

Permutation group.

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Definition: A permutation of a set A is nothing but a bijection from A to itself.

or we can also state as: let f is a function defined from a set A to A itself, then f is called a permutation of A if

- (a) f is an injection function i.e. f is one-one
 - (b) f is a surjection function i.e. f is onto.
- $\Rightarrow f$ is one-one onto.

Two row notation form: let A is a finite set. i.e. $A = (a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)$ of n distinct elements and $f: A \rightarrow A$ is one-one onto. In two row form

$$\Rightarrow f = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \dots & a_n \\ f(a_1) & f(a_2) & f(a_3) & \dots & f(a_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

(i.e. $f(a_1)$ is image of a etc.)

Ex $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ Here $f(1) = 2$
 $f(2) = 4$ etc.

Here f is one-one onto
 $\Rightarrow f$ is a permutation defined on $(1, 2, 3, 4)$

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

Because in both $f(1) = 2$; $f(2) = 4$, $f(3) = 1$
& $f(4) = 3$

Ex let $A = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ & $f(x) = ix$

Then $f(i) = i$, $f(-i) = -i$

$$f(i) = -i, f(-i) = i$$

$$\Rightarrow f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & i & -i \\ i & -i & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Here f is one-one onto $\Rightarrow f$ is a permutation

Ex Similarly Identity function i.e.

$I(x) = x \quad \forall x \in A$, then f is again an identity permutation.

Definition: Group of permutations;

(i) Let $A = (a, b)$ then two permutations can be written for A .

$$\text{Like } \sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ a & b \end{pmatrix}; \sigma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Set of permutations defined on A i.e. S_A or $S_{(a,b)}$

$$\Rightarrow S_A = \{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\}$$

(ii) Let $A = (a, b, c)$ then $\underline{3}$ permutations can be written for A .

$$\text{Like } \sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ a & b & c \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ c & a & b \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_4 = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ a & c & b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_5 = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ c & b & a \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_6 = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & a & c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_A = \{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \sigma_4, \sigma_5, \sigma_6\}$$

$\Rightarrow S_A$ contains $\underline{3} = 6$ members.

$\Rightarrow$ If A contains n elements then S_A contains $\underline{n}$ elements & $\underline{n}$ permutations.

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Composition of permutations:

Ex: let us take $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ are two permutations defined on the set $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

Basically f & g are one-one onto functions & we can define composition of functions $f \circ g$ & $g \circ f$.

let us find

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ g(1) &= f[g(1)] = f(2) = 4 \\ f \circ g(2) &= f[g(2)] = f(3) = 1 \\ f \circ g(3) &= f[g(3)] = f(4) = 3 \\ f \circ g(4) &= f[g(4)] = f(1) = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow f \circ g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

It can be obtained by arranging the first row of first permutation & second row of second permutation in a similar order. then, result will be the first row of second permutation & second row of first permutation. It can also be done as follows:

$$f \circ g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1 & 2 & 3 & 4} \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \boxed{1 & 2 & 3 & 4} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Result} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{\text{Ans}} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

This Result is also interpreted as product as f and g permutations.

Similarly $g \circ f$ can be obtained.

$$g \circ f = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4} \\ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 1 \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 1 \\ \boxed{4 \ 1 \ 3 \ 2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{To get the result,}$$

Make the first row of g & second row of f in the same order or we can say that arrange the elements of second row of f according to first row of g .

$$g \circ f = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4} \\ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 1 \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 3 \ 1 \ 4 \ 2 \\ \boxed{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow g \circ f = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \ 1 \ 4 \ 2 \\ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) & (ii) we can interpret that.

$f \circ g \neq g \circ f$ in general.

$\Rightarrow$ Product of permutation is not commutative in general.

i.e. $\sigma_1 \circ \sigma_2 \neq \sigma_2 \circ \sigma_1$ in general.

Identity permutation:

Similarly, we can define Identity permutation by the function on A .

$$I(x) = x \quad \forall x \in A$$

$$\Rightarrow I \circ f = f \circ I = f$$

Theorem:- Let f and g are two permutations defined on a set A , then $f \circ g$ & $g \circ f$ will also be the permutations.

Definition: Symmetric Group:

Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$, then the group of permutations on the set A is called symmetric group of degree n and it is denoted by S_n . This symmetric group S_n will be of order $n!$.

Ex $S_3 =$ contains six elements like $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ etc.

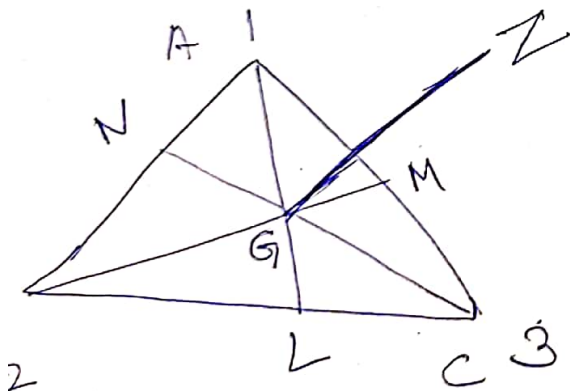
Let us denote all these six as

$$S_3 = \{p_0, p_1, p_2, M_1, M_2, M_3\}$$

It is also ~~also~~ clarified that S_3 is a group of symmetries of an equilateral triangle.

The members of S_3 can be obtained by the change positions of the vertices of the triangle by rotation along AZ , BM , CN & AL .

by $120^\circ, 240^\circ, 360^\circ, 180^\circ, 180^\circ, \& 180^\circ$ respectively.



$\Rightarrow$ By rotation, we can have symmetries.