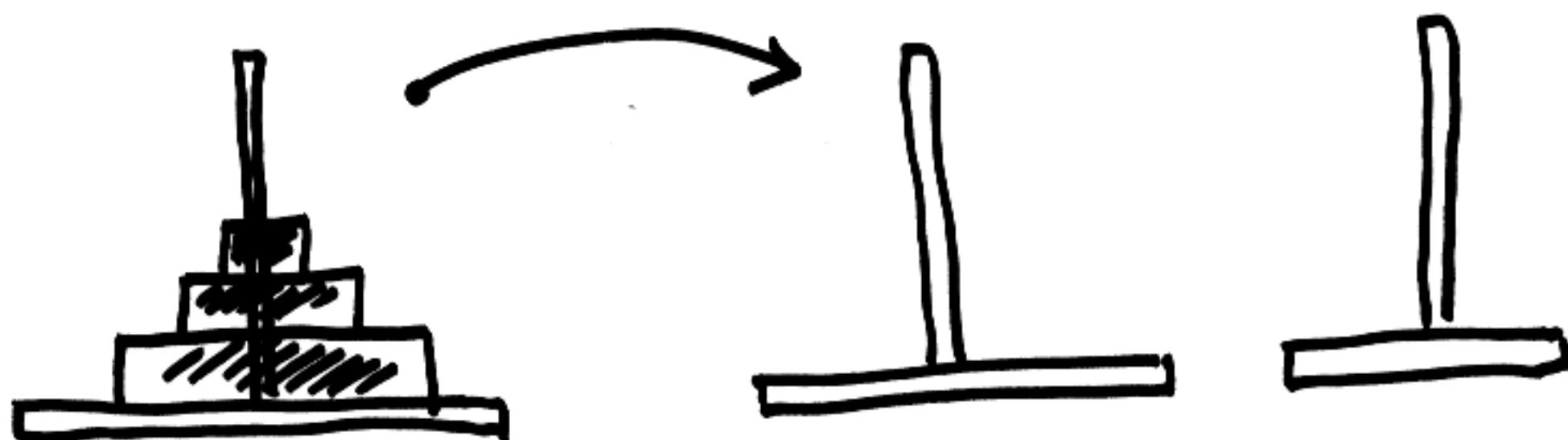
↑
2 highest power of 2

$$g(12) = 3$$

This gives a recipe to construct the Gray code (solve the lights puzzle or pick a binary lock)

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Hanoi Towers



- one ring at a time
- with no:



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Unique optimal solution

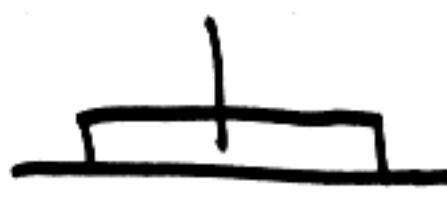
(optimal = least number of steps)

Suppose we know how to solve it
if we had 3 rings.



- Move top 3 disks

$S \rightarrow A$



Move last disk to destination

- Move top 3 disks to destination



hanoi(n, S, D, A) =

- . hanoi($n-1, S, A, D$)
- . move disk n from S to D
- . hanoi($n-1, A, D, S$)

Recursive procedure

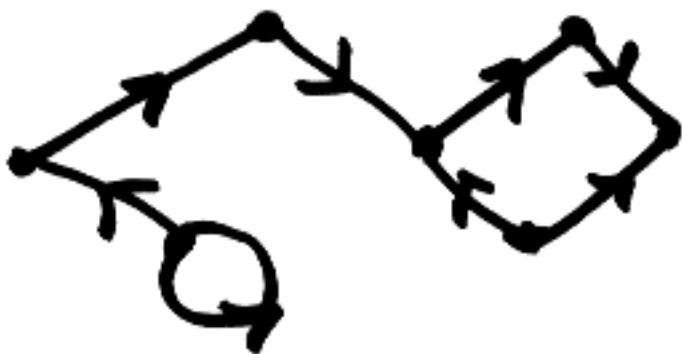
n	h_n
1	1 $2-1$
2	3 $4-1$
3	7 $8-1$
4	15 $16-1$
5	31 $32-1$

Recursion:
$$h_n = 2h_{n-1} + 1$$

In fact:
$$h_n = 2^n - 1$$

What is the graph of the puzzle? (B)

A graph : collection of vertices
+ edges



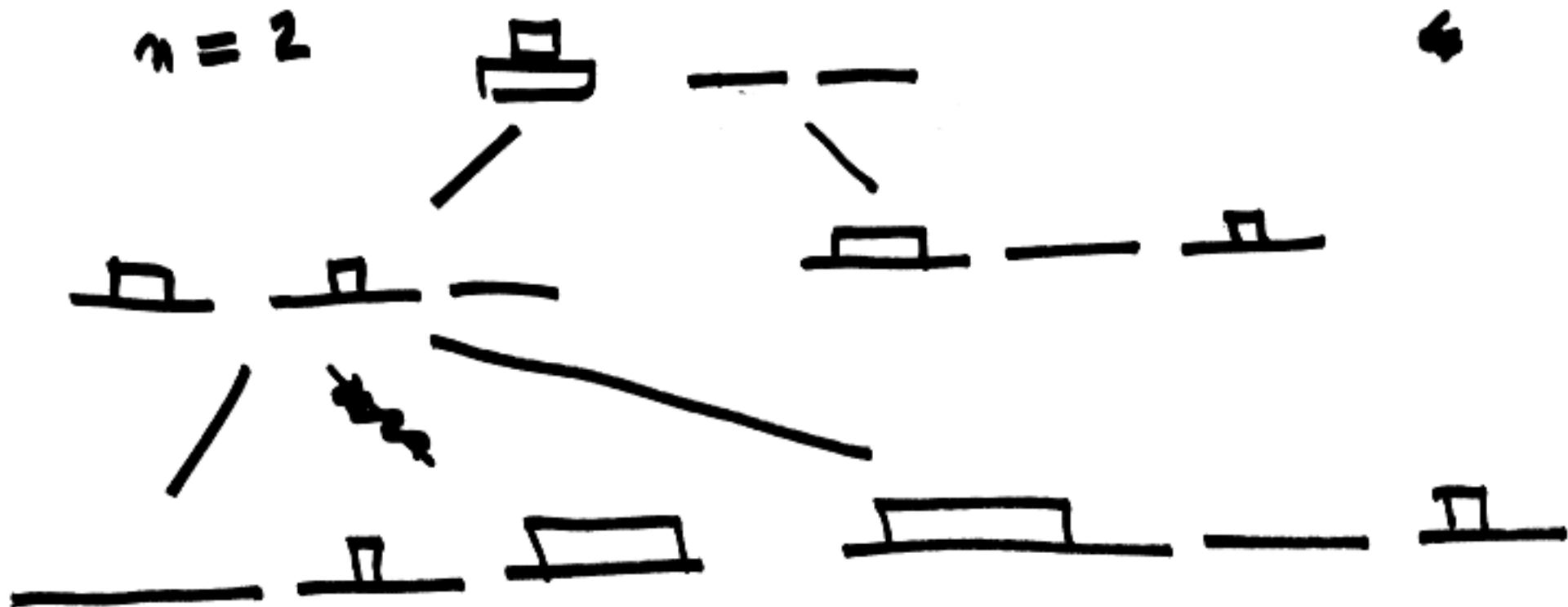
positions \leftrightarrow vertices
moves \leftrightarrow edges

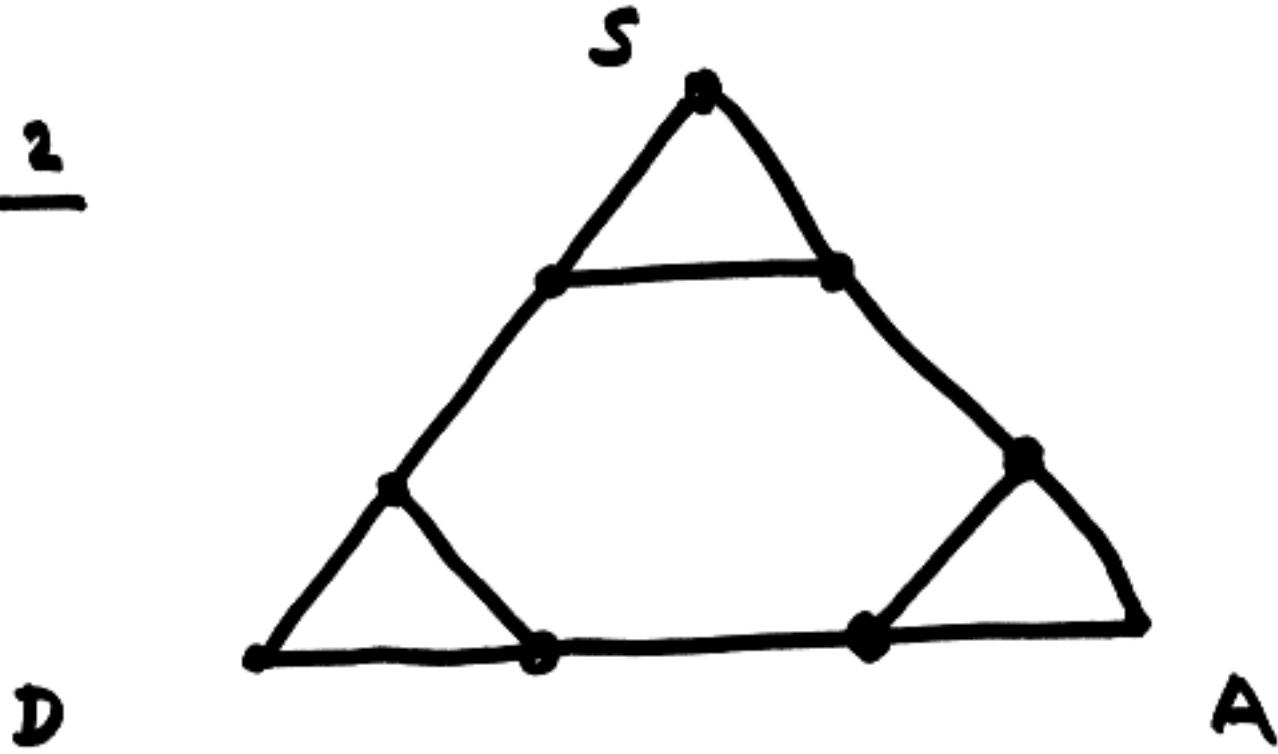
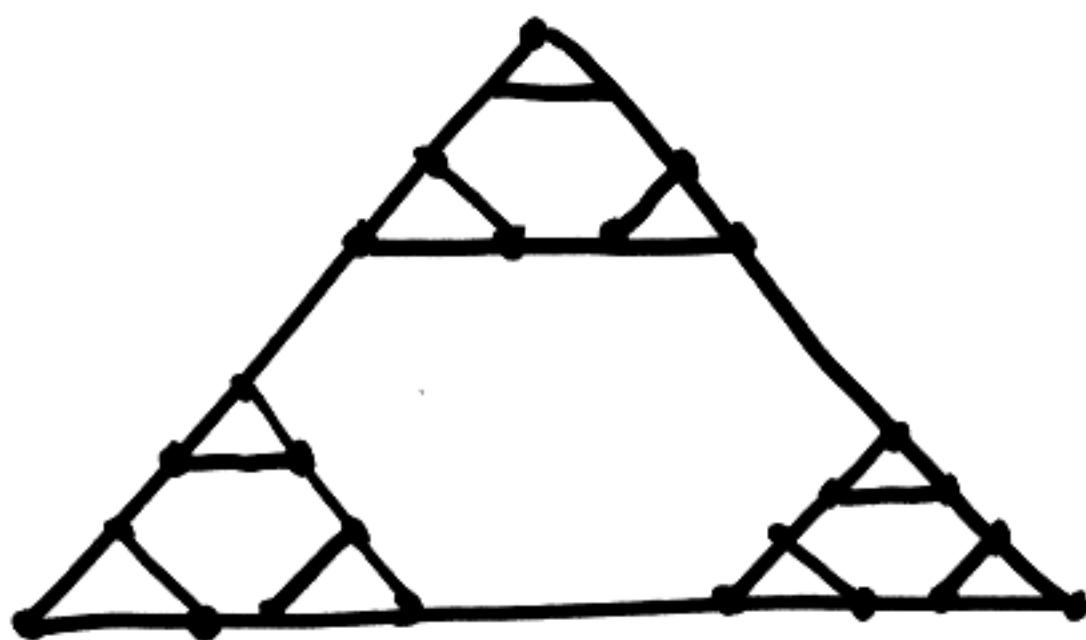
Chinese rings

graph



$$n = 2$$



$\underline{n=2}$  $\underline{n=3}$ 

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Recursion

$$n! = n \cdot (n-1) \cdots 7 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$$

= # of permutations of n things

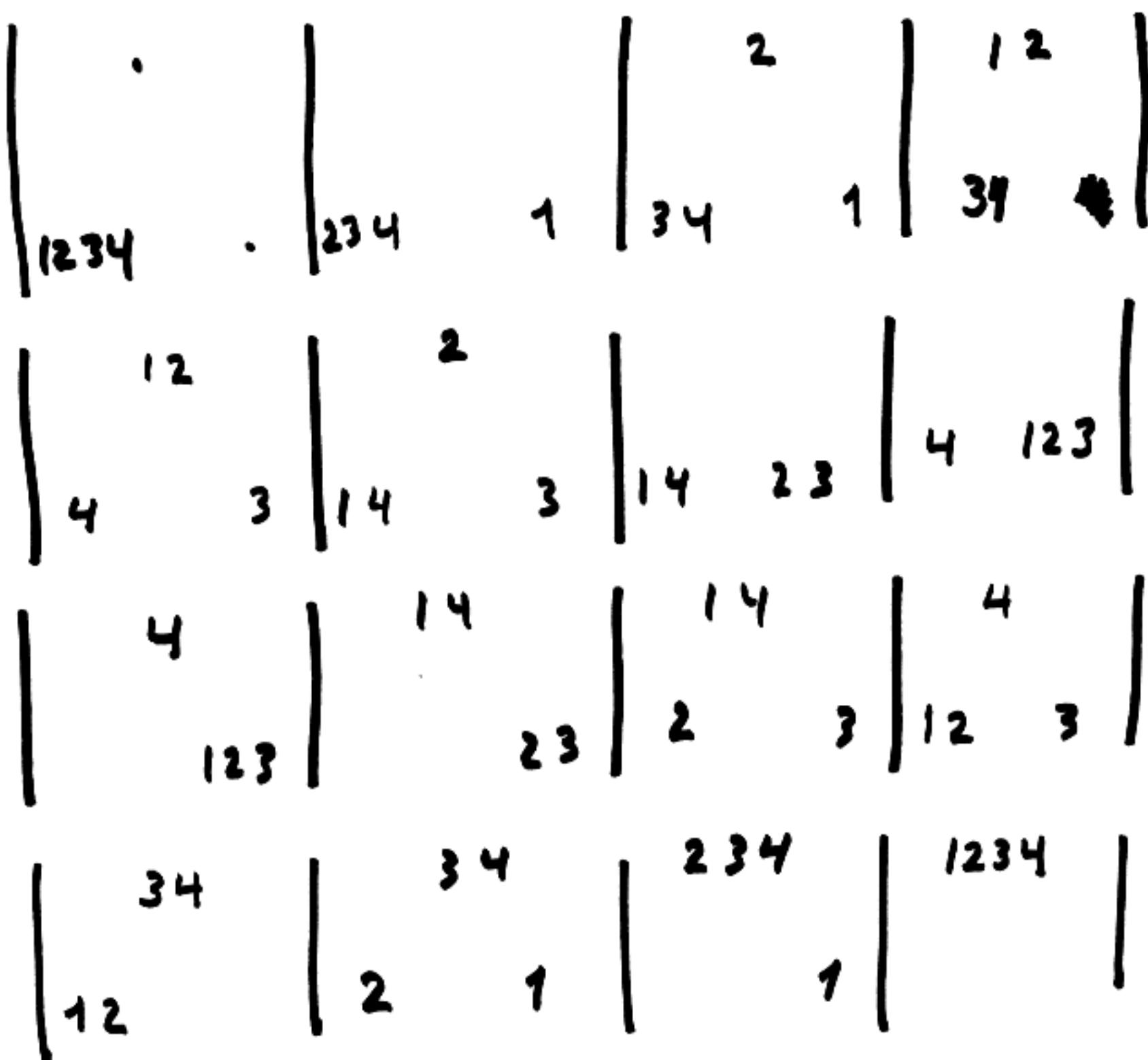
$$n=3 \quad 3! = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 6$$

1 2 3
2 1 3
3 2 1
1 3 2
2 3 1
3 1 2

Recursively.

$$\text{factorial}(n) = \begin{cases} n * \text{factorial}(n-1) & n > 1 \\ \cancel{\text{factorial}(n-1)} & n = 1 \end{cases}$$

n=4 S 6 OA



sequential

- disk 1 ↗ every other move

- in other moves: move disk other than 1.

Remarks

- disk that moves is given by ruler function.
- odd ↗ even

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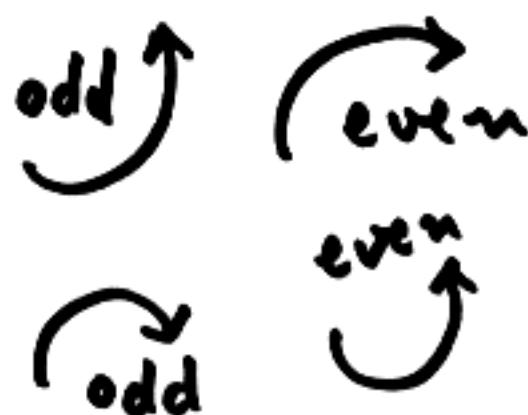
move in opposite direction.



n disks

n even

n odd



puz zle \rightsquigarrow graph

position \leftrightarrow vertex

move \leftrightarrow edge

Hanoi towers

position = arrangement of disks
in a legal way.

To give a position is enough ④
to say what disks are where.

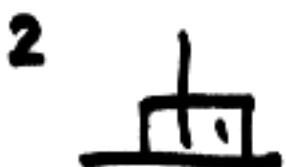
encode a position

$$(P_1, P_2, \dots, P_m)$$

ternary bits $P_i = 0, 1, 2$

P_i := peg # where disk i is.

$$n=4$$



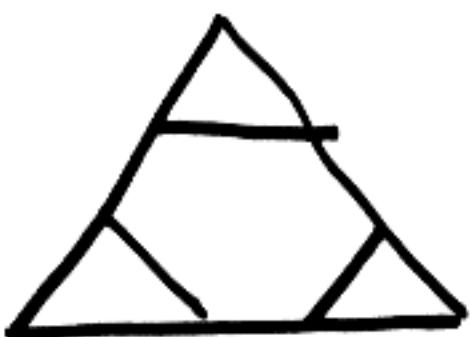
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$$(2, 1, 1, 0)$$

graph of puzzle



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$$\binom{n}{k} =$$

$$(1+x)^2 = 1 + 2x + x^2 \quad | \ 2 \ 1$$

$$(1+x)^3 = 1 + 3x + 3x^2 + x^3 \quad | \ 3 \ 3 \ 1$$



Pascal's
triangle

1							
	1	1					
		1	2	1			
			1	3	3	1	
				1	4	6	4 1
					1	5	10 10 5 1

↓ n

$$\binom{5}{2} = 10$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = n \text{ choose } k$$

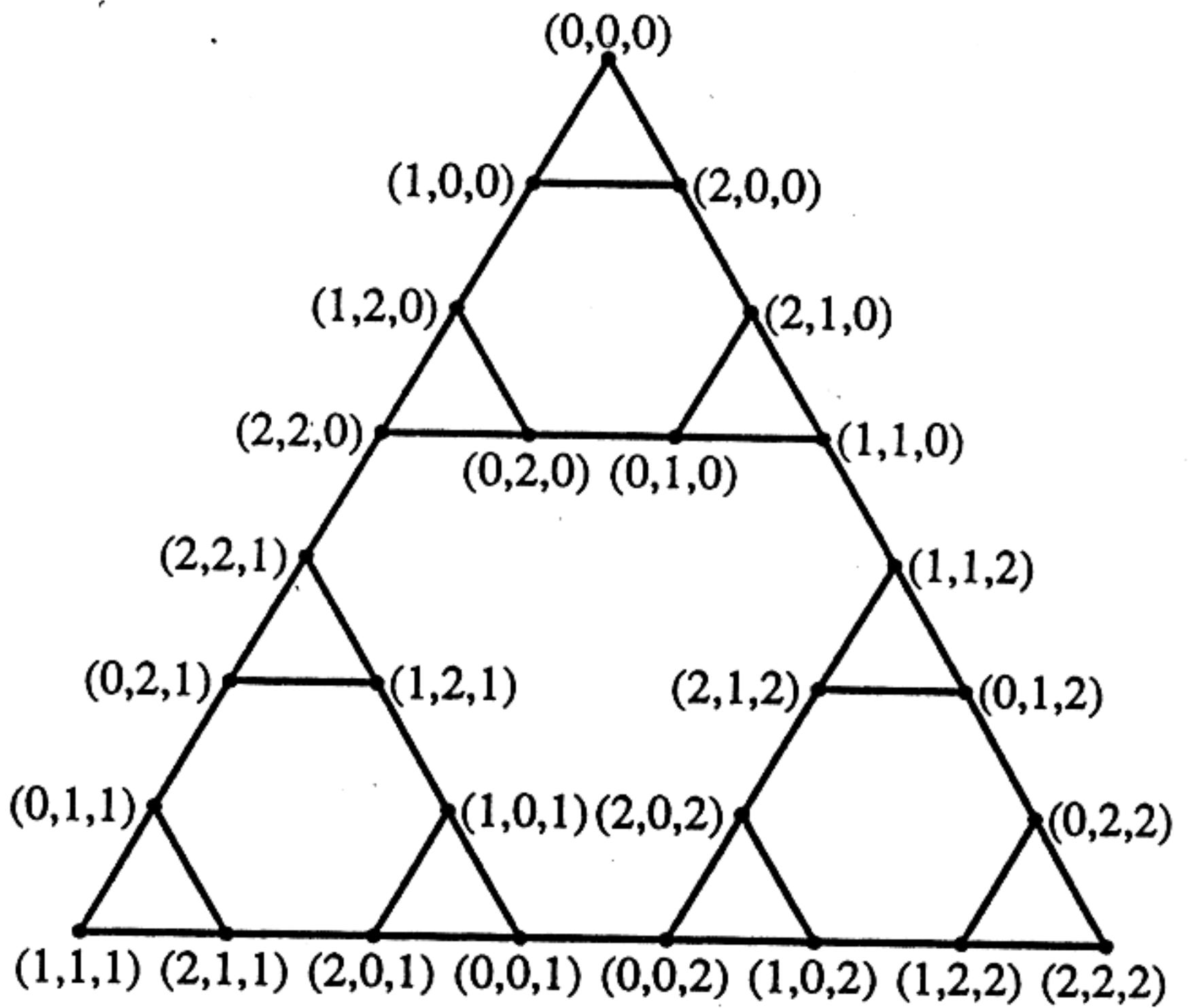
= # of ways to choose k
things out of n

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Pascal triangle w/parity

	1						
1	-	1					
1	0	1					
1	-	1	-	1			
1	0	0	0	1			
1	-	1	0	0	1	-	1

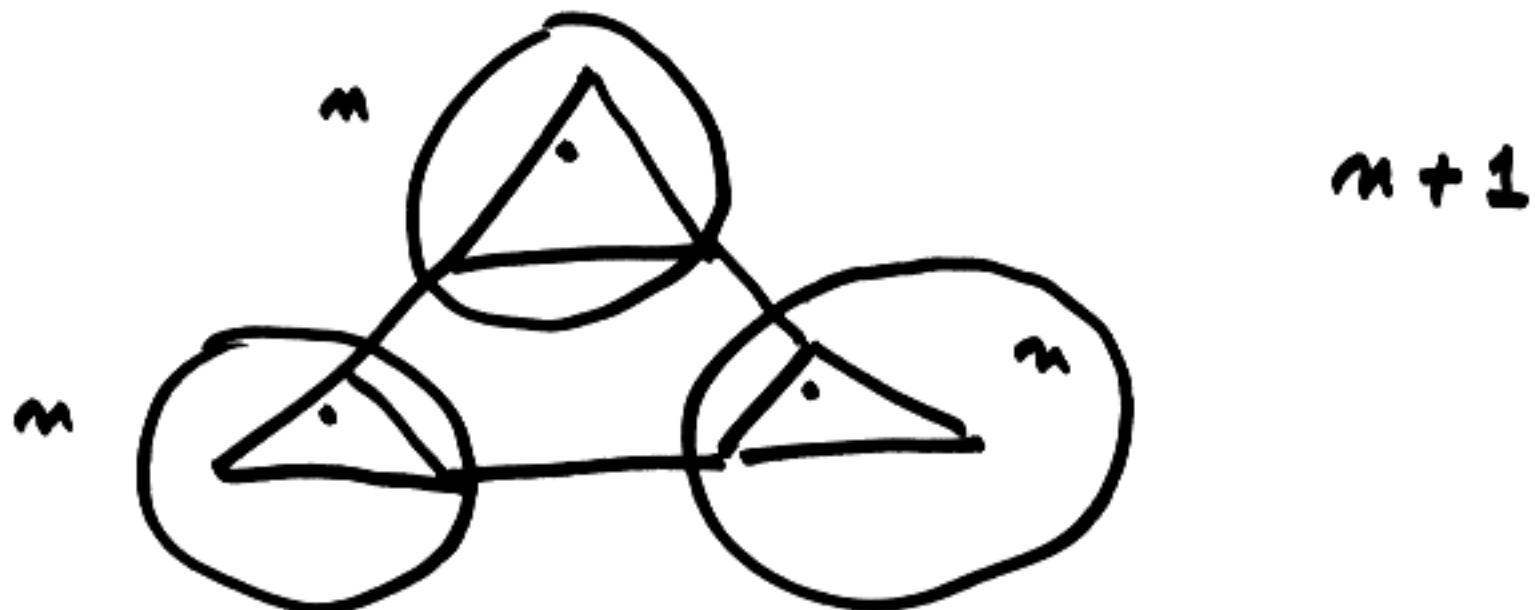




Graph of Hanoi Towers puzzle with three disks.

