

## xAct ` xPerm `

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Users of xPerm` are requested to cite that article in any work in which the package is used. If you think your investigation would have been impossible without xPerm`, please consider having me as an author of your publication. xPerm` is many hundred hours (coding, debugging, testing, documenting) of my time spent to help you.

## Intro

`xPerm`` extends *Mathematica* capabilities in computations with large groups of permutations. This package can be used independently, but it has been created as a tool for its twin package `xTensor`` of abstract tensor manipulations. There are two main objectives in the package:

1) Computation of a Strong Generating Set (SGS) for a group of permutations, given a generating set (GS) for that group. We use the Schreier–Sims algorithm, as encoded by Butler:

G. Butler, "Fundamental Algorithms for Permutation Groups", Springer–Verlag, Berlin Heidelberg 1991.

The companion notebook `ButlerExamples.nb` contains the solutions (worked out with `xPerm``) of many examples in that book. Some of them have wrong answers in the book and have been corrected.

2) Computation of canonical representatives of cosets and double cosets. We use Portugal's algorithms:

R. Portugal and B.F. Svaiter, "Group–theoretic Approach for Symbolic Tensor Manipulation: I. Free indices", *math-ph/0107031*

L.R.U. Manssur and R. Portugal, "Group–theoretic Approach for Symbolic Tensor Manipulation: II. Dummy indices", *math-ph/0107032*

L.R.U. Manssur, R. Portugal and B.F. Svaiter, "Group–theoretic Approach for Symbolic Tensor Manipulation", *Int. J. Mod. Phys. C13* (2002), 859–880.

`xPerm`` is not, and will never be, a serious alternative to professional packages like GAP or MAGMA for algebraic computations. It just solves those two issues needed in `xTensor``, plus adding some commodity tools.

`xPerm`` is directly coded up in *Mathematica* language, which is interpreted and hence rather slow. Executables called `xperm.linux`, `xperm.mac` or `xperm.win` (depending on your system) are given to improve significantly the speed of the hardest computations. A *MathLink* connection is set up to communicate *MathKernel* with that executable. Note that the Windows executable can only be linked with *Mathematica* versions 6.0 or later because the cygwin compilers were not supported by *Mathematica* in previous versions.

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## Load the package

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This loads the package from the default directory `$HOME/.Mathematica/Applications/xAct` for a single–user implementation under Linux, or from `/user/local/Wolfram/Mathematica/5.2/AddOns/Applications/xAct` for a system–wide installation. For installation under Windows or Mac see the Installation Notes.

```
In[1]:= MemoryInUse[]
```

```
Out[1]= 3059504
```

```

In[2]:= <<xAct`xPerm`

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Package xAct`xCore` version 0.5.0, {2008, 5, 16}
CopyRight (C) 2007-2008, Jose M.
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Package ExpressionManipulation`
CopyRight (C) 1999-2008, David J. M. Park and Ted Ersek
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--
Package xAct`xPerm` version 1.0.1, {2008, 5, 16}
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Connecting to external linux executable...
Connection established.

```

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Comparing, we see that the packages take around 10Mbytes, most of which comes from xCore`:

```
In[3]:= MemoryInUse[]
```

```
Out[3]= 13092920
```

```
In[4]:= Out[3] - Out[1]
```

```
Out[4]= 10033416
```

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Note the structure of the ContextPath. There are several contexts: xAct`xPerm` contains the new reserved words. xAct`xCore` contains my added *Mathematica* functions. xAct`ExpressionManipulation` is an external package loaded to perform additional expression manipulations. System` contains *Mathematica*'s reserved words. The current context Global` will contain your definitions (it is now empty).

```
In[5]:= $ContextPath
```

```
Out[5]= {xAct`xPerm`, xAct`xCore`, xAct`ExpressionManipulation`, Global`, System`}
```

```
In[6]:= Context[]
```

```
Out[6]= Global`
```

```
In[7]:= ?Global`*
```

```
Information::nomatch : No symbol matching Global`* found. More...
```

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We append the Doc directory of xAct` to the file path to find example files below:

```
In[8]:= AppendTo[$Path, $xActDocDirectory];
```

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The *Mathematica* built-in `Timing` does not include the time spent in the external executables, though `AbsoluteTiming` does it. We introduce our own timing function:

```
In[9]:= SetAttributes[myTiming, HoldFirst];
myTiming[expr_] := Module[{time, result},
  time = SessionTime[];
  result = expr;
  Print[(SessionTime[] - time) Second];
  result]
```

### Technical notes:

There are three global variables storing information on the connection to the external executable:

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Whether the connection was possible or not is stored in

```
In[11]:= $xpermQ
```

```
Out[11]= True
```

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The name of the executable is given by

```
In[12]:= $xpermExecutable
```

```
Out[12]= /home/jmm/.Mathematica/Applications/xAct/xPerm/mathlink/xperm.linux
```

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The full description of the link is

```
In[13]:= $xpermLink
```

```
Out[13]= LinkObject[
  /home/jmm/.Mathematica/Applications/xAct/xPerm/mathlink/xperm.linux, 2, 2]
```

## Basic group theory

### ■ 0. Mathematical notes

This is a very brief (and highly compact) recollection of definitions and results in permutation–group theory, taken from Butler 1991.

- A permutation group  $G$  acts on a set of points  $P$  on the right.
- The image of  $p$  in  $P$  under  $g$  in  $G$  is denoted  $p^g$  and  $(p^g)^h = p^{(gh)}$  for all  $p, g$  and  $h$ .
- The orbit of  $p$  under  $G$  is the set  $p^G = \{p^g \mid g \in G\}$  of images of  $p$ .
- The pointwise stabilizer of  $p$  in  $G$  is the group  $G_p = \{g \in G \mid p^g = p\}$  of elements that fix  $p$ .
- A base for  $G$  is a sequence  $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k\}$  of points such that only the identity element of  $G$  fixes all points in the base.
- Associated with a base there is a chain of subgroup stabilizers  $G^{(i)}$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, k+1$ , where  $G^{(i)} = G_{\{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{(i-1)}\}}$ .
- A subset  $S$  of  $G$  is a strong generating set of  $G$  relative to  $B$  if  $S$  contains a generating set for each stabilizer  $G^{(i)}$  in the chain.
- If we define a total order on  $P$ , then there is an induced lexicographical order on  $G$  and on the base images  $B^G$ . If we insist that  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k$  are the first  $k$  points of  $P$  then the order on  $G$  corresponds to the order on the base images. In any case, the identity element is the smallest element of the group.
- Given a group  $G$  and a stabilizer  $G_b$  there is a one–to–one correspondence between the cosets of  $G_b$  in  $G$  and the points of the orbit  $b^G$ . Using the order of permutations defined in the previous point we can choose a representative in each of those cosets.
- An element  $g$  of  $G$  is uniquely determined by its base image  $B^g = \{b_1^g, b_2^g, \dots, b_k^g\}$ . Actually there is a unique decomposition of  $g$  as a product of the representatives of the cosets identified by those images.
- This equivalence between permutations and base images is the key for a plethora of highly efficient algorithms which can answer any question on the group by using backtracking through the hierarchy of cosets and stabilizers.

## ■ 1. Notations for permutations

There are many ways to encode a permutation of several objects. This package uses four of them. For example suppose that the collection of six objects

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is reordered to

□   ♣   ○   ♥   △   ⊗

1) We can say that the first object (a heart) has gone to the fourth place (it is conventional to say that the "image" of "point" 1 is point 4), and so on. If we number the initial objects from 1 to 6, one natural way of encoding this permutation would be

**Perm**[{3, 2, 4, 1, 6, 5}]

Note that the point 2 is not moved by the permutation. It is called a "singleton".

2) Another natural way of encoding the permutation would be just listing the images of the six points:

**Images**[{4, 2, 1, 3, 6, 5}]

3) It is well known that any permutation can be understood as a set of disjoint cycles where the image of each point is written on its right and the image of the last point of the cycle is the first one:

**Cycles**[{1, 4, 3}, {5, 6}]

By convention, singleton cycles like {2} are removed from the cyclic notation.

4) Finally, it is particularly efficient in *Mathematica* to represent permutations using rules:

**Rules**[1->4, 4->3, 3->1, 5->6, 6->5]

Again, note that the singleton has not been included.

Perm[list]	Images[list]
Cycles[cycles]	Rules[rules]

Notations for permutations.

Naturally, permutations form a group under the law of multiplication. For example all permutations of  $n$  points form the so-called symmetric group  $S_n$ . However there is another important superstructure that will be very useful when working with tensor symmetries: an algebra. We shall define laws of addition of permutations and of multiplication by scalars. At the moment we only assume that permutations can be given a sign ( $-1$  or  $+1$ ). In that sense, following R. Portugal, we are working on  $\{-1,1\} \times S_n$ . An example of signed permutation is:

- Perm[{2, 3, 4, 1}]

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We can translate from one notation to other notation:

```
In[14]:= TranslatePerm[Perm[{3, 2, 4, 1, 6, 5}], Images]
```

```
Out[14]= Images[{4, 2, 1, 3, 6, 5}]
```

```
In[15]:= TranslatePerm[%, Cycles]
```

```
Out[15]= Cycles[{1, 4, 3}, {5, 6}]
```

```
In[16]:= TranslatePerm[%, Rules]
Out[16]= Rules[1 → 4, 4 → 3, 3 → 1, 5 → 6, 6 → 5]

In[17]:= TranslatePerm[%, Perm]
Out[17]= Perm[{3, 2, 4, 1, 6, 5}]
```

---

The sign just remains untouched:

```
In[18]:= TranslatePerm[-Perm[{3, 2, 4, 1, 6, 5}], Images]
Out[18]= -Images[{4, 2, 1, 3, 6, 5}]
```

---

The notation of a permutation is given by

```
In[19]:= NotationOfPerm[Cycles[{1, 4, 3}, {5, 6}]]
Out[19]= Cycles
```

TranslatePerm	Change permutation to a given notation
NotationOfPerm	Returns the notation of a permutation

Translation and notation of permutations.

## ■ 2. Operations with permutations

By default, xPerm` does not check at every step that the objects we are working with are actually permutations because it would take quite some time. The function PermQ is supplied to do that when you require it.

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We can validate a permutation with PermQ:

```
In[20]:= PermQ[Perm[{1, 2, 3, 0}]]
Out[20]= False

In[21]:= PermQ[Perm[{1, 4, 3, 2}]]
Out[21]= True

In[22]:= PermQ[Images[{1, 2, 3, 1}]]
Out[22]= False

In[23]:= PermQ[Cycles[{1, 2.}, {4, 3}]]
Out[23]= False

In[24]:= PermQ[Rules[1 → 2, 1 → 3, 2 → 3]]
Out[24]= False
```

```
In[25]:= PermQ[-Cycles[{2, 3}, {4, 5}]]
```

```
Out[25]= True
```

---

Every permutation has a degree, defined as the largest moved point (signs are not relevant):

```
In[26]:= PermDeg[Perm[{4, 3, 5, 2, 1}]]
```

```
Out[26]= 5
```

```
In[27]:= PermDeg[-Images[{3, 4, 5, 6, 2, 1}]]
```

```
Out[27]= 6
```

```
In[28]:= PermDeg[Cycles[{2, 3, 1}, {55, 78}]]
```

```
Out[28]= 78
```

```
In[29]:= PermDeg[Perm[{2, 1, 3, 4, 5}]]
```

```
Out[29]= 2
```

---

The identity permutation has degree zero:

```
In[30]:= PermDeg[Cycles[]]
```

```
Out[30]= 0
```

```
In[31]:= PermDeg[Perm[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}]]
```

```
Out[31]= 0
```

---

A different concept is that of "length" of a permutation, defined only for notations `Perm` and `Images`: it is the length of the list of points. On `Cycles` and `Rules` notations length is defined as the degree. This concept is used in internal computations to avoid recomputing the degree of a permutation many times.

```
In[32]:= PermDeg[Perm[{2, 1, 3, 4, 5}]]
```

```
Out[32]= 2
```

```
In[33]:= PermLength[Perm[{2, 1, 3, 4, 5}]]
```

```
Out[33]= 5
```

---

On notations `Perm` and `Images` the function `NotationOfPerm` returns the length (not the degree):

```
In[34]:= NotationOfPerm[Perm[{2, 1, 3, 4, 5}]]
```

```
Out[34]= {Perm, 5}
```



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It is possible to generate random permutations, of any notation

```
In[35]:= RandomPerm[10, Cycles]
Out[35]= Cycles[{1, 3, 10, 8, 5, 2, 4, 7}, {6, 9}]

In[36]:= RandomPerm[8, Images]
Out[36]= Images[{7, 1, 8, 5, 4, 3, 2, 6}]
```

The most important operation with permutations is that of their product. I don't like names like Times or similar. I choose a name which is associated only with permutations:

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Product of two permutations in the same notation. The (noncommutative) product is from right to left. This means that the product permutation `Permute[p1, p2]` applied on a given list is equivalent to the application of p1 on that list and then p2 on the result.

```
In[37]:= Permute[Perm[{3, 2, 1}], Perm[{2, 3, 1}]]
Out[37]= Perm[{2, 1, 3}]

In[38]:= Permute[Perm[{2, 3, 1}], Perm[{3, 2, 1}]]
Out[38]= Perm[{1, 3, 2}]
```

---

That is the choice in GAP. This example is taken from its manual:

```
In[39]:= PermEqual[Permute[Cycles[{1, 2, 3}], Cycles[{1, 2}]], Cycles[{2, 3}]]
Out[39]= True

In[40]:= PermEqual[Permute[Cycles[{1, 2}], Cycles[{1, 2, 3}]], Cycles[{1, 3}]]
Out[40]= True
```

---

Inverse permutation:

```
In[41]:= InversePerm[Perm[{4, 3, 1, 2}]]
Out[41]= Perm[{3, 4, 2, 1}]

In[42]:= Permute[Perm[{4, 3, 1, 2}], %]
Out[42]= Perm[{1, 2, 3, 4}]
```

---

Powers of a permutation (equivalent to repeated product with itself). Negative exponents mean powers of the inverse. Note the high efficiency of this function:

```
In[43]:= myTiming[PowerPermute[Perm[{5, 1, 2, 3, 4}], 27]]
0.000548 Second
Out[43]= Perm[{4, 5, 1, 2, 3}]
```

```
In[44]:= myTiming[PowerPermute[Perm[{5, 1, 2, 3, 4}], -10^10 - 27]]
0.002646 Second
```

```
Out[44]= Perm[{3, 4, 5, 1, 2}]
```

```
In[45]:= Permute[%, %%]
```

```
Out[45]= Perm[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}]
```

```
In[46]:= PowerPermute[Perm[{5, 1, 2, 3, 4}], 0]
```

```
Out[46]= Perm[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}]
```

Permutations can be sorted and compared according to their lists of images:

```
In[47]:= PermSort[{Perm[{2, 3, 1}], Perm[{3, 1, 2}], Perm[{1, 2, 3}]]]
```

```
Out[47]= {Perm[{1, 2, 3}], Perm[{3, 1, 2}], Perm[{2, 3, 1}]}
```

```
In[48]:= TranslatePerm[%, Images]
```

```
Out[48]= {Images[{1, 2, 3}], Images[{2, 3, 1}], Images[{3, 1, 2}]}
```

```
In[49]:= PermLess[Perm[{3, 1, 2}], Perm[{2, 3, 1}]]
```

```
Out[49]= True
```

The function PermEqual checks mathematical equality of permutations comparing images of points and it is thus notation independent:

```
In[50]:= PermEqual[Cycles[{1, 2, 3}], Perm[{3, 1, 2}]]
```

```
Out[50]= True
```

```
In[51]:= Cycles[{1, 2, 3}] === Perm[{3, 1, 2}]
```

```
Out[51]= False
```

All comparatives have been generalized: PermEqual, PermLess, PermGreater, PermLessEqual, PermGreaterEqual, PermOrderedQ, and we can also sort points and permutations as given by a base.

```
In[52]:= ? PermOrderedQ
```

```
PermOrderedQ[h[perm1, perm2]] gives True if perm1 maps integers to smaller
points than perm2. It gives False if perm1 maps integers to larger points
than perm2. It gives Null if perm1 and perm2 maps integers to the same
points. PermOrderedQ[h[perm1, perm2], B] gives True if perm1 maps the points
of base B to smaller (according to B) images than perm2. It gives False if
perm1 maps the points of B to larger (according to B) images than perm2.
It gives Null if perm1 and perm2 map the points of B to the same images.
```

