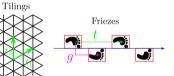
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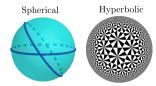




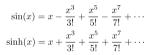
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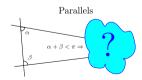


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#### Any question about the homework? Comments?

## MAT 402: Monday September 21st 2020

#### Learning Objectives:

- Perform calculations in the symmetric group
- Write a permutation as a product of cycles
- Find a given group embedded in a symmetric group

#### Definition

The symmetric group is  $S_n = \{f : \{1, 2, ..., n\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ : f bijective}. The group operation is function composition.

### Task (5 min)

Consider the bijections f = [2, 4, 3, 1] and g = [3, 2, 1, 4]. Compute  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$ .

#### Task

Decompose f = [2, 4, 3, 1, 5] as a product of cycles.

### Theorem (Cayley)

For any finite group G, there is an n such that  $G \subseteq S_n$  is a subgroup of  $S_n$ .

### Task (5 min)

Find an n such that  $\mathbb{Z}_3 \subseteq S_n$ . How can you represent  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  in  $S_n$ ?

### Task (5 min)

How can you represent  $D_4$  in  $S_4$ ?

### Task (2 min)

Consider a regular pentagon with vertices labelled clockwise  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ . What is the axis of rotation which permutes the vertices according to (4 5)(3 1)?

### Task (2 min)

Consider a regular hexagon centered at (0,0) with vertices labelled clockwise  $\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$ . Write the permutation of the vertices induced by the map  $f(\vec{x}) = -\vec{x}$ .