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Reflected Gray Code



Chinese Rings



slide.



Brain

Engineer Bell Labs 30's TV.

Binary Code

0, 1, 2, ..., $2^m - 1$

number
x

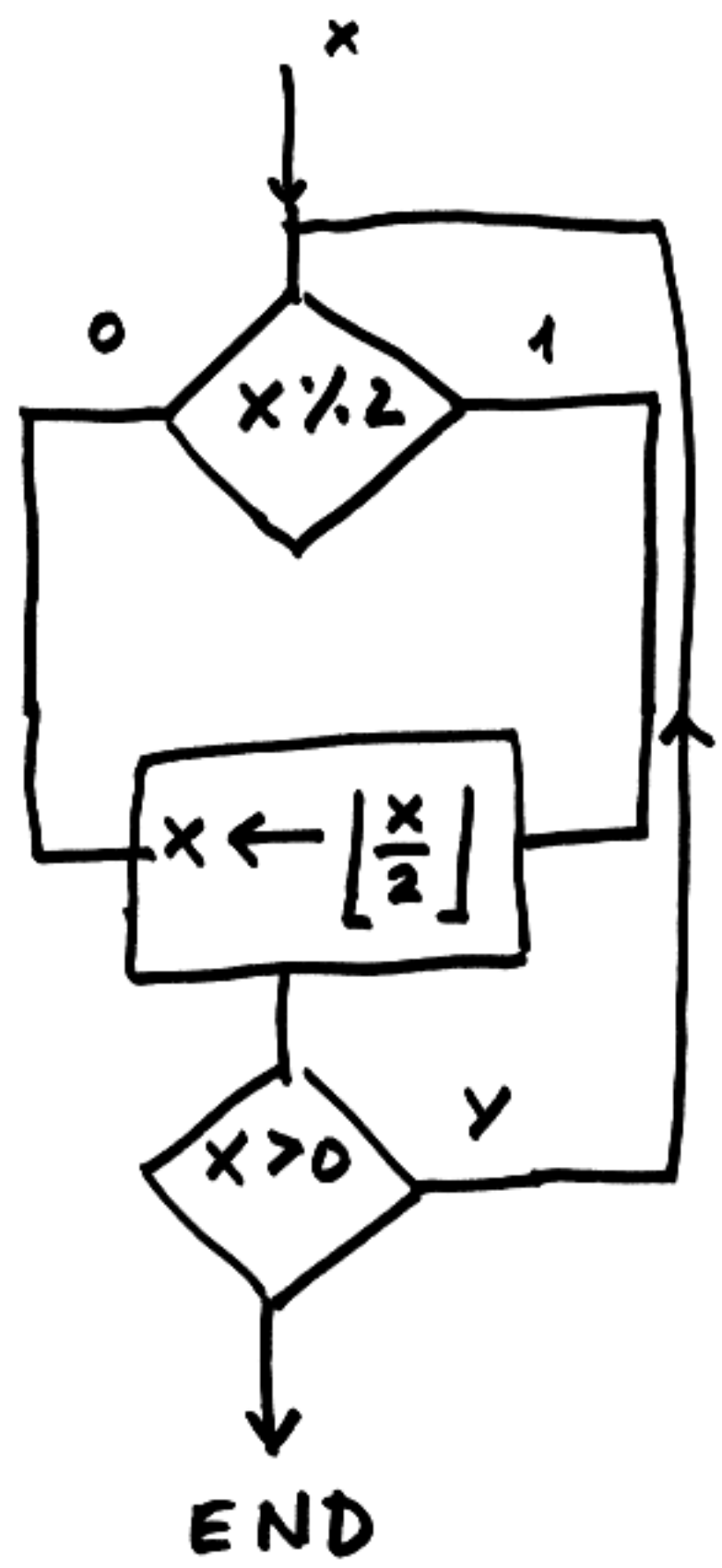


code word
= string of 0 and 1's.

13 =	1	1	0	1	2
	↑	↑	↑	↑	
	8	4	2	1	

$1 + 4 + 8 = 13$

Number Theory



$\lfloor y \rfloor =$ largest integer smaller than or equal to y

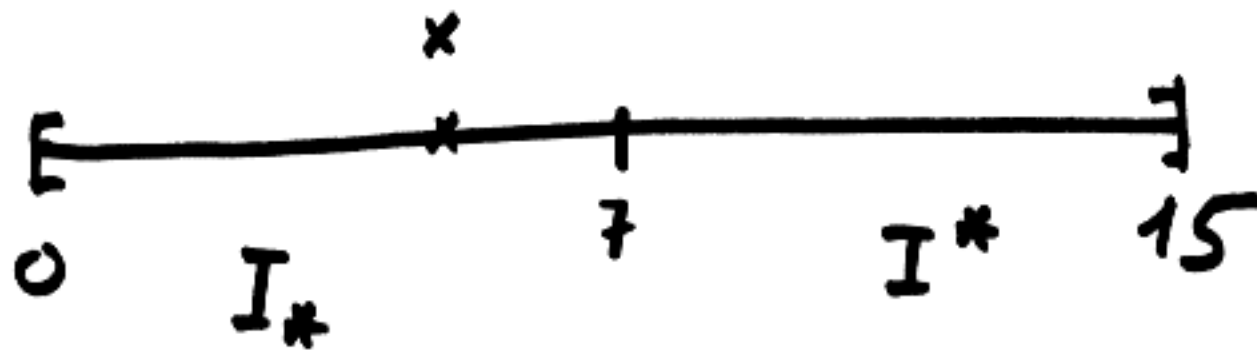
$13 = 1101_2$

$x = 13$
 $13 \% 2 = \boxed{1}$
 $\lfloor \frac{13}{2} \rfloor = 6$
 $6 \% 2 = \boxed{0}$
 $\lfloor \frac{6}{2} \rfloor = 3$
 $3 \% 2 = \boxed{1}$
 $\lfloor \frac{3}{2} \rfloor = 1$
 $1 \% 2 = \boxed{1}$ $\lfloor \frac{1}{2} \rfloor = 0$

Dissection, Binary search

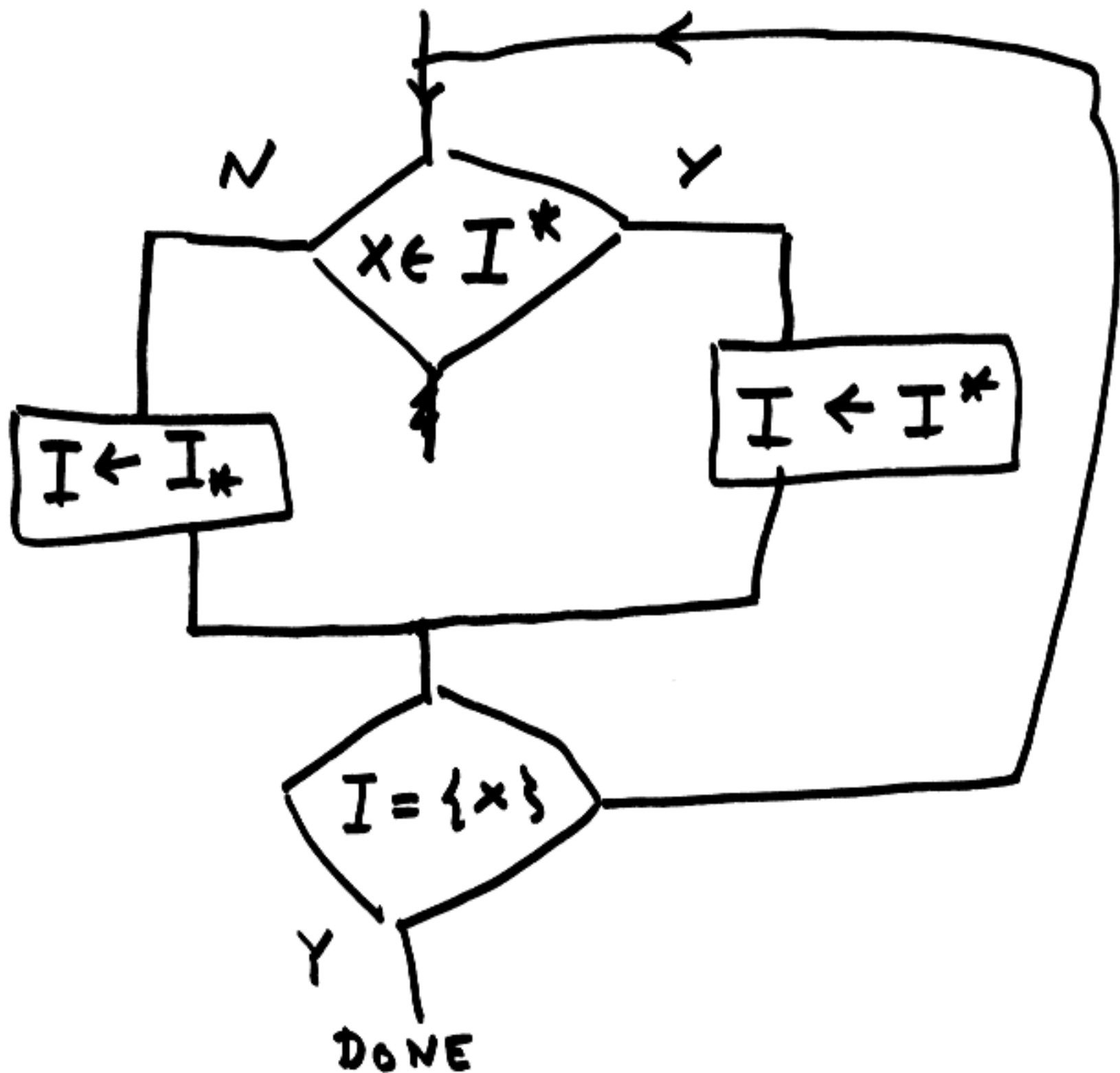
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$I =$



$n = 4$
bits

$I = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 15$



$x = 13$

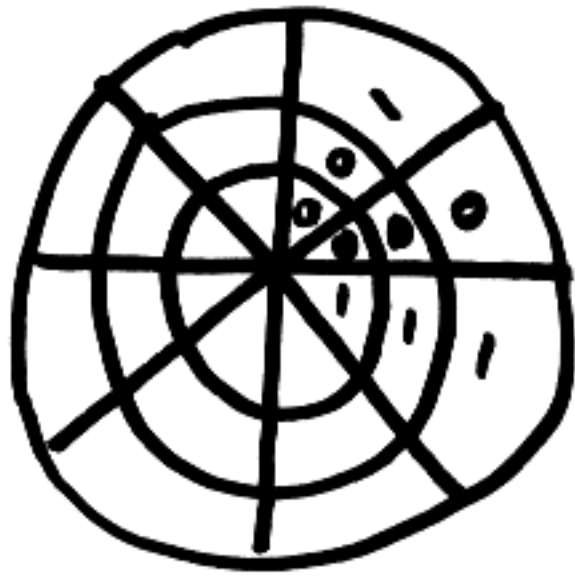
I			
[0, ..., 15]	13 > 7		1
[8, ..., 15]		13 > 11	1
8, 9, 10, 11			
[12, 13, 14, 15]		13 > 13	0
[12, 13]		13 > 12	1
[13]			

$13 = 1101_2$

Binary Code

	8	4	2	1	# changes
0	0	0	0	0	
1	0	0	0	1	1
2	0	0	1	0	2
3	0	0	1	1	1
4	0	1	0	0	3
5	0	1	0	1	1
6	0	1	1	0	2
7	0	1	1	1	1
8	1	0	0	0	4
9	1	0	0	1	1
10	1	0	1	0	2
11	1	0	1	1	1
12	1	1	0	0	3
13	1	1	0	1	1
14	1	1	1	0	2
15	1	1	1	1	1

Robot's arm



Binary

An error in reading will typically give a totally wrong answer.

It's better to have code words differ ^{at} by only one slot.

Binary Code

- n
- 1 0, 1
- 2 00, 01, 10, 11
 ~ ~
 tag 0 tag 1
- 3 000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111

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Binary code

0, 1, 2, ..., 15

$n = 4$ length

7		0111
8		1000

4 changes

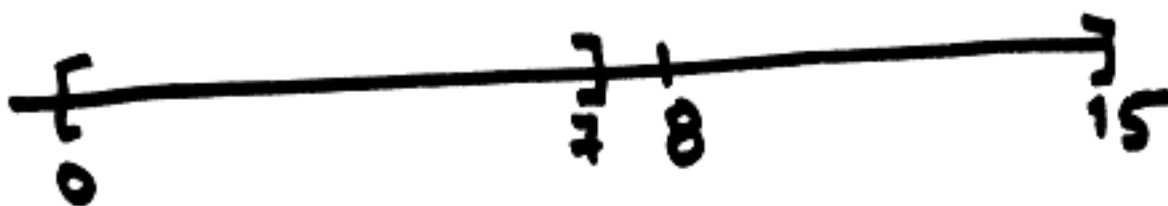
Gray code

A way to encode numbers such that any two consecutive words differ in exactly one slot.

Binary

Recursively

0 B_n 1 B_n



0, 1, 2, ..., 7

0, 1, 2, ..., 15

$n = 3$
 $n = 4$

- $n=1$ $B_1: 0, 1$
- $n=2$ $B_2: 00, 01, 10, 11$
- $n=3$ $B_3: \underbrace{000, 001, 010, 011}, \underbrace{100, 101, 110, 111}$

Reflected gray code

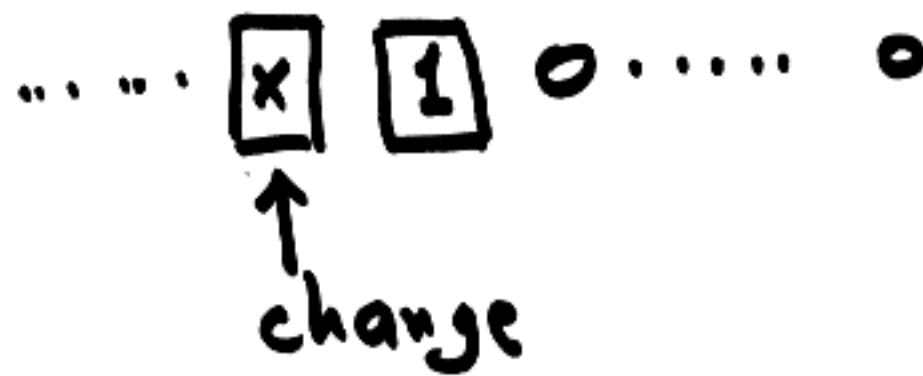
n : C_n $C'_n = C_n$ back wards
 $n+1$: $0 C_n, 1 C'_n$

- 1 0, 1
- 2 00, 01, 11, 10
- 3 000, 001, 011, 010, 110, 111, 101, 100

0	000
1	001
2	011
3	010
4	110
5	111
6	101
7	100

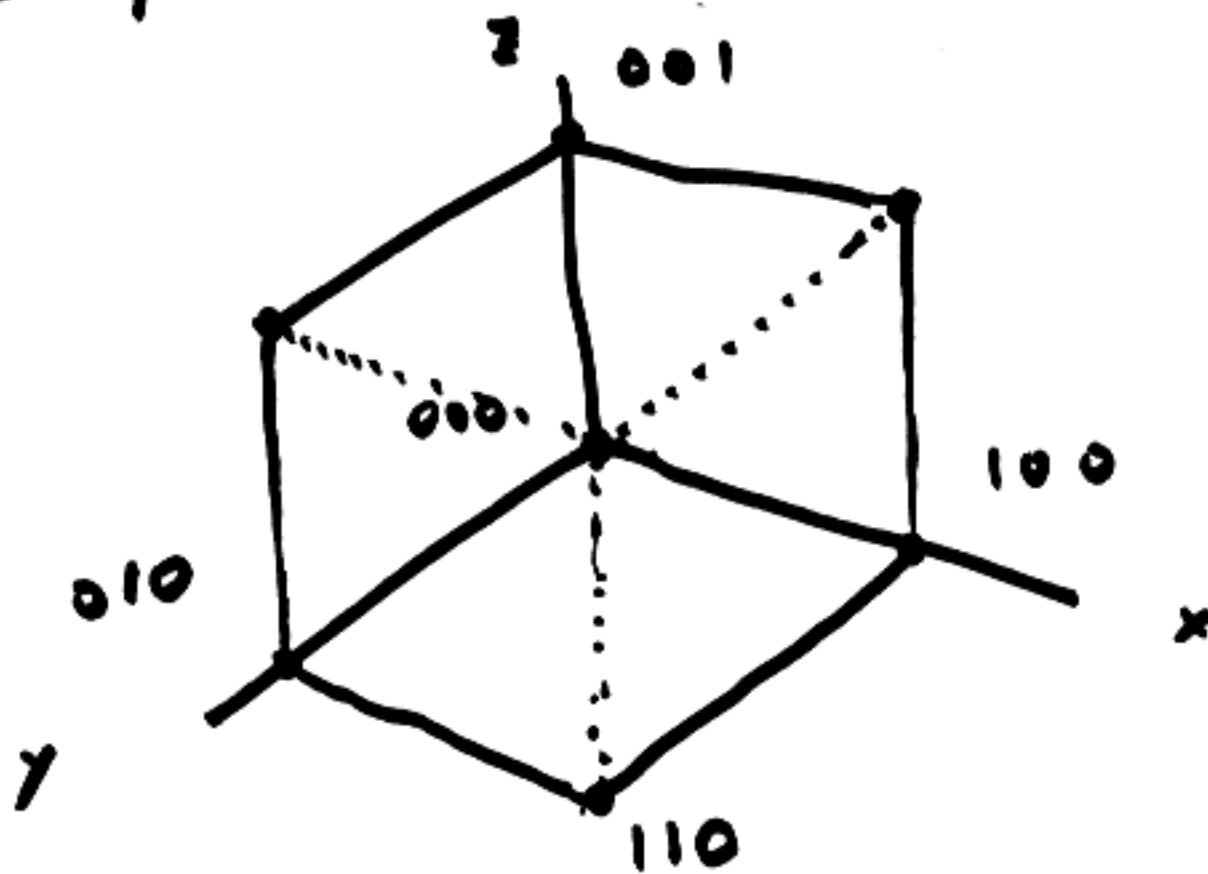
There is only two possible moves either

- change rightmost bit
- change the bit to the left of the rightmost 1

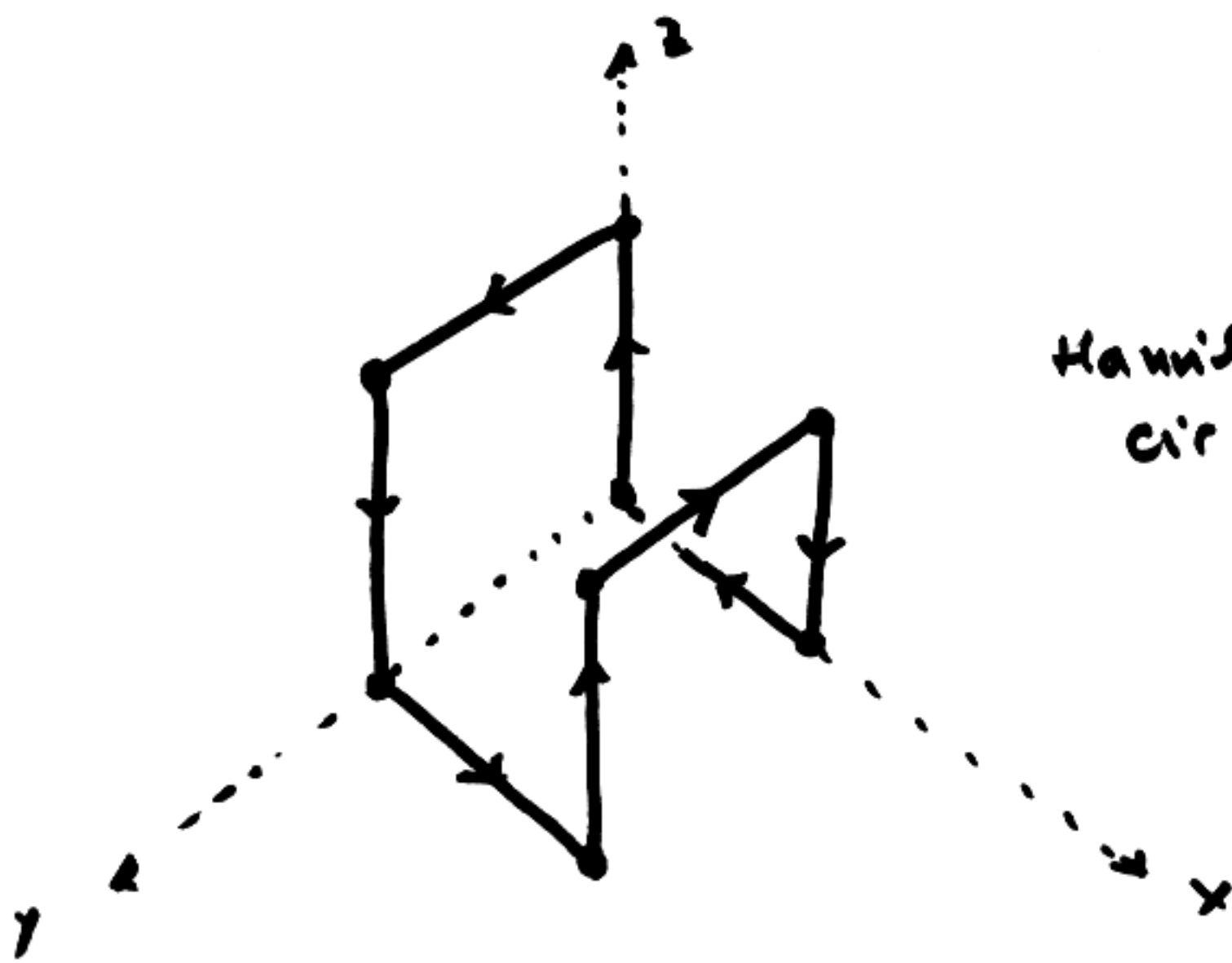


Hamiltonian circuits

Represent length 3 binary words as points on a cube



(x, y, z)
words of length 3 ↔ vertices of cube.



Hamiltonian circuit

Path on the cube going through every vertex only once.

Gray code of length n



Hamiltonian circuit in the n -cube.

Binary → Gray

$(b_{n-1} b_{n-2} \dots b_1 b_0)_2 \leftarrow \text{Binary}$



$(c_{n-1} c_{n-2} \dots c_1 c_0) \leftarrow \text{Gray}$

E.g. 13 $(1101)_2$

$$c_j \equiv b_j + b_{j+1} \pmod{2}$$

+	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

mod 2 addition

$$0 + 0 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

$$0 + 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

$$1 + 0 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

$$1 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

$$1 \oplus 1 = 0$$

$$c_j = b_j \oplus b_{j+1}$$

$$1 \oplus 0 = 1$$

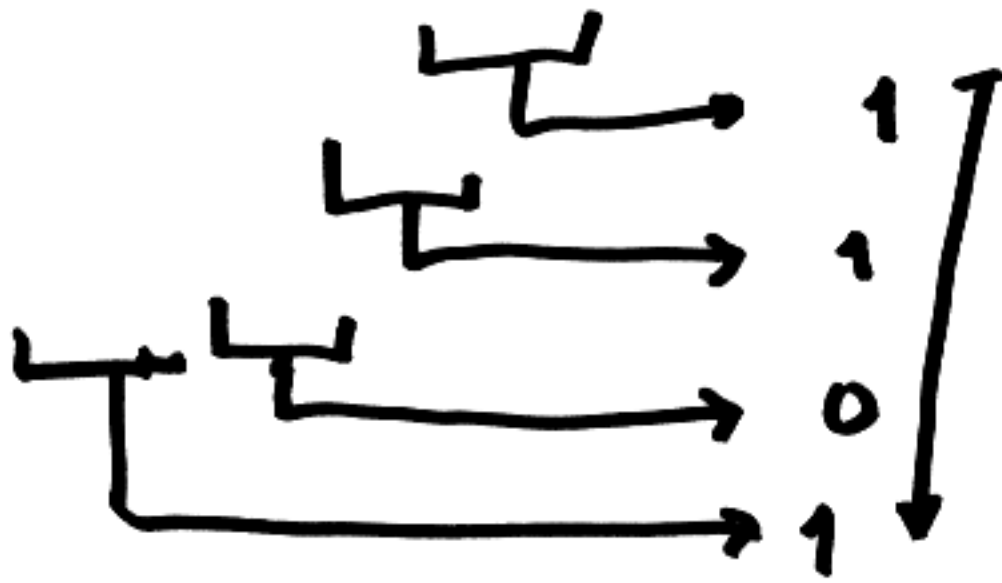
$$0 \oplus 1 = 1$$

$$0 \oplus 0 = 0$$

$$1 \oplus 1 = 0$$

$$c_j = b_j \oplus b_{j+1}$$

13 ... 0 1 1 0 1 binary



1011 GRAY

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$n=4$ $0, 1, 2, \dots, 15$

0	
1	
2	
⋮	⋮
⋮	⋮
15	⋮

↑ strings of 4 bits words

$\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

subset: $\{1, 3, 4\}$



How many subsets are there?

	1	2	3	4
$\{1, 3, 4\} \leftrightarrow$	1	0	1	1
$\{2, 3, 4\} \leftrightarrow$	0	1	1	1
$\emptyset \mapsto$	0	0	0	0

$\{1, 3, 4\} = \{1, 4, 3\}$

subset \leftrightarrow word (string 4 bits)

Pblm #3

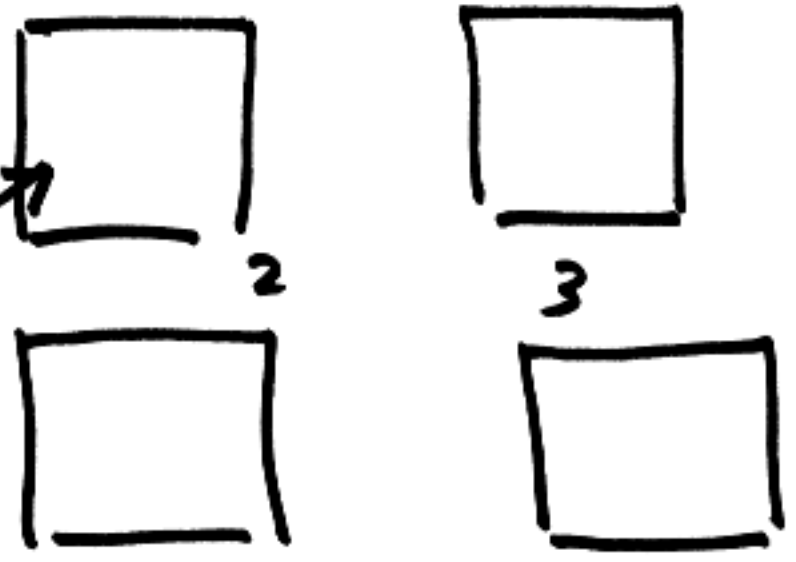
000	100
001	101
011	111
010	110
110	010
111	011
101	001
100	000

change leftmost bit

Pblm #1

Binary

all numbers
0, 1, 2, ..., 75
that have a 1
in the 0 slot



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Pblm #4

$$x = 2^k \cdot y$$

2xy
(y is odd)

Highest power of 2
dividing x = k

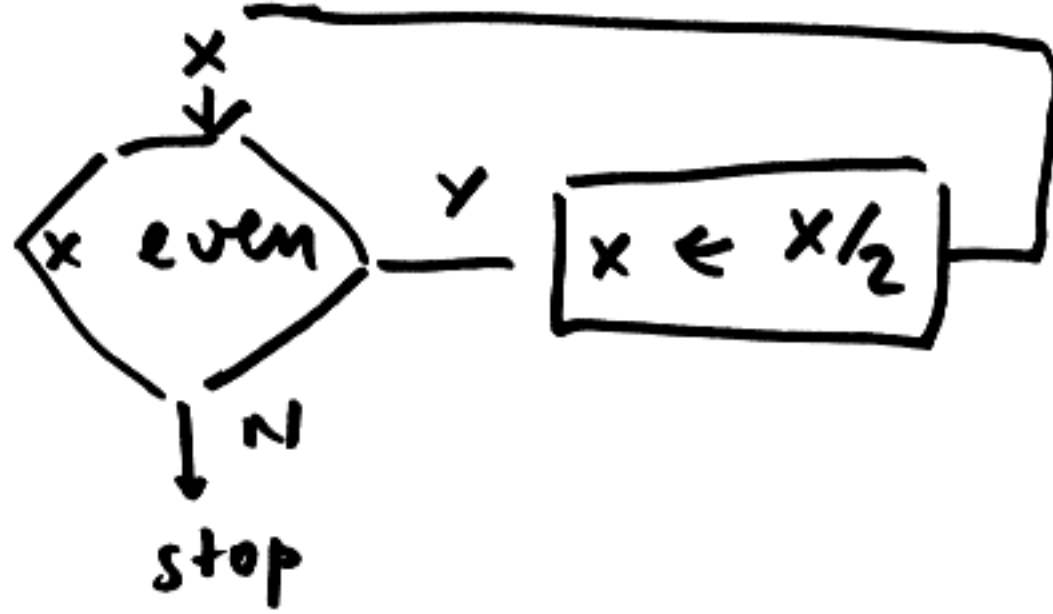
$$12 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \quad \uparrow \text{odd}$$

$$\rightarrow k = 2$$

$$7 = 2^0 \cdot 7$$

$$\rightarrow k = 0$$

Recursively ↓



$K = \#$ times through this loop

$x = 36$ $36 = 2^2 \cdot 9$

↓

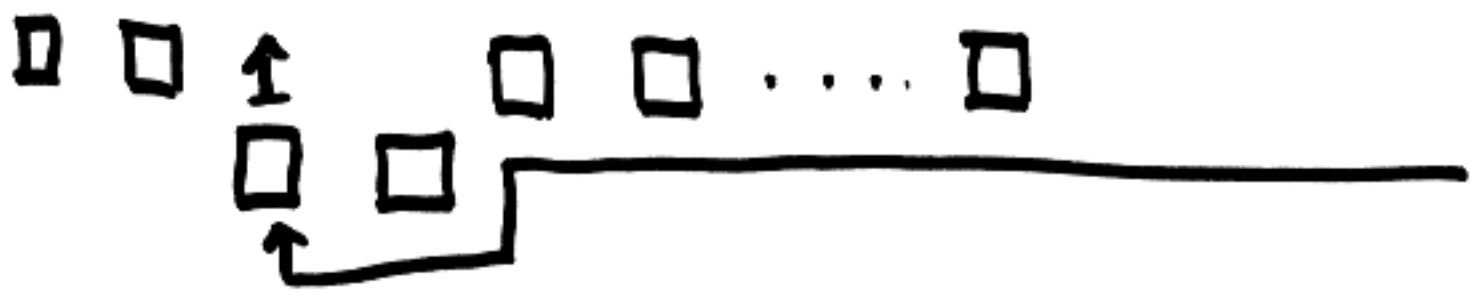
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↓

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Two possible moves in Gray code

- * * * * ... * 1 0 0 ... 0
 - ↑ change
 - ~~change~~
- • change first (right most)



BINARY ↔ GRAY

good way to encode/decode

BINARY → GRAY

$$b_{m-1} \dots b_1 b_0 \mapsto c_{m-1} \dots c_2 c_1 c_0$$

MOD 2 ADDITION OF BITS

\oplus	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

0 ↔ FALSE
1 ↔ TRUE

$a \oplus b$
exclusive OR

$$a \oplus b = c$$

$$a = b \oplus c$$

$$b = a \oplus c$$

a	b	c
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

$$c_j = b_j \oplus b_{j+1}$$

(Think of all binary bits being 0 to the left)

E.g. BINARY GRAY
 14 = (1110)₂ → 1001

GRAY ↔ BINARY

$b_3 \ b_2 \ b_1 \ b_0$

$$c_0 = b_0 \oplus b_1$$

$$c_1 = b_1 \oplus b_2$$

$$c_2 = b_2 \oplus b_3$$

$$c_3 = b_3 \oplus b_4 = b_3 \quad (b_4 = 0)$$

$$b_3 = c_3$$

$$b_2 = c_2 \oplus c_3$$

$$b_1 = c_1 \oplus b_2 = c_1 \oplus c_2 \oplus c_3$$

$$b_0 = c_0 \oplus c_1 \oplus c_2 \oplus c_3$$

In general

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$$b_j = c_j \oplus c_{j+1} \oplus \dots$$

E.g. GRAY \mapsto BINARY

1111

\mapsto

~~11111~~
(1010)₂
" 10

11111

\mapsto

(10101)₂
" 16 + 4 + 1 = 21

111111

\mapsto

(101010)₂
32 8 2
32 + 8 + 2 = 42

1, 2, 5, 10, 21, 42

\nearrow # steps to solve spin-out
or chinese rings puzzle
with 4, 5, 6

111 \mapsto 701

11 \mapsto 10⁵

n even

$$\frac{2}{3} (2^{n+1} - 1)$$

n odd

$$\frac{1}{3} (2^{n+1} - 1)$$

Rule to get out: (right to left)

n even

move 2nd bit

n odd

" 1st bit

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Chinese rings

initial position $11\dots 1$

all rings are on

GRAY

$11\dots 1$

BINARY

{	$10 \dots 010$	n even
	$1 \dots 0101$	n odd

$$\underbrace{1 \oplus 1 \oplus \dots \oplus 1}_n = \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ even} \\ 1 & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

What number is this?

n odd

$$(10 \dots 10101)_2 = ?$$

$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$
 $\dots + 16 \quad 4 + 1$

$$1 + 4 + 16 + \dots +$$

$$= 1 + 4 + 4^2 + 4^3 + \dots + 4^k$$

geometric series

k	1
0	1
1	1 + 4 = 5
2	1 + 4 + 4 ² = 21
3	1 + 4 + 4 ² + 4 ³ = 85
	⋮

$$\frac{4^{k+1} - 1}{4 - 1}$$

geometric series, a number

$$S_k := 1 + a + a^2 + \dots + a^k = \frac{a^{k+1} - 1}{a - 1}$$

$$S_{k+1} = 1 + a + \dots + a^{k+1}$$

$$= 1 + a(1 + a + \dots + a^k)$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{S_k}$

$$S_{k+1} = 1 + a S_k$$

~~Verify~~ $S_k \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{a^{k+1} - 1}{a - 1}$

$$(a-1) S_k \stackrel{?}{=} a^{k+1} - 1 \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} a S_k - S_k &= a(1+a+\dots+a^k) \\ &\quad - (1+a+\dots+a^k) \\ &= a+a^2+\dots+a^{k+1} \\ &\quad - (1+a+\dots+a^k) \\ &= a^{k+1} - 1 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Find # steps to solve the puzzle

n odd

$$\frac{1}{3} (2^{n+1} - 1) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 2^n - \frac{1}{3}$$

n even

$$\frac{2}{3} (2^n - 1) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 2^n - \frac{2}{3}$$

