

Unit - 2

Permutation Groups & Isomorphisms

Important Questions for pass Aspirants

- ⑤ State and prove Fermat's little theorem
- ① Cayley's theorem
- ② Lagrange's theorem
- ③ ST Set of even permutations in S_n forms a subgroup of S_n
- ④ State and prove orbit stabilizer theorem

Remaining important Questions:-

- ① PT a group of prime order is cyclic
- ② Define cosets and their properties
- ③ Find cosets of subgroup $4\mathbb{Z}$ of \mathbb{Z}
 \mathbb{Z} is is group of integers
- ④ prove that order of subgroup divides order of G and PT $a^{|G|} = e$
 add to Lagrange
- ⑤ PT for $n > 1$ Alternating group A_n has order $\frac{n!}{2}$
- ⑥ Let $\alpha, \beta \in S_6$ and $\alpha = (1 2 4 5 3 6)$
 $\beta = (1 4 3 2 5 6) \Rightarrow$ find $\alpha, \beta, \alpha\beta^{-1}, \alpha^2$
- ⑦ Let $\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\beta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$
 find $\alpha^{-1}, \beta\alpha, \alpha\beta$
- ⑧ if $\sigma \in S_6 \Rightarrow \sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$ find σ^{2014}

Permutation :-

A set A defined as function $f: A \rightarrow A$ which is both one-to-one and onto is called permutation. one-to-one & onto is also called bijections.

$$f = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \dots a_i \dots a_n \\ a_{i_1} & a_{i_2} & a_{i_3} \dots a_{i_j} \dots a_{i_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f: A \rightarrow A$$

f is permutation with.

$$f(a_j) = a_{i_j} \text{ for } j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

where,

i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n is a permutation of $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$

Q56. State and prove Lagrange's theorem on groups. (MGU) July/Aug.-22, Q10

OR

State the prove Lagrange's theorem for groups. (OU) Jan.-21, Q11

OR

State and prove Lagrange's theorem.

[(OU) Sep./Oct.-21, Q16 | (KU) PP-1, Q10(a) |

(KU) May/June-18, Q3(b) | (OU) May/June-18, Q10(a)(i) |

Answer :

(OU) May/June-19, Q3]

Statement

If ' G ' is a finite group and ' H ' is a subgroup of ' G ', then $|H|$ divides $|G|$.

Proof

Let, ' G ' be a finite group and ' H ' be the subgroup of G .



$\{-1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$
 in G

$\{-12, -8, -4, 0, 4, 8, \dots\}$

right coset of H in G
 [$\because G$ is abelian]
 where $a \in G$

$\{4, -4, 0, 4, 8, 12, 16, \dots\}$

$\{7, -3, 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, \dots\}$

$\{-6, -2, 2, 6, 10, 14, \dots\}$

$\{-1, 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, \dots\}$

$\{4, -4, 0, 4, 8, 12, 16, \dots\}$

$\{1, 5, 9, 13, \dots\}$

$\{2, 6, 10, 14, 18, \dots\}$

$\dots = 0 + H$
 $\dots = 1 + H$
 $\dots = 2 + H$
 $\dots = 3 + H$

are disjoint sets
 ment between them
 $(1 + H) \cup (3 + H) = G$
 $(1 + H) \cup (2 + H) = G$

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ge's theorem.
 16 | (KU) PP-1, Q10(a) |
 May/June-18, Q10(a)(i) |
 (OU) May/June-19, Q3

Let the order of G and H be ' n ' and ' m ' respectively.
 $\Rightarrow |G| = n$
 $\Rightarrow |H| = m$

Let, a_1H, a_2H, \dots, a_kH be distinct left cosets of H in G , then,
 For $a \in G, aH = a_iH$ for some i and from properties of cosets, $a \in a_iH$
 \therefore Each member of G belongs to one of the cosets a_iH
 i.e., $a_1H \cup a_2H \cup \dots \cup a_kH = G$
 Applying modulus on both sides,
 $|a_1H \cup a_2H \cup \dots \cup a_kH| = |G|$
 $\Rightarrow |a_1H| + |a_2H| + \dots + |a_kH| = |G| \quad \dots (1)$

From the properties of cosets,
 $|a_iH| = |H| = m$ for each $a \in G$

Substituting the corresponding values in equation (1),
 $m + m + \dots + m$ (k times) $= n$
 $\Rightarrow mk = n$
 $\Rightarrow k = \frac{n}{m}$ (an integer) $\dots (2)$

It can be seen from equation (2) that m divides n .
 $\therefore |H|$ divides $|G|$.