---

Images of points or lists of points:

```
In[53]:= OnPoints[4, Perm[{1, 2, 5, 3, 4}]]
```

```
Out[53]= 5
```

```
In[54]:= OnPoints[{2, 4, 3}, Rules[1 → 3, 2 → 1, 3 → 2]]
```

```
Out[54]= {1, 4, 2}
```

---

There is a simple way to generate the identity corresponding to any notation, degree and sign:

```
In[55]:= ID[Perm[{3, 2, 4, 1}]]
```

```
Out[55]= Perm[{1, 2, 3, 4}]
```

```
In[56]:= ID[Cycles[{3, 2, 4}, {5, 6}]]
```

```
Out[56]= Cycles[]
```

```
In[57]:= ID[-Images[{4, 5, 3, 2, 1}]]
```

```
Out[57]= Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}]
```

---

ID also represents the identity:

```
In[58]:= Permute[ID, Perm[{3, 2, 4, 1}]]
```

```
Out[58]= Perm[{3, 2, 4, 1}]
```

---

We can permute any kind of list, even with repeated elements:

```
In[59]:= PermuteList[{a, b, c, d, b}, Perm[{4, 3, 2, 5, 1}]]
```

```
Out[59]= {d, c, b, b, a}
```

---

Or find a permutation linking two different lists. The result is given in Images notation:

```
In[60]:= PermutationFromTo[{a, b, c, d}, {d, c, b, a}]
```

```
Out[60]= Images[{4, 3, 2, 1}]
```

---

Again, note that the order of permutation is very important:

```
In[61]:= p1 = Images[{4, 3, 2, 5, 1}];
          p2 = Images[{5, 3, 4, 1, 2}];
```

```
In[63]:= {1, 2, 3, 4, 5} // OnPoints[#, p1] & // OnPoints[#, p2] &
```

```
Out[63]= {1, 4, 3, 2, 5}
```

```

In[64]:= {1, 2, 3, 4, 5} // OnPoints[#, Permute[p1, p2]] &
Out[64]= {1, 4, 3, 2, 5}

In[65]:= {1, 2, 3, 4, 5} // OnPoints[#, p1] &
Out[65]= {4, 3, 2, 5, 1}

In[66]:= PermuteList[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}, InversePerm[p1]]
Out[66]= {4, 3, 2, 5, 1}

```

PermQ	Validate a permutation
PermDeg	Give the degree of a permutation
PermLength	Give the length of a permutation
RandomPerm	Construct a random permutation of a given degree
Permute	Product of several permutations
InversePerm	Inverse of a permutation
PowerPermute	Repeated product of a permutation
PermSort	Order permutations according to their images
OnPoints	Compute images of points under a permutation
ID	Identity permutation
PermuteList	Apply permutation on a given list
PermutationFromTo	Calculate permutation changing one list into other

Basic operations with permutations.

SortB	Sort points as given by a base
MinB	Least point of a list as given by a base
PermEqual	Compare permutations
PermGreater	Compare permutations
PermLess	Compare permutations
PermGreaterqual	Compare permutations
PermLessEqual	Compare permutations
PermOrderedQ	Check whether a list of permutations is sorted
PermSort	Sort permutations according to their images

Sorting and comparing permutations.

## ■ 3. Groups of permutations and Generating Sets

### 3.1. Groups by generators

Every finite group is isomorphic to some subgroup of a symmetric group of permutations (Cayley theorem). Hence, provided we can find a permutation representation, working with groups of permutations is generic.

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Groups of permutations can be extremely large. The order (number of elements) of the group  $S_n$  of permutations of  $n$  points is  $n!$ . In general we will be interested in (still very large) subgroups of a given  $S_n$ . For example, the number of permutations of the 48 moving squares of a Rubik's cube is

```
In[67]:= 48! // N
```

```
Out[67]= 1.24139 × 1061
```

On the other hand, the number of allowed permutations of a "clean" cube (forming a subgroup) turns out to be, as we will see below,

```
In[68]:= 43252003274489856000 // N
```

```
Out[68]= 4.3252 × 1019
```

However we can describe the whole subgroup with just six permutations, corresponding to each rotation of the six faces of the cube. The subgroup can be constructed by repeated multiplication of the six "generators". We shall describe groups using generating sets, expressions with head `GenSet` where the elements are the generators. By convention, the identity permutation never belongs to a generating set. For example the group  $S_4$  can be generated with just 2 permutations using Diminos's algorithm:

```
In[69]:= Dimino[GenSet[Perm[{2, 1, 3, 4}], Perm[{4, 1, 2, 3}]]]
```

```
Out[69]= Group[Perm[{1, 2, 3, 4}], Perm[{2, 1, 3, 4}], Perm[{4, 1, 2, 3}], Perm[{4, 2, 1, 3}],
  Perm[{1, 4, 2, 3}], Perm[{2, 4, 1, 3}], Perm[{3, 4, 1, 2}], Perm[{3, 4, 2, 1}],
  Perm[{3, 1, 4, 2}], Perm[{3, 2, 4, 1}], Perm[{4, 3, 1, 2}], Perm[{4, 3, 2, 1}],
  Perm[{2, 3, 4, 1}], Perm[{1, 3, 4, 2}], Perm[{2, 3, 1, 4}], Perm[{1, 3, 2, 4}],
  Perm[{2, 4, 3, 1}], Perm[{1, 4, 3, 2}], Perm[{3, 2, 1, 4}], Perm[{3, 1, 2, 4}],
  Perm[{4, 2, 3, 1}], Perm[{4, 1, 3, 2}], Perm[{1, 2, 4, 3}], Perm[{2, 1, 4, 3}]]]
```

And actually any  $S_n$  can be generated with just 2 permutations. For example  $S_6$ :

```
In[70]:= Length[Dimino[GenSet[Cycles[{1, 2}], Cycles[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}]]]]
```

```
Out[70]= 720
```

A group generated by a single permutation is called a cyclic group:

```
In[71]:= group = Dimino[GenSet[Images[{2, 3, 4, 5, 1}]]]
```

```
Out[71]= Group[Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}], Images[{2, 3, 4, 5, 1}],
  Images[{3, 4, 5, 1, 2}], Images[{4, 5, 1, 2, 3}], Images[{5, 1, 2, 3, 4}]]]
```

We can form left and right cosets:

```
In[72]:= leftcoset = Permute[Images[{1, 3, 2, 5, 4}], group]
```

```
Out[72]= Coset[Images[{1, 3, 2, 5, 4}], Images[{2, 4, 3, 1, 5}],
  Images[{3, 5, 4, 2, 1}], Images[{4, 1, 5, 3, 2}], Images[{5, 2, 1, 4, 3}]]]
```

```
In[73]:= rightcoset = Permute[group, Images[{1, 3, 2, 5, 4}]]
```

```
Out[73]= Coset[Images[{1, 3, 2, 5, 4}], Images[{3, 2, 5, 4, 1}],
  Images[{2, 5, 4, 1, 3}], Images[{5, 4, 1, 3, 2}], Images[{4, 1, 3, 2, 5}]]]
```

If the permutation already belongs to the group, the coset is actually the original group:

```
In[74]:= Permute[Images[{4, 5, 1, 2, 3}], group]
```

```
Out[74]= Group[Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}], Images[{2, 3, 4, 5, 1}],
  Images[{3, 4, 5, 1, 2}], Images[{4, 5, 1, 2, 3}], Images[{5, 1, 2, 3, 4}]]]
```

GenSet	Head for a generating set
Group	Head for a group of permutations
Coset	Head for a coset
Dimino	Algorithm to construct a group of permutations from one of its generating sets

Generating Sets.

### 3.2. Cosets and double cosets

All cosets of a given subgroup of permutations have the same order, and partition the full group. Hence the order of a subgroup divides the order of the full group (Lagrange theorem).

Suppose we start with the full group  $S_5$  of permutations:

```
In[75]:= Length[S5 = Sort@Dimino[GenSet[Images[{2, 1, 3, 4, 5}], Images[{2, 3, 4, 5, 1}]]]]
Out[75]= 120
```

One of its subgroups is  $S_3$ :

```
In[76]:= Length[S3 = Sort@Dimino[GenSet[Images[{2, 1, 3, 4, 5}], Images[{2, 3, 1, 4, 5}]]]]
Out[76]= 6
```

There are therefore 20 left-cosets of  $S_3$  in  $S_5$ , that we call  $L_1 \dots L_{20}$ :

```
In[77]:= ColumnForm[S3cosets = Union[Sort /@ Outer[Permute, List @@ S5, List @@ S3]]]
Out[77]= {Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}], Images[{1, 3, 2, 4, 5}], Images[{2, 1, 3, 4, 5}], Images[{2, 3,
  Images[{1, 2, 3, 5, 4}], Images[{1, 3, 2, 5, 4}], Images[{2, 1, 3, 5, 4}], Images[{2, 3,
  Images[{1, 2, 4, 3, 5}], Images[{1, 3, 4, 2, 5}], Images[{2, 1, 4, 3, 5}], Images[{2, 3,
  Images[{1, 2, 4, 5, 3}], Images[{1, 3, 4, 5, 2}], Images[{2, 1, 4, 5, 3}], Images[{2, 3,
  Images[{1, 2, 5, 3, 4}], Images[{1, 3, 5, 2, 4}], Images[{2, 1, 5, 3, 4}], Images[{2, 3,
  Images[{1, 2, 5, 4, 3}], Images[{1, 3, 5, 4, 2}], Images[{2, 1, 5, 4, 3}], Images[{2, 3,
  Images[{1, 4, 2, 3, 5}], Images[{1, 4, 3, 2, 5}], Images[{2, 4, 1, 3, 5}], Images[{2, 4,
  Images[{1, 4, 2, 5, 3}], Images[{1, 4, 3, 5, 2}], Images[{2, 4, 1, 5, 3}], Images[{2, 4,
  Images[{1, 4, 5, 2, 3}], Images[{1, 4, 5, 3, 2}], Images[{2, 4, 5, 1, 3}], Images[{2, 4,
  Images[{1, 5, 2, 3, 4}], Images[{1, 5, 3, 2, 4}], Images[{2, 5, 1, 3, 4}], Images[{2, 5,
  Images[{1, 5, 2, 4, 3}], Images[{1, 5, 3, 4, 2}], Images[{2, 5, 1, 4, 3}], Images[{2, 5,
  Images[{1, 5, 4, 2, 3}], Images[{1, 5, 4, 3, 2}], Images[{2, 5, 4, 1, 3}], Images[{2, 5,
  Images[{4, 1, 2, 3, 5}], Images[{4, 1, 3, 2, 5}], Images[{4, 2, 1, 3, 5}], Images[{4, 2,
  Images[{4, 1, 2, 5, 3}], Images[{4, 1, 3, 5, 2}], Images[{4, 2, 1, 5, 3}], Images[{4, 2,
  Images[{4, 1, 5, 2, 3}], Images[{4, 1, 5, 3, 2}], Images[{4, 2, 5, 1, 3}], Images[{4, 2,
  Images[{4, 5, 1, 2, 3}], Images[{4, 5, 1, 3, 2}], Images[{4, 5, 2, 1, 3}], Images[{4, 5,
  Images[{5, 1, 2, 3, 4}], Images[{5, 1, 3, 2, 4}], Images[{5, 2, 1, 3, 4}], Images[{5, 2,
  Images[{5, 1, 2, 4, 3}], Images[{5, 1, 3, 4, 2}], Images[{5, 2, 1, 4, 3}], Images[{5, 2,
  Images[{5, 1, 4, 2, 3}], Images[{5, 1, 4, 3, 2}], Images[{5, 2, 4, 1, 3}], Images[{5, 2,
  Images[{5, 4, 1, 2, 3}], Images[{5, 4, 1, 3, 2}], Images[{5, 4, 2, 1, 3}], Images[{5, 4,
```

```
In[78]:= {L1, L2, L3, L4, L5, L6, L7, L8, L9, L10,
  L11, L12, L13, L14, L15, L16, L17, L18, L19, L20} = S3cosets;
```

---

And they all form the full  $S_5$  group:

```
In[79]:= Sort[Group@@Union@@S3cosets] === S5
```

```
Out[79]= True
```

The concept of double coset will be important for us later. A double coset of two subgroups  $H$  and  $K$  in the full group  $G$  is the set of permutations of the form  $h.g.k$  for all  $h$  in  $H$ , all  $k$  in  $K$  and a particular  $g$  in  $G$ . The double cosets also partition the full group  $G$ , but unfortunately they do not all have the same size, and therefore there is not an equivalent of the Lagrange theorem for double cosets. The computation of the number of double cosets in a group  $G$  is a nontrivial task.

---

Construct another subgroup of  $S_5$ :

```
In[80]:= Length[H = Dimino[
      GenSet[Images[{2, 1, 3, 4, 5}], Images[{1, 2, 4, 3, 5}], Images[{3, 4, 1, 2, 5}]]]]
```

```
Out[80]= 8
```

---

That means that there are 15 right-cosets of  $H$  in  $S_5$ , that we call  $R_1...R_{15}$ :

```
In[81]:= ColumnForm[Hcosets = Union[Sort /@ Transpose@Outer[Permute, List@@H, List@@S5]]]
```

```
Out[81]= {Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}], Images[{1, 2, 4, 3, 5}], Images[{2, 1, 3, 4, 5}], Images[{2, 1,
  {Images[{1, 2, 3, 5, 4}], Images[{1, 2, 5, 3, 4}], Images[{2, 1, 3, 5, 4}], Images[{2, 1,
  {Images[{1, 2, 4, 5, 3}], Images[{1, 2, 5, 4, 3}], Images[{2, 1, 4, 5, 3}], Images[{2, 1,
  {Images[{1, 3, 2, 4, 5}], Images[{1, 3, 4, 2, 5}], Images[{2, 4, 1, 3, 5}], Images[{2, 4,
  {Images[{1, 3, 2, 5, 4}], Images[{1, 3, 5, 2, 4}], Images[{2, 5, 1, 3, 4}], Images[{2, 5,
  {Images[{1, 3, 4, 5, 2}], Images[{1, 3, 5, 4, 2}], Images[{3, 1, 4, 5, 2}], Images[{3, 1,
  {Images[{1, 4, 2, 3, 5}], Images[{1, 4, 3, 2, 5}], Images[{2, 3, 1, 4, 5}], Images[{2, 3,
  {Images[{1, 4, 2, 5, 3}], Images[{1, 4, 5, 2, 3}], Images[{2, 5, 1, 4, 3}], Images[{2, 5,
  {Images[{1, 4, 3, 5, 2}], Images[{1, 4, 5, 3, 2}], Images[{3, 5, 1, 4, 2}], Images[{3, 5,
  {Images[{1, 5, 2, 3, 4}], Images[{1, 5, 3, 2, 4}], Images[{2, 3, 1, 5, 4}], Images[{2, 3,
  {Images[{1, 5, 2, 4, 3}], Images[{1, 5, 4, 2, 3}], Images[{2, 4, 1, 5, 3}], Images[{2, 4,
  {Images[{1, 5, 3, 4, 2}], Images[{1, 5, 4, 3, 2}], Images[{3, 4, 1, 5, 2}], Images[{3, 4,
  {Images[{2, 3, 4, 5, 1}], Images[{2, 3, 5, 4, 1}], Images[{3, 2, 4, 5, 1}], Images[{3, 2,
  {Images[{2, 4, 3, 5, 1}], Images[{2, 4, 5, 3, 1}], Images[{3, 5, 2, 4, 1}], Images[{3, 5,
  {Images[{2, 5, 3, 4, 1}], Images[{2, 5, 4, 3, 1}], Images[{3, 4, 2, 5, 1}], Images[{3, 4,
```

```
In[82]:= {R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15} = Hcosets;
```

Now we want to find the number of double cosets of  $H$  and  $S_3$  in  $S_5$ . The key idea is that a permutation in  $H$  acting on a left coset  $L_i$  gives another (perhaps the same) left coset  $L_j$ . Therefore permutations in  $H$  now act as permutations on a set in which the points are the left cosets  $L_1...L_{20}$ . Each orbit in this set corresponds to a double coset. Note that double cosets are disjoint unions of single-cosets of each of the two subgroups.