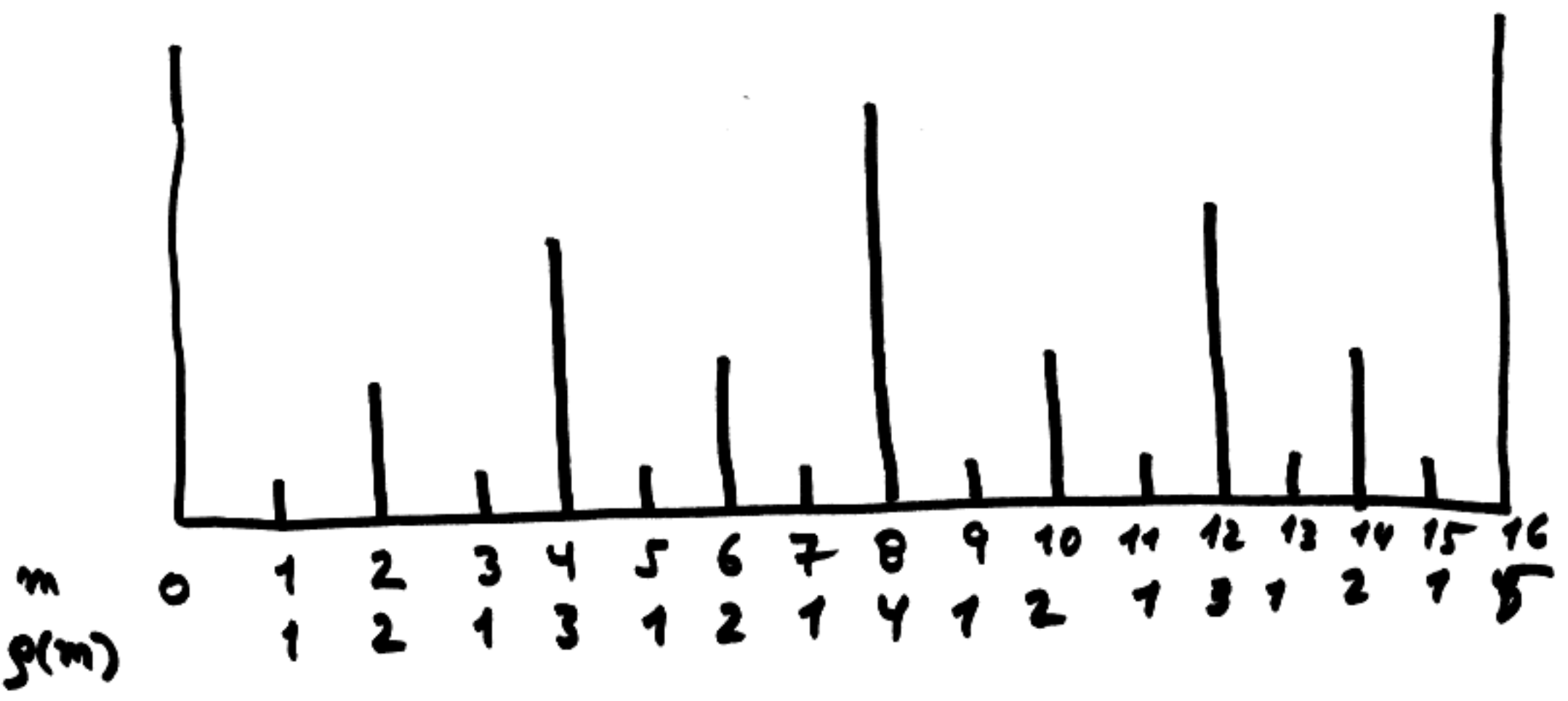
$2^n = \#$ of positions in puzzle

$\#$ steps $\approx \frac{2}{3} \times$ positions

Ruler function

$p(m) =$ bit that changes in gray code $m-1 \rightarrow m$
 $=$ # bits that change in binary code $m-1 \rightarrow m$

m	GRAY				BINARY				p(m)
	4	3	2	1					
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1



$p(m) =$ highest power of 2
dividing $m + 1$

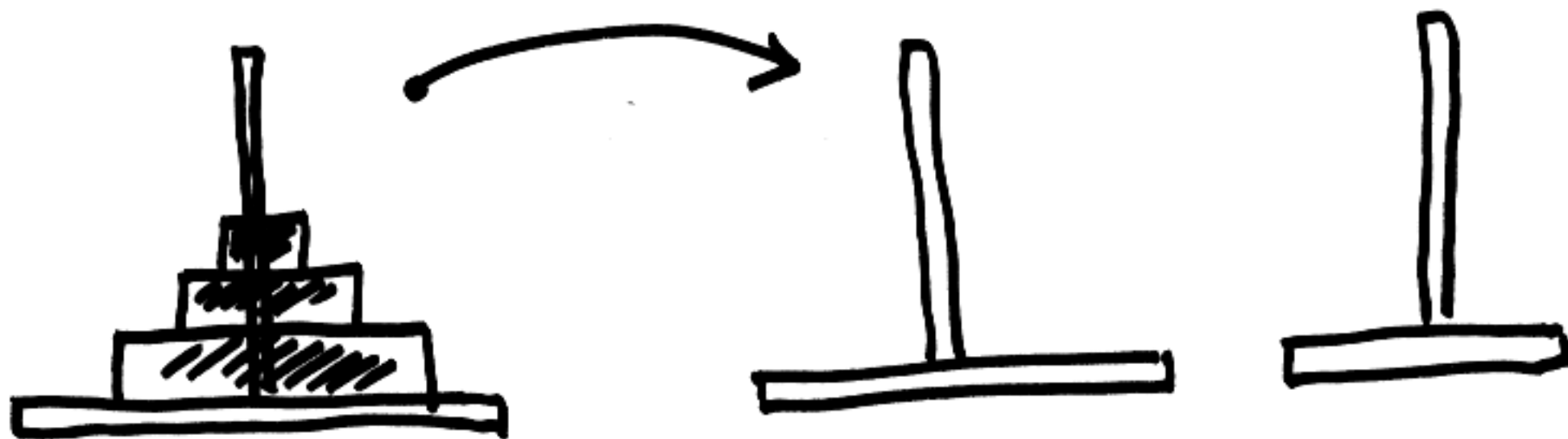
$$12 = 2^2 \times 3$$

↑
2 highest power of 2

$$p(12) = 3$$

This gives a recipe to construct the Gray code (solve the lights puzzle or pick a binary lock)

Hanoi Towers



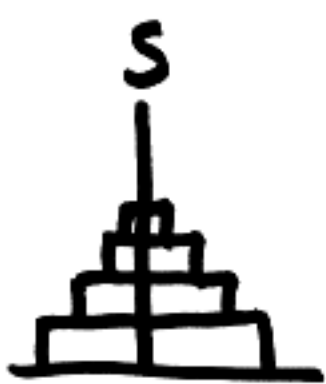
- one ring at a time
- with no:



Unique optimal solution

(optimal = least number of steps)

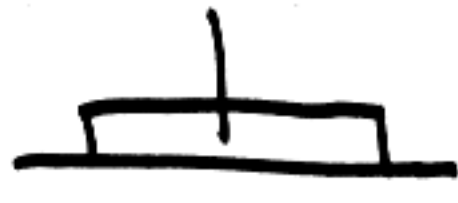
Suppose we know how to solve it if we had 3 rings.



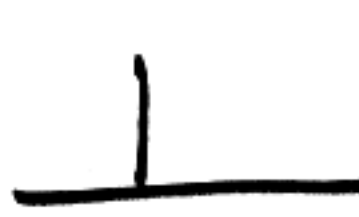
- Move top 3 disks
S → A



- Move last disk to destination



- Move top 3 disks to destination



hanoi(n, S, D, A) =

. hanoi(n-1, S, A, D)

. move disk n from S to D

. hanoi(n-1, A, D, S)

Recursive procedure

n	h _n	
1	1	2-1
2	3	4-1
3	7	8-1
4	15	16-1
5	31	32-1

Recursion: $h_n = 2h_{n-1} + 1$

In fact: $h_n = 2^n - 1$

What is the graph of the puzzle? (8)

A graph : collection of vertices
& edges

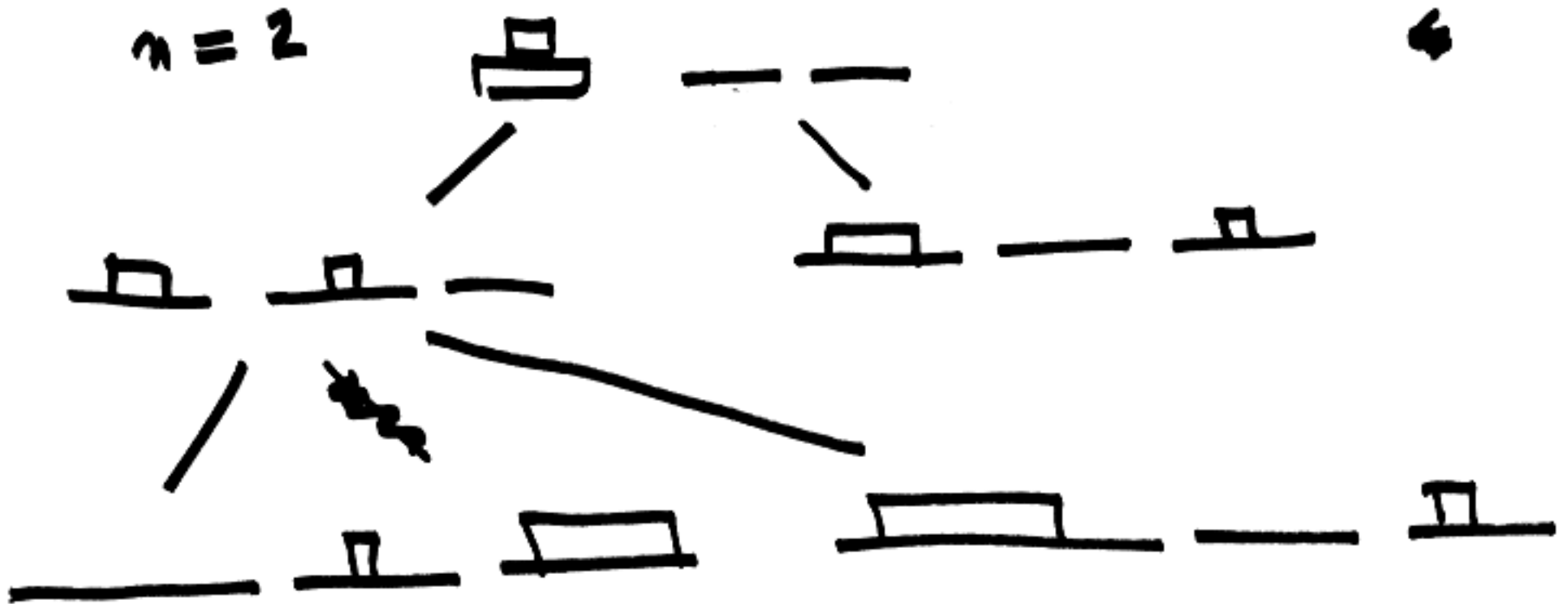


positions	↔	vertices
moves	↔	edges

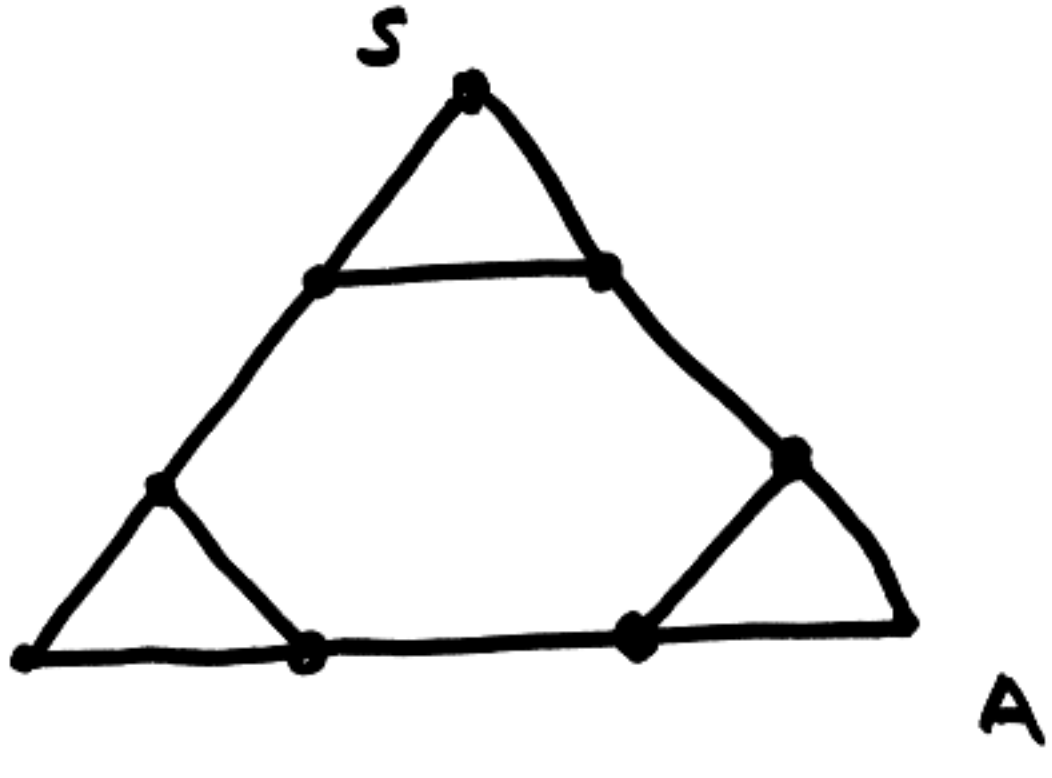
Chinese rings
graph



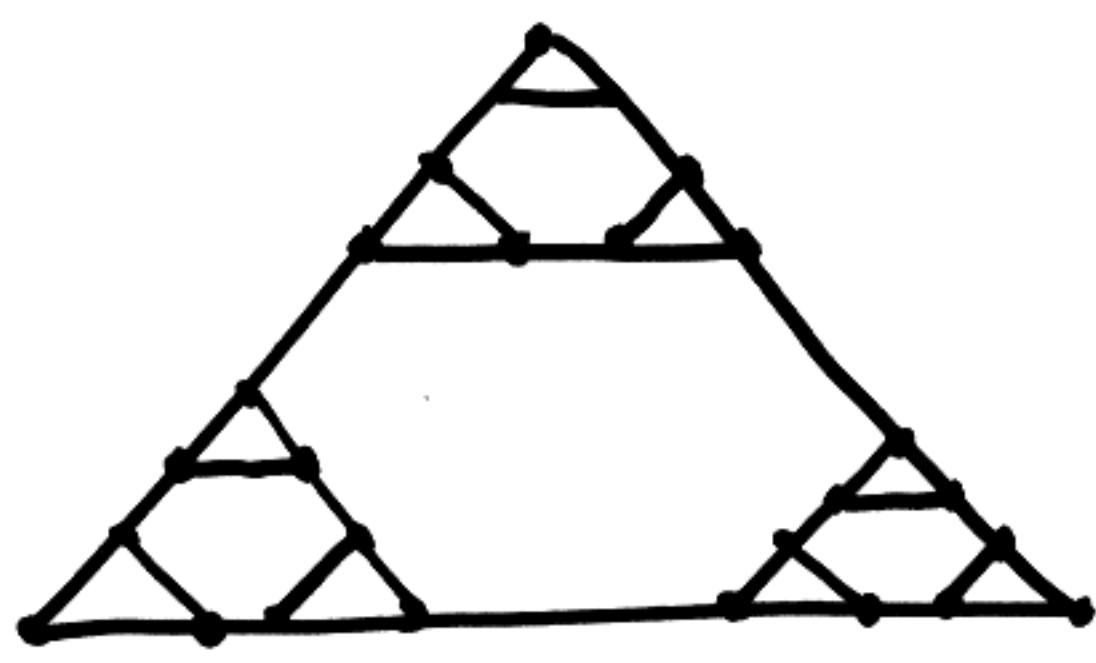
$n = 2$



$n=2$



$n=3$



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Recursion

$$n! = n \cdot (n-1) \cdots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$$

= # of permutations of n
things

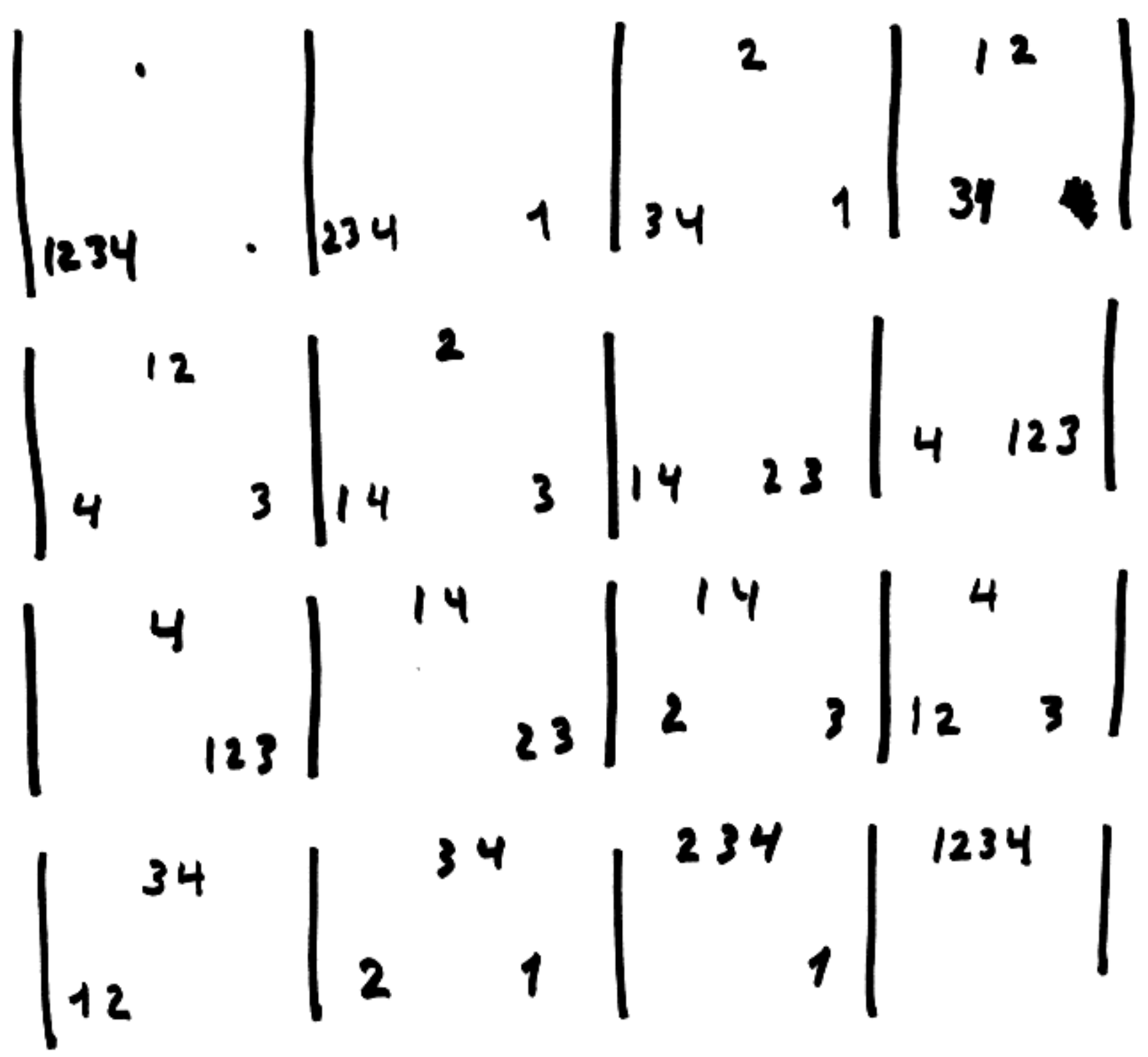
$$n=3 \quad 3! = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 6$$

1 2 3
2 1 3
3 2 1
1 3 2
2 3 1
3 1 2

Recursively.

$$\text{factorial}(n) = \begin{cases} n * \text{factorial}(n-1) & n > 1 \\ 1 & n = 1 \end{cases}$$

n = 4

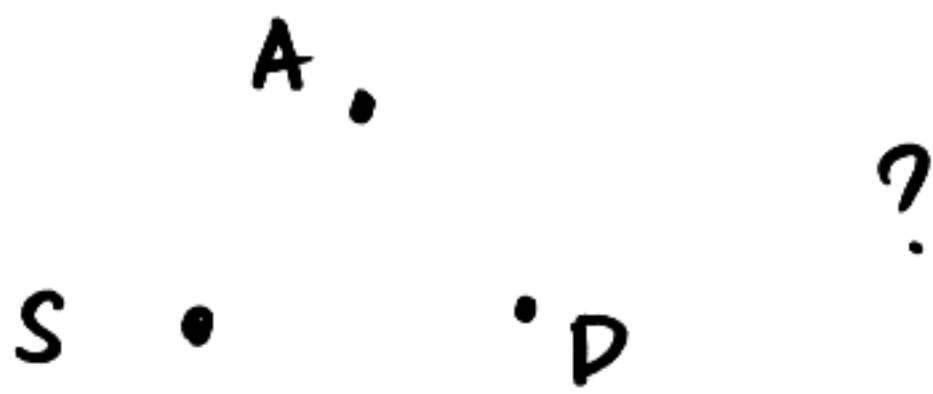


sequential

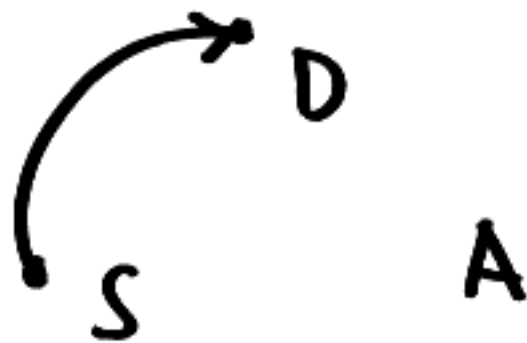
- disk 1 every other move
- in other moves: move disk other than 1.

Remarks

- disk that moves is given by ruler function.
- odd even



move in opposite direction.



n disks

n even

n odd

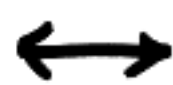


PUZZLE



graph

position



vertex

move



edge

Hanoi towers

position = arrangement of disks in a legal way.

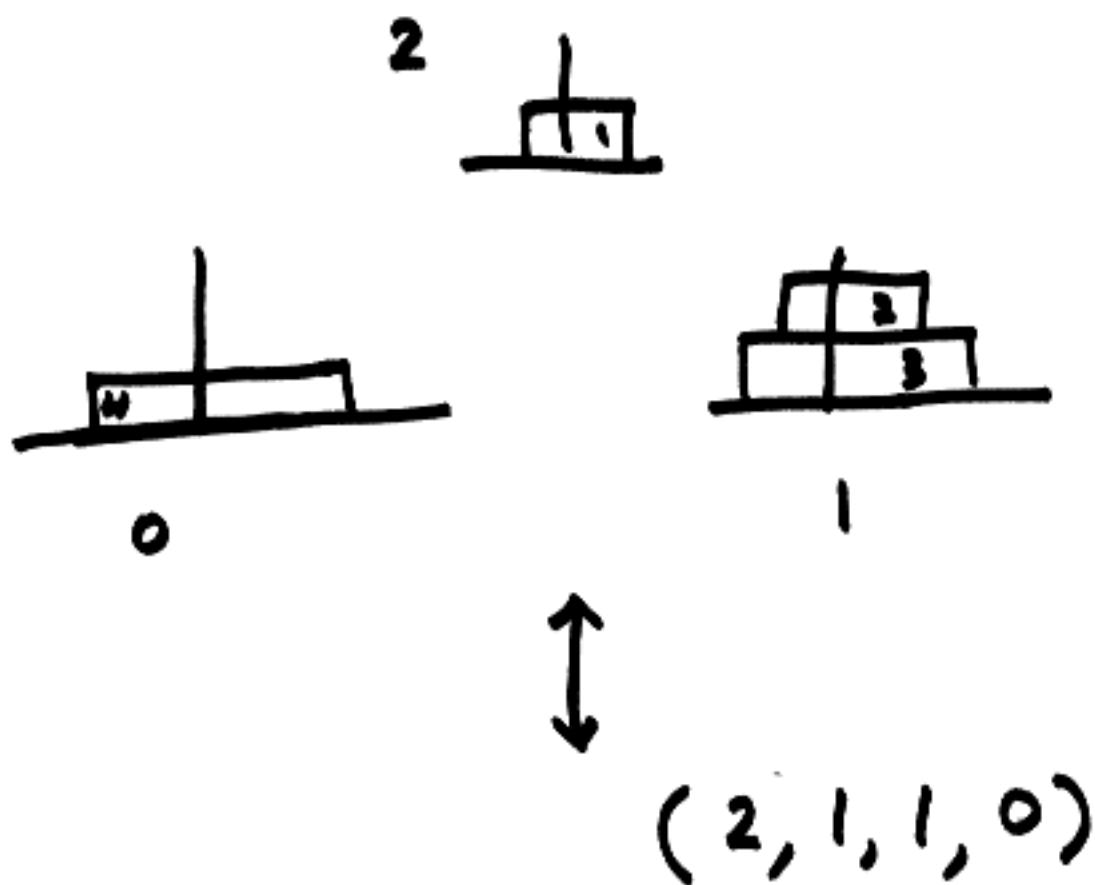
To give a position is enough (4)
to say what disks are where.
encode a position

(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)

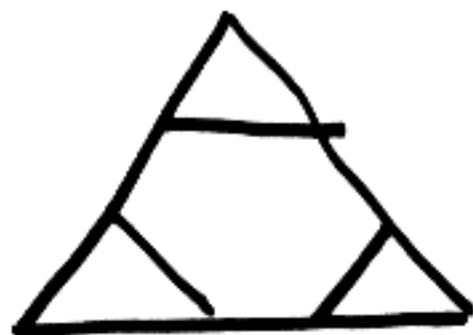
ternary bits $p_i = 0, 1, 2$

$p_i :=$ peg # where disk i is.

$n=4$



graph of puzzle



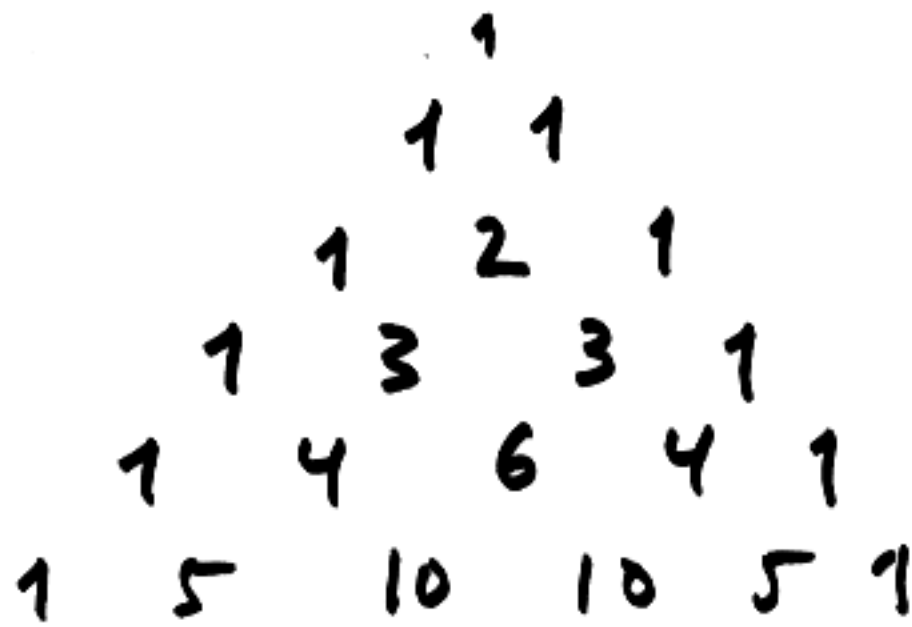
$$\binom{n}{k} =$$

$$(1+x)^2 = 1 + 2x + x^2 \quad \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$(1+x)^3 = 1 + 3x + 3x^2 + x^3 \quad \begin{matrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \end{matrix}$$



Pascal's triangle

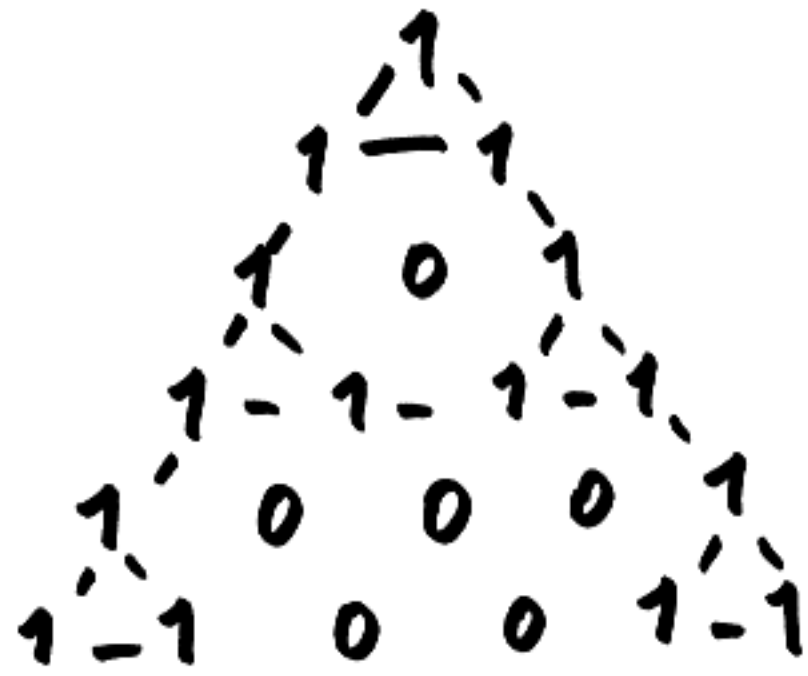


$$\binom{5}{2} = 10$$

$\binom{n}{k}$ = n chose k
 = # of ways to choose k things out of n

Pascal triangle w/parity

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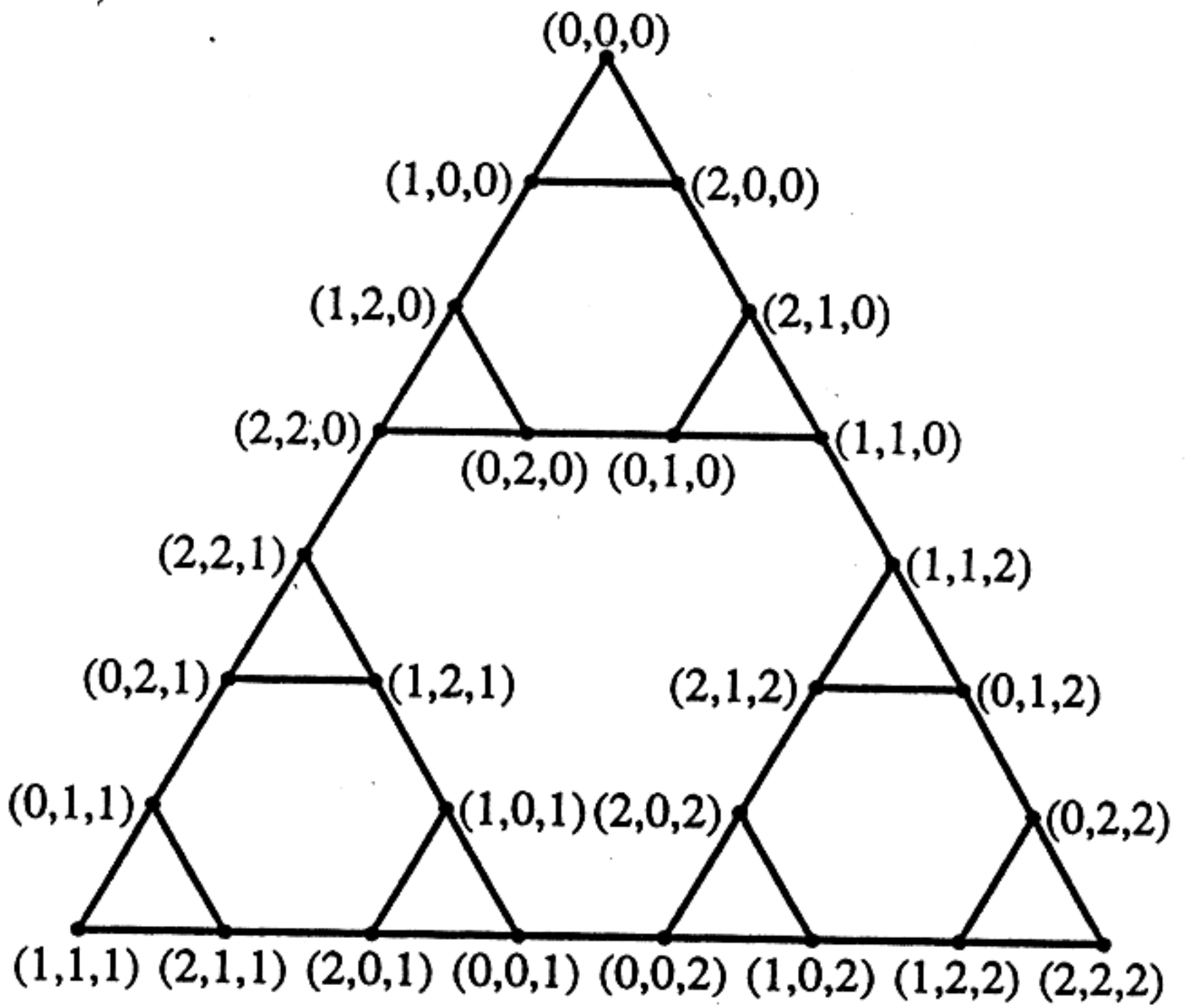
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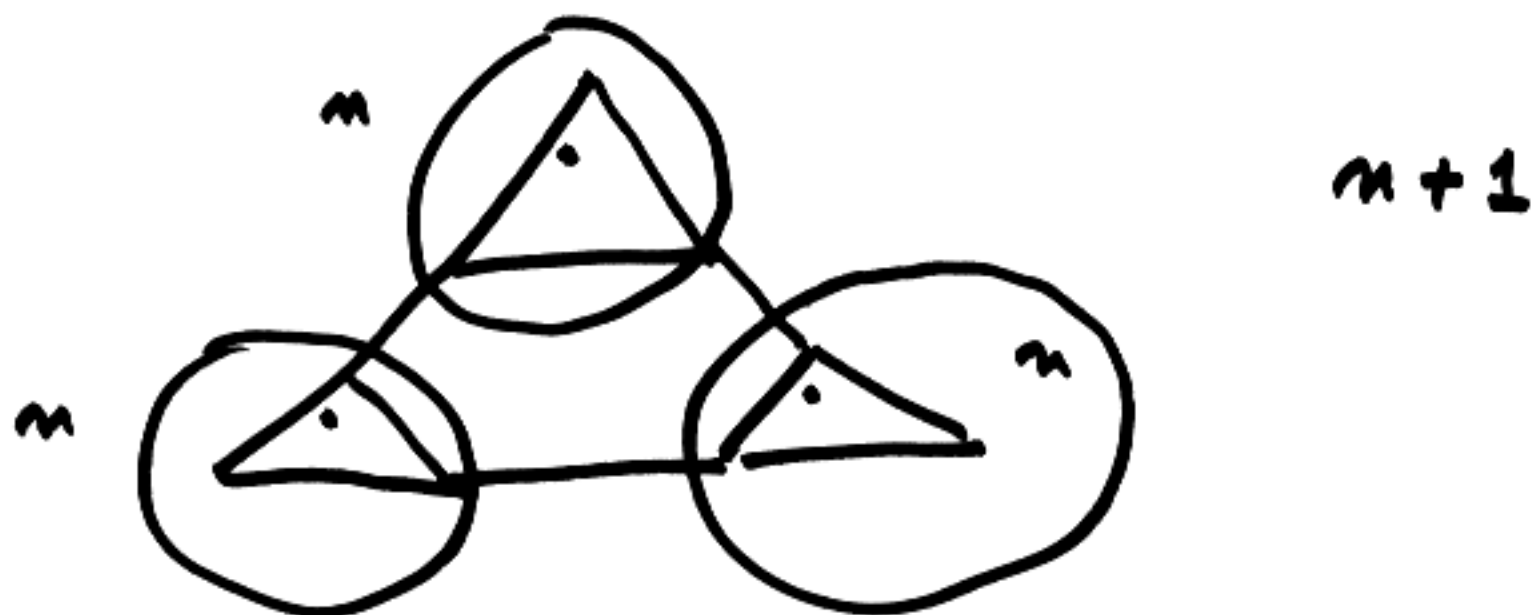
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Graph of Hanoi Towers puzzle with three disks.