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positions in case $n+1$

$$= 3 \times \text{positions in case } n$$

$c_n := \# \text{positions in case } n$

$$\begin{cases} c_{n+1} = 3 c_n \\ c_1 = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$3, 3^2, 3^3, \dots$$

Claim $c_n = 3^n$

$$c_{n+1} = 3^{n+1} = 3 \times c_n$$

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positions $\longleftrightarrow (P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n)$

$$P_i = 0, 1, 2$$

= peg # where
disk i is

$n=1$

$$(0), (1), (2)$$

$n=2$

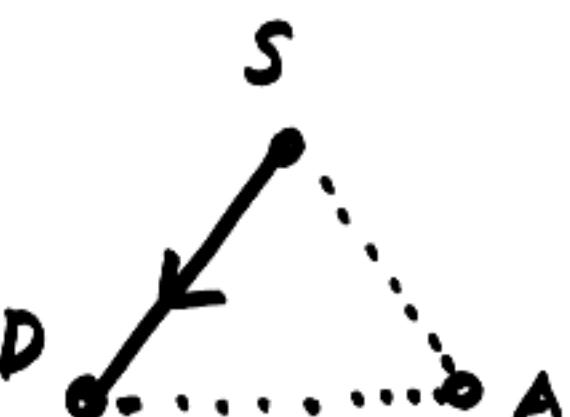
$$(0,0), (1,0), (2,0)$$

$$(0,1), (1,1), (2,1)$$

$$(0,2), (1,2), (2,2)$$

$$\begin{matrix} \text{---} \\ n=3 \\ \text{---} \end{matrix} (0,0,\ast) (1,0,\ast) (2,0,\ast)$$

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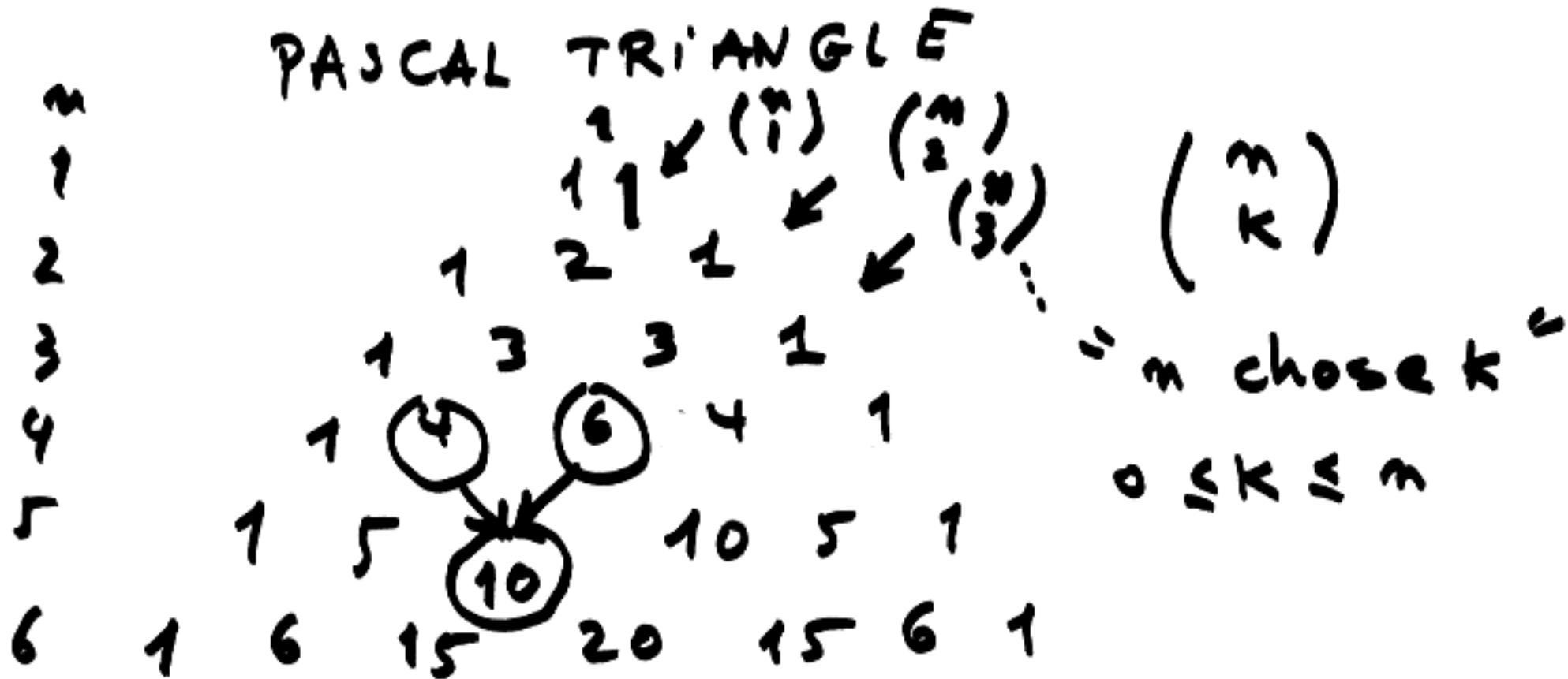
Solving puzzle optimally
What happens with last
disk, m ?

Disk n just moves
from $S \rightarrow D$?

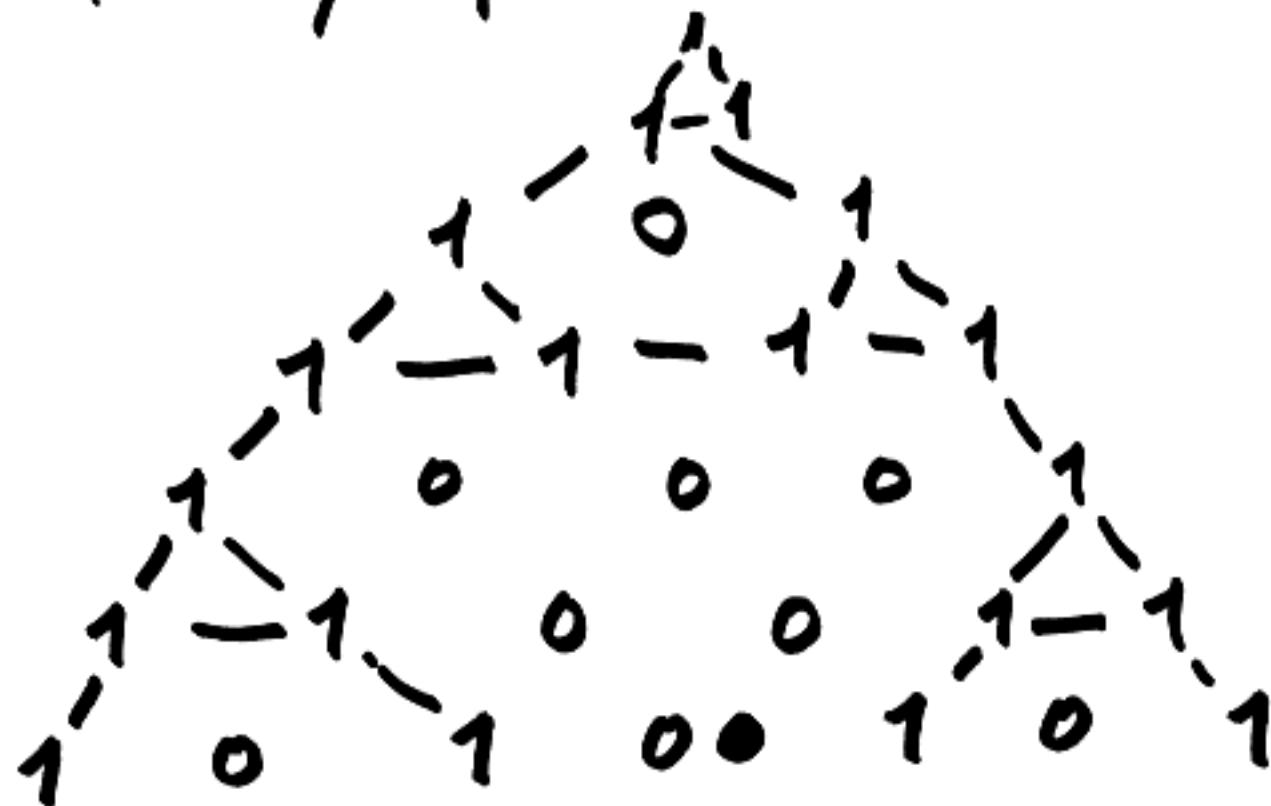
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$n=7$ $\leftarrow \pi \Rightarrow$ disk # 1 \hookrightarrow



④ Parity of the Pascal triangle



$$(1+x)^3 = 1 + 3x + 3x^2 + 1$$

$$(1+x)^4 = 1 + 4x + 6x^2 + 4x^3 + x^4$$

⋮

$\binom{n}{k} = \# \{$ ways to choose k things,
out of n

$$\binom{n}{1} = n$$

$$\binom{n}{2} =$$

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$$n = 4$$

1, 2, 3, 4

1, 2
1, 3
1, 42, 3
2, 4

3, 4

$$\binom{4}{2} = 6$$

$$\binom{n}{2} = \frac{1}{2} n \times (n-1)$$

↑ ↑
1st choice 2nd choice

account for the order

otherwise we are double counting.

$$\underline{n=4}$$

1, 2
1, 3
1, 4

2, 1
2, 3
2, 4

3, 1
3, 2
3, 4
4, 1
4, 2
4, 3

$$\binom{n}{2} = \frac{n \times (n-1)}{2}$$

$$\binom{4}{2} = \frac{4 \times 3}{2} = 6$$

$$\underline{n=5} \quad \left(\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 2 \end{array}\right) = 10 \quad (6)$$

1, 2	2, 3	3, 4	4, 5
1, 3	2, 4	3, 5	
1, 4	2, 5		
1, 5			

$$\frac{n \times (n-1)}{2} = \frac{5 \times 4}{2} = 10$$

$$\binom{n}{3} = \frac{1}{6} n(n-1)(n-2)$$

↑ 1st ↑ 2nd ↑ 3rd

overcounting e.g. $\{1, 2, 3\}$

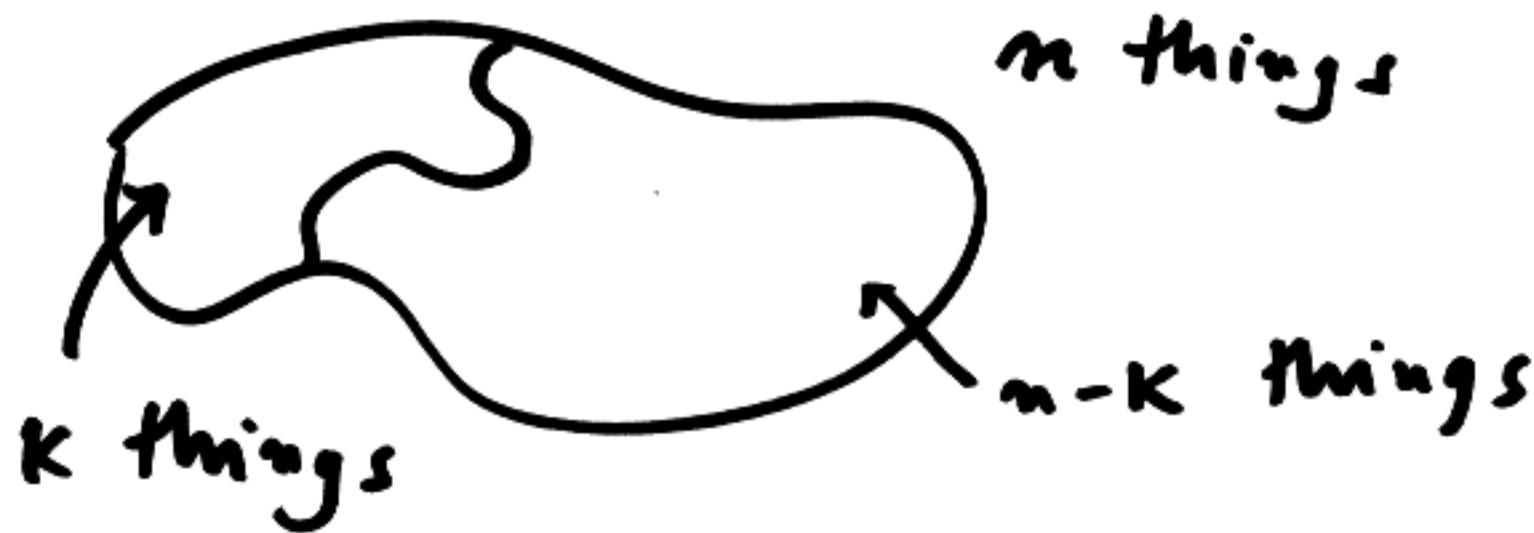
6 times } 1, 2, 3
 } 1, 3, 2
 } 2, 1, 3
 } 2, 3, 1
 } 3, 1, 2
 } 3, 2, 1

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$$\binom{n}{4} = \frac{1}{4!} n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)$$

$$\binom{5}{3} = \frac{5 \times 4 \times 3}{3 \times 2 \times 1} = 10$$

Symmetry in Pascal's triangle



Picking $k \leftrightarrow$ picking $n-k$

E.g. $n=5$

Pick two things



Pick 3 things

$$\binom{5}{2} = 10$$

$$\binom{5}{3} = \frac{5 \times 4 \times 3}{3 \times 2 \times 1} = 10$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1)}{k!} \quad (8)$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)\dots\dots 2\ 1}{k!\ (n-k)!}$$

$$\binom{7}{4} = \frac{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} \\ = \frac{7!}{4! 3!}$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!}$$

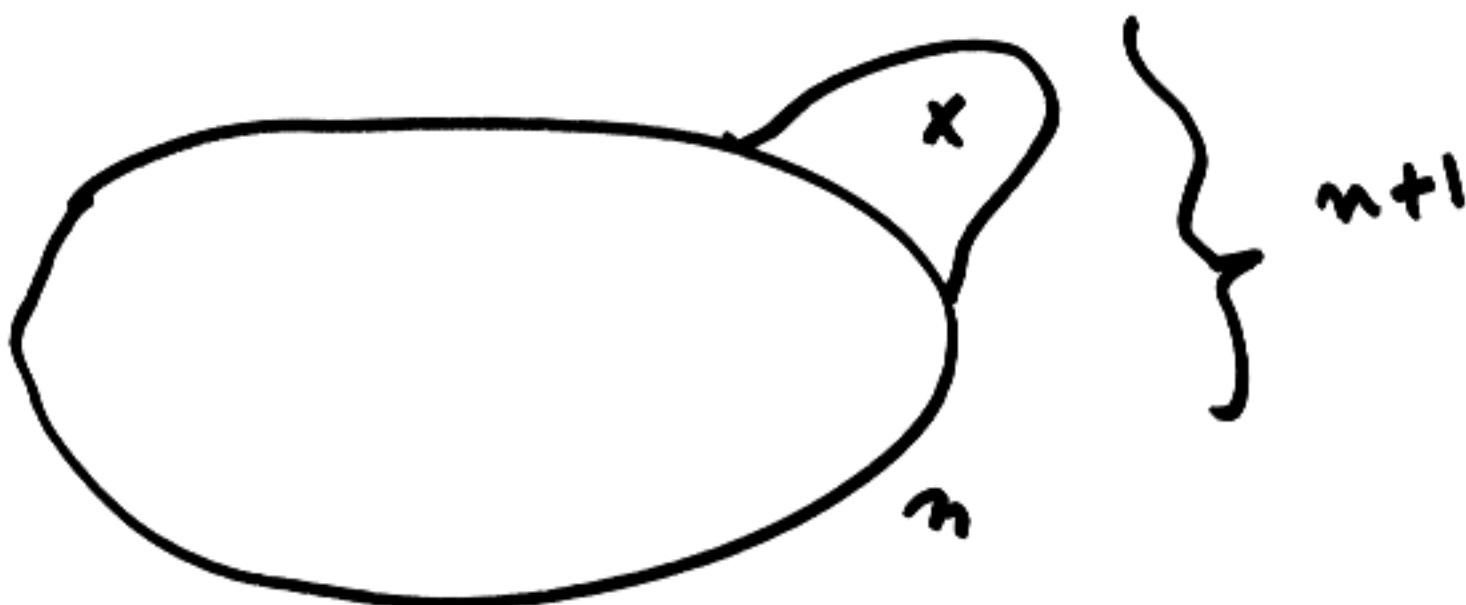
$$k \leftrightarrow n-k$$

$$n-k \xrightarrow{k} n-k \\ n-k \xrightarrow{k} n - (n-k) = k$$

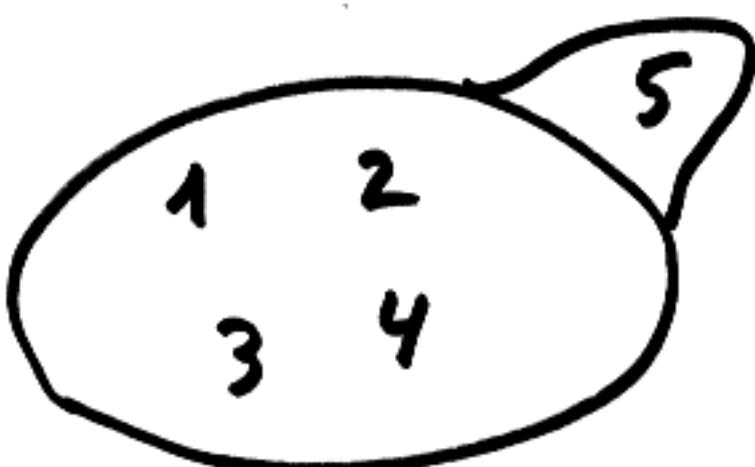
$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$$

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$$\binom{n}{k} + \binom{n}{k-1} = \binom{n+1}{k}$$



$$\underline{n=4}$$



excluding 5

1, 2 2, 3 3, 4

1, 3 2, 4

1, 4

$\binom{4}{2}$

Including 5

5, 1

5, 2

5, 3

5, 4

↑

$\binom{4}{1}$

$$\binom{5}{2} = \binom{4}{2} + \binom{4}{1}$$

15 - puzzle

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	

S. LLoyd

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	15	14	

cannot be done!

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Feb 8, 2007NIM

Two piles

 $\begin{matrix} \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \end{matrix} \mid \begin{matrix} \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \end{matrix}$ good move \rightarrow $\begin{matrix} \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \end{matrix} \mid \begin{matrix} \bullet \\ \bullet \end{matrix}$

Strategy: 1 achieve same number
in both piles.

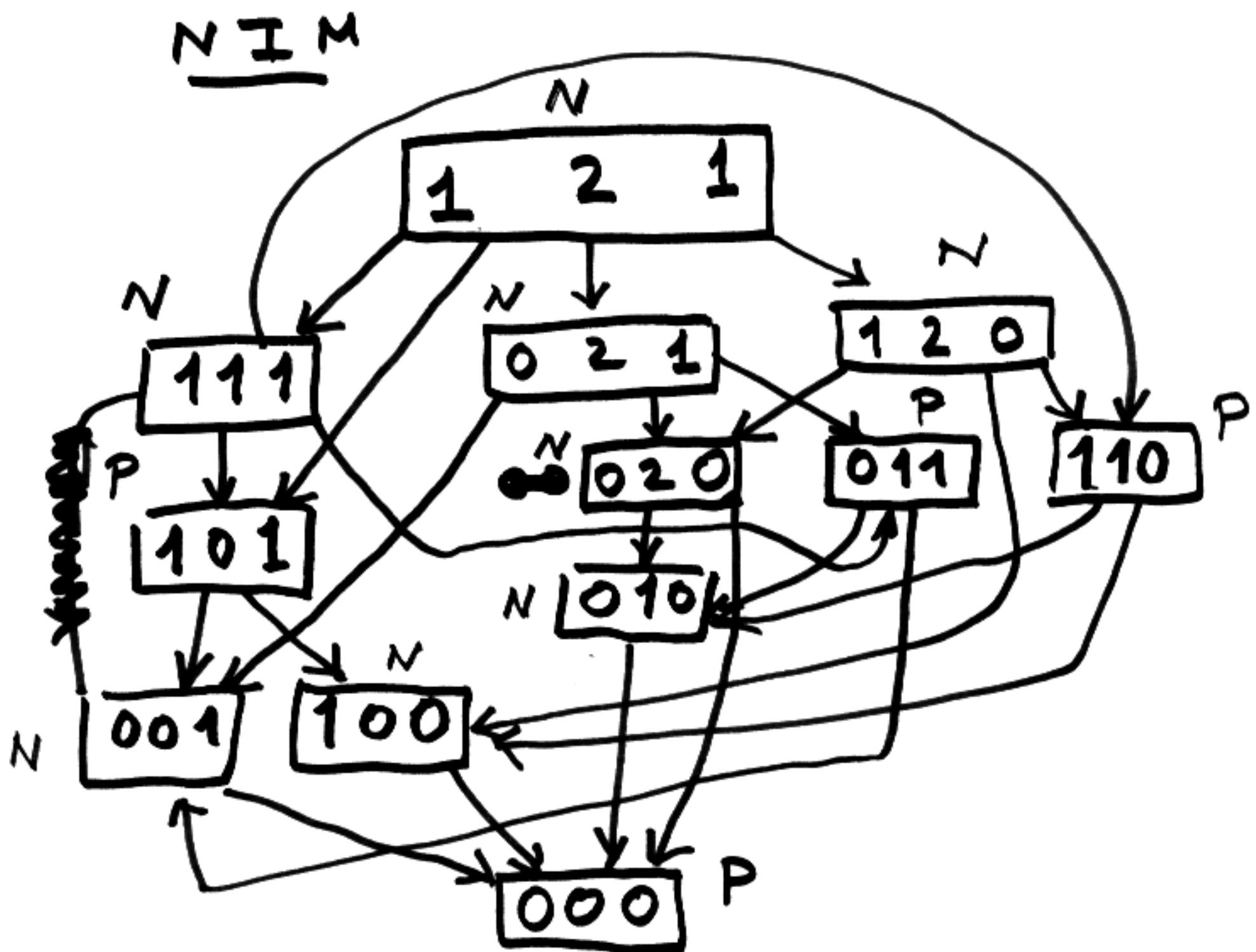
How does this extend to more
piles?

Ch. Bouton 1901

Theory applies to impartial
games.

graph : vertices \leftrightarrow position
 edge \leftrightarrow move

2



Strategy

- Reach P
- opponent moves to N

Impartial game

- Two players, alternate
 - same moves
 - no chance
 - complete information
 - no ties / endgame
- Player unable to move loses.
(Normal play)

(opposite " wins)
misere play

Subtraction games

one pile

you take s objects from
the pile where

$$s \in S$$

E.g. I : $S = \{2, 3\}$



positions labels
repeat in the

P P N N N
pattern

E.g. if pile has 22 things

P	P	N	N	N
20	21	22	23	24

take 2 to reach a P position

(6)

Nim addition (Numbers)

$$n \oplus m$$

write n, m in binary

E.g. $n = 3, m = 5$

$$\begin{array}{r} n \quad 101 \\ m \quad 011 \\ \hline 110 \end{array} \leftarrow n \oplus m = 6$$

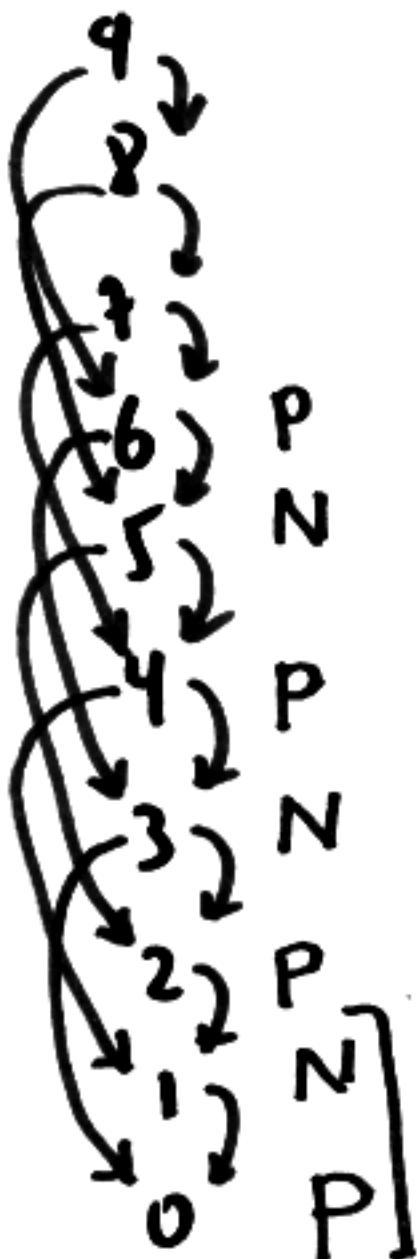
$$3 \oplus 5 = 6$$

$$n = m \iff n \oplus m = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1101 \\ a b c d \\ \hline 0000 \end{array} \leftrightarrow \begin{array}{l} d=1 \\ c=0 \\ b=1 \\ a=1 \end{array}$$

$$(n_1, \dots, n_k) \text{ P-position} \iff n_1 \oplus \dots \oplus n_k = 0$$

⑤

E.g. $S = \{1, 3\}$ P N

pattern repeats

What are the P positions
in NIM?

two piles : (n, m)

$$n = m$$

\longleftrightarrow P position

More piles

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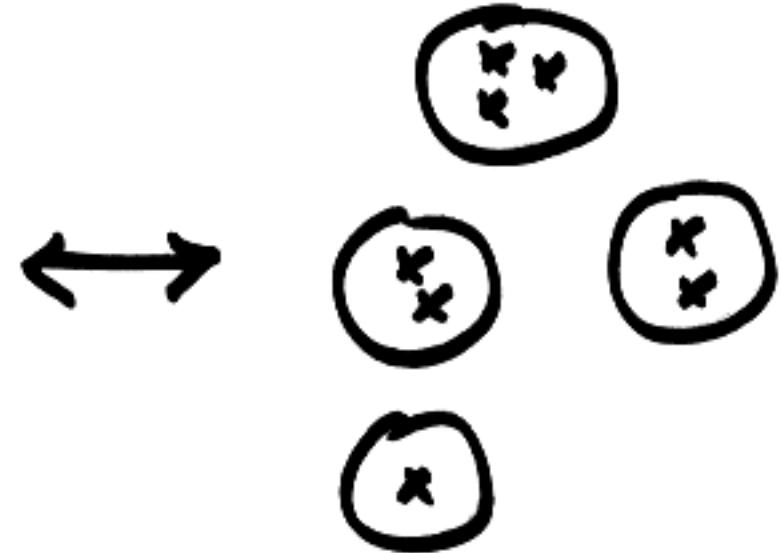
Nimble

Rule Move one penny to the left (any # of steps)

Nimble \leftrightarrow Nim

penny \leftrightarrow pile
 position \leftrightarrow size

1	2	3	4	5
•	•	•	•	



0 0 1
0 1 1
1 0 0

0 0 1
0 1 0
0 1 1

0 0 1 0 0 0
0 1 1

Write position of H's

n_1, n_2, \dots, n_K

P position $\leftrightarrow n_1 \oplus \dots \oplus n_K = 0$

1 0 0 1
3 0 1 1
4 1 0 0
6 1 1 0

$\rightarrow N$ position

Strategy : make it a P-position

More

H T H H T T



H H H T T T

0 0 1
0 1 0
0 1 1
0 0 0

$\rightarrow P$ -position

$$\begin{array}{r}
 001 \\
 011 \\
 100 \\
 \hline
 110
 \end{array}
 \qquad N \rightarrow P$$

- identify left most column with sum of 1.
- In that column find a row with a 1.
- Change that row to get 0 sum

$\rightarrow \dots \dots$ $\boxed{1} \quad x \ x \ x \ x \dots x$
 ↑

$\rightsquigarrow \dots \dots$ $\boxed{0} \quad \dots \dots \dots$

(4)

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
 3 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\
 4 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 \\
 \hline
 1 & 1 & 0
 \end{array}
 \rightarrow
 \begin{array}{r}
 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
 3 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\
 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
 \hline
 0 & 0 & 0
 \end{array}$$

NIM

n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k # of objects
in each pile

P-position $\iff n_1 \oplus \dots \oplus n_k = 0$

- A move from $n_1 \oplus \dots \oplus n_k = 0$ will mess this up
- Any N-position can be made into P.