---

We first have the product group, with 24 elements (it is actually  $S_4$ ):

```
In[83]:= Length[doublecoset1 = List@@Union@Flatten[Outer[Permute, H, S3]]]
```

```
Out[83]= 24
```

---

This double coset contains the following single cosets:

```
In[84]:= doublecoset1 === Union[L1, L3, L7, L13]
```

```
Out[84]= True
```

```
In[85]:= doublecoset1 === Union[R1, R4, R7]
```

```
Out[85]= True
```

---

Now we look for the double coset containing L2. It is again S4 with points 4 and 5 exchanged:

```
In[86]:= Map[Sort, Outer[Permute, List@@H, {L2, L5, L10, L17}], {2}] ===
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} L2 & L5 & L10 & L17 \\ L2 & L5 & L17 & L10 \\ L5 & L2 & L10 & L17 \\ L5 & L2 & L17 & L10 \\ L10 & L17 & L2 & L5 \\ L17 & L10 & L2 & L5 \\ L10 & L17 & L5 & L2 \\ L17 & L10 & L5 & L2 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
Out[86]= True
```

```
In[87]:= Length[doublecoset2 = Union[L2, L5, L10, L17]]
```

```
Out[87]= 24
```

```
In[88]:= doublecoset2 === Union[R2, R5, R10]
```

```
Out[88]= True
```

---

Now we look for the double coset containing L4:

```
In[89]:= Map[Sort, Outer[Permute, List@@H, {L4, L6, L16, L20}], {2}] ===
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} L4 & L6 & L16 & L20 \\ L4 & L6 & L20 & L16 \\ L6 & L4 & L16 & L20 \\ L6 & L4 & L20 & L16 \\ L16 & L20 & L4 & L6 \\ L20 & L16 & L4 & L6 \\ L16 & L20 & L6 & L4 \\ L20 & L16 & L6 & L4 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
Out[89]= True
```

```
In[90]:= Length[doublecoset3 = Union[L4, L6, L16, L20]]
```

```
Out[90]= 24
```

```
In[91]:= doublecoset3 === Union[R3, R6, R13]
```

```
Out[91]= True
```



Now we look for the double coset containing L8:

```
In[92]:= Map[Sort, Outer[Permute, List@@H, {L8, L9, L11, L12, L14, L15, L18, L19}], {2}] ===
```

(	L8	L9	L11	L12	L14	L15	L18	L19
	L14	L15	L18	L19	L8	L9	L11	L12
	L9	L8	L12	L11	L15	L14	L19	L18
	L15	L14	L19	L18	L9	L8	L12	L11
	L11	L18	L8	L14	L12	L19	L9	L15
	L18	L11	L14	L8	L19	L12	L15	L9
	L12	L19	L9	L15	L11	L18	L8	L14
	L19	L12	L15	L9	L18	L11	L14	L8
)								

```
Out[92]= True
```

```
In[93]:= Length[doublecoset4 = Union[L8, L9, L11, L12, L14, L15, L18, L19]]
```

```
Out[93]= 48
```

```
In[94]:= doublecoset4 === Union[R8, R9, R11, R12, R14, R15]
```

```
Out[94]= True
```

We conclude that there are 4 double cosets, three of them with order 24 and the last one with order 48. They all form the full group S5:

```
In[95]:= List@@S5 === Union[doublecoset1, doublecoset2, doublecoset3, doublecoset4]
```

```
Out[95]= True
```

Tidy up:

```
In[96]:= Clear[L1, L2, L3, L4, L5, L6, L7, L8, L9, L10, L11, L12, L13, L14, L15, L16, L17,
           L18, L19, L20, R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15]
```

There are also commands to form transversals.

LeftTransversal	Transversal of left cosets
RightTransversal	Transversal of right cosets
DoubleTransversal	Transversal of double cosets

Transversals.

## Strong Generating Sets

### ■ 4. Orbits and Schreier vectors

An essential tool in the analysis of the structure of a group of permutations is the concept of orbit of a point. It is just the set of images of that point which can be obtained by repeated action of the members of the group.

---

The command `Orbit` gives the orbit of a point under a group generated by a generating set:

```
In[97]:= Orbit[2, GenSet[Perm[{4, 1, 3, 2, 6, 5}], Perm[{1, 4, 3, 2, 5, 6}]]]
```

```
Out[97]= {2, 4, 1}
```

---

We can compute all orbits of a group. This can be understood as a partition of a range of integers which by default has the length of the highest degree of the permutations

```
In[98]:= Orbits[GenSet[Perm[{4, 1, 3, 2, 6, 5}], Perm[{1, 4, 3, 2, 5, 6}]]]
```

```
Out[98]= {{1, 2, 4}, {3}, {5, 6}}
```

---

but can supply the length as a second argument. Many functions in the package have an additional argument to specify the length of the underlying set of points. See the documentation of each command for details:

```
In[99]:= Orbits[GenSet[Perm[{4, 1, 3, 2, 6, 5}], Perm[{1, 4, 3, 2, 5, 6}]], 8]
```

```
Out[99]= {{1, 2, 4}, {3}, {5, 6}, {7}, {8}}
```

<code>Orbit</code>	Orbit of a point under a GS
<code>Orbits</code>	All orbits of a group

Compute orbits of a group.

Given an orbit of a group it is very useful to be able to find a permutation of the group linking two points of the orbit, that is, such that the latter point is the image of the former under that permutation. Schreier introduced a nice way to do that: together with the points of the orbit we store two vectors:

---

Same orbit, now with its Schreier vectors. Point 2 is the first point of the orbit. Point 4 can be obtained from point 2 (see second vector) using permutation `Perm[{4,1,3,2,6,5}]` (see first vector). Point 1 can be obtained from point 4 (see second vector) using the same permutation (see first vector). Again we

```
In[100]:=
```

```
  SchreierOrbit[2, GenSet[Perm[{4, 1, 3, 2, 6, 5}], Perm[{1, 4, 3, 2, 5, 6}]]]
```

```
Out[100]=
```

```
  Schreier[{2, 4, 1},
    {Perm[{4, 1, 3, 2, 6, 5}], 0, 0, Perm[{4, 1, 3, 2, 6, 5}], 0, 0}, {4, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0}]
```

---

The function `TraceSchreier` gives the permutation that links the first point of the orbit with a given point:

```
In[101]:=
```

```
  TraceSchreier[1, %]
```

```
Out[101]=
```

```
  Perm[{2, 4, 3, 1, 5, 6}]
```

```
In[102]:=
```

```
  OnPoints[2, %]
```

```
Out[102]=
```

```
  1
```

SchreierOrbit	Calculate orbit with its Schreier vectors
Schreier	Head of an orbit with its Schreier vectors
SchreierOrbits	Calculate all orbits with a compound Schreier vector
TraceSchreier	Trace an orbit to find a permutation linking two points

Schreier vectors.

## ■ 5. Stabilization and Strong Generating Sets

A second essential tool to analyze a group of permutations is the concept of stability.

Given a permutation, there can be points that are not moved:

```
In[103]:=
  StablePoints[Images[{3, 2, 1, 4, 6, 5, 7}], 7]

Out[103]=
  {2, 4, 7}
```

Of course, points over the degree of the permutation are not moved:

```
In[104]:=
  StablePoints[Images[{3, 2, 1, 4, 6, 5, 7}], 10]

Out[104]=
  {2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10}
```

Given a generating set GS and a list of points, we call pointwise stabilizer of those points to the subset of GS such that none of the permutations in the subset moves none of the points in the list:

```
In[105]:=
  Stabilizer[{1, 3},
    GenSet[Perm[{1, 2, 3, 5, 4}], Perm[{1, 2, 4, 3, 5}], Perm[{3, 2, 1, 4, 5}]]]

Out[105]=
  GenSet[Perm[{1, 2, 3, 5, 4}]]
```

There is a different concept, that of set-stabilization, requiring that points do not leave the set, though they can move:

```
In[106]:=
  SetStabilizer[{1, 3},
    GenSet[Perm[{1, 2, 3, 5, 4}], Perm[{1, 2, 4, 3, 5}], Perm[{3, 2, 1, 4, 5}]]]

Out[106]=
  GenSet[Perm[{1, 2, 3, 5, 4}], Perm[{3, 2, 1, 4, 5}]]
```

The stabilizer of a group  $S$  is a subgroup. However, the stabilizer of a generating set of  $S$  is not necessarily a generating set of the subgroup. To solve that problem, Sims introduced the concept of strong generating set: we give a pair formed by a list of points  $B=\{b_1, \dots, b_k\}$  (called "base") and a generating set  $GS$  of the group. The generating set is strong with respect to that base if 1) the stabilizer  $S(b_1, \dots, b_m)$  of any sorted sublist  $\{b_1, \dots, b_m\}$ , with  $m \leq k$ , can be generated by a subset of the permutations in  $GS$ , and 2) no permutation in  $GS$  fixes all points in the base. The order of points in the base is relevant. This allows us to form a hierarchy of subgroups:  $S = S() \supseteq S(b_1) \supseteq S(b_1, b_2) \supseteq \dots \supseteq S(b_1, \dots, b_k) = \{ID\}$ .

---

Hierarchy of subgroups associated to a simple strong generating set:

```
In[107]:=
  StabilizerChain[StrongGenSet[{1, 3},
    GenSet[Perm[{2, 1, 3, 4}], Perm[{1, 2, 4, 3}], Perm[{3, 4, 1, 2}]]] // ColumnForm

Out[107]=
  StrongGenSet[{1, 3}, GenSet[Perm[{2, 1, 3, 4}], Perm[{1, 2, 4, 3}], Perm[{3, 4, 1, 2}]]]
  StrongGenSet[{3}, GenSet[Perm[{1, 2, 4, 3}]]]
  StrongGenSet[{}, GenSet[]]
```

---

Strong generating sets can be calculated from a generating set using the Schreier–Sims algorithm. Example taken from Butler’s book:

```
In[108]:=
  a = Cycles[{1, 8, 9}, {2, 11, 15},
    {3, 10, 12}, {4, 14, 19}, {5, 16, 17}, {6, 21, 20}, {7, 13, 18}];
  b = Cycles[{9, 18, 20}, {12, 19, 17}];
  c = Cycles[{10, 21, 11}, {13, 16, 14}];

In[111]:=
  GS = GenSet[a, b, c];

In[112]:=
  myTiming[SGS = SchreierSims[{}, GS]]

0.566673 Second

Out[112]=
  StrongGenSet[{9, 10, 8, 2, 1, 12},
    GenSet[Cycles[{1, 8, 9}, {2, 11, 15}, {3, 10, 12}, {4, 14, 19},
      {5, 16, 17}, {6, 21, 20}, {7, 13, 18}], Cycles[{9, 18, 20}, {12, 19, 17}],
    Cycles[{10, 21, 11}, {13, 16, 14}], Cycles[{8, 13, 21}, {10, 14, 16}],
    Cycles[{8, 16, 11}, {13, 14, 21}], Cycles[{2, 3, 6}, {4, 7, 5}],
    Cycles[{1, 7, 6}, {3, 4, 5}], Cycles[{12, 20, 15}, {17, 19, 18}]]]
```

---

We can give several initial points of the base. Using MathLink is faster, but always returns the result in Images notation:

```
In[113]:=
  myTiming[SGS2 = SchreierSims[{8}, GS, 21, MathLink → True]]

0.004246 Second

Out[113]=
  StrongGenSet[{8, 9, 10, 2, 1, 12}, GenSet[
    Images[{8, 11, 10, 14, 16, 21, 13, 9, 1, 12, 15, 3, 18, 19, 2, 17, 5, 7, 4, 6, 20}],
    Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 18, 10, 11, 19, 13, 14, 15, 16, 12, 20, 17, 9, 21}],
    Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 21, 10, 12, 16, 13, 15, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 11}],
    Images[{1, 3, 6, 7, 4, 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21}],
    Images[{7, 2, 4, 5, 3, 1, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21}],
    Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 20, 13, 14, 12, 16, 19, 17, 18, 15, 21}]]]
```

We can also change the base points of a given SGS. This typically introduces many redundant generators and additional points in the base:

```
In[114]:=
  BaseChange[SGS2, {9, 10}]

Out[114]=
  StrongGenSet[{9, 10, 1, 12, 11, 8, 3}, GenSet[
    Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 13, 14, 20, 16, 18, 19, 17, 12, 21}],
    Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 20, 13, 14, 12, 16, 19, 17, 18, 15, 21}],
    Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 21, 10, 12, 16, 13, 15, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 11}],
    Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 13, 9, 14, 11, 12, 21, 16, 15, 10, 17, 18, 19, 20, 8}],
    Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 16, 9, 10, 8, 12, 14, 21, 15, 11, 17, 18, 19, 20, 13}],
    Images[{1, 3, 6, 7, 4, 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21}],
    Images[{1, 6, 2, 5, 7, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21}],
    Images[{2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 5, 1, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21}],
    Images[{7, 2, 4, 5, 3, 1, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21}],
    Images[{8, 11, 10, 14, 16, 21, 13, 9, 1, 12, 15, 3, 18, 19, 2, 17, 5, 7, 4, 6, 20}]]]
```

```
In[115]:=
  SGS3 = DeleteRedundantGenerators[%]
```

```
Out[115]=
  StrongGenSet[{9, 10, 1, 12, 11, 8, 3}, GenSet[
    Images[{1, 3, 6, 7, 4, 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21}],
    Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 16, 9, 10, 8, 12, 14, 21, 15, 11, 17, 18, 19, 20, 13}],
    Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 13, 14, 20, 16, 18, 19, 17, 12, 21}],
    Images[{2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 5, 1, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21}],
    Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 21, 10, 12, 16, 13, 15, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 11}],
    Images[{8, 11, 10, 14, 16, 21, 13, 9, 1, 12, 15, 3, 18, 19, 2, 17, 5, 7, 4, 6, 20}]]]
```

Once we have the SGS we can solve any question related to the group:

```
In[116]:=
  StabilizerChain[SGS] // ColumnForm
```

```
Out[116]=
  StrongGenSet[{9, 10, 8, 2, 1, 12}, GenSet[Cycles[{1, 8, 9}], {2, 11, 15}], {3, 10, 12}], {4,
  StrongGenSet[{10, 8, 2, 1, 12}, GenSet[Cycles[{10, 21, 11}], {13, 16, 14}], Cycles[{8, 13
  StrongGenSet[{8, 2, 1, 12}, GenSet[Cycles[{8, 16, 11}], {13, 14, 21}], Cycles[{2, 3, 6}], {
  StrongGenSet[{2, 1, 12}, GenSet[Cycles[{2, 3, 6}], {4, 7, 5}], Cycles[{1, 7, 6}], {3, 4, 5}
  StrongGenSet[{1, 12}, GenSet[Cycles[{1, 7, 6}], {3, 4, 5}], Cycles[{12, 20, 15}], {17, 19,
  StrongGenSet[{12}, GenSet[Cycles[{12, 20, 15}], {17, 19, 18}]]]
  StrongGenSet[{}], GenSet[]]
```

```
In[117]:=
  OrderOfGroup /@ {SGS, SGS2, SGS3}
```

```
Out[117]=
  {27783, 27783, 27783}
```

```
In[118]:=
  PermMemberQ[Permute[a, b, c], SGS]
```

```
Out[118]=
  True
```

```
In[119]:=
  PermMemberQ[Cycles[{1, 2}], SGS]
```

```
Out[119]=
  False
```