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positions in case $n+1$

$= 3 \times$ positions in case n

$C_n := \#$ positions in case n

$$\begin{cases} C_{n+1} = 3 C_n \\ C_1 = 3 \end{cases}$$

$3, 3^2, 3^3, \dots$

Claim

$$C_n = 3^n$$

$$C_{n+1} = 3^{n+1} = 3 \times C_n$$

positions $\leftrightarrow (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$ (2)

$$p_i = 0, 1, 2$$

= peg # where
disk i is

$n=1$

(0), (1), (2)

$n=2$

(0, 0), (1, 0), (2, 0)

(0, 1), (1, 1), (2, 1)

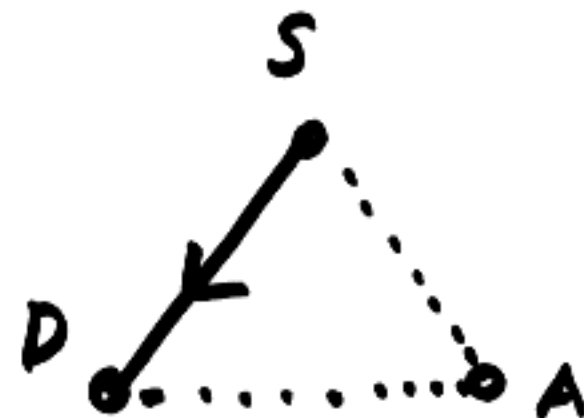
(0, 2), (1, 2), (2, 2)

$n=3$ (0, 0, *) (1, 0, *) (2, 0, *)

⋮

Solving puzzle optimally

What happens with last
disk, n ?



Disk n just moves
from $S \rightarrow D$?

(3)



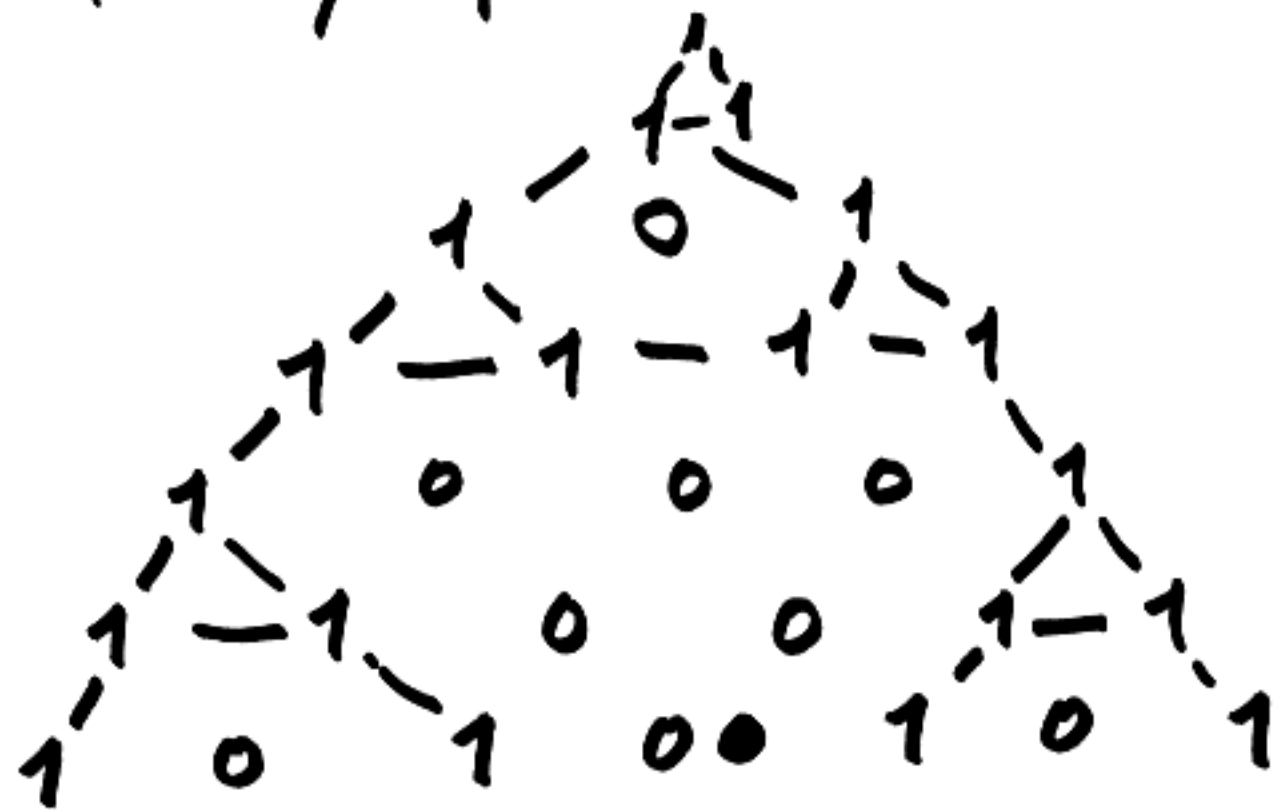
$n=7$ ↻₇ ⇒ disk # 1 ↻

PASCAL TRIANGLE

2							
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
	1	6	15	20	15	6	1
		1	5	10	10	5	1
			1	4	6	4	1
				1	3	3	1
					1	2	1
						1	1

$\binom{n}{k}$
"n chose k"
 $0 \leq k \leq n$

Parity of the Pascal triangle (4)



$$(1+x)^3 = 1 + 3x + 3x^2 + x^3$$

$$(1+x)^4 = 1 + 4x + 6x^2 + 4x^3 + x^4$$

⋮

$$\binom{n}{k} = \# \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ways to choose } k \text{ things} \\ \text{out of } n \end{array} \right.$$

$$\binom{n}{1} = n$$

$$\binom{n}{2} =$$

n = 4

1, 2, 3, 4

1, 2
1, 3
1, 4

2, 3
2, 4

3, 4

$\binom{4}{2} = 6$

$\binom{n}{2} = \frac{1}{2} n \times (n-1)$
↑ 1st choice ↑ 2nd choice

account for the order

otherwise we are double counting.

n = 4

$\boxed{1, 2}$
1, 3
1, 4

$\boxed{2, 1}$
2, 3
2, 4

3, 1
3, 2
3, 4

4, 1
4, 2
4, 3

$\binom{n}{2} = \frac{n \times (n-1)}{2}$

$\binom{4}{2} = \frac{4 \times 3}{2} = 6$

n=5 $\binom{5}{2} = 10$

- 1, 2 2, 3 3, 4 4, 5
- 1, 3 2, 4 3, 5
- 1, 4 2, 5
- 1, 5

$\frac{n \times (n-1)}{2} = \frac{5 \times 4}{2} = 10$

$\binom{n}{3} = \frac{1}{6} n (n-1) (n-2)$

↑ 1st ~~5~~ ↑ 2nd ↑ 3rd

overcounting e.g. {1, 2, 3}

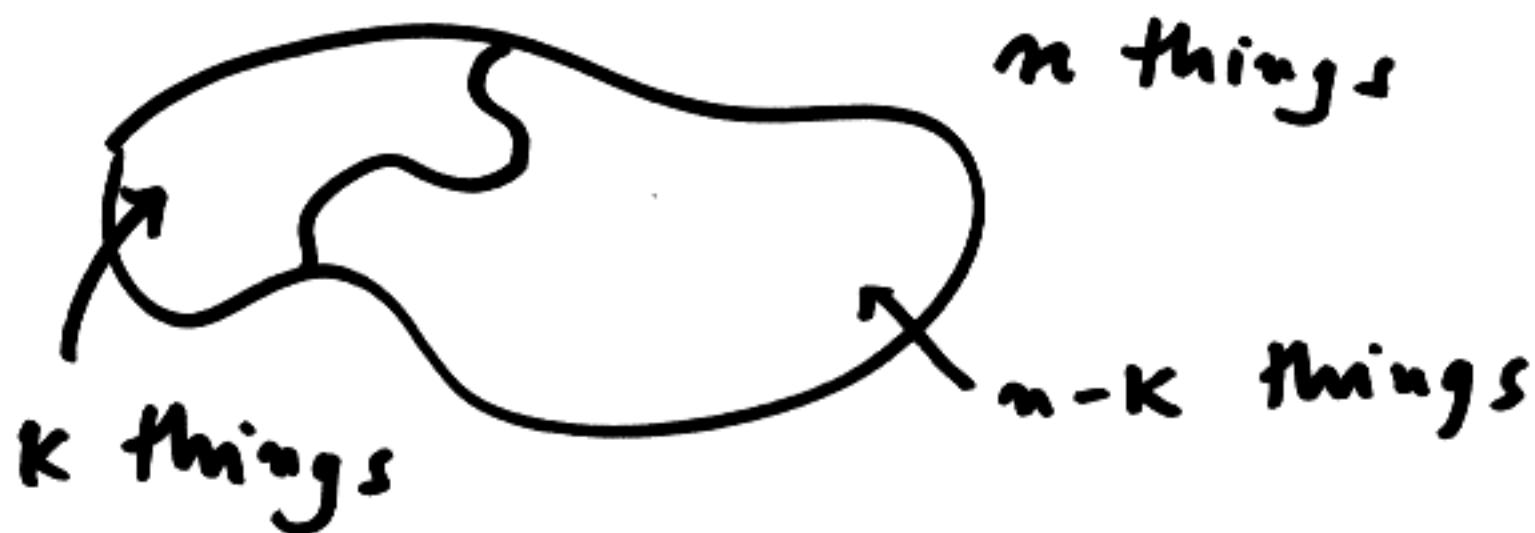
- 6 times {
- 1, 2, 3
 - 1, 3, 2
 - 2, 1, 3
 - 2, 3, 1
 - 3, 1, 2
 - 3, 2, 1

$$\binom{n}{4} = \frac{1n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{4!}$$

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$$\binom{5}{3} = \frac{5 \times 4 \times 3}{3 \times 2 \times 1} = 10$$

Symmetry in Pascal's triangle



Picking $k \leftrightarrow$ Picking $n-k$

E.g. $n=5$

Pick two things

$$\binom{5}{2} = 10$$



Pick 3 things

$$\binom{5}{3} = \frac{5 \times 4 \times 3}{3 \times 2 \times 1} = 10$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n(n-1) \dots (n-k+1)}{k!}$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1) \dots \dots 2 \cdot 1}{k! (n-k)!}$$

$$\binom{7}{4} = \frac{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot \overbrace{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot \underbrace{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}} = \frac{7!}{4! 3!}$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!}$$

$$k \leftrightarrow n-k$$

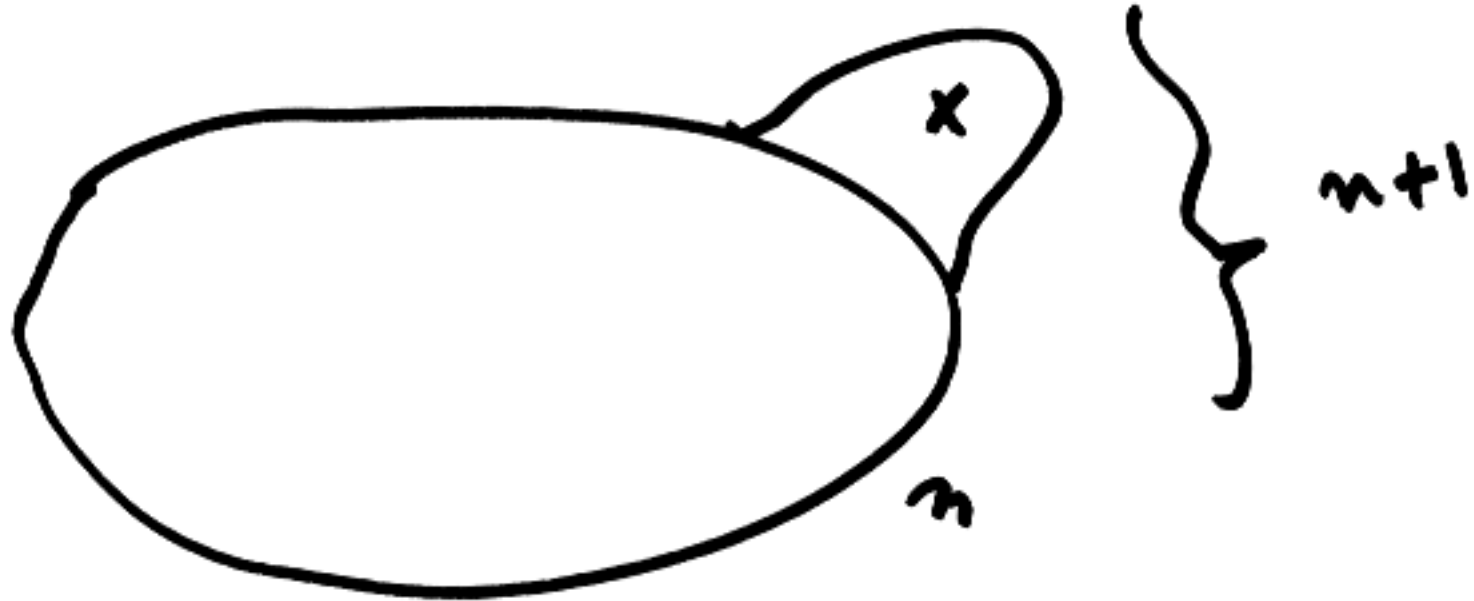
$$k \mapsto n-k$$

$$n-k \mapsto n - (n-k) = k$$

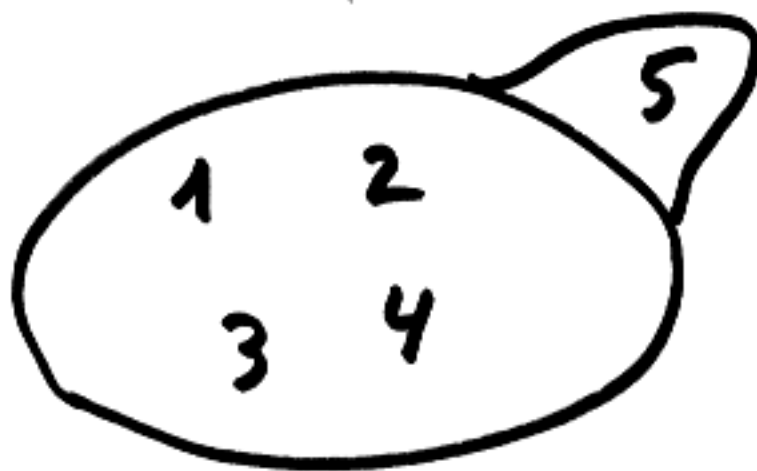
$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$$

$$\binom{n}{k} + \binom{n}{k-1} = \binom{n+1}{k}$$

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$n=4$



Excluding 5

- 1, 2 2, 3 3, 4
 - 1, 3 2, 4
 - 1, 4
- $\binom{4}{2}$

Including 5

- 5, 1
 - 5, 2
 - 5, 3
 - 5, 4
- $\binom{4}{1}$

$$\binom{5}{2} = \binom{4}{2} + \binom{4}{1}$$

15 - puzzle

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	

S. Lloyd

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	15	14	

cannot be done!

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NIM

Two piles

o o | o o

good move → o o | o o

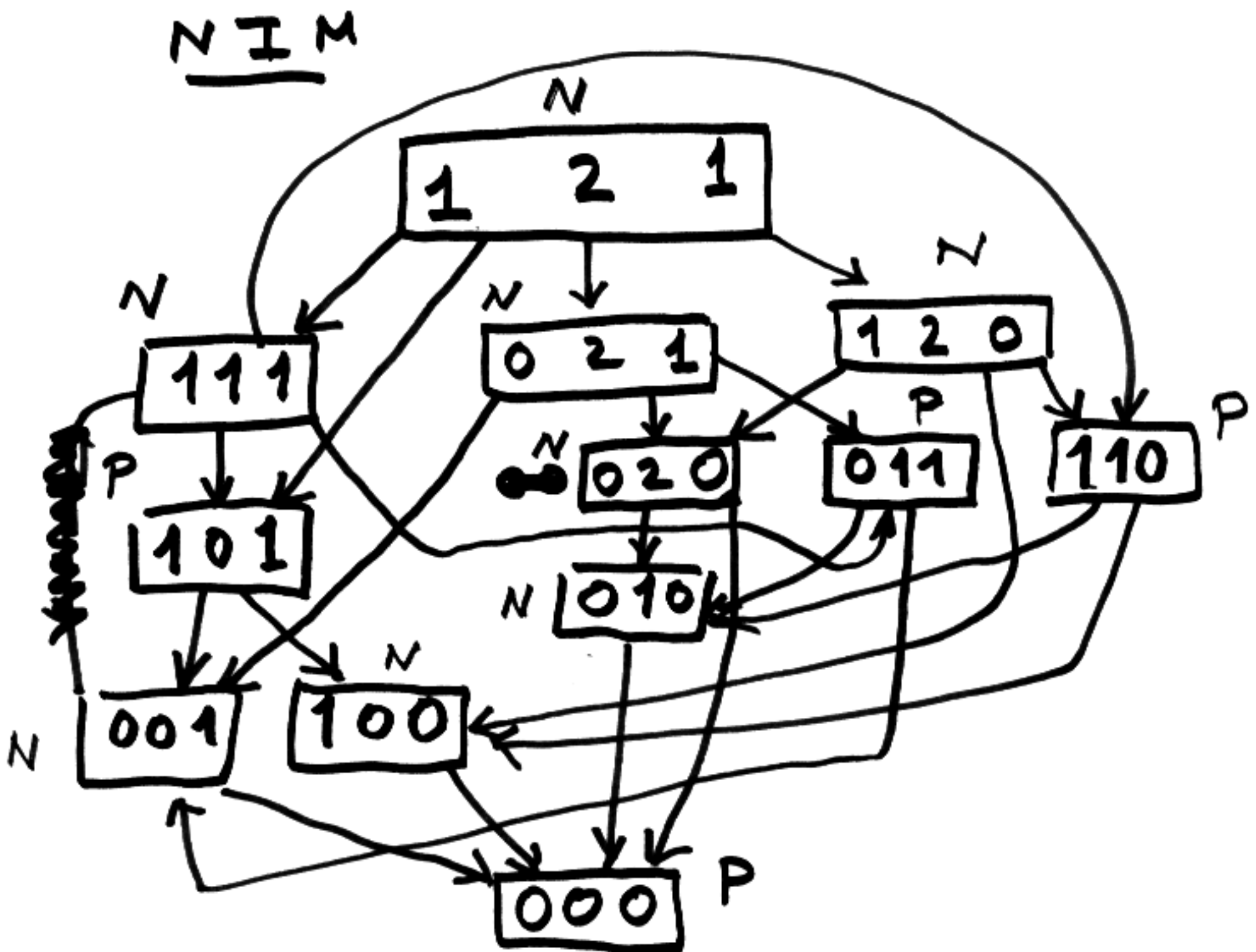
Strategy: achieve same number
in both piles.

How does this extend to more
piles?

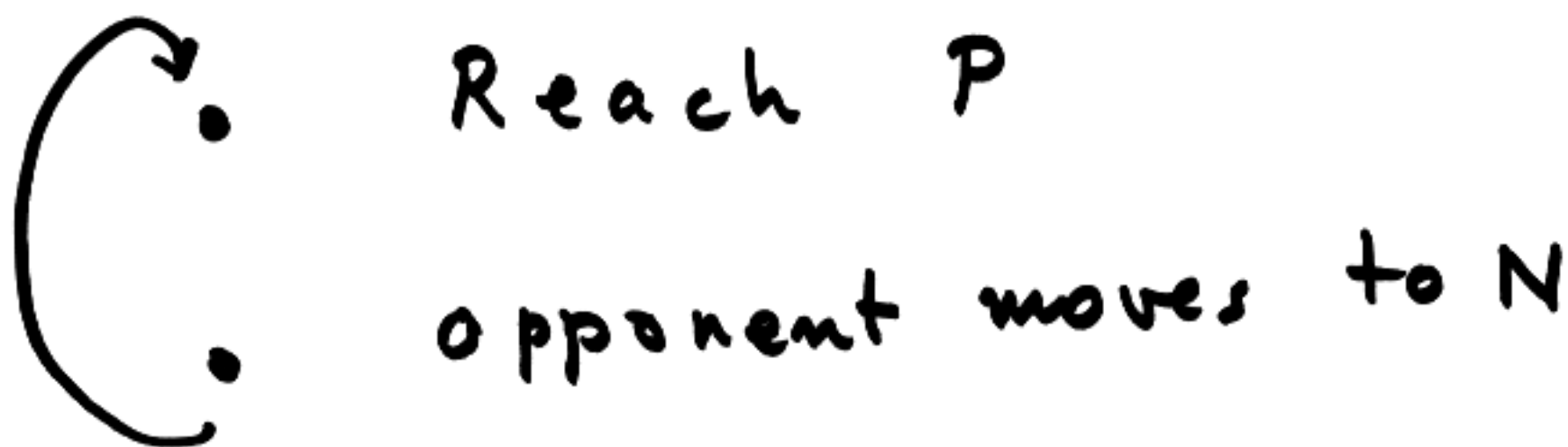
Ch. Bouton 1901

Theory applies to impartial
games.

graph: vertices \leftrightarrow position (2)
 edge \leftrightarrow move



Strategy



Impartial game

- Two players, alternate
- same moves
- No chance
- complete information
- no ties / endgame

Player unable to move loses.
(Normal play)

(opposite "wins")
misère play

Subtraction games

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one pile

you take s objects from
the pile where

$$s \in S$$

E.g. $S = \{2, 3\}$



positions labels
repeat in the

P P N N N
pattern

E.g. if pile has 22 things



take 2 to reach a P position

Nim addition (Nimbers)

$$n \oplus m$$

write n, m in binary

E.g. $n = 3, m = 5$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 n \quad \quad 101 \\
 m \quad \quad 011 \\
 \hline
 n \oplus m \quad 110 \leftarrow n \oplus m = 6
 \end{array}$$

$$3 \oplus 5 = 6$$

$$n = m \iff n \oplus m = 0$$

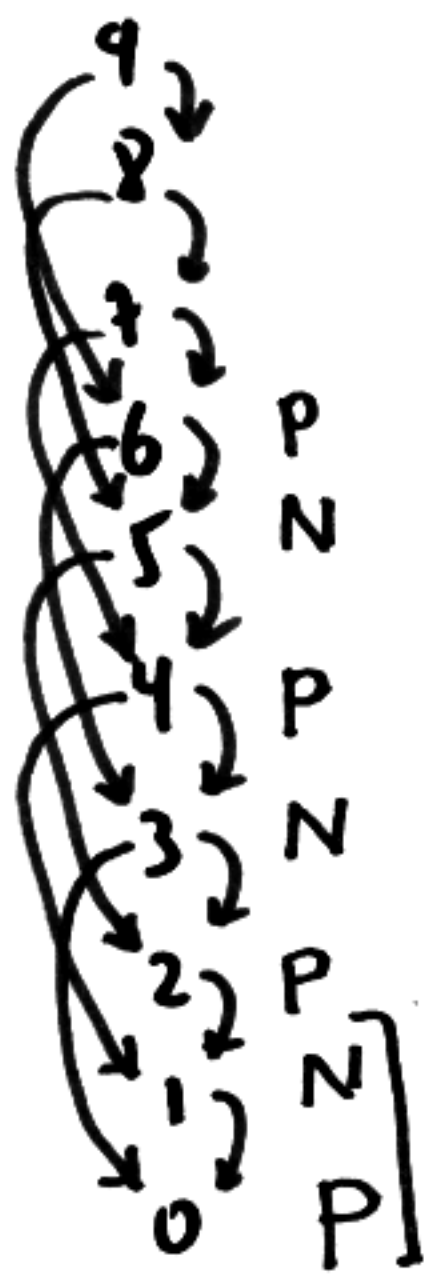
$$\begin{array}{r}
 1101 \\
 a b c d \\
 \hline
 0000
 \end{array}
 \iff
 \begin{array}{l}
 d = 1 \\
 c = 0 \\
 b = 1 \\
 a = 1
 \end{array}$$

$$(n_1, \dots, n_k) \text{ P-position} \iff n_1 \oplus \dots \oplus n_k = 0$$

E.g.

$$S = \{ 1, 3 \}$$

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$$\underbrace{PN}$$

 pattern repeats

What are the P positions in NIM?

two piles : (n, m)

$n = m$ \longleftrightarrow P position

More piles

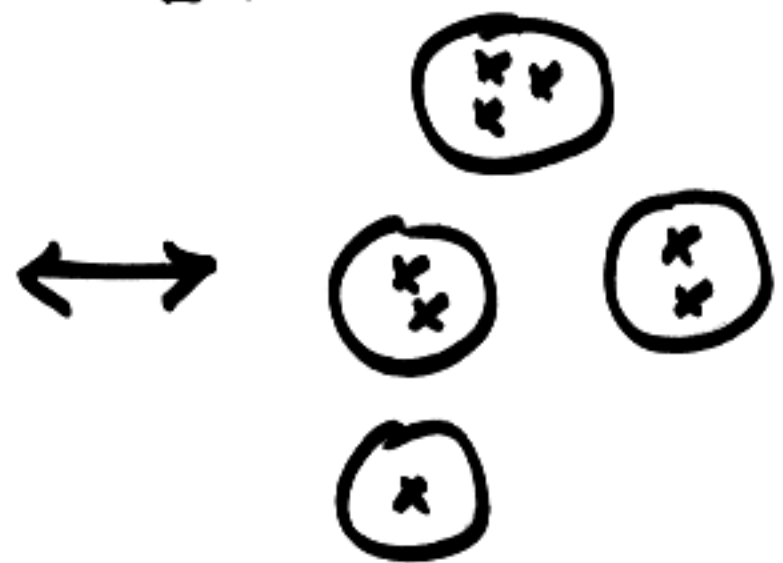
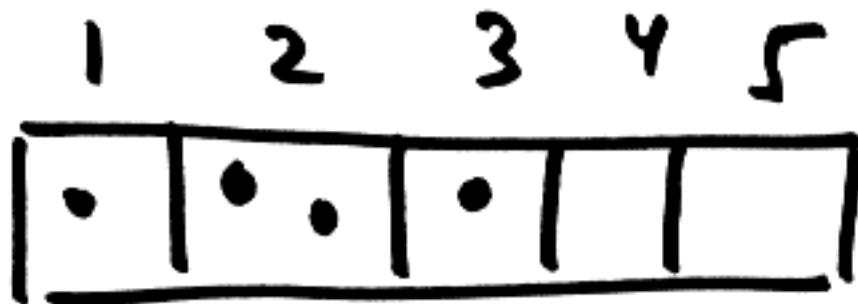
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Nimble

Rule Move one penny to the left (any # of steps)

Nimble ↔ Nim
penny ↔ pile
position ↔ size



0 0 1	0 0 1	0 0 1	0 0 0
0 1 1	0 1 0	0 1 1	
1 0 0	0 1 1		

Write position of H's

n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k

P position $\leftrightarrow n_1 \oplus \dots \oplus n_k = 0$

1	0 0 1	
3	0 1 1	
4	1 0 0	
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6	1 1 0	\rightarrow N position

Strategy: make it a P-position

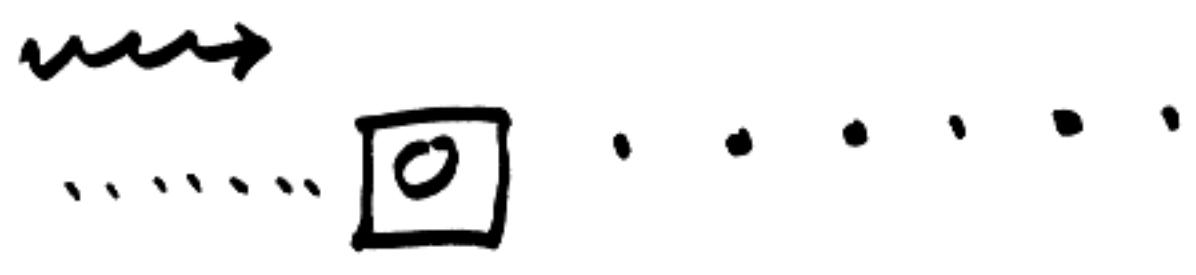
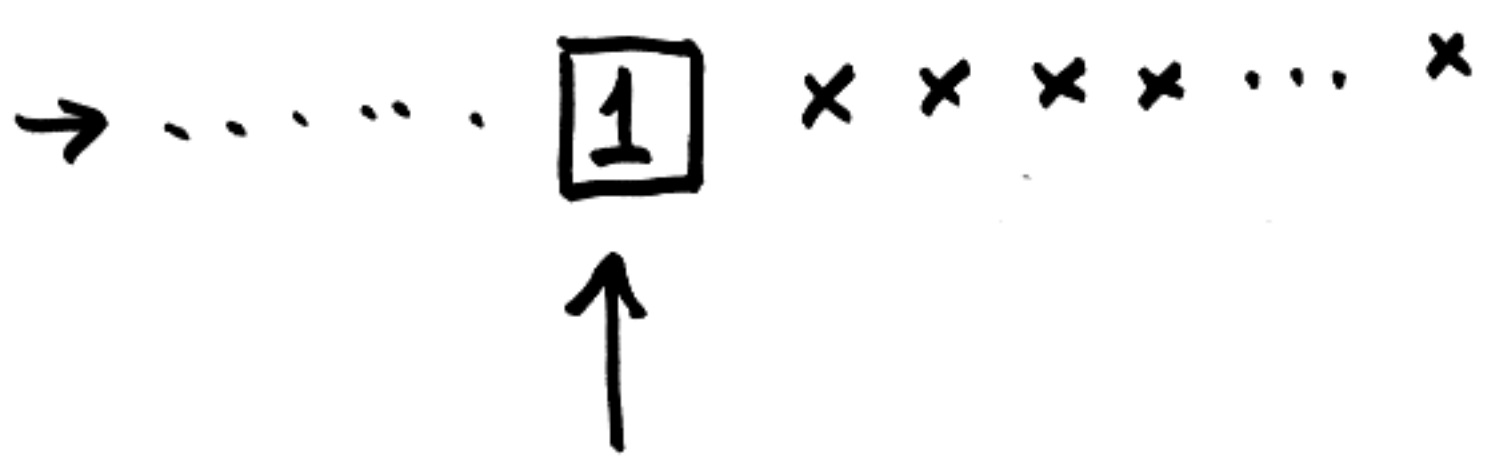
Move

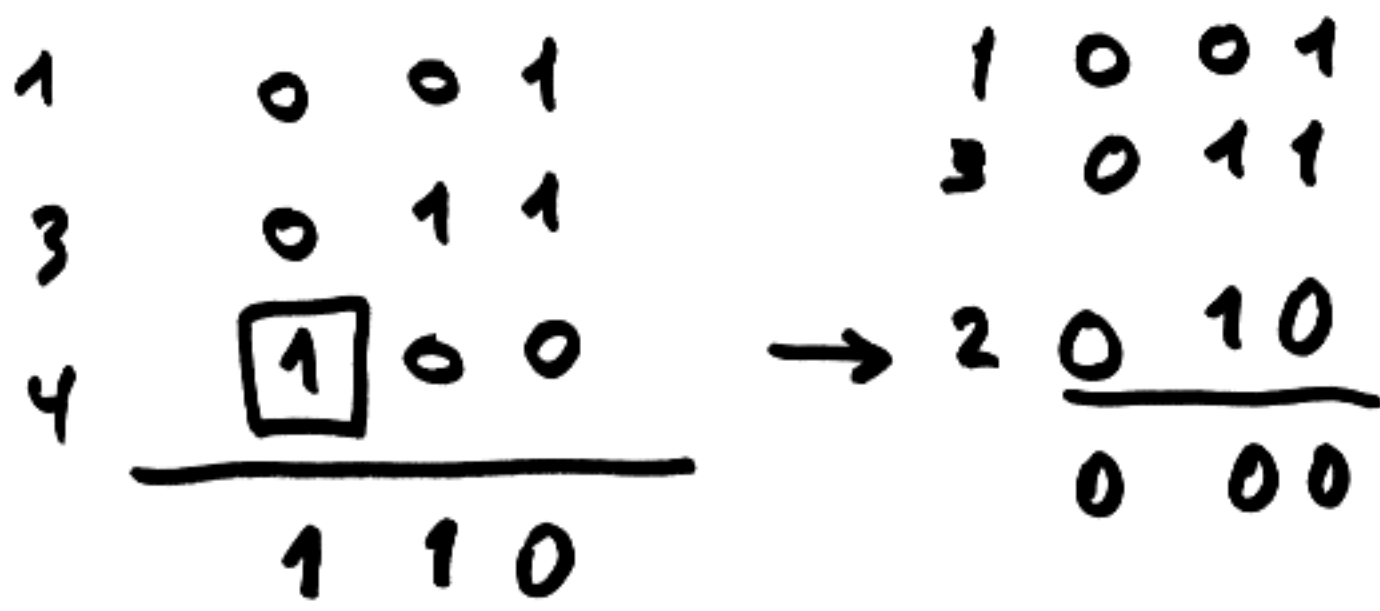
H	T	H	H	T	T
↓					
H	H	H	T	T	T

0 0 1	
0 1 0	
0 1 1	
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0 0 0	\rightarrow P-position

$$\begin{array}{r}
 001 \\
 011 \\
 100 \\
 \hline
 110
 \end{array}
 \quad N \rightarrow P$$

- identify leftmost column with sum of 1.
- In that column find a row with a 1.
- Change that row to get 0 sum





NIM

n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k # of objects
in each pile

P-position $\iff n_1 \oplus \dots \oplus n_k = 0$

- A move from $n_1 \oplus \dots \oplus n_k = 0$ will mess this up
- Any N-position can be made into P.

E.g. 15, 13, 5
3
↓
2

15, 13, 5

↓
10

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	<u>8 4 2 1</u>	
15	1 1 1 1	
	0 0 0 0	
13	1 1 0 1	
	0 0 0 0	
5	0 1 0 1	→
	<hr/>	
	0 1 1 1	
	N - position	

1 1 1 1	15
1 1 0 1	13
<u>0 0 1 0</u>	2
0 0 0 0	
	P - position

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1 1 1 1	
1 1 0 1	→
<u>0 1 0 1</u>	
0 1 1 1	

1 1 1 1	15
1 0 1 0	10
<u>0 1 0 1</u>	5
0 0 0 0	

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1 1 1 1	→
1 1 0 1	
<u>0 1 0 1</u>	
0 1 1 1	

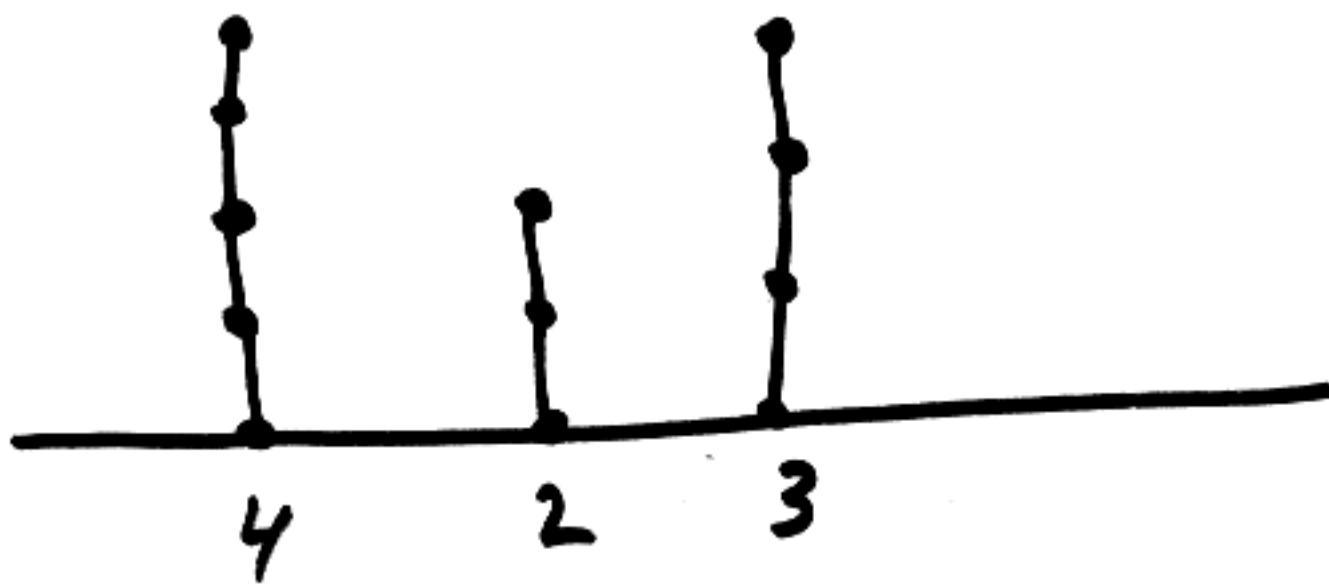
1 0 0 0	8
1 1 0 1	13
<u>0 1 0 1</u>	5
0 0 0 0	

Other examples of impartial games

3) Hackenbush



Move: Hack a piece off!

