

Recap:

1. Group representations

$$\varphi: G \rightarrow GL(V) \xrightarrow{b} GL(n, K)$$

V : carrier space. $n = \dim_K V$.

$$g \mapsto \tau_g \mapsto P(g)$$

equivalent rep: $\exists S$ s.t. $\forall g \in G, P'(g) = S P(g) S^{-1}$

2. Group actions on sets X

$$\text{hom. } \Phi: G \rightarrow S_X := \{ X \xrightarrow{f} X : f \text{ permutations} \} \\ (1-1 \text{ \& onto})$$

$$g \mapsto \phi(g, \cdot) \text{ a permutation.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(g_2, \phi(g_1, x)) &\equiv g_2 \cdot (g_1 \cdot x) \\ &= (g_2 \cdot g_1) \cdot x \equiv \phi(g_2 g_1, x) \end{aligned}$$

X : G -set

Examples: 1. $X = G$. then

$$g \cdot x \equiv g \cdot x \quad \text{group multi.}$$

$$g \cdot x \equiv g x g^{-1} \quad \text{conj.}$$

2. $GL(n, K)$ on K^n . \rightarrow SG. on $\vec{r} \in \mathbb{R}^3$

Orbits : $D_G(x) = \{ g \cdot x \mid \forall g \in G \}$

$$D_G(x_1) \cap D_G(x_2) = \emptyset \text{ or } D_G(x_1) = D_G(x_2)$$

\Rightarrow equivalence classes

X/G . partitions G .

3. induced action on function space:

$$f \in F[X \rightarrow Y]$$

$$(g \cdot f)(x) = f(g^{-1} \cdot x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (g \circ f)(g \cdot x) = f(x) \quad \checkmark$$

4.3 equivariant maps

Definition Let X, X' be two G -spaces

A equivariant map, $f: X \rightarrow X'$

satisfies

$$f(g \cdot x) = g \cdot f(x) \quad \forall x \in X \quad \forall g \in G.$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & X' \\ \phi(g) \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi'(g) \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & X' \end{array}$$

$$f(\phi(g) \cdot x) = \phi'(g) \cdot f(x)$$

f is also called a morphism of

G -spaces.

态射: 保持数学结构不变

Examples.

$G = \mathbb{Z}$ acts on \mathbb{R}

$$n: x \mapsto x + n$$

orbits?



$$\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} = [0, 1) \sim S^1$$

• equivariant map?

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathbb{R} \\ \phi_n \downarrow & f & \downarrow \phi_n \\ \mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{R} \end{array}$$

$$f(x) + n_1 = f(x + n_1)$$

$$f(x) + n_2 = f(x + n_2)$$

$$\underline{f(x + n_1)} - \underline{f(x + n_2)} = \underline{n_1 - n_2} \quad \forall x, n_i$$

$$f(x) = x + \alpha$$

5. The symmetric group

(Moore Sec. 6)

Rotman. Intro. to the
theory of groups

Recall that

Def 1.3

Given a set X , the set of all permutations

$$S_X := \{ f: X \rightarrow X : f \text{ is 1-1 \& onto (invertible)} \}$$

For $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ denote the symmetric group on

n elements, S_n , which is the set of

all permutations of the set $X = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

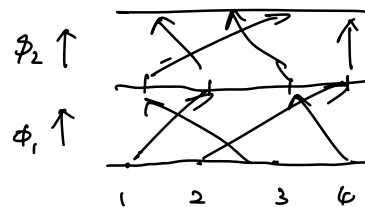
$$(|S_n| = n!)$$

A permutation can be written as (two-line notation)

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

$$\phi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\phi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\phi_2 \cdot \phi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

we use the "right" convention.

$$\phi_2 \cdot \phi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} & 2 & \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} & 4 \\ & 4 & & 2 \end{pmatrix} \equiv (2\ 4) \quad \text{循环表示}$$

Canonical permutation rep. of S_n .

"regular rep. of S_n " by Zee book. 正则表示

Consider S_n and an n -dim. carrier space ($\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{C}^n$ etc.)

with an ordered basis $\vec{e}_i = \{0, 0, \dots, 0, \underbrace{1}_{i\text{-th}}, 0, \dots, 0\}$

$$\phi \in S_n : T(\phi) : \vec{e}_i \rightarrow \vec{e}_{\phi(i)}$$

$$T(\phi)\vec{e}_i = \sum_{j=1}^n A(\phi)_{ji} \vec{e}_j \quad A \in GL(n, \mathbb{K})$$

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

$$\phi = (1234) \in S_4 \quad A(\phi) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\phi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad A(\phi_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\phi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad A(\phi_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

5.1. Cycles & transpositions

Definition. Let i_1, \dots, i_r be distinct integers between 1 and n .

If $\phi \in S_n$ fixes the remaining integers and if

$$\phi(i_1) = i_2, \phi(i_2) = i_3, \dots, \phi(i_r) = i_1,$$

then ϕ is an r -cycle (cycle of length r)

$$(i_1 i_2 i_3 \dots i_r)$$

A 2-cycle is called a transposition.

Remarks:

1. cycles are the same up to cyclic ordering

$$(234) = (423) = (342)$$

2. disjoint cycles commute

$$(234)(56) = (56)(234)$$

$$(12)(23) \neq (23)(12)$$

$$(231) \quad (132)$$

3. inverse of a permutation

$$[(12)(345)]^{-1} = (12)(543) = (12)(354)$$

$$[(12)(23)]^{-1} = (23)(12) = (132) = (231)^{-1}$$

Theorem: Every permutation $\phi \in S_n$ is either a cycle or can be factorized into disjoint cycles.