Q57. Prove that a group of prime order is cyclic. [(OU) Sep./Oct.-21, Q6 | (OU) Jan.-21, Q12]

OR

Show that every group of prime order is cyclic. (OU) May/June-18, Q10(a)(ii)

OR

State Lagrange's theorem in groups. Using Lagrange's theorem prove that every group of prime order is cyclic.

Answer : [March/April-16, Q10(a) | Oct.-12, Q10(a)]

Statement

If ' H ' is a subgroup of a finite group ' G ', then the order of H divides the order of G . i.e., $|H|$ divides $|G|$.

Proof

Let ' G ' the group and prime number ' p ' is the order of the group.

i.e., $|G| = p$

Since

Thus, for every element $a \in G$ such that $a \neq e$.

The group $\langle a \rangle$ generated by a is



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For $a \in G$, $aH = a_iH$ for some i and from properties of cosets, $a \in a_iH$

\therefore Each member of G belongs to one of the cosets a_iH

$$\text{i.e., } a_1H \cup a_2H \cup \dots \cup a_kH = G$$

Applying modulus on both sides,

$$|a_1H \cup a_2H \cup \dots \cup a_kH| = |G|$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_1H| + |a_2H| + \dots + |a_kH| = |G| \quad \dots (1)$$

From the properties of cosets,

$$|aH| = |H| = m \text{ for each } a \in G$$

Substituting the corresponding values in equation (1),

$$m + m + \dots + m \text{ (} k \text{ times)} = n$$

$$\Rightarrow mk = n$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{n}{m} \text{ (an integer)} \quad \dots (2)$$

It can be seen from equation (2) that m divides n .

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

Corollary: Prove that a group of prime order is

Q27. In a finite group, the order of each element of the group divides the order of the group.

Answer :

Let G be a finite group and the order of G is n

$$\text{i.e., } |G| = n$$

Let $a \in G$

and the order of an element $a \neq e \in G$

$$|a| = m \text{ then}$$

$|H| = \langle a \rangle$ is a subgroup of G

$$\text{and } |H| = m$$

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

$$\therefore |a| \text{ divides } |G|$$

Q29. Suppose G is a finite group and let $a \in G$.

Then prove that $a^{|G|} = e$.

Answer :

(OU) June/July-22, Q6

Let, ' G ' be a finite group and ' H ' be the subgroup of G .

Let the order of G and H be ' n ' and ' m ' respectively.

$$\Rightarrow |G| = n$$

$$\Rightarrow |H| = m$$

If a_1H, a_2H, \dots, a_kH are distinct left cosets of H in G , then

$$a_1H \cup a_2H \cup \dots \cup a_kH = G$$

Applying modulus on both sides,

$$|a_1H \cup a_2H \cup \dots \cup a_kH| = |G|$$

$$\Rightarrow |a_1H| + |a_2H| + \dots + |a_kH| = |G| \quad \dots (1)$$

From the properties of cosets,

$$|aH| = |H| = m$$

Substituting the corresponding values in equation (1),

$$m + m + \dots + m \text{ (k times)} = n$$

$$\Rightarrow mk = n$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{n}{m} \quad \dots (2)$$

It can be seen from equation (2) that m divides n .

$\therefore |H|$ divides $|G|$.

Now, $|G| = |a| k$ for some positive integer k .

$$\text{Thus, } a^{|G|} = a^{|a|k} = e^k = e$$

$$\therefore a^{|G|} = e$$

State and prove Cayley's Theorem
(or)

Define group isomorphism and ST
every group is isomorphic to a
group of permutations.