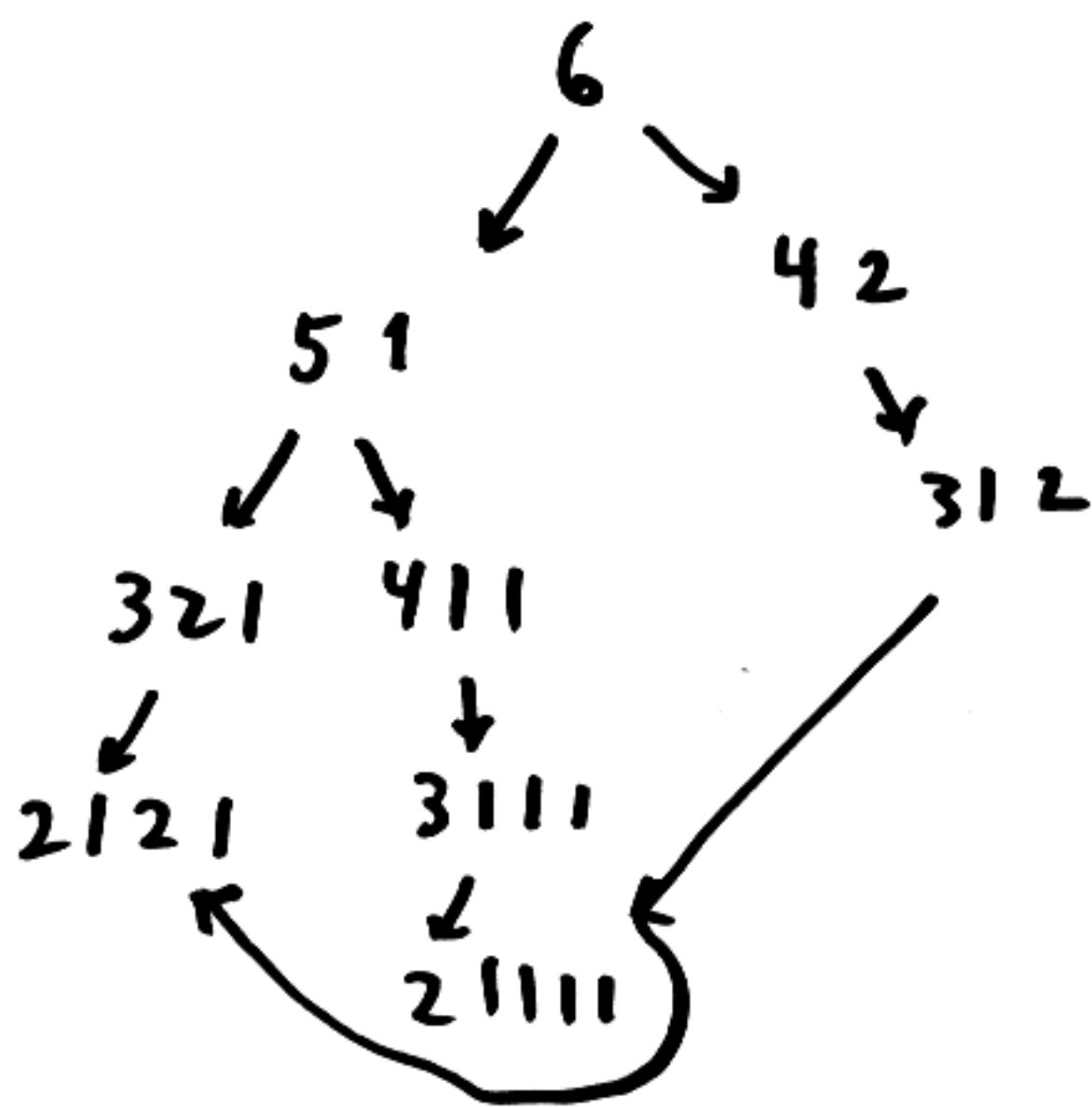


Each bamboo shoot ↔ pile
 segment ↔ penny

4) Grundy's game

Start pile w/ n things

Rule Pick a pile and divide it into two unequal piles



sum of games

Γ_1, Γ_2 impartial games

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \oplus \Gamma_2$$

A move in Γ is either a move in Γ_1 or a move in Γ_2

Similarly $\Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_k$

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \Gamma_k$$

E.g. Nim with k -piles is the sum \oplus of k 1-pile games.

Example

$\Gamma_1 =$ subtraction game

$$S = \{1, 2\}$$

$\Gamma_2 =$ subtraction

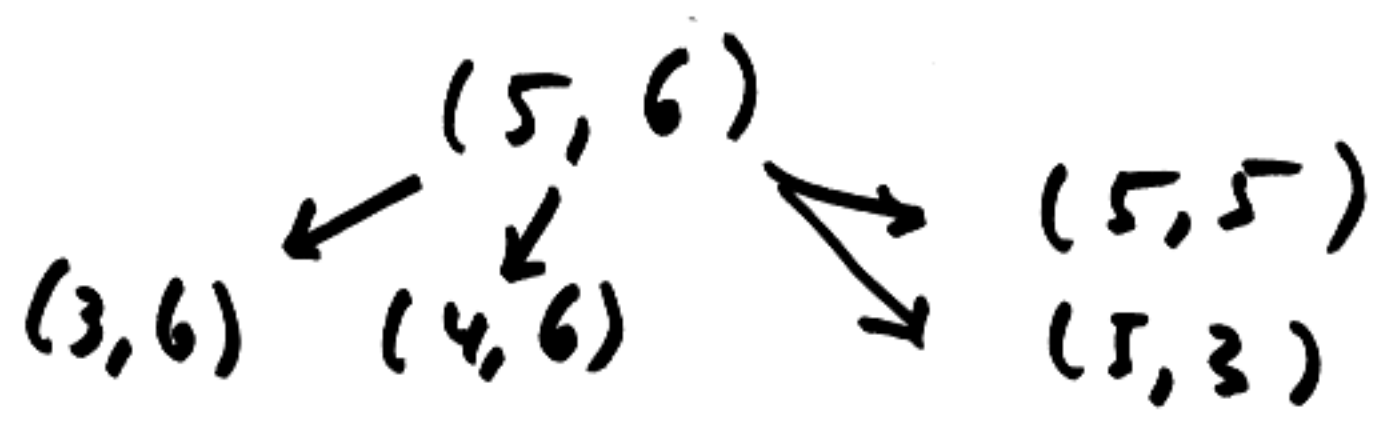
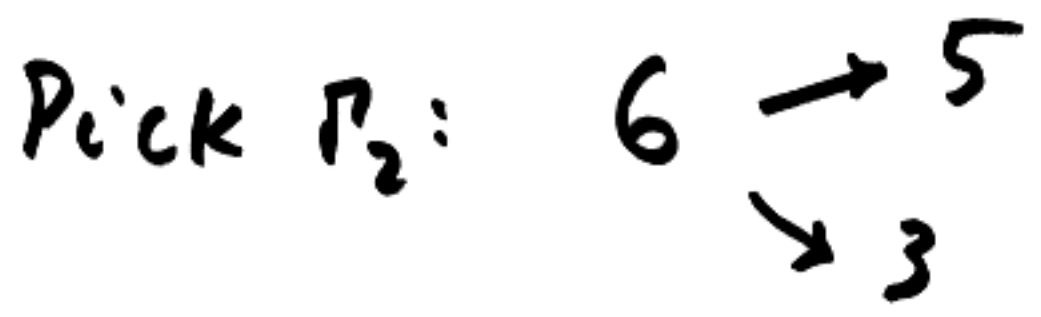
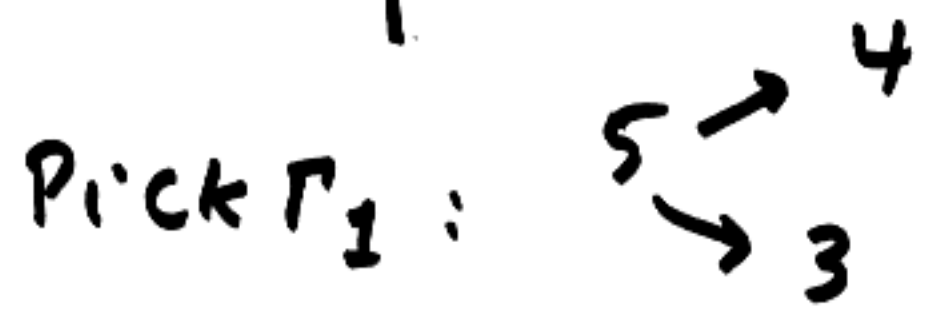
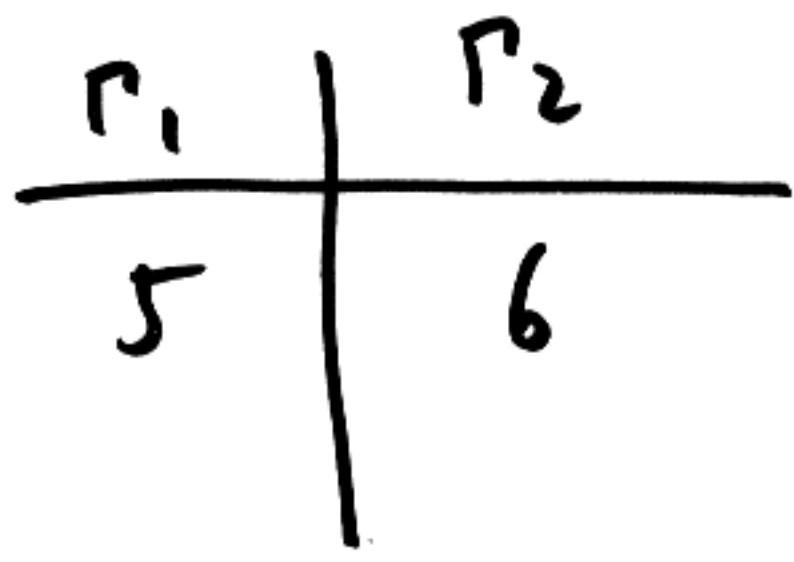
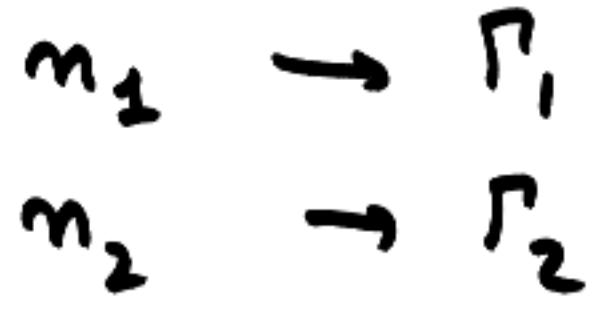
$$S = \{1, 3\}$$

Position

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \oplus \Gamma_2$$

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two piles



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Impartial games

Γ_1, Γ_2

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \oplus \Gamma_2$$

A move in Γ is a move in either Γ_1 or Γ_2

E.g. Nim with k -piles

$$\underbrace{\Gamma \oplus \dots \oplus \Gamma}_{k \text{ - times}}$$

of $\Gamma = \text{Nim w/ one pile}$

Labeling P/N positions in Γ_1 and Γ_2 is not enough to find the label in $\Gamma_1 \oplus \Gamma_2$

$\Gamma_1 =$ subtraction game

$S = \{1, 2\}$

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$\Gamma_2 =$ " "

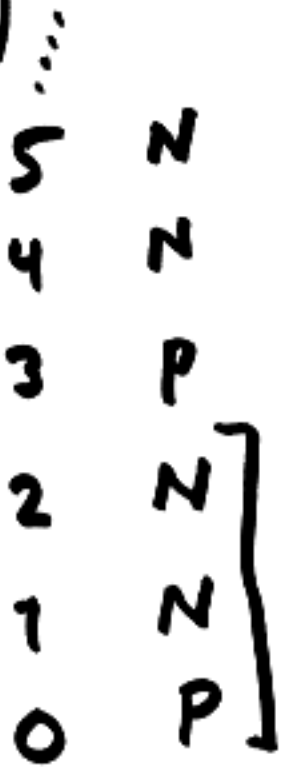
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$\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \oplus \Gamma_2$

n_1, n_2

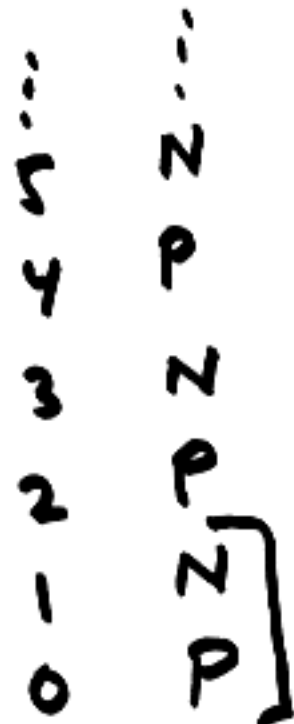
$S = \{1, 2\}$

Γ_1



n p-position
 \Updownarrow
 $3 \mid n$

Γ_2

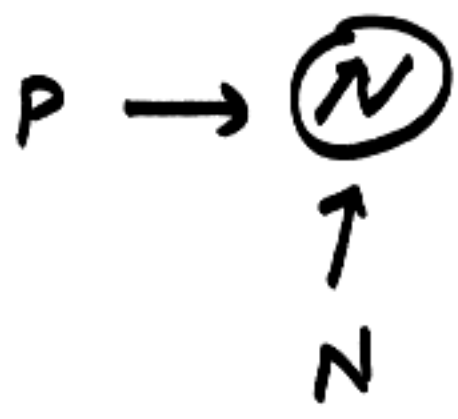
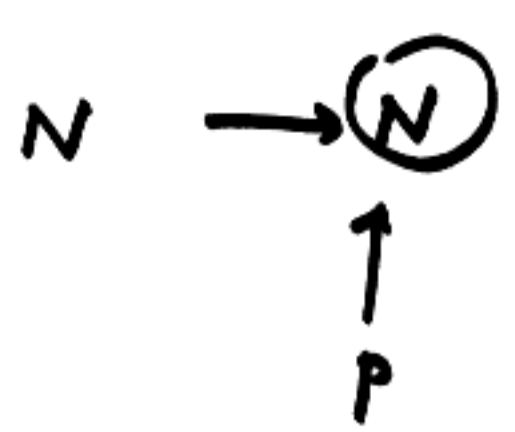
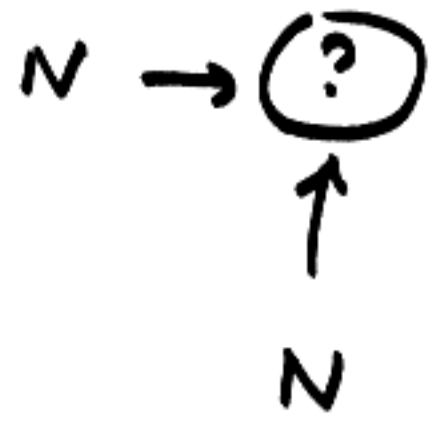
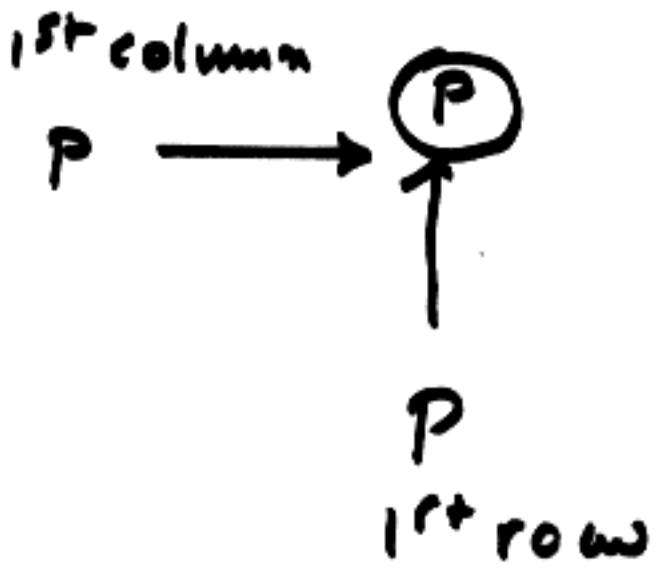


$S = \{1, 3\}$

n p-position
 \Updownarrow
 $2 \mid n$

$\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \oplus \Gamma_2$

6	:								
5	N								
4	P	N	N	P					
3	N	P	N	N					
2	P	N	N	P	N				
1	N	P	N	N	P				
0	P	N	N	P	N	N		
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7



We need something more elaborate than just N/p labels for each individual game.

We'll define a numerical value to a position in an impartial game. $G(\text{position}) = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

P-position \leftrightarrow G value = 0 $\textcircled{4}$

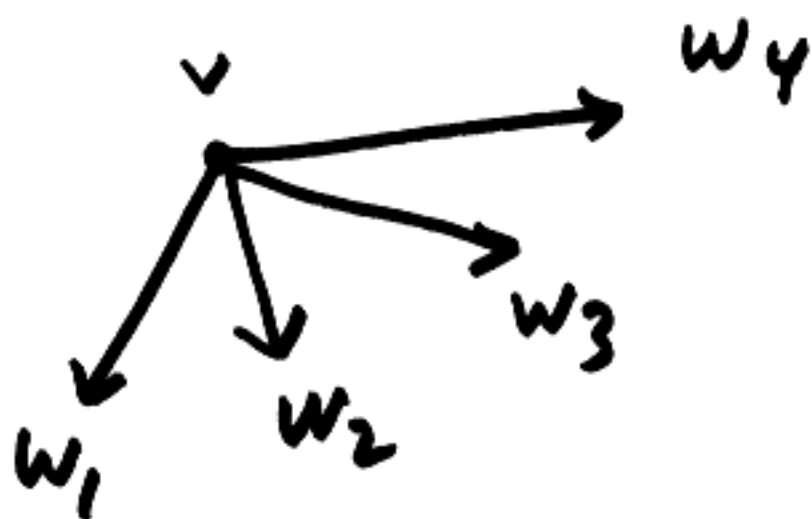
N-position \leftrightarrow G-value > 0

In the case of Nim k -piles

n_1, \dots, n_k

$$G = n_1 \oplus \dots \oplus n_k$$

Grundy function



$$G(v) = \text{mex} \{ G(w_1), G(w_2), G(w_3), G(w_4) \}$$

$$G(v) := \text{mex} \{ G(w) \mid v \mapsto w \}$$

mex = minimum excludant

$$S \subseteq \{ 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \}$$

$\text{mex}(S) :=$ smallest number which is NOT in S

$$\text{mex} \{ 0, 1, 4, 6, 9 \} = 2$$

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$$\text{mex} \{ \emptyset \} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\text{mex} \{ S \} = 0 \iff 0 \text{ is not in } S}$$

$$\text{mex} \{ 0, *, *, * \dots \} > 0$$

Γ_1

$\{1, 2\}$



$$\text{mex} \{ 0, 1, 3 \} = 2$$

$$\text{mex} \{ 0 \} = 1$$

$$G(v) = 0 \iff \text{P-position}$$

$$\iff \text{mex} \{ G(w) \mid v \mapsto w \} = 0$$

$$\iff 0 \neq G(w) \mid v \mapsto w$$

$G(v) > 0 \iff N\text{-position}$ (6)

\updownarrow

$\max \{ G(w) \mid v \mapsto w \} > 0$

\updownarrow

at least on child $v \mapsto w$
has $G(w) = 0$

(Sprague - Grundy)

THEOREM

$\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \dots, \Gamma_k, \quad \Gamma := \Gamma_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \Gamma_k$

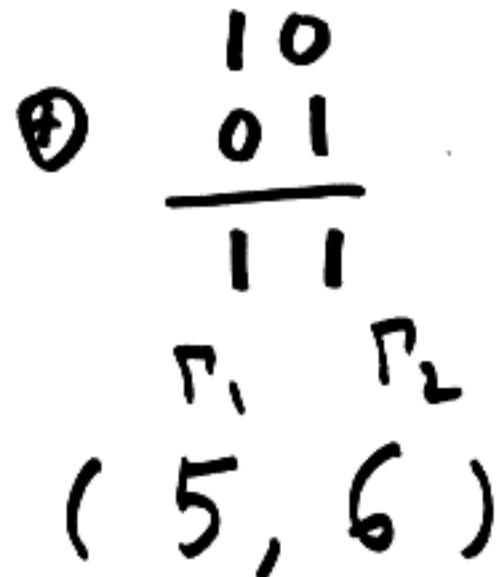
$G_\Gamma = G_{\Gamma_1} \oplus \dots \oplus G_{\Gamma_k}$

Ex. g. Γ_1 subtraction $S = \{1, 2\}$
 Γ_2 " " $S = \{1, 3\}$

$G_{\Gamma_1}(n) = \{0, 1, 2, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

$G_{\Gamma_2}(n) = 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, \dots$

	1	0						
	0	1						
2	1	0	3	1				
1	0	1	2	0	1			
0	1	0	3	1	0	3	1	
0	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7



$G_{\pi_1}(5) = 2$
 $G_{\pi_2}(6) = 0$

$G_{\pi}(5, 6) = 2 \oplus 0 = 2$

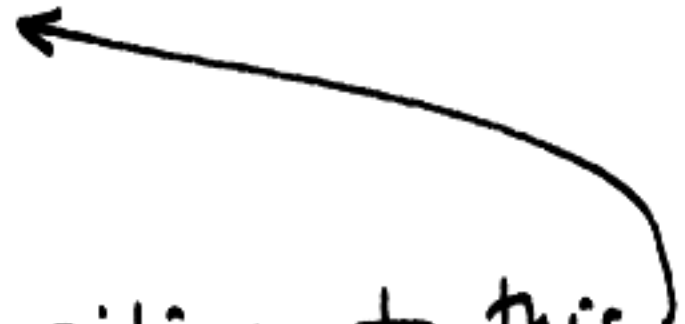
→ N-position

winning move 2 → 0
 5 → 3

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15-puzzle

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	



Goal: scrambled position to this

Move: Exchange a number w/blank (if neighbors)

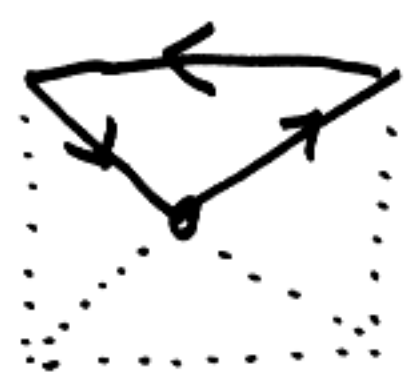
Moves permute the numbers.

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

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 & | & 0 & 1 & 4 & | & 2 & 1 & 4 & | & 2 & 1 & 0 & | \\ 2 & & 3 & | & 2 & 3 & & | & 0 & 3 & & | & 3 & & 4 & | \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 & | & 1 & 0 & 2 & | \\ 3 & 4 & | & 3 & 4 & & | \end{vmatrix}$$





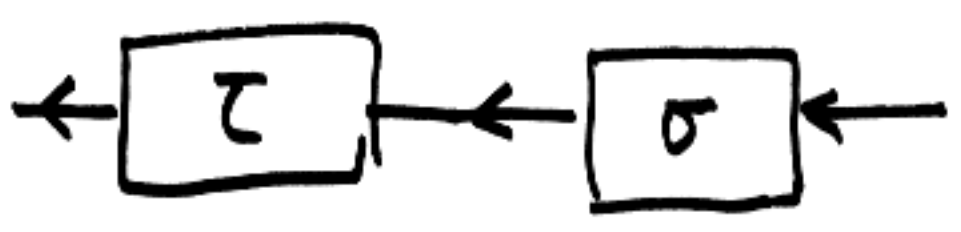
$$\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

transposition (swap two numbers)

Permutations can be "multiplied"

$$\tau \cdot \sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

\uparrow \uparrow
 2nd 1st



$$\sigma \cdot \tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note $\sigma \cdot \tau \neq \tau \cdot \sigma$
 Not commutative

Every permutation has inverse

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

$$\sigma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma^{-1} \cdot \sigma = 1 \quad \leftarrow \text{permutation don't do anything}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma \cdot \sigma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = 1$$

$$\sigma \cdot 1 = \sigma$$

$$1 \cdot \sigma = \sigma$$

All permutations of n things = S_n

$$|S_n| = n!$$

15-puzzle : permutations of 15 #'s w/ blank
in its final position. ?

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Permutations

• 1, identity, do-nothing

• $\sigma \rightsquigarrow$ inverse σ^{-1}

$$\sigma \cdot \sigma^{-1} = \sigma^{-1} \cdot \sigma = 1$$

• $(\sigma \cdot \tau) \cdot \rho = \sigma \cdot (\tau \cdot \rho)$

associative

$$= \sigma \cdot \tau \cdot \rho$$

A group \mathcal{G} (of permutations of n things) is a set of permutations

• $1 \in \mathcal{G}$

• $\sigma \in \mathcal{G}, \sigma^{-1} \in \mathcal{G}$

• $\sigma, \tau \in \mathcal{G}, \sigma \cdot \tau \in \mathcal{G}$

For example

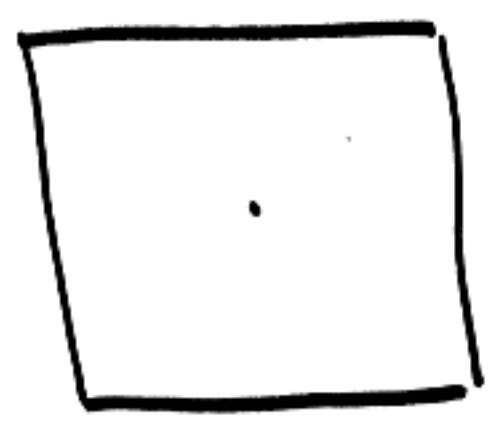
1) $\mathcal{G} = S_n$ (all permutations)

2) $G = \{1\}$
trivial group

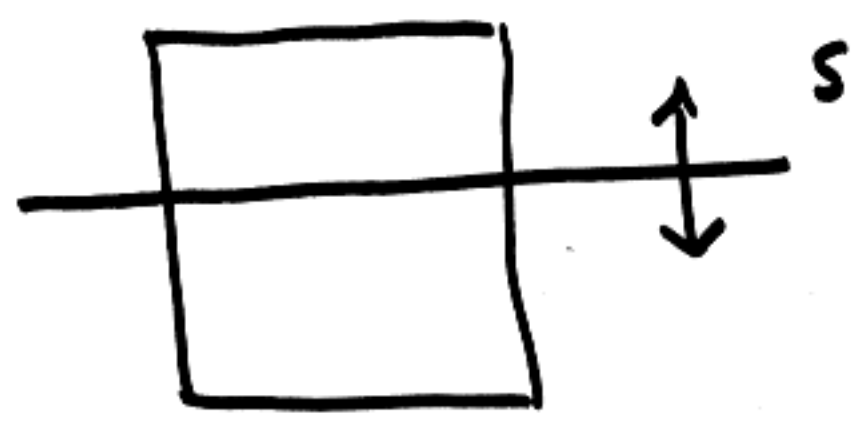
$$1^{-1} = 1$$

$$1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

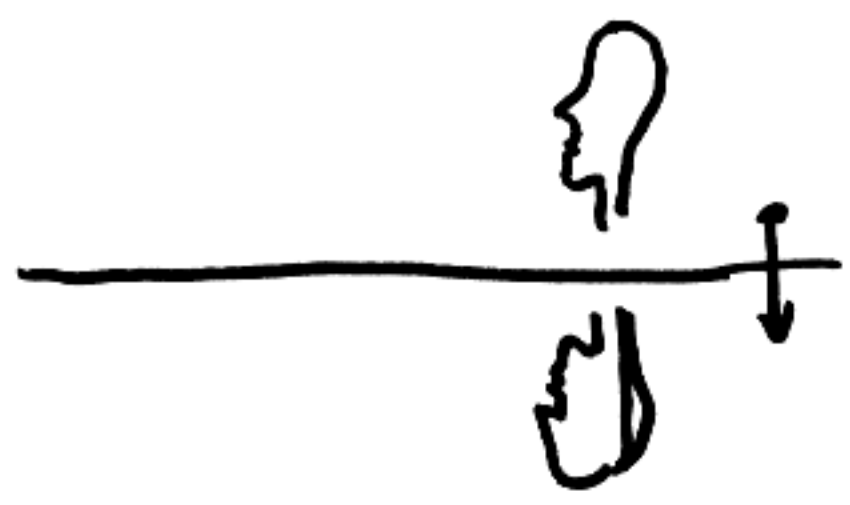
Symmetries of the square

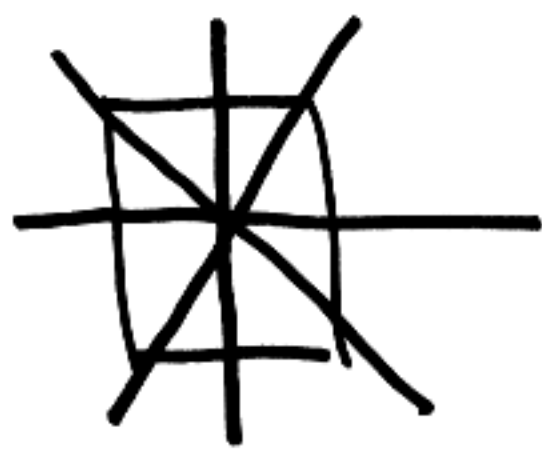


r ↻
rotation
 $\frac{1}{4}$ turn

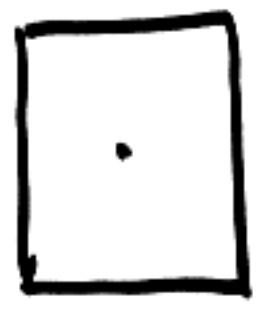


reflection

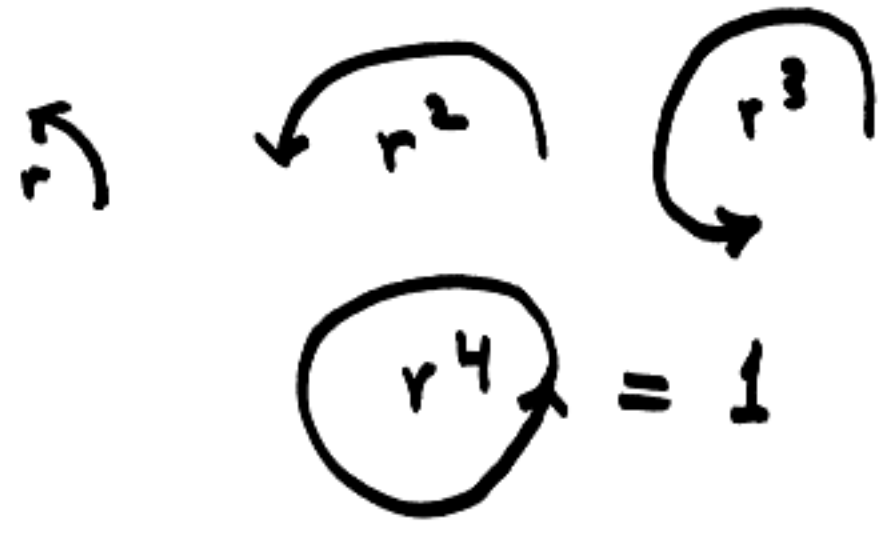




4 reflections



4 rotations



$r^2 = r \cdot r$

$r^3 = r \cdot r \cdot r$

$r^4 = r \cdot r \cdot r \cdot r$

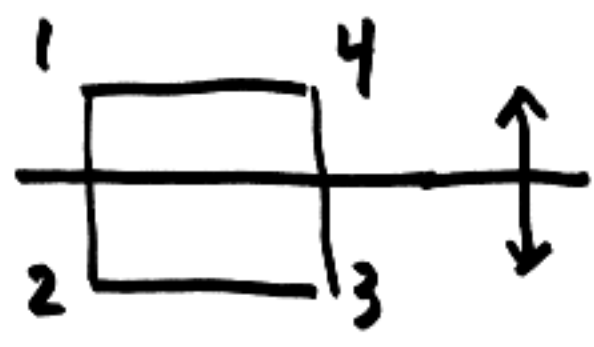
These are all the symmetries of the square.

Total of 8 symmetries.

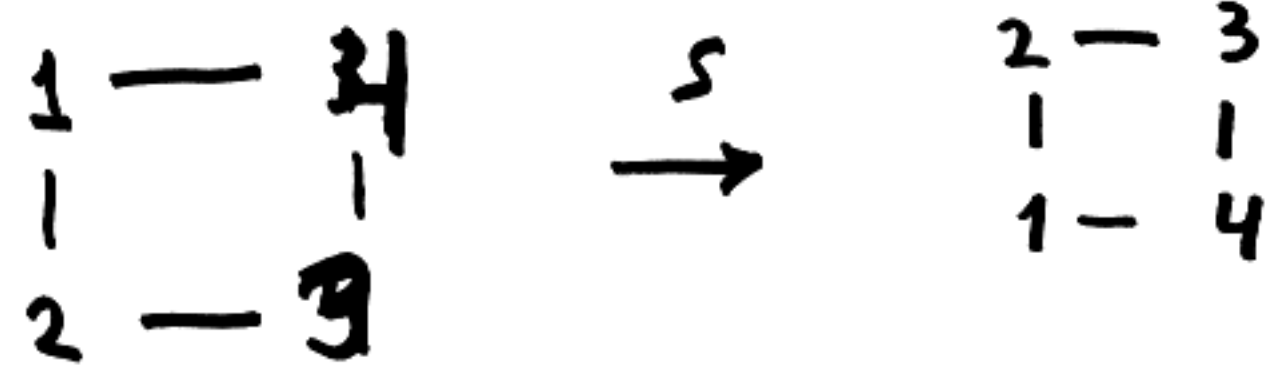
These symmetries form a group.

D_4 (dihedral group)

Each symmetry gives a permutations of the vertices



S



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



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

The eight symmetries of the square result in eight permutations of the vertices.

Total number of possible permutations is 24.

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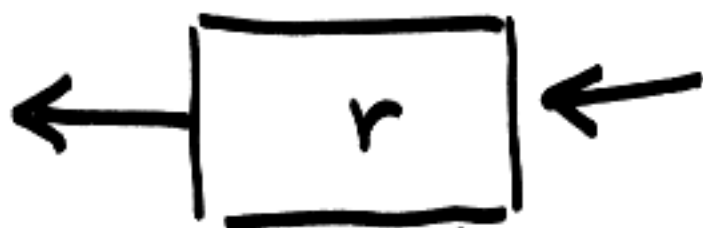
I.e. NOT every permutation is obtained as a symmetry of the square.

The 8 permutations form a group.

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

cycle notation



chase the numbers:

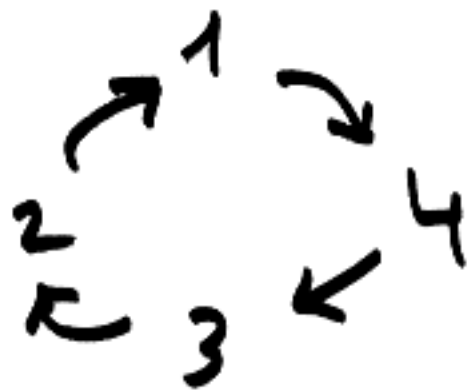
$$1 \mapsto 4 \mapsto 3 \mapsto 2 \mapsto 1 \mapsto 4 \mapsto 3 \dots$$



Write r as a bunch of cycles (6)

~~write r as a bunch of cycles~~

$$r = (1\ 4\ 3\ 2)$$



$$r = (2\ 1\ 4\ 3)$$

r is a 4-cycle.