---

A permutation in the group can be uniquely decomposed according to the chain of stabilizers:

```
In[120]:=
  perm = Permute[a, b, c]
```

```
Out[120]=
  Cycles[{1, 8, 18, 7, 16, 12, 3, 21, 9}, {2, 10, 19, 4, 13, 20, 6, 11, 15}, {5, 14, 17}]
```

```
In[121]:=
  PermWord[perm, SGS]
```

```
Out[121]=
  {Cycles[], ID, ID, Cycles[{2, 3, 6}, {4, 7, 5}], ID,
  Cycles[{8, 13, 21}, {10, 14, 16}], Cycles[{1, 8, 9}, {2, 11, 15},
  {3, 10, 12}, {4, 14, 19}, {5, 16, 17}, {6, 21, 20}, {7, 13, 18}]}
```

```
In[122]:=
  perm === Permute@@%
```

```
Out[122]=
  True
```

---

or identified from its base images:

```
In[123]:=
  OnPoints[SGS[[1]], perm]
```

```
Out[123]=
  {1, 19, 18, 10, 8, 3}
```

```
In[124]:=
  perm === FromBaseImage[%, SGS]
```

```
Out[124]=
  True
```

---

Not every list of images defines a permutation:

```
In[125]:=
  Catch@FromBaseImage[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, SGS]
```

```
FromBaseImage::noimgs : Invalid list of images {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}.
```

As we said, there is a one to one correspondence between base images and permutations in a group:

```
In[126]:=
  AllBaseImages[StrongGenSet[{1, 3},
    GenSet[-Cycles[{1, 2}], -Cycles[{3, 4}], Cycles[{1, 3}, {2, 4}]]] // ColumnForm

Out[126]=
  {1, 3} → ID
  {1, 4} → -Cycles[{3, 4}]
  {2, 3} → -Cycles[{1, 2}]
  {2, 4} → Cycles[{1, 2}, {3, 4}]
  {3, 1} → Cycles[{1, 3}, {2, 4}]
  {3, 2} → -Cycles[{1, 3, 2, 4}]
  {4, 1} → -Cycles[{1, 4, 2, 3}]
  {4, 2} → Cycles[{1, 4}, {2, 3}]
```

StablePoints	Points that are not moved by a permutation
NonStablePoints	Construct a base for a group
Stabilizer	Subset of permutations that do not move a list of points
SetStabilizer	Subset of permutations that do not move a list of points within a set
StabilizerChain	Chain of stabilizers of a Strong Generating Set
StrongGenSet	Head for a Strong Generating Set
SchreierSims	Algorithm to compute a SGS from a GS
BaseChange	Change base of a SGS
DeleteRedundantGenerators	Drop unnecessary permutations in a SGS
JoinSGS	Form SGS for product group
OrderOfGroup	Compute order of group described by a SGS
PermMemberQ	Check whether a permutation belongs to a group described by a SGS
PermWord	Decompose a permutation as a unique product of coset representatives in a
SGS hierarchy	
FromBaseImage	Construct the unique permutation associated to a list of base images
AllBaseImages	List all possible base images and their corresponding permutations

Strong Generating Sets.

The main idea behind the Schreier–Sims algorithm is that of "backtrack search". Using the one-to-one mapping between permutations and base images, it is possible to organize all permutations in a group in a tree whose nodes are the possible images of the points in the base. The Schreier vectors allow us to traverse the tree up and down, and the identification between cosets and points of orbits allows us to discard all leaves of the tree below a given node by testing just a single leaf. See Butler's book for full details.

The function `Search` implements backtracking to search for a SGS of a subgroup of a given group:

```
In[127]:=
  ? Search

Search[SGS, P, s, SGSK] returns the s-th stabilizer in the stabilizer-
chain of the subgroup K of permutations obeying the property P
in the group G (described by the strong generating set SGS). It
is assumed P[perm] returns True or False on any permutation of
the group G. The fourth argument is a strong generating set for a
subgroup of K, possibly a deeper stabilizer in its stabilizer-chain.
```

---

For instance, let us suppose we start from the group  $S_4$ .

```
In[128]:=
  SGS = StrongGenSet[{1, 2, 3},
    GenSet[Cycles[{1, 2}], Cycles[{2, 3}], Cycles[{3, 4}], Cycles[{1, 4}]]];
```

---

and we want to find a sgs for the subgroup of permutations commuting with permutation  $z$  (the so-called centralizer of  $z$ ):

```
In[129]:=
  z = Cycles[{1, 3}, {2, 4}];
```

---

We define the property  $P$  identifying the permutations commuting with  $z$ :

```
In[130]:=
  P[perm_] := PermEqual[Permute[z, perm], Permute[perm, z]]
```

```
In[131]:=
  P[Cycles[{1, 2}, {3, 4}]]
```

```
Out[131]=
  True
```

```
In[132]:=
  P[Cycles[{1, 2}]]
```

```
Out[132]=
  False
```



The first stabilizer in the chain coincides with the group itself and so we search for the first stabilizer of the subgroup of SGS obeying property P:

```
In[133]:=
  Search[SGS, P, 1, StrongGenSet[{}], GenSet[{}], xPermVerbose -> True]

  Branching over points {3, 4}

  Generate at level 3 with i=4. We have list {1, 2, 3} and permutation ID

  Generate at level 3 with i=4
  . We have list {1, 2, 4} and permutation Cycles[{3, 4}]

  Branching over points {2, 3, 4}

  Generate at level 2 with i=4
  . We have list {1, 3, 2} and permutation Cycles[{2, 3}]

  Generate at level 2 with i=4. We have list
  {1, 3, 4} and permutation Cycles[{2, 3, 4}]

  Generate at level 2 with i=4. We have list
  {1, 4, 2} and permutation Cycles[{2, 4, 3}]

  Generate at level 2 with i=4
  . We have list {1, 4, 3} and permutation Cycles[{2, 4}]

  Added permutation Cycles[{2, 4}]

  Branching over points {1, 2, 4, 3}

  Generate at level 1 with i=4
  . We have list {2, 1, 3} and permutation Cycles[{1, 2}]

  Generate at level 1 with i=4. We have list
  {2, 1, 4} and permutation Cycles[{1, 2}, {3, 4}]

  Added permutation Cycles[{1, 2}, {3, 4}]

Out[133]=
  StrongGenSet[{1, 2, 3}, GenSet[Cycles[{2, 4}], Cycles[{1, 2}, {3, 4}]]]
```

We see that we have tested 8 permutations in a group of order 24. Only 2 of those 8 form the final sgs of the centralizer, which has order 8:

```
In[134]:=
  OrderOfGroup[%]

Out[134]=
  8
```

Clean up:

```
In[135]:=
  Clear[SGS, z, P, a, b, c]
```

Search

Compute subgroup of permutations obeying a given property

Search subgroups.

## ■ 6. Some important groups of symmetry

There are some groups which are used very often. `xPerm`` defines special ways to generate their associated SGSs. By default the permutations are given in `Cycles` notation:

---

Strong Generating Set for the symmetric or antisymmetric groups of several points:

```
In[136]:=
  Symmetric[{x1, x2, x3}]

Out[136]=
  StrongGenSet[{x1, x2}, GenSet[Cycles[{x1, x2}], Cycles[{x2, x3}]]]

In[137]:=
  Antisymmetric[{x1, x2, x3, x4}]

Out[137]=
  StrongGenSet[{x1, x2, x3},
  GenSet[-Cycles[{x1, x2}], -Cycles[{x2, x3}], -Cycles[{x3, x4}]]]
```

---

Strong Generating Set for the Riemann symmetry group of four points. Note the position of the two antisymmetric pairs:

```
In[138]:=
  RiemannSymmetric[{3, 5, 2, 9}]

Out[138]=
  StrongGenSet[{2, 3, 5},
  GenSet[Cycles[{3, 2}], {5, 9}], -Cycles[{3, 5}], -Cycles[{2, 9}]]]
```

---

The function `PairSymmetric` is far more general. It has two switches which control symmetry and antisymmetry under exchange of pairs and of members of a given pair.

```
In[139]:=
  PairSymmetric[{{1, 2}, {3, 4}, {5, 6}, {7, 8}}, -1, 0]

Out[139]=
  StrongGenSet[{1, 3, 5, 7}, GenSet[-Cycles[{7, 1, 3, 5}], {8, 2, 4, 6}],
  Cycles[{7, 3, 5}], {8, 4, 6}], -Cycles[{5, 7}], {6, 8}]]]

In[140]:=
  PairSymmetric[{{1, 2}, {3, 4}, {5, 6}, {7, 8}}, 0, 1]

Out[140]=
  StrongGenSet[{1, 3, 5, 7},
  GenSet[Cycles[{1, 2}], Cycles[{3, 4}], Cycles[{5, 6}], Cycles[{7, 8}]]]

In[141]:=
  PairSymmetric[{{1, 2}, {3, 4}, {5, 6}, {7, 8}}, -1, 1]

Out[141]=
  StrongGenSet[{1, 3, 5, 7}, GenSet[-Cycles[{7, 1, 3, 5}], {8, 2, 4, 6}],
  Cycles[{7, 3, 5}], {8, 4, 6}], -Cycles[{5, 7}], {6, 8}],
  Cycles[{1, 2}], Cycles[{3, 4}], Cycles[{5, 6}], Cycles[{7, 8}]]]
```

The symmetry of a Riemann tensor would be given as follows, and differs from `RiemannSymmetric` in the base:

```
In[142]:=
  PairSymmetric[{{1, 2}, {3, 4}}, 1, -1]

Out[142]=
  StrongGenSet[{1, 3}, GenSet[Cycles[{1, 3}, {2, 4}], -Cycles[{1, 2}], -Cycles[{3, 4}]]]

In[143]:=
  RiemannSymmetric[{1, 2, 3, 4}]

Out[143]=
  StrongGenSet[{1, 2, 3},
  GenSet[Cycles[{1, 3}, {2, 4}], -Cycles[{1, 2}], -Cycles[{3, 4}]]]
```

<code>Symmetric</code>	Give a SGS for a symmetric group
<code>Antisymmetric</code>	Give a SGS for an alternating group
<code>PairSymmetric</code>	Give a SGS for an group of permutations of pairs and/or their elements
<code>RiemannSymmetric</code>	Give a SGS for the group of symmetries of the Riemann tensor

Some important SGSs.

## ■ 7. Examples of Schreier–Sims algorithm

This section contains a number of very hard examples to show the power of our implementation of the algorithms. We do not expect, however, to need these groups in tensor computer algebra applications.

Here we shall always use the external canonicalizer. It would be too slow for our *Mathematica* code.

```
In[144]:=
  SetOptions[Orbit, MathLink → True];
  SetOptions[SchreierSims, MathLink → True];
```

<code>MathLink</code> executable code	Option for <code>Orbit</code> , <code>SchreierSims</code> and <code>CanonicalPerm</code> to use an external, faster
------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

External executable.

### 7.1. Rubik's cube

Let us suppose that we number from 1 to 48 the non-central coloured squares of a Rubik's cube. There are six basic rotations, corresponding to each of the six faces:

			41	42	43							
			44	4	45							
			46	47	48							
24	18	9	1	2	3	17	23	32	40	39	38	
25	3	10	4	1	5	16	5	31	37	6	36	
26	19	11	6	7	8	15	22	30	35	34	33	
			12	13	14							
			20	2	21							
			27	28	29							

We introduce the following notation for quarter-turns, with clockwise rotations:

```
In[146]:=
rot1 =
  Cycles[{1, 3, 8, 6}, {2, 5, 7, 4}, {9, 48, 15, 12}, {10, 47, 16, 13}, {11, 46, 17, 14}];
rot2 = Cycles[{6, 15, 35, 26}, {7, 22, 34, 19},
  {8, 30, 33, 11}, {12, 14, 29, 27}, {13, 21, 28, 20}];
rot3 = Cycles[{1, 12, 33, 41}, {4, 20, 36, 44}, {6, 27, 38, 46},
  {9, 11, 26, 24}, {10, 19, 25, 18}];
rot4 = Cycles[{1, 24, 40, 17}, {2, 18, 39, 23}, {3, 9, 38, 32},
  {41, 43, 48, 46}, {42, 45, 47, 44}];
rot5 = Cycles[{3, 43, 35, 14}, {5, 45, 37, 21}, {8, 48, 40, 29},
  {15, 17, 32, 30}, {16, 23, 31, 22}];
rot6 = Cycles[{24, 27, 30, 43}, {25, 28, 31, 42}, {26, 29, 32, 41},
  {33, 35, 40, 38}, {34, 37, 39, 36}];
RubikGS = GenSet[rot1, rot2, rot3, rot4, rot5, rot6];
```

It is customary to define the following face-turns (the initials stand for Front, Down, Left, Up, Right, Back for obvious reasons):

```
In[153]:=
faceturns = {
  F1 → rot1, F2 → Permute[rot1, rot1], Fp → InversePerm[rot1],
  D1 → rot2, D2 → Permute[rot2, rot2], Dp → InversePerm[rot2],
  L1 → rot3, L2 → Permute[rot3, rot3], Lp → InversePerm[rot3],
  U1 → rot4, U2 → Permute[rot4, rot4], Up → InversePerm[rot4],
  R1 → rot5, R2 → Permute[rot5, rot5], Rp → InversePerm[rot5],
  B1 → rot6, B2 → Permute[rot6, rot6], Bp → InversePerm[rot6]};
```

```
In[154]:=
RubikPoints = {f, f, f, f, f, f, f, f, l, l, l, d, d, d, r, r, r, l, l, d, d, r,
  r, l, l, l, d, d, d, r, r, r, b, b, b, b, b, b, b, b, u, u, u, u, u, u, u};
```

---

With a normal Linux box we can compute a strong generating set in a few seconds:

```
In[155]:=
  myTiming[RubikSGS = SchreierSims[{}, RubikGS, 48];]

4.070369 Second
```

We translate it to `Cycles` notation. We see that there are 18 points in the base and 99 generators (a SGS with only 19 generators is known for the Rubik's group):

```
In[156]:=
  RubikSGS = TranslatePerm[RubikSGS, Cycles];

In[157]:=
  Length /@ RubikSGS

Out[157]=
  StrongGenSet[18, 99]
```

---

Reordering the base we can get this reduced SGS (this is taken from Butler's book):

```
In[158]:=
  Rubikbase2 = {1, 6, 3, 8, 21, 23, 26, 5, 29, 19, 7, 24, 25, 28, 31, 18, 4, 2};
  RubikGS2 = GenSet[
    Cycles[{1, 3, 8, 6}, {2, 5, 7, 4}, {9, 48, 15, 12}, {10, 47, 16, 13}, {11, 46, 17, 14}],
    Cycles[{6, 15, 35, 26}, {7, 22, 34, 19},
      {8, 30, 33, 11}, {12, 14, 29, 27}, {13, 21, 28, 20}],
    Cycles[{3, 43, 35, 14}, {5, 45, 37, 21}, {8, 48, 40, 29},
      {15, 17, 32, 30}, {16, 23, 31, 22}],
    Cycles[{5, 37, 28, 21}, {8, 26, 29, 32}, {14, 33, 35, 40},
      {15, 27, 30, 43}, {16, 31, 34, 22}],
    Cycles[{5, 45, 13, 37, 21}, {7, 31, 22, 16, 23}, {26, 27, 33}, {29, 35, 30}],
    Cycles[{19, 23, 34}, {20, 45, 28}],
    Cycles[{24, 27, 30, 43}, {25, 28, 31, 42},
      {26, 29, 32, 41}, {33, 35, 40, 38}, {34, 37, 39, 36}],
    Cycles[{5, 28, 37}, {16, 34, 31}],
    Cycles[{2, 28, 47, 34}, {24, 41, 38},
      {25, 39, 31, 36, 42, 37}, {29, 43, 30, 40, 35, 32}],
    Cycles[{19, 31, 34}, {20, 37, 28}],
    Cycles[{7, 31, 34}, {13, 37, 28}],
    Cycles[{24, 41, 38}, {32, 43, 40}],
    Cycles[{24, 40}, {25, 39, 34, 37}, {28, 31, 36, 42}, {32, 38}, {41, 43}],
    Cycles[{25, 28, 31}, {34, 37, 36}],
    Cycles[{2, 31, 34}, {28, 47, 37}],
    Cycles[{2, 31, 39}, {37, 42, 47}],
    Cycles[{2, 18, 39}, {42, 47, 44}],
    Cycles[{2, 10, 39}, {4, 42, 47}],
    Cycles[{2, 47}, {39, 42}];
```

