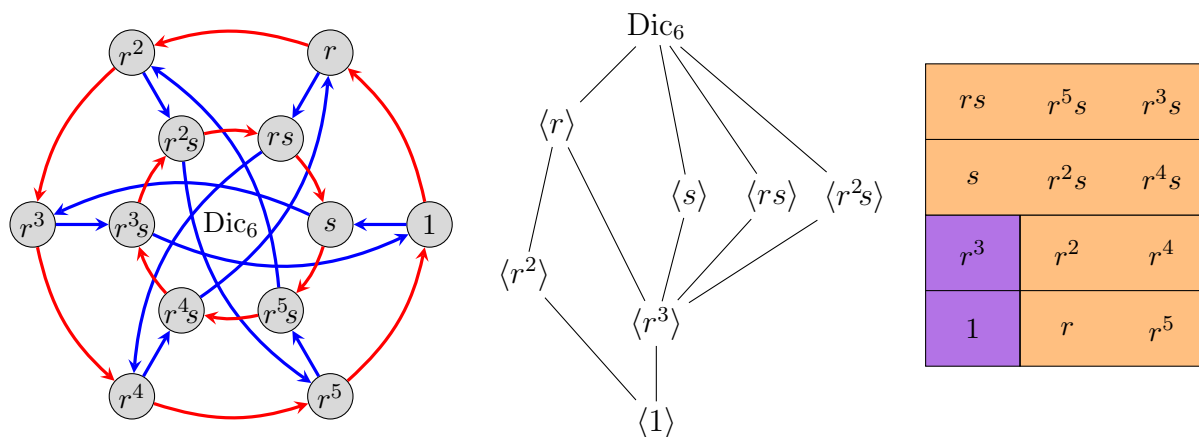


1. In this problem, we will explore the actions of the dicyclic group  $\text{Dic}_6$  and its automorphism group on itself and its subgroups by conjugation. A Cayley diagram, subgroup lattice, and conjugacy classes are shown below.



- (a) The right action of  $\text{Dic}_6$  on itself by conjugation is defined by the homomorphism

$$\phi: \text{Dic}_6 \longrightarrow \text{Perm}(S), \quad \phi(g) = \text{the permutation that sends each } x \mapsto g^{-1}xg.$$

Draw the action diagram and construct the fixed point table. Find  $\text{stab}(s)$  for each  $s \in S$ ,  $\text{fix}(g)$  for each  $g \in G$ , as well as  $\text{Ker}(\phi)$  and  $\text{Fix}(\phi)$ .

- (b) The inner automorphism group

$$\text{Inn}(\text{Dic}_6) \cong \text{Dic}_6 / Z(\text{Dic}_6) = \text{Dic}_6 / \langle r^3 \rangle \cong D_3$$

also acts on  $\text{Dic}_6$ . Construct the action diagram and fixed point table of this action and find  $\text{stab}(s)$ ,  $\text{fix}(g)$ ,  $\text{Ker}(\phi)$  and  $\text{Fix}(\phi)$ . Then draw the subgroup lattice of  $\text{Inn}(\text{Dic}_6) = \langle \varphi_r, \varphi_s \rangle$ , where  $\varphi_g: x \mapsto g^{-1}xg$ .

- (c) The automorphism group of  $\text{Dic}_6$  is  $\text{Aut}(\text{Dic}_6) = \langle \varphi_r, \varphi_s, \omega \rangle$  acts on  $\text{Dic}_6$ , where  $\omega$  is the outer automorphism defined by

$$\omega: \text{Dic}_6 \longrightarrow \text{Dic}_6, \quad \omega(r) = r, \quad \omega(s) = s^{-1} = r^3s,$$

that “reverses” the blue arrows. Make a diagram showing how each automorphism permutes the elements of  $\text{Dic}_6$ . Then construct the action diagram, fixed point table, and find  $\text{stab}(s)$ ,  $\text{fix}(g)$ ,  $\text{Ker}(\phi)$  and  $\text{Fix}(\phi)$ .