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

In cycle notation:

$$\sigma = (1\ 5\ 2) \quad (3\ 4)$$

↑ ↑
3-cycle 2-cycle

Note that the cycles are disjoint

$$\sigma = (3\ 4)(1\ 5\ 2)$$

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

$$\sigma = (3\ 4) \cdot (1\ 5\ 2) = (1\ 5\ 2) \cdot (3\ 4)$$

cycles
disjoint commute
a, b are disjoint cycles

$$a \cdot b = b \cdot a$$



NON disjoint cycles
may not commute.

$$a = (1\ 2)$$

$$b = (2\ 3)$$

$$a \cdot b = (1\ 2) \cdot (2\ 3) = (1\ 2\ 3)$$

$$b \cdot a = (2\ 3)(1\ 2) = (1\ 3\ 2)$$

$$(1\ 2\ 3) \neq (1\ 3\ 2)$$

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

cycle notation

$$(4\ 2)\ (3\ 1)\ (5)$$

Typically not write 1-cycles

$$\sigma = (4\ 2)\ (3\ 1)$$

in S_5

$$\text{identity} = (1)\ (2)\ (3)\ (4)\ (5)$$

$$= ()$$

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Permutations σ, τ

$\sigma \cdot \tau$
↑ ↑
2nd 1st

Eventually drop • altogether

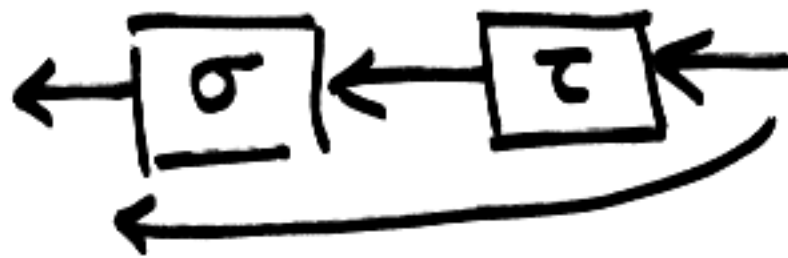
$\sigma \tau$

$$\sigma = (123)(45)$$

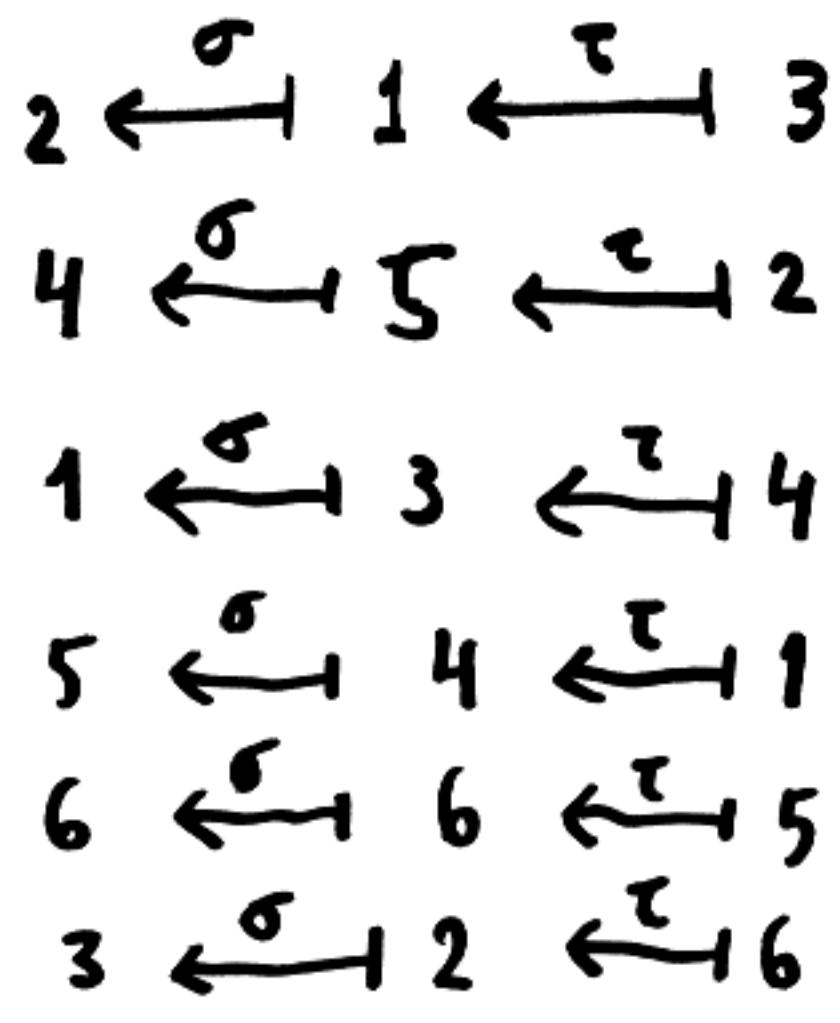
$$\tau = (143)(256)$$

$$\sigma, \tau \in S_6$$

$\sigma \tau$



$$\sigma \tau = (324156)$$



Defn σ, τ commute if

$$\sigma \tau = \tau \sigma$$

Typically does not hold.

$$\tau^2 \sigma$$



$$(123) \neq (132)$$

$\sigma \in S_m$ the order of σ
is the smallest positive power

$$\sigma^k = \underbrace{\sigma \dots \sigma}_{k \text{ times}}$$

which is the identity.

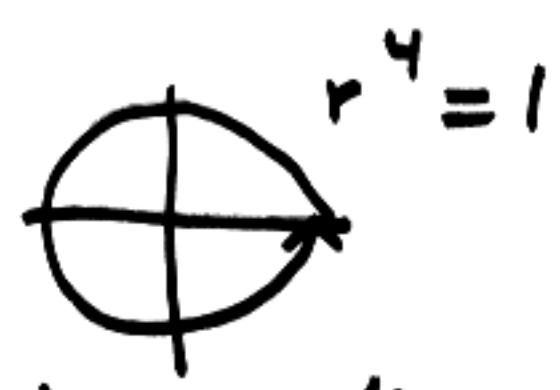
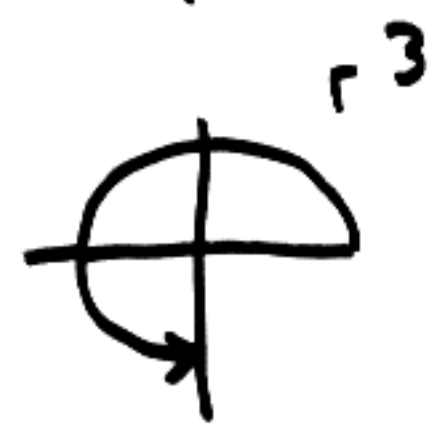
$$\sigma = (4 \ 6)$$

order 2

$$\sigma^2 = \sigma \cdot \sigma = 1$$
$$\sigma^{-1} = \sigma$$

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1	2	3	6	5	4
2	1	2	3	4	5	6

rotation

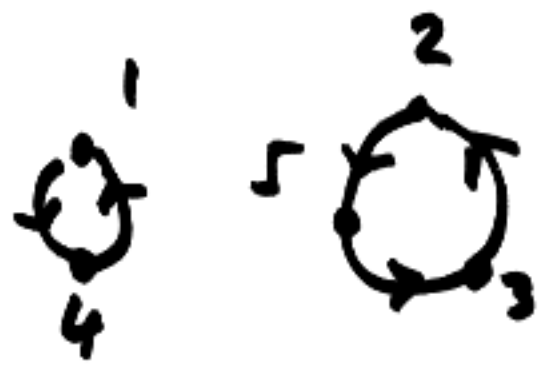


order = 4

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

(4)

$$= (14)(253)$$



$$\rho = (14)(253)$$

$$\rho^2 = (1)(4)(235)$$

$$\rho^3 = (14)(2)(3)(5) = \rho \cdot \rho^2$$

$$\rho^4 = (1)(4)(253) = \rho \cdot \rho^3$$

$$\rho^5 = (14)(235) = \rho \cdot \rho^4$$

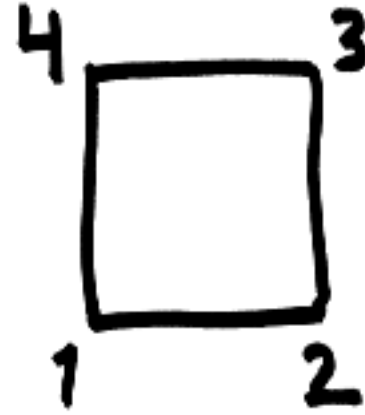
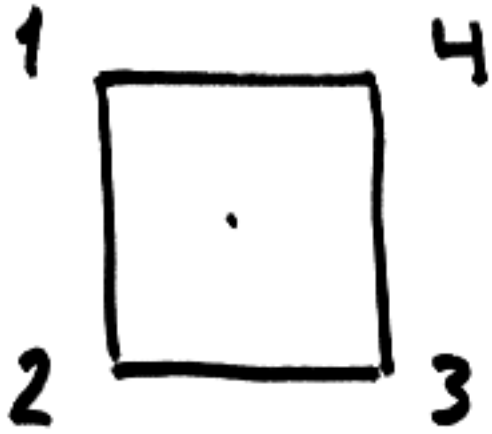
$$\rho^6 = (1)(4)(2)(3)(5) = \rho \cdot \rho^5$$

order 6.

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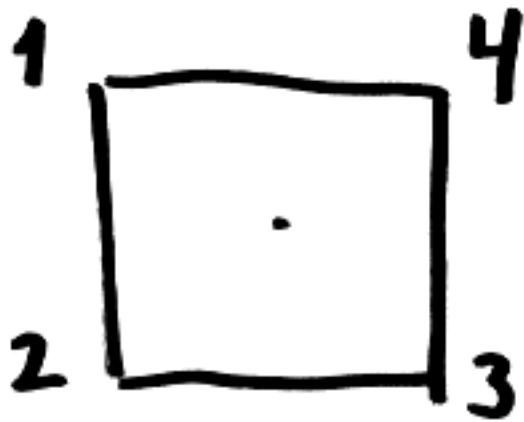
	1	2	3	4	5
ρ	4	5	2	1	3
ρ^2	1	3	5	4	2
ρ^3	4	2	3	1	5
ρ^4	1	5	2	4	3
ρ^5	4	3	5	1	2
ρ^6	1	2	3	4	5

r ↷



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

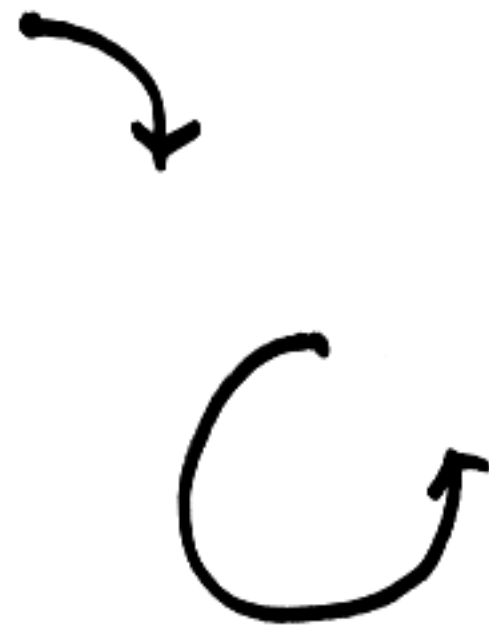
s ↕



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

$$\boxed{sr s = r^{-1}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} r^{-1} &= \\ &= r^3 \end{aligned}$$


$$r^4 = 1$$

$$r \cdot r^3 = 1$$

$$r^{-1} (r \cdot r^3) = r^{-1} \cdot 1 = r^{-1}$$

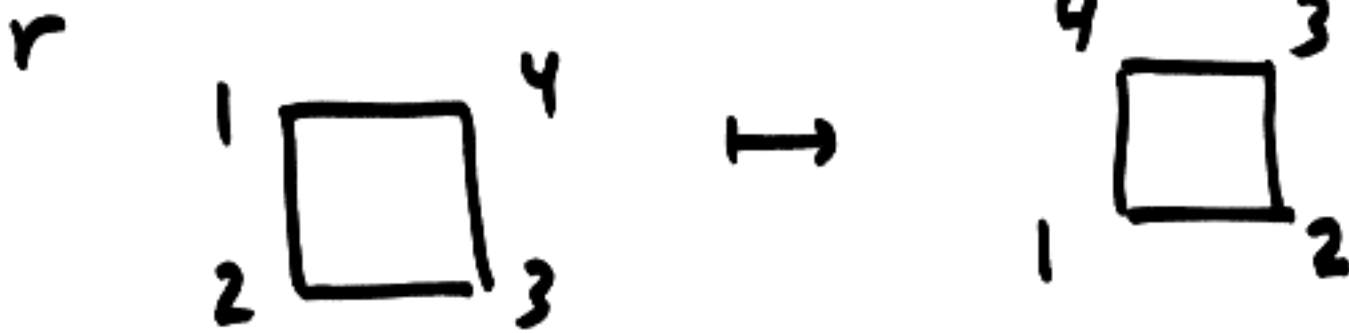
$$(r^{-1} \cdot r) \cdot r^3 = r^{-1}$$

$$1 \cdot r^3 = r^{-1}$$

$$r^3 = r^{-1}$$

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$$r = (1234)$$

$$r^{-1} = (1432) \\ = (4321)$$



$$\sigma = (12)(34) \\ \begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ a & b \end{array}$$

$$\sigma = ab$$

disjoint cycles

$$ab = ba$$

$$(a \cdot b)^{-1} = b^{-1} \cdot a^{-1}$$

In general

$$a \cdot b \\ \begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \text{2nd} & \text{1st} \end{array}$$

$$(a \cdot b \cdot c)^{-1} = c^{-1} \cdot b^{-1} \cdot a^{-1}$$

(2)

$$\sigma = (12)(34)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^{-1} &= (34)^{-1}(12)^{-1} \\ &= (34)(12) \\ &= (12)(34)\end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma = (123)(45)(687)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^{-1} &= (687)^{-1}(45)^{-1}(123)^{-1} \\ &= (786)(54)(321)\end{aligned}$$

$$(123 \dots k)^{-1} = (k \dots 321)$$



$$(12345)^{-1} = (54321) = (32154)$$

Permutation Puzzle

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15-puzzle, Rubik's cube, ...

Basic Moves: U_1, U_2, \dots, U_N

(include the inverses)

What are all the possible sequences of moves?

Look at all possible products of these permutations. They form a group G .

• How big is G ?

• Differently: S_n permutations on n things, what is a set of basic permutations that will give all.

~~217814512~~ \rightarrow 12345
 23451
 23415
 23145
 21345
 12345

Bubbling algorithm for sorting

$$(12345) = (15)(14)(13)(12)$$

not disjoint

Any cycle is a product of transpositions

$$(578) = (58)(57)$$

Any permutation is a product of cycles

\rightarrow every permutation is a product of 2-cycles (transpositions)

How many 2-cycles in S_4 ? (5)

(12) (13) (14)

(23) (24)

(34)

6 transpositions

In S_n ? $\binom{n}{2}$
 $(ij) = (ji)$

$$|S_n| = n!$$

$$\sigma \in S_4$$

$$\sigma, \sigma \cdot \sigma, \sigma \cdot \sigma \cdot \sigma, \sigma \cdot \sigma \cdot \sigma \cdot \sigma, \dots$$

$$\sigma, \sigma^2, \sigma^3, \sigma^4, \dots$$

$$\sigma = (1234)$$

$$1, (1234), (1234)^2 = (13)(24)$$

$$(1234)^3 = (1432)$$

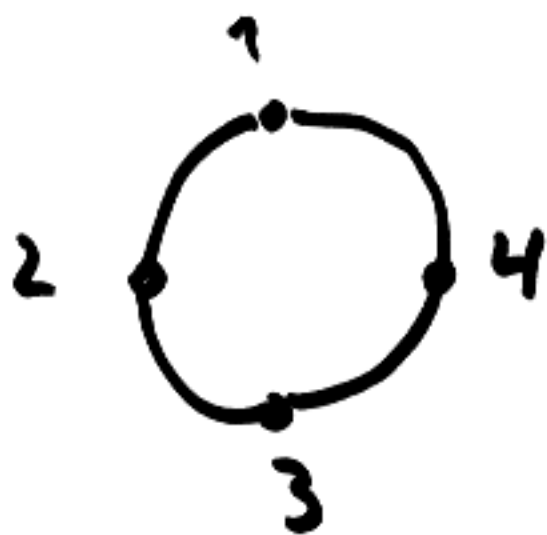
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$$(1234)^4 = 1$$

$$(1234)^5 = (1234) \cdot (1234)^4 \\ = (1234)$$

$$1, \sigma, \sigma^2, \sigma^3,$$

total of 4 possible moves.



no one $\sigma \in S_n$ is not sufficient.

(if $n > 2$)

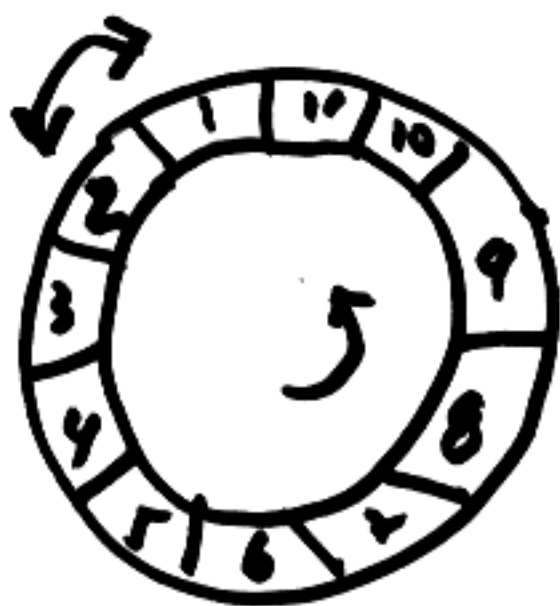
order of $\sigma =$ least $k > 0$ such that

$$\sigma^k = \underbrace{\sigma \cdots \sigma}_k = 1.$$

Already two permutations ⑦
 σ, τ can generate very large groups.

E.g. σ, τ can generate all of S_n

S_4 ? $\sigma = (12), \tau = (1234)$



• all swaps (transpositions) can be obtained from σ, τ

$$\begin{aligned} \tau \sigma \tau^{-1} &= (1234)(12)(1234)^{-1} \\ &= (1234)(12)(4321) \\ &= (1)(23)(4) \\ &= (23) \end{aligned}$$

$$\tau^2 \sigma \tau^{-2} = (34)$$

$$\tau^3 \sigma \tau^{-3} = (41)$$

We have: $(12), (23), (34), (41)$ ⑧

(13) ?

(24) ?

$$(12)(23) = (123)$$

$$(23)(12) = (132)$$

$$(23)(12)(23)^{-1} = (23)(12)(23) \\ = (13)$$

$$(24) = (14)(12)(14)$$

All transpositions arise from σ and τ . \rightsquigarrow All permutations arise from σ and τ .

For any n

$$\sigma = (12) \quad \tau = (12 \dots n)$$

they generate all of S_n .

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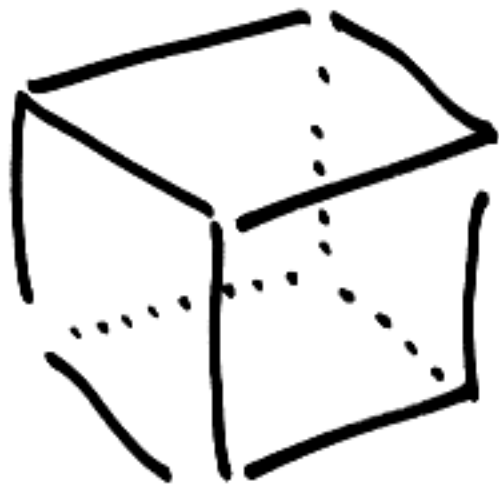
$S_n = \{ \text{permutations of } n \text{ things} \}$

$$|S_n| = n!$$

↑

of elements.

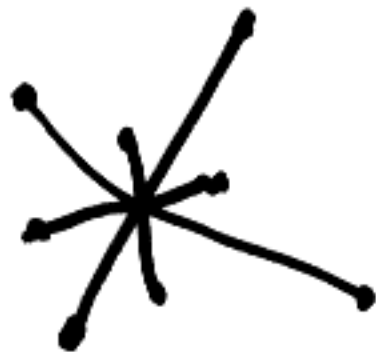
n	1	2	3	4	5	6	
$n!$	1	2	6	24	120	720	...



group
Rotations of cube
has 24 elements

Is it S_4 in
disguise?

4 diagonals



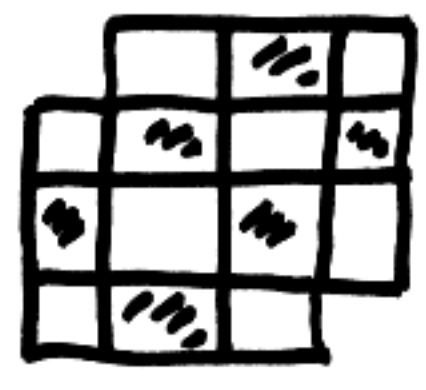
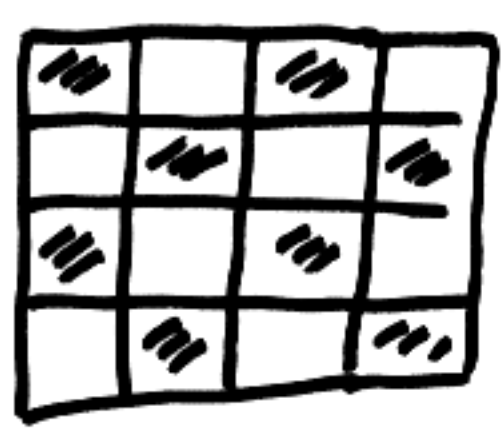
S_n
 transposition $(i\ j)$
 $i \leftrightarrow j$

• All transposition generate S_n .

Any permutation can be obtained as a sequence of swaps (transpositions).

Even/odd permutations

Parity.



Dominos



Can you tile with dominos? ↗

Each tile covers $\begin{matrix} 1 & \square \\ 1 & \square \end{matrix}$

(3)

but there is a different number of these.

15-puzzle

1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	
9	10	11	12	?
13	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>		

↘

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14/15

(14 15)

can't be done.

All permutations that can be achieved in this puzzle are even. But (14 15) is odd.

A transposition is odd.

product of odd \rightarrow even permutation

odd · odd = even
even · even = even
odd · even = odd

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} \oplus & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} & +1 & -1 \\ \hline +1 & +1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & +1 \end{array}$$

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$$(123) = (13)(12) \quad \rightarrow \text{even} \\ \quad \quad \quad -1 \cdot -1 = +1$$

$$(12 \dots k) = (1k) \dots (14)(13)(12)$$

$$(1234) = (14)(13)(12) \quad \rightarrow \text{odd.} \\ \quad \quad \quad -1 \cdot -1 \cdot -1 = -1$$

Any permutation is a ~~product~~ product of transpositions

$$\sigma = \tau_1 \cdot \tau_2 \dots \tau_N$$

$$\text{sgn}(\sigma) = \underbrace{(-1) \cdot (-1) \dots (-1)}_N$$

$$\boxed{\text{sgn}(\sigma) := (-1)^N}$$

$$(123) = (23)(23)$$

$$(123) = (21)(23)(12)(12)$$

Potentially the trouble is that ⑤
writing $\sigma = \tau_1 \cdots \tau_N$ is not
unique and hence $(-1)^N$ may
depend on how we do it.

As it happens $(-1)^N$ is always
the same

$$(123) = \tau_1 \cdots \tau_N$$

necessarily N is even.

→ Even/odd permutations

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= (123) (45) (6789) \\ &\quad +1 \quad \cdot \quad -1 \quad \cdot \quad -1 \\ &= +1 \\ &= (13)(12) (45) (69)(68)(67)\end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{cc} 1 \cdot 5 \cdot 9 & - 2 \cdot 6 \cdot 7 \\ \diagdown & \diagup \\ & \cdot \\ & \diagdown \\ & + \dots \end{array} \right)$$

even · even = even

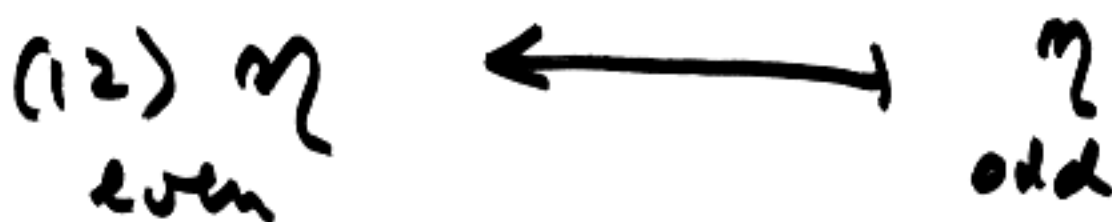
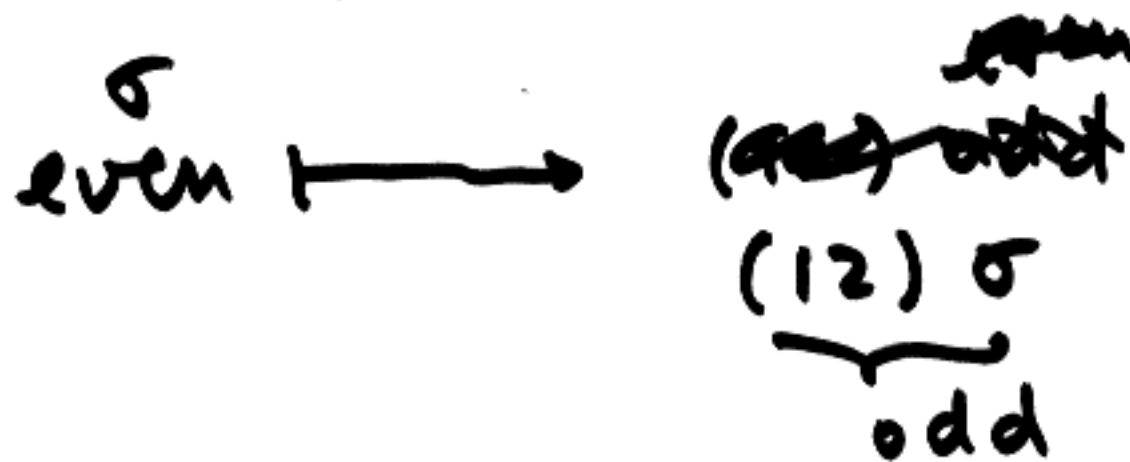
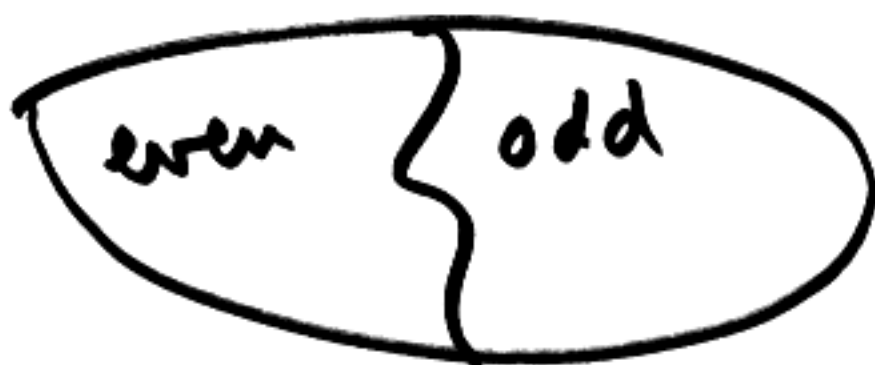
All even permutations forms a subgroup of S_n .

even⁻¹ = even.

A_n = alternating group.

$|A_n| = \frac{1}{2} n!$ ($n > 1$)

S_n

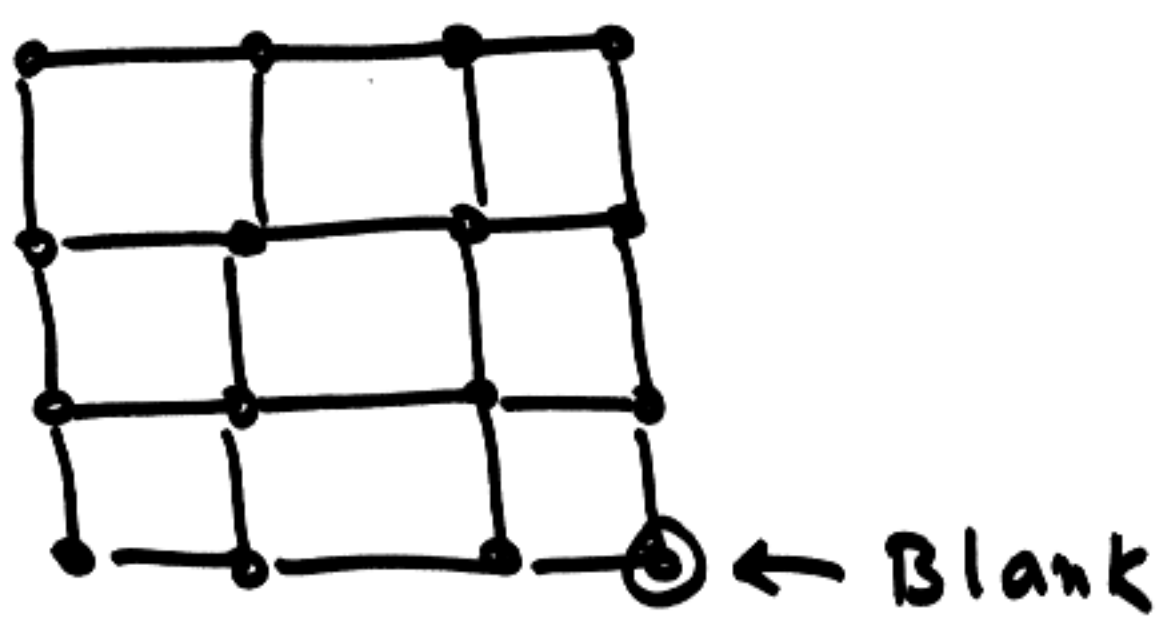


1-1 correspondence between even and odd permutations

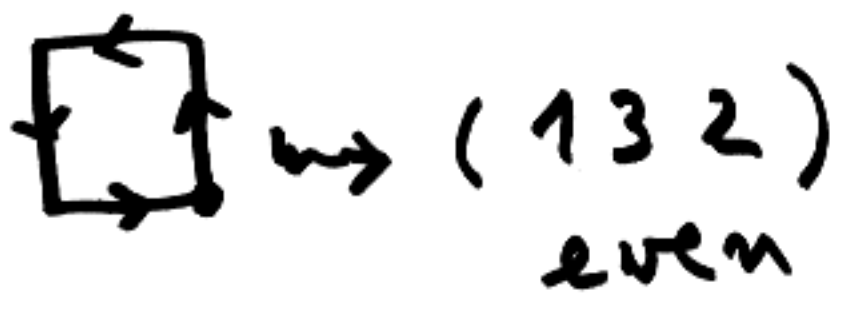
even = # odd

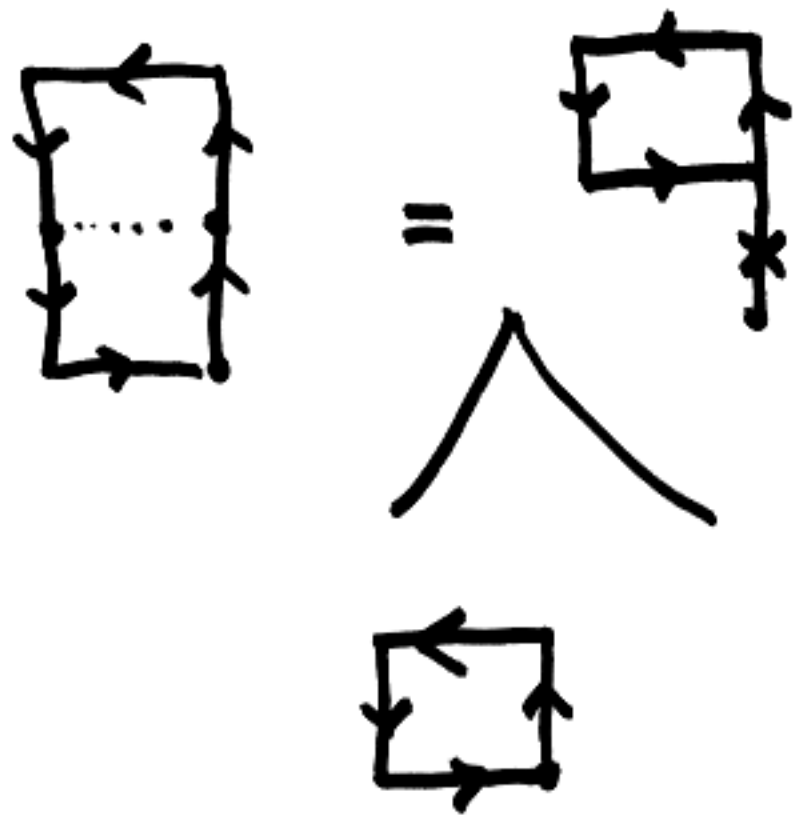
⇒ # even = 1/2 total.

* The permutations we can get from moves in the 15-puzzle are all even.



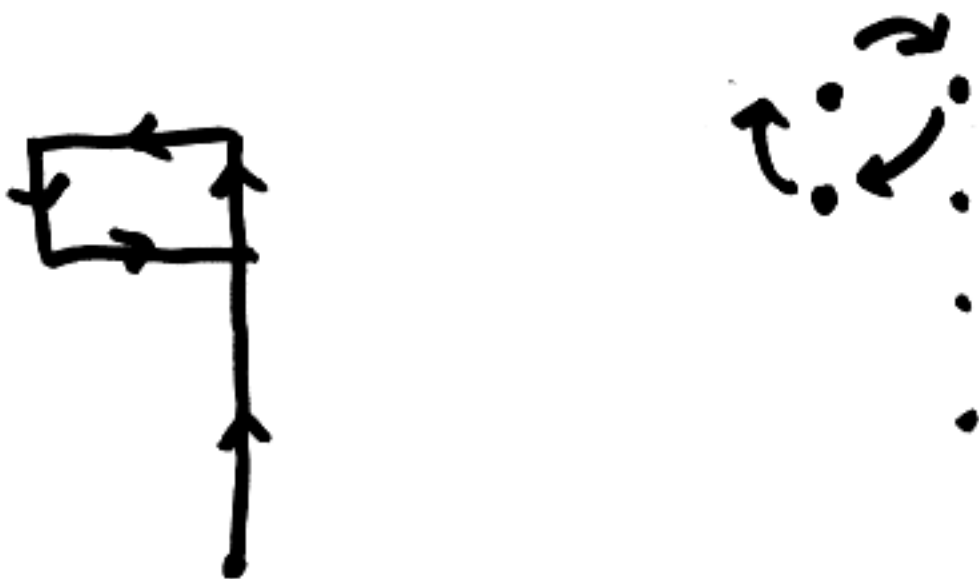
2	1		2	0		0	2	
3	0		3	1		3	1	
3	2		3	2				
0	1		1	0				





Any path can be decomposed as a sequence of little squares moves.

Each little square is 3-cycle



All moves are even.