---

We check that it is a strong generating set indeed:

```
In[160]:=
  myTiming[RubikSGS2 = SchreierSims[Rubikbase2, RubikGS2, 48];]

0.939531 Second

In[161]:=
  RubikSGS2 = TranslatePerm[RubikSGS2, Cycles];
```

```
In[162]:=
  Length /@ RubikSGS2

Out[162]=
  StrongGenSet[18, 19]
```

---

As we said, it is a huge group:

```
In[163]:=
  order = OrderOfGroup[RubikSGS2]

Out[163]=
  43252003274489856000

In[164]:=
  FactorInteger[order]

Out[164]=
  {{2, 27}, {3, 14}, {5, 3}, {7, 2}, {11, 1}}
```

---

Orders of the chain of stabilizers:

```
In[165]:=
  RubikSGS2Chain = StabilizerChain[RubikSGS2];

In[166]:=
  OrderOfGroup /@ RubikSGS2Chain

Out[166]=
  {43252003274489856000, 1802166803103744000, 85817466814464000,
  4767637045248000, 317842469683200, 13243436236800, 601974374400, 50164531200,
  2508226560, 278691840, 15482880, 967680, 161280, 11520, 960, 96, 12, 2, 1}

In[167]:=
  basicindices = Drop[% / RotateLeft[%], -1]

Out[167]=
  {24, 21, 18, 15, 24, 22, 12, 20, 9, 18, 16, 6, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 2}
```

Now we can check potential configurations:

---

A rotation in a single corner or the exchange of two side-neighbours are not possible:

```
In[168]:=
  PermMemberQ[Cycles[{8, 15, 14}], RubikSGS]

Out[168]=
  False

In[169]:=
  PermMemberQ[Cycles[{10, 4}], RubikSGS]

Out[169]=
  False
```

---

But pairs of them are allowed, in adequate directions:

```
In[170]:=
  PermMemberQ[Cycles[{10, 4}, {7, 13}], RubikSGS]

Out[170]=
  True

In[171]:=
  PermMemberQ[Cycles[{8, 15, 14}, {24, 41, 38}], RubikSGS]

Out[171]=
  True

In[172]:=
  PermMemberQ[Cycles[{8, 15, 14}, {24, 38, 41}], RubikSGS]

Out[172]=
  False
```

---

A combination of both is impossible:

```
In[173]:=
  PermMemberQ[Cycles[{10, 4}, {8, 15, 14}], RubikSGS]

Out[173]=
  False
```

There is the famous question on the minimum number of moves which allows solving any configuration of the Rubik cube. Here it is very important to distinguish between face turns and quarter turns. An f–turn can be equal to one or two q–turns depending on the case. In what follows we only consider q–turns. There is a simple lower bound to the minimum number of q–turns required to solve any configuration, obtained by branching over 7 possibilities (the identity and the six rotations) that number of times: 24

---

24 is the first power of 7 which is larger than the order of the group:

```
In[174]:=
  order / 7 ^ 24 // N

Out[174]=
  0.225763
```

---

The superflip position requires 24 moves (see wikipedia):

```
In[175]:=
  superflip = Cycles[{2, 47}, {4, 10}, {7, 13}, {5, 16}, {20, 19},
    {21, 22}, {28, 34}, {18, 44}, {25, 36}, {45, 23}, {42, 39}, {31, 37}];

In[176]:=
  PermMemberQ[superflip, RubikSGS2]

Out[176]=
  True
```

---

Interestingly, this is the only nontrivial permutation which commutes with every other permutation in the Rubik group:

```
In[177]:=
  PermEqual[Permute[superflip, rot1, superflip], rot1]
```

```
Out[177]=
  True
```

```
In[178]:=
  PermEqual[Permute[superflip, rot2, superflip], rot2]
```

```
Out[178]=
  True
```

```
In[179]:=
  PermEqual[Permute[superflip, rot3, superflip], rot3]
```

```
Out[179]=
  True
```

```
In[180]:=
  PermEqual[Permute[superflip, rot4, superflip], rot4]
```

```
Out[180]=
  True
```

```
In[181]:=
  PermEqual[Permute[superflip, rot5, superflip], rot5]
```

```
Out[181]=
  True
```

```
In[182]:=
  PermEqual[Permute[superflip, rot6, superflip], rot6]
```

```
Out[182]=
  True
```

---

A position requiring 26 q–turns is known.

---

As of 2008, the best upper bounds known are 26 f–turns and 35 q–turns to solve arbitrary configurations of the cube.

Another frequent question whether a SGS can be used to actually solve an arbitrary configuration of the Rubik cube and the answer is of course positive. The algorithm PermWord can decompose any configuration in a product of 19 coset representatives, but then we need to decompose each of those 19 representatives in terms of the original 6 rotations. The final algorithm is, however, far from optimal, and actually very simple "human" algorithms perform better than this.

---

There are 239 possible nontrivial coset representatives:

```
In[183]:=
  Plus @@ basicindices - 18
```

```
Out[183]=
  239
```



Let us construct the canonical representatives:

```
In[184]:=
reprs = {};
Do[
  orbit = Orbit[Rubikbase2[[-count]], RubikSGS2Chain[[-count - 1, 2]]];
  sorbit = SchreierOrbit[Rubikbase2[[-count]], RubikSGS2Chain[[-count - 1, 2]]];
  AppendTo[reprs, Drop[TraceSchreier[#, sorbit] & /@ orbit, 1]],
  {count, 1, 18}];
reprs = Flatten[reprs];
```

Those moves can be expressed in terms of face turns. For simplicity, we use an external solver to do it (we use kociemba.org). This function transforms a permutation into a chain of facelets that can be fed to that solver:

```
In[187]:=
tochain[list_] := ToSymbol @@ {list[[41]], list[[42]], list[[43]],
  list[[44]], u, list[[45]], list[[46]], list[[47]], list[[48]],
  list[[17]], list[[23]], list[[32]], list[[16]], r,
  list[[31]], list[[15]], list[[22]], list[[30]],
  list[[1]], list[[2]], list[[3]], list[[4]], f,
  list[[5]], list[[6]], list[[7]], list[[8]],
  list[[12]], list[[13]], list[[14]], list[[20]], d,
  list[[21]], list[[27]], list[[28]], list[[29]],
  list[[24]], list[[18]], list[[9]], list[[25]], l,
  list[[10]], list[[26]], list[[19]], list[[11]],
  list[[40]], list[[39]], list[[38]], list[[37]], b,
  list[[36]], list[[35]], list[[34]], list[[33]]}
```

For example:

```
In[188]:=
tochain[PermuteList[RubikPoints, InversePerm@reprs[[235]]]]

Out[188]=
uuduudurrubbdrrdrdrbbfffllddrfl1llflulurbbubbbbrd
```

and relate them with the collections of face-turns that we have previously stored in a file:

```
In[189]:=
(RubikFaceTurns = << "data/RubikFaceTurns") // ColumnForm
```

Check that the relations are correct:

```
In[190]:=
Apply[And, RubikFaceTurns /. permute → Permute /. faceturns /. Rule → PermEqual]

Out[190]=
True
```

## 7.2. Alternating groups

The alternating group  $A(n>3)$ , of order  $n!/2$ , can be generated using two permutations of degree  $n$ . They are always

```
In[191]:=
AltGS[n_] := GenSet[Cycles[{1, 2, 3}], Cycles[Range[2, n]]]
```

---

The largest alternating group explicitly described in the Atlas is A(14):

```
In[192]:=
  myTiming[A14SGS = SchreierSims[{}], AltGS[14], 14];]
      0.013386 Second

In[193]:=
  Length /@ A14SGS

Out[193]=
  StrongGenSet[12, 22]

In[194]:=
  OrderOfGroup[A14SGS]

Out[194]=
  43589145600
```

---

With xPerm we can manipulate within seconds groups which are much larger

```
In[195]:=
  myTiming[A30SGS = SchreierSims[{}], AltGS[30], 30];]
      0.922208 Second

In[196]:=
  Length /@ A30SGS

Out[196]=
  StrongGenSet[28, 54]

In[197]:=
  OrderOfGroup[A30SGS]

Out[197]=
  132626429906095529318154240000000
```

---

Going further takes almost a minute:

```
In[198]:=
  myTiming[A50SGS = SchreierSims[{}], AltGS[50], 50];]
      31.952438 Second

In[199]:=
  Length /@ A50SGS

Out[199]=
  StrongGenSet[48, 94]

In[200]:=
  OrderOfGroup[A50SGS]

Out[200]=
  152070466008566890218063040830323844221888207844802560000000000000
```

```
In[201]:=
% // N
```

```
Out[201]=
1.5207 × 1064
```

## 7.2. Some "small" sporadic simple groups

As further examples of manipulation of nontrivial finite groups, here you find the construction of strong generating sets for some of the 26 sporadic simple groups:

---

M24 is the largest of the five sporadic simple Mathieu groups, with a permutation representation of degree 24. It was found by Mathieu in 1873. Frobenius showed that the other four simple Mathieu groups (M11, M12, M22, M23) are subgroups of M24.

```
In[202]:=
g1 = Images[
  {4, 7, 17, 1, 13, 9, 2, 15, 6, 19, 18, 21, 5, 16, 8, 14, 3, 11, 10, 24, 12, 23, 22, 20}];
g2 = Images[{4, 21, 9, 6, 18, 1, 7, 8, 15, 5, 11, 12, 17,
  2, 3, 13, 16, 10, 24, 20, 14, 22, 19, 23}];
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In[204]:=
PermDeg /@ {g1, g2}
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Out[204]=
{24, 24}
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In[205]:=
myTiming[Mathieu24SGS = SchreierSims[{}, GenSet[g1, g2], 24];]

0.011070 Second
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In[206]:=
Length /@ Mathieu24SGS
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Out[206]=
StrongGenSet[7, 13]
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In[207]:=
OrderOfGroup[Mathieu24SGS]
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Out[207]=
244823040
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The sixth sporadic simple group was discovered by Z. Janko in 1965 and it is called Janko1. It can be given in terms of a permutation representation of degree 266:

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In[208]:=
g1 = Cycles[{1, 262}, {2, 107}, {3, 21}, {4, 213}, {5, 191}, {6, 22}, {7, 133}, {8, 234},
{9, 232}, {10, 151}, {11, 139}, {12, 176}, {13, 202}, {14, 253}, {15, 222},
{17, 195}, {18, 206}, {19, 68}, {20, 55}, {23, 179}, {24, 217}, {25, 216}, {26, 256},
{27, 87}, {28, 70}, {29, 131}, {30, 44}, {31, 105}, {32, 170}, {33, 77}, {34, 104},
{35, 198}, {36, 137}, {37, 243}, {38, 56}, {39, 124}, {40, 223}, {41, 134},
{43, 174}, {46, 51}, {47, 128}, {48, 94}, {49, 250}, {50, 264}, {52, 183},
{53, 231}, {54, 115}, {57, 85}, {58, 233}, {59, 261}, {60, 95}, {61, 235},
{62, 177}, {63, 249}, {64, 91}, {65, 247}, {66, 155}, {69, 219}, {71, 237},
{72, 211}, {73, 84}, {74, 192}, {75, 130}, {76, 251}, {79, 260}, {80, 112},
{81, 193}, {82, 156}, {83, 242}, {86, 238}, {88, 143}, {89, 168}, {90, 148},
{92, 119}, {93, 212}, {96, 150}, {97, 199}, {98, 140}, {99, 189}, {100, 180},
{101, 147}, {102, 111}, {103, 159}, {106, 162}, {108, 194}, {109, 166}, {110, 200},
{113, 120}, {114, 141}, {116, 182}, {117, 181}, {118, 225}, {121, 254}, {122, 125},
{123, 146}, {126, 208}, {127, 221}, {129, 210}, {132, 255}, {136, 175}, {138, 207},
{142, 240}, {144, 172}, {145, 185}, {149, 224}, {152, 169}, {153, 241}, {154, 190},
{157, 214}, {158, 161}, {160, 236}, {163, 239}, {164, 229}, {165, 230}, {167, 188},
{171, 258}, {173, 186}, {178, 245}, {184, 205}, {187, 228}, {197, 203}, {201, 252},
{209, 248}, {215, 259}, {218, 246}, {220, 227}, {257, 263}, {265, 266}];
g2 = Cycles[{1, 146, 21}, {2, 132, 82}, {4, 156, 166}, {5, 242, 253}, {6, 107, 28},
{7, 125, 76}, {8, 245, 130}, {9, 174, 42}, {10, 241, 244}, {11, 264, 63},
{12, 248, 234}, {13, 36, 44}, {14, 116, 128}, {15, 47, 25}, {16, 178, 112},
{17, 170, 110}, {18, 197, 74}, {19, 233, 180}, {20, 121, 96}, {22, 228, 155},
{23, 48, 173}, {24, 201, 187}, {26, 136, 190}, {27, 212, 94}, {29, 175, 52},
{30, 77, 32}, {31, 237, 34}, {33, 226, 90}, {35, 129, 54}, {37, 161, 114},
{38, 232, 87}, {39, 219, 192}, {40, 78, 159}, {41, 139, 71}, {43, 211, 251},
{45, 222, 240}, {46, 97, 135}, {49, 70, 131}, {50, 153, 200}, {51, 186, 209},
{53, 203, 216}, {55, 169, 64}, {56, 140, 230}, {57, 260, 118}, {58, 91, 243},
{59, 199, 227}, {60, 108, 164}, {61, 208, 101}, {62, 206, 106}, {65, 103, 66},
{67, 95, 205}, {68, 73, 225}, {69, 151, 113}, {72, 221, 152}, {75, 143, 202},
{79, 217, 254}, {80, 93, 122}, {81, 181, 252}, {83, 258, 126}, {84, 163, 177},
{85, 154, 213}, {86, 182, 196}, {88, 133, 215}, {89, 117, 247}, {92, 191, 160},
{99, 229, 263}, {100, 138, 188}, {102, 194, 157}, {105, 149, 184}, {109, 123, 193},
{111, 137, 183}, {115, 238, 235}, {119, 167, 147}, {120, 134, 189}, {124, 185, 265},
{127, 218, 261}, {141, 231, 210}, {142, 239, 236}, {144, 224, 249},
{145, 158, 220}, {148, 214, 172}, {150, 250, 259}, {162, 257, 256},
{165, 179, 246}, {176, 195, 266}, {198, 204, 207}, {223, 262, 255}];

In[210]:=
PermDeg /@ {g1, g2}

Out[210]=
{266, 266}

In[211]:=
myTiming[Janko1SGS = SchreierSims[{}, GenSet[g1, g2], 266];]

0.162497 Second

In[212]:=
Length /@ Janko1SGS

Out[212]=
StrongGenSet[3, 7]

In[213]:=
OrderOfGroup[Janko1SGS]

Out[213]=
175560

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The Janko2 group can be given in terms of a permutation representation of degree 100:

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In[214]:=
g1 = Cycles[{1, 84}, {2, 20}, {3, 48}, {4, 56}, {5, 82}, {6, 67}, {7, 55},
{8, 41}, {9, 35}, {10, 40}, {11, 78}, {12, 100}, {13, 49}, {14, 37}, {15, 94},
{16, 76}, {17, 19}, {18, 44}, {21, 34}, {22, 85}, {23, 92}, {24, 57},
{25, 75}, {26, 28}, {27, 64}, {29, 90}, {30, 97}, {31, 38}, {32, 68},
{33, 69}, {36, 53}, {39, 61}, {42, 73}, {43, 91}, {45, 86}, {46, 81},
{47, 89}, {50, 93}, {51, 96}, {52, 72}, {54, 74}, {58, 99}, {59, 95},
{60, 63}, {62, 83}, {65, 70}, {66, 88}, {71, 87}, {77, 98}, {79, 80}];
g2 = Cycles[{1, 80, 22}, {2, 9, 11}, {3, 53, 87}, {4, 23, 78}, {5, 51, 18},
{6, 37, 24}, {8, 27, 60}, {10, 62, 47}, {12, 65, 31}, {13, 64, 19}, {14, 61, 52},
{15, 98, 25}, {16, 73, 32}, {17, 39, 33}, {20, 97, 58}, {21, 96, 67}, {26, 93, 99},
{28, 57, 35}, {29, 71, 55}, {30, 69, 45}, {34, 86, 82}, {38, 59, 94},
{40, 43, 91}, {42, 68, 44}, {46, 85, 89}, {48, 76, 90}, {49, 92, 77},
{50, 66, 88}, {54, 95, 56}, {63, 74, 72}, {70, 81, 75}, {79, 100, 83}];

In[216]:=
PermDeg /@ {g1, g2}

Out[216]=
{100, 100}

In[217]:=
myTiming[Janko2SGS = SchreierSims[{}, GenSet[g1, g2], 100];]

0.026291 Second

In[218]:=
Length /@ Janko2SGS

Out[218]=
StrongGenSet[4, 8]

In[219]:=
OrderOfGroup[Janko2SGS]

Out[219]=
604800

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This is the smallest of the three sporadic simple Conway groups, with a permutation representation of degree 276:

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In[220]:=
g1 = Images[{245, 42, 112, 15, 131, 7, 188, 75, 132, 10, 11, 187, 186, 265, 22, 159, 256,
43, 101, 123, 134, 4, 32, 209, 238, 35, 45, 235, 126, 5, 19, 60, 66, 80, 154,
251, 117, 206, 71, 118, 93, 87, 167, 271, 221, 261, 182, 155, 47, 230, 172, 236,
109, 191, 76, 156, 73, 116, 147, 23, 127, 231, 38, 53, 122, 210, 24, 68, 86, 255,
196, 139, 149, 21, 111, 203, 252, 72, 262, 114, 214, 9, 181, 174, 85, 95, 2, 250,
257, 243, 90, 158, 170, 148, 69, 105, 249, 263, 16, 54, 31, 115, 51, 104, 125,
219, 92, 46, 64, 204, 8, 266, 225, 34, 175, 145, 161, 180, 237, 241, 224, 169,
269, 12, 96, 129, 189, 190, 29, 17, 30, 82, 143, 74, 168, 13, 227, 217, 78, 258,
220, 178, 228, 146, 58, 254, 273, 215, 57, 106, 77, 110, 50, 26, 248, 260, 274,
107, 99, 253, 37, 25, 272, 44, 52, 119, 18, 201, 65, 41, 233, 103, 246, 200,
102, 160, 198, 207, 157, 40, 223, 49, 267, 79, 1, 136, 124, 6, 61, 268, 100, 70,
98, 171, 121, 39, 62, 211, 208, 84, 135, 97, 55, 152, 141, 63, 142, 259, 67, 33,
177, 173, 14, 242, 94, 113, 240, 264, 150, 205, 27, 183, 83, 195, 216, 163, 247,
133, 36, 153, 197, 140, 194, 120, 270, 165, 166, 162, 218, 138, 234, 81, 91,
89, 185, 212, 137, 48, 202, 276, 229, 151, 176, 144, 192, 130, 244, 232, 199,
56, 108, 184, 193, 239, 213, 3, 222, 128, 20, 28, 164, 226, 59, 179, 275, 88}];
g2 = Images[{204, 203, 33, 236, 5, 172, 77, 76, 47, 146, 133, 224, 229, 53, 84, 16,
223, 228, 130, 131, 252, 190, 13, 263, 242, 10, 32, 196, 199, 65, 246, 209, 40,
99, 241, 198, 269, 251, 75, 118, 176, 271, 183, 116, 197, 238, 22, 29, 178, 26,
174, 129, 2, 153, 272, 257, 41, 12, 59, 20, 27, 175, 106, 159, 218, 259, 137, 258,
261, 164, 262, 189, 45, 177, 260, 85, 25, 15, 226, 96, 24, 1, 274, 148, 264, 132,
48, 117, 36, 60, 171, 201, 101, 253, 95, 120, 142, 213, 165, 51, 115, 44, 103,
167, 243, 66, 141, 108, 88, 97, 276, 30, 139, 222, 166, 173, 231, 3, 73, 239,
56, 170, 82, 162, 163, 207, 145, 128, 52, 104, 90, 216, 220, 155, 74, 237, 28,
4, 113, 273, 230, 270, 248, 180, 206, 50, 250, 78, 127, 150, 54, 232, 217, 121,
69, 156, 6, 125, 210, 86, 89, 46, 184, 211, 265, 93, 19, 138, 23, 126, 43, 188,
102, 244, 219, 192, 256, 83, 58, 144, 181, 187, 91, 158, 205, 235, 147, 157, 114,
9, 152, 57, 39, 64, 143, 67, 119, 161, 87, 200, 111, 79, 14, 123, 21, 149, 122,
191, 61, 194, 266, 225, 31, 81, 62, 160, 151, 112, 215, 254, 234, 72, 17, 179,
105, 267, 227, 18, 169, 249, 109, 208, 275, 68, 233, 168, 55, 124, 80, 240, 35,
7, 212, 100, 245, 98, 195, 247, 107, 182, 42, 185, 94, 11, 255, 135, 154, 221,
63, 193, 134, 71, 214, 8, 34, 70, 202, 268, 37, 110, 38, 136, 140, 49, 186, 92}];

In[222]:=
PermDeg /@ {g1, g2}

Out[222]=
{276, 276}

In[223]:=
myTiming[Conway3SGS = SchreierSims[{}, GenSet[g1, g2], 276];]

2.768254 Second

In[224]:=
Length /@ Conway3SGS

Out[224]=
StrongGenSet[6, 13]

In[225]:=
OrderOfGroup[Conway3SGS]

Out[225]=
495766656000
```

