

# MATH 417 Lec01-05

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# 1 Function and Set

## 1.1 Function

$A \times B = \{(a, b) | a \in A, b \in B\}$ .

Function is a rule  $\sigma$  that assigns an element  $B$  to *every* element of  $A$ .

$$\sigma : A \rightarrow B$$

$$\forall a \in A, \sigma(a) \in B.$$

$$\sigma(a) = \text{value of } \sigma \text{ at } a. \text{ (the image of } a \text{)}$$

A set  $C \subset B$ , we call  $\sigma^{-1}(C) = \{a \in A | \sigma(a) \in C\}$  as the preimage of  $a$ .

An element  $b \in B$ , we call  $\sigma^{-1}(b) = \{a \in A | \sigma(a) = b\}$  as the fiber of  $b$ .

$A$  is the domain of  $\sigma$ ,  $B$  is the range of  $\sigma$ .

### 1.1.1 Composition of functions

$\sigma : A \rightarrow B, \tau : B \rightarrow C$ . The function  $\tau \circ \sigma : A \rightarrow C$  is  $\forall a \in A, (\tau \circ \sigma)(a) = \tau(\sigma(a))$

### 1.1.2 Proposition 1.1.3: Associativity of Functions

**Proposition 1** (Proposition 1.1.3).  $\sigma : A \rightarrow B, \tau : B \rightarrow C, \rho : C \rightarrow D$  functions then,

$$\rho \circ (\tau \circ \sigma) = (\rho \circ \tau) \circ \sigma$$

### 1.1.3 Injective, surjective, bijective

A function  $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$  is called,

1. *Injective (1 to 1)*

$$\forall a_1, a_2 \in A, \sigma(a_1) = \sigma(a_2) \Rightarrow a_1 = a_2$$

2. *Surjective (onto)*

$$\forall b \in B, \exists a \in A, \text{ s.t. } \sigma(a) = b$$

3. *Bijective* (if injective and surjective)

### 1.1.4 Lemma 1.1.7: 两个 injective/surjective/bijective 的方程的 composition 保留性质

**Lemma 1** (Lemma 1.1.7). Suppose  $\sigma : A \rightarrow B, \tau : B \rightarrow C$  are functions,

If  $\sigma, \tau$  are injective, then  $\tau \circ \sigma$  is injective.

If  $\sigma, \tau$  are surjective, then  $\tau \circ \sigma$  is surjective.

If  $\sigma, \tau$  are bijective, then  $\tau \circ \sigma$  is bijective.

### 1.1.5 Proposition 1.1.8: Inverse of Function

**Proposition 2** (Proposition 1.1.8). *A function  $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$  is a bijection if  $\exists$  a function  $\tau : B \rightarrow A$  such that*

$$\sigma \circ \tau = id_B = \text{identity on } B (id_B(x) = x, \forall x \in B)$$

$$\tau \circ \sigma = id_A$$

Such  $\tau$  is unique, called inverse of  $\sigma$ ,  $\tau = \sigma^{-1}$ .

## 1.2 Set

### 1.2.1 Well Defined Set

**Definition 1.** *A set  $S$  is **well defined** if an object  $a$  is either  $a \in S$  or  $a \notin S$ .*

### 1.2.2 Power Set

**Definition 2.** *For any set  $A$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  the collection of all subsets of  $A$ .  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  is the **power set** of  $A$ .*

### 1.2.3 Cardinalities of Sets, Pigeonhole Principle

**Definition 3.** *If  $A$  is a set,  $|A|$  = cardinality of  $A$  = # of elements*

$n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $|\{1, \dots, n\}| = n$ ;  $|\emptyset| = 0$  ( $\emptyset$  = empty set ).

$|A| = |B|$  if there is a bijection  $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$ .

If there is an *injection*  $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$ , we can write  $|A| \leq |B|$ ;

If there is a *surjection*  $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$ , we can write  $|A| \geq |B|$ .

**Theorem 1** (Pigeonhole Principle). *If  $A$  and  $B$  are sets and  $|A| > |B|$ , then there is no injective function  $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$ .*

### 1.2.4 $B^A$ : Sets of Function

If  $A, B$  are sets, then  $B^A = \{\sigma : A \rightarrow B | \sigma \text{ a function}\}$ .