RATE
YOUR
MIND
PAL

RATE
YOUR
MIND
PLA

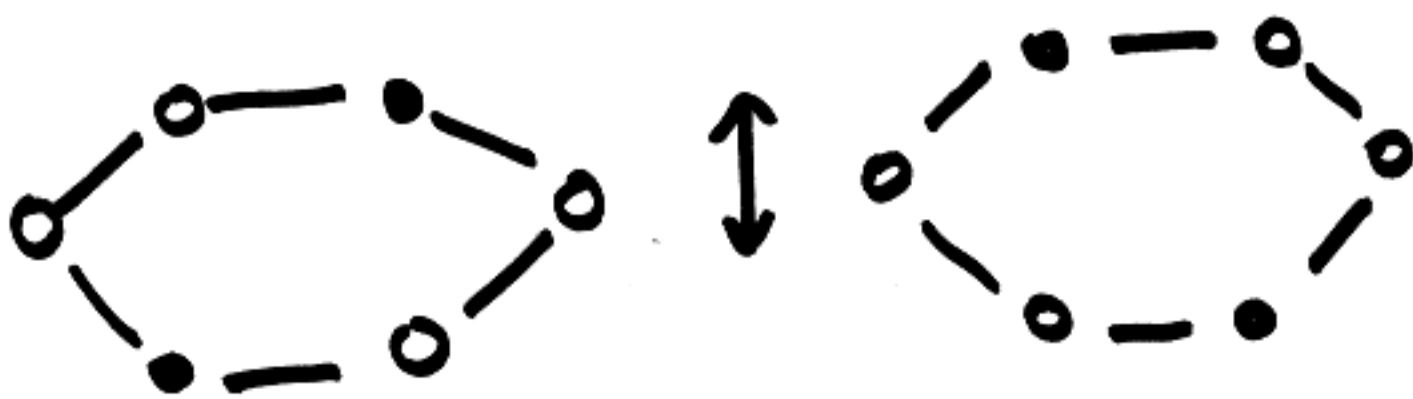
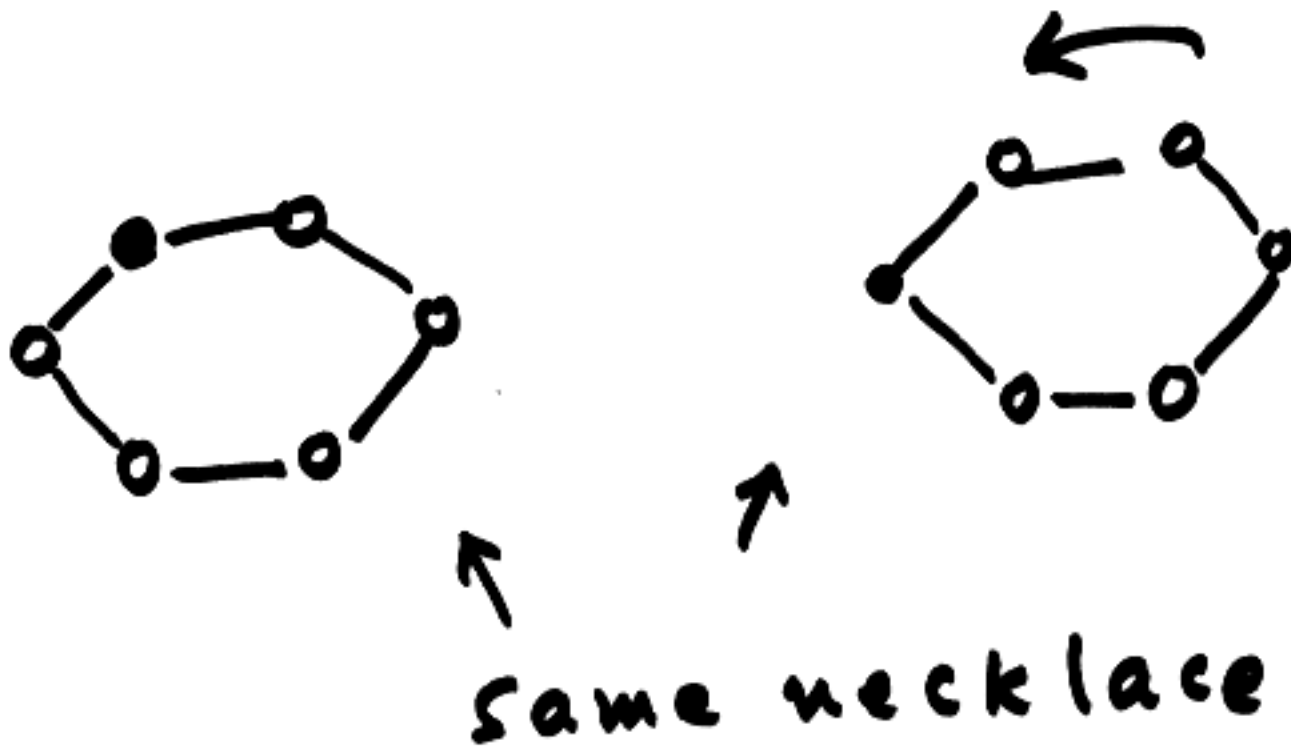
you can solve this by swapping
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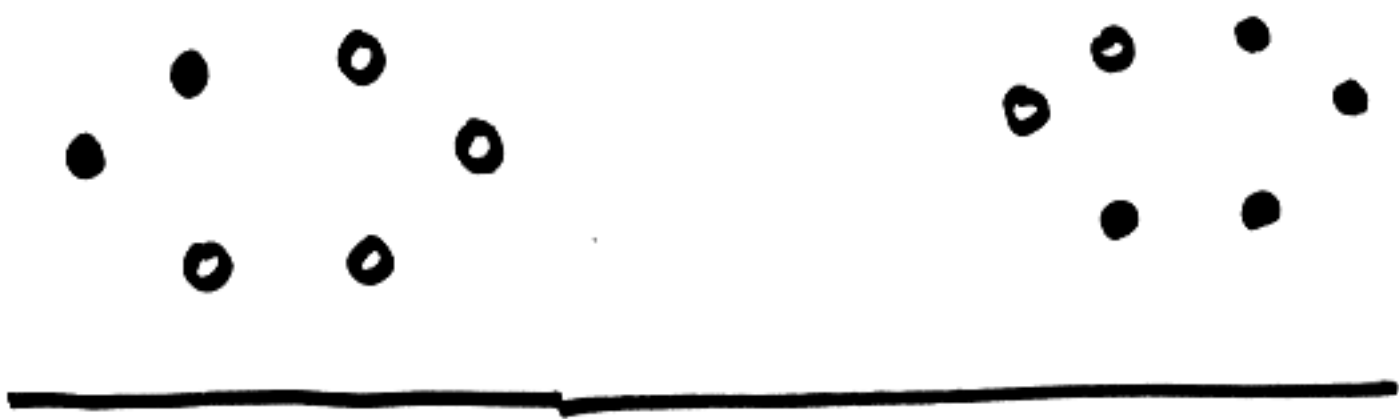
Count necklaces

$n = 6$ beads
 $m = 2$ colors



How many (different) necklaces
can we get?

Polya's theory of counting.



~~seven~~
~~seven~~



TOTAL = 13

We can give the number of necklaces with 6 beads and any # of colors with one formula (3)

Group

$G :=$ ~~the~~ symmetries of the hexagon



total symmetries = 12

~~rotations~~ $1, r, r^2, r^3, r^4, r^5$

$s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, s_5$

Dihedral group D_6 of order 12

Think of pictures of necklaces



Two pictures are the same necklace if we can take one to the other by some $g \in G$.

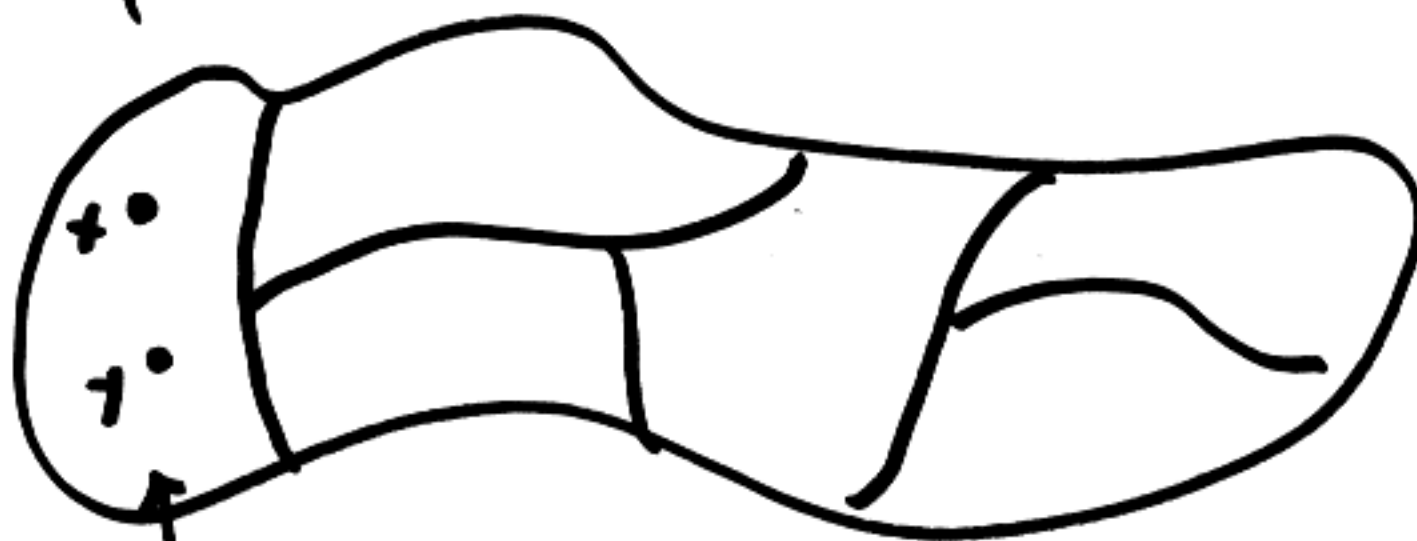
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How many pictures?

Each spot in the hexagon can be one of two possibilities

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The total number} &= \underbrace{2 \times 2 \times \dots \times 2}_6 \\ &= 2^6 \\ &= 64 \end{aligned}$$

X pictures



all pictures corresponding to same necklace

Say two pictures $x, y \in X$ are equivalent (i.e. represent same necklace) if

$$y = gx, \quad g \in G$$

E.g.



x equivalent to y because

$$y = r^{-1}x$$

The set
of

All pictures equivalent to x is called the orbit of x

$$Gx = \{ y \mid y = gx \text{ for some } g \}$$

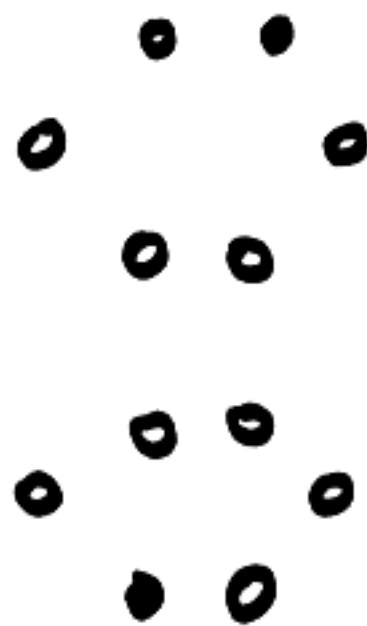
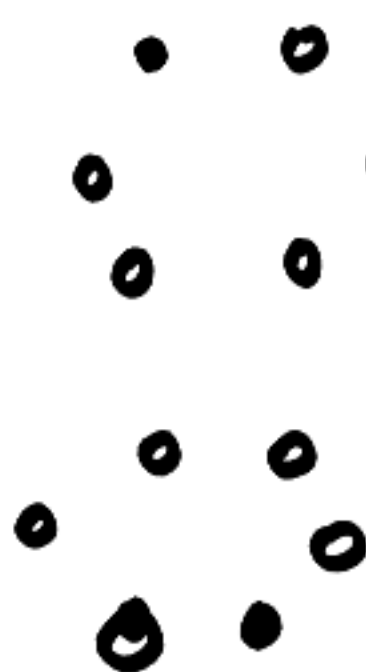
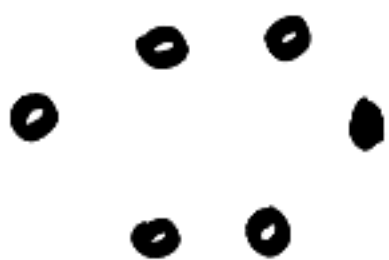
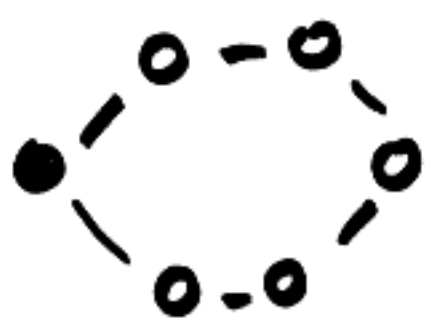
Say G is all rotations in the plane



Fig.

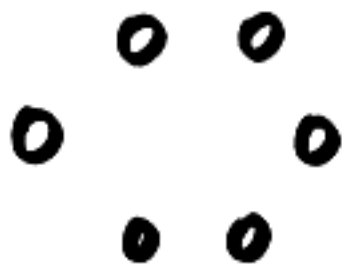
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1)



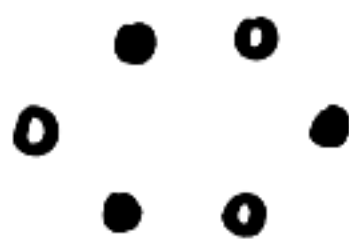
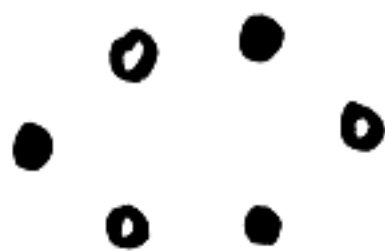
6 elements in this orbit.

2)



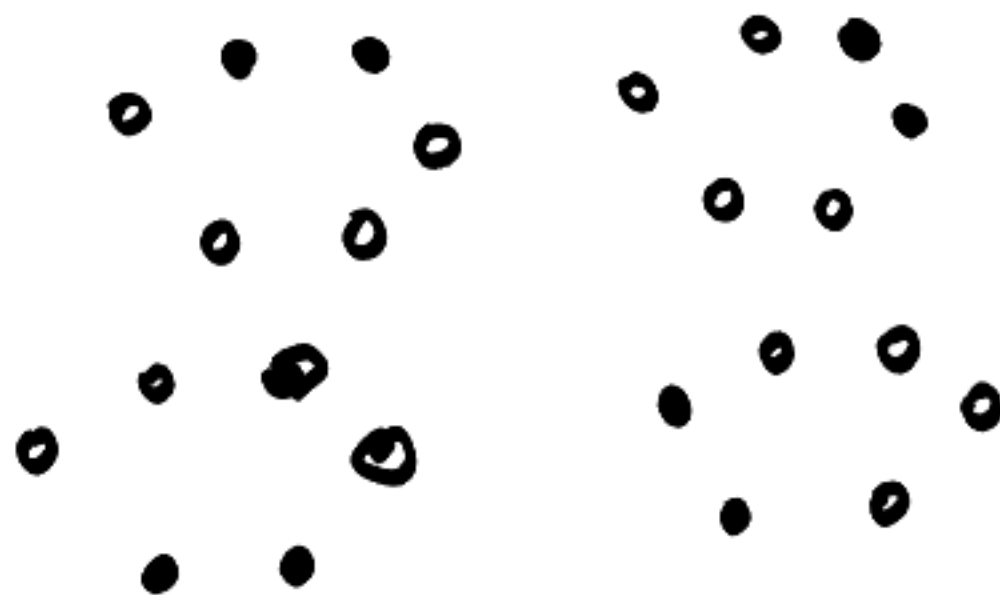
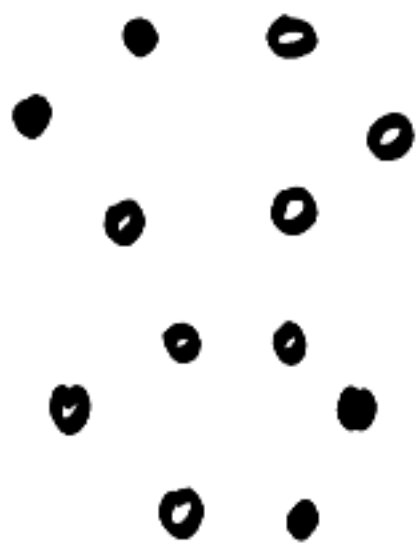
orbit has 1 element.

3)



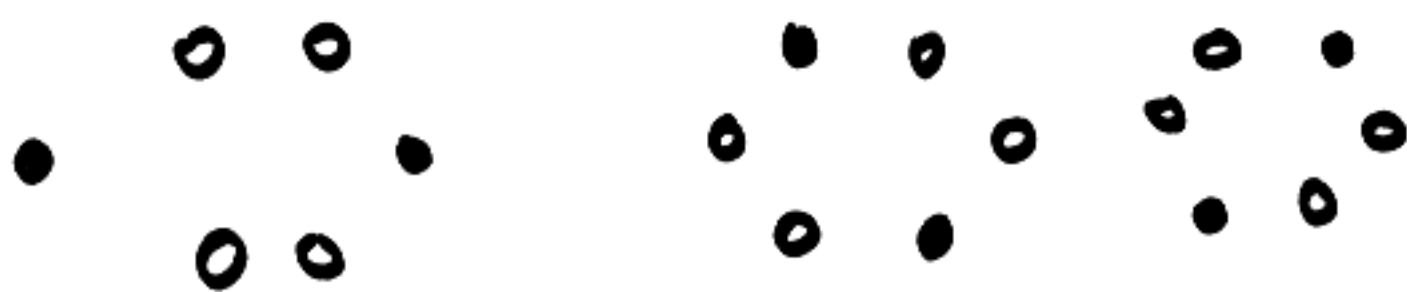
orbit has 2 elements.

4)



6 elements.

5)



3 elements

Fact size of an orbit divides
the order of G

2 A factor of $|G|$ may not be
the size of an actual orbit

$x \in X$ Stabilizer of x in G

$$G_x := \{ g \in G \mid gx = x \}$$

is a subgroup of G .

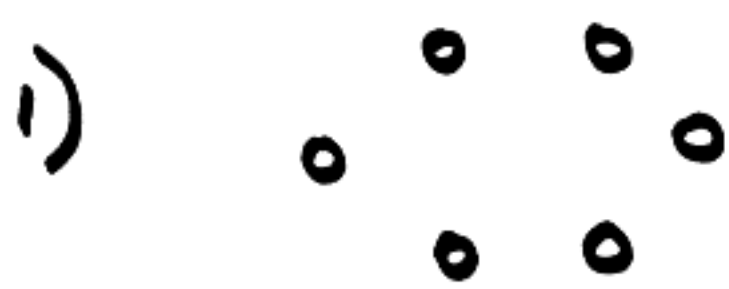
$$g_1, g_2 \in G_x$$

$$\Rightarrow g_1 g_2 \in G_x$$

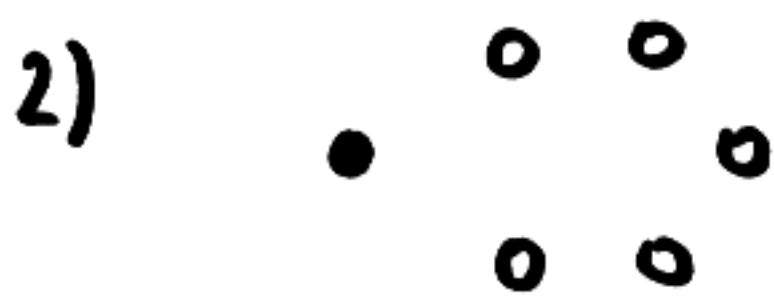
$$g_2 x = x$$

$$(g_1 g_2) x = g_1 (g_2 x) = g_1 x = x$$

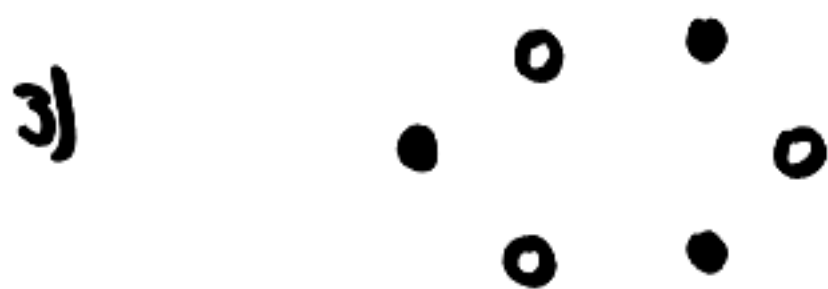
Examples



$$G_x = G$$
$$|G_x| = 12$$



$$G_x = \{1, s_0\}$$
$$|G_x| = 2$$



$$G_x = \{1, r^2, r^{-2}, s_0, s_2, s_4\}$$

$$r^6 = 1 \quad r^4 \cdot r^2 = 1$$
$$r^4 = r^{-2}$$

$$|G_x| = 6$$

G_x · $|G_x| = |G|$

↑ orbit ↑ stabilizer

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Count Necklaces

X = pictures

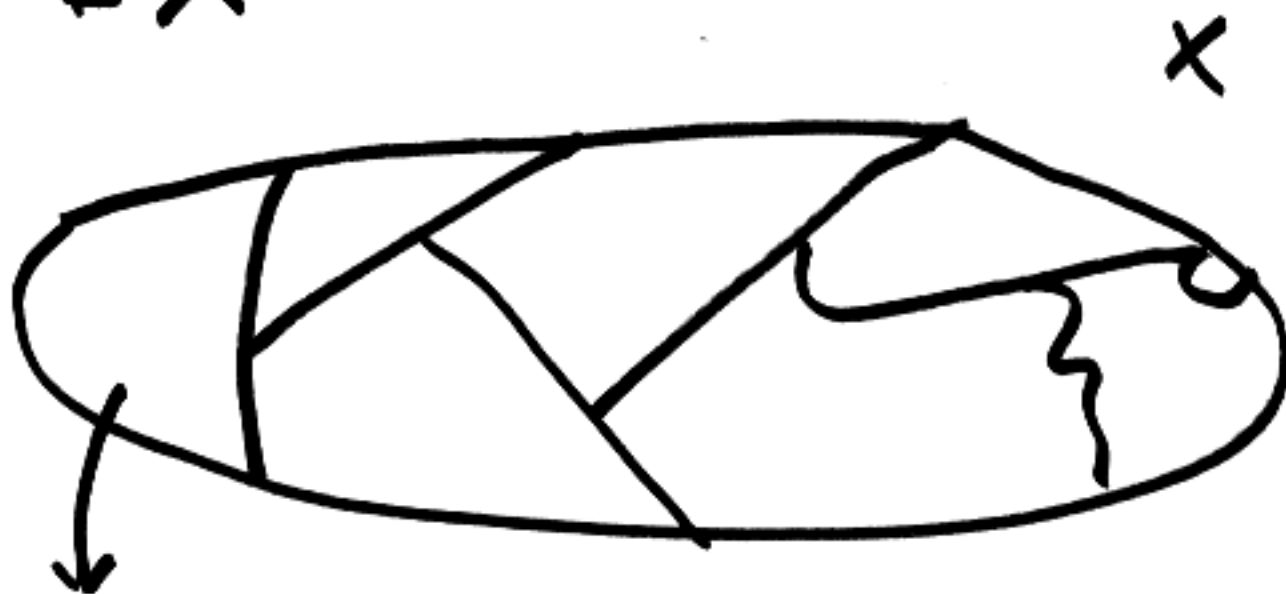
n = 6 # beads

m = 2 # colors



Two pictures of same necklace.

$$\# X = 2^6 = 64$$



all pictures of same necklace

$G =$ group of symmetries of the regular hexagon ②
 $= D_6$ (dihedral group of order 12)

Group G acts on the set X

$$x \in X, \quad g \in G$$

$$g \cdot x \in X$$

E.g. if $g = r$ ↖



The ~~Ann~~ orbit of $x \in X$ under G

$$Gx = \{ y \mid gx, g \in G \}$$

In terms of necklaces ③
Two pictures $x, y \in X$ are
pictures of the same necklace

$$y = gx$$

For some $g \in G$.

I.e. y is in the orbit of x

or x and y are in the same orbit.



orbit of G

Alternatively: $x, y \in X$

$$x \sim y$$

if $y = gx$ for some $g \in G$.

Defines equivalence relation
in X

$$\bullet \quad x \sim x$$

$$x = 1 \cdot x$$

(4)

$$\bullet \quad x \sim y \Rightarrow y \sim x$$

$$y = gx \text{ for some } g \in X$$

$$x = h y \quad h?$$

$$x = g^{-1} \cdot y$$

$$\bullet \quad x \sim y, y \sim z \Rightarrow x \sim z$$

$$y = gx, \quad z = hy$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad z = h(gx)$$

$$= (h \cdot g)x$$

Equivalence classes \leftrightarrow orbits

$$Gx = \{ y \mid y \sim x \}$$

Typically orbits have different sizes
complicates counting them.

Stabilizer

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$$\text{Stab}_G(x) := \{ g \in G \mid gx = x \}$$

$$\text{Stab}_G(x) \subseteq G$$

Is a subgroup

- $g_1, g_2 \in \text{Stab}_G(x)$

$$g_1 x = x$$

$$g_2 x = x$$

$$\begin{aligned} (g_1 g_2) x &= g_1 (g_2 x) \\ &= g_1 x \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow g_1 g_2 \in \text{Stab}_G(x)$$

- $g \in \text{Stab}_G(x)$

$$gx = x$$

$$g^{-1}(gx) = g^{-1}x$$

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

$$\Rightarrow g^{-1} \in \text{Stab}_G(x)$$

$$\boxed{\# Gx \cdot |\text{Stab}_G(x)| = |G|} \quad (6)$$

In particular, the size of an orbit always divides the order of the group.

2 If d divides $|G|$ there may not be an orbit of size d .

Burnside's Lemma

If $g \in G$ let

$$F(g) := \# \{x \in X \mid gx = x\}.$$

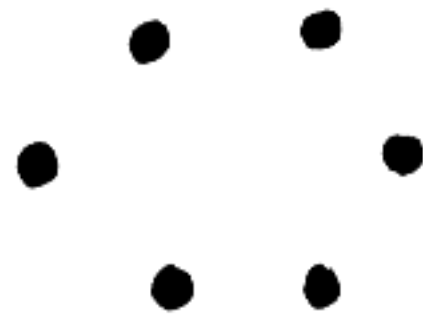
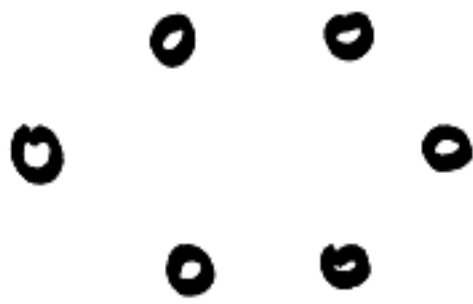
$$\boxed{\# \text{orbits} = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} F(g)}$$

"average of $\#$ of fixed points"

$$G = D_6$$

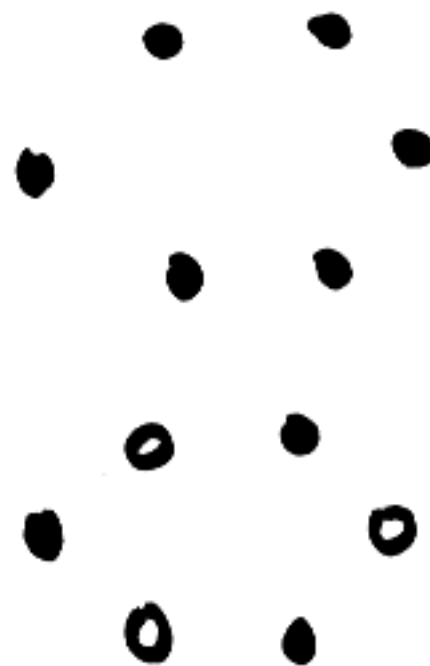
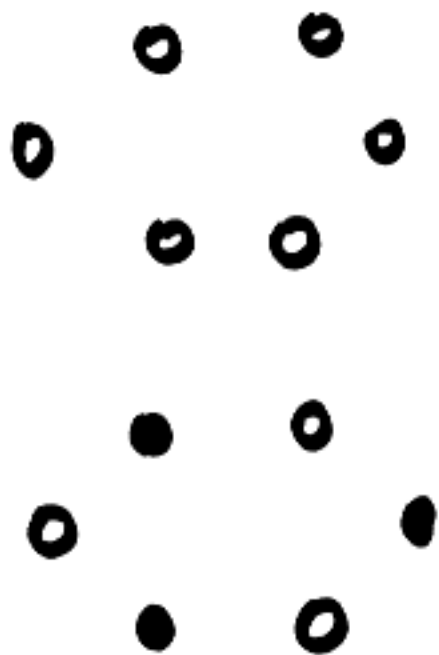
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$$F(r) = 2 = 2^1$$



If $rx = x$ then $r^2x = x$
 $r^3x = x \dots$

$$F(r^2) = 4 = 2^2$$



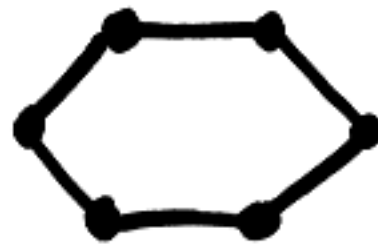
$$F(r^3) = 8 = 2^3 \text{ previous ones}$$



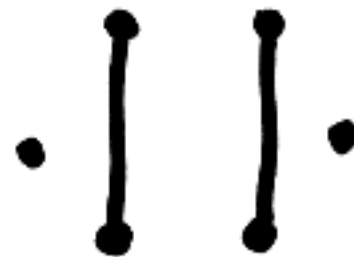
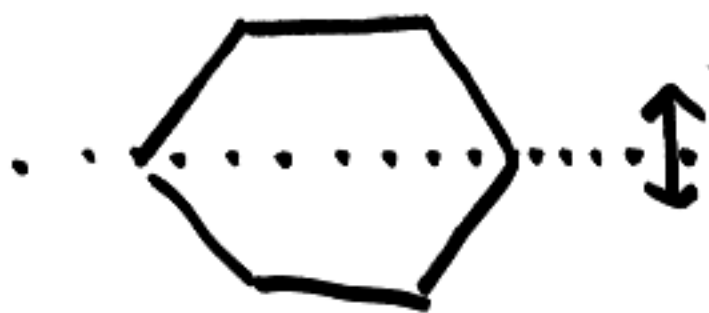
$$F(r^4) = 2^2$$



$$F(r^5) = 2^1$$



$$F(s) = 2^4$$



$$F(s_1) = 2^3$$

Burnside

$$\# \text{ necklaces} = \frac{1}{12} \left(\begin{array}{cccc} 2^6 & + & 2^1 & + & 2^2 & + & 2^3 & + & \dots \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \\ 1 & & r & & r^2 & & r^3 & & \end{array} \right)$$

$$2^2 + 2 + 2^4 + 2^4 + 2^4 + 2^3 + 2^3 + 2^3) \quad (9)$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$
 $r^4 \quad r^5$

$$= \frac{1}{12} (2^6 + 2 \times 2^1 + 2 \times 2^2 + 2^3 + 3 \times 2^4 + 3 \times 2^3)$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 64 \\
 20 \\
 48 \\
 24 \\
 \hline
 156 = 12 \times 13
 \end{array}$$

What if we had m colors?

$$F(r) = m$$



$$F(r^2) = m^2$$



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$$\# \text{ necklaces} = \frac{1}{12} \left(\begin{array}{cccc} m^6 & + & 2 \times m & + & 2 \times m^2 & + & m^3 \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ 1 & & r, r^{-1} & & r^2, r^{-2} & & r^3 \\ & & & & & & \\ & + & 3 \times m^4 & + & 3 \times m^3 & & \\ & & s_0, s_2, s_4 & & s_1, s_3, s_5 & & \end{array} \right)$$

$$\# \text{ necklaces} = \frac{1}{12} (m^6 + 3m^4 + 4m^3 + 2m^2 + 2m)$$

$m = 1$ \implies $\# \text{ necklaces} = 1$

Note: In particular for any $m = 1, 2, \dots$

we must have

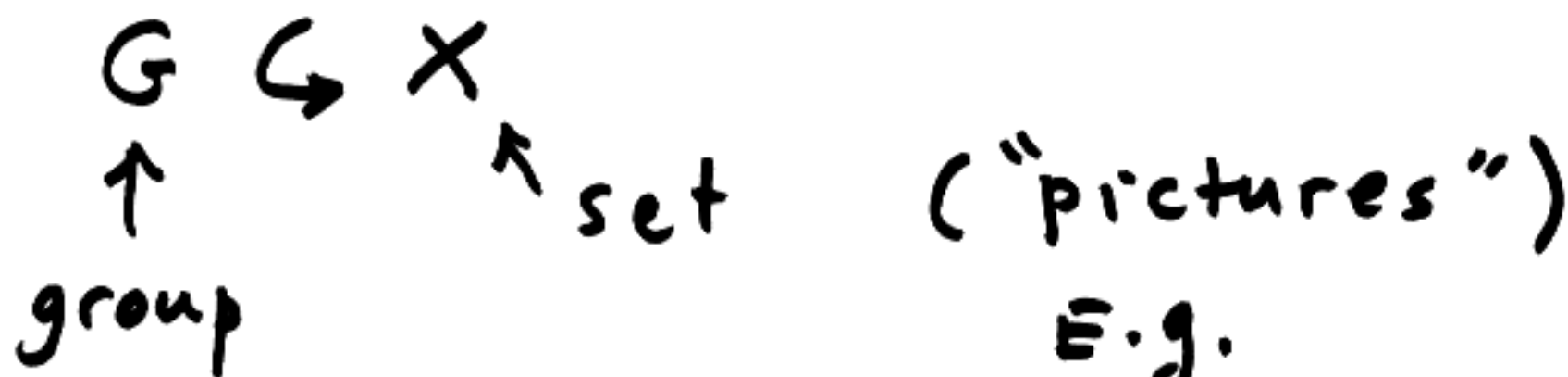
$$m^6 + 3m^4 + 4m^3 + 2m^2 + 2m$$

is divisible by 12.

$$\binom{m}{2} = \frac{m(m-1)}{2} = \frac{1}{2} (m^2 - m)$$

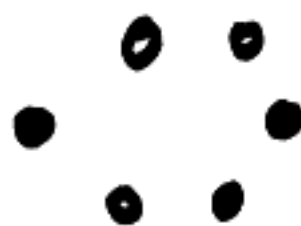
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(dihedral group
order 12
symmetries
of hexagon)

E.g.

