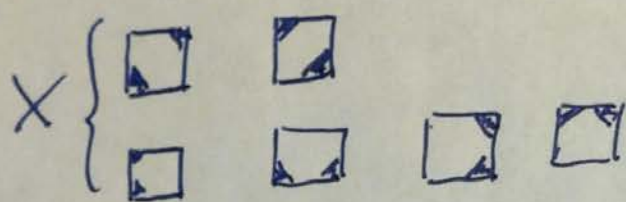


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Total of 6 designs

$g$  is rotation  $90^\circ$  counter clockwise

$$g \in D_4$$

$G = \langle g \rangle = \{g^0, g, g^2, g^3\}$  acts on the set  $X$  of 6 designs

Def<sup>n</sup> Let  $G$  be a group acting on  $X$

For  $g \in G$  set  $X_g = \{x \in X \mid g \cdot x = x\}$

(Compare to  $G_x = \{g \in G \mid g \cdot x = x\}$ )

Burnside's theorem. Let  $G$  be a finite group acting on a finite set  $X$ .

The number  $N$  of orbits of the action is

$$N = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} |X_g|$$

—  $X$  —

Ex  $|G| = 4, |X_{g^0}| = 6, |X_g| = 0, |X_{g^2}| = 2$

$|X_{g^3}| = 0. \quad N = \frac{1}{4} (6 + 0 + 2 + 0) = 2.$

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$$N = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} |X_g|$$

Proof:

$$n = |\{(g, x) \in G \times X \mid g \cdot x = x\}|$$

First:  $\times (g, -) \quad (g, x): |X_g|$

$$n = \sum_{g \in G} |X_g|$$

$$n = \sum_{x \in X} |G_x|$$

$$|G_x| = [G : G_x] = \frac{|G|}{|G_x|} \Rightarrow |G_x| = \frac{|G|}{|G_x|} \Rightarrow |G_x| = \frac{|G|}{|G_x|}$$

$$|G_x| = \frac{|G|}{|G_x|}$$

$$\therefore n = |G| \sum_{x \in X} \frac{1}{|G_x|}$$

$$\sum_{x \in X} \frac{1}{|G_x|} = ? \quad \sum_{g \in G_x} \frac{1}{|G_x|} = |G_x| \left( \frac{1}{|G_x|} \right) = 1$$

$$\sum_{x \in X} \frac{1}{|G_x|} = N$$

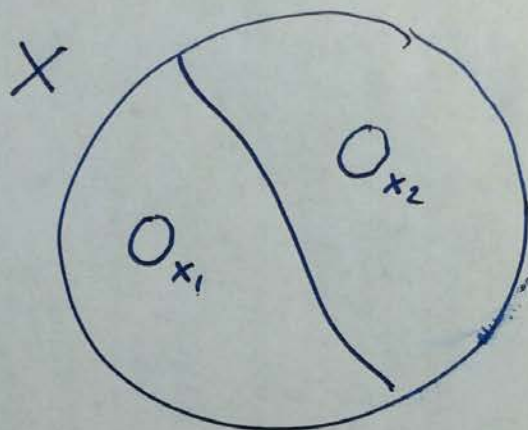


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$$\sum_{g \in G} |X_g| = n = |G| \sum_{x \in X} \frac{1}{|O_x|} = |G|N$$

$$\therefore N = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{\substack{x \in X \\ g \in G}} |X_g|$$



Every  $x \in X$  is in

$O_{x_1}$  or  $O_{x_2}$

For  $x \in O_{x_1}$ :  $O_x = O_{x_1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{x \in X} \frac{1}{|O_x|} &= \sum_{x \in O_{x_1}} \frac{1}{|O_x|} + \sum_{x \in O_{x_2}} \frac{1}{|O_x|} \\ &= \sum_{x \in O_{x_1}} \frac{1}{|O_{x_1}|} + \sum_{x \in O_{x_2}} \frac{1}{|O_{x_2}|} \\ &= |O_{x_1}| \frac{1}{|O_{x_1}|} + |O_{x_2}| \frac{1}{|O_{x_2}|} \\ &= 1 + 1 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

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Example

6 choices of face to mark •

5 -

4

3 -

2 -

1 -

 $6! = 720$  designs.

6 choices of face to put on table  
4 possible rotations

24 choices/actions.

$$|X| = 720$$

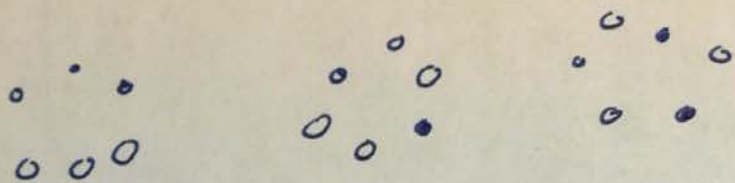
$$|G| = 24$$

$$|X_g|$$

$$|X_{\text{identity}}| = 720$$

$$N = \frac{1}{24} (720) = 30$$





Conjugation: The def:

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

gives an action of ~~X~~  $G$  on itself.

$$e \cdot x = e x e^{-1} = e x e = x$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_2 \cdot (g_1 \cdot x) &= g_2 \cdot (g_1 x g_1^{-1}) \\ &= g_2 (g_1 x g_1^{-1}) g_2^{-1} \\ &= (g_2 g_1) x (g_1^{-1} g_2^{-1}) \\ &= (g_2 g_1) x (g_2 g_1)^{-1} \\ &= (g_2 g_1) \cdot x. \end{aligned}$$