Group Isomorphism:-

An isomorphism ϕ from a group G to a group \bar{G} is a one-one and onto mapping from G to \bar{G} that preserves all group operations
 $\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b) \forall a, b \in G$

Cayley's Theorem Statement

Every finite group G is isomorphic to a permutation group.

proof:-

Isomorphism or ϕ function
ab exists $a \times b$ exists $\forall a, b \in G$

so \Rightarrow proof or

G or now a, n exists

its function $f_a: G \rightarrow G$

$$f_a(n) = an \quad \forall n \in G \quad \& \quad \emptyset$$

permutation group isomorphism

prove it now

Proof

Let ' G ' be a finite group

If $a \in G$ then for every $x \in G$, there exists a product $ax \in G$.

Consider,

A function $f_a : G \rightarrow G$ defined as

$$f_a(x) = ax \quad \forall x \in G$$

f_a is One-One

$$x, y \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow f_a(x) = f_a(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow ax = ay$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y$$

$$\therefore f_a \text{ is one-one}$$

f_a is Onto

If $x \in G$, then there exists $a^{-1}x \in G$ such that

$$f_a(a^{-1}x) = a(a^{-1}x)$$

$$= (aa^{-1})x$$

$$= ex$$

$$= x \quad [\because e \text{ is an identity element}]$$

$$\Rightarrow f_a(a^{-1}x) = x$$

$$\therefore f_a \text{ is onto}$$

As f_a is one-one and onto,

f_a is a permutation on G .

Let,

$$G' = \{f_a : a \in G\}$$

To prove G' is a group with respect to product of two functions.

Closure

$$a, b \in G$$

$$\text{Let, } f_a, f_b \in G'$$

$$\Rightarrow (f_a f_b)(x) = f_a[f_b(x)]$$

$$= f_a(bx)$$

$$= a(bx)$$

$$= (ab)x$$

$$= f_{ab}(x)$$

$$\therefore f_a f_b = f_{ab} \quad \forall x \in G$$

$$f_{ab} \in G' \text{ since } ab \in G$$

$$\therefore G' \text{ is closed under multiplication.}$$

Associativity: $a, b, c \in G$

$$\text{Let, } f_a, f_b, f_c \in G'$$

$$\Rightarrow f_a(f_b f_c) = f_a f_{bc}$$

$$= f_{a(bc)}$$

$$= f_{(ab)c}$$

$$= f_{ab} f_c$$

$$= (f_a f_b) f_c$$

$$\therefore f_a(f_b f_c) = (f_a f_b) f_c$$

$$\therefore G' \text{ is associative.}$$

Existence of Identity: The identity element, $e \in G$

$$\Rightarrow f_e \in G'$$

$$\therefore f_e f_a = f_{ea}$$

$$= f_a$$

$$f_a f_e = f_{ae}$$

$$= f_a$$

$\therefore f_e$ is the identity element in G'

Existence of Inverse: As $a \in G$

$$\Rightarrow a^{-1} \in G$$

$$\therefore f_{a^{-1}} f_a = f_{a^{-1}a} = f_e$$

$$f_a f_{a^{-1}} = f_{aa^{-1}} = f_e$$

$\therefore f_{a^{-1}}$ is the inverse of f_a in G' .

$\therefore G'$ is a group

Consider,

A function $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$ defined as,

$$\phi(a) = f_a \forall a \in G$$

ϕ is One-one

$$a, b \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(a) = \phi(b)$$

$$\Rightarrow f_a = f_b$$

$$\Rightarrow f_a(x) = f_b(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow ax = bx$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b$$

$\therefore \phi$ is one-one

ϕ is Onto

$$f_a \in G'$$

For $a \in G$

$$f(a) = f_a$$

$\therefore \phi$ is onto

ϕ is a Homomorphism

If $a, b \in G$

$$\Rightarrow a \in G, b \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow ab \in G$$

Then, $\phi(ab) = f_{ab}$

$$= f_a f_b$$

$$= \phi(a)\phi(b)$$

$\therefore \phi$ is homomorphism

Since, ϕ is one-one, onto and homomorphism,
is an isomorphism from $G \rightarrow G'$.

$\therefore G \cong G'$.

State and prove Fermat's little theorem.