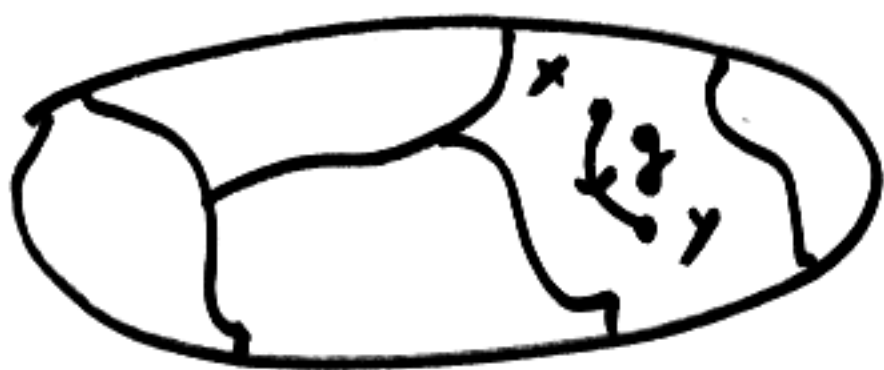


$$g \in G$$

$$g \cdot x \in X$$

$$\bullet \quad G \cdot x := \{ y \in X \mid y = g \cdot x \}$$

orbit of x



("necklace")

Stabilizer of x

$$\text{Stab}_G(x) := \{ g \in G \mid g \cdot x = x \}$$

subgroup of G

Fact. $\# G \cdot x \cdot | \text{Stab}_G(x) | = |G| \quad (2)$

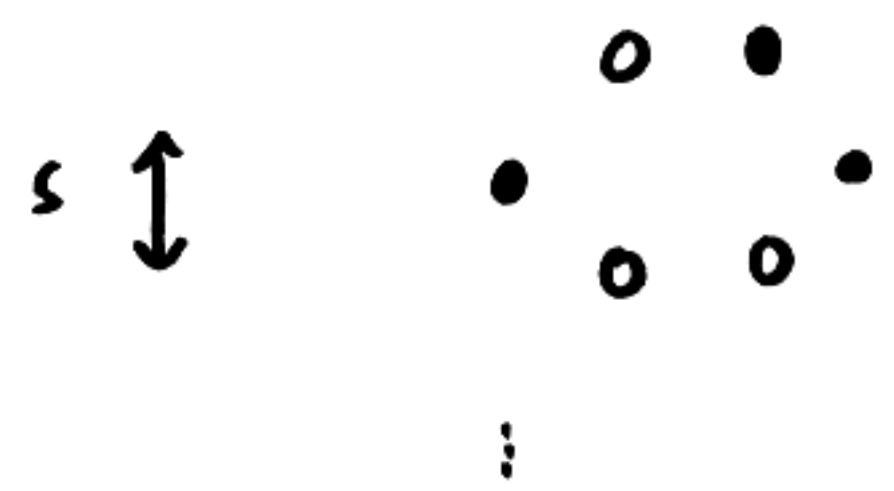
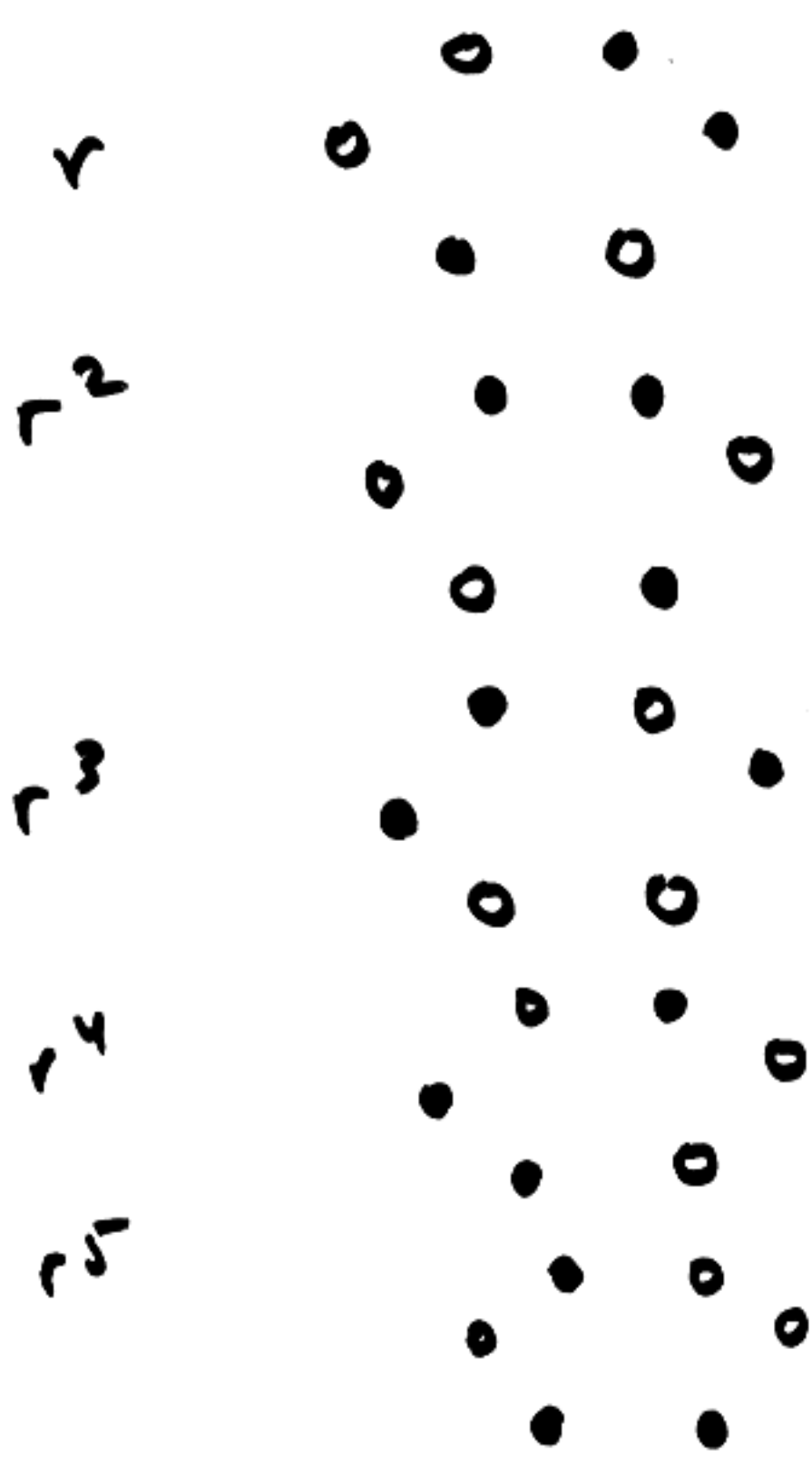
In particular, the size of an orbit is a factor of $|G|$.

Eg.



What is the size of Gx ?

~~What is~~



$\# Gx \geq 7$
 $\implies \# Gx = 12$

$$\text{Stab}_G(x) = \{1\}$$

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$$x = \begin{array}{ccc} & o & o \\ & \bullet & \bullet \\ & o & \bullet \end{array}$$

r, r^2, r^3, r^4, r^5 do not fix x

$s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, s_5$ "

• $\Rightarrow \#Gx = 12$

How many orbits are there?

Burnside's Lemma

$$\# \text{ orbits} = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} F(g)$$

$$F(g) = \# \{x \in X \mid gx = x\}$$

Proof

$$\sum_{g \in G} F(g)$$

$$x \in X$$

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How many times does it get counted in this sum?



It will be counted in $F(g)$

if $gx = x$

Total contribution of x to

$$\sum_{g \in G} F(g)$$

is $\{g \in G \mid gx = x\} = \text{Stab}_G(x)$

Each $x \in X$ contributes $|\text{Stab}_G(x)|$ to the sum.

$$\sum_{g \in G} F(g) = \# \text{orbits} \cdot |G|$$

(5)



all y in the orbit of x contribute the same amount

namely $|Stab_G(y)| = \frac{|G|}{\#Gy}$

$$Gy = Gx$$

Total contribution of orbit is

$$|Stab_G(x)| \cdot \#Gx = |G|$$

Total sum $|G| \cdot \# \text{orbits}$

$$= \sum_{g \in G} F(g) \quad \square$$

Cycle indicator

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How do we compute $F(g)$?

Say $g = r^3$ what is $F(g)$?



If we have m colors then

$$F(r^3) = m \cdot m \cdot m \\ = m^3$$



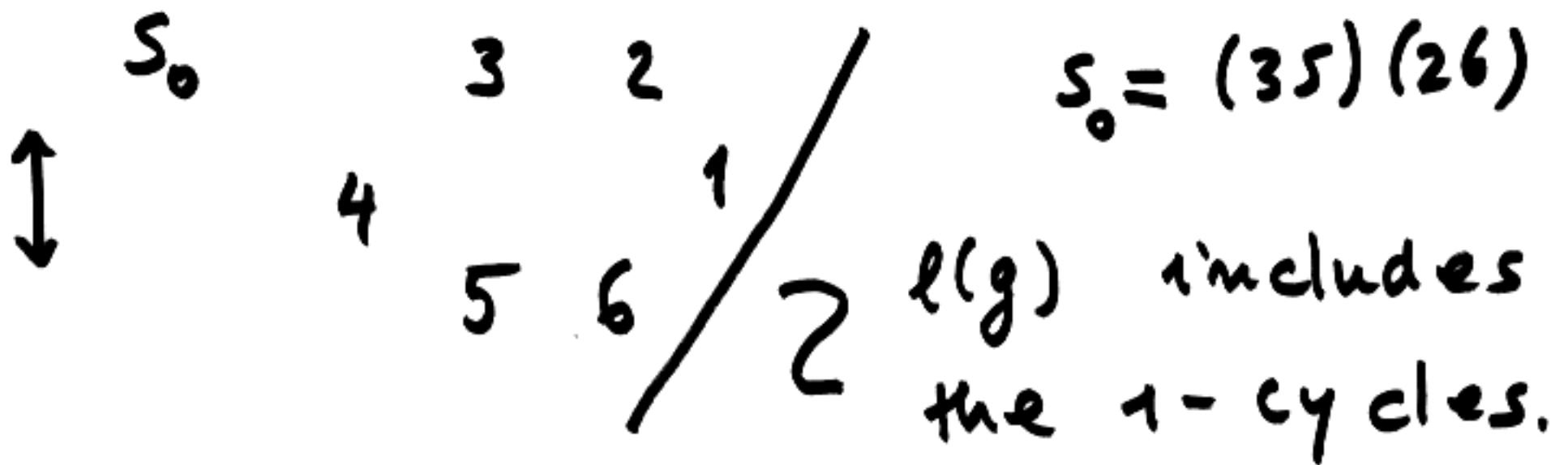
$$r^3 = \underbrace{(14)(25)(36)}_{3 \text{ cycles}}$$

In general $F(g) = m^{l(g)}$

$l(g) := \# \text{ cycles in } g$

length of g

$$F(g) = m^{l(g)}$$



$$l(s_0) = 4$$

$$F(s_0) = m^4$$

cycle indicator

$$Z_G(x_1, x_2, \dots) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} x_1^{k_1(g)} x_2^{k_2(g)} \dots$$

$k_i(g) := \#$ cycles in g
of length i

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For $g = s_0$ $s_0 = (35)(26)$

$$k_1(s_0) = 2$$

$$k_2(s_0) = 2$$

$$k_3(s_0) = 0$$

⋮

Contribution to Z_G : $x_1^2 x_2^2$

Formal way to keep track of the
cycle decomposition of all $g \in G$.

For us counting orbits with
 m colors

$$Z_G(m, m, m, \dots)$$

If $x_i = m$ then

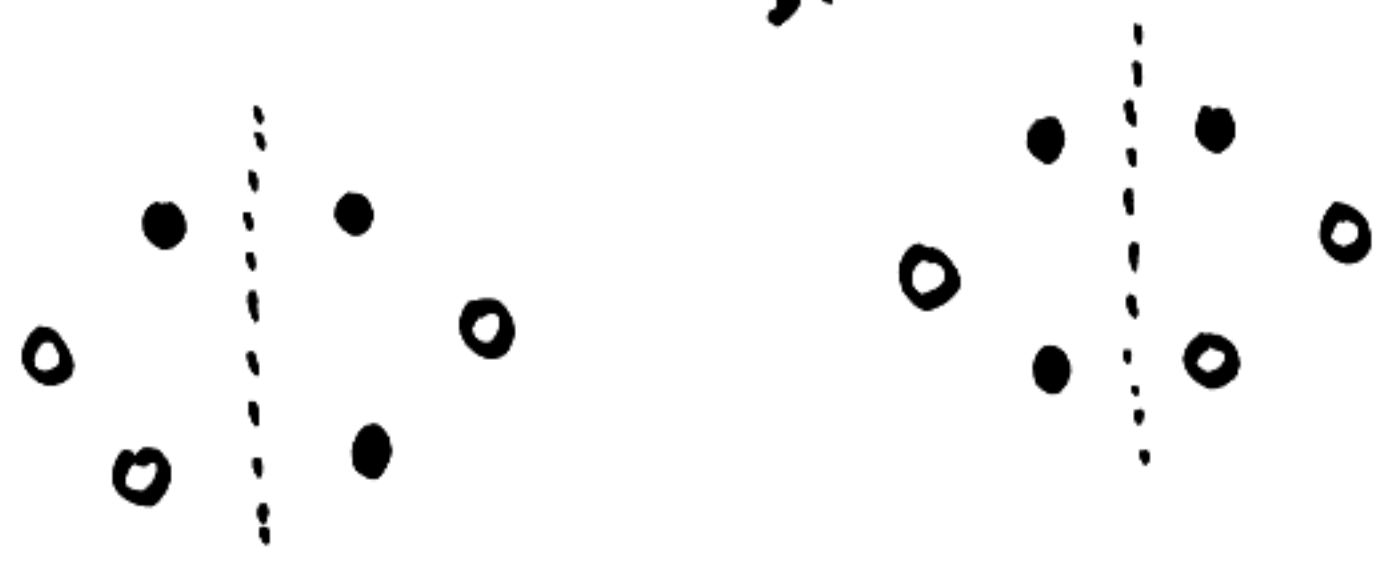
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$$x_1^{k_1(g)} x_2^{k_2(g)} \dots = m^{k_1(g) + k_2(g) + \dots}$$

$$= m^{l(g)}$$

$$Z_G(m, m, m, \dots) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} m^{l(g)}$$

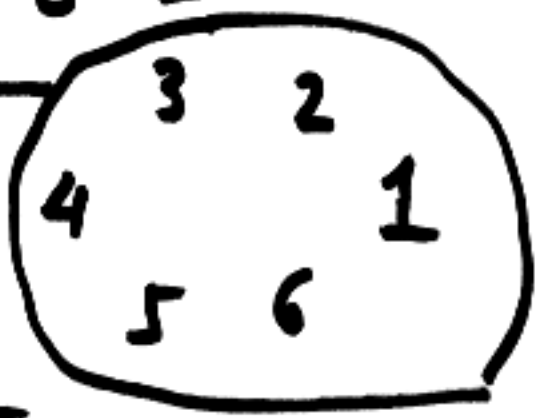
= # orbits.



Cycle indicator for rotations of hexagons (no flips allowed)

$$G = \{1, r, r^2, r^3, r^4, r^5\}$$

		k_1	k_2	k_3	k_4	k_5	k_6
r	1	6					
r	(123456)	0	0	0	0	0	1
r^2	(135)(246)			2			
r^3	(14)(25)(36)		3				
r^4	(123456)			2			
r^5	(654321)						1



~~(123456)~~
 (642)(531)

$$Z = \frac{1}{6} (x_1^6 + \cancel{x_6} x_6 + x_3^2 + x_2^3 + x_3^2 + x_6)$$

$$Z = \frac{1}{6} (x_1^6 + 2x_6 + 2x_3^2 + x_2^3)$$

$n=2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{6} (2^6 + 2 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 2^2 + 2^3) \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} (64 + 4 + 8 + 8) = \frac{84}{6} = 14
 \end{aligned}$$

3 2 1
4 5

$$r = (12345)$$

1	1	x_1^5
r	(12345)	x_5
r^2	(13524)	x_5
r^3	(14...)	x_5
r^4	(54321)	x_5

$$Z = \frac{1}{5} (x_1^5 + 4x_5)$$

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flips



$$l = 3$$

$$(1) (25)(34)$$

cycle index

$$x_1^1 \cdot x_2^2$$

color counting

$$x_i = m$$

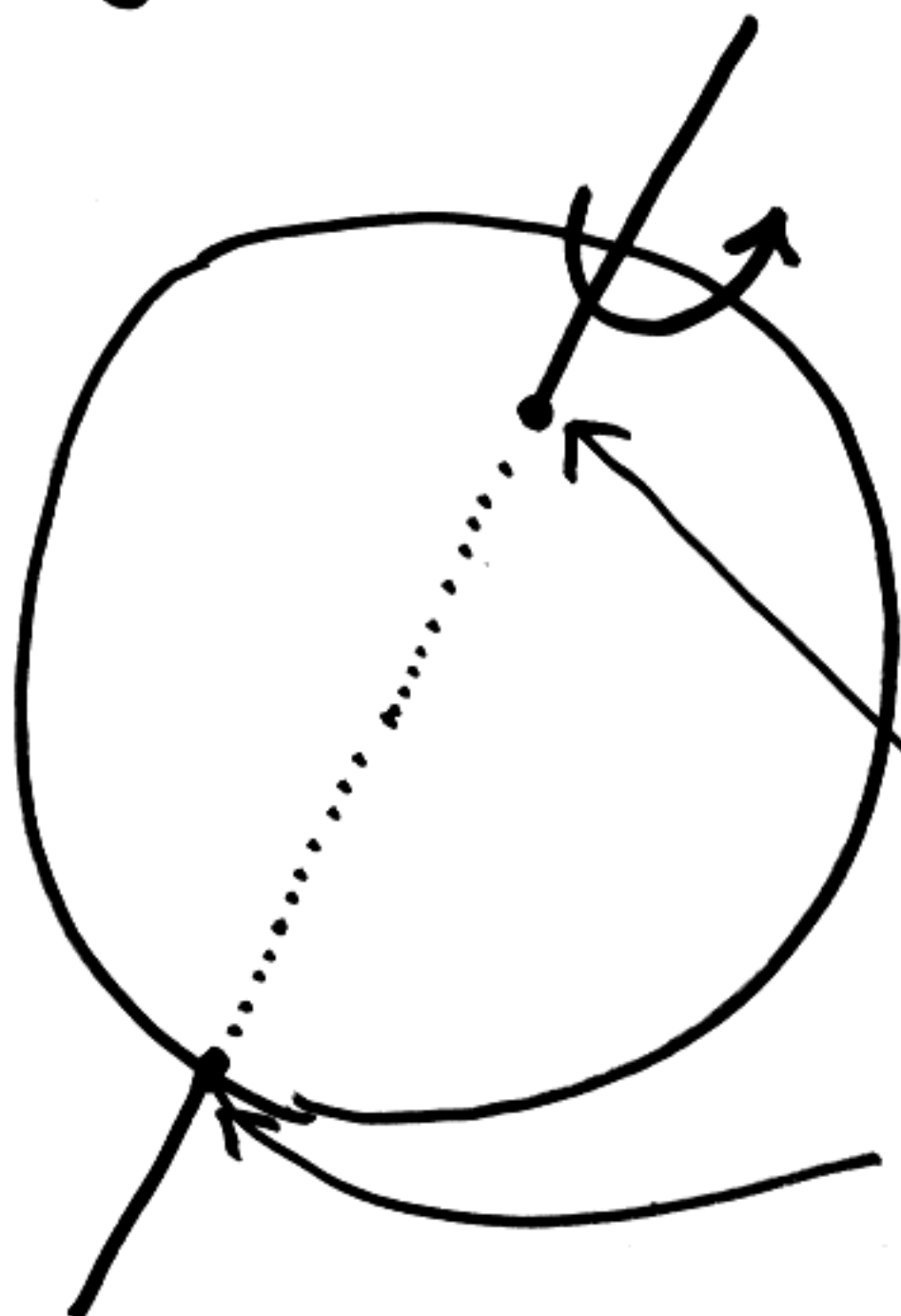
$$m \cdot m^2 = m^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} m=3, & \quad \frac{1}{10} (m^5 + 4m + 5m^3) \\ & \quad 3^5 + 4 \times 3 + 5 \times 3^3 \\ & \quad = \frac{1}{10} (243 + 12 + 135) \\ & \quad = \frac{390}{10} = 39 \end{aligned}$$

Finite group of rotations
in \mathbb{R}^3

G

axis of rotation



poles of the rotation

Let $\mathcal{P} = \{ \text{poles of rotations of } G \}$

Finite number of poles in \mathcal{P} .

G acts on \mathcal{P}

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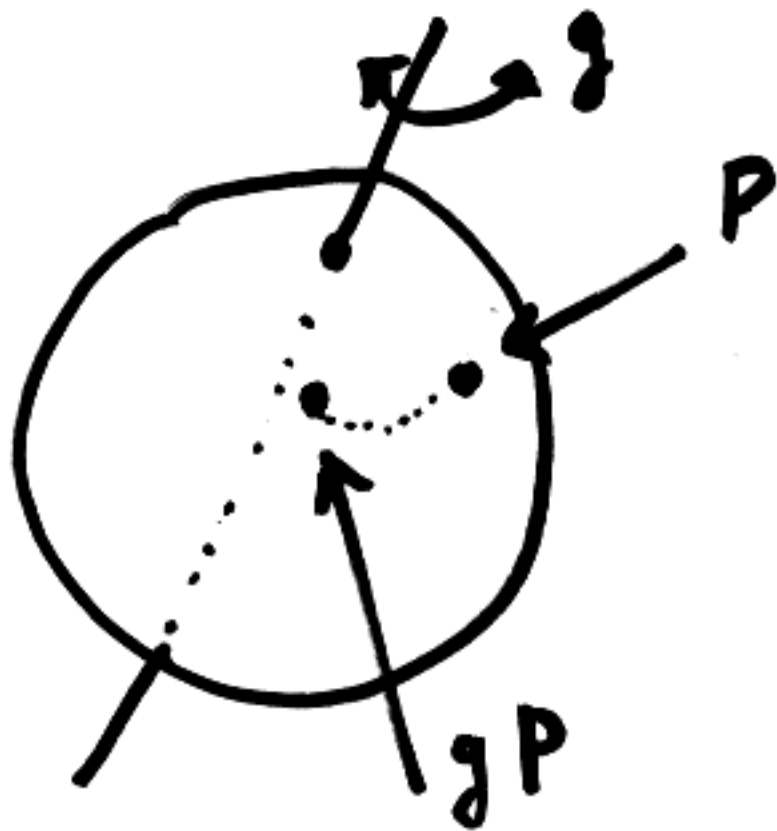
. If $p \in \mathcal{P}$, $g \in G$

then $g \cdot p$

$$\boxed{h \cdot p = p}$$

for some $h \in G$
 $h \neq 1$.

To see that $g \cdot p$ is a pole
I need to find a rotation
in G that fixes $g \cdot p$.



i.e. $r \in G$ s.t. $r(g \cdot p) = g \cdot p$

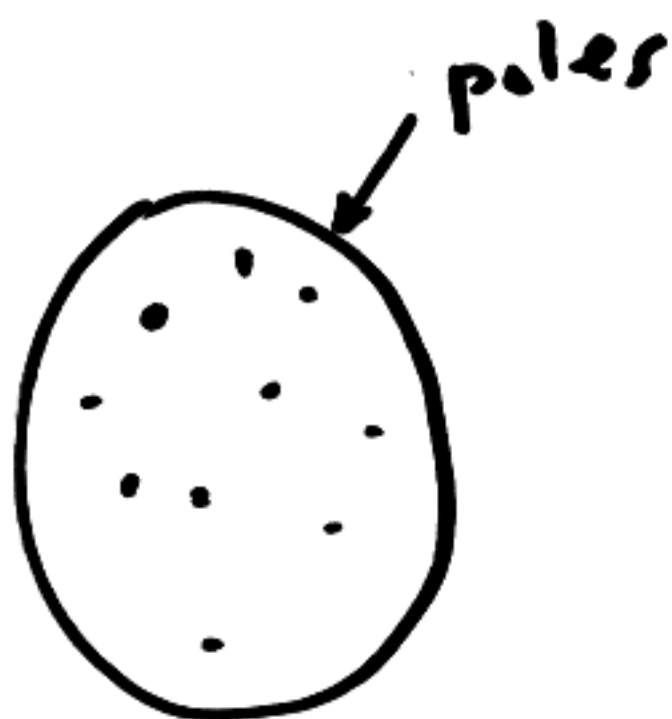
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$$g^{-1}(gP) = P$$

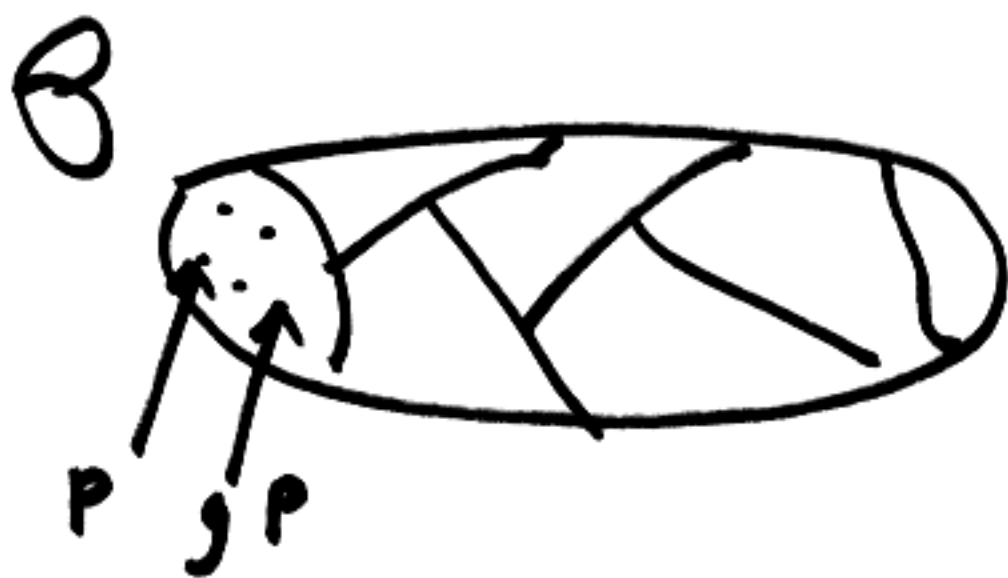
$$hg^{-1}(gP) = hP = P$$

$$\underbrace{ghg^{-1}}_r(gP) = gP$$

Found $r \in G \rightsquigarrow gP$ is a pole



$N := \#$ orbits of G acting on Q .

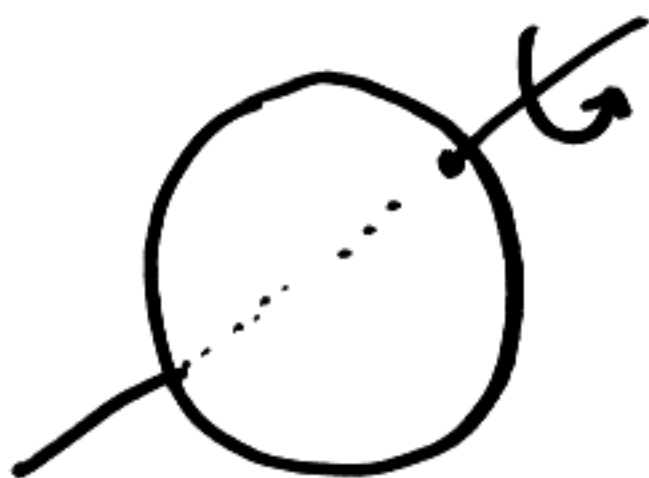


$$N = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} F(g)$$

by Burnside.

$$F(g) = \begin{cases} \# \mathcal{P} & g = 1 \\ 2 & g \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

of non-identity rotations



$$N = \frac{1}{|G|} (\# \mathcal{P} + 2(|G| - 1))$$

$$|G|N = \# \mathcal{P} + 2|G| - 2$$

$|G|(N - 2) = \# \mathcal{P} - 2$

Assume $|G| > 1$, I.e. ⑥

there is some non-identity rotation $g \in G$. It fixes two points. Hence $\# \mathcal{P} \geq 2$.

$$\text{rhs} \geq 0 \Rightarrow N \geq 2.$$

If $N = 2$ then $\# \mathcal{P} = 2$

I.e. we have only have two poles
all rotations share same axis

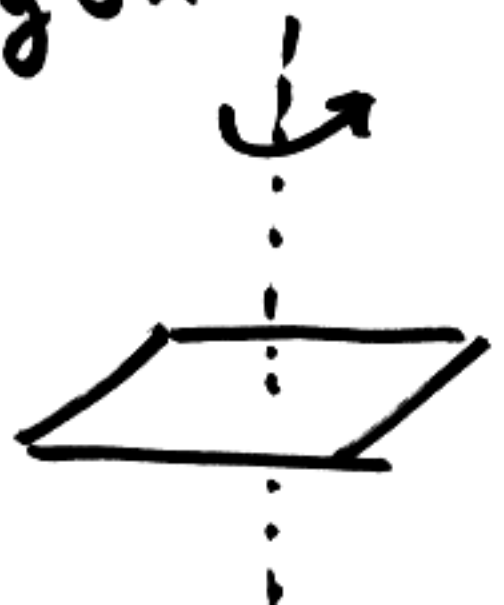
$$\rightarrow 1, r, r^2, \dots, r^{n-1}$$

some n

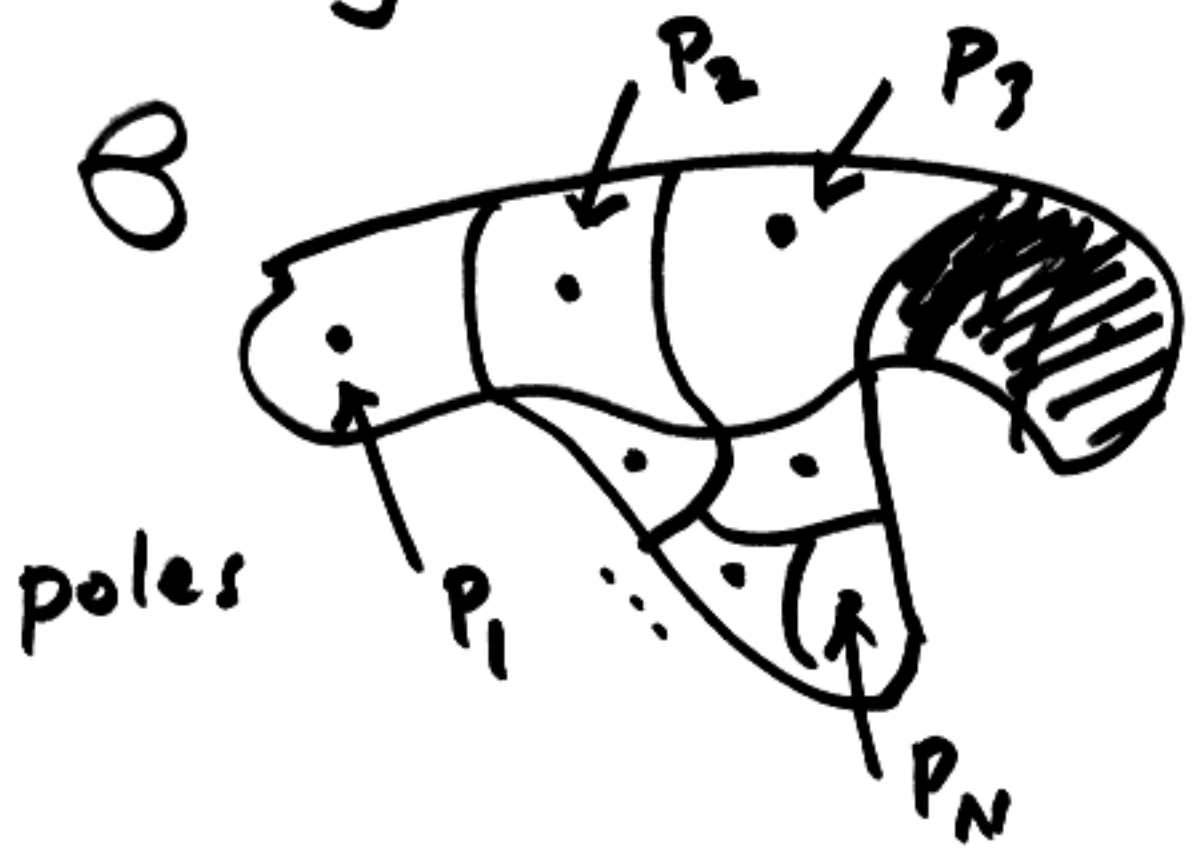
I.e. ~~some~~ rotations fixing

a n -gon

E.g. $n=4$



Say $N \geq 3$. $\# \mathcal{P} > 2$

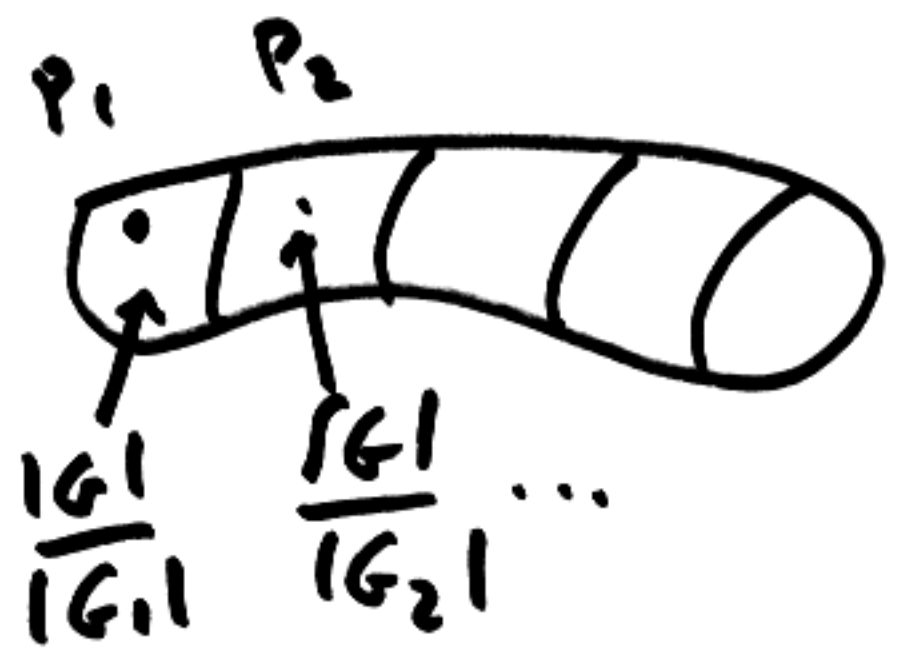


$p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_N$ are poles one per orbit.

$$G_i := \text{Stab}_G p_i$$

$$\# G p_i = |G_i| = |G|$$

$$\# G p_i = \frac{|G|}{|G_i|}$$



$$\# \mathcal{P} = \frac{|G|}{|G_1|} + \frac{|G|}{|G_2|} + \dots + \frac{|G|}{|G_N|} \quad (8)$$

$$(II) \quad \frac{\# \mathcal{P}}{|G|} = \frac{1}{|G_1|} + \frac{1}{|G_2|} + \dots + \frac{1}{|G_N|}$$

$$N = \frac{\# \mathcal{P}}{|G|} + 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{|G|} \right)$$

(from before).

$$(I) \quad N = \underbrace{1 + 1 + \dots + 1}_{N \text{ times}}$$

(I) - (II)

$$\begin{aligned} N - \frac{\# \mathcal{P}}{|G|} &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{|G_1|} \right) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{|G_2|} \right) \\ &\quad + \dots + \left(1 - \frac{1}{|G_N|} \right) \\ &= 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{|G|} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Finally:

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$$\sum_{i=1}^N \left(1 - \frac{1}{|G_i|}\right) = 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{|G|}\right)$$

$$(|G| > 1 \rightarrow |G| \geq 2)$$

~~the result is~~

$$\text{rhs} < 2$$

$$G_i = \text{Stab}_G P_i$$

$|G_i| \geq 2$ since P_i is the pole of some non-trivial rotation $g_i \in G_i$.

$$1 - \frac{1}{|G_i|} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

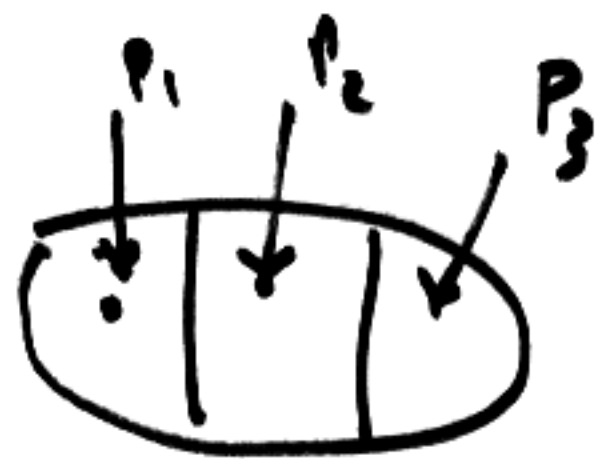
$$\Rightarrow N < 4$$

We know $N \geq 2$

$N=2$ dealt with already (10)

$\Rightarrow N=3$

G_1, G_2, G_3



$$n_i = |G_i|$$

$$n_1 \leq n_2 \leq n_3$$

$$\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} + \frac{1}{n_3} = 1 + \frac{2}{|G|}$$

$$n_i \geq 2, \quad |G| \geq 2$$

We can't have $n_i \geq 3$

otherwise

$$\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} + \frac{1}{n_3} \leq \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 1$$

$$\text{lhs} \leq 1 \quad \text{rhs} > 1$$

but

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{n_1 = 2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n_2} + \frac{1}{n_3} = 1 + \frac{2}{|G|}$$

$$\frac{1}{n_2} + \frac{1}{n_3} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{|G|}$$

~~if $n_2 = 2, n_3 = 2$ then~~

~~$n_3 = 3$~~

If $n_2 = 2$ n_3 could be any thing. $n_3 = n$

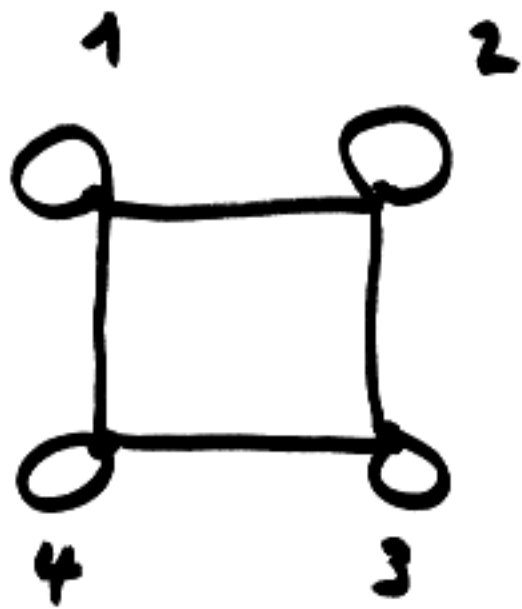
$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{|G|}$$

$$\Rightarrow |G| = 2n$$

$\Rightarrow G = D_n$ dihedral group

G	n_1	n_2	n_3	
D_n	2	2	n	Dihedral n -gon
A_4	2	3	3	Tetrahedron
S_4	2	3	4	Cube/octahedron
A_5	2	3	5	Icosahedron/ Dodecahedron

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

(Adjacency matrix of the graph)

i, j entry of $A = 1$ if $i - j$
0 otherwise

Initial state : $S_I = \begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \\ s_4 \end{pmatrix}$

Move : $t = \begin{pmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \\ t_4 \end{pmatrix}$

$$S_F = S_I + At$$

final state

goal

$$S_F = 0$$

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$$S_I + At = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \\ t_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t_1 + t_2 + t_4 \\ t_1 + t_2 + t_3 \\ t_2 + t_3 + t_4 \\ t_1 + t_3 + t_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S_I = -At$$

$$\begin{cases} t_1 + t_2 + t_4 = -s_1 \\ t_1 + t_2 + t_3 = -s_2 \\ t_2 + t_3 + t_4 = -s_3 \\ t_1 + t_3 + t_4 = -s_4 \end{cases}$$

Linear system of equations

Solving puzzle



Solving system of equations.