xPerm` can also handle bigger sporadic groups, but it takes very long, or much memory:

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This is the smallest of the four sporadic simple Fischer groups. It can be given in terms of a permutation representation of degree 3510. The computation of a SGS requires 400 Mbyte RAM. (The SchreierSims command is deactivated; we read the result from a file.)

```
In[226]:=
  g1 = Images[<< "data/F22p3510.1"];
  g2 = Images[<< "data/F22p3510.2"];

In[228]:=
  PermDeg /@ {g1, g2}

Out[228]=
  {3510, 3510}

In[228]:=
  myTiming[Fischer22SGS = SchreierSims[{}, GenSet[g1, g2], 3510];]

  3607.283267 Second

In[230]:=
  base = {1, 2, 3, 5, 4};
  GS = << "data/Fischer22SGS";
  Fischer22SGS = StrongGenSet[base, GS];

In[233]:=
  Length /@ Fischer22SGS

Out[233]=
  StrongGenSet[5, 18]

In[234]:=
  OrderOfGroup[Fischer22SGS]

Out[234]=
  64561751654400
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The Janko3 group can be given in terms of a permutation representation of degree 6156. This computation requires almost 900 Mbyte of memory:

```
In[235]:=
  g1 = << "data/J3G1-p6156B0.g1";
  g2 = << "data/J3G1-p6156B0.g2";

In[237]:=
  PermDeg /@ {g1, g2}

Out[237]=
  {6156, 6156}

In[238]:=
  myTiming[Janko3SGS = SchreierSims[{}, GenSet[g1, g2], 6156];]

  894.421476 Second

In[239]:=
  Length /@ Janko3SGS

Out[239]=
  StrongGenSet[3, 7]
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In[240]:=
  OrderOfGroup[Janko3SGS]
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Out[240]=
  50232960
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### 7.3. Other groups

These are groups taken from the Atlas of Finite Group Representations (<http://for.mat.bham.ac.uk/atlas/>), in the section Miscellaneous Groups.

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This is the exceptional twisted group Sz8 (the Suzuki group), which can be given in terms of permutations on 65 points.

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In[241]:=
  g1 = Images[{2, 1, 4, 3, 7, 9, 5, 12, 6, 13, 15, 8, 10, 19, 11, 21, 23, 25, 14, 28, 16, 31,
    17, 33, 18, 35, 32, 20, 37, 39, 22, 27, 24, 43, 26, 46, 29, 48, 30, 40, 51, 44, 34, 42,
    55, 36, 50, 38, 58, 47, 41, 60, 61, 59, 45, 62, 63, 49, 54, 52, 53, 56, 57, 65, 64}];
  g2 = Images[{3, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 1, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 4, 20, 22, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 7,
    32, 9, 34, 36, 31, 19, 38, 40, 28, 41, 42, 44, 45, 13, 47, 15, 49, 50, 52, 53, 33, 54,
    56, 37, 51, 57, 59, 21, 46, 23, 43, 25, 58, 63, 55, 48, 60, 39, 64, 65, 35, 62, 61}];
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In[243]:=
  PermDeg /@ {g1, g2}
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Out[243]=
  {65, 65}
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In[244]:=
  myTiming[Sz8SGS = SchreierSims[{}, GenSet[g1, g2], 65];]

  0.009850 Second
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In[245]:=
  Length /@ Sz8SGS
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Out[245]=
  StrongGenSet[3, 5]
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In[246]:=
  OrderOfGroup[Sz8SGS]
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Out[246]=
  29120
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This is the exceptional untwisted group  $G2(4)$ , which can be given in terms of permutations on 416 points.

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In[247]:=
g1 =
Images[{2, 1, 5, 7, 3, 10, 4, 13, 12, 6, 11, 9, 8, 20, 22, 24, 26, 27, 29, 14, 32, 15, 23,
16, 36, 17, 18, 40, 19, 43, 31, 21, 47, 49, 50, 25, 53, 55, 57, 28, 60, 42, 30, 62, 64,
66, 33, 69, 34, 35, 72, 74, 37, 77, 38, 79, 39, 82, 84, 41, 87, 44, 90, 45, 92, 46, 95,
97, 48, 100, 101, 51, 104, 52, 107, 76, 54, 111, 56, 109, 114, 58, 117, 59, 120, 122,
61, 125, 89, 63, 128, 65, 131, 132, 67, 135, 68, 138, 99, 70, 71, 140, 142, 73, 143,
144, 75, 147, 80, 150, 78, 153, 155, 81, 156, 158, 83, 133, 161, 85, 164, 86, 166,
167, 88, 170, 171, 91, 174, 176, 93, 94, 118, 181, 96, 184, 137, 98, 186, 102, 188,
103, 105, 106, 145, 192, 108, 195, 196, 110, 179, 200, 112, 203, 113, 115, 157, 116,
208, 209, 119, 212, 211, 121, 165, 123, 124, 217, 219, 126, 127, 223, 225, 129, 228,
130, 230, 232, 151, 235, 134, 238, 183, 136, 241, 139, 244, 141, 193, 248, 250, 146,
189, 252, 148, 149, 254, 255, 257, 152, 220, 259, 154, 262, 214, 240, 264, 159,
160, 267, 163, 162, 221, 205, 263, 274, 168, 276, 169, 201, 213, 224, 172, 222,
173, 280, 282, 175, 247, 177, 266, 178, 287, 289, 180, 277, 291, 182, 294, 206,
185, 284, 278, 187, 301, 302, 229, 190, 304, 191, 307, 194, 308, 197, 198, 311,
199, 313, 202, 275, 261, 204, 215, 207, 319, 231, 210, 322, 324, 326, 327, 328,
330, 216, 260, 218, 236, 243, 333, 226, 281, 227, 336, 242, 339, 340, 233, 299,
234, 343, 237, 345, 347, 239, 349, 296, 351, 352, 288, 354, 245, 246, 356, 249,
359, 306, 251, 253, 362, 310, 256, 365, 258, 314, 315, 316, 368, 370, 265, 373,
350, 268, 375, 269, 325, 270, 271, 272, 377, 273, 338, 376, 279, 379, 363, 283,
348, 331, 285, 286, 384, 383, 290, 353, 292, 387, 293, 337, 295, 321, 297, 298,
344, 300, 392, 303, 357, 395, 305, 396, 389, 309, 335, 398, 312, 381, 397, 317,
369, 318, 399, 380, 320, 401, 323, 332, 329, 403, 334, 372, 366, 382, 342, 341,
405, 393, 346, 388, 361, 390, 394, 355, 386, 391, 358, 360, 367, 364, 371, 400,
374, 407, 378, 411, 385, 408, 402, 406, 409, 410, 404, 412, 414, 413, 415, 416]};
g2 = Images[{3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25, 1, 28, 30, 31,
2, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 48, 5, 51, 52, 54, 56, 58, 59, 7,
61, 22, 63, 65, 67, 68, 70, 71, 50, 73, 75, 76, 10, 78, 80, 81, 83, 85, 86, 88,
89, 13, 91, 93, 94, 96, 98, 99, 43, 102, 103, 105, 106, 108, 109, 110, 60, 112,
113, 115, 116, 118, 119, 121, 123, 124, 126, 82, 127, 129, 130, 20, 133, 134,
136, 137, 139, 140, 64, 47, 141, 107, 104, 24, 145, 146, 148, 149, 151, 152, 154,
26, 74, 157, 159, 160, 27, 162, 163, 165, 90, 55, 168, 169, 29, 172, 173, 175,
177, 178, 179, 180, 182, 183, 32, 185, 132, 101, 187, 143, 189, 49, 190, 191,
193, 194, 36, 197, 198, 199, 201, 202, 204, 77, 205, 206, 207, 62, 210, 211,
213, 214, 79, 40, 215, 216, 218, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 227, 100, 229, 231,
233, 234, 236, 237, 239, 166, 240, 242, 243, 245, 246, 247, 249, 114, 251, 72,
238, 230, 253, 53, 256, 155, 195, 258, 260, 261, 164, 263, 57, 265, 266, 181,
268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 228, 275, 267, 219, 241, 277, 278, 279, 122, 262,
281, 283, 250, 284, 235, 285, 286, 288, 290, 287, 66, 292, 293, 295, 296, 297,
298, 299, 300, 69, 252, 223, 303, 305, 306, 188, 192, 309, 208, 310, 212, 312,
314, 315, 316, 276, 317, 244, 318, 320, 321, 87, 323, 325, 150, 84, 329, 135,
259, 313, 331, 328, 332, 142, 304, 334, 335, 337, 338, 92, 341, 200, 342, 282,
138, 344, 346, 322, 348, 95, 350, 125, 97, 353, 156, 355, 170, 357, 358, 360,
167, 361, 161, 363, 280, 364, 366, 294, 111, 347, 367, 369, 371, 372, 365, 374,
147, 117, 339, 308, 171, 376, 302, 120, 352, 378, 326, 377, 128, 380, 381, 382,
362, 383, 340, 327, 131, 379, 385, 386, 209, 388, 217, 319, 389, 390, 373, 391,
264, 393, 225, 394, 255, 307, 144, 397, 176, 392, 291, 158, 351, 153, 289, 356,
248, 400, 398, 387, 254, 349, 232, 402, 203, 345, 368, 333, 174, 404, 384, 311,
403, 406, 274, 184, 257, 186, 196, 407, 370, 408, 396, 409, 375, 405, 354, 410,
336, 343, 412, 413, 330, 411, 401, 359, 414, 301, 324, 415, 395, 416, 399]};

In[249]:=
PermDeg /@ {g1, g2}

Out[249]=
{414, 416}

In[250]:=
myTiming[G24SGS = SchreierSims[{}, GenSet[g1, g2], 416];]

3.204673 Second
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In[251]:=
  Length /@ G24SGS
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Out[251]=
  StrongGenSet[4, 11]
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In[252]:=
  OrderOfGroup[G24SGS]
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Out[252]=
  251596800
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The largest symplectic group given in the Atlas is S10. It can be represented using permutations of 496 points.