(Proof by induction)

(Def) Complete factorization: is a product of disjoint cycles which contains one 1-cycle for each fixed x .

$$\underline{(1)(234)} = (1)(1)(234)$$

Complete factorization of a permutation ϕ is unique (up to ordering), which we call the cycle decomposition of ϕ .

5.2. Cayley's theorem

Theorem (Cayley, 1878)

Every group G is isomorphic to a subgroup of S_G ("can be embedded in S_G ")

In particular, if $|G| = n$, then G is isomorphic to a subgroup of S_n .

Proof: recall group action. let $X = G$. define left-mult.

$$\forall h. \quad L(h): G \rightarrow G \\ f \mapsto h \cdot f$$

$L(h) \in S_G$, as it is one-one and onto

and naturally $L(h_1) \cdot L(h_2) = L(h_1 h_2)$

So the map $L: h \mapsto L(h)$ is a homomorphism.

L is one-one, thus $G \cong L(G) \leq S_G$

$S_G \cong S_n$ with an ordered set.

$\left(\begin{array}{l} \{1, \omega, \omega^2, \dots, \omega^{n-1}\} \subseteq \mu_n \quad S_{\mu_n} \cong S_n \\ \text{"natural ordering"} \end{array} \right)$

$D_n, SU(n)$ has no natural order

Example. $\mathbb{Z}_n \cong \langle (1\ 2\ \dots\ n) \rangle \cong \mu_n$
 $n=3$ $\langle \omega \rangle$

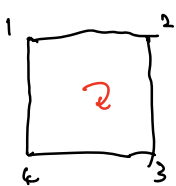
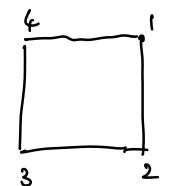
$\langle (123) \rangle = \{1, (123), (132)\} = A_3 \subset S_3$

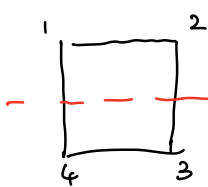
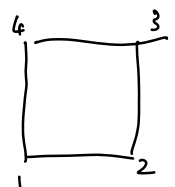
$\mu_3 = \{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$ (later)

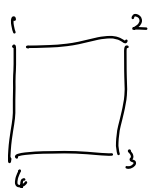
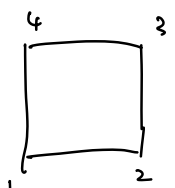

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Example. $D_4 = \langle AB \mid A^4 = B^2 = (AB)^2 = 1 \rangle$

$|D_4| = 8 \cong$ a subgroup of S_8

A:  \rightarrow  $:= (1\ 2\ 3\ 4)$ subgroup of S_4

B:  \rightarrow  $:= (1\ 4)(2\ 3)$

AB:  \xrightarrow{B}  \xrightarrow{A}  $:= (1\ 2\ 4)$
 $(AB)^2 = 1$

How to find the isomorphism?

\rightarrow use multiplication table (Cayley table)

Klein's 4-group.

$$V = \langle ab \mid a^2 = b^2 = (ab)^2 = e \rangle \\ \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$e = (0, 0)$$

$$a = (1, 0)$$

$$b = (0, 1)$$

$$c = (1, 1)$$

$$|V| = 4$$

$$\phi: V \rightarrow \text{im}(V) \subset S_4$$

$$a \mapsto \phi(a)$$

→

		e	a	b	c
1	e	e	a	b	c
2	a	a ₂	e ₁	c ₄	b ₃
3	b	b ₃	c ₄	e ₁	a ₂
4	c	c	b	a	e

$$\phi(e) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 1$$

$$\phi(a) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (12)(34)$$

$$\phi(b) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

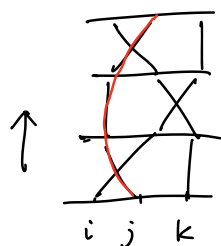
$$= (13)(24)$$

$$\phi(c) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (14)(23)$$

I.3. Transpositions / 2-cycles

i, j, k are distinct.

$$\textcircled{1} (ij)(jk)(ij) = (ik) = (jk)(ij)(jk)$$



$$\textcircled{2} (ij)^2 = 1 \quad (ij) = (ij)^{-1}$$

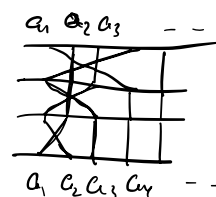
$$\textcircled{3} (ij)(kl) = (kl)(ij) \quad \text{if } \{i, j\} \cap \{k, l\} = \emptyset$$

Theorem. Every permutation $\phi \in S_n$ is
a product of transpositions. (c.f. cycle decomp.)

Proof. $\phi \in S_n$ has a cycle decomposition.

For each cycle,

$$\textcircled{0} (a_1 a_2 \dots a_r) = (a_1 a_r)(a_1 a_{r-1}) \dots (a_1 a_2)$$



any permutation can be generated by
transpositions

Remarks:

1. There are other ways to generate S_n

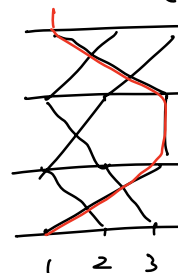
$$\textcircled{1} \sigma_i = (i \ i+1) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n-1)$$

"elementary generators"

$$(ij) = (i, i+1)(i+1, j)(i, i+1) \quad (i < j)$$

$\textcircled{2}$ generated by $\underline{(12)}$ & $(12 \dots n)$ $\therefore (23)$

$$(23) = (12 \dots n)(12)(1 \dots n)^{-1}$$



Remark: transposition decomposition is not unique

$$(123) = \underline{(13)} \underline{(12)} = \underline{(23)} \underline{(13)}$$

$$= \underline{(13)(42)(12)(14)}$$

$$= \underline{(13)(42)(12)(14)(23)(23)} \dots$$

always even number of transpositions