E.g.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 15, 13, 5 \\
 \downarrow \\
 2
 \end{array}$$

(5)

15, 13, 5
 ↓
 10

①

$$\begin{array}{r}
 15 \quad \frac{8421}{1111} \\
 13 \quad \text{aaaa} \\
 5 \quad \frac{0101}{0111}
 \end{array}$$

N - position

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1111 \quad | \quad 15 \\
 1101 \quad | \quad 13 \\
 0010 \quad | \quad 2 \\
 \hline
 0000
 \end{array}$$

P-position

②

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1111 \\
 1101 \\
 \hline
 0101 \\
 \hline
 0111
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1111 \quad | \quad 15 \\
 1010 \quad | \quad 10 \\
 0101 \quad | \quad 5 \\
 \hline
 0000
 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r}
 1011 \\
 1101 \\
 0101 \\
 \hline
 0111
 \end{array}$$

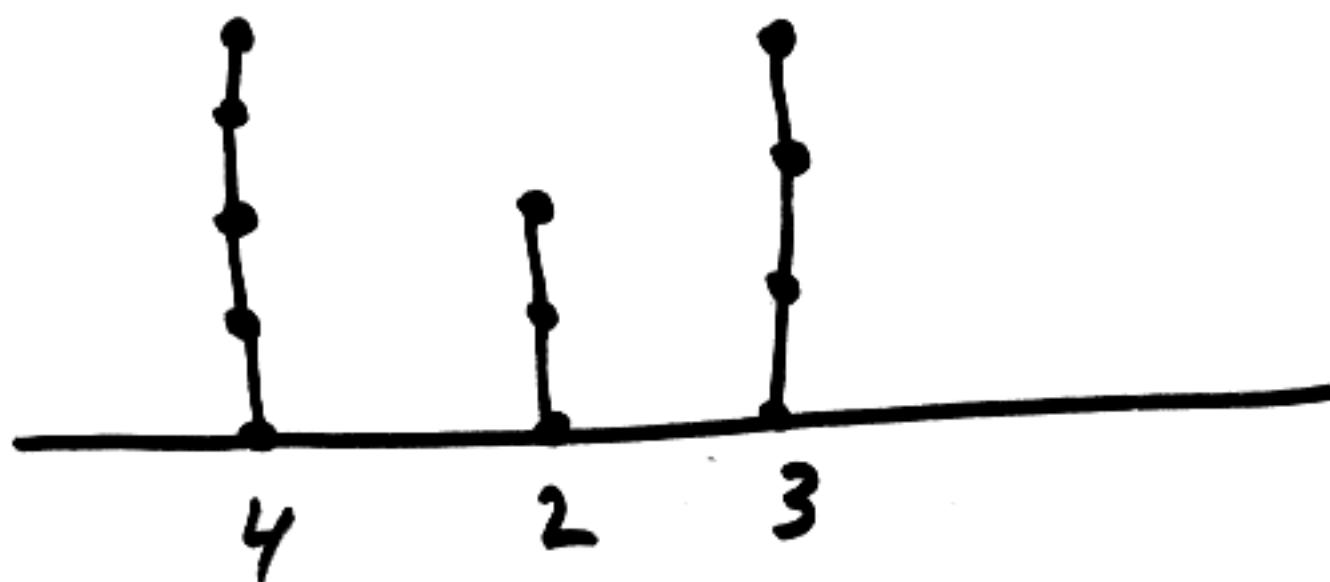
$$\begin{array}{r}
 1000 \quad | \quad 8 \\
 1101 \quad | \quad 13 \\
 0101 \quad | \quad 5 \\
 \hline
 0000
 \end{array}$$

Other examples of impartial games

1) Hackenbush



Move: Hack a piece off!

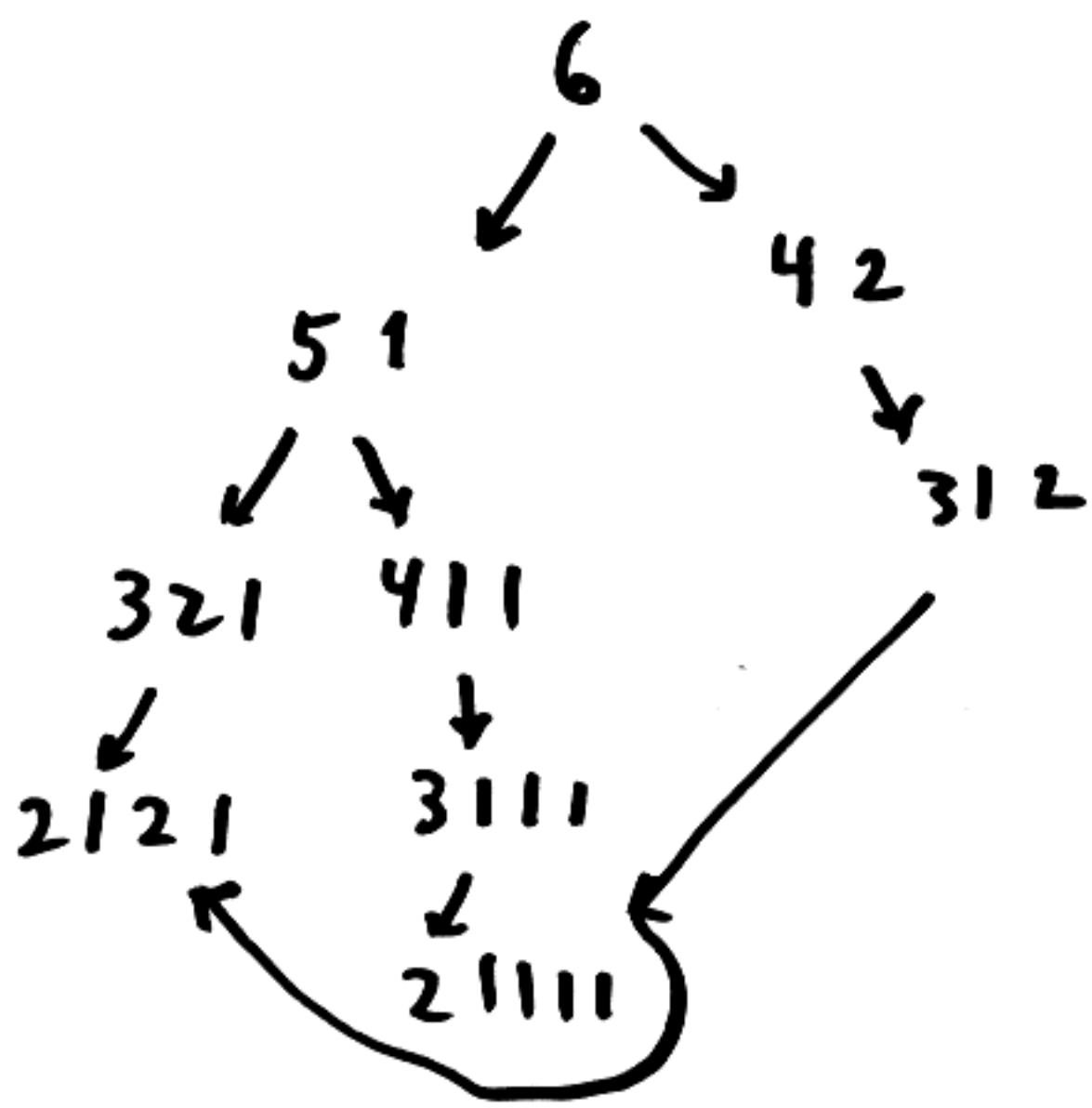


Each bamboo shoot \leftrightarrow pile
segment \leftrightarrow penny

4) Grundy's game

Start pile w/ n things

Rule Pick a pile and divide it into two unequal piles



sum of games

(8)

Γ_1, Γ_2 impartial games

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \oplus \Gamma_2$$

A move in Γ is either a move in Γ_1 or a move in Γ_2

Similarly $\Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_k$

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \Gamma_k$$

E.g. Nim with k -piles is the sum \oplus of k 1-pile games.

Example Γ_1 = subtraction game

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

Γ_2 = subtraction
 $S = \{1, 3\}$

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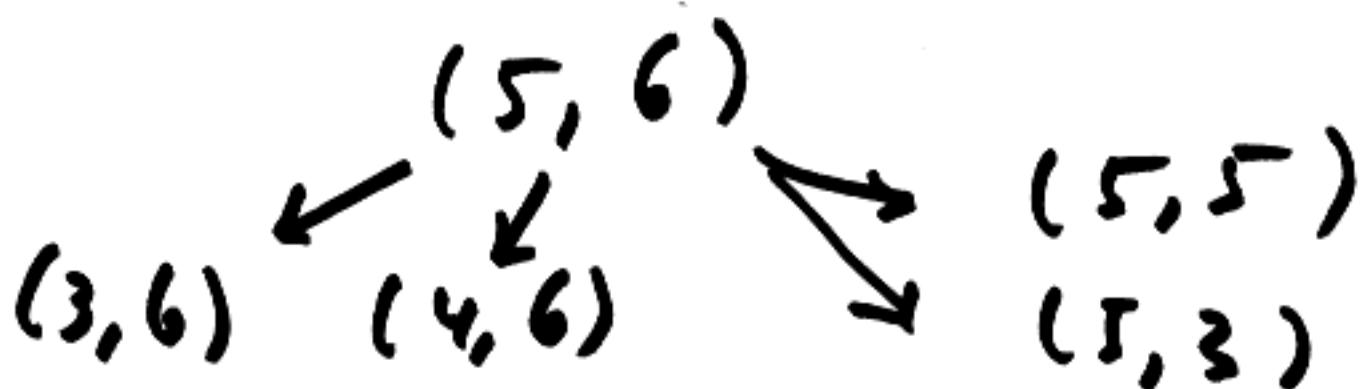
Position $\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \oplus \Gamma_2$

two piles $n_1 \rightarrow \Gamma_1$
 $n_2 \rightarrow \Gamma_2$



Pick Γ_1 : $5 \rightarrow 4$
 $5 \rightarrow 3$

Pick Γ_2 : $6 \rightarrow 5$
 $6 \rightarrow 3$



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Impartial games

Γ_1, Γ_2

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \oplus \Gamma_2$$

A move in Γ is a move in
either Γ_1 or Γ_2

E.g. Nim with k -piles

$$\underbrace{\Gamma \oplus \dots \oplus \Gamma}_{k \text{-times}}$$

of $\Gamma = \text{Nim w/ one pile}$

Labeling P/N positions in Γ_1 and
 Γ_2 is not enough to find the label
in $\Gamma_1 \oplus \Gamma_2$

(2) Γ_1 = subtraction game $S = \{1, 2\}$

Γ_2 = " $S = \{1, 3\}$

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \oplus \Gamma_2$$

$$n_1, n_2$$

$\boxed{\Gamma_1}$: $S = \{1, 2\}$

5	N	n p-position \Downarrow
4	N	
3	P	
2	N	
1	N	
0	P	

$\boxed{\Gamma_2}$: $S = \{1, 3\}$

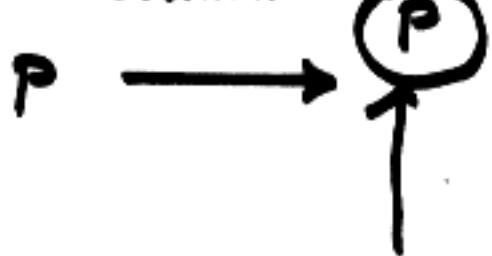
5	N	n p-position \Downarrow
4	P	
3	N	
2	P	
1	N	
0	P	

$$\Gamma_2 = \Gamma_1 \oplus \Gamma_2$$

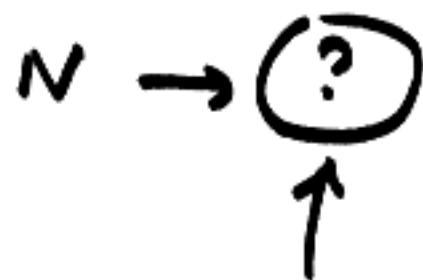
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Γ_1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5	N							
4	P	N	N	P				
3	N	P	N	N				
2	P	N	N	P	N			
1	N	P	N	N	P			
0	P	N	N	P	N	N	...	

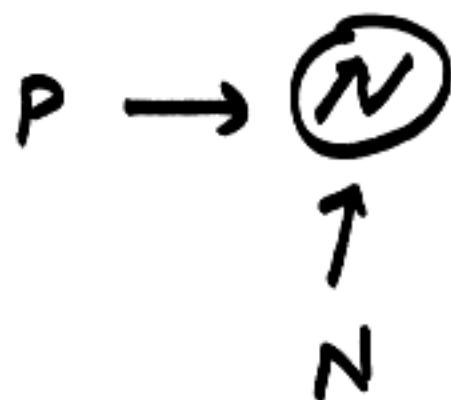
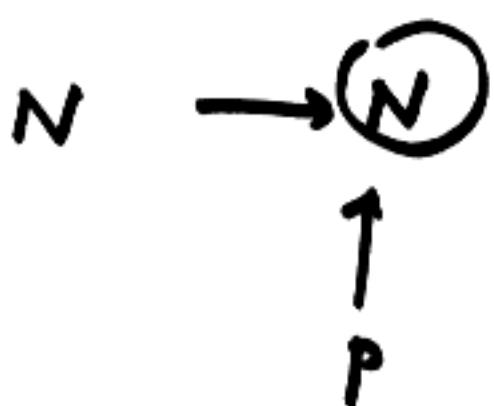
1st column



P
1st row



N



We need something more elaborate than just N/p labels for each individual game.

We'll define a numerical value to a position in an impartial game. $G(\text{position}) = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

P-position $\leftrightarrow G\text{-value} = 0$ ④

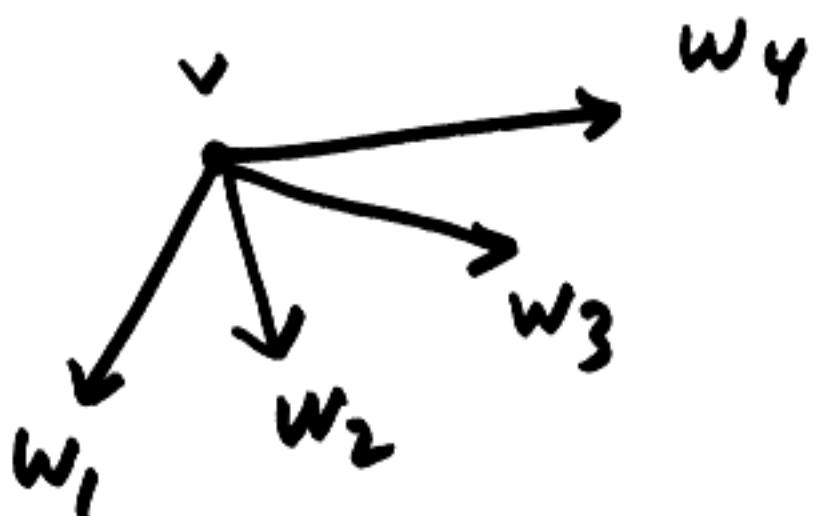
N-position $\leftrightarrow G\text{-value} > 0$

In the case of Nim k-piles

n_1, \dots, n_k

$$G = n_1 \oplus \dots \oplus n_k$$

Grundy function



$$G(v) = \max \{ G(w_1), G(w_2), G(w_3), G(w_4) \}$$

$$G(v) := \min \{ G(w) \mid v \mapsto w \}$$

$\min \{ \dots \}$ = minimum excludant

$$S \subseteq \{ 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \}$$

$\min \{ \dots \}(S) := \text{smallest number which is NOT in } S$

(5)

$$\text{mex} \{ 0, 1, 4, 6, 9 \} = 2$$

$$\text{mex} \{ \phi \} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\text{mex} \{ S \} = 0 \iff 0 \text{ is not in } S}$$

$$\text{mex} \{ 0, *, *, * \dots \} > 0$$

 Γ_1 $\{1, 2\}$ 

$$\text{mex} \{ 0, 1 \} = 2$$

$$\text{mex} \{ 0 \} = 1$$

$$G(v) = 0 \iff P - \text{position}$$

$$\Downarrow \text{mex} \{ G(w) \mid v \mapsto w \} = 0$$

$$\Downarrow 0 \neq G(w) \mid v \mapsto w$$

(6)

$$G(v) > 0 \iff N\text{-position}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\max \{ G(w) \mid v \rightarrow w \} > 0$$

$$\Downarrow$$

at least one child $v \rightarrow w$
has $G(w) = 0$

(Sprague - Grundy)

THEOREM

$$\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \dots, \Gamma_k, \quad \Gamma := \Gamma_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \Gamma_k$$

$$G_\Gamma = G_{\Gamma_1} \oplus \dots \oplus G_{\Gamma_k}$$

E.g.	Γ_1	subtraction	$S = \{1, 2, 3\}$
	Γ_2	"	$S = \{1, 3\}$

$$G_{\Gamma_1}(n) = \{0, 1, 2, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

$$G_{\Gamma_2}(n) = \{0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, \dots\}$$

	1	0					
4	0	1					
3	1	0	3	1			
2	0	1	2	0	1		
1	1	0	3	1	0	3	1
0	0	1	2	0	1	2	0
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
							7

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$\Gamma_1 \quad \Gamma_2$
 $(5, 6)$



$$G_{\Gamma_2}(6) = 40$$

$$G_{\Gamma_1}(5) = 2$$

$$G_{\Gamma}(5, 6) = 2 \oplus 0 = 2$$

$\rightarrow N$ -position

winning move $2 \mapsto 0$
 $5 \mapsto 3$

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15-puzzle

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	



Goal : Scrambled position to this

Move : Exchange a number w/ blank
(if neighbors)

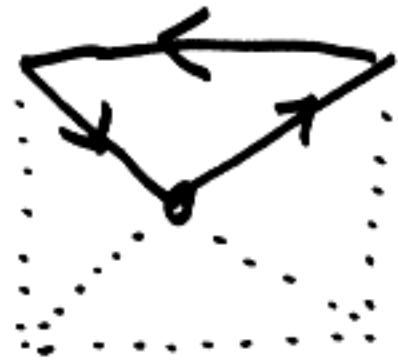
Moves permute the numbers.

$$\sigma := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

1	0	4	0	1	4	2	1	4	2	0	1	4
2	3	2	3	0	3	3	0	3	3	1	4	

0	2	1	0	2
3	4	3	4	





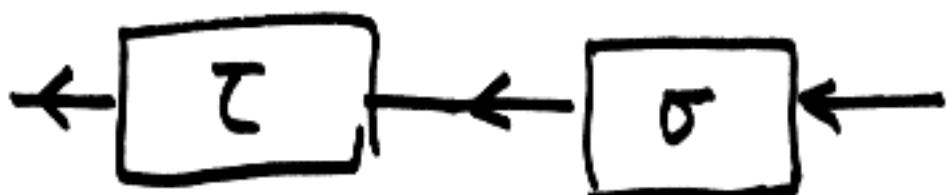
$$\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

transposition (swap two numbers)

Permutations can be "multiplied"

$$\tau \cdot \sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

↑ ↑
1st 2nd



$$\sigma \cdot \tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note $\sigma \cdot \tau \neq \tau \cdot \sigma$

Not commutative

Every permutation has inverse

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma^{-1} \cdot \sigma = 1 \leftarrow \text{permutation don't do anything}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma \cdot \sigma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = 1$$

$$\sigma \cdot 1 = \sigma$$

$$1 \cdot \sigma = \sigma$$

All permutations of n things = S_n

$$|S_n| = n!$$

15-puzzle : permutations of 15 #'s w/ blank
in its final position. ?

$$S = \{4, 10, 12\}$$

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Permutations

- 1 , identity, do-nothing
- $\sigma \rightsquigarrow$ inverse σ^{-1}
- $\sigma \cdot \sigma^{-1} = \sigma^{-1} \cdot \sigma = 1$
- $(\sigma \cdot \tau) \cdot \rho = \sigma \cdot (\tau \cdot \rho)$

associative

$$= \sigma \cdot \tau \cdot \rho$$

A group G (of permutations of n things) is a set of permutations

- $1 \in G$
- $\sigma \in G, \sigma^{-1} \in G$
- $\sigma, \tau \in G, \sigma \cdot \tau \in G$

For example
 i) $G = S_n$ (all permutations)

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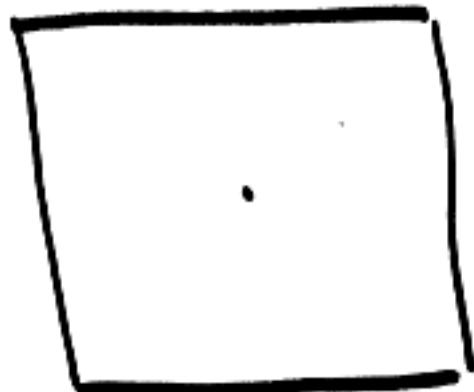
$$2) \quad G = \{1\}$$

trivial group

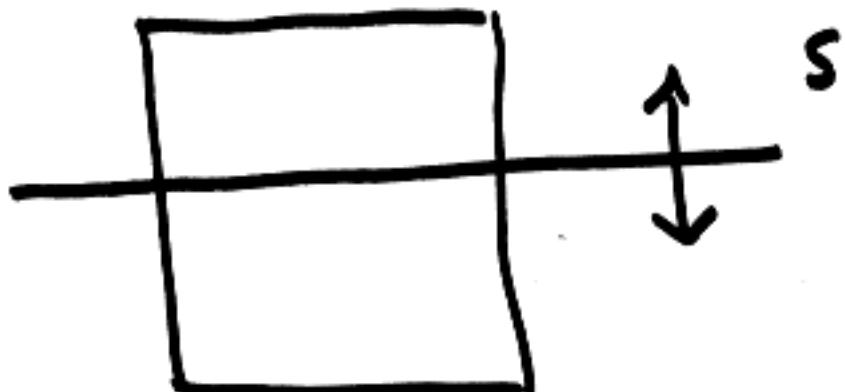
$$1^{-1} = 1$$

$$1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

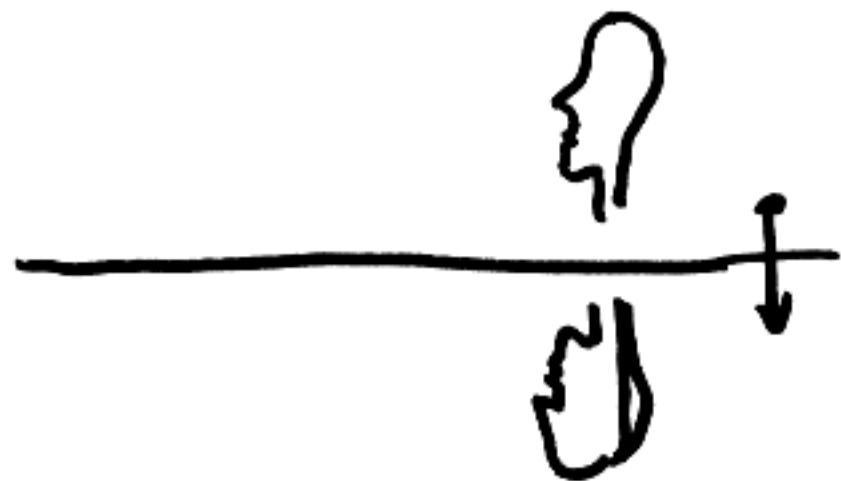
Symmetries of the square

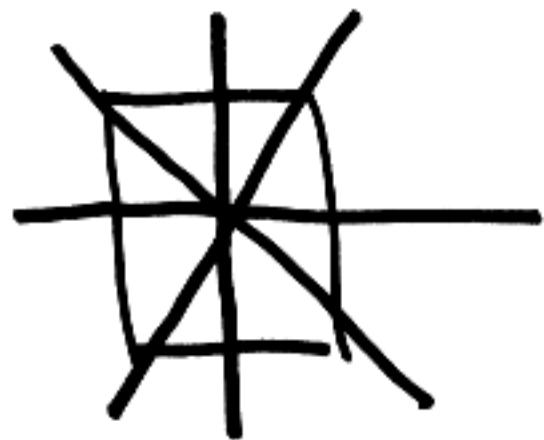


r ↗
rotation
 $\frac{1}{4}$ turn



reflection





4 ~~as~~ reflections



4 rotations



$$r^4 = 1$$

$$r^2 = r \cdot r$$

$$r^3 = r \cdot r \cdot r$$

$$r^4 = r \cdot r \cdot r \cdot r$$

These are all the symmetries of the square.

Total of 8 symmetries.

These symmetries form a group.