**Example 1.**  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we define a function  $f : B^{\{1, \dots, n\}} \rightarrow B^n (= B \times B \times B \times \dots \times B)$  by the equation  $f(\sigma) = \{\sigma(1), \dots, \sigma(n)\}$ , where  $\sigma : \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow B$ . The  $f$  is a bijection.

证明.

1. *Injective:*

$$f(\sigma_1) = f(\sigma_2) \Rightarrow \{\sigma_1(1), \dots, \sigma_1(n)\} = \{\sigma_2(1), \dots, \sigma_2(n)\}$$

Since  $\sigma : \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow B$ , it is sufficient to prove  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$ .

2. *Surjective*:

$$\forall \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}, \text{ we have } \sigma^*(x) = b_x, x = 1, \dots, n. \text{ s.t. } f(\sigma^*) = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$$

□

**Example 2.**

$$C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}) = \{\text{continuous functions } \sigma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$$

### 1.2.5 Binary operations on a Set, associative, commutative

A binary operation on a set  $A$  is a function  $*$  :  $A \times A \rightarrow A$ .

The operation is associative if  $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c, \forall a, b, c \in A$ .

The operation is commutative if  $a * b = b * a, \forall a, b \in A$ .

**Example 3.**  $+, \circ$  are both associative and commutative operations on  $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$ ;  $-$  is a neither associative nor commutative operation on  $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$ , but not  $\mathbb{N}$ .

## 2 Equivalence relations and Partition

### 2.1 Equivalence relations (理性等价的定义)

理性的等价需要满足: (1)Reflexive, (2)Symmetric, (3)Transitive. Given a set  $X$ , a relation on  $X$  is a subset of  $R \subset X \times X$ . We write  $a \sim b$ .

A relation  $\sim$  is said to be

1. *Reflexive* if  $\forall x \in X$ , we have  $x \sim x$ .
2. *Symmetric* if  $\forall x, y \in X, x \sim y \Rightarrow y \sim x$ .
3. *Transitive* if  $\forall x, y, z \in X, x \sim y, y \sim z \Rightarrow x \sim z$ .

The *sim* is called **equivalence relation** if it is *reflexive*, *Symmetric* and *Transitive*.

**Example 4.** Set  $X = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 | b \neq 0\}$ , satisfies  $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$  if  $ad = bc$ .

1. *Reflexive*:  $(a, b) \sim (a, b), \forall (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ .
2. *Symmetric*:  $\forall (a, b), (c, d) \in \mathbb{Z}^2, (a, b) \sim (c, d) \Rightarrow (c, d) \sim (a, b)$ .
3. *Transitive*:  $\forall (a, b), (c, d), (u, v) \in \mathbb{Z}^2, (a, b) \sim (c, d), (c, d) \sim (u, v) \Rightarrow ad = bc, cv = du \Rightarrow acv = adu = bcu \Rightarrow av = bu \Rightarrow (a, b) \sim (u, v)$ .

So this is an equivalence relation.

**Example 5.**  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a function, define  $\sim_f$  on  $X$  by  $a \sim_f b$  if  $f(a) = f(b)$ .

1. *Reflexive*:  $a \sim a, \forall a \in X$ .
2. *Symmetric*:  $a, b \in X, a \sim b \Rightarrow b \sim a$ .
3. *Transitive*:  $\forall a, b, c \in X, a \sim b, b \sim c \Rightarrow f(a) = f(b) = f(c) \Rightarrow a \sim c$ .

So  $\sim_f$  is an equivalence relation.

## 2.2 Partition (满足不重叠, 无剩余的 set 拆分结果)

$X$  a set, a partition of  $X$  is a collection  $\omega$  of subsets of  $X$  s.t.

- 1)  $\forall A, B \in \omega$  either  $A = B$  or  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .
- 2)  $\cup_{A \in \omega} A = X$ .

The subsets are the **cells** of partition.

## 2.3 Equivalence class

### 2.3.1 $[x]$ : equivalence class

Define the **equivalence class** of  $x$  to be the subset  $[x] \subset X$ :

$$[x] = \{y \in X | y \sim x\}$$

Where  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.

$\sim$  is reflexive  $\Rightarrow x \in [x]$ . We say that any  $y \in [x]$  as a **representative** of the equivalence class.