Statement:-

For every integer a and every prime p

$$a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$$

Proof:-

Let a be an integer

and p be prime

Now,

By division algorithm

i.e.

there are integers m and r which $a = pm + r$ $0 \leq r < p$

$$\Rightarrow a \equiv r \pmod{p} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

r is remainder

where, $r=0$, the result obtained is trivial i.e. both sides zero.

when $r \neq 0$

$$r \in U(p)$$

where $U(p) = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$ is a finite group under multiplication modulo p

The order of $U(p) = |U(p)| = p-1$

$$|U(p)| = p-1$$

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If G is any finite group with
 $a \in G$ then

$$a^{|G|} = e$$

$$r^{|G|} = 1$$

$$r^{p-1} = 1$$

$$r^{p-1} = \dots T \pmod{p}$$

$$\frac{r^p}{r} = 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$r^p = r \pmod{p}$$

If r is replaced by a then

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

Tip/Hint

EX: - modulus operation = $\times 6$ then
 6 divisions \Rightarrow remainder or answer

$$12 \times 6 = 0$$

$$13 \times 6 = \frac{13}{6} = 1$$

$$15 \times 6 = \frac{15}{6} = 3$$

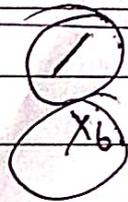
$$16 \times 6 = \frac{16}{6} = 4$$

$$18 \times 6 = \frac{18}{6} = 0$$

\Rightarrow group under $\times 6$

elements "Zero" group

2 element $\in \times 6$ operate \Rightarrow same



20 Step (or)
 - Step

any remainders?

$\times 6$ \Rightarrow 5 or 0

get same

i.e

$$1 \times 6 = 1$$

$$3 \times 6 = 3$$

$$4 \times 6 = 4$$

$$0 \times 6 = 0$$

State and prove Orbit-Stabilizer theorem.

Answer :

Statement

Let G be a finite group of permutations of a set S . Then for any i from S ,

$$|G| = |\text{Orb}_G(i)| |\text{Stab}_G(i)|$$



Proof

Let G be a finite group of permutations of a set S .

Let H represents the stabilizer of i in G

$$\Rightarrow \text{Stab}_G(i) = H \quad \dots (1)$$

Let K represents the orbit of i under G

$$\Rightarrow \text{Orb}_G(i) = K \quad \dots (2)$$

$\text{Stab}_G(i)$ is a subgroup of G as it satisfies the properties of a subgroup.

$\Rightarrow H$ is a subgroup of G

According to Lagrange's theorem,

$\frac{|G|}{|H|}$ represents the number of distinct left cosets

of H in G .

There exists one-one correspondence between left cosets of H and the elements of K

$$\Rightarrow \frac{|G|}{|H|} = K \quad \dots (3)$$

Let, a function T given as

$$T: \{\alpha H : \alpha \in G\} \rightarrow \{\phi(i) : \phi \in G\}$$

$$[\because T(\alpha H) = \phi(i)]$$

' T ' is said to be one-one correspondence if it satisfies the following conditions

(i) ' T ' is well defined

(ii) ' T ' is one-one

(iii) ' T ' is onto

(i) Let, the group G has permutations α and β

$$\text{Let, } \alpha H = \beta H$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^{-1} \beta \in H$$

[\because Using the properties of cosets]

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^{-1} \beta(i) = i$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha \alpha^{-1} \beta(i) = \alpha(i)$$

$$\Rightarrow e \beta(i) = \alpha(i) \quad [\because \alpha \alpha^{-1} = e]$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta(i) = \alpha(i) \quad [\because e = 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow T(\beta H) = T(\alpha H)$$

(or)

$$\Rightarrow T(\alpha H) = T(\beta H)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{If } \alpha H = \beta H, \text{ then } T(\alpha H) = T(\beta H) \quad \dots (4)$$

$\therefore T$ is well defined.

(ii) Consider,

$$T(\alpha H) = T(\beta H)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha(i) = \beta(i)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^{-1} \alpha(i) = \alpha^{-1} \beta(i)$$

$$\Rightarrow ei = \alpha^{-1} \beta(i)$$

$$\Rightarrow i = \alpha^{-1} \beta(i) \text{ for each } i \text{ in } S$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^{-1} \beta \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha H = \beta H \quad \dots (5)$$

[\because From properties of cosets]

$\therefore T$ is one-one function.