D_4 (dihedral group)

Each symmetry gives a permutations of the vertices



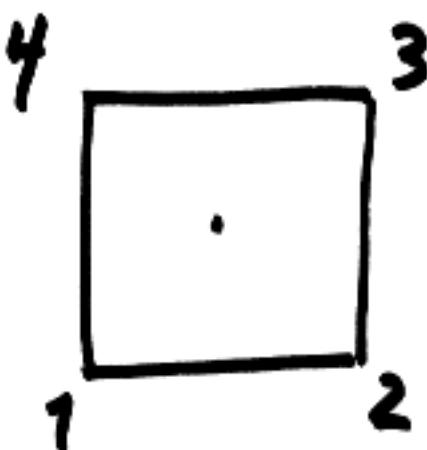
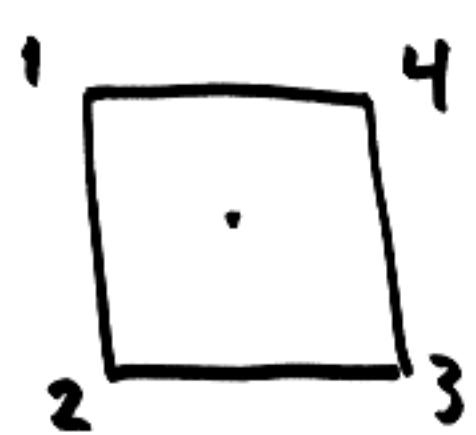
s

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & - & 4 \\ | & & | \\ 1 & & 1 \\ 2 & - & 3 \end{matrix}$$



$$\begin{matrix} 2 & - & 3 \\ | & & | \\ 1 & & 1 \\ 1 & - & 4 \end{matrix}$$

$$s = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$r = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The eight symmetries of the square result in eight permutations of the vertices.

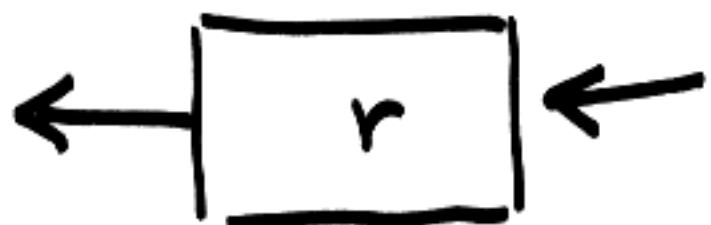
Total number of possible permutations is 24. (5)

I.e. NOT every permutation is obtained as a symmetry of the square.

The 8 permutations form a group.

$$\underline{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

cycle notation



chase the numbers:

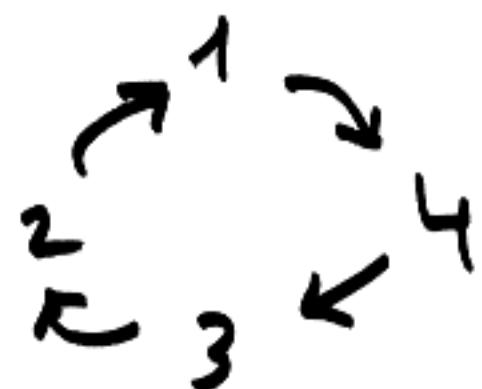
$$1 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 3 \dots$$



Write r as a bunch of cycles ⑥

~~markups~~

$$r = (1 \ 4 \ 3 \ 2)$$



$$r = (2 \ 1 \ 4 \ 3)$$

r is a 4-cycle.

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 1 & 4 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

In cycle notation:

$$\sigma = (1 \ 5 \ 2) \ (3 \ 4)$$

↑ ↑
3-cycle 2-cycle

Note that the cycles are disjoint

$$\sigma = (3\ 4)\ (1\ 5\ 2)$$

$$= (4\ 3)\ (5\ 2\ 1)$$

$$\sigma = (3\ 4) \cdot (1\ 5\ 2) = (1\ 5\ 2) \cdot (3\ 4)$$

cycles commute
 disjoint disjoint
 a, b are cycles

$$\boxed{a \cdot b = b \cdot a}$$

NON disjoint cycles
 may not commute.



$$a = (1\ 2)$$

$$b = (2\ 3)$$

$$a \cdot b = (1\ 2) \cdot (2\ 3) = (1\ 2\ 3)$$

$$b \cdot a = (2\ 3) \cdot (1\ 2) = (1\ 3\ 2)$$

$$(1\ 2\ 3) \neq (1\ 3\ 2)$$

(8)

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

cycle notation

$$(4\ 2)\ (3\ 1)\ (5) \leftarrow$$

Typically not write 1-cycles

$$\frac{\sigma = (4\ 2)\ (3\ 1)}{\text{in } S_5 \text{ identity: } (1)(2)(3)(4)(5) = ()}$$

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Permutations σ, τ

$$\begin{matrix} & \sigma \cdot \tau \\ \uparrow & \uparrow \\ 2^{\text{nd}} & 1^{\text{st}} \end{matrix}$$

Eventually drop \cdot altogether

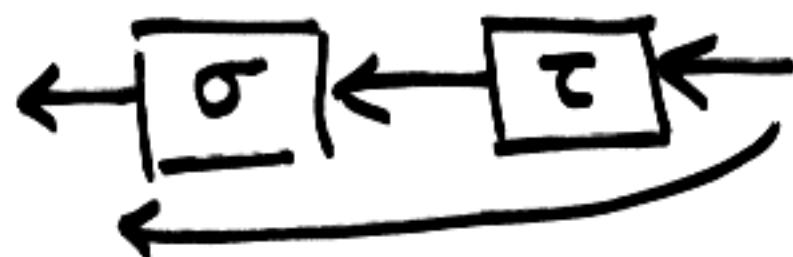
$$\sigma\tau$$

$$\sigma = (123)(45)$$

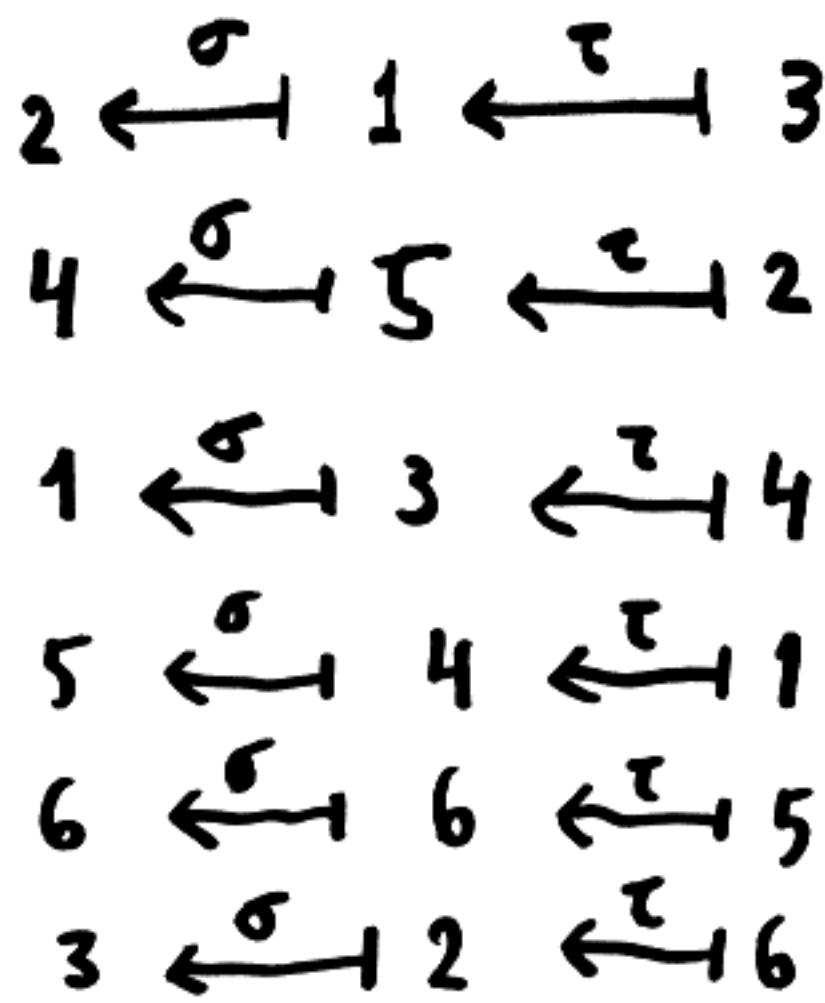
$$\tau = (143)(256)$$

$$\sigma, \tau \in S_6$$

$$\sigma \cdot \tau$$



$$\sigma\tau = (324156)$$



Defn σ, τ commute if

$$\sigma\tau = \tau\sigma$$

Typically does not hold.

$$\tau^2\sigma$$



$$(123) \neq (132)$$

③

$\sigma \in S_m$ the order of σ

is the smallest positive power

$$\sigma^k = \underbrace{\sigma \cdot \dots \cdot \sigma}_{k \text{ times}}$$

which is the identity.

$$\sigma = (4 \ 6)$$

$$\sigma^2 = \sigma \cdot \sigma = 1$$

$$\sigma^{-1} = \sigma$$

order 2

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 6 & 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{matrix}$$

rotation



order = 4

(4)

$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 5 & 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (1\ 4) (2\ 5\ 3)$$



$$\rho = (1\ 4) (2\ 5\ 3)$$

$$\rho^2 = (1)(4) (2\ 3\ 5)$$

$$\rho^3 = (1\ 4) (2)(3)(5) = \rho \cdot \rho^2$$

$$\rho^4 = (1)(4) (2\ 5\ 3) = \rho \cdot \rho^3$$

$$\rho^5 = (1\ 4) (2\ 3\ 5) = \rho \cdot \rho^4$$

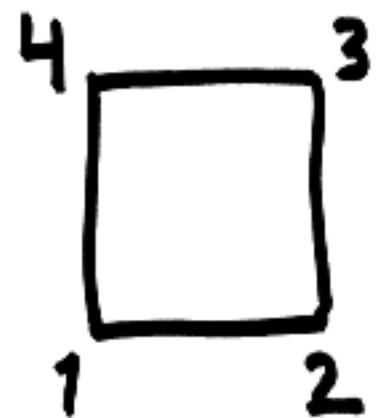
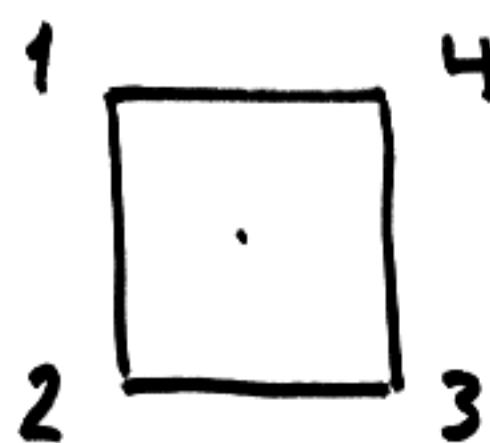
$$\rho^6 = (1)(4) (2)(3)(5) = \rho \cdot \rho^5$$

order 6.

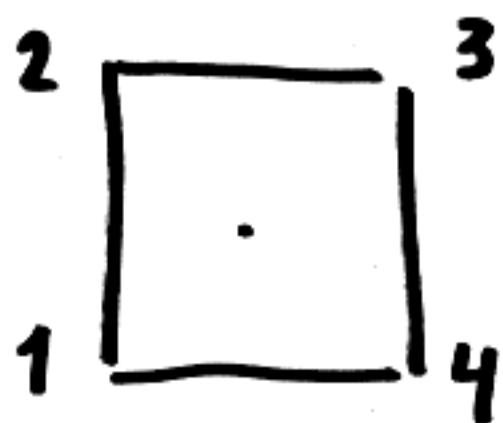
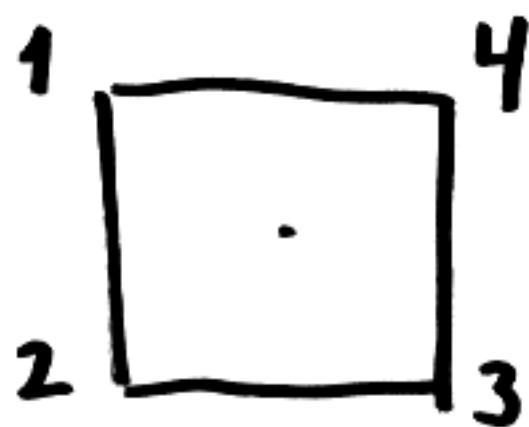
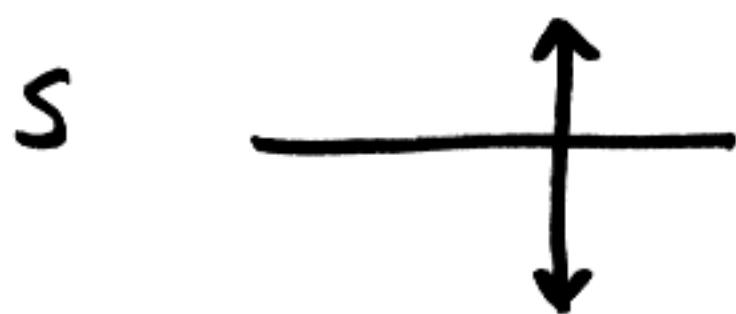
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	1	2	3	4	5
g^0	4	5	2	1	3
g^2	1	3	5	4	2
g^3	4	2	3	1	5
g^4	1	5	2	4	3
g^5	4	3	5	1	2
g^6	1	2	3	4	5

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$$r = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$s = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

⑦

$$\boxed{sr s = r^{-1}}$$

$$r^{-1} = \curvearrowleft$$

$$= r^3 \quad G$$

$$r^4 = 1$$

$$r \cdot r^3 = 1$$

$$r^{-1}(r \cdot r^3) = r^{-1} \cdot 1 = r^{-1}$$

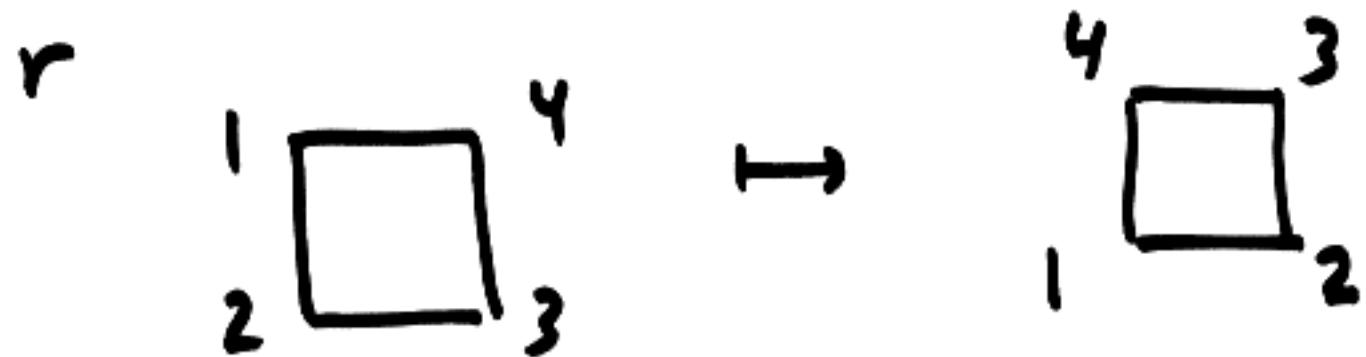
$$(r^{-1} \cdot r) \cdot r^3 = r^{-1}$$

$$1 \cdot r^3 = r^{-1}$$

$$r^3 = r^{-1}$$

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$$r = (1\ 2\ 3\ 4)$$

$$\begin{aligned}r^{-1} &= (1\ 4\ 3\ 2) \\&= (4\ 3\ 2\ 1)\end{aligned}$$



$$\sigma = (1\ 2\ 1) \ (3\ 4)$$

\uparrow \uparrow
a b

$$\sigma = ab$$

disjoint cycles $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$

$$(a \cdot b)^{-1} = b^{-1} \cdot a^{-1}$$

In general

$$a \cdot b$$

2nd ↑
 1st

②

$$(a \cdot b \cdot c)^{-1} = c^{-1} \cdot b^{-1} \cdot a^{-1}$$

$$\sigma = (12)(34)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^{-1} &= (34)^{-1} (12)^{-1} \\ &= (34) (12) \\ &= (12)(34)\end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma = (123)(45)(687)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^{-1} &= (687)^{-1} (45)^{-1} (123)^{-1} \\ &= (786)(54)(321)\end{aligned}$$

$$(123 \dots k)^{-1} = (k \dots 321)$$



$$(12345)^{-1} = (54321) = (32154)$$

Permutation Puzzle

15-puzzle, Rubik's cube, ...

Basic Moves: U_1, U_2, \dots, U_N

(include the inverses)

What are all the possible sequences of moves?

Look at all possible products of these permutations. They form a group G .

. How big is G ?

. Differently: S_n permutations on n things, what is a set of basic permutations that will give all.

unsorted \rightarrow 12345

23451

23415

23145

21345

12345

Bubbling algorithm for sorting

$$(12345) = (15)(14)(13)(12)$$

not disjoint

Any cycle is a product of transpositions

$$(578) = (58)(57)$$

Any permutation is a product of cycles

\rightarrow every permutation is a product of 2-cycles (transpositions)

How many 2-cycles in S_4 ? ⑤

(12) (13) (14)

(23) (24)

(34)

6 transpositions

In S_m ? $\binom{m}{2}$
 $(i;j) = (j;i)$

$$|S_m| = m!$$

$\sigma \in S_4$

$\sigma, \sigma \cdot \sigma, \sigma \cdot \sigma \cdot \sigma, \sigma \cdot \sigma \cdot \sigma \cdot \sigma, \dots$

$\sigma, \sigma^2, \sigma^3, \sigma^4, \dots$

$\sigma = (1\ 2\ 3\ 4)$
1, $(1\ 2\ 3\ 4)$, $(1\ 2\ 3\ 4)^2 = (1\ 3)(2\ 4)$

⑥

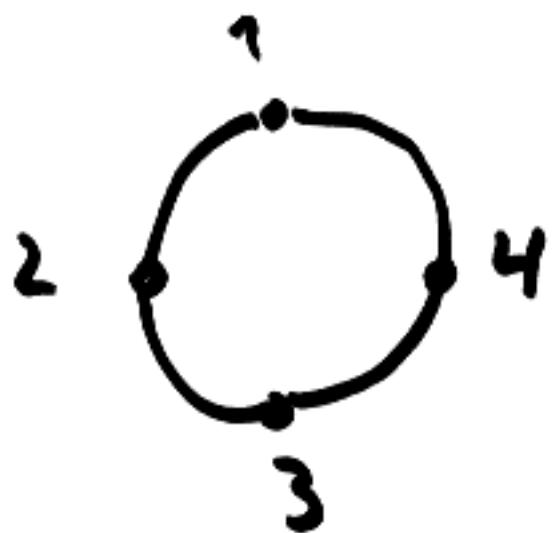
$$(1234)^3 = (1432)$$

$$(1234)^4 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}(1234)^5 &= (1234) \cdot (1234)^4 \\ &= (1234)\end{aligned}$$

$$1, \sigma, \sigma^2, \sigma^3,$$

total of 4 possible moves.



No one $\sigma \in S_n$ is not sufficient.

(if $n \geq 2$)

order of $\sigma =$ least $k^{>0}$ such that

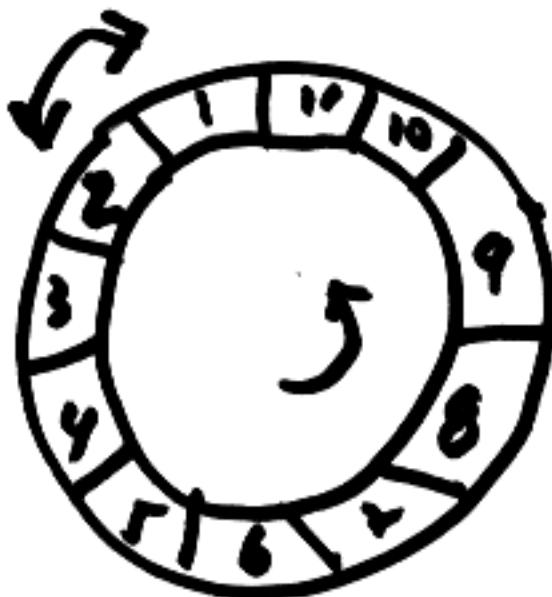
$$\sigma^k = \underbrace{\sigma \cdots \sigma}_k = 1.$$

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Already two permutations
 σ, τ can generate very large groups.

E.g. σ, τ can generate all of S_m

$$S_4 \quad ? \quad \sigma = (12), \tau = (1234)$$



- all swaps (transpositions) can be obtained from σ, τ

$$\begin{aligned}\tau \sigma \tau^{-1} &= (1234)(12)(1234)^{-1} \\ &= (1234)(12)(4321) \\ &= (1)(23)(4) \\ &= (23)\end{aligned}$$

$$\tau^2 \sigma \tau^{-2} = (34)$$

$$\tau^3 \sigma \tau^{-3} = (41)$$

We have: $(12), (23), (34), (41)$ ⑧

$(13) ?$

$(24) ?$

$$(12)(23) = (1\ 2\ 3)$$

$$(23)(12) = (1\ 3\ 2)$$

$$(23)(12)(23)^{-1} = (23)(12)(23)$$
$$= (13)$$

$$(24) = (14)(12)(14)$$

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All transpositions arise from σ and τ . \leadsto All permutations arise from σ and τ .

For any n

$\sigma = (12) \quad \tau = (12 \dots n)$
they generate all of S_n .

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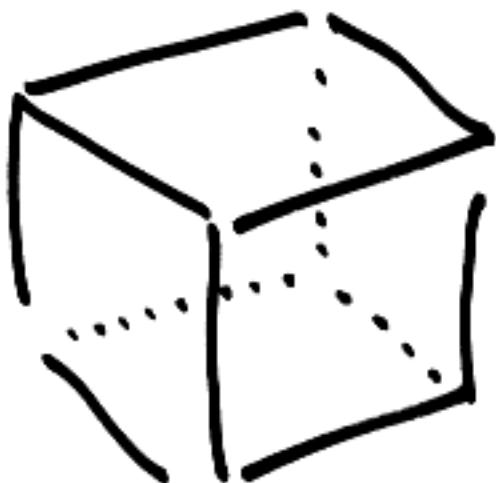
$$S_n = \{ \text{permutations of } n \text{ things} \}$$

$$|S_n| = n!$$

1

of elements.

m	1	2	3	4	5	6	\dots
$m!$	1	2	6	24	120	720	\dots



group
Rotations of cube

has 24 elements

has 24 elements

Is it Sy I'm
disguise?



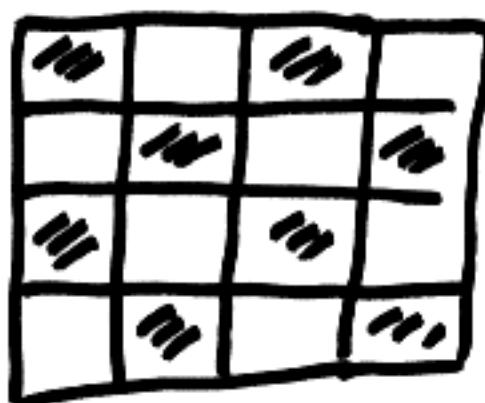
4 diagonals

S_m transposition $(i j)$ $i \leftrightarrow j$. All transpositions generate S_m .

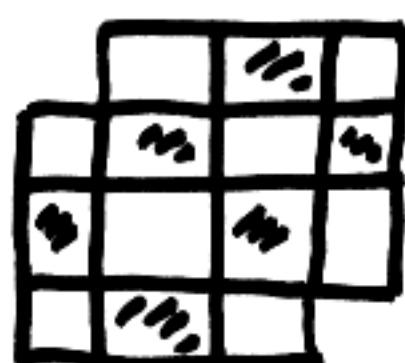
Any permutation can be obtained as a sequence of swaps (transpositions).

Even / odd permutations

Parity.



Dominos



Can you tile
with dominos?

Each tile covers 1
1

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but there is a different number of these.

15-puzzle

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	?

S. LLoyd

14/15

(14 15)

can't be done.

All permutations that can be achieved
in this puzzle are even. But
(14 15) is odd.

A transposition is odd.

product of odd \rightarrow even permutation

$$\begin{aligned} \text{odd} \cdot \text{odd} &= \text{even} \\ \text{even} \cdot \text{even} &= \text{even} \\ \text{odd} \cdot \text{even} &= \text{odd} \end{aligned}$$

④

$$\begin{array}{c} \oplus \\ \textcircled{1} \quad 0 \quad 1 \\ \textcircled{1} \quad 0 \quad 1 \\ \hline 1 \quad 1 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \cdot \quad +1 \quad -1 \\ +1 \quad \textcircled{+1} \quad -1 \\ -1 \quad -1 \quad +1 \end{array}$$

$$(123) = \underbrace{(13)(12)}_{-1, -1} \rightarrow \text{even} \\ = +1$$

$$(12\dots k) = (1k)\dots(14)(13)(12)$$

$$(1234) = \underbrace{(14)(13)(12)}_{-1, -1, -1} \rightarrow \text{odd.} \\ = -1$$

Any permutation is a composition
product of transpositions

$$\sigma = \tau_1 \cdot \tau_2 \cdot \dots \cdot \tau_N$$

$$\text{sgn}(\sigma) = \underbrace{(-1) \cdot (-1) \dots (-1)}_N$$

$\text{sgn}(\sigma) := (-1)^N$

$$(123) = (23)(23)$$

$$(123) = (21)(23)(12)(12)$$

Potentially the trouble is that writing $\sigma = \tau_1 \dots \tau_N$ is not unique and hence $(-1)^N$ may depend on how we do it. ⑤

As it happens $(-1)^N$ is always the same

$$(123) = \tau_1 \dots \tau_N$$

necessarily N is even.

