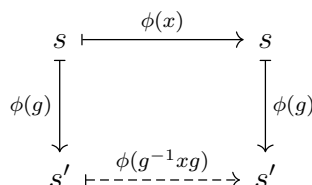


1. Consider the right action of  $G = D_6 = \langle r, f \rangle$  on following set of 31 “binary hexagons,” where  $r$  rotates each one  $60^\circ$  counterclockwise, and  $f$  flips each one horizontally (i.e., across a vertical axis).

$$S = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{ccccccc} \begin{array}{c} 0\ 0\ 0 \\ 0\ 0\ 0 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 1\ 1\ 1 \\ 1\ 1\ 1 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 0\ 1\ 0 \\ 1\ 0\ 1 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 1\ 0\ 1 \\ 0\ 1\ 0 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 0\ 1\ 0 \\ 0\ 1\ 0 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 1\ 0\ 0 \\ 0\ 0\ 1 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 0\ 0\ 1 \\ 1\ 0\ 0 \end{array}, \\ \\ \begin{array}{ccccccc} \begin{array}{c} 0\ 0\ 0 \\ 1\ 1\ 1 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 0\ 0\ 1 \\ 0\ 1\ 1 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 0\ 1\ 1 \\ 0\ 0\ 1 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 1\ 1\ 1 \\ 0\ 0\ 0 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 1\ 1\ 0 \\ 1\ 0\ 0 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 1\ 0\ 0 \\ 1\ 1\ 0 \end{array}, & \\ \\ \begin{array}{ccccccc} \begin{array}{c} 0\ 0\ 0 \\ 1\ 1\ 0 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 0\ 0\ 0 \\ 0\ 1\ 1 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 0\ 0\ 1 \\ 0\ 0\ 1 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 0\ 1\ 1 \\ 0\ 0\ 0 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 1\ 1\ 0 \\ 0\ 0\ 0 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 1\ 0\ 0 \\ 1\ 0\ 0 \end{array}, & \\ \\ \begin{array}{ccccccc} \begin{array}{c} 1\ 0\ 0 \\ 0\ 1\ 1 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 0\ 0\ 1 \\ 1\ 0\ 1 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 0\ 1\ 1 \\ 0\ 1\ 0 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 1\ 1\ 0 \\ 0\ 0\ 1 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 1\ 0\ 1 \\ 1\ 0\ 0 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 0\ 1\ 0 \\ 1\ 1\ 0 \end{array}, & \\ \\ \begin{array}{ccccccc} \begin{array}{c} 0\ 1\ 0 \\ 0\ 1\ 1 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 1\ 0\ 1 \\ 0\ 0\ 1 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 0\ 1\ 1 \\ 1\ 0\ 0 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 1\ 1\ 0 \\ 0\ 1\ 0 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 1\ 0\ 0 \\ 1\ 0\ 1 \end{array}, & \begin{array}{c} 0\ 0\ 1 \\ 1\ 1\ 0 \end{array}, & \end{array} \right\}$$

- (a) Draw the action graph.
  - (b) Construct the “fixed point table”, which has a checkmark in row  $g$  and column  $s$  if  $\phi(g).s = s$ .
  - (c) Next to each  $s \in S$  on your action graph, write  $\text{stab}(s)$ , the stabilizer subgroup, using its generators. Which subgroups of  $D_6$  don't appear?
  - (d) The *fixator* of each  $g \in D_6$ , denoted  $\text{fix}(g)$ , can be read off of the the fixed point table. What is the average size  $|\text{fix}(g)|$ ?
  - (e) Find  $\text{Ker}(\phi)$  and  $\text{Fix}(\phi)$ .
2. Suppose that  $G$  acts on  $S$  via the homomorphism  $\phi: G \rightarrow \text{Perm}(S)$ .

- (a) Show that  $\text{stab}(s)$  is a subgroup for all  $s \in S$ . Use the notational conventions that we have been using in lecture.
- (b) Show that the stabilizers of any two elements in the same orbit are conjugate – specifically, that  $\text{stab}(s.\phi(g)) = g^{-1} \text{stab}(s)g$  for all  $g \in G$  and  $s \in S$ . This relationship is summarized by the following commutative diagram.