(iii) Let, j be an element of K .

If $j \in K$, then

$$j = \alpha(i) \text{ for some } \alpha \in G \text{ and } i \in S$$

$$\Rightarrow j = \alpha(i) = T(\alpha H)$$

$$\Rightarrow j = T(\alpha H) \quad \dots (6)$$

$\therefore T$ is an onto function.

From equations (4), (5) and (6), T is a one-one correspondence between the left cosets of H and elements of K .

$$\therefore \frac{|G|}{|H|} = |K| \quad [\because \text{From equation(3)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow |G| = |H| |K| \quad \dots (7)$$

Substituting equations (1) and (2) in equation (7),

$$= |\text{Orb}_G(i)| |\text{Stab}_G(i)|$$

$$\therefore |G| = |\text{Orb}_G(i)| |\text{Stab}_G(i)|.$$

Q41. Show that the set of even permutations in S_n forms a subgroup of S_n . ✓

Answer :

(KU) July/Aug.-21, Q3

Let, A_n be the set of even permutations in S_n .

and α, β be any two elements in A_n i.e., $\alpha, \beta \in A_n$.

From, two-step subgroup test,

Let G be a group and H be a non-empty subset of G , $ab \in H \forall a, b \in H$ and $a^{-1} \in H \forall a \in H$, then H is a subgroup of G .

From the definition of Even permutations,

α is expressed as product of an even number of 2-cycles.

and β is also expressed as product of an even number of 2-cycles.

$\Rightarrow \alpha\beta$ is also a product of even numbers of 2-cycles.

$\Rightarrow \alpha\beta \in A_n$ ← [even x even] = even (1)

Since,

$$(a_i a_j)^2 = e$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_i a_j)^{-1} = (a_i a_j)$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} a^2 = e \Rightarrow aa = e \\ \overline{a}^2 = e \Rightarrow \overline{a}\overline{a} = e \\ \overline{a} = \overline{a^{-1}} \end{array} \right]$$

i.e., inverse of product of an even number of 2-cycles is also a product of an even number of 2-cycles.

Then α^{-1} is also a product of an even number of 2-cycles.

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^{-1} \in A_n \quad \dots (2)$$

\therefore From equations (1) and (2),

$$A_n \leq S_n$$

i.e., The set of even permutations in S_n forms a subgroup of S_n .

2 step subgroup Test H is SG if

(1) $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$

(2) $a^{-1} \in H \Rightarrow a \in H$



Set of even permutations of S_n forms a SG of S_n

to use 2/2/20

$(a_i a_j)^2 = e \rightarrow$ Identity as product of even permutations

$(\overleftarrow{1\ 2}) (2\ 1)$
 $\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow$ end on 1 on 1

(or)
 $(1\ 2\ 3) (3\ 2\ 1)$
 $(1\ 3) (1\ 2) (3\ 1) (3\ 2)$
 $(1) (2) (3)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = e$$

$\Rightarrow (a_i a_j)^2 = e$

$(a_i a_j) (a_i a_j) = e$

$(a_i a_j)^{-1} (a_i a_j) (a_i a_j) = e \cdot (a_i a_j)^{-1}$

$(a_i a_j)^{-1} = (a_i a_j)^{-1}$

Remaining Questions.

Q57) Prove that a group of prime order is cyclic.

A^o proof

Let " G " the group and prime number " p " is the order of the group.

$$\text{i.e., } |G| = p$$

$$\text{Since } p > 1,$$

Thus, there is an element $a \in G$ such that $a \neq e$.

The cyclic subgroup $\langle a \rangle$ generated by ' a ' is a subgroup of ' G ' and it has at least two elements " a " and " e ".