### 2.3.2 $X/\sim$ : set of equivalence classes

Set of equivalence classes 是一个 **set** 被某种 *equivalence relation* 分类的结果

We write the set of equivalence classes

$$X/\sim = \{[x] | x \in X\}$$

## 2.4 Relationship of Equivalence relation, Set of equivalence classes and Partitions

给定  $X$ , Equivalence relation  $\sim$  与 Set of equivalence classes  $X/\sim$  具有相同的信息量; 包含所有 Partitions 的集合与包含所有 Set of equivalence classes 的集合相同。

### 2.4.1 Theorem 1.2.7: Equivalence relation $\sim \Leftrightarrow$ Set of equivalence classes $X/\sim$ ; {all Sets of equivalence classes} = {all Partitions}

**Theorem 2** (Theorem 1.2.7).  $X/\sim$  is a partition of  $X$ . Conversely, given a partition  $\omega$  of  $X$ , there exists a unique equivalence relation  $\sim_\omega$  s.t.  $X/\sim_\omega = \omega$ .

- (1) Equivalence relation  $\sim$  生成一个对应的 Set of equivalence classes  $X/\sim$ , 该  $X/\sim$  就是一个 Partition. (可以看作 1. 所有 Set of equivalence classes 都是 Partitions; 2.  $\sim \Rightarrow X/\sim$  由方式推结果)
- (2) 反之, 我们也可以根据已有的 Partition  $\omega$ , 将其作为一种分类方式  $\sim_\omega$  的 (i.e.  $X/\sim_\omega = \omega$ ) 这个对应的  $\sim_\omega$  存在且是唯一的. (可以看作 1. 所有 Partitions 都是 Set of equivalence classes; 2.  $X/\sim \Rightarrow \sim$  由结果推方式)

证明.

(1)  $X/\sim$  is a partition of  $X$ :

$$\forall x, y \in X \text{ s.t. } [x] \cap [y] \neq \emptyset$$

$$\text{Let } z \in [x] \cap [y] \Rightarrow z \sim x, z \sim y$$

$$\forall w \in [x] \Rightarrow w \sim x \Rightarrow x \sim w \Rightarrow z \sim w \Rightarrow w \sim z \Rightarrow w \sim y \Rightarrow [x] \subset [y]$$

$$\text{Similarly we can prove } [y] \subset [x] \Rightarrow [x] = [y]$$

(2) Given a partition  $\omega$  of  $X$ , there exists a unique equivalence relation  $\sim_\omega$  s.t.  $X/\sim_\omega = \omega$ :

(2.1) Prove there exists an equivalence relation s.t.  $X/\sim_\omega = \omega$ :

We define a relation:  $x \sim_\omega y$  if there exists  $A \in \omega$  s.t.  $x, y \in A \Rightarrow \sim_\omega$  is symmetric and transitive.

Since  $\cup_{A \in \omega} A = X$ , we know  $\forall x \in X, \exists A \in \omega$  s.t.  $x \in A \Rightarrow \sim_\omega$  is reflexive. So  $\sim_\omega$  is an equivalence relation.

We know  $A = [x], \forall A \in \omega, \forall x \in A$  (by  $\sim_\omega$ ), then  $X/\sim_\omega = \{[x] | x \in \cup_{A \in \omega} A\} = \{\{A^* | x \in A^*\} | A^* \in \omega\} = \omega$ .

(2.2) Prove the equivalence relation is unique:

Set  $\sim$  be any equivalence relation that make  $X/\sim = \omega$ , then we know  $\forall A \in \omega, \exists x \in X$  s.t.  $[x] = A$ . According to the definition of  $[x]$ , if  $x \in A, y \sim x$  if and only if  $y \in [x] = A$ . Which is exactly the  $\sim_\omega$ .  $\square$

**Example 6** (the same as example 5).  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a function, define  $\sim_f$  on  $X$  by  $a \sim_f b$  if  $f(a) = f(b)$ . In this example the **equivalence classes** are precisely the fibers  $[x] = f^{-1}(f(x))$ .  $y \sim_f x \Rightarrow y \in f^{-1}(f(x))$

**Example 7** (the same as example 4). Set  $X = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 | b \neq 0\}$ , satisfies  $(a, b) \sim (c, d)$  if  $ad = bc$ . i.e. we write the equivalence of  $(a, b)$  as  $\frac{a}{b} = [(a, b)]$ . Then  $X/\sim = \mathbb{Q}$ .