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In[253]:=
g1 =
Images[{{1, 4, 3, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 10, 9, 12, 15, 17, 13, 16, 14, 18, 25, 20, 21, 22, 30,
24, 19, 26, 35, 28, 38, 23, 31, 32, 33, 34, 27, 36, 37, 29, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 54,
48, 47, 46, 49, 50, 51, 61, 60, 45, 55, 66, 57, 68, 69, 53, 52, 62, 63, 64, 74, 56, 77,
58, 59, 70, 80, 81, 83, 65, 87, 76, 67, 78, 93, 71, 72, 82, 73, 84, 101, 86, 75, 88,
89, 90, 108, 92, 79, 94, 113, 115, 105, 118, 112, 121, 85, 116, 126, 104, 97, 106,
114, 91, 109, 110, 136, 99, 95, 107, 96, 102, 145, 98, 119, 149, 100, 122, 123, 124,
155, 103, 153, 128, 129, 130, 163, 132, 133, 134, 135, 111, 166, 138, 139, 140, 141,
142, 143, 144, 117, 146, 182, 184, 120, 150, 189, 191, 127, 154, 125, 156, 157, 158,
159, 160, 161, 162, 131, 164, 165, 137, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 210, 175,
213, 177, 178, 217, 180, 181, 147, 183, 148, 190, 186, 224, 188, 151, 185, 152, 192,
231, 211, 195, 234, 197, 198, 199, 200, 240, 202, 214, 243, 205, 206, 207, 208,
209, 174, 194, 212, 176, 203, 215, 216, 179, 218, 259, 220, 262, 222, 223, 187,
225, 226, 227, 228, 271, 273, 193, 232, 276, 196, 235, 236, 237, 283, 284, 201,
241, 288, 204, 244, 292, 246, 247, 295, 249, 296, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 301,
257, 258, 219, 279, 307, 221, 263, 311, 265, 266, 314, 268, 316, 318, 229, 285,
230, 325, 291, 233, 329, 278, 260, 280, 333, 282, 238, 239, 272, 286, 287, 242,
342, 343, 275, 245, 293, 348, 248, 250, 297, 353, 299, 355, 256, 302, 303, 304,
305, 306, 261, 358, 324, 366, 264, 312, 313, 267, 315, 269, 317, 270, 369, 320,
321, 322, 379, 309, 274, 382, 327, 328, 277, 330, 331, 387, 281, 334, 388, 346,
337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 289, 290, 384, 345, 336, 397, 294, 349, 350, 351, 400,
298, 402, 300, 404, 357, 308, 359, 360, 361, 411, 363, 364, 365, 310, 416, 417,
319, 370, 420, 422, 414, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 323, 380, 381, 326, 430, 344,
385, 386, 332, 335, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 439, 395, 396, 347, 398, 399, 352,
401, 354, 403, 356, 448, 406, 418, 408, 451, 410, 362, 412, 413, 373, 415, 367,
368, 407, 419, 371, 459, 372, 423, 424, 462, 426, 427, 428, 429, 383, 442, 432,
437, 434, 435, 436, 433, 438, 394, 440, 441, 431, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 405,
449, 450, 409, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 421, 460, 461, 425, 463, 464,
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469, 482, 470, 484, 472, 473, 490, 475, 478, 487, 491, 492, 493, 494, 496, 495}}];
g2 = Images[{{2, 4, 1, 6, 3, 8, 5, 10, 7, 12, 13, 9, 16, 11, 19, 21, 22, 14, 26, 15,
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439, 441, 482, 444, 447, 455, 487, 453, 462, 468, 474, 461, 490, 467, 486,
484, 488, 470, 481, 492, 478, 493, 483, 480, 485, 495, 491, 489, 494, 496}}];

In[255]:=
PermDeg /@ {g1, g2}

Out[255]=
{496, 495}
```

```
In[256]:=
  myTiming[S10SGS = SchreierSims[{}, GenSet[g1, g2], 496];]
      21.573289 Second
```

```
In[257]:=
  Length /@ S10SGS
```

```
Out[257]=
  StrongGenSet[10, 20]
```

```
In[258]:=
  OrderOfGroup[S10SGS]
```

```
Out[258]=
  24815256521932800
```

This is the exceptional twisted group T3D4, represented with permutations on 819 points.

```
In[259]:=
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g1 =
  Images[{2, 1, 5, 7, 3, 10, 4, 13, 15, 6, 18, 20, 8, 23, 9, 26, 28, 11, 31, 12, 34, 35, 14,
    38, 33, 16, 42, 17, 45, 47, 19, 50, 25, 21, 22, 55, 57, 24, 60, 62, 64, 27, 67, 54, 29,
    71, 30, 74, 49, 32, 78, 80, 82, 44, 36, 86, 37, 89, 91, 39, 94, 40, 96, 41, 99, 98, 43,
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330, 736, 654, 818, 579, 720, 765, 376, 770, 804, 697, 816, 568, 798, 810, 819]];

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```
In[261]:=
  PermDeg /@ {g1, g2}
```

```
Out[261]=
  {819, 818}
```

```
In[262]:=
  myTiming[T3D4SGS = SchreierSims[{}, GenSet[g1, g2], 819];]
```

```
13.412142 Second
```

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In[263]:=
  Length /@ T3D4SGS
```

```
Out[263]=
  StrongGenSet[5, 14]
```

```
In[264]:=
  OrderOfGroup[T3D4SGS]
```

```
Out[264]=
  211341312
```

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Go back to the original settings:

```
In[265]:=
  SetOptions[Orbit, MathLink -> False];
  SetOptions[SchreierSims, MathLink -> False];
```

## Canonicalization

### The meaning of canonicalization. Tensor indices and slots

Before describing the algorithms for "canonicalization" of a permutation we want to introduce what we mean by it. Given some equivalence relation which decomposes a group of permutations into disjoint classes we want to identify uniquely a representative per class. That representative will be called the "canonical representative" of the class, and the process of finding the representative of the class of a given permutation  $perm$  will be referred to as the "canonicalization" of  $perm$ . The main criterium for canonicalization is that the identity permutation must always be the representative of its class; the secondary criterium will choose the permutation which is "closest" to the identity. This will be done by defining a total ordering among the permutations of the group and choosing the smallest permutation of the class. There are many ways to define that ordering, with the only restriction that the identity must be always the first one in any set containing it. As you can imagine, we will choose an ordering based on the base of an SGS describing the full group.

The special role of the identity poses a small but important problem, because the identity is its own inverse. So, given a sorted set of permutations, are their inverses automatically sorted with respect to the same ordering? The answer is no, and therefore we must always know whether we are sorting the permutations themselves or their inverses. Here we shall follow the convention in the papers by R. Portugal et al, which are the main source for the algorithms implemented here.

In relation to tensors, this amounts to the following: for example, given the collection of sorted indices a,b,c,d,... (renamed as 1,2,3,4,...) Renato says that permutation  $Cycles[\{1,3,2,4\}]$  represents the tensor  $T^{cdba}$  (at first slot we find third index; at third slot we find second index; etc.). The opposite view would represent that tensor with the inverse permutation  $Cycles[\{1,4,2,3\}]$  (the first index goes to the fourth slot; the fourth index goes to the second slot; etc).

## ■ 8. Canonical representative of a right coset

Given a permutation  $g$  and a group  $S$  of permutations we can construct the right coset  $S.g$ , which is not a group in general. Here we want to choose a canonical representant of  $S.g$ . 'Canonical' means the first according to a given ordering of the points of the  $\Omega$  set. That ordering is defined through the base of the SGS.

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Suppose a group generated by two permutations. We construct a SGS. Note that we can give the first points of the base of the SGS or not:

```
In[267]:=
  SGS1 = SchreierSims[{1, 2}, GenSet[Perm[{2, 1, 3, 4, 6, 5}], Perm[{3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 6}]], 6]

Out[267]=
  StrongGenSet[{1, 2, 3},
  GenSet[Perm[{2, 1, 3, 4, 6, 5}], Perm[{3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 6}], Perm[{1, 2, 4, 3, 6, 5}]]]

In[268]:=
  SGS2 = SchreierSims[{}, GenSet[Perm[{2, 1, 3, 4, 6, 5}], Perm[{3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 6}]], 6]

Out[268]=
  StrongGenSet[{1, 3},
  GenSet[Perm[{2, 1, 3, 4, 6, 5}], Perm[{3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 6}], Perm[{1, 2, 4, 3, 6, 5}]]]
```

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The group generated by those SGSs has order 8 and therefore there are 90 cosets of that group in  $S_6$ :

```
In[269]:=
  OrderOfGroup[SGS1]

Out[269]=
  8
```

```

In[270]:=
  group = Dimino[SGS1[[2]]]

Out[270]=
  Group[Perm[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}], Perm[{2, 1, 3, 4, 6, 5}],
  Perm[{3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 6}], Perm[{3, 4, 2, 1, 6, 5}], Perm[{4, 3, 1, 2, 6, 5}],
  Perm[{4, 3, 2, 1, 5, 6}], Perm[{1, 2, 4, 3, 6, 5}], Perm[{2, 1, 4, 3, 5, 6}]]

In[271]:=
  6! / 8

Out[271]=
  90

```

Now we take one permutation which does not belong to the group and construct the corresponding right coset, sorting the permutations:

```

In[272]:=
  perm = Perm[{2, 3, 1, 4, 5, 6}];

In[273]:=
  PermMemberQ[perm, SGS1]

Out[273]=
  False

In[274]:=
  coset = Permute[group, perm]

Out[274]=
  Coset[Perm[{2, 3, 1, 4, 5, 6}], Perm[{1, 3, 2, 4, 6, 5}],
  Perm[{4, 1, 3, 2, 5, 6}], Perm[{4, 2, 3, 1, 6, 5}], Perm[{3, 1, 4, 2, 6, 5}],
  Perm[{3, 2, 4, 1, 5, 6}], Perm[{2, 4, 1, 3, 6, 5}], Perm[{1, 4, 2, 3, 5, 6}]]

In[275]:=
  PermSort[coset]

Out[275]=
  Coset[Perm[{1, 3, 2, 4, 6, 5}], Perm[{1, 4, 2, 3, 5, 6}],
  Perm[{3, 1, 4, 2, 6, 5}], Perm[{4, 1, 3, 2, 5, 6}], Perm[{2, 3, 1, 4, 5, 6}],
  Perm[{2, 4, 1, 3, 6, 5}], Perm[{3, 2, 4, 1, 5, 6}], Perm[{4, 2, 3, 1, 6, 5}]]

```

The sorting is only evident in Images notation. The first permutation is our canonical representative:

```

In[276]:=
  TranslatePerm[#, Images] & /@ %

Out[276]=
  Coset[Images[{1, 3, 2, 4, 6, 5}], Images[{1, 3, 4, 2, 5, 6}],
  Images[{2, 4, 1, 3, 6, 5}], Images[{2, 4, 3, 1, 5, 6}], Images[{3, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6}],
  Images[{3, 1, 4, 2, 6, 5}], Images[{4, 2, 1, 3, 5, 6}], Images[{4, 2, 3, 1, 6, 5}]]

```

It can also be computed using Portugal's algorithms.

```

In[277]:=
  RightCosetRepresentative[perm, 6, SGS1]

Out[277]=
  {Perm[{1, 3, 2, 4, 6, 5}], StrongGenSet[{}, GenSet[]], {2, 1, 3, 4, 6, 5}}

```



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There is an additional argument which assigns special priority to some points ("free slots" below). The default is Range[deg], assigning that special priority to all points ("all slots are free"):

```
In[278]:=
  RightCosetRepresentative[perm, 6, SGS1, {1, 4, 5}]

Out[278]=
  {Perm[{2, 4, 1, 3, 6, 5}], StrongGenSet[{2}, GenSet[]], {1, 3, 6}}
```

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Together with the canonical representative, the algorithm returns a SGS for the stabilizer of the special points, and the new positions of the special points under the change of coset element (performed by the permutation h in G taking the old permutation to the new permutation):

```
In[279]:=
  RightCosetRepresentative[perm, 6, SGS1, {4, 3}]

Out[279]=
  {Perm[{4, 1, 3, 2, 5, 6}], StrongGenSet[{3}, GenSet[Perm[{1, 2, 4, 3, 6, 5}]]], {2, 1}}

In[280]:=
  h = Permute[First[%], InversePerm[perm]]

Out[280]=
  Perm[{3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 6}]

In[281]:=
  OnPoints[{4, 3}, h]

Out[281]=
  {2, 1}

In[282]:=
  Clear[h]
```

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It is important to stress that PermSort uses by default the trivial ordering of points {1, 2, 3,...}, which in this case coincide with the base of SGS1. However, if we want to use other bases, then we need a second argument:

```
In[283]:=
  PermSort[coset, SGS2[[1]]]

Out[283]=
  Coset[Perm[{1, 3, 2, 4, 6, 5}], Perm[{1, 4, 2, 3, 5, 6}],
  Perm[{2, 3, 1, 4, 5, 6}], Perm[{2, 4, 1, 3, 6, 5}], Perm[{3, 1, 4, 2, 6, 5}],
  Perm[{4, 1, 3, 2, 5, 6}], Perm[{3, 2, 4, 1, 5, 6}], Perm[{4, 2, 3, 1, 6, 5}]]

In[284]:=
  RightCosetRepresentative[perm, 6, SGS2]

Out[284]=
  {Perm[{1, 3, 2, 4, 6, 5}], StrongGenSet[{}, GenSet[]], {2, 1, 3, 4, 6, 5}}
```

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PermSort with a base uses the ordering given by PermOrderedQ. In any case the identity must always be the least permutation. Here we check that all permutations of degree four with all bases come after the identity:

```
In[285]:=
  And @@ Flatten[Outer[PermOrderedQ[{ID, Perm[#1]}, #2] &,
  Drop[Permutations@Range[4], 1], Permutations@Range[4], 1]]

Out[285]=
  True
```

It is possible to follow the internals of `CosetRepresentative` using the option `xPermVerbose`. Note that we use the terminology of tensor computations (tensor, slots, indices, etc.):

`In[286]:=`

```
RightCosetRepresentative[perm, 6, SGS2, Range[6], xPermVerbose → True]
```

```
RIGHT-COSET-REPRESENTATIVE ALGORITHM for Perm[{2, 3, 1, 4, 5, 6}]
```

```
which corresponds to the index list: Perm[{3, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6}]
```

```
base: {1, 3}
```

```
***** Analysing element i=1 of base: slot 1 *****
```

```
Symmetry orbit Delta of slots: {1, 2, 3, 4}
```

```
Free slots: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}
```

```
Free slots that can go to that slot: {1, 2, 3, 4}
```

```
At those slots we respectively find indices Deltap: {3, 1, 2, 4}
```

```
The least index is 1, found at position pk: 2 of Deltap
```

```
That index is found in tensor at slot pp: 2
```

```
We can move slot 2 to slot 1 using permutation om: Perm[{2, 1, 3, 4, 6, 5}] in S
```

```
New indices list: Perm[{1, 3, 2, 4, 6, 5}]
```

```
Computing stabilizer in S of slot 1
```

```
newbase before change: {1, 3}
```

```
newbase after change: {3}
```

```
***** Analysing element i=2 of base: slot 3 *****
```

```
Symmetry orbit Delta of slots: {3, 4}
```

```
Free slots: {2, 1, 3, 4, 6, 5}
```

```
Free slots that can go to that slot: {3, 4}
```

```
At those slots we respectively find indices Deltap: {2, 4}
```

```
The least index is 2, found at position pk: 1 of Deltap
```

```
That index is found in tensor at slot pp: 3
```

```
We can move slot 3 to slot 3 using permutation om: ID in S
```

```
New indices list: Perm[{1, 3, 2, 4, 6, 5}]
```

```
Computing stabilizer in S of slot 3
```

```
newbase before change: {3}
```

```
newbase after change: {}
```

`Out[286]=`

```
{Perm[{1, 3, 2, 4, 6, 5}], StrongGenSet[{}, GenSet[]], {2, 1, 3, 4, 6, 5}}
```

`RightCosetRepresentative`

Compute a canonical representative of a coset

Canonicalization of free indices.

## ■ 9. Canonical representative of a double coset

In this and the next section we shall use tensor terminology: the points will be either indices or slots, with the convention that the permutation  $g$  acts on slots and its images are indices. That is,  $3^g = 7$  will now be read "the third slot contains the seventh index".

When including dummy indices in a tensor there are two different kinds of symmetries: apart from those coming from the intrinsic symmetries of the tensor slots (the group  $S$ ), we have more symmetries due to exchange of names of dummy indices and to the exchange of up/down indices of a pair when a metric is present (we shall call  $D$  the group of those new symmetries). Now we need to work with the double coset  $S.g.D$ , and again we need to find a canonical representative. It is important to note that this code is prepared to work only with a special type of group  $D$ : that needed to canonicalize tensors, and that the  $S$  group acts from the left of  $g$  while the  $D$  group acts from the right of  $g$ .