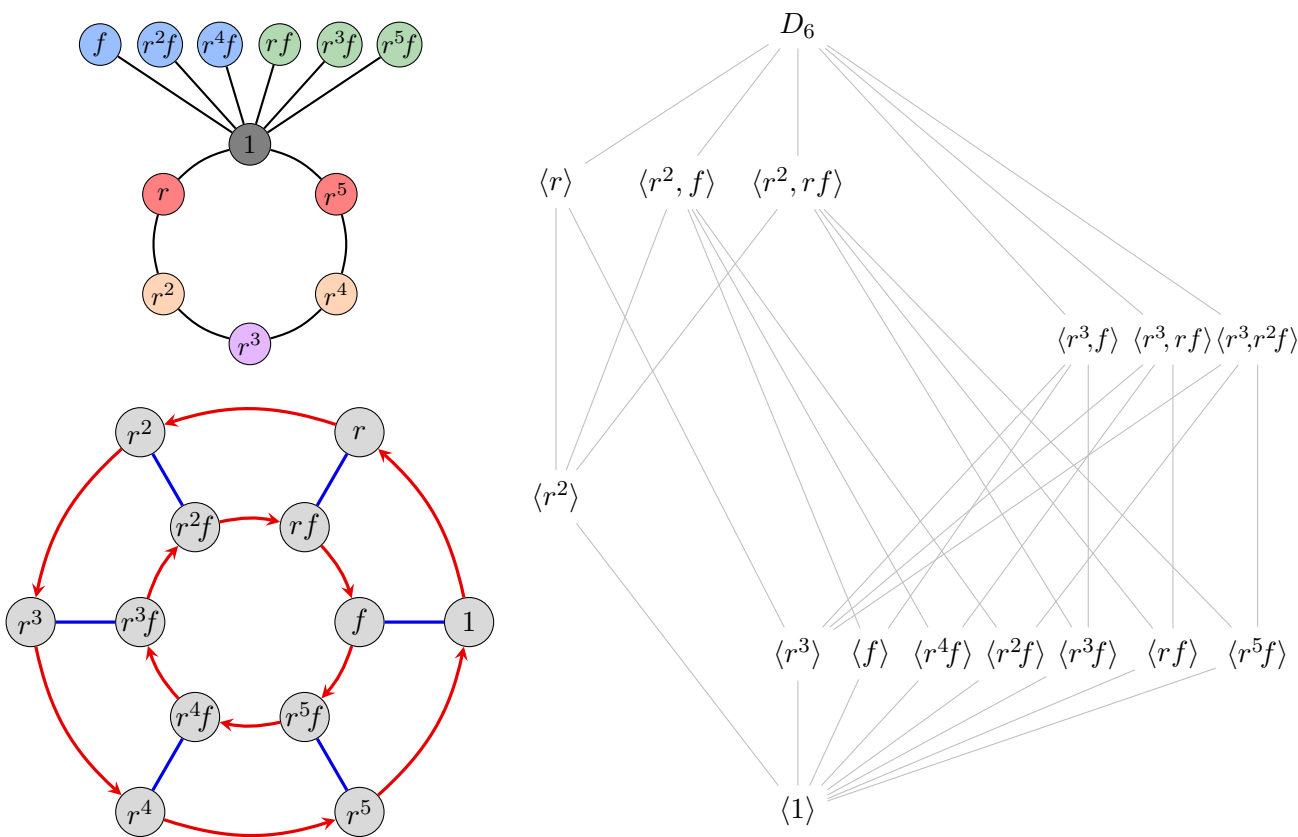


3. Suppose a group  $G$  of order 55 acts on a set  $S$  of size 14. Let  $s \in S$  be an arbitrary element.
  - (a) What are the possible sizes of the orbit of  $s$ ?
  - (b) What are the possible sizes of the stabilizer of  $s$ ?
  - (c) Show that this action must have a fixed point.
  - (d) What is the fewest number of fixed points that this action can have? Justify your answer.