→ Even/odd permutations

$$\sigma = (123) (45) (6789)$$

$$+1 \quad . \quad -1 \quad . \quad -1$$

$$= +1$$

$$= (13)(12)(45)(69)(68)(67)$$

$$(\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix}) = \frac{1+5+9-2+6+7}{\diagdown \quad \diagup} + \dots$$

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$$\text{even} \cdot \text{even} = \text{even}$$

All even permutations forms a subgroup of S_n .

$$\text{even}^{-1} = \text{even}.$$

A_n = alternating group.

$$|A_n| = \frac{1}{2} n! \quad (n > 1)$$



$$\begin{array}{ccc} \sigma & & \text{even} \\ \text{even} & \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} & \cancel{\text{odd}} \\ & & \underline{(12) \sigma} \\ & & \text{odd} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (12) \eta & \longleftrightarrow & \eta \\ \text{even} & & \text{odd} \end{array}$$

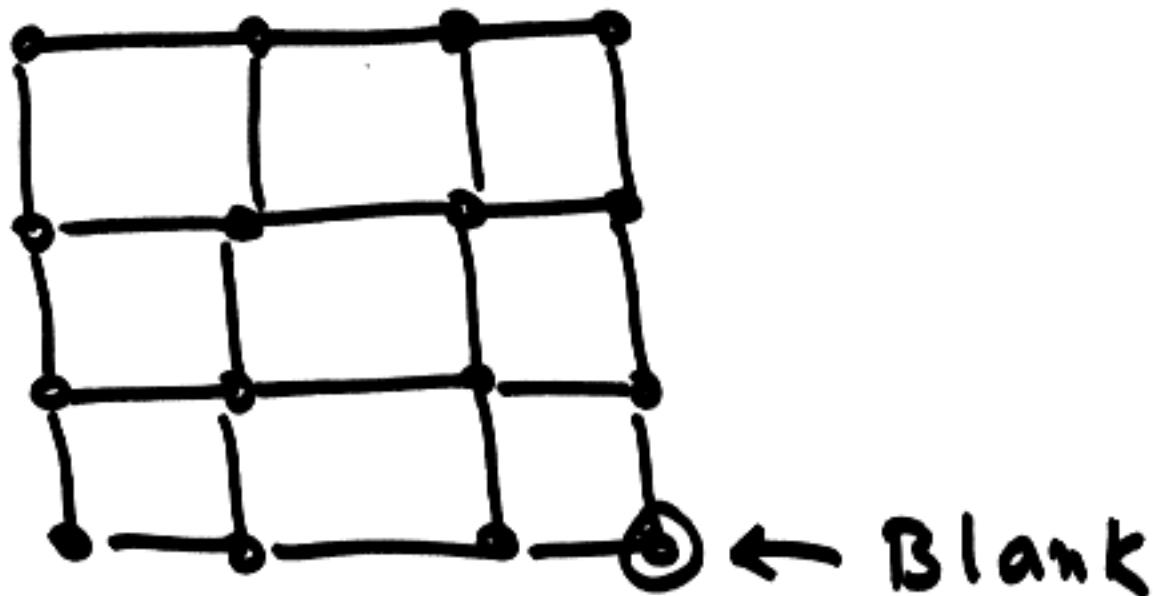
1-1 correspondence between
even and odd permutations

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even = # odd

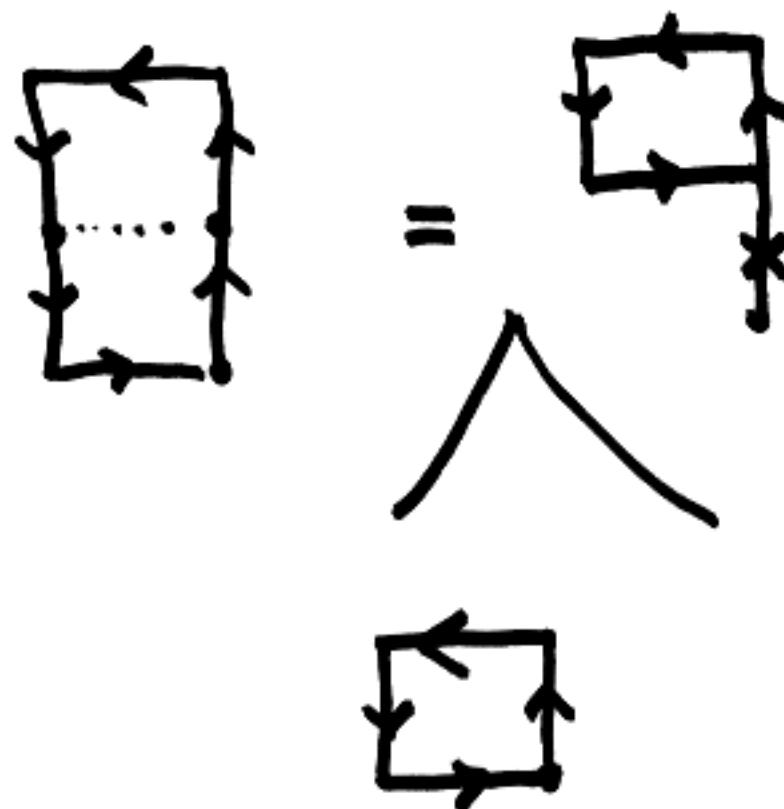
$$\Rightarrow \# \text{ even} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ total.}$$

4. The permutations we can get from moves in the 15-puzzle are all even.



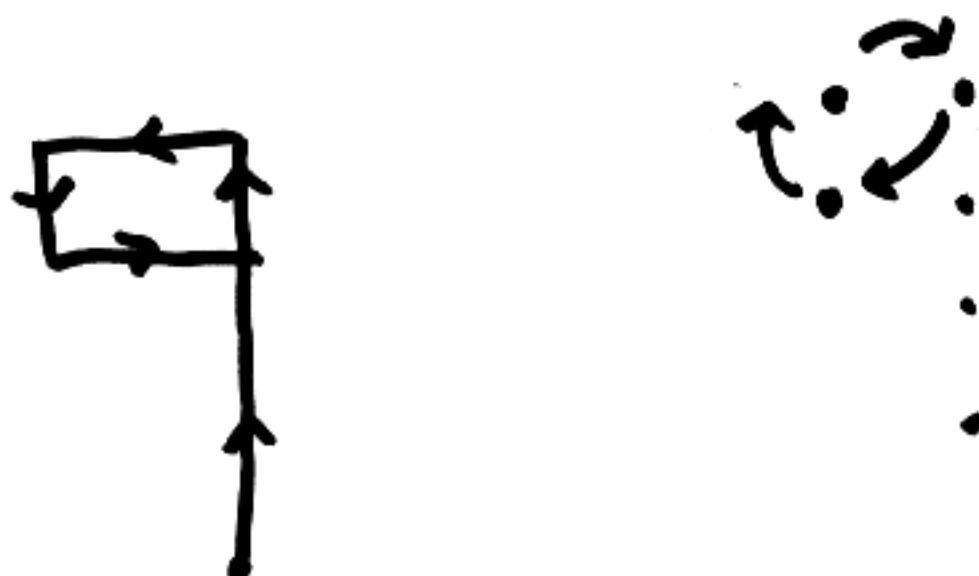
2	1		2	0		0	2	
3	0		3	1		3	1	
3	2		3	2				
0	1		1	0				

$\leftrightarrow (1\ 3\ 2)$
even



Any path can be decomposed
as a sequence of little squares
moves.

Each little square is 3-cycle



All moves are even.

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YOUR
MIND
PAL

RATE
YOUR
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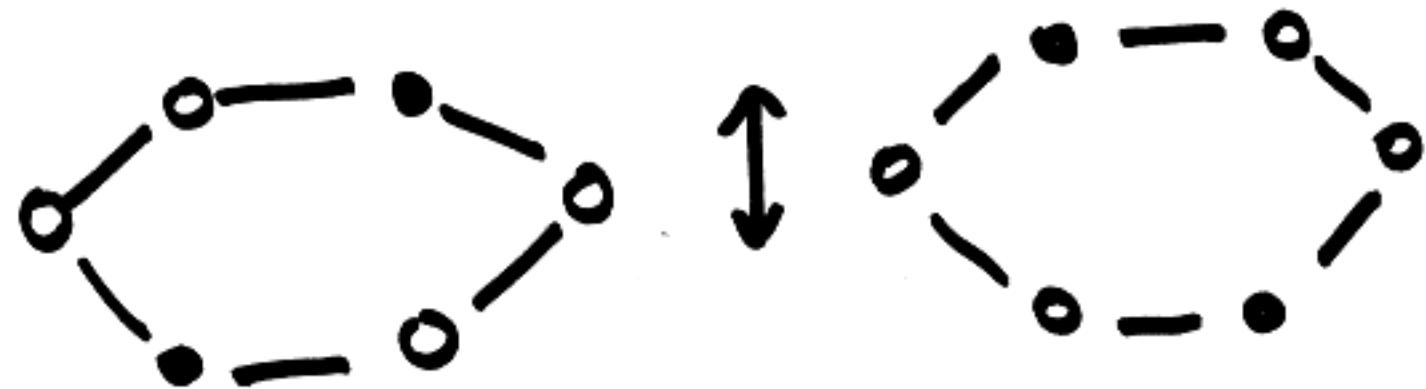
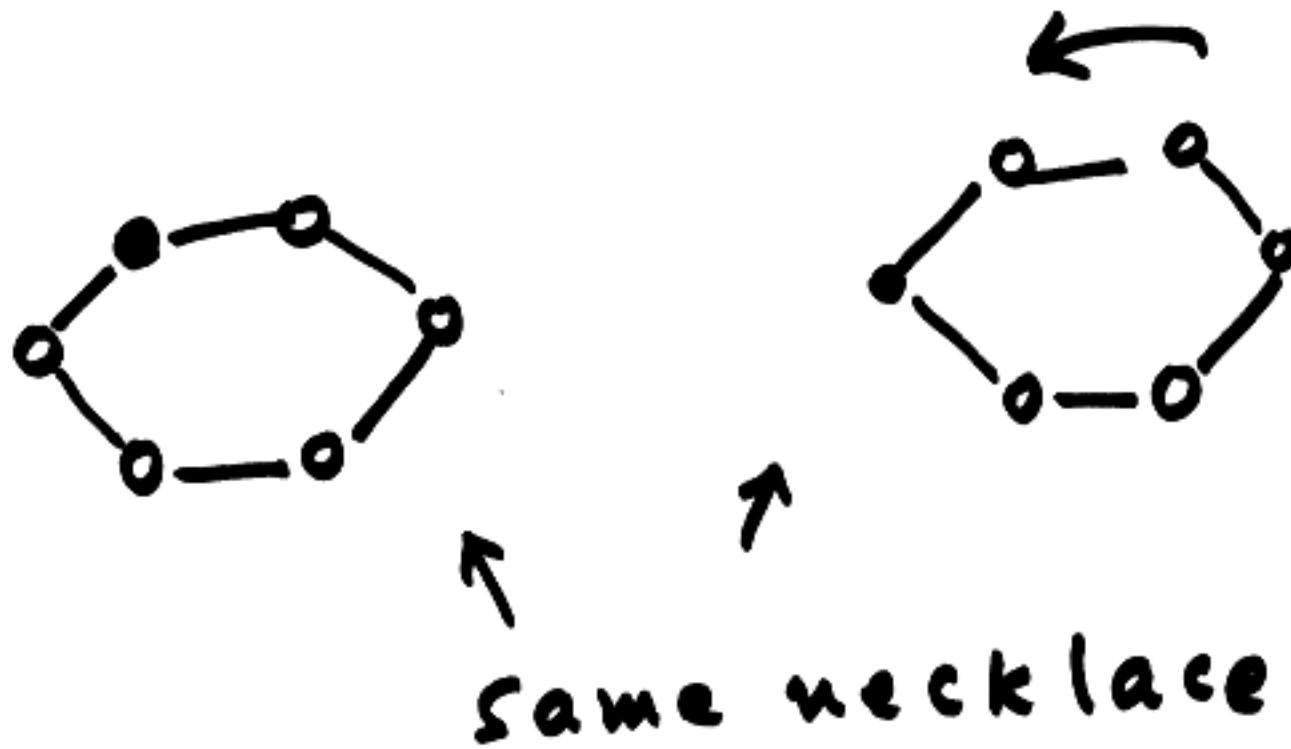
you can solve this by swapping
LA and AA

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Count necklaces

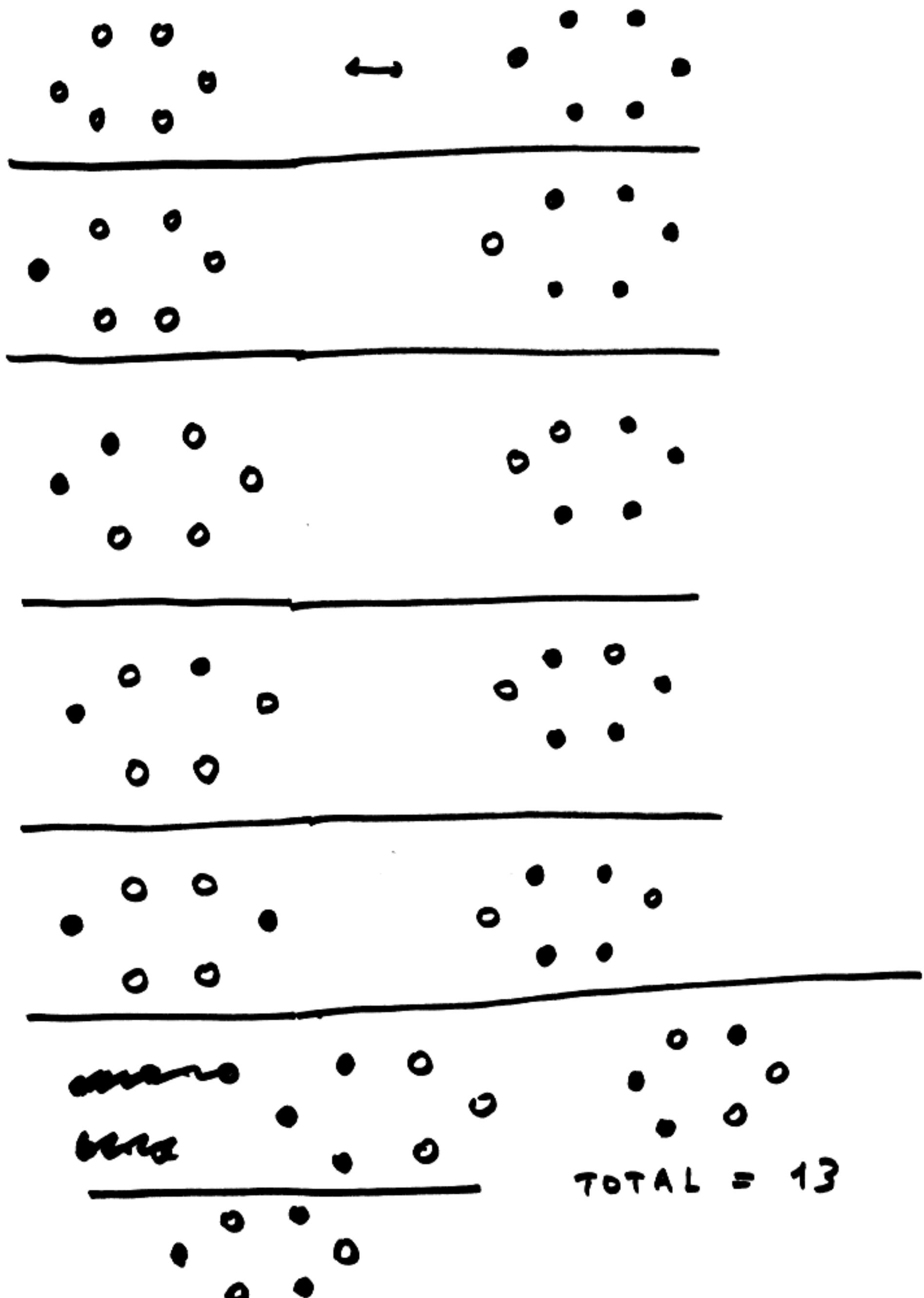
$n = 6$ beads

$m = 2$ colors



How many (different) necklaces
can we get?

Polya's theory of counting.



We can give the number of necklaces with 6 beads and any # of colors with one formula ③

Group

$G := \mathbb{Z}$ symmetries of the hexagon



Total symmetries = 12

eg: $1, r, r^2, r^3, r^4, r^5$

$s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, s_5$

Dihedral group D_6 of order 12

Think of pictures of necklaces



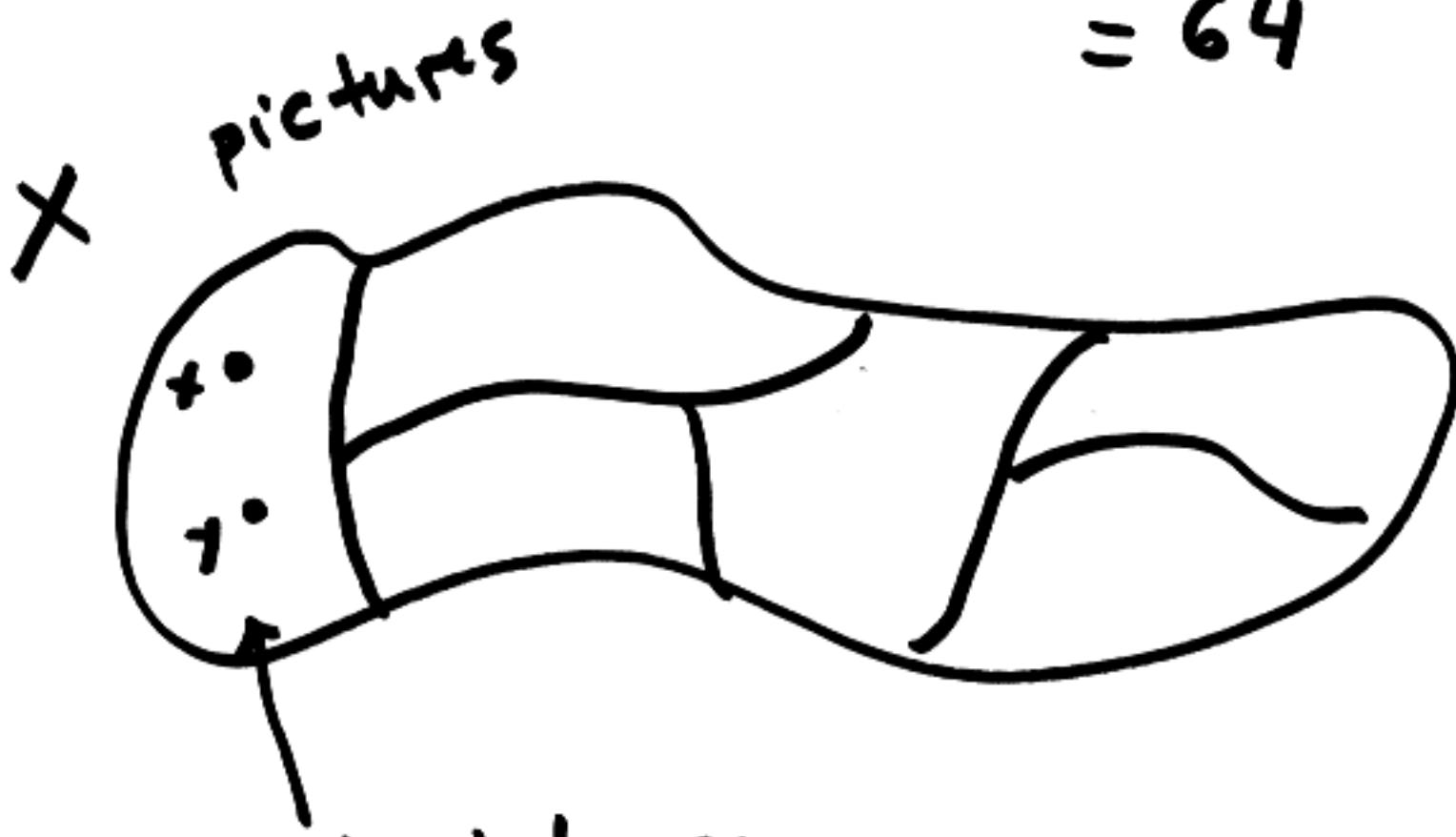
④
Two pictures are the same necklace if we can take one to the other by some $g \in G$.

How many pictures?

Each spot in the hexagon can be one of two possibilities

The total number = $\underbrace{2 \times 2 \times \dots \times 2}_6$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2^6 \\ &= 64 \end{aligned}$$



all pictures
corresponding
to same necklace

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Say two pictures $x, y \in X$
 are equivalent (i.e. represent
 same necklace) if

$$y = gx, \quad g \in G$$

E.g.

$$x = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \bullet \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \bullet \bullet \end{array}$$

$$y = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \bullet \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \bullet \bullet \end{array}$$

x equivalent to y because

these set $y = r^{-1}x$

of all pictures equivalent to x
 is called the orbit of x

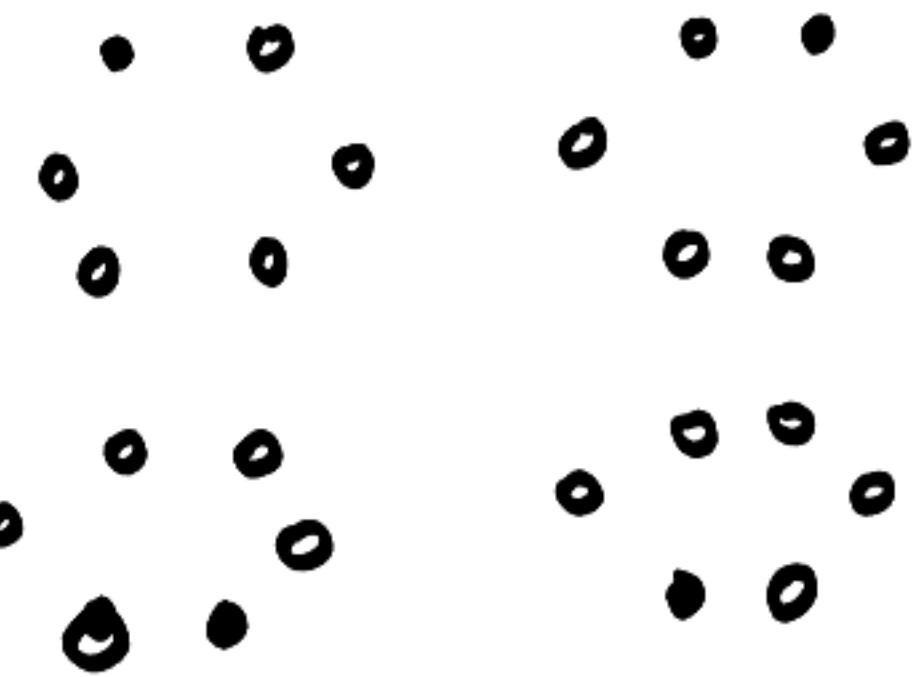
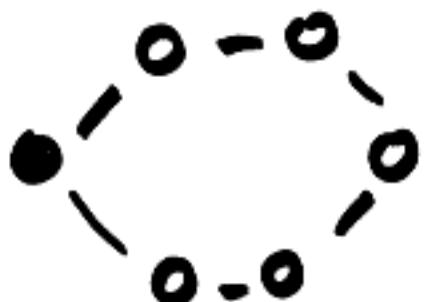
$$Gx = \{ y \mid y = gx \text{ for some } g \}$$

Say G is all rotations in the plane



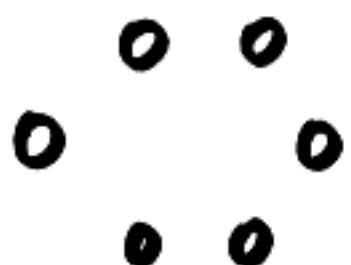
E.g.

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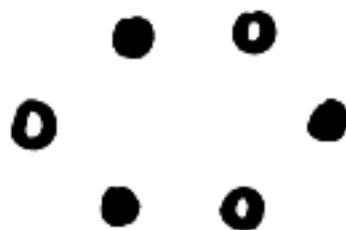
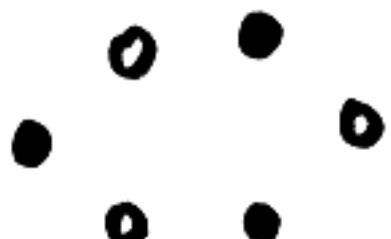
6 elements in this orbit.

2)



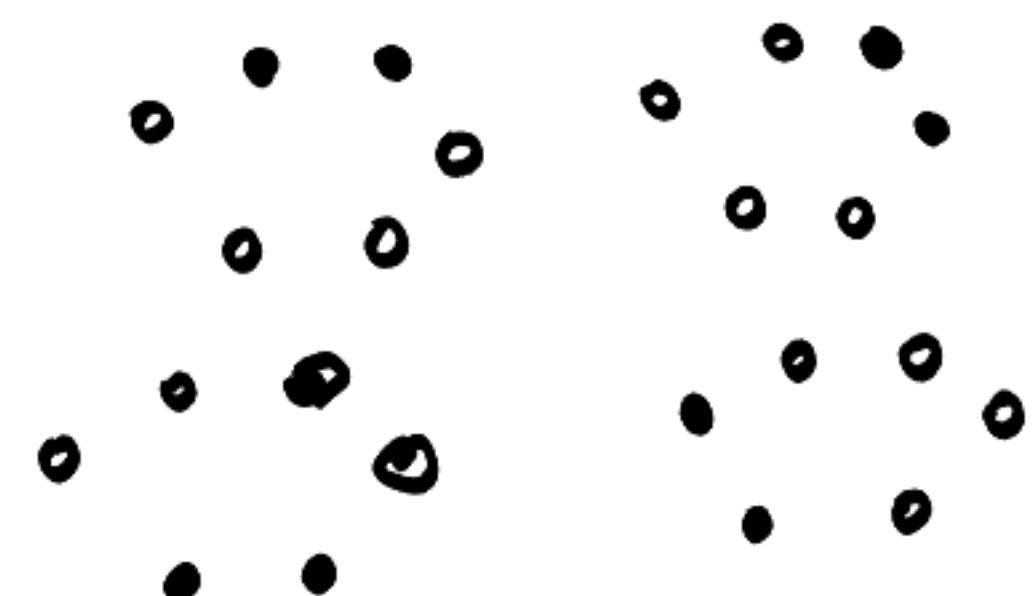
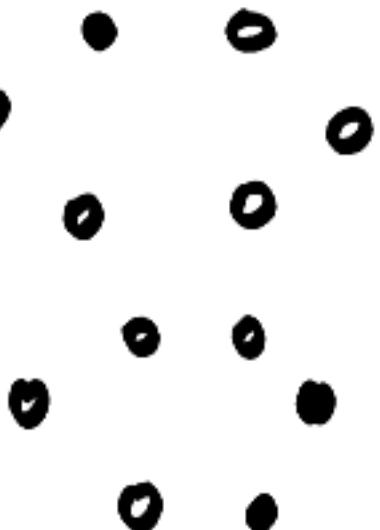
orbit has 1 element.

3)



orbit has 2 elements.

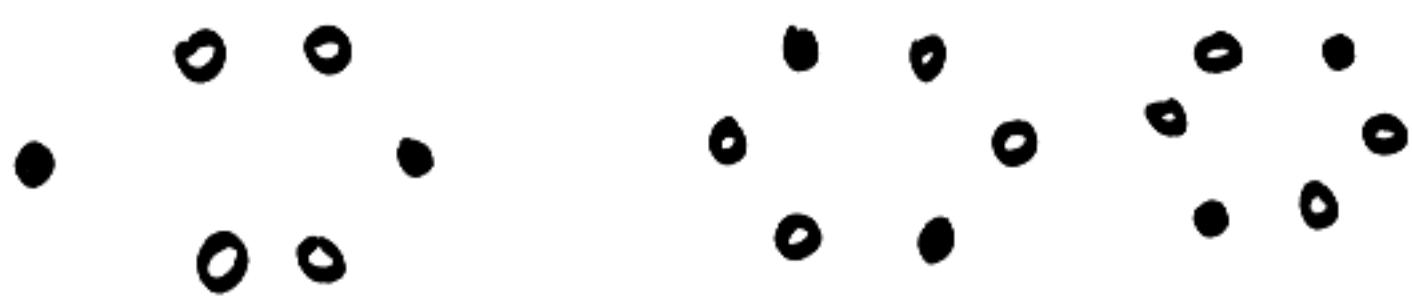
4)



6 elements.

