

QF Group Theory CC2022

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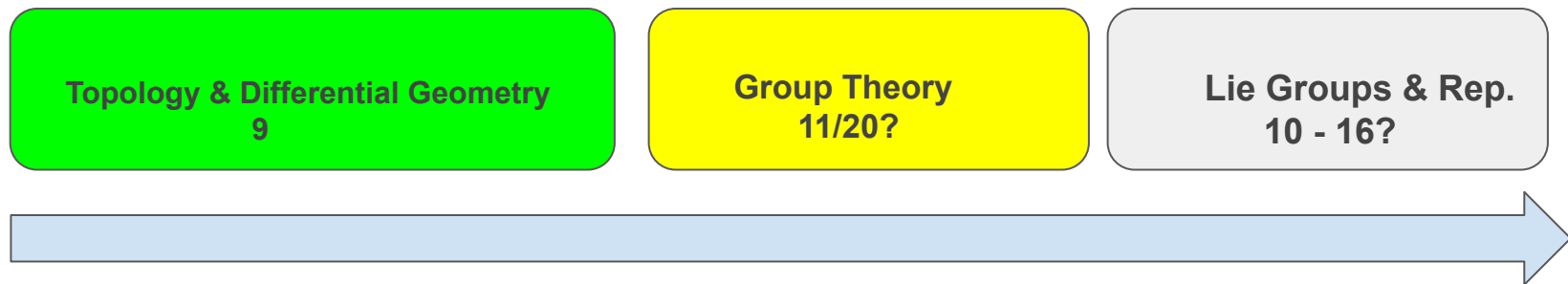
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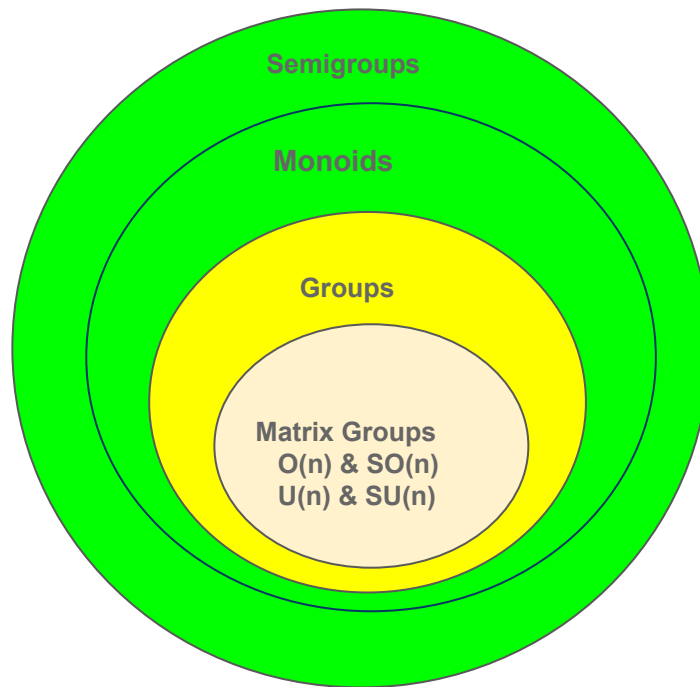
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Learning Journey Timeline



■ Completed | ■ Ongoing | ■ TBC (summer) | n is the number of live lectures |



Course Approach Overview



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Measure Theory & Functional Analysis

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Starts on August 29, 2022.

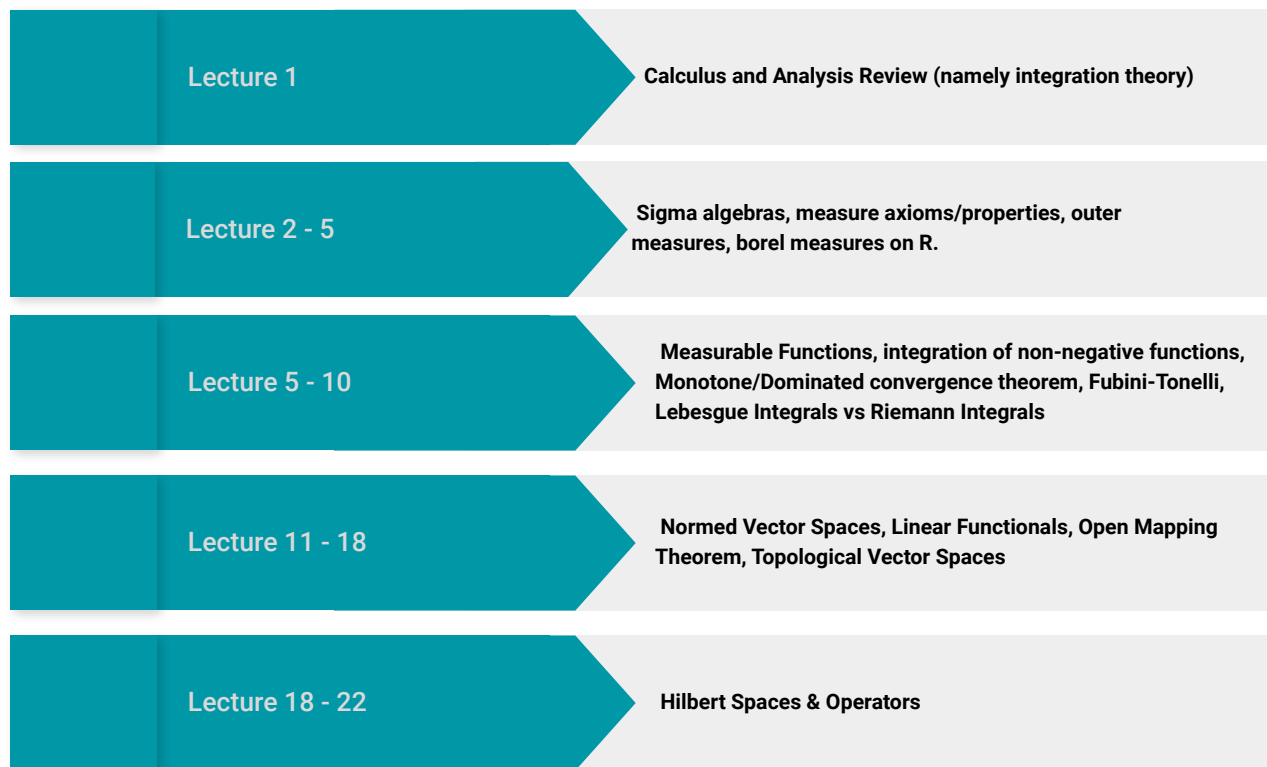
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Course Structure



