

**Cauchy - Frobenius lemma wrongly called Burnside**  
**- its counting properties over orbits of groups acting on finite sets -**  
**Talk about Marcel Wild Analytic Enumeration**  
**of**  
**isomorphic classes of linear binary matroids**



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## ( Frobenius-Cauchy- Polya) Burnside Lemma

- ✓ tool that allows us to count the number of distinct items given a certain number of colors or other Characteristics.

It responds to questions like:

- ✓ "How many distinct squares can be made with blue or yellow vertices?"  
or
- ✓ "How many necklaces with  $n$  beads can we create with clear and solid beads?"
- ✓ it will act as a picture function actually producing a polynomial that demonstrates what the different configurations are, and how many of each exist.

# Cauchy-Frobenius Counting theorem also called Burnside Lemma

## Burnside Cauchy Frobenius Lemma

Lemma: ( the orbit-counting theorem )

result useful in taking account of symmetry when counting mathematical objects.

Let  $G$  be a finite group that acts on a set  $X$ .

$g \in G$ , let  $X_g$  denote the set of elements in  $X$  that are fixed by  $g$ .

States that 
$$|X/G| = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{(g) \in G} |X_g|$$

number of orbits (a natural number or  $+\infty$ ) = average number of points fixed by  $g \in G$ .



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**Definition: The transversal of orbits**

As  $G$  is an equivalence relation on  $X$ , a transversal  $F$  of the orbits yields a set partition of  $X$ , i.e, a complete dissection of  $X$  into the pairwise disjoint and nonempty subsets  $G(t), t \in F$

$$X = \bigcup_{t \in F} G(t)$$

Hence the set of orbits will be denoted  $G$

$$X := \{G(t) | t \in F\}$$

### Group Actions and Partitions

Each set partition of  $X$  gives rise to an action of a certain group on  $X$ .

let  $X_i$ , where  $i \in I$ , an index set,

denote a partition of pairwise disjoint, nonempty sets which union is  $X$ .

An Action of  $G$  on a set  $X$  is equivalent to a permutation representation of  $G$  on  $X$

it yields a set partition of  $X$  into orbits.

$$\bigoplus_i S_{x_i} := \{ \pi \in S_x \mid \forall i \in I : \pi X_i = X_i \}$$

each set partition of  $X$  corresponds in a natural way to an action of

certain subgroup of the symmetric group  $S_x$

which has blocks of the partition as its orbits.




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# Relationship fixed points and Stabilizers ( Frobenius-Cauchy- Polya) Burnside Lemma

## Stabilizers and Fixed points

orbits stabilizers.

$G(x) \subset X$    $G_x \leq G$

$X_g$  fix points

Stabilizer of  $x \in X$  is  $G_x := \{g | gx = x\}$

$x \in X$  is fixed under Fixed point  $g$  in  $G$  iff  $gx = x$ .

The set of all fixed points of  $G$  is  $X_g := \{x | gx = x\}$

The set of all fixed points of a subset  $S$  in  $G$  is  $X_S := \{g \in S | gx = x\}$   
If  $S = G$  we call it Set of invariants.

we say  $x$  is a fixed point of  $g$  and  
 $g$  fixes  $x$ .

stabilizer subgroup of  $x$  (also called the isotropy)  
is the set of all elements in  $G$  that fix  $x$ :

## Stabilizers of Elements in the same orbit

Definition: ( Stabilizer of elements in the same orbit)

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ , and let  $g \in G$  such that  $x_1 = g.x_2$

Then  $G_{x_1}$  and  $G_{x_2}$  are related by  $G_{x_1} = gG_{x_2}g^{-1}$ .

$g' \in G_{x_2}$  if and only if  $g'.(g.x_2) = g.x_2$

$(g^{-1}g'g).x_2 = (g^{-1}g).x_2 = x_2;$

$g^{-1}g'g \in G_{x_2}$

The stabilizers of elements in the same orbit are conjugate to each other.




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# Natural bijection between Orbits and Cosets of Stabilizers

For a fixed  $x$  in  $X$ , consider map  $G$  to  $X$

$$g \rightarrow g.x \text{ for all } g \in G.$$

image of this map is the orbit of  $x$   the coimage is the set of all left cosets of  $G_x$ .