The most general situation we need to handle for the  $D$  group is the following:

- We can have dummies coming from several different vbundles. The  $D$  symmetries cannot mix them and so the  $D$  group can be reduced as a direct product of smaller groups. Therefore the strong generating sets can be easily constructed independently and then joined together.

- Inside each vbundle there are two types of "dummies": pair-dummies, each pair having a  $S_2$  or  $A_2$  group or nothing, and then repeated indices, each type of repeated index having a  $S_n$  symmetry group, with  $n$  being the number of times that a given index is repeated. All pair-dummies in a vbundle can be exchanged. Therefore the  $D$  symmetry group for a vbundle is also the product of symmetric and pair-symmetric groups. (Note: sometimes I call "drummies" the combined type of dummies and "reps").

This is an important simplification because we do not need to worry about what is happening to the generating set of the  $D$  group, but only to its base. That is, given the base of the  $D$  group we know how to construct an adequate generating set. This is done using the concepts of `DummySet` and `RepeatedSet`.

---

Suppose a tensor with 12 indices where there are 5 pairs of dummies of the same vbundle `TM`. We encode the situation in a `DummySet` expression. The first pair `{7,11}` means that the seventh index in the canonical configuration is an up-index paired with the eleventh index (which is hence a down-index). The number 0 at the end means that there is no metric:

```
In[287]:=
dummyset = DummySet[TM, {{7, 11}, {4, 5}, {10, 6}, {8, 9}, {12, 1}}, 0];

In[288]:=
SGSofDummySet[dummyset]

Out[288]=
StrongGenSet[{7, 4, 10, 8, 12}, GenSet[Cycles[{7, 4}, {11, 5}],
Cycles[{4, 10}, {5, 6}], Cycles[{10, 8}, {6, 9}], Cycles[{8, 12}, {9, 1}]]]
```

---

We include a symmetric metric with a 1 at the end (–1 would give an antisymmetric metric):

```
In[289]:=
dummyset = DummySet[TM, {{7, 11}, {4, 5}, {10, 6}, {8, 9}, {12, 1}}, 1];

In[290]:=
SGSD = SGSofDummySet[dummyset]

Out[290]=
StrongGenSet[{7, 4, 10, 8, 12}, GenSet[Cycles[{7, 11}], Cycles[{4, 5}],
Cycles[{10, 6}], Cycles[{8, 9}], Cycles[{12, 1}], Cycles[{7, 4}, {11, 5}],
Cycles[{4, 10}, {5, 6}], Cycles[{10, 8}, {6, 9}], Cycles[{8, 12}, {9, 1}]]]

In[291]:=
groupD = Dimino[TranslatePerm[SGSD[[2]], {Images, 12}]];
```

```
In[292]:=
  Length[groupD]
```

```
Out[292]=
  3840
```

---

Now suppose this configuration, where the free indices 2 and 3 are at the third and fifth slots. The canonicalization process (assuming no additional symmetry in the tensor) exchanges the pair {4,5} and changes the pair {10,6} with the pair {8,9}. The pair {11,7} is also exchanged. Compare the timing of the "brute-force" method and that of Portugal's algorithm.

```
In[293]:=
  perm = Images[{1, 5, 2, 12, 3, 9, 6, 8, 4, 11, 7, 10}];
```

```
In[294]:=
  coset = Permute[perm, groupD];
```

```
In[295]:=
  Timing@Module[
    {p = First[coset], i},
    Do[
      If[PermLess[coset[[i]], p], p = coset[[i]]; Print["Change at i=", i, " to ", p]],
      {i, 2, Length@coset}];
    p]
  Change at i=2 to Images[{1, 5, 2, 12, 3, 9, 6, 8, 4, 7, 11, 10}]
  Change at i=3 to Images[{1, 4, 2, 12, 3, 9, 6, 8, 5, 11, 7, 10}]
  Change at i=4 to Images[{1, 4, 2, 12, 3, 9, 6, 8, 5, 7, 11, 10}]
  Change at i=11 to Images[{1, 4, 2, 12, 3, 8, 6, 9, 5, 11, 7, 10}]
  Change at i=12 to Images[{1, 4, 2, 12, 3, 8, 6, 9, 5, 7, 11, 10}]
  Change at i=195 to Images[{1, 4, 2, 12, 3, 6, 9, 10, 5, 11, 7, 8}]
  Change at i=196 to Images[{1, 4, 2, 12, 3, 6, 9, 10, 5, 7, 11, 8}]
  Change at i=199 to Images[{1, 4, 2, 12, 3, 6, 8, 10, 5, 11, 7, 9}]
  Change at i=200 to Images[{1, 4, 2, 12, 3, 6, 8, 10, 5, 7, 11, 9}]
  Change at i=359 to Images[{1, 4, 2, 12, 3, 6, 7, 10, 5, 9, 8, 11}]
  Change at i=360 to Images[{1, 4, 2, 12, 3, 6, 7, 10, 5, 8, 9, 11}]
```

```
Out[295]=
  {1.5401 Second, Images[{1, 4, 2, 12, 3, 6, 7, 10, 5, 8, 9, 11}]}
```

---

The base for sorting of permutations is taken from the SGS of group S. If the base does not include all positions of dummies, then it is expanded to cover them all, sorting the missing dummies.

```
In[296]:=
  Timing@DoubleCosetRepresentative[perm, 12, StrongGenSet[{}], GenSet[{}], {dummyset}]
```

```
Out[296]=
  {0.072004 Second, Images[{1, 4, 2, 12, 3, 6, 7, 10, 5, 8, 9, 11}]}
```

---

The external C code would be even faster.

DummySet	Head for a set of dummy indices
RepeatedSet	Head for a set of repeated indices
SGSOfDummySet	Compute SGS for the group associated to a set of dummy indices
DoubleCosetRepresentative	Compute a canonical representative of a double coset

Canonicalization of dummy and repeated indices.

## ■ 10. Canonical permutation

Finally, we give an algorithm that canonicalize simultaneously the free and the dummy/repeated indices. The algorithm always canonicalizes first the free indices and then the dummy/repeated indices.

---

Portugal's example in paper II. Suppose a tensor with 12 indices whose index-configuration is described by the following permutation:

```
In[297]:=
perm = Cycles[{1, 12, 11, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 7, 3}];
```

```
In[298]:=
TranslatePerm[perm, Images]
```

```
Out[298]=
Images[{12, 2, 1, 5, 6, 8, 3, 9, 10, 7, 4, 11}]
```

---

The symmetries of the tensor are described by this GS:

```
In[299]:=
GS = GenSet[-Cycles[{1, 2}], -Cycles[{3, 4}],
-Cycles[{5, 6}], -Cycles[{7, 8}], -Cycles[{9, 10}], -Cycles[{11, 12}],
Cycles[{1, 3}, {2, 4}], Cycles[{5, 7}, {6, 8}], Cycles[{9, 11}, {10, 12}],
Cycles[{5, 9}, {6, 10}, {7, 11}, {8, 12}]];
```

---

1) Canonical configuration assuming that all indices are free (empty DummySet/RepeatedSet expressions):

```
In[300]:=
CanonicalPerm[perm, 12, GS, Range[12], {}, TimeVerbose -> True, MathLink -> False]
```

SGS for group of order 1024 computed in 0.660042 secs.

Free algorithm applied in 0.016001 secs.

```
Out[300]=
Cycles[{2, 5, 3}, {4, 12, 10, 11, 7, 6, 9}]
```

```
In[301]:=
TranslatePerm[%, Images]
```

```
Out[301]=
Images[{1, 5, 2, 12, 3, 9, 6, 8, 4, 11, 7, 10}]
```

```
In[302]:=
  CanonicalPerm[perm, 12, GS, Range[12], {}, MathLink -> True]
```

```
Out[302]=
  Images[{1, 5, 2, 12, 3, 9, 6, 8, 4, 11, 7, 10}]
```

Let us check that this is the smallest permutation in the right coset S.g. We work in Images notation because only then the sorting process is apparent:

```
In[303]:=
  Length[groupS = Dimino[TranslatePerm[GS, {Images, 12}]]]
```

```
Out[303]=
  1024
```

```
In[304]:=
  Module[{g = TranslatePerm[perm, Images], ming, gg},
    ming = g;
    Do[
      gg = Permute[groupS[[i]], g];
      If[PermLess[gg, ming], ming = gg; Print["Change at i=", i, " to ", ming]],
      {i, Length[groupS]}];
    ming] // Timing
```

```
Change at i=2 to -Images[{2, 12, 1, 5, 6, 8, 3, 9, 10, 7, 4, 11}]
Change at i=18 to Images[{2, 12, 1, 5, 6, 8, 3, 9, 7, 10, 4, 11}]
Change at i=65 to Images[{1, 5, 12, 2, 6, 8, 3, 9, 10, 7, 4, 11}]
Change at i=67 to -Images[{1, 5, 2, 12, 6, 8, 3, 9, 10, 7, 4, 11}]
Change at i=83 to Images[{1, 5, 2, 12, 6, 8, 3, 9, 7, 10, 4, 11}]
Change at i=195 to -Images[{1, 5, 2, 12, 3, 9, 6, 8, 10, 7, 4, 11}]
Change at i=211 to Images[{1, 5, 2, 12, 3, 9, 6, 8, 7, 10, 4, 11}]
Change at i=451 to -Images[{1, 5, 2, 12, 3, 9, 6, 8, 4, 11, 10, 7}]
Change at i=483 to Images[{1, 5, 2, 12, 3, 9, 6, 8, 4, 11, 7, 10}]
```

```
Out[304]=
  {0.208013 Second, Images[{1, 5, 2, 12, 3, 9, 6, 8, 4, 11, 7, 10}]}
```

2) Now suppose that indices 1,2 (in the canonical list) are free while the others are contracted as given by the list of pairs or slots  $\{\{3,4\},\{5,6\},\{7,8\},\{9,10\},\{11,12\}\}$ . The canonical configuration is (note that this is the result quoted by Portugal et al.):

```
In[305]:=
  CanonicalPerm[perm, 12, GS, {1, 2},
    {DummySet[M, {{3, 4}, {5, 6}, {7, 8}, {9, 10}, {11, 12}}, 1]},
    TimeVerbose -> True, MathLink -> False]
```

```
SGS for group of order 1024 computed in 0.656041 secs.
Free algorithm applied in 0.008001 secs.
Dummy algorithm applied in 0.128008 secs.
```

```
Out[305]=
  -Cycles[{2, 3}, {4, 5}, {6, 7, 9}, {8, 11}]
```

```

In[306]:=
  TranslatePerm[%, {Images, 12}]

Out[306]=
  -Images[{1, 3, 2, 5, 4, 7, 9, 11, 6, 10, 8, 12}]

In[307]:=
  CanonicalPerm[perm, 12, GS, {1, 2},
    {DummySet[M, {{3, 4}, {5, 6}, {7, 8}, {9, 10}, {11, 12}}, 1]}, MathLink -> True]

Out[307]=
  -Images[{1, 3, 2, 5, 4, 7, 9, 11, 6, 10, 8, 12}]

```

Note that this permutation is smaller than the one obtained using only the right coset S.g. This is obvious because the double coset S.g.D contains the right coset S.g. Again, we check that this is the right answer by brute force. We construct the SGS of the group D and search for the least of the permutations of the double coset S.g.D. Do not evaluate the Module below because it takes very long (the cell has been made nonevaluatable):

```

In[308]:=
  SGSD = TranslatePerm[SGSOfDummySet[
    DummySet[M, {{3, 4}, {5, 6}, {7, 8}, {9, 10}, {11, 12}}, 1]], {Images, 12}]

Out[308]=
  StrongGenSet[{3, 5, 7, 9, 11}, GenSet[Images[{1, 2, 4, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}],
    Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}],
    Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12}],
    Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 9, 11, 12}],
    Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 11}],
    Images[{1, 2, 5, 6, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}],
    Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12}],
    Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 7, 8, 11, 12}],
    Images[{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 9, 10}]]]

In[309]:=
  Length[groupD = Dimino[SGSD[[2]]]]

Out[309]=
  3840

In[310]:=
  Module[{g = TranslatePerm[perm, Images], ming, gg},
    ming = g;
    Do[
      Do[
        gg = Permute[groupS[[i]], g, groupD[[j]]];
        If[PermLess[gg, ming], ming = gg;
          Print["Change at i=", i, ", j=", j, " to ", ming]],
        {j, Length[groupD]}],
      {i, Length[groupS]};
    ming] // Timing

```

3) With `OrderedBase→False` we can get a different result, because we are sorting indices with a different base:

```
In[311]:=
CanonicalPerm[perm, 12, GS, {1, 2},
{DummySet[M, {{3, 4}, {5, 6}, {7, 8}, {9, 10}, {11, 12}}, 1]],
OrderedBase → False, TimeVerbose → True, MathLink → False]

SGS for group of order 1024 computed in 0.400025 secs.

Free algorithm applied in 0.004001 secs.

Dummy algorithm applied in 0.616038 secs.
```

```
Out[311]=
-Cycles[{2, 3}, {4, 6, 10, 8, 12}]
```

```
In[312]:=
TranslatePerm[%, {Images, 12}]
```

```
Out[312]=
-Images[{1, 3, 2, 6, 5, 10, 7, 12, 9, 8, 11, 4}]
```

```
In[313]:=
CanonicalPerm[perm, 12, GS, {1, 2},
{DummySet[M, {{3, 4}, {5, 6}, {7, 8}, {9, 10}, {11, 12}}, 1]],
OrderedBase → False, MathLink → True]
```

```
Out[313]=
-Images[{1, 3, 2, 6, 5, 10, 7, 12, 9, 8, 11, 4}]
```

That result can also be interpreted in terms of an ordering of permutations with respect to a particular base. In this case the dummy indices are sorted differently (again, this cell has been made nonevaluatable):

```
In[314]:=
Module[{g = TranslatePerm[perm, Images], ming, gg},
ming = g;
Do[
Do[
gg = Permute[groupS[[i]], g, groupD[[j]]];
If[PermOrderedQ[{gg, ming}, {1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12}],
ming = gg; Print["Change at i=", i, ", j=", j, " to ", ming]],
{j, Length[groupD]}],
{i, Length[groupS]}];
ming] // Timing
```

CanonicalPerm	Compute a canonical representative given the free and dummy indices of an object
TimeVerbose	Timings information
xPermVerbose	Detailed information of the internal processes
OrderedBase	Fill missing points in base with sorted points



Index canonicalization

## Final comments

### ■ Statistics

This is the time used inside the Mathematica session, not counting the time in the external executable:

```
In[315]:=
  TimeUsed[]

Out[315]=
  17.1051
```

and again, this is the maximum memory used in the session, not counting the external executable:

```
In[316]:=
  MaxMemoryUsed[] / 1000 / 1024.

Out[316]=
  11.1003
```

The package has 78 public reserved words:

```
In[317]:=
  ? xAct`xPerm`*
```

#### xAct`xPerm`

AllBaseImages	LeftTransversal	PermOrderedQ	Search
Antisymmetric	MathLink	PermQ	SetStabilizer
BaseChange	MinB	PermSignature	SGSOfDummySet
BaseChangeCheck	NonStablePoints	PermSort	SortB
CanonicalPerm	NotationOfPerm	PermutationFromTo	Stabilizer
Coset	OnPoints	Permute	StabilizerChain
Cycles	Orbit	PermuteList	StablePoints
DeleteRedundantGenerators	Orbits	PermWord	StrongGenSet
Dimino	OrderedBase	PowerPermute	Symmetric
Disclaimer	OrderOfGroup	RandomPerm	TimeVerbose
DoubleCosetRepresentative	PairSymmetric	RepeatedSet	TraceSchreier
DoubleTransversal	Perm	RiemannSymmetric	TranslatePerm
DummySet	PermDeg	RiemannSymmetry	UseRules
FromBaseImage	PermEqual	RightCosetRepresentative	xPermVerbose
GenSet	PermGreater	RightTransversal	\$Version
Group	PermGreaterEqual	Rules	\$xpermExecutable
ID	PermLength	Schreier	\$xpermLink
Images	PermLess	SchreierOrbit	\$xpermQ
InversePerm	PermLessEqual	SchreierOrbits	
JoinSGS	PermMemberQ	SchreierSims	