k-cycles and disjoint cycles

Definition 1.0

Let $X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$. A permutation $\tilde{\sigma} \in S_n$ is called a k -cycle if there exists a subset $\{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_k\}$ of X with exactly k -elements such that $\tilde{\sigma}$ behaves in the following way:

- ❶ $\tilde{\sigma}(a_i) = a_{i+1}$ if $i < k$.
 - ❷ $\tilde{\sigma}(a_k) = a_1$.
 - ❸ $\tilde{\sigma}(j) = j$ if $j \neq a_i$ for all i .
- The subset $\{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_k\}$ is called the support of $\tilde{\sigma}$ and we write $Supp(\tilde{\sigma})$ to denote it.
 - When $k = 2$ then a 2-cycle is also known as 'transposition'!

Definition 1.1

Let $\tilde{\sigma}_1$ be a k_1 -cycle and $\tilde{\sigma}_2$ be a k_2 -cycle. Then we say the cycles $\tilde{\sigma}_1$ and $\tilde{\sigma}_2$ are disjoint if $Supp(\tilde{\sigma}_1) \cap Supp(\tilde{\sigma}_2) = \emptyset$.

Concrete Examples (2- cycles in S_4)

Let $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $Sym(X) = S_4$ be its symmetric group of $4! = 24$ permutations on the set X .

- 1 Consider the following permutation given by the 2-line notation and an intuitive diagrammatic picture:

$$\tilde{\sigma}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram:} \\ \text{A horizontal arrow from 1 to 2 and a curved arrow from 2 back to 1, representing a 2-cycle.} \end{array}$$

Then $\tilde{\sigma}_1$ is a 2-cycle with $Supp(\tilde{\sigma}_1) = \{1, 2\}$ right?

- 2 Consider now the permutation $\tilde{\sigma}_2$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram:} \\ \text{A horizontal arrow from 3 to 4 and a curved arrow from 4 back to 3, representing a 2-cycle.} \end{array}$$

Is $\tilde{\sigma}_2$ also a 2-cycle and $Supp(\tilde{\sigma}_2) = \{3, 4\}$?

Challenge 1

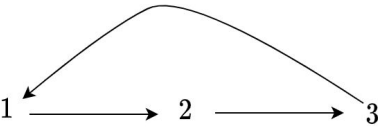
Are there other 2 – *cycles* on S_4 other than the examples above? If yes, you're encouraged to:

- 1 Identify all the 2 – *cycles* of S_4 .
- 2 How many disjoint 2 – *cycles* are in S_4 ?

Concrete Examples (3- cycles in S_4)

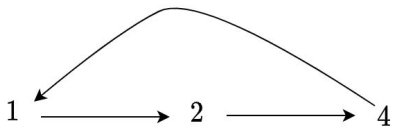
Let $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $Sym(X) = S_4$ be its symmetric group of $4! = 24$ permutations on the set X .

- 1 Consider the following permutation given by the 2-line notation and an intuitive diagrammatic picture:

$$\tilde{\sigma}_1 = \left(\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right)$$


Then $\tilde{\sigma}_1$ is a 3-cycle with $Supp(\tilde{\sigma}_1) = \{1, 2, 3\}$ right?

- 2 Consider now the permutation $\tilde{\sigma}_2$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_2 = \left(\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$


Is $\tilde{\sigma}_2$ also a 3-cycle and $Supp(\tilde{\sigma}_2) = \{1, 2, 4\}$?

Challenge 2

Are there other 3 – *cycles* on S_4 other than the examples above? If yes, you're encouraged to:

- 1 Identify all the 3 – *cycles* of S_4 .
- 2 How many disjoint 3 – *cycles* are in S_4 ?
- 3 Identify all the 4 – *cycles* in S_4 . Also, how many are disjoint?
- 4 Are there 5 – *cycles* in S_4 ?

Definition 1.2

Let $\tilde{\sigma} \in S_n$ be a k -cycle with support $\{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_k\}$. It is a standard convention to use the so-called cycle notation as follows:

- 1 We write $(a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_k)$ to denote the permutation $\tilde{\sigma}$!
- 2 Consequently, the support is denoted $Supp(a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_k)$.

Concrete Examples:

- 1 Consider the following S_4 2-cycle encountered previously:

$$\tilde{\sigma}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{1} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{2} \\ \text{2} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{1} \end{array}$$

In cycle notation we'll rewrite it as (12).

- 2 Similarly, consider the following S_4 3-cycle encountered previously:

$$\tilde{\sigma}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{1} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{2} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{3} \\ \text{3} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{1} \end{array}$$

In cycle notation we'll rewrite it as (123).

Challenge 3

Identify all the cycles of S_2 and S_3 . Then identify all the disjoint cycles of S_2 and S_3 .



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