5)

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3 elements

Fact size of an orbit divides
the order of G

2 A factor of $|G|$ may not be
the size of an actual orbit

$x \in X$ Stabilizer of x in G

$$G_x := \{ g \in G \mid g x = x \}$$

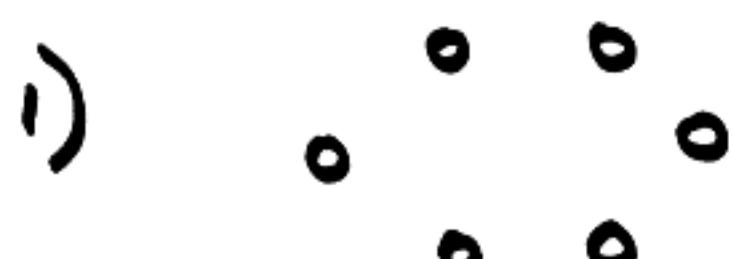
is a subgroup of G .

$$g_1, g_2 \in G_x$$

$$\Rightarrow g_1 g_2 \in G_x$$

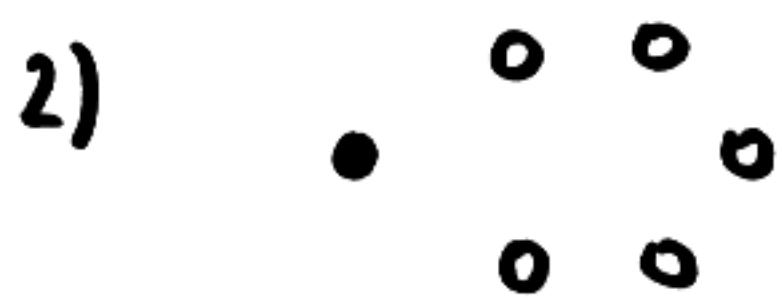
$$g_2 x = x$$

$$(g_1 g_2) x = g_1(g_2 x) = g_1 x = x$$

Examples

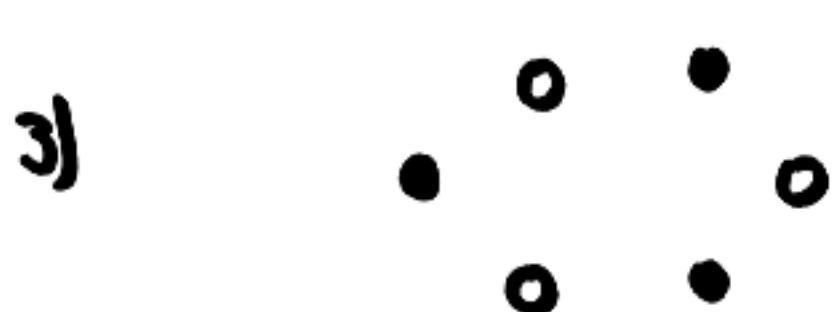
$$G_x = G$$

$$|G_x| = 12$$



$$G_x = \{1, s_0\}$$

$$|G_x| = 2$$



$$G_x = \{1, r^2, r^{-2}, s_0, s_2, s_4\}$$

$$r^6 = 1 \quad r^4 \cdot r^2 = 1$$

$$r^4 = r^{-2}$$

$$|G_x| = 6$$

$$\#Gx \cdot |G_x| = |G|$$

\uparrow
orbit

\uparrow
stabilizer

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Count Necklaces

$x = \text{pictures}$

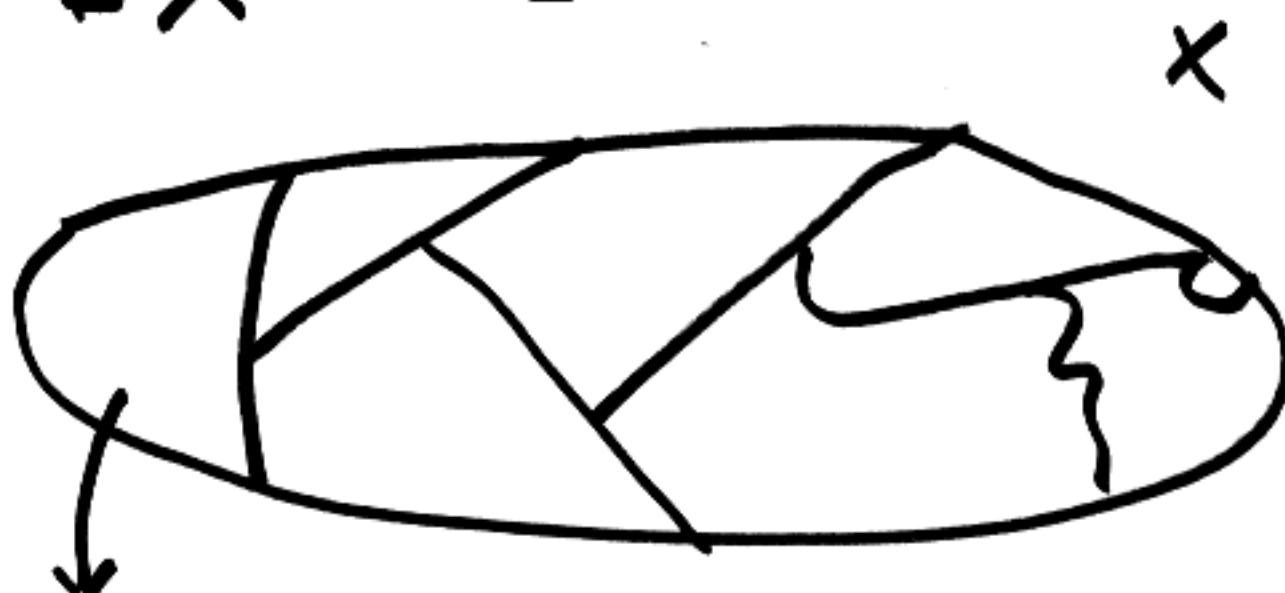
$n = 6 \quad \# \text{ beads}$

$m = 2 \quad \# \text{ colors}$



Two pictures of same necklace.

$$\#x = 2^6 = 64$$



all pictures of same necklace

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G = group of symmetries
of the regular hexagon
 $= D_6$ (dihedral group
of order 12)

Group G acts on the set X

$$x \in X, g \in G$$

$$g \cdot x \in X$$

E.g. if $g = r$

$$\begin{matrix} x = & \bullet & \circ \\ & \bullet & \circ \\ & \circ & \circ \\ & \circ & \circ \\ g \cdot x = & \bullet & \circ \\ & \bullet & \circ \\ & \circ & \circ \end{matrix}$$

The orbit of $x \in X$ under G
 $Gx = \{y \mid gy, g \in G\}$

In terms of necklaces ③
two pictures $x, y \in X$ are
pictures of the same necklace

$$y = gx$$

for some $g \in G$.

i.e. y is in the orbit of x

or x and y are in the same orbit.



orbit of G

Alternatively : $x, y \in X$

$$x \sim y$$

if $y = gx$ for some $g \in G$.

Defines equivalence relation
in X

④

$$\cdot \quad x \sim x$$

$$x = 1 \cdot x$$

$$\cdot \quad x \sim y \Rightarrow y \sim x$$

$$y = g \cdot x \text{ for some } g \in X$$

$$x = h \cdot y \quad h?$$

$$x = g^{-1} \cdot y$$

$$\cdot \quad x \sim y, y \sim z \Rightarrow x \sim z$$

$$y = g \cdot x, z = h \cdot y$$

$$\Rightarrow z = h(g \cdot x) \\ = (h \cdot g) \cdot x$$

Equivalence classes \leftrightarrow orbits

$$Gx = \{ y \mid y \sim x \}$$

Typically orbits have different sizes
complicates counting them.

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Stabilizer

$$Stab_G(x) := \{ g \in G \mid gx = x \}$$

$$Stab_G(x) \subseteq G$$

Is a subgroup

- $g_1, g_2 \in Stab_G(x)$

$$g_1 x = x$$

$$g_2 x = x$$

$$\begin{aligned} (g_1 g_2)x &= g_1(g_2 x) \\ &= g_1 x \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow g_1 g_2 \in Stab_G(x)$$

- $g \in Stab_G(x)$

$$gx = x$$

$$g^{-1}(gx) = g^{-1}x$$

$$x = (g^{-1}g)x = g^{-1}x \quad \Rightarrow g^{-1} \in Stab_G(x)$$

$$\# Gx \cdot |\text{Stab}_G(x)| = |G| \quad (6)$$

In particular, the size of an orbit always divides the order of the group.

2 If d divides $|G|$ there may not be an orbit of size d .

Burnside's Lemma

If $g \in G$ let

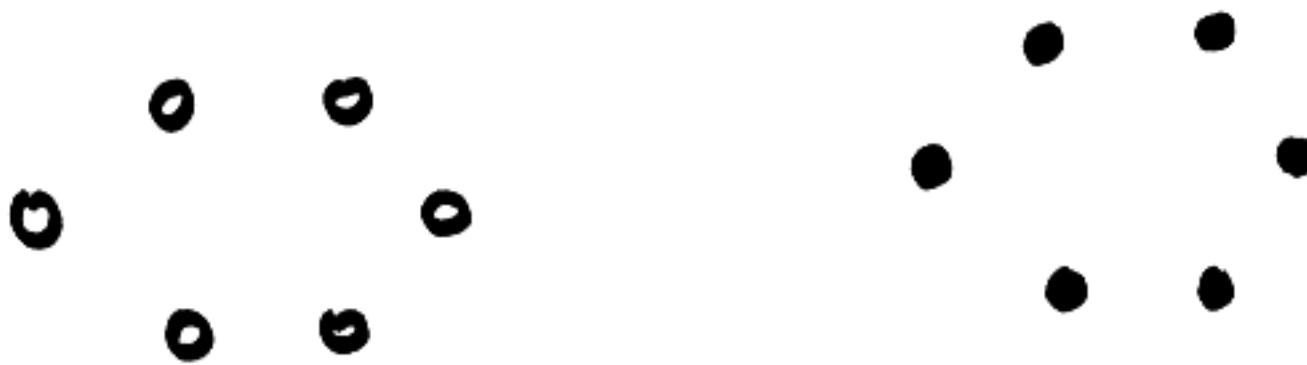
$$F(g) := \# \{x \in X \mid g x = x\}.$$

$$\# \text{ orbits} = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} F(g)$$

"average of # of fixed points"

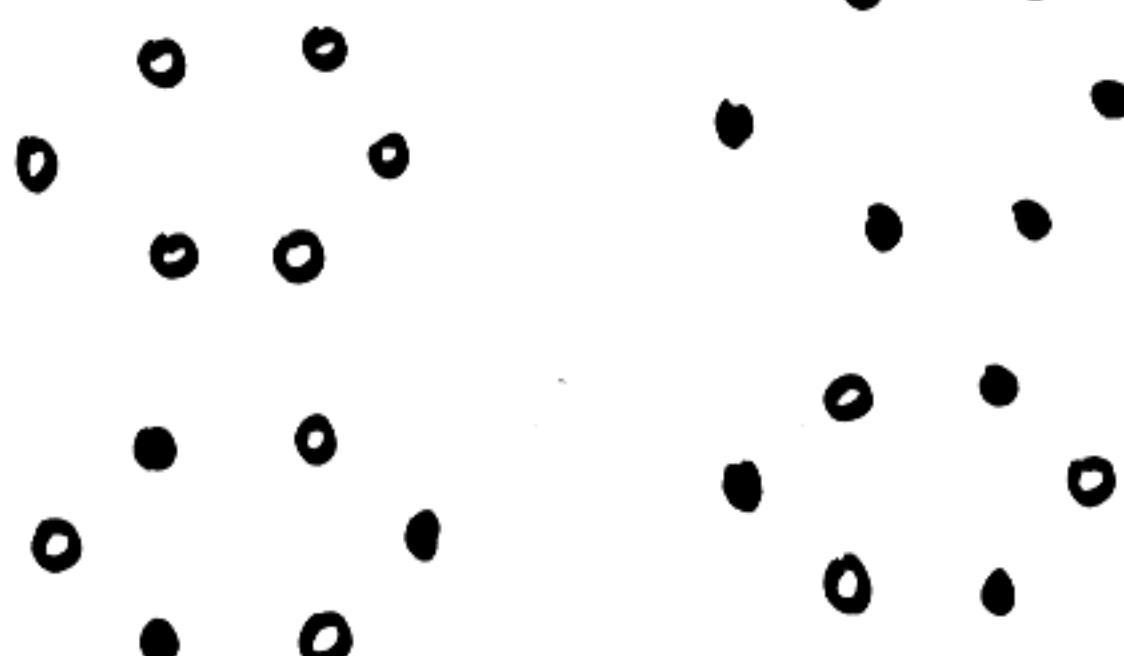
$$G = D_6$$

$$F(r) = 2 = 2^1$$

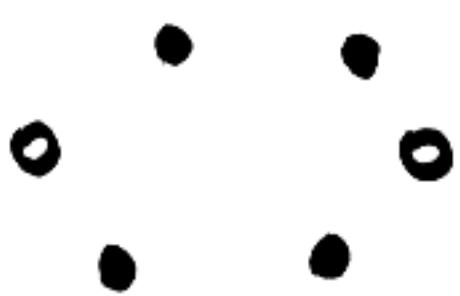


If $r x = x$ then $r^2 x = x$
 $r^3 x = x \dots$

$$F(r^2) = 4 = 2^2$$



$$F(r^3) = 8 = 2^3 \text{ previous work}$$



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$$F(r^4) = 2^2$$



$$F(r^5) = 2^1$$



$$F(s) = 2^4$$



$$F(s_1) = 2^3$$

Burnside

$$\# \text{ necklaces} = \frac{1}{12} \left(\begin{matrix} 2^6 + 2^1 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ 1 \quad r \quad r^2 \quad r^3 \end{matrix} \right)$$

$$2^2 + 2 + 2^4 + 2^4 + 2^4 + 2^3 + 2^3 + 2^3 \quad ①$$

↑ ↑
 r⁴ r⁵ r⁵
 s₀, s₂, s₄ s₁, s₃, s₅

$$= \frac{1}{12} (2^6 + 2 \times 2^1 + 2 \times 2^2 + 2^3 + 3 \times 2^4 + 3 \times 2^3)$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1 \\
 64 \\
 20 \\
 48 \\
 24 \\
 \hline
 156 = 12 \times 13
 \end{array}$$

What if we had m colors?

$$F(r) = m$$

r



$$F(r^2) = m^2$$



;

$$\begin{aligned} \# \text{ necklaces} &= \frac{1}{12} \left(\underset{1}{m^6} + \underset{r, r^{-1}}{2 \times m} + \underset{r^2, r^{-2}}{2 \times m^2} + \underset{r^3}{m^3} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \underset{S_0, S_2^T, S_4}{3 \times m^4} + \underset{S_1, S_3^T, S_5}{3 \times m^3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\# \text{ necklaces} = \frac{1}{12} (m^6 + 3m^4 + 4m^3 + 2m^2 + 2m)}$$

$$\underline{m=1} \quad \rightarrow \quad \# \text{ necklaces} = 1$$

Note: In particular for any $m = 1, 2, \dots$

we must have

$$m^6 + 3m^4 + 4m^3 + 2m^2 + 2m$$

is divisible by 12.

$$\binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(n^2 - n)$$

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$G \hookrightarrow X$

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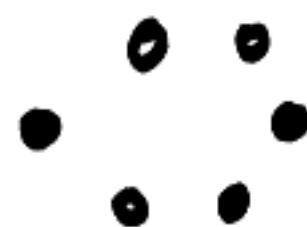
group

↑ set

("pictures")

E.g.

(dihedral group
order 12



symmetries
of hexagon)

$g \in G$

$g \cdot x \in X$

$G \cdot x := \{ y \in X \mid y = g \cdot x \}$

orbit of x



("necklace")

stabilizer of x

$\text{Stab}_G(x) := \{ g \in G \mid g \cdot x = x \}$
subgroup of G

Fact. $\# G \cdot x \cdot |Stab_G(x)| = |G|$ ②

In particular, the size of an orbit is a factor of $|G|$.

E,

$x =$

what is the size
of G_x ?

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~~11 G x > 7~~

$$\Rightarrow \# Gx = 12$$

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$$\text{Stab}_G(x) = \{1\}$$

$$x = \begin{array}{ccccc} & o & o & & \\ & \cdot & & \cdot & \\ & o & o & & \end{array}$$

r, r^2, r^3, r^4, r^5 do not fix x
 $s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, s_5$ "

$$\Rightarrow \#Gx = 12$$

How many orbits are there?

Burnside's Lemma

$$\boxed{\# \text{ orbits} = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} F(g)}$$

$$F(g) = \# \{ x \in X \mid g x = x \}$$

Proof

$$\sum_{g \in G} F(g)$$

$$x \in X$$

How many times does it get counted in this sum?



It will be counted in $F(g)$

if $\boxed{gx = x}$

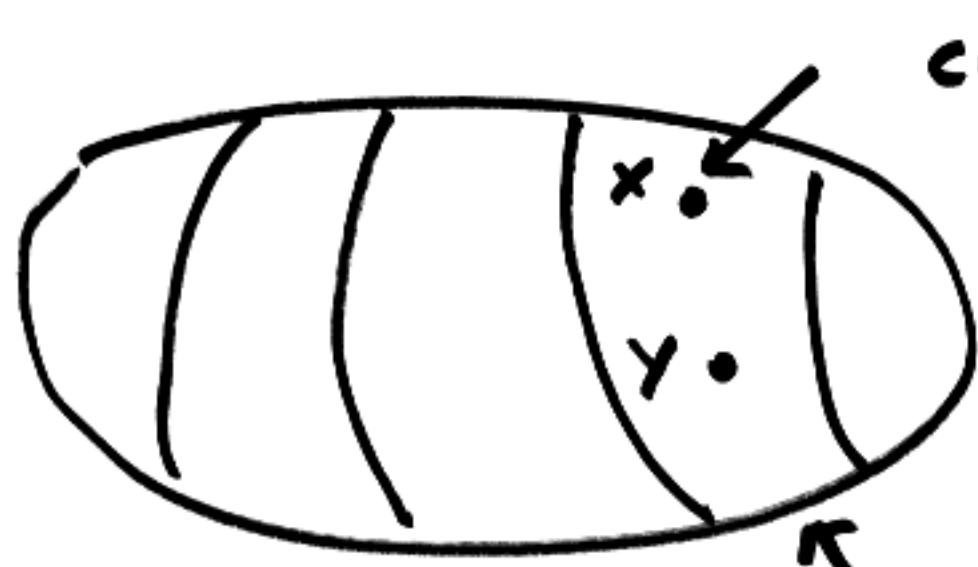
Total contribution of x to

$$\sum_{g \in G} F(g)$$

$$\text{is } \{ g \in G \mid gx = x \} = \text{Stab}_G(x)$$

Each $x \in X$ contributes $|\text{Stab}_G(x)|$ to the sum.

$$\sum_{g \in G} F(g) = \# \text{ orbits} \cdot |G|$$



contributes

$$|Stab_G(x)|$$

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\nwarrow

all y in the orbit
of x contribute the
same amount

namely $|Stab_G(y)| = \frac{|G|}{\# G_y}$

$$Gy = Gx$$

Total contribution of orbit is

$$|Stab_G(x)| \cdot \# Gx = |G|$$

Total sum $(|G| \cdot \# \text{ orbits})$

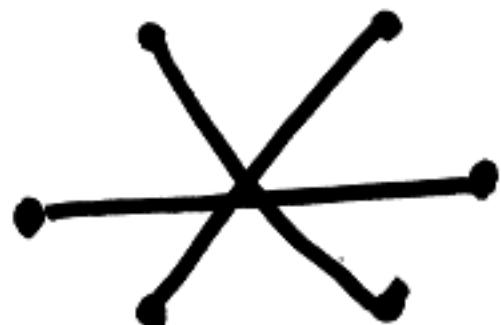
$$= \sum_{g \in G} F(g) \quad \square$$

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Cycle indicator

How do we compute $F(g)$?

Say $g = r^3$ what is $F(g)$?



If we have m colors then

$$F(r^3) = m \cdot m \cdot m \\ = m^3$$



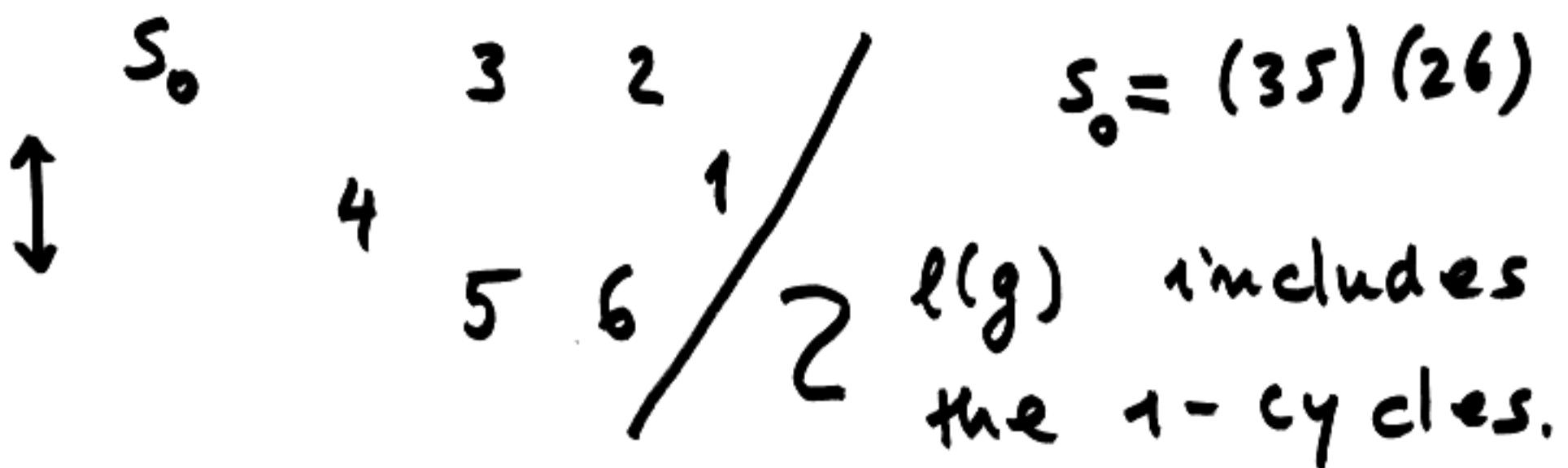
$$r^3 = \underbrace{(14)(25)(36)}_{3 \text{ cycles}}$$

In general $F(g) = \# m^{l(g)}$

$\ell(g) := \# \text{ cycles in } g$

length of g

$$F(g) = m^{\ell(g)}$$



$$\ell(s_0) = 4$$

$$F(s_0) = m^4$$

cycle indicator

$$Z_G(x_1, x_2, \dots) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} x_1^{\kappa_1(g)} x_2^{\kappa_2(g)} \dots$$

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$$K_i(g) := \pm \text{ cycles in } g \text{ of length } i$$

For $g = s_0 \quad s_0 = (35)(26)$

$$K_1(s_0) = 2$$

$$K_2(s_0) = 2$$

$$K_3(s_0) = 0$$

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Contribution to Z_G : $x_1^2 x_2^2$

Formal way to keep track of the cycle decomposition of all $g \in G$.

For us counting as orbits with m colors

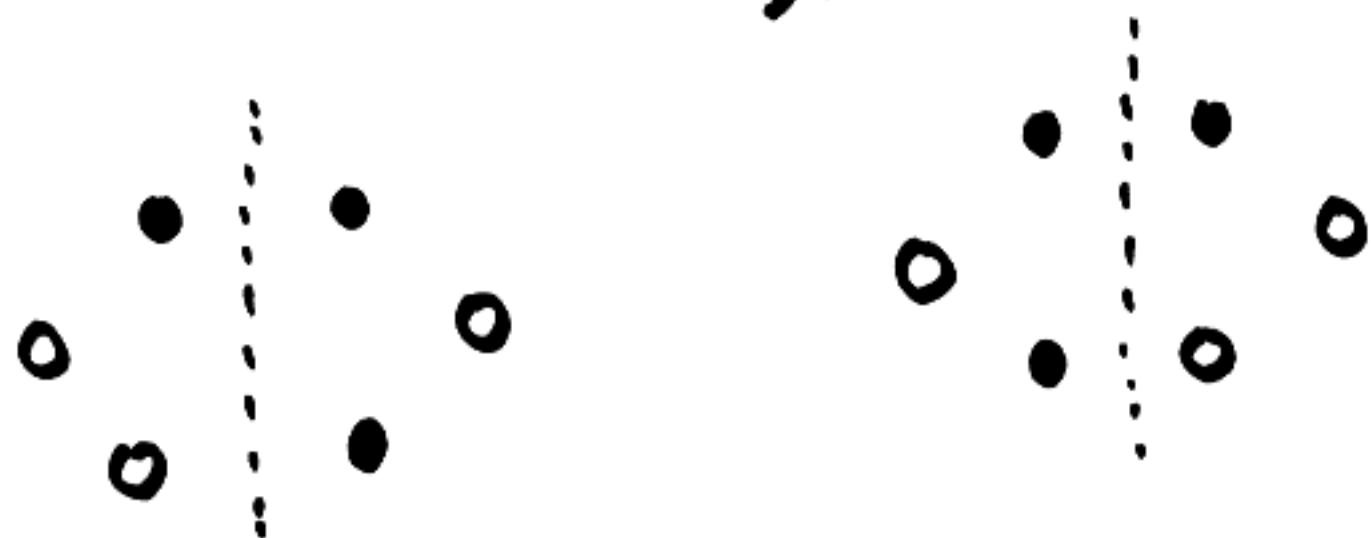
$$Z_G(m, m, m, \dots)$$

If $x_i = m$ then ⑨

$$x_1^{k_1(g)} x_2^{k_2(g)} \dots = m^{k_1(g) + k_2(g) + \dots} \\ = m^{\ell(g)}$$

$$Z_G(m, m, m, \dots) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} m^{\ell(g)}$$

= # orbits.