According to Lagrange's theorem. The order of $\langle a \rangle$ i.e. $|\langle a \rangle|$ divides the prime ' p '. Let $|\langle a \rangle| = q$

But, ' p ' is a prime number:

$$\therefore q = 1 \text{ or } q = p$$

[\because 1 and p are only divisors of p]

Since, $a \neq e$
 $\Rightarrow |\langle a \rangle| \neq 1$
 $\Rightarrow |\langle a \rangle| > 1$

\Rightarrow if $q = 1 \Rightarrow |\langle a \rangle| = 1$
 $\Rightarrow \langle a \rangle = \{a\}$
 $a = e \Rightarrow G$ is not a group of prime order

$$\Rightarrow |\langle a \rangle| = p$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle a \rangle = \langle u \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle a \rangle = G$$

$\Rightarrow \langle a \rangle$ is cyclic group and G is group of prime order.

Therefore, every group of prime order is cyclic.

② Define cosets and mention the properties of cosets

$$\Rightarrow h_1 = h_2$$

$$\Rightarrow ah_1 = ah_2$$

$\Rightarrow f$ is one-one

Also,

$$bh' \in bH$$

$$\Rightarrow h' \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow ah' \in aH$$

$$\Rightarrow bh' = f(ah')$$

$\Rightarrow f$ is onto

$\Rightarrow f: aH \rightarrow bH$ is one-one and onto

$$\therefore |aH| = |bH|.$$

7. aH is a subgroup of G , if and only if $a \in H$.

Let aH be the subgroup of G

$$\Rightarrow e \in aH \quad [\because e \in G]$$

Also $e \in eH$

$$\Rightarrow aH \cap eH \neq \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow aH = eH = H$$

$$\Rightarrow aH = H$$

$$[\because aH = H \Rightarrow a \in H]$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in H$$

Let, $a \in H$

$$\Rightarrow aH = H$$

8.
$$\bigcup_{a \in G} aH = G$$

Let,

a_1H, a_2H, \dots, a_kH be the different left cosets of H in G .

For each $a \in G$,

$$\Rightarrow aH = a_iH \text{ where } 1 \leq i \leq k$$

$$a \in a_iH$$

Each $a \in G$ must belong to a_iH for $1 \leq i \leq k$

$$\therefore a_1H \cup a_2H \cup \dots \cup a_kH = G.$$

(3) Define cosets and Find all cosets of subgroup 42 of \mathbb{Z} (i.e. group of integers)

Cosets \leftarrow necessary definition to avoid

Cosets of Subgroup 42 of \mathbb{Z} :

\Rightarrow let G be additive group of integers

i.e., $G = \{\dots, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

0 is the identity element in G

$\therefore G$ is abelian.

Let H be the subset of G

$H = \langle 4 \rangle = 4Z = \{\dots, -16, -12, -8, -4, 0, 4, 8, 12, 16, \dots\}$

$\Rightarrow H \leq G$

The left coset of H in $G =$ Right coset of H in G
[$\because G$ is abelian]

Cosets of H in G are $a + H$ where $a \in G$

$0 + H = \{\dots, -16, -12, -8, -4, 0, 4, 8, 12, 16, \dots\}$

$1 + H = \{\dots, -15, -11, -7, -3, 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, \dots\}$

$2 + H = \{\dots, -14, -10, -6, -2, 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, \dots\}$

$3 + H = \{\dots, -13, -9, -5, -1, 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, \dots\}$

$4 + H = \{\dots, -12, -8, -4, 0, 4, 8, 12, 16, \dots\}$

$5 + H = \{\dots, -11, -7, -3, 1, 5, 9, 13, \dots\}$

$6 + H = \{\dots, -10, -6, -2, 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, \dots\}$

It can be observed that,

$4 + H = 8 + H = 12 + H = \dots = 0 + H$

$5 + H = 9 + H = 13 + H = \dots = 1 + H$

$6 + H = 10 + H = 14 + H = \dots = 2 + H$

$7 + H = 11 + H = 15 + H = \dots = 3 + H$

$0 + H, 1 + H, 2 + H, 3 + H$ are disjoint sets

i.e., there is no common element between them

And $(0 + H) \cup (1 + H) \cup (2 + H) \cup (3 + H) = G$

\therefore The cosets are, $(0 + H) \cup (1 + H) \cup (2 + H) \cup (3 + H)$.

Q43.

Define Alternating group of degree n . Also prove that A_n has order $\frac{n!}{2}$ if $n > 1$.