- (d) The automorphism group  $\text{Aut}(\text{Dic}_6) = \langle \varphi_r, \varphi_s, \omega \rangle$  is isomorphic to  $D_6$ . Construct a Cayley diagram and subgroup lattice using these generators.

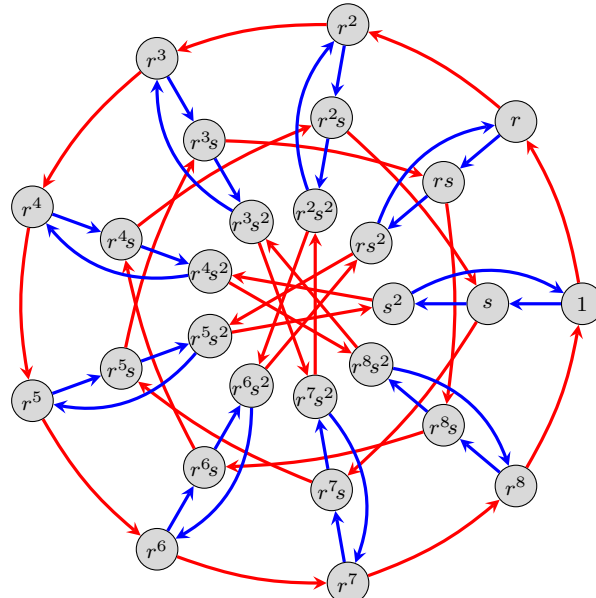
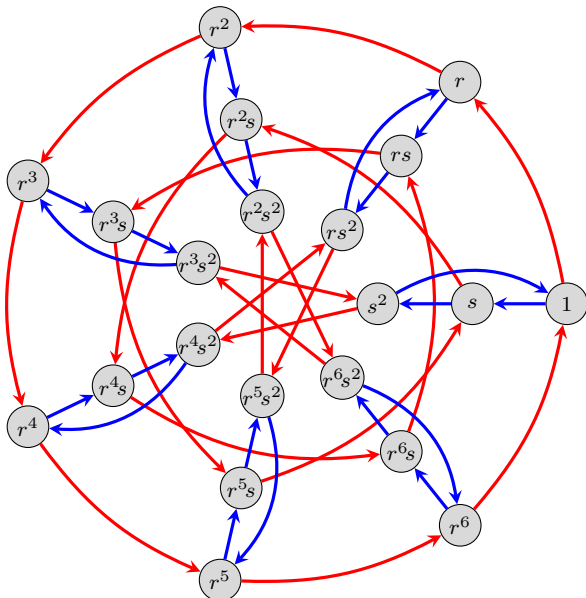
- (e) The group  $\text{Aut}(\text{Dic}_6)$  also acts on the conjugacy classes of  $\text{Dic}_6$ . Construct the action diagram, fixed point table, and find  $\text{stab}(s)$ ,  $\text{fix}(g)$ ,  $\text{Ker}(\phi)$  and  $\text{Fix}(\phi)$ .

- (f) The group  $\text{Dic}_6$  acts on its subgroups by conjugation, via the homomorphism

$$\phi: \text{Dic}_6 \longrightarrow \text{Perm}(S), \quad \phi(g) = \text{the permutation that sends each } H \mapsto g^{-1}Hg.$$

Construct the action diagram superimposed on the subgroup lattice. Then construct the fixed point table and find  $\text{stab}(s)$ ,  $\text{fix}(g)$ ,  $\text{Ker}(\phi)$  and  $\text{Fix}(\phi)$ .

2. Carry out the following steps for the groups  $C_7 \times C_3$  and  $C_9 \times C_3$ , whose Cayley diagrams are shown below.