4. Let  $G = D_6 = \langle r, f \rangle$  act on its set  $S = \{H \leq D_6\}$  of subgroups by conjugation, i.e.,

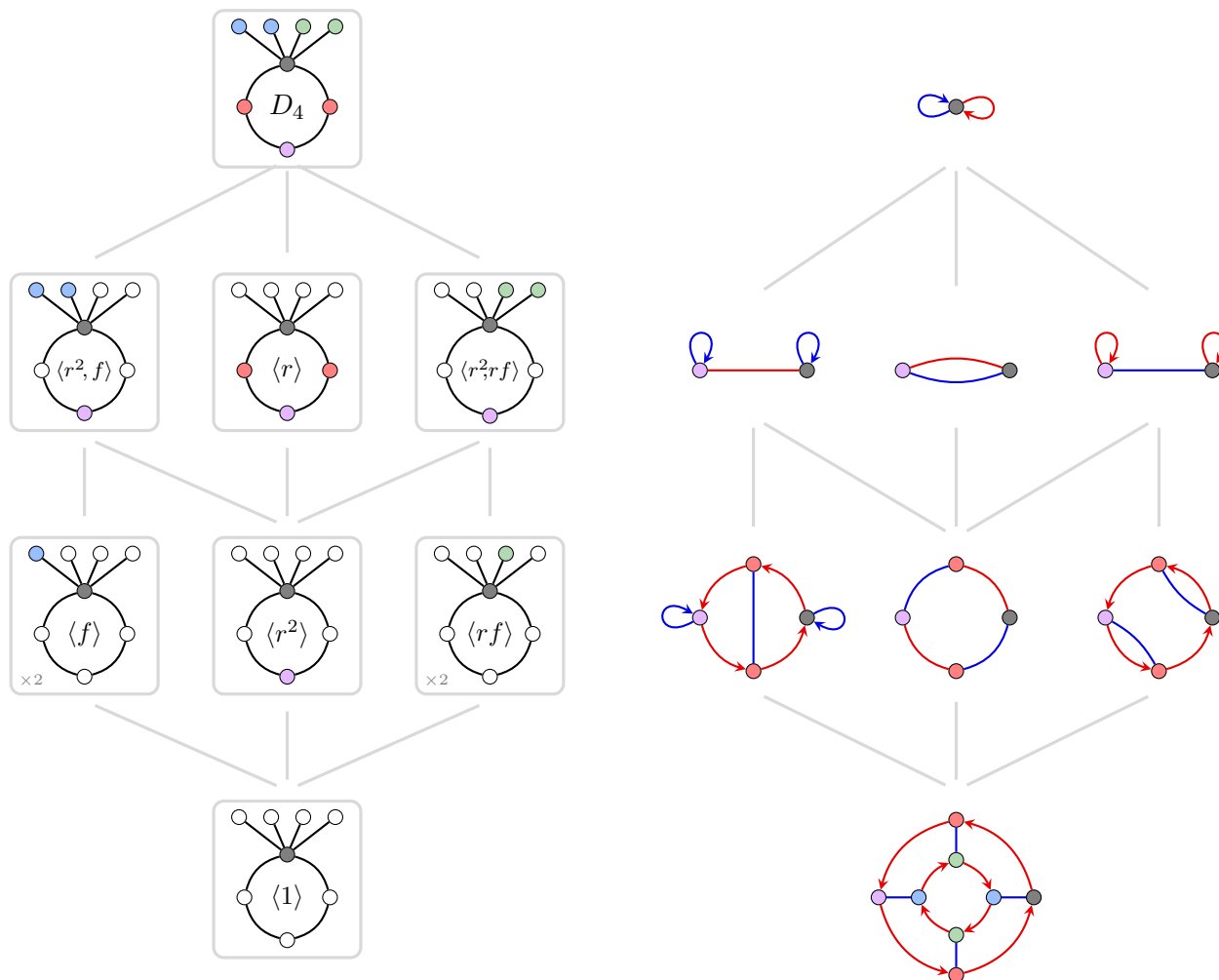
$$\phi: G \longrightarrow \text{Perm}(S), \quad \phi(g) = \text{the permutation that sends each } H \mapsto g^{-1}Hg.$$

A Cayley graph, cycle graph, and subgroup lattice for  $D_6$  are shown below.



- (a) Construct the action graph, and superimpose it on the subgroup lattice.
- (b) Construct the fixed point table.
- (c) Find  $\text{stab}(H)$  for each subgroup  $H \leq D_6$ , and  $\text{fix}(g)$  for each  $g \in D_6$ .
- (d) Find  $\text{Ker}(\phi)$  and  $\text{Fix}(\phi)$ .
- (e) Interpret  $\text{orb}(H)$ ,  $\text{stab}(H)$ ,  $[G : \text{stab}(H)]$ ,  $\text{Fix}(\phi)$ ,  $\text{Ker}(\phi)$ ,  $\text{fix}(g)$ , and the average size of  $|\text{fix}(g)|$  in terms of familiar algebraic objects.

5. There is a *Galois correspondence* between conjugacy classes of subgroups of  $G$  and transitive actions of  $G$ , defined by collapsing the right cosets of  $H$ . An example of this correspondence for  $D_4$  is shown below.



- (a) Carry out this construction for the group  $D_6 = \langle r, f \rangle$ .
- (b) Repeat the previous exercise for  $D_6 = \langle s, t \rangle$ , where  $s = f$  and  $t = fr$ . Label each conjugacy class with a subgroup that contains it, using this generating set.