(OU) May/June-19, Q9(b)

OR

For $n > 1$, show that A_n has order $\frac{n!}{2}$.

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For $n > 1$, show that the alternating group A_n has order $\frac{n!}{2}$.

Answer :

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Alternating Group

An alternating group on a set can be defined as a group of all even permutations of a finite set. For a set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, an alternating group on n letters is a group of order $\frac{n!}{2}$ and is designated by A_n .



Proof: Let, $S_n = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m, o_1, o_2, \dots, o_n\}$ be the permutation group of order $n!$.

Here e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m are even permutations

o_1, o_2, \dots, o_n are odd permutations

$$\therefore |S_n| = n!$$

Let t be a transposition in S_n since multiplication of permutations satisfies closure property,

$$\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}, \{o_1, o_2, \dots, o_n\} \in S_n$$

$$\Rightarrow \{te_1, te_2, \dots, te_m, to_1, to_2, \dots, to_n\} \in S_n$$

Since t is an odd permutation,

$$\Rightarrow te_1, te_2, \dots, te_m \text{ are all odd}$$

And, to_1, to_2, \dots, to_n are all even,

Let $te_i = te_j$ for $i \leq m, j \leq m$

$$e_i = e_j \quad [\because \text{Left cancellation law}]$$

Since S_n is group, $e_i = e_j$ is absurd.

$$\Rightarrow te_i \neq te_j$$

\therefore The m permutations te_1, te_2, \dots, te_m are all distinct in S_n .

and S_n has exactly n odd permutations.

$$\therefore m \leq n \quad \dots (1)$$

Similarly, n permutations to_1, to_2, \dots, to_n are all distinct in S_n and S_n has exactly m even permutations.

$$\therefore n \leq m \quad \dots (2)$$

From equations (1) and (2),

$$m = n = \frac{n!}{2} \quad [\because m + n = n!]$$

\Rightarrow Number of even permutations = Number of odd permutations

$$= \frac{1}{2}n!$$

\therefore There are equal number of even and odd permutations.

Let A_n be the alternating group of permutations having n degree.

$$\text{Then, } |A_n| = \frac{n!}{2}$$

$$[\because |S_n| = n!]$$

$$\therefore A_n \text{ has order } \frac{n!}{2}$$

Q36. Let $\alpha, \beta \in S_6$ and $\alpha = (1\ 2\ 4\ 5\ 3\ 6)$, $\beta = (1\ 4\ 3\ 2\ 5\ 6)$ then evaluate $\alpha, \beta, \alpha\beta^{-1}, \alpha^2$.

Answer :

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Given,

$$\alpha, \beta \in S_6$$

$$\alpha = (1\ 2\ 4\ 5\ 3\ 6)$$

$$\beta = (1\ 4\ 3\ 2\ 5\ 6)$$

i.e., $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6 \\ 2\ 4\ 6\ 5\ 3\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6 \\ 4\ 5\ 2\ 3\ 6\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6 \\ 2\ 4\ 6\ 5\ 3\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6 \\ 4\ 5\ 2\ 3\ 6\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \alpha\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6 \\ 5\ 3\ 4\ 6\ 1\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\beta^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6 \\ 6\ 3\ 4\ 1\ 2\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha\beta^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6 \\ 2\ 4\ 6\ 5\ 3\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6 \\ 6\ 3\ 4\ 1\ 2\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \alpha\beta^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6 \\ 1\ 6\ 5\ 2\ 4\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6 \\ 2\ 4\ 6\ 5\ 3\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6 \\ 2\ 4\ 6\ 5\ 3\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \alpha^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6 \\ 4\ 5\ 1\ 3\ 6\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Q34. Let $\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ and

$\beta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ then compute

(a) α^{-1} (b) $\beta\alpha$ (c) $\alpha\beta$

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OR

Let $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ and

$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ then compute α^{-1}

and $\beta\alpha$.

Answer :

Given permutations are,

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$



(a) The value of α^{-1} can be obtained as,

$$\alpha^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) The value of $\beta\alpha$ can be obtained as,

$$\beta\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \beta\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 6 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) The value of $\alpha\beta$ can be obtained as,

$$\alpha\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \alpha\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 2 & 1 & 5 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Q35. If $\sigma \in S_6$ and $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ then find σ^{2014} .