Cycle indicator for rotations of hexagons (no flips allowed)

$$G = \{1, r, r^2, r^3, +r^4, r^5\}$$

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		k_1	k_2	k_3	k_4	k_5	k_6
1	1	6					
r	(123456)	0	0	0	0	0	1
r^2	(135)(246)			2		3	2
r^3	(14)(25)(36)	3			4	5	1
r^4	(02486)		2			4	
r^5	(654321)				1		

$$(642)(531)$$

$$Z = \frac{1}{6} (x_1^6 + 2x_6^2 + x_3^2 + x_2^3 + x_3^2 + x_6)$$

$$Z = \frac{1}{6} (x_1^6 + 2x_6^2 + 2x_3^2 + x_2^3)$$

$$m=2$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{6} (2^6 + 2 \cdot 2^2 + 2 \cdot 2^2 + 2^3) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} (64 + 4 + 8 + 8) = \frac{84}{6} = 14 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{matrix} 3 & 2 \\ & 1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{matrix} \quad r = (12345)$$

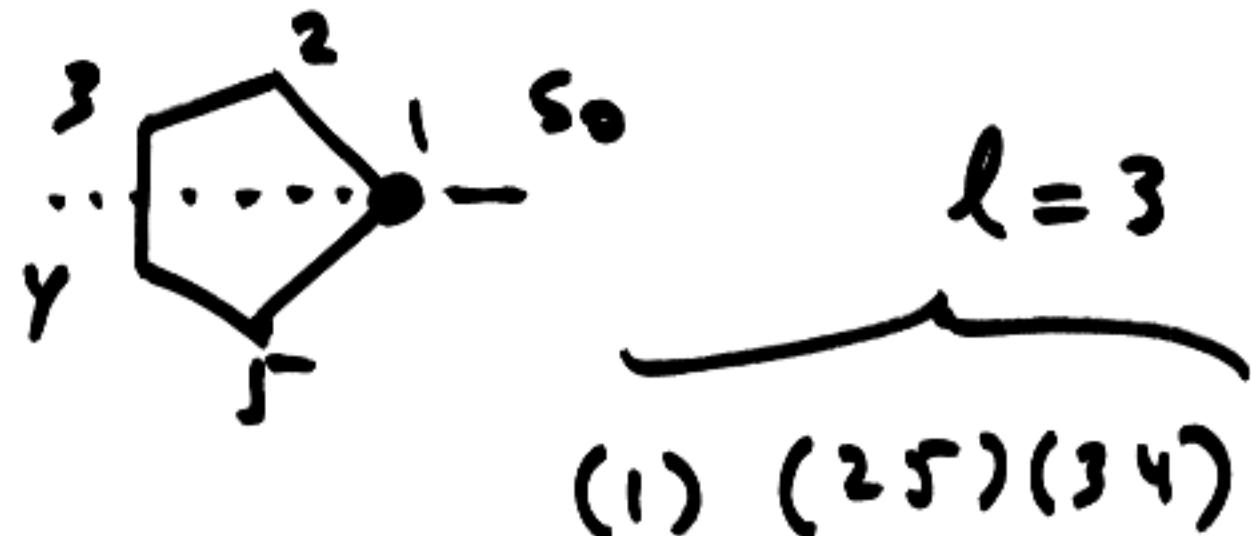
r^1	1	x_1^5
r	(12345)	x_5
r^2	(13524)	x_5
r^3	$(14\cdot\cdot)$	x_5
r^4	(54321)	x_5

$$z = \frac{1}{5} (x_1^5 + 2x_2^5 + 4x_5)$$

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flips

cycle index

$$x_1^1 \cdot x_2^2$$

color counting $x_i = m$

$$m \cdot m^2 = m^3$$

$$\frac{1}{10} (m^5 + 4m + 5m^3)$$

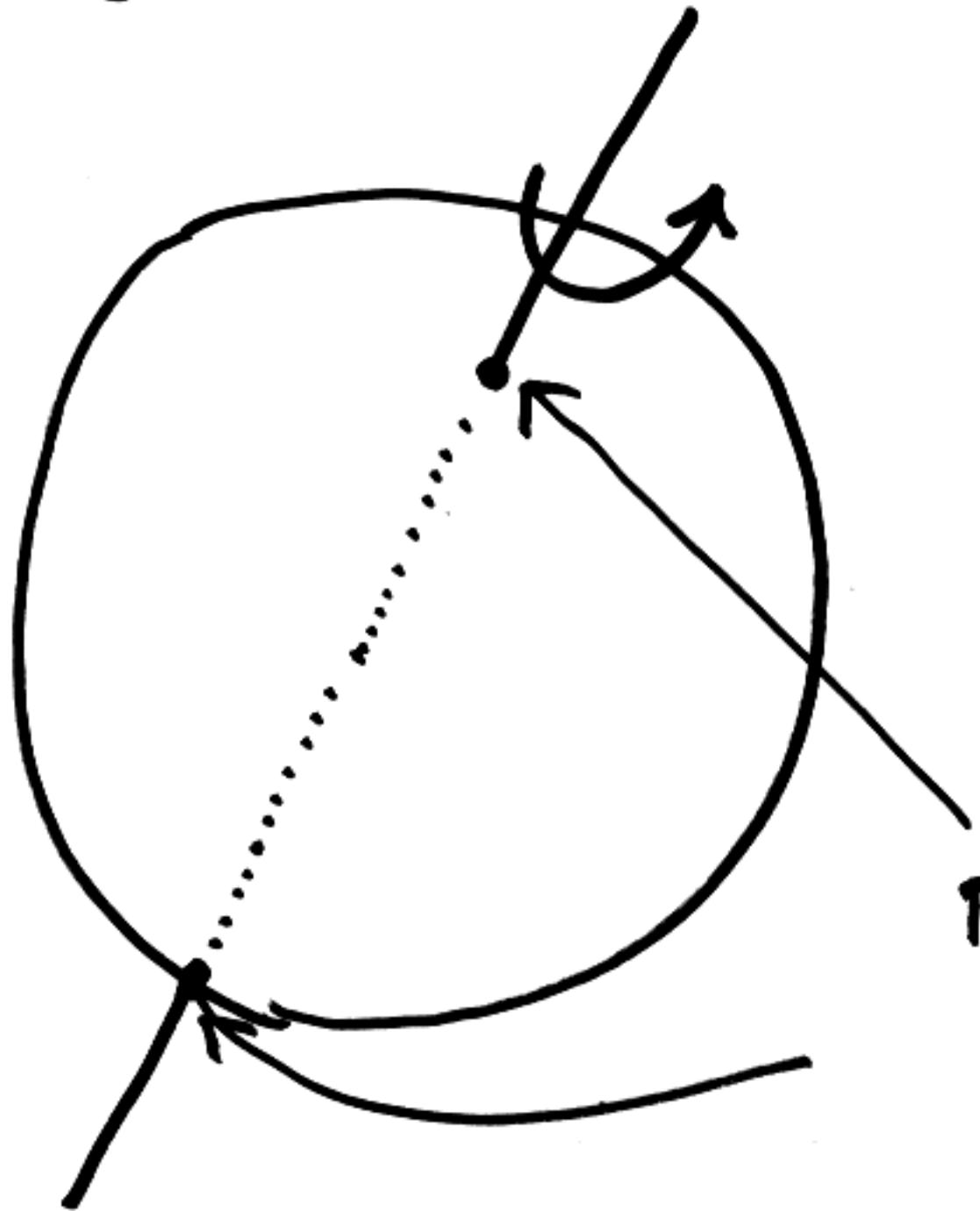
$$m=3, \quad 3^5 + 4 \cdot 3 + 5 \cdot 3^3$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} (243 + 12 + 135)$$

$$= \frac{390}{10} = 39$$

Finite group of rotations
in \mathbb{R}^3

G



poles of the
rotation

Let $\Theta = \{ \text{poles of rotations} \}$
of G

Finite number of poles in Θ .

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G acts on \mathcal{O}

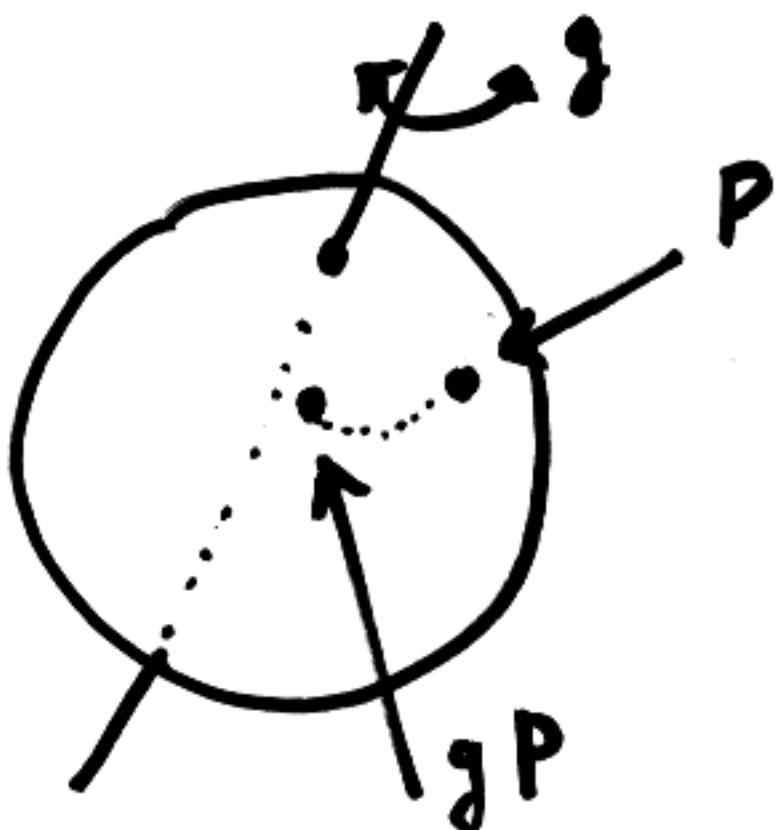
. If $P \in \mathcal{O}$, $g \in G$

then $g \cdot P$

$$\boxed{hP = P}$$

& for some $h \in G$
 $h \neq 1$.

To see that gP is a pole
I need to find a rotation
in G that fixes gP .



i.e. $r \in G$ s.t. $r(gP) = gP$

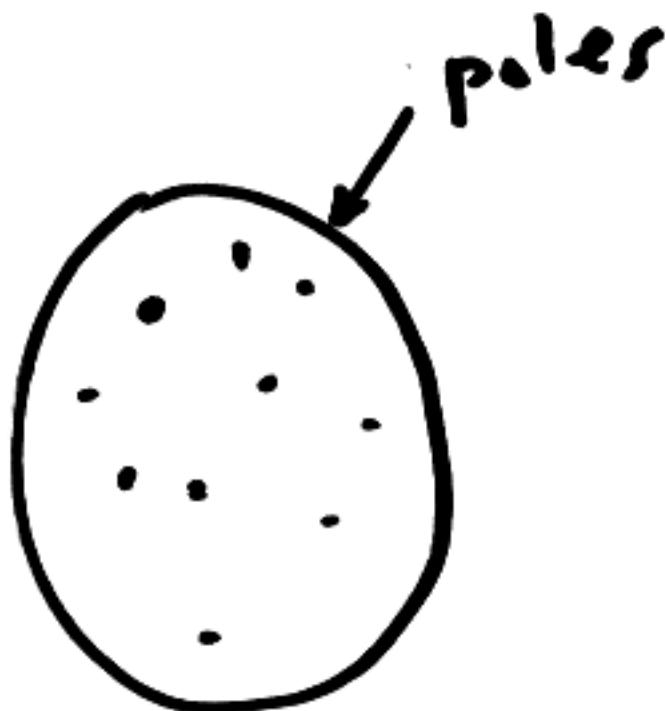
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$$g^{-1}(gP) = P$$

$$h g^{-1}(gP) = hP = P$$

$$\underbrace{ghg^{-1}}_r(gP) = gP$$

Found $r \in G \rightarrow gP$ is a pole



$N :=$ # orbits of G acting
on Ω .

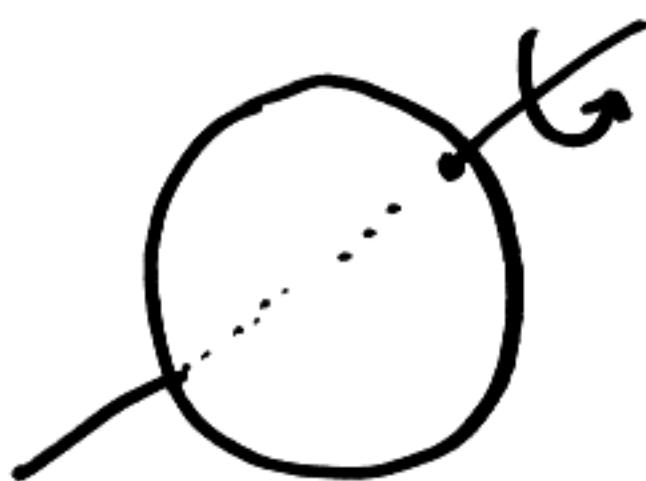


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$$N = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} F(g)$$

by Burnside.

$$F(g) = \begin{cases} \# \emptyset & g = 1 \\ 2 & g \neq 1 \end{cases}$$



* of non-identical
rotations

$$N = \frac{1}{|G|} (\# \emptyset + 2(|G|-1))$$

$$|G|N = \# \emptyset + 2|G| - 2$$

$$\boxed{|G|(N-2) = \# \emptyset - 2}$$

Assume $|G| > 1$, i.e. ⑥

there is some non-identity rotation $g \in G$. It fixes two point. Hence $\# P \geq 2$.

$$\text{rhs} \geq 0 \Rightarrow N \geq 2.$$

If $N = 2$ then $\# P = 2$

i.e. we have only have two poles
all rotations share same axis

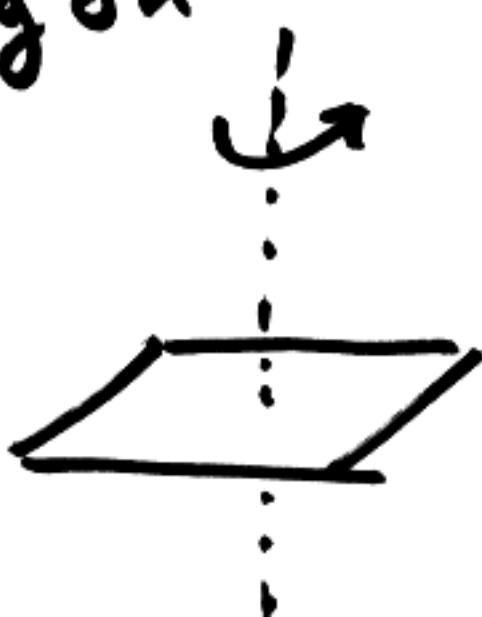
$$\rightarrow 1, r, r^2, \dots, r^{n-1}$$

some n

i.e. ~~sym~~ rotations fixing
a n -gon

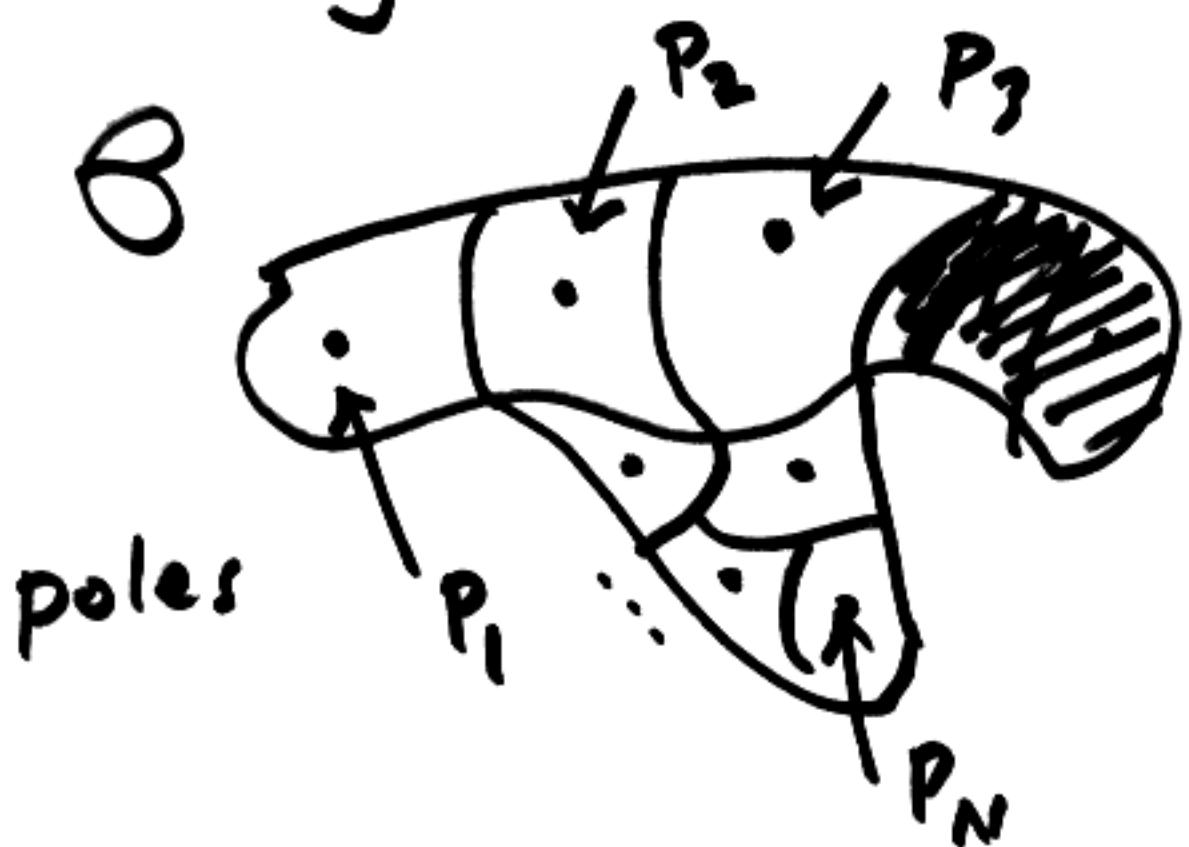
E.g.

$$\underline{n=y}$$



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Say $N \geq 3$. $\# \mathcal{P} > 2$

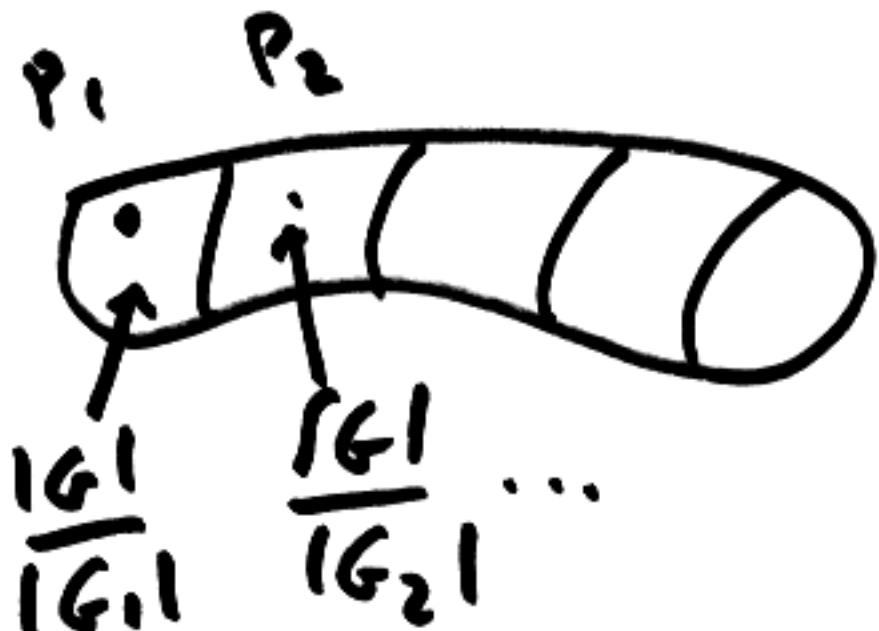


$P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_N$ are poles
one per orbit.

$$G_i := \text{Stab}_G^{P_i}$$

$$\# G P_i = |G_i| = |G|$$

$$\# G P_i = \frac{|G|}{|G_i|}$$



$$\# \textcircled{P} = \frac{|G|}{|G_1|} + \frac{|G|}{|G_2|} + \dots + \frac{|G|}{|G_N|} \quad (3)$$

(II)

$$\boxed{\frac{\# \textcircled{P}}{|G|} = \frac{1}{|G_1|} + \frac{1}{|G_2|} + \dots + \frac{1}{|G_N|}}$$

$$N = \frac{\# \textcircled{P}}{|G|} + 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{|G|} \right)$$

(from before).

$$(I) \quad N = \underbrace{1 + 1 + \dots + 1}_{N \text{ times}}$$

(I) - (II)

$$N - \frac{\# \textcircled{P}}{|G|} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{|G_1|} \right) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{|G_2|} \right) + \dots + \left(1 - \frac{1}{|G_N|} \right)$$

$$= 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{|G|} \right)$$

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Finally:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \left(1 - \frac{1}{|G_i|}\right) = 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{|G|}\right)$$

$$(|G| > 1 \rightarrow |G| \geq 2)$$

~~obviously~~

$$\text{rhs} < 2$$

$$G_i = \text{Stab}_G P_i$$

$|G_i| \geq 2$ since P_i is the pole of some non-trivial rotation

$$g_i \in G_i.$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{|G_i|} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

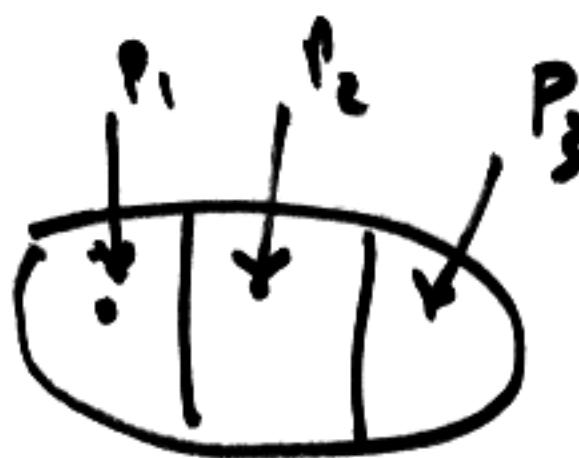
$$\Rightarrow N < 4$$

$$\text{we know } N \geq 2$$

$N=2$ dealt with already ⑩

$\Rightarrow N=3$

G_1, G_2, G_3



$$n_i = |G_i|$$

$$n_1 \leq n_2 \leq n_3$$

$$\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} + \frac{1}{n_3} = 1 + \frac{2}{|G|}$$

$$n_i \geq 2, |G| \geq 2$$

We can't have $n_i \geq 3$

otherwise

$$\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} + \frac{1}{n_3} \stackrel{<}{} \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 1$$

lhs ≤ 1 rhs > 1

but

$$\Rightarrow n_1 = 2$$

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$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n_2} + \frac{1}{n_3} = 1 + \frac{2}{|G|}$$

$$\frac{1}{n_2} + \frac{1}{n_3} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{|G|}$$

if n_2, n_3 are integers

n_2, n_3

If $n_2 = 2$ n_3 could be
any thing. $n_3 = n$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{|G|}$$

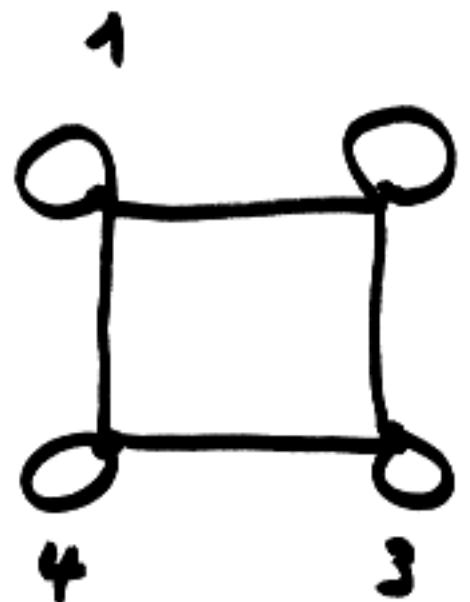
$$\Rightarrow |G| = 2n$$

$\rightsquigarrow G = D_n$ dihedral group

G	n_1	n_2	n_3	
D_n	2	2	n	Dihedral n -gon
A_4	2	3	3	Tetrahedron
S_4	2	3	4	Cube/octahedron
A_5	2	3	5	Icosahedron/ Dodecahedron

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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(Adjacency matrix of the graph)

i,j entry of $A = 1$ if $i — j$
0 otherwise

Initial state : $s_I = \begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \\ s_4 \end{pmatrix}$

Move : $t = \begin{pmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \\ t_4 \end{pmatrix}$

$$s_F = s_I + At$$

final state

$$\underline{\text{goal}} \quad S_F = 0$$

$$S_I + At = 0$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \\ t_4 \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} t_1 + t_2 + t_4 \\ t_1 + t_2 + t_3 \\ t_2 + t_3 + t_4 \\ t_1 + t_3 + t_4 \end{array} \right)$$

$$S_I = -At$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} t_1 + t_2 + t_4 = -s_1 \\ t_1 + t_2 + t_3 = -s_2 \\ t_2 + t_3 + t_4 = -s_3 \\ t_1 + t_3 + t_4 = -s_4 \end{array} \right.$$

Linear system of equations

Solving puzzle \leftrightarrow Solving system of equations.