$n \times n$ matrix A

$$A = (a_{ij})$$

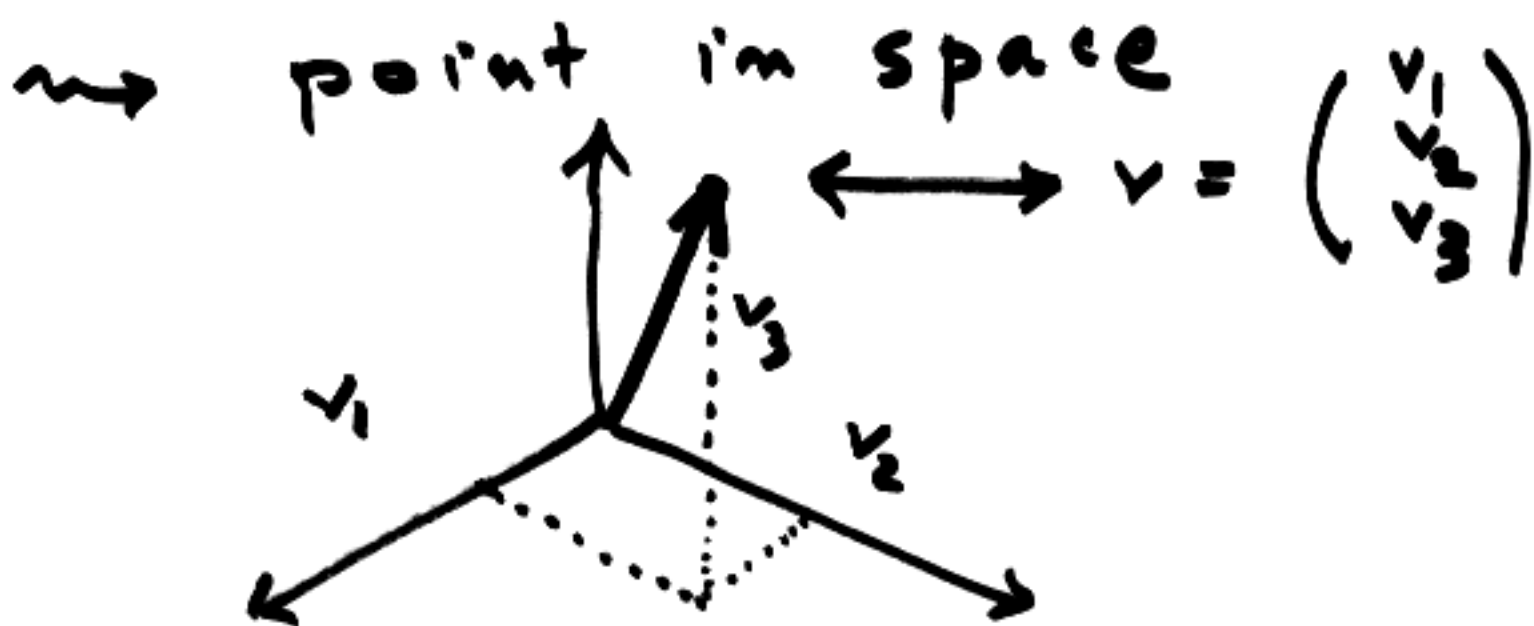
a_{ij} numbers

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & \dots & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & \dots & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

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vectors: $v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix}$

$n=3$ $v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}$



$V = \{ \text{all } n\text{-diml vectors} \}$

A $n \times n$ matrix

$v \in V$ vector

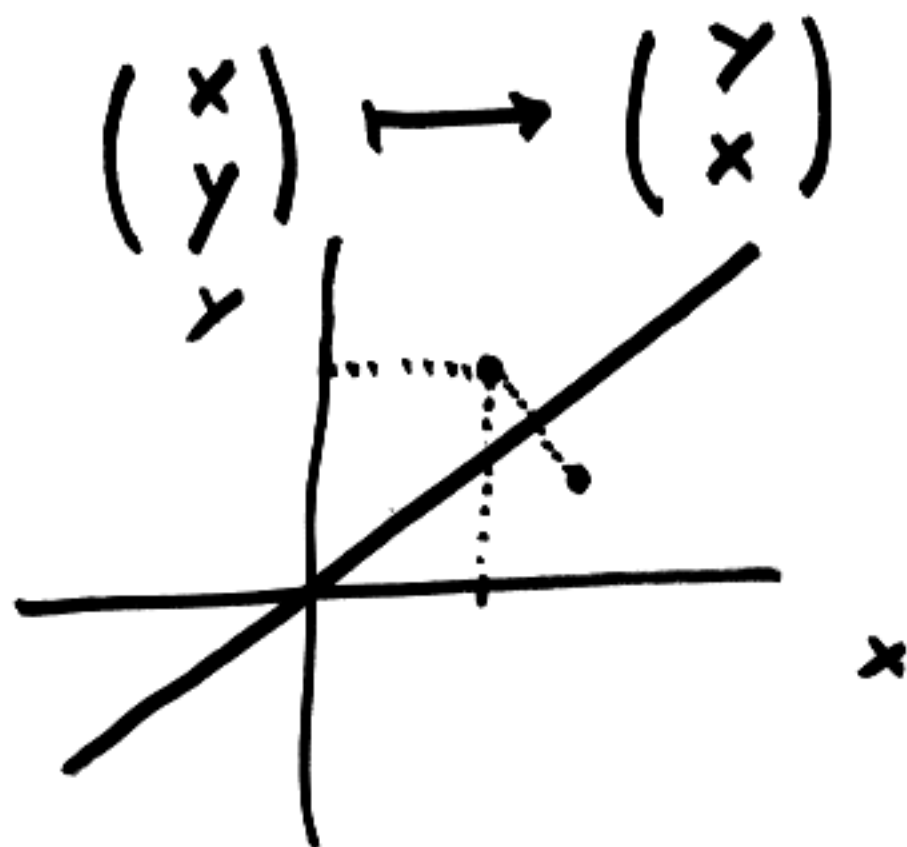
→ $A \cdot v \in V$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{n=2}$$

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$$A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ x \end{pmatrix}$$

Effect of multiplication by A?



I.e. A is the reflection through the $y=x$ line.

Identity $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

$$I_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$I_n \cdot v = v$$

- $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = 2 I_2$

$$A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

scaling by two.

Scalars a , $a v = \begin{pmatrix} a v_1 \\ a v_2 \\ \vdots \\ a v_n \end{pmatrix}$

- Rotations can also be written in terms of matrices.

Features of transformation

$$v \mapsto Av$$

= linear transformation

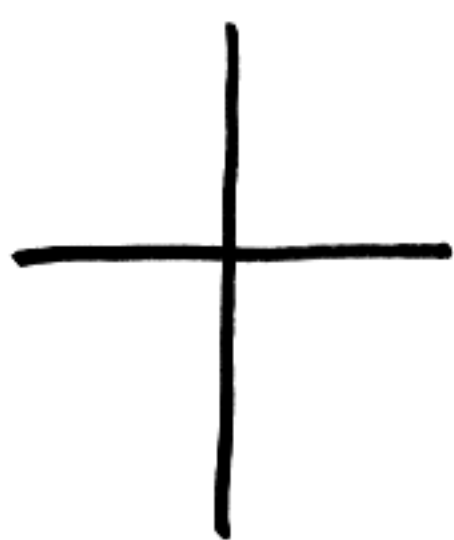
- $A \cdot (a v) = a (A v)$

- $A \cdot (u + v) = A u + A v$

- $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$A \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x+y \\ x+y \end{pmatrix}$$

⑥



A
→

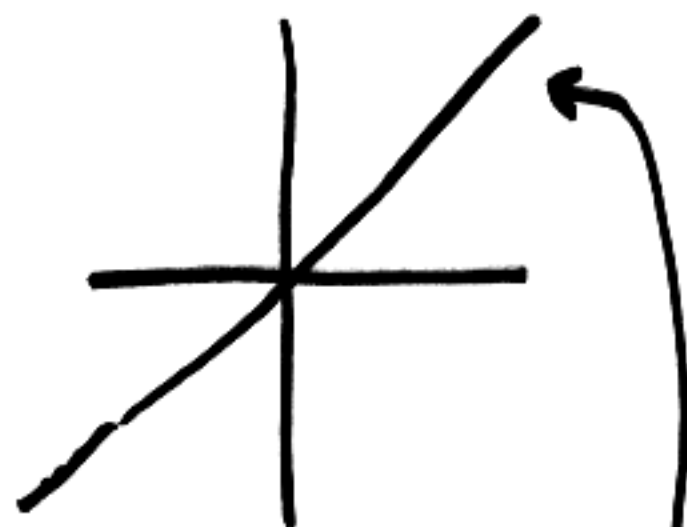


Image of points
is on this line

$$A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

this system of equations not always has a solution. If $a \neq b$ we have no solution. If $a = b$ we can solve it

$$A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x+y \\ x+y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} x+y = a \\ x+y = a \end{cases} \rightarrow \boxed{x+y = a}$$

To solve:

Pick any x and set
 $y = a - x$

system

$$\boxed{Av = u}$$

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

⑦

• No solution

unless $u = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a \end{pmatrix}$

• If $u = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a \end{pmatrix}$ then it has a lot of solutions.

all solutions: $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ a-x \end{pmatrix}$

For $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ situation is different.

$$\begin{pmatrix} y \\ x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$y = a$$

$$x = b$$

Solution: $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ a \end{pmatrix}$

Every $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ has a unique solution.

Say A is invertible if ⑧
it has an inverse

$$A^{-1} \cdot A = A \cdot A^{-1} = I_n$$

In this case

~~Am~~ $A v = u$

can be solved by multiplying
by A^{-1} .

$$A^{-1} (A v) = A^{-1} \cdot u$$

$$(A^{-1} A) v = A^{-1} u$$

$$\boxed{v = A^{-1} u}$$

Unique solution for each choice of
 u .

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

$$A^{-1} = A$$

- How do we determine if a matrix
 A has an inverse?

There is a number called the $\text{det}(A)$ ①
determinant of A

A is invertible $\Leftrightarrow \text{det}(A) \neq 0$

$$\text{det} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = ad - bc$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ad - bc & 0 \\ 0 & ad - bc \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \text{det}(A) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- If $\text{det}(A) \neq 0$ then

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\text{det}(A)} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AA^* = \text{det}(A) \cdot I_2$$

- If $\text{det}(A) = 0$ then $AA^* = 0$

if A had an inverse

$$A^{-1}(AA^*) = 0$$

$$(A^{-1}A)A^* = A^* \quad \text{not the case}$$

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$$V = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \mid 3\text{-dim vectors} \right\}$$

3x3 matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$v \in V$

$$A \cdot v \in V$$

$$V \longrightarrow V$$

$$v \longmapsto A \cdot v$$

$$\cdot \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} z \\ x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(x, y, z) \mapsto (z, x, y)$$

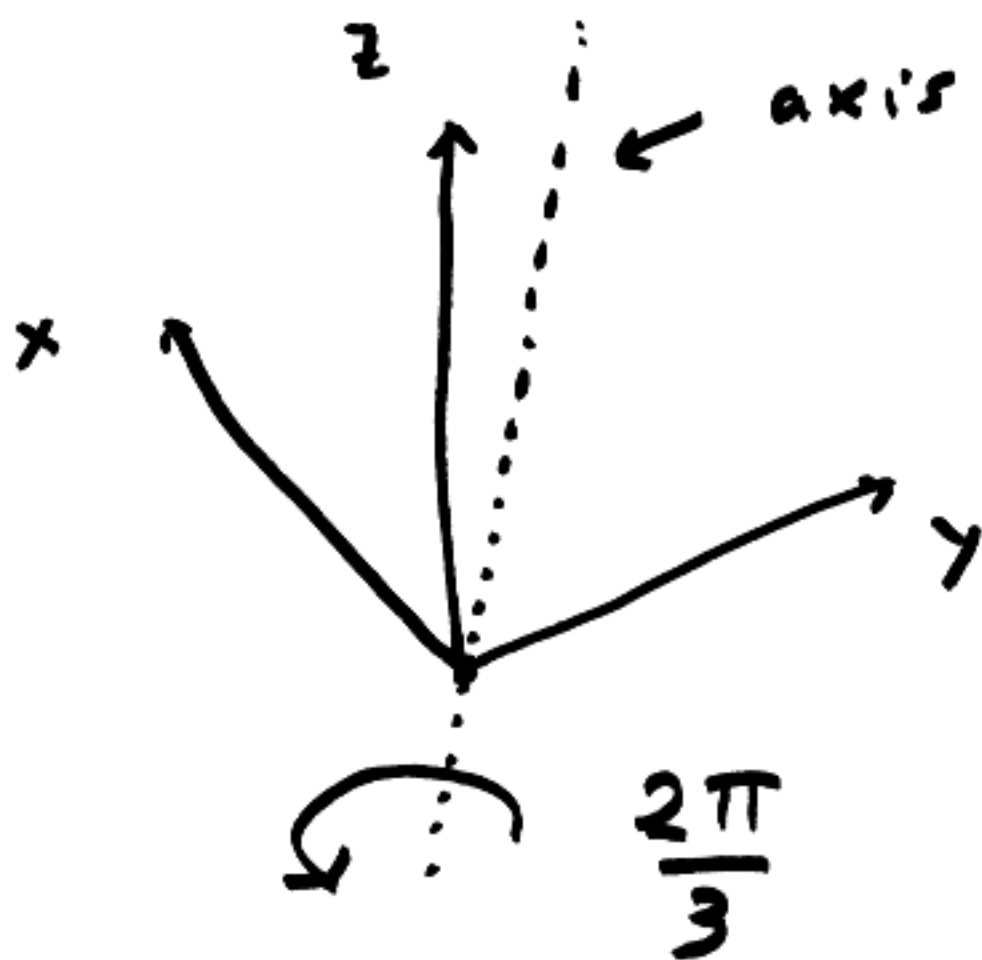
Axis of rotation?

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$$(a, a, a) = a(1, 1, 1)$$

fixed by A.

$$\begin{aligned}x &= y \\ y &= z\end{aligned}$$

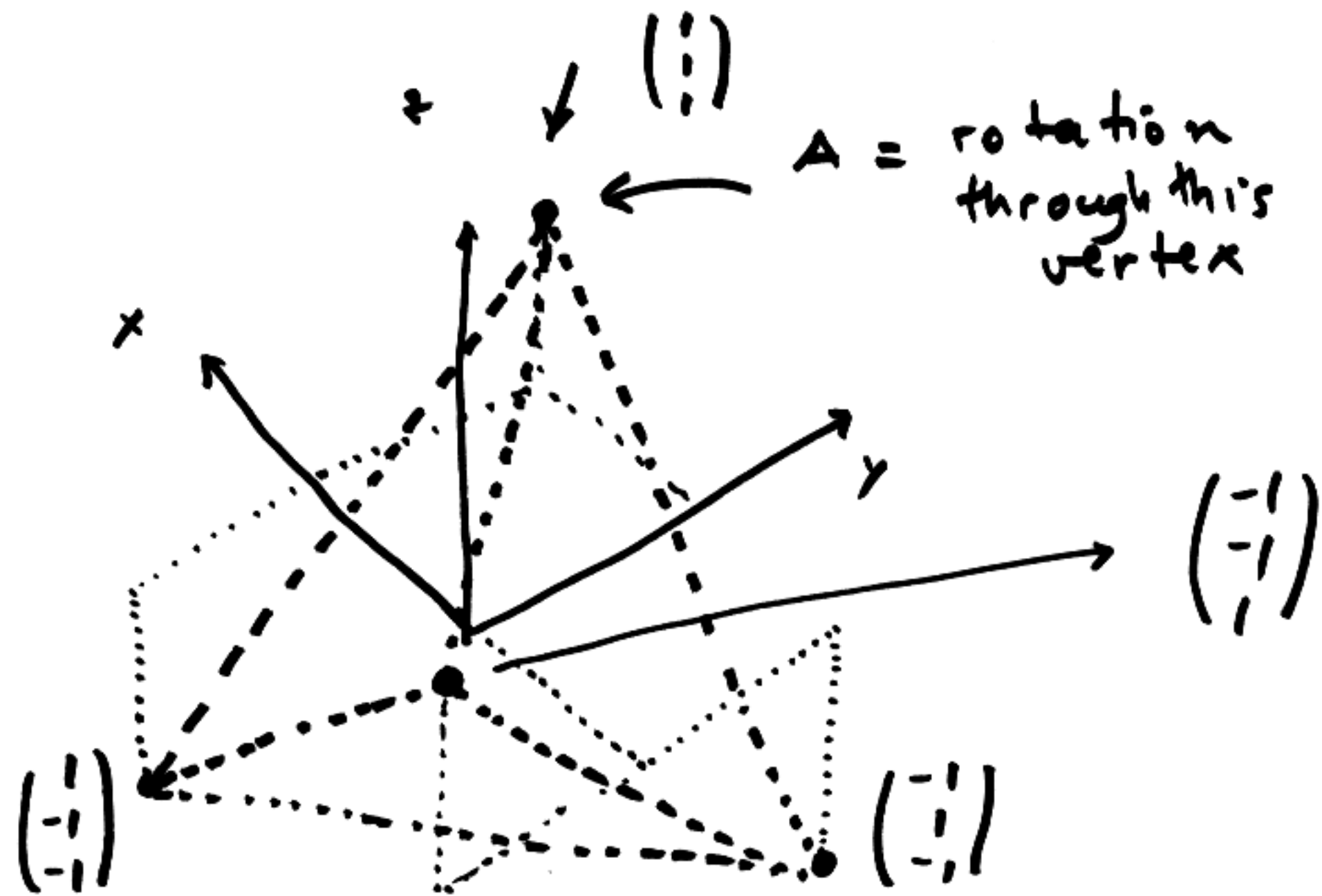


$$\begin{aligned}(x, y, z) &\xrightarrow{\quad} \\ &\downarrow \\ (z, x, y) &\xrightarrow{\quad} \\ &\downarrow \\ (y, z, x) &\xrightarrow{\quad}\end{aligned}$$

Four points

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

3



$$\frac{1}{4} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

= center of mass.

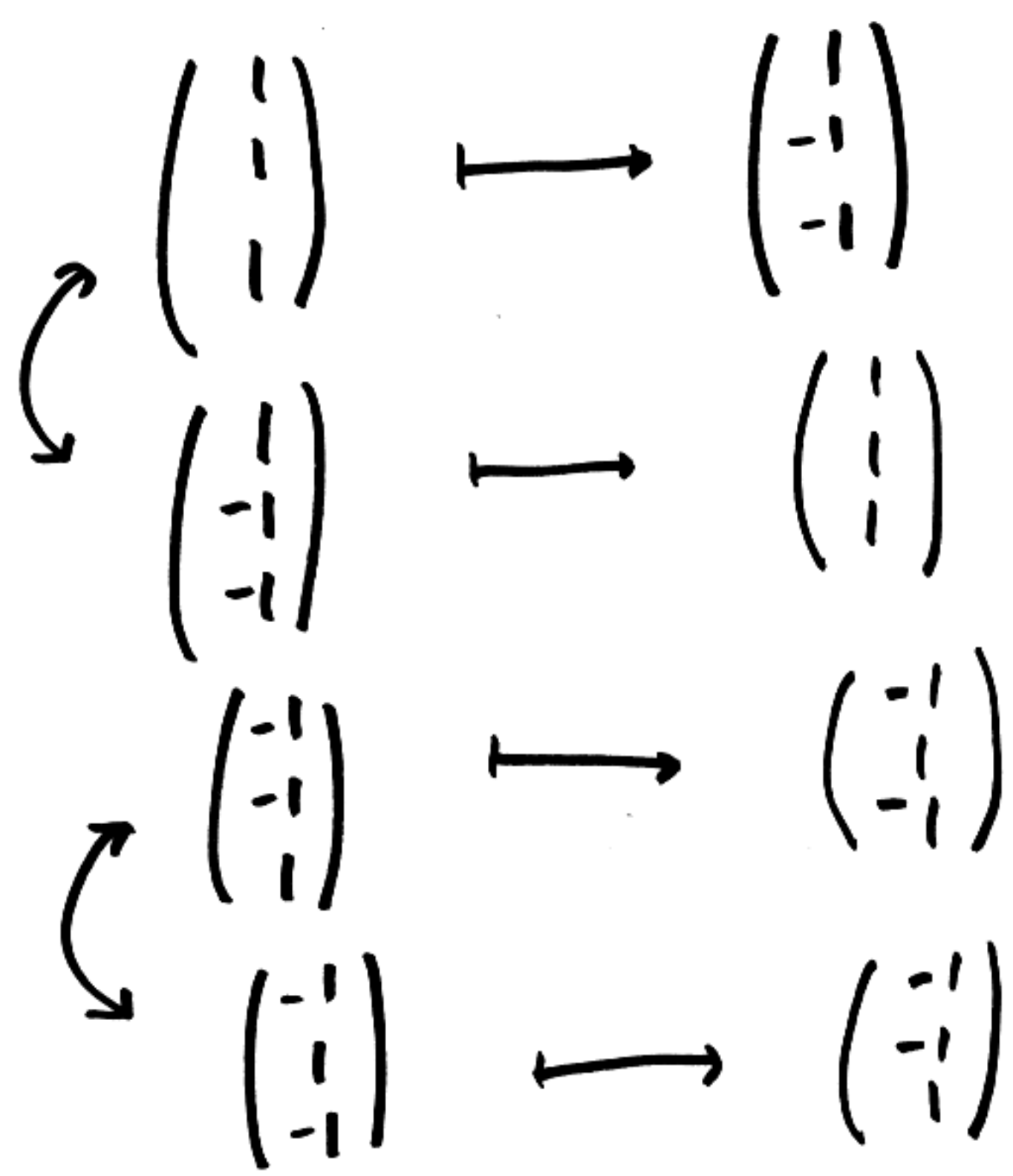
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$R_V (= R_F)$ rotations assoc. to vertices (faces)

R_E rotations assoc. to edges

• $R_E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$R_E \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ -y \\ -z \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & & \\ & -1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & -1 & \\ & & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

We can describe the action of the rotation group of (this) tetrahedron as follows:

cyclically permute (x, y, z) and change two signs.

E.g.

$$(x, y, z) \mapsto (-y, -z, x)$$

(signed permutation)

$$\begin{array}{lll} (x, y, z) & (-x, -y, z) & (-x, y, -z) & (x, -y, -z) \\ (z, x, y) & (-z, -x, y) & (-z, x, -y) & (z, -x, -y) \\ (y, z, x) & (-y, -z, x) & (-y, z, -x) & (y, -z, -x) \end{array}$$

Total of 12.

group of rotations of tetrahedron $\cong A_4$
(alternating group)

Rotations of cube (octahedron) ⑥
we can think of two inscribed
tetrahedra inside cube.

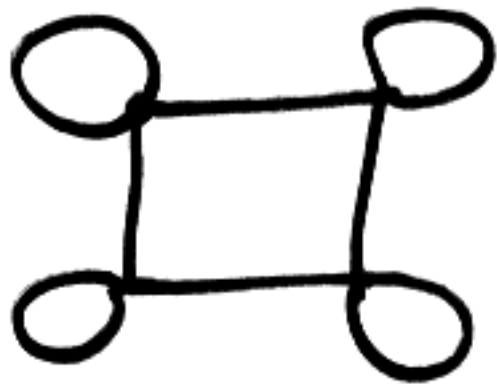
Rotations of tetrahedron & swapping
both tetrahedra.

get all signed permutations of
3-dim determinant = 1

group of rotations
of cube $\cong S_4$

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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & 0 & | \\ 0 & | & | & | \\ | & 0 & | & | \end{pmatrix}$$

Equation to solve

$$\boxed{S_I + At = 0}$$

$$t = \begin{pmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \\ t_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$t_i = 0, 1$$



dont / press buttons

If A has an inverse A^{-1}
then we can solve for t

$$\boxed{-A^{-1}S_I = t}$$

Row reduction algorithm.

(2)

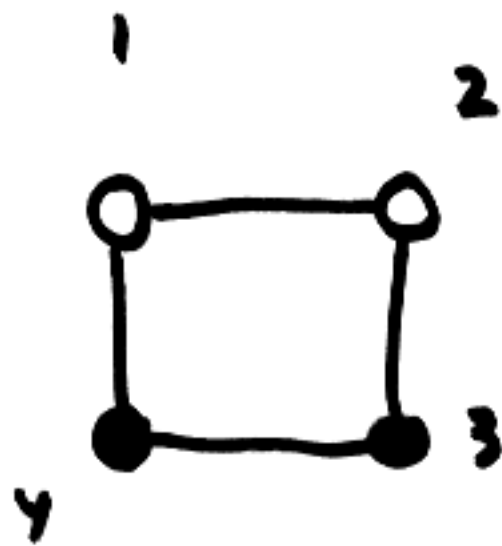
$$A^{-1} = A$$

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

(mod 2
binary
sense)

$$t = A s_I$$

Ex.



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

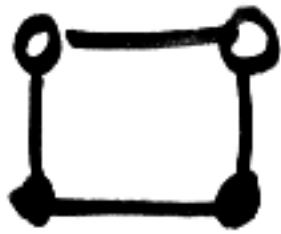


$-A^{-1} \rightsquigarrow$ cheat puzzle

③

In our case cheat puzzle = original puzzle b/c $-A^{-1} = A$.

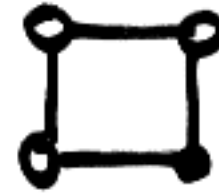
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cheat



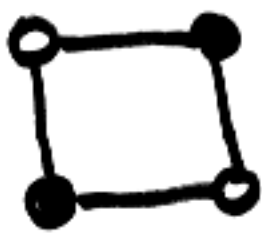
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↓ 2



Solution: press buttons 3 & 4.



↓ 1



↓ 3



↓ 1



↓ 3



• If A has an inverse then every initial state can be solved in only one way.

• If A has no inverse then some initial states will not be solvable. And when solvable there will be more than one way to do it.

This dichotomy on A depends on how many states each light could be in.



general 15 puzzle

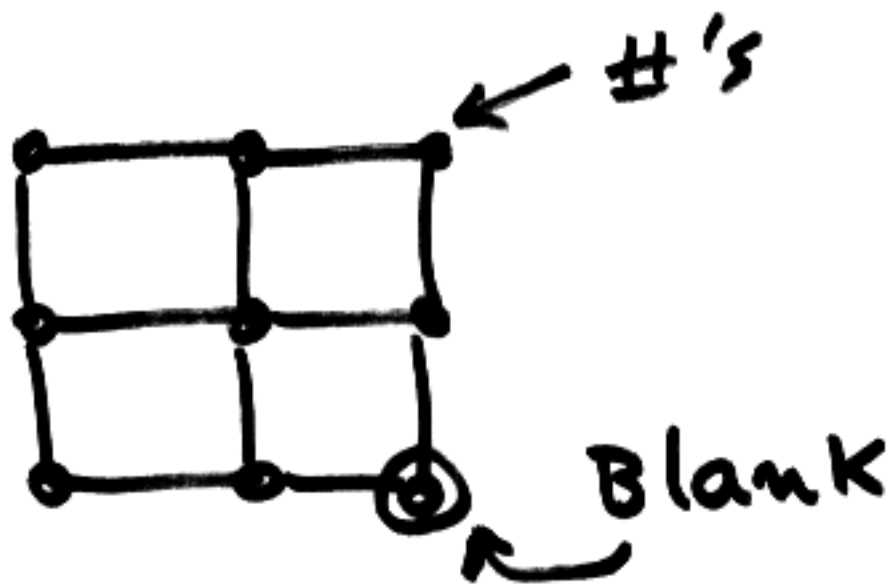
can play it on a simple graph



↑
it has no loops or multiple edges



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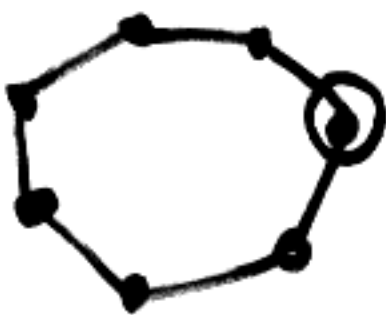


Move: Exchange Blank w/ #. ^{mbh.}

Move will take a blank on a grand tour of graph. Each such path gives a permutation of the #'s.

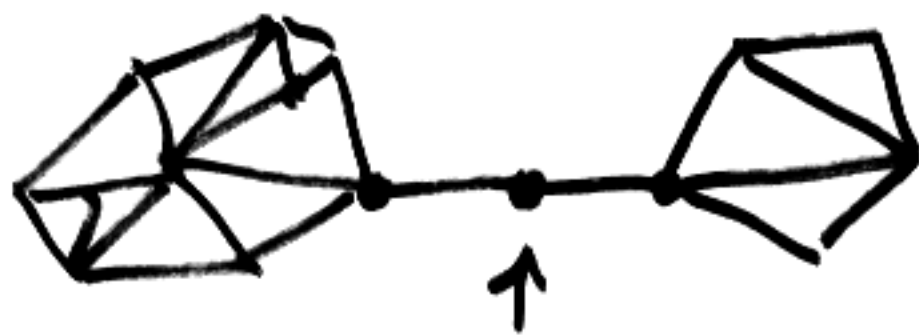
Question: What permutations do we get?

Theorem of Wilson gives answer.



→ cycle permutation

$$\begin{matrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & B \end{matrix}$$

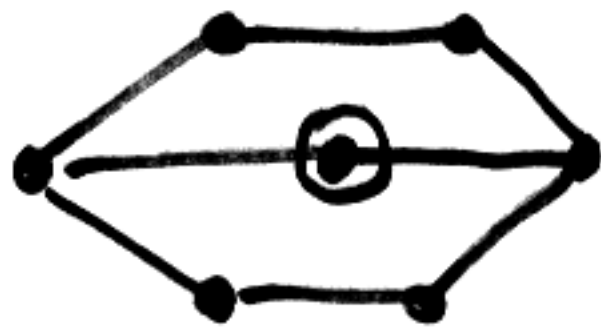


take away this vertex
graph disconnects

two separate puzzle one per
component

In all other cases the group
is either the symmetric group OR
the alternating group (even
permutation)

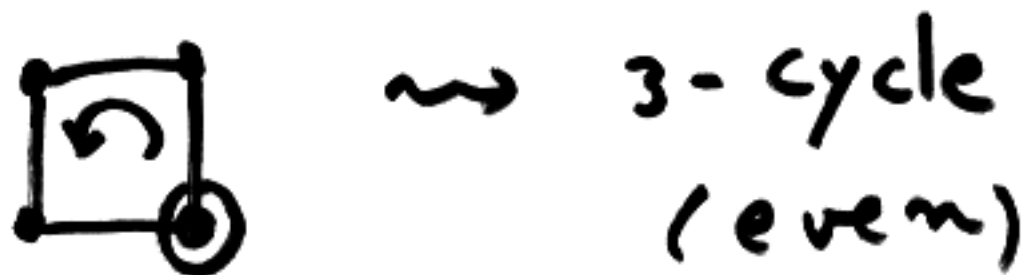
Except for this graph(!)



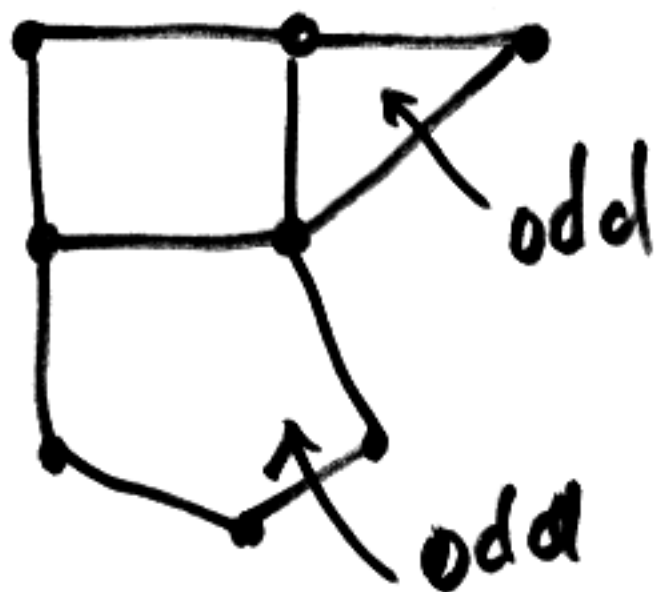
group has 120 elements.

A priori our group could be as
large as $6! = 720$.

How can we tell symmetric/alternating ⑦
apart?



As soon as we have an k -cycle
with k even the group is all
permutations.

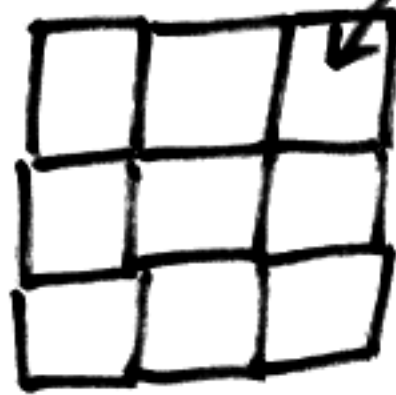


group $\cong S_7$

A_n (even permutations) \longleftrightarrow
only

all cycles
in graph
are even

F.g. 15-puzzle 4-vertices (8)



\rightsquigarrow group $\cong A_8$

\leftrightarrow graph bipartite

(color vertices \circ/\bullet such
that no two ^{nhb.} vertices have
same color