The standard quotient theorem of set theory

gives a natural bijection between  $G/G_x$  and  $Gx$

given by  $hG_x \rightarrow h.x$ .

orbit-stabilizer theorem.

If  $G$  and  $X$  are finite then the orbit-stabilizer theorem, together with Lagrange's theorem, gives  $|Gx| = [G : G_x] = |G|/|G_x|$ .

This result can be employed for counting arguments.

## Standard Quotient Theorem:

The mapping  $G(x) \rightarrow G/G_x : gx \rightarrow gG_x$  is a bijection ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 gx = g'x &\iff g^{-1}gx = g^{-1}g'x \iff x = g^{-1}g'x \\
 &\iff g^{-1}g' \in G_x \iff G_x = g^{-1}g'G_x \iff g'G_x = gG_x
 \end{aligned}$$



Corollary: If  $G$  is a finite group acting on set  $X$ , then  $x \in X$

$$|G(x)| = |G|/|G_x|$$



Corollary:

If  $G$  is finite,  $g$  in  $G$ , and  $U \leq G$ , then

conjugacy classes of elements  $|C^G(g)| = |G|/|C_G(g)|$

Centralizer

and

subgroups  $|\tilde{U}| = |G|/|N_G(U)|$

Normalizer

The **centralizer** of a subset  $S$  of group (or semigroup)  $G$  is defined

$$C_G(S) = \{g \in G \mid sg = gs \text{ for all } s \in S\}$$

The **normalizer** of  $S$  in the group (or semigroup)  $G$  is defined

$$N_G(S) = \{g \in G \mid gS = Sg\}$$

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# Lagrange Theorem:

**Lagrange's Theorem**     *If  $G$  is a finite group and  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ ,  
then  $|H|$  divides  $|G|$ .     number of distinct left cosets of  $H$  in  $G$  is  $\frac{|G|}{|H|}$ .*



$$|G| = r|H|.$$



$$|a_i H| = |H| \text{ for each } i,$$



$$|G| = |a_1 H| + |a_2 H| + \cdots + |a_r H|.$$



cosets are disjoint,

$$G = a_1 H \cup \cdots \cup a_r H.$$



$$a \text{ in } G, \quad aH = a_i H \text{ for some } i \quad a \in aH.$$



$$a_1 H, a_2 H, \dots, a_r H$$

distinct left cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ .

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## Orbit-Stabilizer Theorem

Corollary:

If  $G$  is a finite group acting on the set  $X$ , then for each  $x \in X$

we have  $|G(x)| = |G|/|G_x|$



$G(x)$  has the same number of elements as  $G / G_x$

$$|G(x)| = [G : G_x]$$



$$g * x \mapsto g G_x$$



there is a well-defined bijection:

$$G(x) \rightarrow G / G_x$$



Standard Quotient Theorem

# Proof Cauchy Frobenius Polya Lemma

The number of orbits of a finite group  $G$  acting on a finite set  $X$  is equal to the average number of fixed points:



$$|G \setminus X| = 1/|G| \sum_{g \in G} |X_g|$$

$$|G| \sum_{t \in F} (1) = |G| \cdot |G \setminus X|$$



number of orbits of finite group  $G$  acting on a finite set  $X$

$$\sum_{x \in G(t)} |G(x)|^{-1} = |G(x)| |G(x)|^{-1} = 1.$$



$$GX := \{G(t) | t \in F\}$$



$F$  is transversal

$$\sum_x |G| |G(x)|^{-1} = |G| \sum_x |G(x)|^{-1} = |G| \sum_{t \in F} \sum_{x \in G(t)} |G(x)|^{-1}$$

Orbit-Stabilizer Theorem



Enumerating elements in the Stabilizer

$$\sum_x \sum_{g \in G_x} 1 = \sum_x |G_x| =$$



Enumerating fixed points in  $G \times X$

$$\sum_{g \in G} |X_g| = |\{(g, x) \in G \times X | g.x = x\}| = \sum_{g \in G} \sum_{x \in X_g} 1$$

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