

Recap:

1. equivariant map,  $f: X \rightarrow X'$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & X' \\ g \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & X' \end{array} \quad f(g \cdot x) = g \cdot f(x)$$

2. Symmetric group  $S_n$

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n \\ p_1 & p_2 & \dots & p_n \end{pmatrix} \quad p_i = \phi(i)$$

ex.  $\phi \in S_4 \quad \phi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1234)$

3. canonical rep.

$$\dim V = n. \quad \hat{e}_i = \{0, 0, \dots, 1, 0, \dots\}_{i\text{th}}$$

$$\tau_g(\hat{e}_i) (= \sum_j A_{ji} \hat{e}_j) = \hat{e}_{\phi(i)}$$

$$A_{ji} = \hat{e}_j^T \hat{e}_{\phi(i)} = \delta_{j, \phi(i)}$$

4.  $\phi \xrightarrow{\text{cycle decomp.}} (1)(234)(5) \dots$  unique up to

transposition decomp.

$$(a_1 a_2 \dots a_r) = (a_1 a_r)(a_1 a_{r-1}) \dots (a_1 a_2)$$

generators :

$$\textcircled{1} \sigma_i = (i, i+1)$$

$$\textcircled{2} (12) \text{ \& } (12 \cdots n)$$

5. transposition decomp. not unique.  
but even & odd unique.

Definition A permutation  $\phi \in S_n$  is even (odd) if it is a product of even (odd) transpositions. ("Parity")

(equivalent)  
Definition. If  $\phi = \sigma_1 \dots \sigma_t \overset{\in S_n}{\vee}$  is a complete factorization into disjoint cycles (signature)  

$$\text{sgn}(\phi) = (-1)^{n-t}$$

cycle decomp. is unique  $\Rightarrow$   $\text{sgn}$  is well-defined

$$(123) \in S_3$$

$$0 \quad \text{sgn}((123)) = (-1)^{3-1} = 1 \quad \text{even.}$$

$$0 \quad S_6 \ni \phi = (123)(45) = (123)(45)(6) \quad \begin{matrix} n=6 \\ t=3 \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{sgn} = (-1)^3 = -1$$

$$0 \quad \text{transposition } \tau = (ij) \quad t = n-1 \quad \text{sgn}(\tau) = (-1)^1 = -1$$

$$0 \quad r\text{-cycle} \quad t = (n-r)+1 \quad \begin{matrix} r \text{ odd} \Leftrightarrow \text{even perm.} \\ \text{even} \Leftrightarrow \text{odd.} \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{sgn } \phi = (-1)^{n-t} = (-1)^{r+1}$$

$$0 \quad \text{sgn}(\tau \phi) = \text{sgn}(\tau) \text{sgn}(\phi) \quad \text{actually}$$

$$\text{sgn}(\alpha\beta) = \text{sgn}(\alpha) \text{sgn}(\beta)$$

We can define a homomorphism:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sgn} : S_n &\longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2 \\ \phi &\longmapsto \text{sgn}(\phi) \end{aligned}$$

Definition: The Alternating group  $A_n \subset S_n$   
is the subgroup of  $S_n$  of even  
permutations.

$$\text{sgn}(\phi) = 1 \quad \forall \phi \in A_n$$

①  $A_n$  is a subgroup?

$$\textcircled{2} \quad A_2 = \{1\}$$

$$A_3 = \{1, (123), (132)\}$$

$$A_4 = \{1,$$

$$(123), (132),$$

$$(124), (142)$$

$$(134), (143)$$

$$(234), (243)$$

$$(12)(34), (13)(24)$$

$$(14)(23) \}$$

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$$\textcircled{3} \quad A_2 \text{ is Abelian} \quad A_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \cong \mu_2$$

$A_6$  is not Abelian.  $A_{n \geq 4}$  not

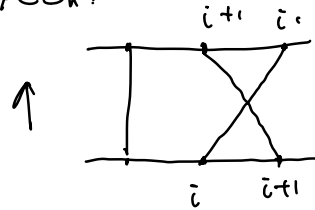
$$(123)(124) \neq (13)(24)$$

$$(124)(123) \neq (14)(23)$$

# I.4. Braiding group

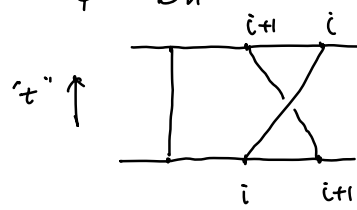
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$\phi \in S_n$ :