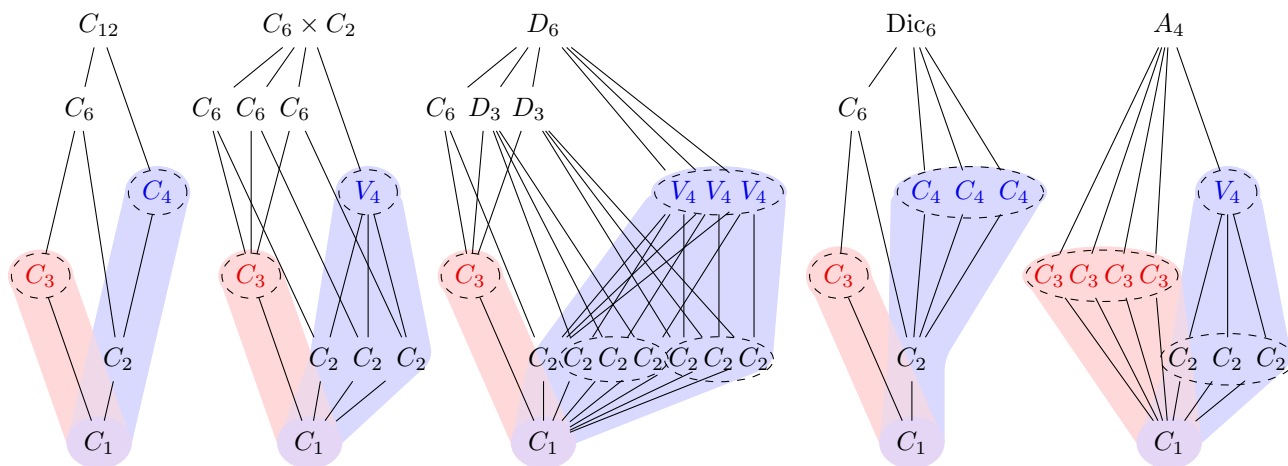


- (a) Let  $G$  act on its subgroups by conjugation. Draw the action diagram superimposed on the subgroup lattice. Construct the fixed point table, and find  $\text{stab}(H)$  for each  $H \leq G$ ,  $\text{Ker}(\phi)$  and  $\text{Fix}(\phi)$ .
- (b) Let  $G$  act on the right cosets of  $H = \langle s \rangle$ , via the homomorphism

$$\phi: G \longrightarrow \text{Perm}(S), \quad \phi(g) = \text{the permutation that sends each } Hx \mapsto Hxg.$$

Construct the action diagram, fixed point table, and find  $\text{stab}(Hx)$  for each right coset,  $\text{Ker}(\phi)$  and  $\text{Fix}(\phi)$ .

3. Loosely speaking, the upcoming Sylow theorems will us that (1) all  $p$ -subgroups come in a single “ $p$ -subgroup tower”, (2) the “top” of these towers are a single conjugacy class, and (3) the size of this class is  $1 \pmod p$ . This is illustrated below with the groups of order 12.



Using the LMFDB, construct analogous diagrams for the groups of order 18 and 20.

4. Let  $A, B$  be subgroups of a group  $G$ .

- (a) Let  $A \times B$  act on the set  $AB \subseteq G$ , via  $(a, b)x = axb^{-1}$ , which need not be a subgroup of  $G$ . Find the orbit and the stabilizer of the identity element  $e = e \cdot e \in AB$ . Use this, with the orbit-stabilizer theorem, to derive a formula for the size of the set  $|AB|$ .
- (b) For  $x \in G$ , define the  $(A, B)$ -double coset containing it to be the set

$$AxB := \{axb \mid a \in A, b \in B\}.$$

Show that  $G$  is the disjoint union of its  $(A, B)$ -double cosets. [Hint: One way is to show that  $x \sim y$  iff  $x \in AyB$  is an equivalence relation. Another way is to show that if  $AxB \cap AyB \neq \emptyset$ , then  $AxB = AyB$ .]

- (c) Partition the dihedral group  $D_3$  into the  $(A, B)$ -double cosets of  $A = \langle f \rangle$  and  $B = \langle rf \rangle$ . Does anything about this surprise you?
- (d) Let  $A$  act on the set  $G/B$  of left cosets of  $B$  by left multiplication. Show that  $\text{stab}(xB) = A \cap xBx^{-1}$ , and then use the orbit-stabilizer theorem to determine the size of  $\text{orb}(xB)$ .
- (e) Show that  $AxB$  is the union of exactly  $[A : A \cap xBx^{-1}]$  left cosets of  $B$  in  $G$ .
- (f) Derive a formula for  $|AxB|$ .