$n \times n$ matrix A

$$A = (a_{ij})$$

a_{ij} numbers

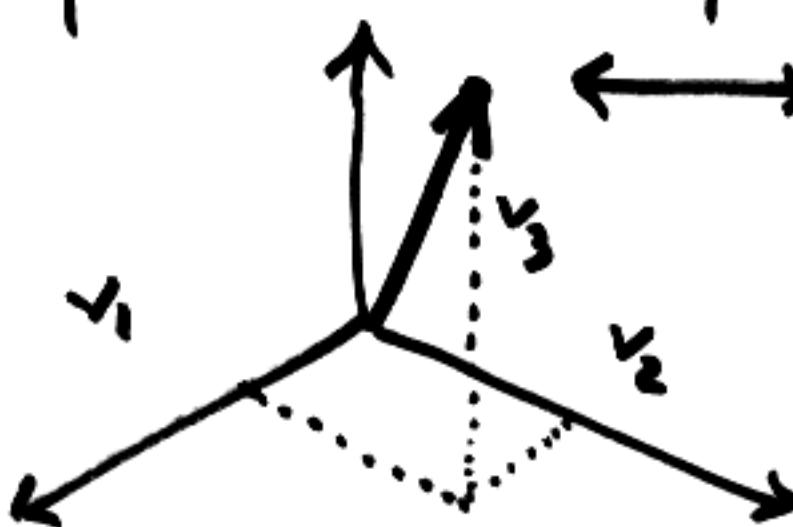
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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & \dots & & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & \dots & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

vectors: $v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix}$

n=3 $v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}$

↔ point in space $v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}$



$V = \{ \text{all } n\text{-diml vectors} \}$

A $n \times n$ matrix

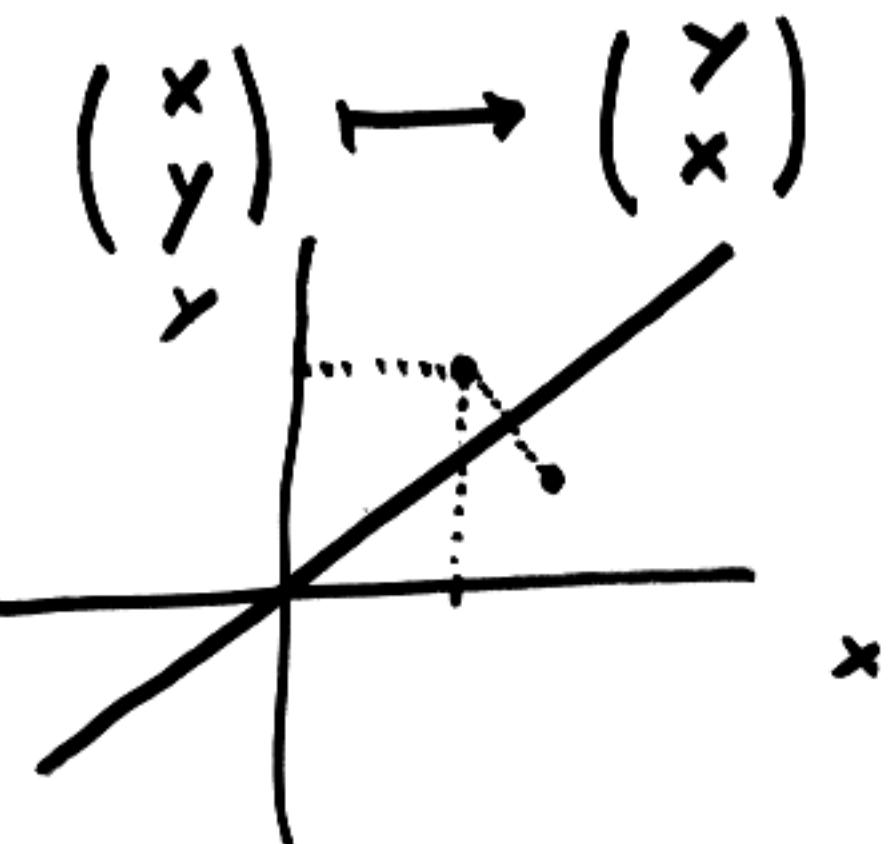
$v \in V$ vector

↔ $A \cdot v \in V$

$$\cdot \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{n=2}$$

$$A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ x \end{pmatrix}$$

Effect of multiplication by A?



I.e. A is the reflection through the $y=x$ line.

Identity

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$I_m = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$I_m \cdot v = v$$

$$\cdot \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = 2 I_2$$

$$A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

scaling by two.

Scalars a ,

$$ay = \begin{pmatrix} av_1 \\ av_2 \\ \vdots \\ av_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Rotations can also be written in terms of matrices.

Features of transformation

$$v \mapsto Av$$

= linear transformation

$$\cdot \quad A \cdot (av) = a(Av)$$

$$\cdot \quad A \cdot (u+v) = Au + Av$$

$$\cdot \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x+y \\ x+y \end{pmatrix}$$

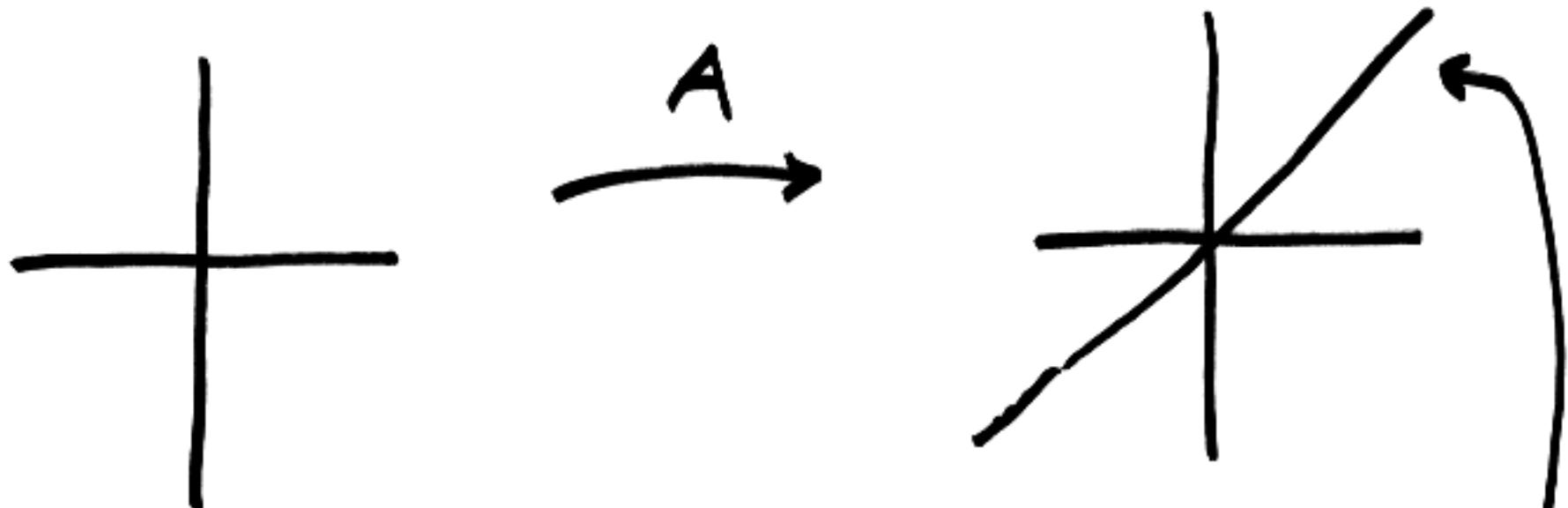


Image of points
is on this line

$$A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

this system of equations not always has a solution. If $a \neq b$ we have no solution. If $a = b$ we can solve it

$$A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x+y \\ x+y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x+y = a \\ x+y = a \end{array} \quad \rightarrow \quad \boxed{x+y = a}$$

To solve: Pick any x and set
 $y = a - x$

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system $\boxed{Av = u}$

$v = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

$u = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$

- No solution

unless $u = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a \end{pmatrix}$

- If $u = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a \end{pmatrix}$ then it has a lot of solutions.

all solutions : $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ a-x \end{pmatrix}$

For $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ situation is different.

$$\begin{pmatrix} y \\ x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= a \\ x &= b \end{aligned}$$

solution: $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ a \end{pmatrix}$

Every $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ has a unique solution.

Say A is invertible if
it has an inverse

$$A^{-1} \cdot A = A \cdot A^{-1} = I_m$$

In this case

$$A v = u$$

can be solved by multiplying
by A^{-1} .

$$A^{-1}(Av) = A^{-1} \cdot u$$

$$(A^{-1}A)v = A^{-1}u$$

$$\boxed{v = A^{-1}u}$$

Unique solution for each choice of
 u .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = A$$

- How do we determine if a matrix A has an inverse?

There is a number called the ①
determinant of A $\det(A)$

A is invertible $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) \neq 0$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = ad - bc$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ad - bc & 0 \\ 0 & ad - bc \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \det(A) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- If $\det(A) \neq 0$ then

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AA^* = \det(A) \cdot I_2$$

- If $\det(A) = 0$ then $AA^* = 0$

if A had an inverse

$$A^{-1}(AA^*) = 0$$

$$(A^{-1}A)A^* = A^* \text{ not the case}$$

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$$V = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \mid 3\text{-dim vectors} \right\}$$

3x3 matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v \in V$$

$$A \cdot v \in V$$

$$v \rightarrow v$$

$$v \mapsto A \cdot v$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} z \\ x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

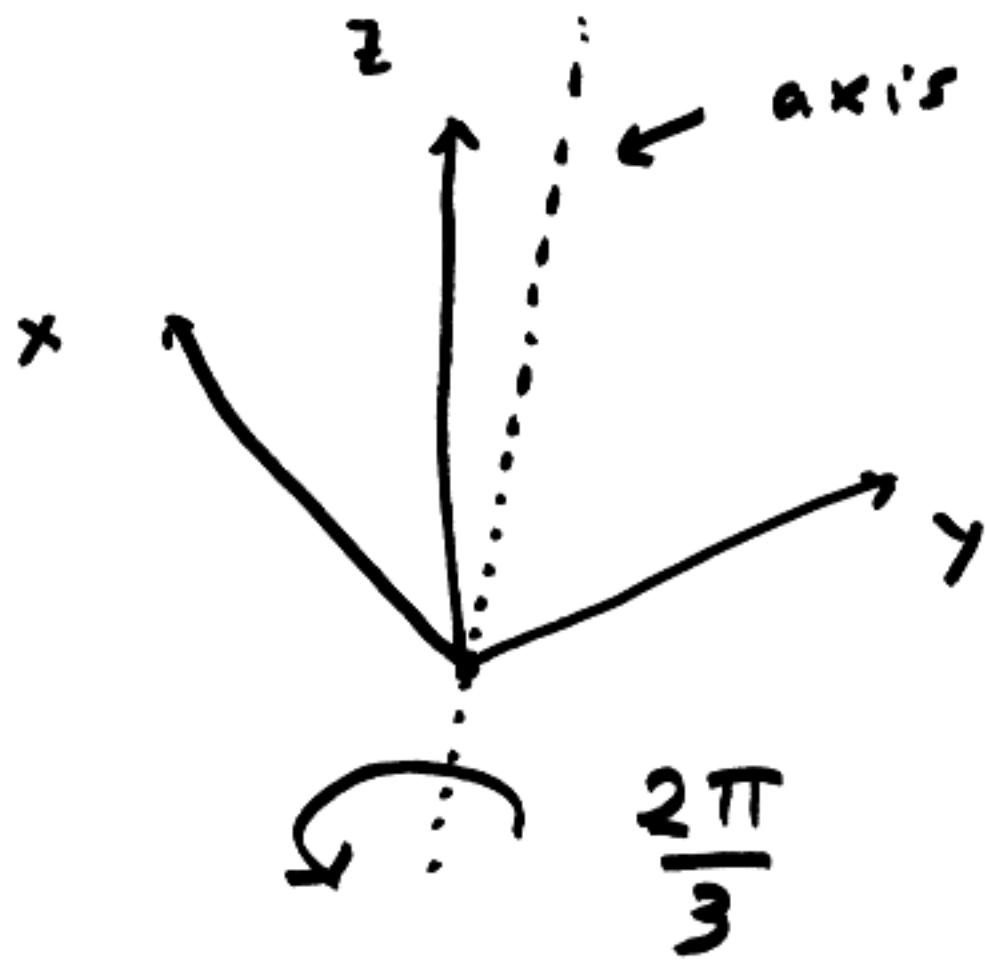
$$(x, y, z) \mapsto (z, x, y)$$

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Axis of rotation?

$$(a, a, a) = a(1, 1, 1)$$

fixed by A.



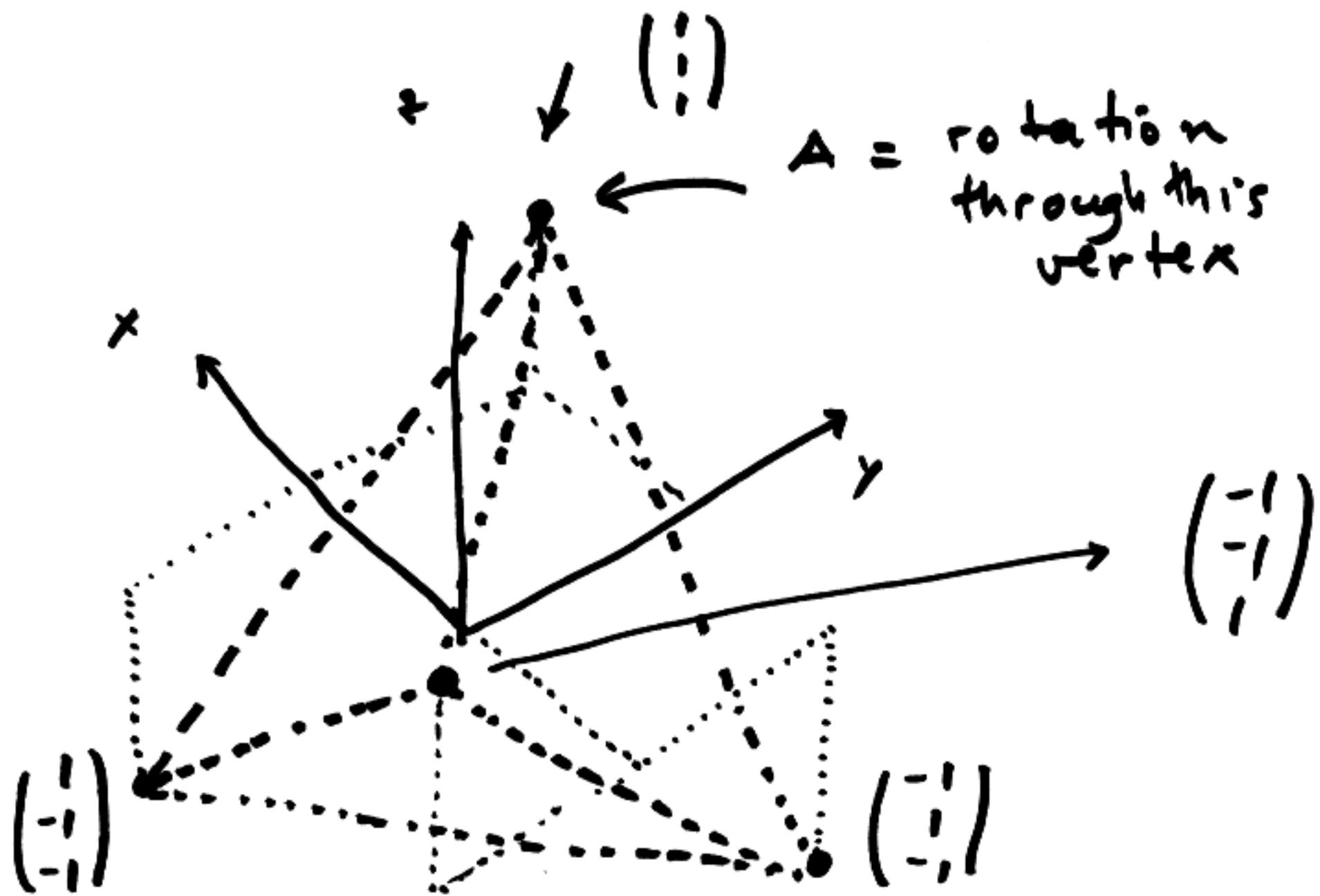
$$x = y \\ y = z$$

$$\begin{matrix} (x, y, z) \\ \downarrow \\ (-z, x, y) \\ \downarrow \\ (y, -z, x) \end{matrix}$$

Four points

$$(1) \quad (-1) \quad (\bar{1}) \quad (-\bar{1})$$

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$$\frac{1}{4} \left((1, 0, 0) + (-1, 0, 0) + (0, -1, 0) + (0, 0, -1) \right)$$

= center of mass.

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

R_V ($= R_F$) rotations assoc. to vertices (faces)

R_E rotations assoc. to edges

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$$R_E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_E \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ -y \\ -z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \curvearrowleft & & \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} & \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \curvearrowleft & & \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} & \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \curvearrowleft & & \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} & \xleftarrow{\hspace{1cm}} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

We can describe the action
of the rotation group of (this)
tetrahedron as follows :

cyclically permute (x, y, z)
and change two signs.

E.g.

$$(x, y, z) \mapsto (-y, -z, x)$$

(signed permutation)

$$\begin{array}{lll} (x, y, z) & (-x, -y, z) & (-x, y, -z) (x, -y, -z) \\ (z, x, y) & (-z, -x, y) & (-z, x, -y) (z, -x, -y) \\ (y, z, x) & (-y, -z, x) & (-y, z, -x) (y, -z, -x) \end{array}$$

Total of 12.

group of rotations $\cong A_4$
of tetrahedron (alternating group)

Rotations of cube (octahedron) ⑥
we can think of two inscribed
tetrahedra inside cube.

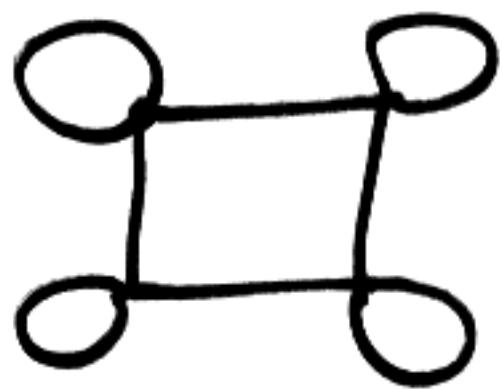
Rotations of tetrahedron & swapping
both tetrahedra.

get all signed permutations of
3-dim determinant = 1

group of rotations $\cong S_4$
of cube

①

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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Equation to solve

$$\boxed{S_I + At = 0}$$

$$t = \begin{pmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \\ t_4 \end{pmatrix} \quad t_i = 0, 1$$

↓
don't / press button i

If A has an inverse A^{-1}
then we can solve for t

$$\boxed{-A^{-1} S_I = t}$$

Row reduction algorithm.

②

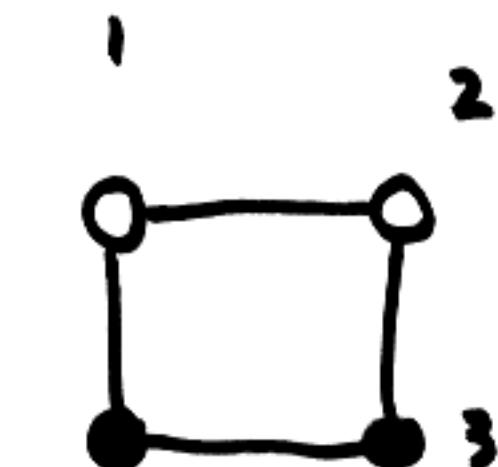
$$A^{-1} = A$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(mod 2
binary
sense)

$t = A S_I$

Ej.



$$t = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

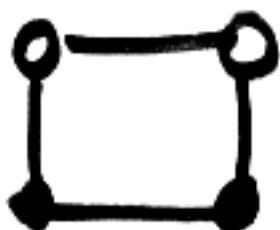


$-A^{-1} \rightsquigarrow$ cheat puzzle ③

In our case cheat puzzle = original

puzzle b/c $-A^{-1} = A$.

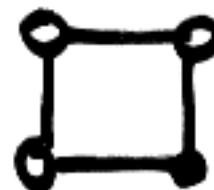
orig



cheat



J1



2



2

Solution: press buttons 3 & 4.



1



3



1



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- 4
- If A has an inverse then every initial state can be solved in only one way.
 - If A has no inverse then some initial states will not be solvable. And when solvable there will be more than one way to do it.

This dichotomy on A depends on how many states each light could be in.

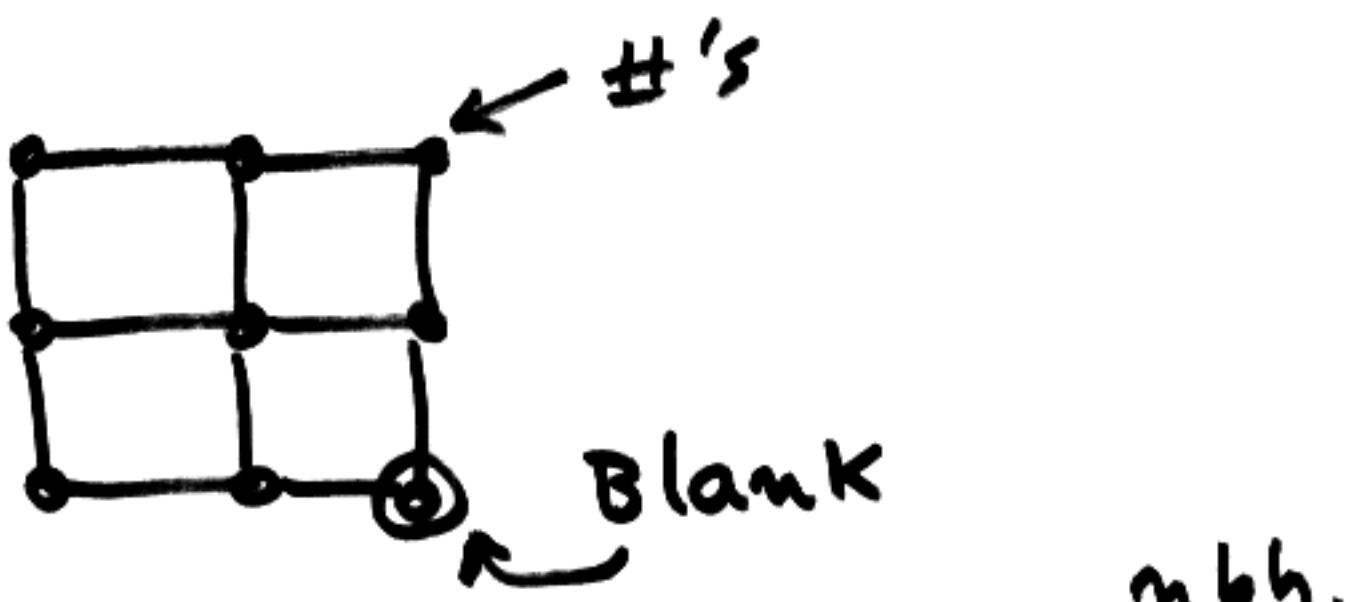


general 15 puzzle

can play it on a simple graph



↑
it has
no loops
or multiple
edges



Note: Exchange Blank w/ #.

Move will take a blank
on a grand tour of graph.

Each such path gives a
permutation of the #'s.

Question: What permutations
do we get?

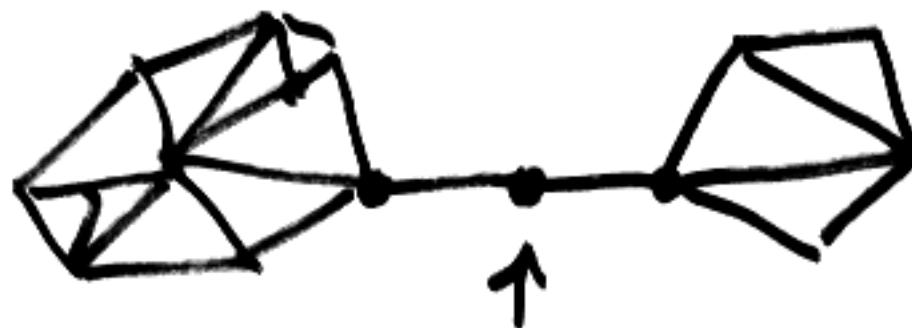
Theorem of Wilson gives answer.



→ cycle permutation

$$\begin{matrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & \end{matrix} \rightarrow B$$

$$3 - 4 - B$$

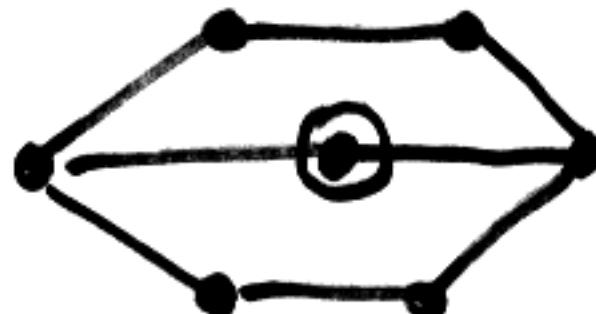


take away this vertex
graph disconnects

two separate puzzle one per
component

In all other cases the group
is either the symmetric group OR
the alternating group (even
permutation)

Except for this graph(!)



group has 120 elements.
A priori our group could be as
large as $6! = 720$.

How can we tell symmetric/alternating apart?

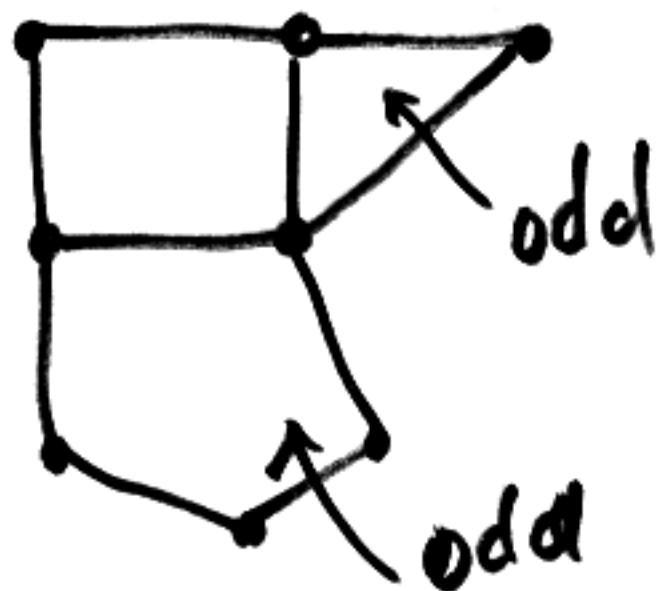


\rightsquigarrow 3-cycle
(even)



\rightsquigarrow 4-cycle
(odd)

As soon as we have an k -cycle with k even the group is all permutations.



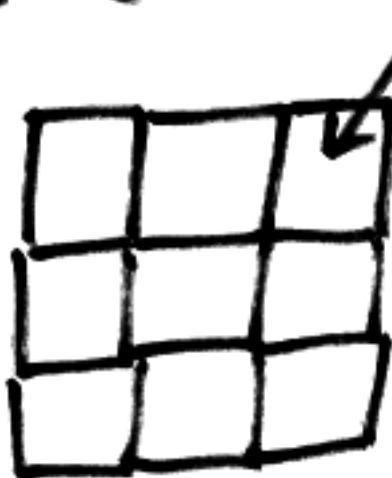
group $\cong S_7$

A_n (even permutations) \leftarrow

all cycles
in graph
are even

E.g. 15-puzzle

(8)



4-vertices

\rightsquigarrow group $\approx A_8$

\leftrightarrow graph bipartite

(Color vertices 0% such
that no two vertices have
same color