**2.4.2 Proposition 1.2.12:** 根据结果  $X/\sim = \{[x] | x \in X\}$  推断的  $\sim_\pi$  equals to  $\sim$ .

**Proposition 3** (Proposition 1.2.12). If  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $X$ , define a surjective function  $\pi : X \rightarrow X/\sim$  by  $\pi(x) = [x]$ . Then  $\sim_\pi = \sim$  (the definition of  $\sim_f$  in example 6.)

证明.

(1) Surjective:

$X/\sim = \{[x] | x \in X\} = \{\pi(x) | x \in X\}$ , so  $\forall y \in X/\sim, y \in \{\pi(x) | x \in X\}$ , there exists  $x \in X$  s.t.  $\pi(x) = y$ .

(2)  $\sim_\pi = \sim$

$a \sim_\pi b$  if  $\pi(a) = \pi(b) \Leftrightarrow [a] = [b]$ , which is exactly the definition of  $\sim$ .  $\square$

逻辑:

1. Given  $\sim$ ;

2. Get the corresponding  $X/\sim = \{[x] | x \in X\}$ ;

3.  $\pi(x) = [x]$ ;

4.  $\sim_\pi$ :  $a \sim_\pi b$  iff  $\pi(a) = \pi(b)$

5.  $\sim_\pi = \sim$

根据结果  $X/\sim = \{[x] | x \in X\}$  推断的  $\sim_\pi$  equals to  $\sim$ .

**2.4.3 Proposition 1.2.13:** 给  $X$  标记  $Y: f$ , 给  $X/\sim$  标记  $Y: \tilde{f}$ ,; 两函数之间一一对应

**Proposition 4** (Proposition 1.2.13). *Given any function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  there exists a unique function  $\tilde{f}: X/\sim \rightarrow Y$  such that  $\tilde{f} \circ \pi = f$ , where  $\pi: X \rightarrow X/\sim$  in proposition 3. Furthermore,  $\tilde{f}$  is a bijection onto the image  $f(X)$ .*

证明.

(1) Existence:

We define  $x_1 \sim_f x_2$  if  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ . Set  $\tilde{f}: X/\sim_f \rightarrow Y$ ,  $\tilde{f}([x]) = f(x)$ . Then  $\tilde{f}[\pi(x)] = \tilde{f}([x]) = f(x)$ . Exactly what we require.

(2) Uniqueness:

Set any  $\tilde{f}'$  s.t.  $\tilde{f}' \circ \pi = f$ , then  $\tilde{f}'[\pi(x)] = \tilde{f}'([x]) = f(x)$ , i.e. the  $\tilde{f}$  is unique.

(3) Bijection:

*Surjective*, which we proved before  $\forall f, \exists \tilde{f}$  s.t.  $\tilde{f} \circ \pi = f$ ;

*Injective*, we also have proved the uniqueness  $f = \tilde{f} \circ \pi = \tilde{f}' \circ \pi \Rightarrow \tilde{f} = \tilde{f}'$ . □

### 3 Permutations 改变位置

**3.1**  $Sym(X) = \{\sigma: X \rightarrow X | \sigma \text{ is a bijection}\}$ : permutation group of  $X$ ; elements in  $Sym(X)$ : permutations of  $X$

We set  $Sym(X) = \{\sigma: X \rightarrow X | \sigma \text{ is a bijection}\} \subset X^X$ . We call it **symmetric group of  $X$**  or **permutation group of  $X$** . We call the elements in  $Sym(X)$  the **permutations of  $X$**  or the **symmetries of  $X$** .

#### 3.1.1 Properties of $\circ$ on $Sym(X)$

**Proposition 5** (Proposition 1.3.1.). *For any nonempty set  $X$ ,  $\circ$  is an operation on  $Sym(X)$  with the following properties:*

(i)  $\circ$  is associative.

(ii)  $id_X \in Sym(X)$ , and for all  $\sigma \in Sym(X)$ ,  $id_X \circ \sigma = \sigma \circ id_X = \sigma$ , and

(iii) For all  $\sigma \in Sym(X)$ ,  $\sigma^{-1} \in Sym(X)$ .

