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# Abstract Algebra III

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# Class structure suggestion

Monday: as is, open for questions

Wednesday: announce a problem from HW  
in advance (Monday say) & we  
talk about it in class

Friday: 20 minutes questions  
quiz

Idea: before class on Wednesday  
every one can look up definitions &  
theorems for one problem & think  
about one problem so we can all  
get more out of class.

Suggestion:

This Friday: no quiz

have quiz 3 when HW3 due on  
Gradescope

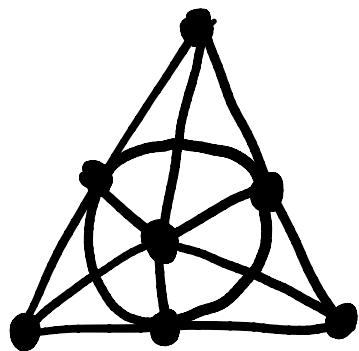
No quiz this Friday (9/18)

Quiz 3 on 9/25

On Wednesday 9/23, we will talk about  
a pre-chosen problem (see website  
for which one)

HW 3 #3

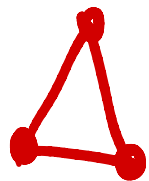
$G = \text{gp of automorphisms of}$   
this graph



(bijection sending vertices to  
vertices & respecting edges)

a)  $G$  isom to subgp of  $S_7$

Note:  $D_3 \cong S_3$



$\{1, 2, 3\}$

If  $G \curvearrowright A$  and  $A$  has  $n$  elements then

$\varphi: G \rightarrow S_n$  permutation representation

$\rightarrow$  for us get  $\varphi: G \rightarrow S_7$  because 7  
vertices

Remains: Show that this is injective

every element of  $G$  acts differently on  $A$

Example:  $G \curvearrowright \{1, 2, 3\}$  by  $g \cdot 1 = 1$   
 $g \cdot 2 = 2$   $\forall g \in G$   
 $g \cdot 3 = 3$

this is an action

$\varphi: G \rightarrow S_3$  is trivial i.e.  $\ker \varphi = G$ .

Back to #3 Permutation rep gives

$\psi: G \rightarrow S_7$  and 1<sup>st</sup> isom theorem says

that  $G / \ker \psi \cong \text{Im} \psi \leq S_7$

if  $\ker \psi = 1$

i.e.  $\psi$  injective

then  $G \cong \text{Im} \psi \leq S_7$

subgrp  
as opposed to  $\subset$



Why do 2 elements of  $G$  act differently on this graph?

Essentially by definition of an automorphism

2 automorphisms are equal iff they agree everywhere i.e.,

$$\sigma(v_i) = \tau(v_i) \quad \forall v_i \text{ in the graph.}$$

As a consequence 2 auts are different (so not equal in  $G$ ) iff  $\exists i$  with

$$v_j = \sigma(v_i) \neq \tau(v_i) = v_k \quad j \neq k$$

so  $\varphi(\sigma) \neq \varphi(\tau)$

↑  
sends  $i$  to  $j$

↑  
sends  $i$  to  $k$

so  $\sigma \neq \tau$   
 $\Rightarrow \varphi(\sigma) \neq \varphi(\tau)$   
and  $\varphi$  is  
injective

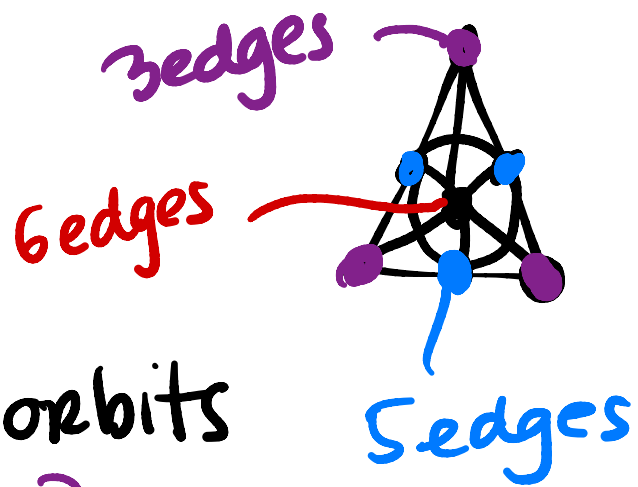
Why does  $G$  have 3 orbits?

2 parts to show

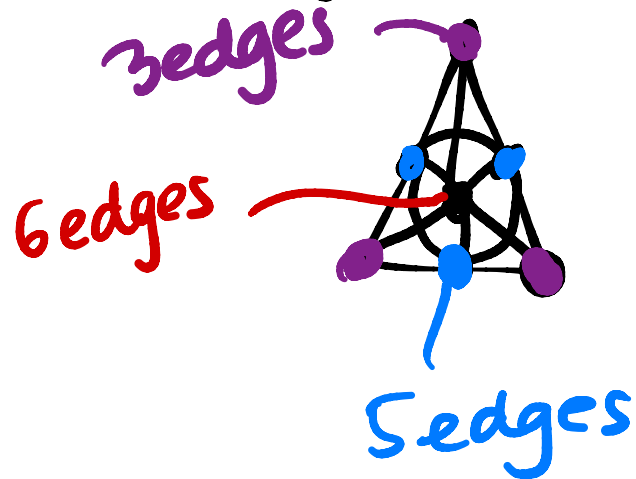
①  $G$  has no fewer than 3 orbits

②  $G$  has only 3 orbits

Because an aut preserves edges, a vertex can only be sent to another with same # of edges

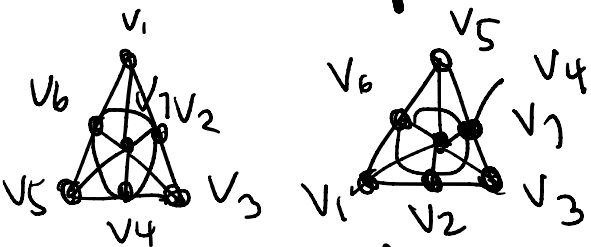


Certainly Black point is alone in its orbit



Automorphism: relabeling of the same object with same labels *same set*

$$G \xrightarrow{\sim} G$$



Isomorphism: same object, different labels

$$C_2 \times C_3 \cong C_6 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} \quad G \xrightarrow{\sim} H$$

$$\cong \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (0,0) & (1,1) \\ (1,0) & (0,2) \\ (0,1) & (1,2) \end{array} \right\}$$

Equality: same object, same labels

HW 2 #4b)

$$(13)(123) = (12)$$

a)  $S_3 \curvearrowright S_3$  on left

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

$$S_3 \rightarrow S_6$$

$$(12) \mapsto (56)(34)(12)$$

$$(13) \mapsto (46)(25)(13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (12) \cdot 1 &= (12) \\ (12) \cdot (12) &= 1 \\ (12) \cdot (13) &= (132) \\ (12) \cdot (23) &= (123) \\ (12) \cdot (123) &= (23) \\ (12) \cdot (132) &= (13) \end{aligned}$$

$$4b) \quad \varphi: S_3 \rightarrow S_6$$
$$g \mapsto \pi_g$$

$\varphi$  is defined by

$$(12) \mapsto (12)(34)(56)$$
$$(123) \mapsto ??$$

$$(12)(13) = (132) = \sigma \in S_3$$

"cycle decomposition" means disjoint cycles

p. 29 of DQF





A product of  $m$  disjoint transpositions  
"moves" exactly  $2m$  elements  
has  $2m$  elements in its support

Know that  $\pi(x)$  moves all elements  
(does not fix any element under left  
multiplication) so  $2m = n$

That's all for today!