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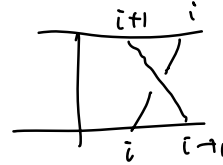
$\tilde{\phi} \in B_n$   $\tilde{\sigma}(i) = (\tilde{i}, \tilde{i}+1)$



"t" ↑

$\tilde{\sigma}(i)^{-1}$

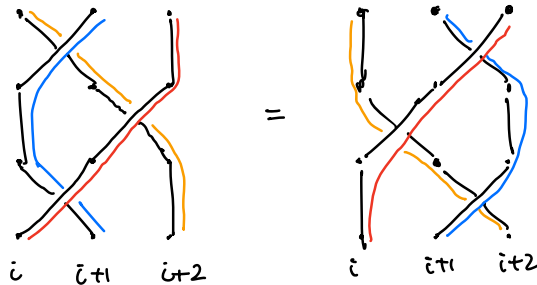
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$$\textcircled{1} \tilde{\sigma}_i \tilde{\sigma}_j = \tilde{\sigma}_j \tilde{\sigma}_i \quad (|i-j| \geq 2)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \tilde{\sigma}_i \tilde{\sigma}_{i+1} \tilde{\sigma}_i = \tilde{\sigma}_{i+1} \tilde{\sigma}_i \tilde{\sigma}_{i+1}$$

↑



difference between  $\sigma_i$  &  $\tilde{\sigma}_i$

$$\sigma_i^2 = 1$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_i^2 \neq 1$$

$$S_n = \langle \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{n-1} \mid \sigma_i \sigma_j \sigma_i^{-1} \sigma_j^{-1} = 1, |i-j| \geq 2$$

$$\sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i = \sigma_{i+1} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1},$$

$$\sigma_i^2 = 1 \quad >$$

$$\mathcal{B}_n = \langle \tilde{\sigma}_1, \dots, \tilde{\sigma}_n \mid \tilde{\sigma}_i \tilde{\sigma}_j \tilde{\sigma}_i^{-1} \tilde{\sigma}_j^{-1} = 1, \quad |i-j| \geq 2$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_i \tilde{\sigma}_{i+1} \tilde{\sigma}_i = \tilde{\sigma}_{i+1} \tilde{\sigma}_i \tilde{\sigma}_{i+1}, \quad (\tilde{\sigma}_i^2 \neq 1)$$

Anyon, fractional quantum hall.

Topological quantum computing

Yang-Baxter equations

$$\phi: \mathcal{B}_n \longrightarrow S_n \quad \text{homo.}$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_i \longmapsto \sigma_i$$

## 6. Cosets and conjugacy (7)

### 6.1. Cosets and Lagrange theorem 3/6 12/36

Definition: Let  $H \subset G$  be a subgroup.

The set

$$gH := \{ gh \mid h \in H \}$$

is a left-coset of  $H$ .

(right-coset  $Hg = \{ hg \mid h \in H \}$ )

$g \in G$  is a representative of  $gH$  ( $Hg$ )

Example. ①  $G = \mathbb{Z}$      $H = n\mathbb{Z}$

$$g+H = \{ g+n \cdot r \mid r \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

$$= \{ i \mid i \equiv g \pmod{n} \}$$

$$n=2 \quad H \cong H+1$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad G = S_3 \quad H = S_2 = \{ 1, (12) \} \subset S_3$$

$$S_3 = \{ 1, (12), (13), (23), (123), (132) \}$$

$$gH: \quad 1 \cdot H = H$$

$$(12)H = \{ (12), 1 \} = H$$

$$(13)H = \{ (13), (123) \}$$

$$(23)H = \{(23), (132)\}$$

$$(123)H = \{(123), (123)(12) = (13)\}$$

$$(132)H = \{(132), (23)\}$$

$$[L \neq R: H(123) = \{(123), (23)\} \neq (123)H]$$

Observation: The (left) cosets are either the same or disjoint.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{seen as group action: } \begin{array}{l} X = G \\ G = H \end{array} \\ \text{right action of } H \text{ on } G. \\ G \times H \rightarrow G \\ (g, h) \mapsto gh. \end{array} \right] \quad \text{or left action:} \\ \begin{array}{l} H \times G \rightarrow G \\ (h, g) \mapsto \underline{gh^{-1}} \end{array}$$

