

Orbit-Stabilizer Thm vs. Lagrange's theorem:

on one hand, let G act on a set X
let $x \in X$, let $H = G_x =$ the stabilizer of x .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{the map} & G & \longrightarrow X \\ & g & \longmapsto gx \end{array}$$

gives a bijection between
left cosets of H
and elements of the orbit \mathcal{O}_x :

$$\forall y \in \mathcal{O}_x, \quad \{g \in G \mid gx = y\}$$

is a coset of H

Lagrange: $|H| \cdot \# \text{ cosets} = |G|$
so $|\text{stab.}| \cdot |\text{orbit}| = |G|$

on the other hand, given a subgroup $H \subset G$,
let G act on $\{\text{subsets of } G\}$ by left mult.
orbit of $H = \{\text{all left cosets } gH\}$
and stabilizer of $H = H$ itself.

if we know that $|\text{orbit}| \cdot |\text{stab}| = |G|$
then $\# \text{ cosets} \cdot |H| = |G|$ (Lagrange)

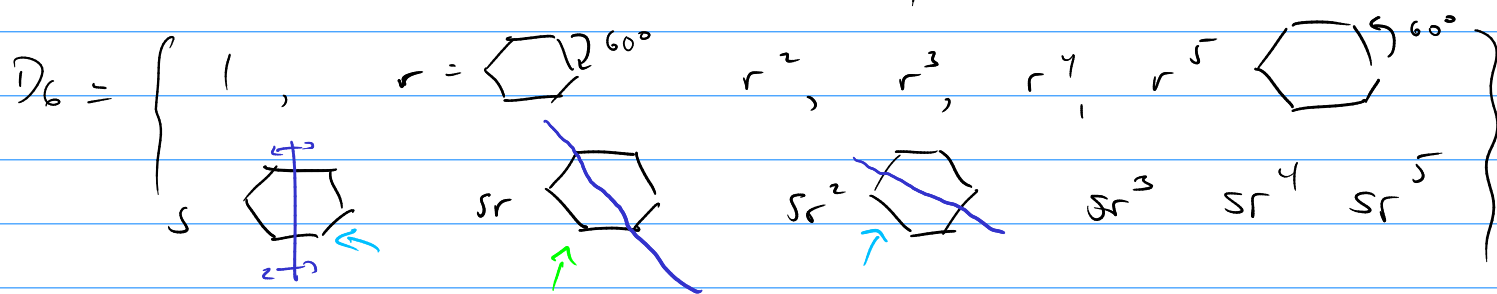
An action of G on any set X
breaks up into orbits,
and action on each orbit is "the same" as
action of G on $\{\text{cosets of a stabilizer}\}$

Looked at D_4 , D_8 acting on themselves
by conjugation.

Kept coming up: $(gh)^{-1} = h^{-1}g^{-1}$

because $(gh)(h^{-1}g^{-1}) = g(\cancel{hh^{-1}})g^{-1} = gg^{-1} = 1$
but $gh \cdot g^{-1}h^{-1}$ is probably not $= 1$.
(unless $gh = hg$).

Look at D_6 acting on itself by conjugation:



$rs = sr^{-1}$

g sends x to gxg^{-1} ...

- Orbits: $\{1\}$ ✓ $\{r, r^{-1}\}$ ✓ $\{r^2, r^{-2}\}$ ✓ $\{r^3\}$ ✓
 $\{s, sr^2, sr^4\}$ $\{sr, sr^3, sr^5\}$

Calcs: ① if $g = r^m$ and $x = r^n$
then $gxg^{-1} = r^m r^n r^{-m} = r^n$

② if $g = sr^m$ and $x = r^n$
then $gxg^{-1} = sr^m r^n \underbrace{r^{-m} s}_{sr^{-m}}$
 $= \underbrace{sr^m s}_{sr^{-m}}$
 $= s \cdot \underbrace{sr^{-m}}_{sr^{-m}} = r^{-n}$

③ if $g = r^m$ and $x = sr^n$
 then $g x g^{-1} = \underbrace{r^m \cdot sr^n} \cdot r^{-m}$
 $= \underbrace{sr^{-m}} \cdot r^n r^{-m} = sr^{n-2m}$

④ if $g = sr^m$ and $x = sr^n$
 then $g x g^{-1} = sr^m \cdot sr^n \cdot \underbrace{r^{-m} s}$
 $= sr^m \underbrace{sr^n sr^m}$
 $= sr^m \cancel{s} \underbrace{sr^{-n}} r^m \quad s^2 = 1$
 $= sr^m r^{-n} r^m = sr^{2m-n}$