

## Permutation :-

For any set  $A$ , a function  $\phi : A \rightarrow A$  is called a permutation of  $A$  if  $\phi$  is 1-1 & onto. (bijective function.)

If  $A$  is any nonempty set and  $S_A$  is the set of permutations  $F^A$ , then the set  $S_A$  forms a group under permutations multiplication.

If  $A$  is the finite set  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  then the group  $S_n$  consisting of all  $F$  permutations of  $A$  under the permutations multiplication is called the symmetric group of degree  $n$ . or permutation group.  $(S_n, *)$  form a group.

## Representation of permutation :-

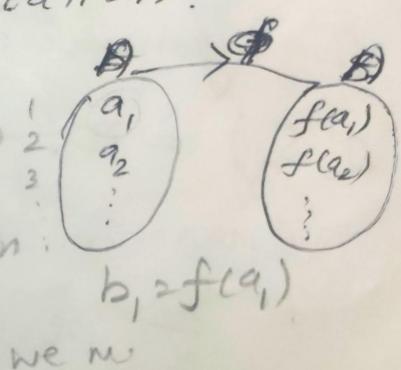
We denote a permutation  $\phi$  on the set in a two rowed notation.

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\text{domain}} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{codomain}} \end{matrix}$$

$\downarrow$

$n \quad n-1 \quad \dots \quad 1$

$$n!$$



we know

Suppose the set  $S$  has two elements  
then the possible permutations of  $S$   
 $S = \{1, 2\}$

are

$$S_A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

2 ways

$$S_3 = \{1, 2, 3\} \quad O(S_3) = 3!$$

Then  $S_3$  consists of

$$P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad P_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad P_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

To prove  $(S_3, *)$  is a group

In general

$O(S_n) = n!$  as there  
are  $n!$  permutations  
of  $n$  elements.

*	$P_1$	$P_2$	$P_3$	$P_4$	$P_5$	$P_6$
$P_1$	$P_1$	$P_2$	$P_3$	$P_4$	$P_5$	$P_6$
$P_2$	$P_2$	$P_3$	$P_1$	$P_6$	$P_4$	$P_5$
$P_3$	$P_3$	$P_1$	$P_2$	$P_5$	$P_6$	$P_4$
$P_4$	$P_4$	$P_5$	$P_6$	$P_1$	$P_2$	$P_3$
$P_5$	$P_5$	$P_6$	$P_4$	$P_3$	$P_1$	$P_2$
$P_6$	$P_6$	$P_4$	$P_5$	$P_2$	$P_3$	$P_1$

$$P_1 * P_1 = P_1 \circ P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = P_1$$

1 2 3  
3 1 2  
2 3 1

$$P_2 * P_2 = P_2 \circ P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = P_3$$

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

$$P_2 * P_3 = P_3 \circ P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = P_1$$

$$P_2 * P_4 = P_4 \circ P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = P_6$$

$$P_2 * P_5 = P_5 \circ P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = P_4$$

$$P_2 * P_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = P_5$$

$$P_3 * P_2 = P_2 \circ P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = P_1 \quad P_1 * P_2 = P_2 \circ P_4$$

$$P_3 * P_3 = P_3 \circ P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = P_2 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_3 * P_4 = P_4 \circ P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = P_5$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = P_5 \quad P_4 * P_3 = P_3 \circ P_4 \\ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_3 * P_5 = P_5 \circ P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = P_6$$

$$P_3 * P_6 = P_6 \circ P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad P_4 * P_4$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = P_4$$

$$P_4 * P_5 = P_5 \circ P_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad P_5 * P_2$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = P_2$$

$$P_5 * P_3 = P_3 \circ P_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = P_4$$

like this we can fill the table.  
 It is clear that entries in the table  
 are members of  $S_3$ .  $\therefore$  closure property  
 holds

$$P_2 * (P_4 * P_6) = (P_2 * P_4) * P_6.$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P_2 * P_3 & = & P_6 * P_6 \\ P_1 & & P_1 \end{array}$$

Thus associativity is satisfied

Now  $P_i * P_i = P_i * P_i = P_i$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, 6$   
 Thus the existence of the identity element  
 is verified ( $\because e = P_1$ )

Also  $P_1^{-1} = P_1$ ,  $P_2^{-1} = P_3$ ,  $P_3^{-1} = P_2$   
 $P_4^{-1} = P_4$ ,  $P_5^{-1} = P_5$ ,  $P_6^{-1} = P_6$

Thus  $(S_3, *)$  is a group.

$$P_4 * P_2 = P_5 ; P_2 * P_4 \neq P_6 \neq P_5$$

$\therefore *$  is not commutative

$\therefore S_3$  is not abelian group under  $*$ .

## Types of permutation :-

### Equality of permutation :-

$$\text{If } f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } g = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{then } f = g.$$

### identity permutation :-

$I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & n \\ 1 & 2 & \dots & n \end{pmatrix}$  is the identity permutation of degree  $n$ .