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Answer :

Given permutation is,

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The value of σ^{2014} can be obtained as,

$$\sigma^2 = \sigma \cdot \sigma$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 4 & 3 & 5 & 6 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \sigma^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 4 & 3 & 5 & 6 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma^3 = \sigma^2 \cdot \sigma$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 4 & 3 & 5 & 6 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 4 & 6 & 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma^4 = \sigma^3 \cdot \sigma$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 4 & 6 & 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 5 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \sigma^4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 5 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma^5 = \sigma^4 \cdot \sigma$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 5 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \sigma^5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma^6 = \sigma^5 \cdot \sigma$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = I$$

$$\therefore \sigma^6 = I$$

Thus, σ^{2014} can be written as,

$$\sigma^{2014} = \sigma^{2010} \sigma^4$$

$$= (\sigma^6)^{335} \sigma^4 = (I)^{335} \sigma^4 = I \cdot \sigma^4 = \sigma^4$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 5 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \sigma^{2014} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 5 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

1. Permutation

A permutation of a set ' A ' is defined as a function $f: A \rightarrow A$ which is both one-to-one and onto.

2. Transposition

A cycle of length 2 known as transposition.

3. Properties of Permutation

- (i) Every permutation of a finite set can be expressed as a cycle or a product of disjoint cycles.
- (ii) Every permutation can be expressed as a product of transpositions.
- (iii) Identity permutation is always even.
- (iv) A permutation can be either even or odd but not both.

4. Even permutation

If a permutation is expressed as a product even number of transpositions, then it is called an even permutation.

5. Odd Permutation

If a permutation is expressed as a product of odd number of transpositions, then it is called an odd permutation.

6. Group of Permutation

A permutation group of a set A is defined as a set of permutations of A which form a group under composition function.

7. Coset

If H is a subgroup of $(G, *)$ and $a \in G$, then $aH = \{a * h : h \in H\}$ and $Ha = \{h * a : h \in H\}$ are called the cosets of H in G .

aH is the left coset and Ha is the right coset of H .

8. Properties of Cosets

Let a, b be the elements and H be the subgroup of G .

- (i) $a \in aH$
- (ii) $aH = H$ if and only if $a \in H$
- (iii) $aH = bH$ if and only if $a \in bH$
- (iv) $aH = bH$ or $aH \cap bH = \phi$
- (v) $aH = bH$ if and only if $a - b \in H$
- (vi) $|aH| = |bH|$
- (vii) aH is a subgroup of G if and only if $a \in H$.
- (viii) $\bigcup_{a \in G} aH = G$

9. Lagrange's Theorem

It states that "if G is a finite group and H is a subgroup of G , then (H) divides $|G|$ ".

10. Index of a Subgroup

The number of distinct left or right cosets of subgroup H in G is called as index of a subgroup. It is denoted by $|G : H|$.

11. Orbit-stabilizer Theorem

If G is a finite group of permutations of a set s , then for any from s .

$$|G| = |\text{Orb}_G(i)| |\text{Stab}_G(i)|$$

Where,

$\text{Orb}_G(i) = \text{Orbit of } i \text{ ; Under } G$

$\text{Stab}_G(i) = \text{Stabilizer of } i \text{ in } G.$

12. Isomorphism

The homomorphism $\phi : G \rightarrow \bar{G}$ is said to be isomorphism if it satisfies the condition.

$\ker \phi = \{e\}$ i.e., ϕ is both one-one and onto.

13. Properties of Isomorphism

- (i) $\phi^{-1} \bar{G} \rightarrow G$ is an isomorphism.
- (ii) $G = \langle a \rangle$ if and only if $\bar{G} = \langle \phi(a) \rangle$
- (iii) $|a| = |\phi(a)|$ for all $a \in G$
- (iv) $G \approx G^*, G^* \approx G^{**} \Rightarrow G \approx G^{**}$

14. Cayley's Theorem On Isomorphism

It states that "Every group is isomorphic to some permutation group".

15. Automorphism

If G is a group, then the isomorphism of G onto itself is known as automorphism.