

DRP WEEK 3: GROUP ACTIONS

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Let G be a group and X be a set.

Question 1. What is a group action of G on X ? We write this as $G \curvearrowright X$.

Question 2. Define the dihedral group D_n . This is sometimes confusingly written as D_{2n} .

Question 3. What does the dihedral group act on?¹

Question 4. Give me a collection of generators of the dihedral group.

Question 5. Define the symmetric group S_n . This is written as all sorts of things: Σ_n , \mathfrak{S}_n , \dots

Question 6. What does the symmetric group act on?²

Question 7. Give me a collection of generators of the symmetric group.

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¹As you probably learned when you looked up the dihedral group, this is the whole point of defining it!

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