### Inverse permutation :-

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_n \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } f^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_n \\ a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

### cyclic permutation :-

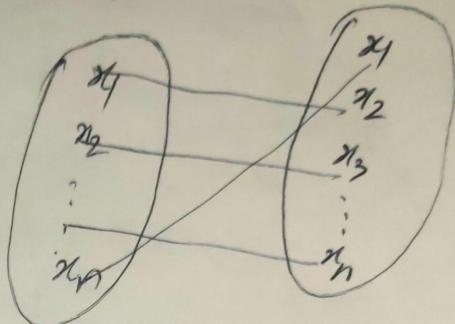
A permutation  $f$  on a set  $S$  is called a cyclic permutation of length  $l$  if there exists  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_l \in S$ .

$$\text{s.t. } f(x_1) = x_2, f(x_2) = x_3, \dots, f(x_{l-1}) = x_l$$

$$f(x_l) = x_1$$

Eg :-  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  is a cyclic permutation of length 3

This permutation is also expressed as  $(\overbrace{1 \ 2 \ 3})$



### order of permutation :-

Let  $S_n$  be a permutation group defined over  $n$  symbols &  $f \in S_n$ . If  $m$  is the least positive integer such that

$f^m = I$ . where  $I$  is the identity permutation in  $S_n$ . Then  $m$  is called order of  $f$ .

In other words:- The order is found by finding the lcm of lengths of the cycles.

Example :- If the permutations of the elements  
 $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  are given by

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \delta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Find } \underline{\alpha\beta}, \beta\alpha, \alpha^2$$

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \alpha^2, \beta^{-1}, \gamma^{-1}$$

soln

$$\alpha\beta = \alpha * \beta = \beta^0 \alpha.$$

$$\alpha: \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 \end{matrix}$$

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

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{check})$$

$$\beta\alpha = \beta * \alpha = \alpha \circ \beta =$$

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

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

$$\alpha^2 = \alpha * \alpha = \alpha \circ \alpha =$$

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

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

$$\gamma\beta = \beta \circ \gamma =$$

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

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

$$\delta^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

Order of the columns in  
 this representation of  $\delta$   
 is immaterial.  
 $(1\ 2\ 3\ 4) + (2\ 4\ 3\ 1)$   
 $(2\ 4\ 1\ 3) + (4\ 3\ 1\ 2)$   
 represents the same  
 $\alpha\beta : \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 5 & 2 & 1 \end{matrix}$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma = \alpha\beta * \gamma = \gamma \circ (\alpha\beta)$$

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

Solving the equation  $\alpha\beta\gamma = \beta$  means finding the value of  $\gamma$  that satisfies the equation. premultiplying by  $\alpha^{-1}$ , the given equation becomes

$$\alpha^{-1}\alpha\beta\gamma = \alpha^{-1}\beta$$

$$\therefore \gamma = \alpha^{-1}\beta$$

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$$x = \alpha^{-1} \beta$$

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

$$\alpha^{-1} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{matrix}$$

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

(2) If  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 & 4 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 & 1 & 6 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

are two groups  $S_6$

elements of the symmetric group  $S_6$ .

$$\text{Find } \alpha\beta, \beta\alpha, \alpha^2, \beta^2, \alpha^{-1}, \beta^{-1}.$$

Soln

$$\alpha\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 & 4 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 & 1 & 6 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha\beta = \beta\alpha.$$

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

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

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

$$\beta\alpha = \alpha\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 5 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 & 4 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 & 4 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$\beta^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 & 1 & 6 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 & 1 & 6 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$\alpha^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 & 4 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\beta^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 & 6 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 5 & 4 & 6 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$   
 ↓  
 column of the  
 permutations  
 are rearranged  
 so that the  
 image of the  
 elements  
 is not change

③ If  $\alpha, \beta$  are elements of the symmetric group  $S_4$  given by

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find  $\alpha\beta, \beta\alpha, \alpha^2 + \alpha^{-1}$ , Find also the order of  $\alpha, \beta, + \alpha\beta$ .

$$\alpha\beta = \beta\circ\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$\beta\alpha = \alpha\circ\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

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

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

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

$$O(\alpha) = (1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4)$$

$$O(\alpha) = 4$$

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

$$O(\alpha\beta) = 4.$$

$$\beta = (1 \ 2 \ 4)^{(3)}$$

$$\text{length of one cycle} = 3 \times 1$$

$$\text{Lem } f^{(3 \times 1)} = 3$$

$$O(\beta) = 3.$$

II method

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

$$\alpha^2 = \alpha \cdot \alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$\alpha^3 = \alpha^2 \cdot \alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$\alpha^4 = \alpha^3 \cdot \alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$\therefore O(\alpha) = 4$$

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

$$\beta^2 = \beta \cdot \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$\beta^3 = \beta^2 \cdot \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = I$$

$$\therefore O(\beta) = 3.$$

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

$$(\alpha\beta)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$(\alpha\beta)^3 = (\alpha\beta)^2 \cdot (\alpha\beta)$$

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

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

$$(\alpha\beta)^4 = (\alpha\beta)^3 \cdot (\alpha\beta) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$O(\alpha\beta) = 4.$$

④ Determine the order of each of the permutations on the set  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

where  $P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

$$P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & 2 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} + P_4 = P_1 P_3 .$$

Soln

$$P_1 = (1 \ 4 \ 5) (2 \ 3) = \text{Lcm}(2, 3)$$

length of the 1st cycle 3  
                          2 cy 2      = 6.

$$\text{O}(P_1) = 6.$$

$$P_2 = (1 \ 2) (3 \ 4)^5 \quad \text{lcm}(2, 2, 1) = 2$$
$$= 2 \times 2 \times 1$$

$$\text{O}(P_2) = 2.$$

$$P_3 = 1 (2 \ 3 \ 3) 4 \quad \text{lcm}(1, 3) = 3.$$
$$= 1 \times 3 \times 1$$

$$\text{O}(P_3) = 9^3.$$

$$P_4 = P_1 \quad P_3 = P_3 \circ P_1$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & 2 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 2 & 5 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= (1 \ 4 \ 3 \ 5) (2)$$

$$\text{lcm}(4, 1) = 4$$

$$\text{O}(P_4) \approx 4^4$$