Permutations 类似于 rearrangement, 交换  $X$  中元素的排序。



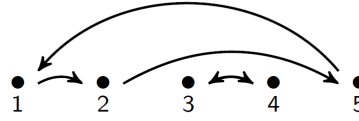
### 3.1.2 $S_n$ : Permutation group on $n$ elements, $\sigma^i$

**Note 1.** When  $X = \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , write  $S_n = \text{Sym}(X)$  **symmetric/permutation group on  $n$  elements**.

**Note 2.**  $\sigma \in \text{Sym}(X)$ , write  $\sigma^n = \sigma \circ \sigma \circ \dots \circ \sigma$ ,  $\sigma^0 = \text{id}_X$ ,  $\sigma^{-1} = \text{inverse}$ ,  $r > 0$ ,  $\sigma^{-r} = (\sigma^{-1})^r$ . So,  $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\sigma^{r+s} = \sigma^r \circ \sigma^s = \sigma^s \circ \sigma^r$ .

### 3.1.3 $k$ -cycle, cyclically permute/fix

**Example 8.**

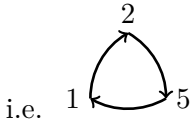


$$1 \xrightarrow{\sigma} 2 \xrightarrow{\sigma} 5 \xrightarrow{\sigma} 1, \quad \tau_1$$

$$3 \xrightarrow{\sigma} 4 \xrightarrow{\sigma} 3, \quad \tau_2$$

图 1: Example of Cycle

In the example of *Figure 1*,  $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 1 & 4 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\sigma = \tau_1 \circ \tau_2$ , where  $\tau_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\tau_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .  $\tau_1$  is 3-cycle,  $\tau_2$  is 2-cycle. We could represent  $\tau_1 = (1 \ 2 \ 5) = (2 \ 5 \ 1) = (5 \ 1 \ 2)$ ,



i.e.  $1 \xrightarrow{\tau_1} 2 \xrightarrow{\tau_1} 5 \xrightarrow{\tau_1} 1$ . Similarly, we can represent  $\tau_2 = (3, 4) = (4, 3)$ , i.e.  $3 \longleftrightarrow 4$

We can find that  $\forall x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $\tau_1^3(x) = x$ ,  $\tau_2^2(x) = x$ , so we write  $\tau_1$  as a **3-cycle** in  $S_5$ ,  $\tau_2$  as a **2-cycle** in  $S_5$ .

Given  $k \geq 2$ , a **k-cycle** in  $S_n$  is a permutation  $\sigma$  with the property that  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  is the union of two disjoint subsets,  $\{1, \dots, n\} = Y \cup Z$  and  $Y \cap Z = \emptyset$ , such that

1.  $\sigma(x) = x$  for every  $x \in Z$ , and
2.  $|Y| = k$ , and for any  $x \in Y$ ,  $Y = \{\sigma(x), \sigma^2(x), \sigma^3(x) \dots \sigma^k(x) = x\}$ .

We say that  $\sigma$  **cyclically permutes** the elements of  $Y$  and **fixes** the elements of  $Z$ .

$\tau_1 = (1 \ 2 \ 5)$  **cyclically permutes** the elements of  $Y = \{1, 2, 5\}$  and **fixes** the elements of  $Z = \{3, 4\}$ .

$\tau_2 = (3\ 4)$  **cyclically permutes** the elements of  $Y = \{3, 4\}$  and **fixes** the elements of  $Z = \{1, 2, 5\}$ .

### 3.2 Disjoint cycles

Since the sets are cyclically permuted by  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  (i.e.  $Y$ ) are disjoint. We call the **disjoint cycle notation**  $\sigma = \tau_1 \circ \tau_2 = (1\ 2\ 5)(3\ 4)$ . (Commute the order is irrelevant)

**3.2.1 Proposition 1.3.5:** Every permutation is a composition of disjoint cycles, uniquely.

**Note 3** (Proposition 1.3.5.). *Every permutation is a composition of disjoint cycles, uniquely.*

**Proposition 6** (Proposition 1.3.5.). *Given  $\sigma \in S_n$ , there exists a unique (possibly empty) set of pairwise disjoint cycles  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k \in S_n$ , so that  $\sigma = \tau_1 \circ \dots \circ \tau_k$*

**3.2.2 Proposition 1.3.9:** 每个 permutation 可以由若干个 (可能不 disjoint 的) 2-cycles 表示

**Proposition 7** (Proposition 1.3.9.). *Given  $n \geq 2$ , any  $\sigma \in S_n$  can be expressed as a composition of 2-cycles. (not require disjoint)*

证明.