Proof: suppose  $g \in g_1 H \cap g_2 H$  then

$$g = g_1 h_1 = g_2 h_2 \quad h_i \in H$$

$$g_1 = g_2 \underline{h_2 h_1^{-1}} = g_2 h \quad h = h_2 h_1^{-1} \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow g_1 H = g_2 H \quad (\text{not } g_1 \cdot h = g_2 \cdot h)$$

cosets define an equivalence relation.

$$g_1 \sim g_2 \quad \text{if } \exists h \in H. \text{ s.t. } g_1 = g_2 h \\ (g_1 H = g_2 H)$$



Theorem (Lagrange): If  $H$  is a subgroup  
of a finite group  $G$ , then

$$|H| \text{ divides } |G|.$$

*divides makes  
no sense for  $\infty$*

Proof.  $|g_i H| = |H| \quad \forall g_i \in G$ , and

$$G = \bigcup_{i=1}^m g_i H.$$

$$\Rightarrow |G| = m |H|$$

Corollary. If  $|G| = p$  is a prime, then

$G$  is a cyclic group.

$$G \cong \mu_p \cong \mathbb{Z}_p$$

Proof. pick a  $g \in G$ . s.t.  $g \neq 1$

$$H = \langle g \rangle = \{1, g, g^2, \dots\}$$

$$|H| \mid |G| \Rightarrow |H| = p \Rightarrow G = H.$$

Corollary (Fermat's little theorem)

$a$  integer.  $p$  prime

$$a^p = a \pmod{p}.$$

Definition .  $G$  a group .  $H$  subgroup .

The set of left cosets in  $G$   
is denoted  $G/H$

It is the set of orbits under the  
recall above right group action of  $H$  on  $G$ .

It is also referred to as a  
homogeneous space.

The cardinality of  $G/H$  is  
the index of  $H$  in  $G$  denoted  
 $[G:H] (= |G/H|)$

Example , 1.  $G = S_3$      $H = S_2$

$$G/H = \{ H, (123)H, (132)H \}$$

$$[G:H] = 6/2 = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{2. } G &= \langle \omega \mid \omega^{2N} = 1 \rangle & H &= \langle \omega' \mid \omega'^N = 1 \rangle \\ \omega &= e^{i \frac{2\pi}{N}} & \omega' &= e^{i \frac{2\pi}{N}} \end{aligned}$$

$$[G:H] = 2 \quad G/H = \{ H, \omega H \}$$

$$3. G = A_6 \quad H = \{1, (12)(34)\} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$[G:H] = 6$$

? is there an  $H$  s.t.  $[G:H] = 2$ ?

$$\text{if } H \text{ exists, } G/H = \{H, gH\} \quad \begin{matrix} (H \neq gH) \\ (g \notin H) \end{matrix}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ if } g^2 H = gH \Rightarrow gH = H \Rightarrow g \in H \times$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad g^2 H = H \Rightarrow g^2 \in H$$

$\Rightarrow$  regardless of  $g \in H$  or not,  $g^2 \in H$ . now consider 3-cycles

$$(123)(123) = (132) \Rightarrow \text{3-cycle is the square of another 3-cycle}$$

there are 8 3-cycles in  $A_6$

$$(8 > 6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{No } |H| = 6$$

converse of Lagrange theorem is usually not true.

disproven:  $[G:H] = 2$ .

$$G = H \cup gH \quad (g \notin H)$$

$$Hg \neq H \Rightarrow Hg = gH \quad H = gHg^{-1}$$

"normal subgroup"

A special case: (leave for reading)

Theorem (Sylow's first theorem). Suppose  $p$  is prime and  $p^k$  divides  $|G|$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$

Then there is a subgroup of order  $p^k$

Example.

$$\textcircled{1} S_3 \quad |S_3| = 6 = 2 \times 3$$

$$2: S_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$3: A_3 \cong \mathbb{Z}_3$$

$$\textcircled{2} |\mathbb{Q}| = 8 = 2^3$$

$$|H| = 2: \{ \pm 1 \}$$

$$|H| = 4: \{ 1, -1, i, -i \}$$

$\downarrow$   
 $\{ j, -j, k, -k \}$

$$|H| = 8 \quad \mathbb{Q}$$