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1\ x_k)(x_1\ x_2, \dots, x_{k-1}\ x_k) &= (x_1\ x_2 \dots x_{k-1}) \\ (x_1\ x_2 \dots x_{k-1}\ x_k) &= (x_1\ x_k)(x_1, x_2 \dots x_{k-1}) \\ &= (\mathbf{x}_1\ \mathbf{x}_k)(\mathbf{x}_1\ \mathbf{x}_{k-1})(\mathbf{x}_1\ \mathbf{x}_2 \dots \mathbf{x}_{k-2}) \\ &\dots \\ &= (\mathbf{x}_1\ \mathbf{x}_k)(\mathbf{x}_1\ \mathbf{x}_{k-1})(\mathbf{x}_1\ \mathbf{x}_{k-2}) \dots (\mathbf{x}_1\ \mathbf{x}_2) \end{aligned}$$

□

**Example 9** (Exercise 1.3.2.). *Consider  $\sigma = (3\ 4\ 8)(5\ 7\ 6\ 9)$  and  $\tau = (1\ 9\ 3\ 5)(2\ 7\ 4)$  in  $S_9$  expressed in disjoint cycle notation. Compute  $\sigma \circ \tau$  and  $\tau \circ \sigma$  expressing both in disjoint cycle notation.*

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\rightarrow \sigma(\tau(1)) = \sigma(9) = 5; \quad 2 \rightarrow \sigma(\tau(2)) = \sigma(7) = 6; \\ 3 &\rightarrow \sigma(\tau(3)) = \sigma(5) = 7; \quad 4 \rightarrow \sigma(\tau(4)) = \sigma(2) = 2; \\ 5 &\rightarrow \sigma(\tau(5)) = \sigma(1) = 1; \quad 6 \rightarrow \sigma(\tau(6)) = \sigma(6) = 9; \\ 7 &\rightarrow \sigma(\tau(7)) = \sigma(4) = 8; \quad 8 \rightarrow \sigma(\tau(8)) = \sigma(8) = 3; \\ 9 &\rightarrow \sigma(\tau(9)) = \sigma(3) = 4; \\ \Rightarrow \sigma \circ \tau &= (1\ 5)(2\ 6\ 9\ 4)(3\ 7\ 8) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(1)) = \tau(1) = 9; & 2 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(2)) = \tau(2) = 7; \\
3 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(3)) = \tau(4) = 2; & 4 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(4)) = \tau(8) = 8; \\
5 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(5)) = \tau(7) = 4; & 6 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(6)) = \tau(9) = 3; \\
7 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(7)) = \tau(6) = 6; & 8 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(8)) = \tau(3) = 5; \\
9 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(9)) = \tau(5) = 1; \\
\Rightarrow \tau \circ \sigma &= (1\ 9)(2\ 7\ 6\ 3)(4\ 8\ 5)
\end{aligned}$$

**Example 10.** Let  $\sigma, \tau \in S_7$ , given in disjoint cycle, notation by  $\sigma = (1\ 5\ 4)(3\ 7), \tau = (1\ 3\ 2\ 6\ 4)$ ,  
Compute  $\sigma^2, \sigma^{-1}, \tau \circ \sigma$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma^2 &= (1\ 4\ 5), & \sigma^{-1} &= (4, 5, 1)(3, 7), \\
1 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(1)) = \tau(5) = 5, & 2 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(2)) = \tau(2) = 6, \\
3 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(3)) = \tau(7) = 7, & 4 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(4)) = \tau(1) = 3, \\
5 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(5)) = \tau(4) = 1, & 6 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(6)) = \tau(6) = 4, \\
7 &\rightarrow \tau(\sigma(7)) = \tau(3) = 2, \\
\Rightarrow \tau \circ \sigma &= (1, 5)(2, 6, 4, 3, 7)
\end{aligned}$$

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