

L8 (4/15/2020)

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Random generation in permutation groups

Problem: Given $G = \langle s_1, \dots, s_k \rangle$ output random $g \in G$

More precisely: $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_k\} \subset S_N$, $GL(n, \mathbb{F}_q)$, etc.

Want: probab. alg. which outputs from Q on G

s.t.
$$\frac{1-\varepsilon}{|G|} < Q(g) < \frac{1+\varepsilon}{|G|} \quad \forall g \in G$$

$\forall \varepsilon > 0$

We will solve Problem in the future.

Today: the case $G \leq S_N$



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$g_1, \dots, g_k \leftarrow$ uniform random in G

$h = g_1^{\epsilon_1} \dots g_k^{\epsilon_k}$, $\epsilon_i \in \{0, 1\}$ random subproducts

$Q(h) \leftarrow$ prob. of h

Then $\left[\frac{1-\epsilon}{|G|} < Q(h) < \frac{1+\epsilon}{|G|} \quad \forall h \in G \right]$ w/ Prob $> 1-\delta$

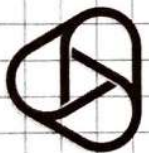
$$k > 2 \log_2 |G| + 2 \log_2 \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \log \frac{1}{\delta} + 1$$

Thus: if $\mathcal{R} \leftarrow$ cost of gen'n 1 random elt

Then generating m random elts in

$$O(\mathcal{R} \log_2 |G| + m k \mu)$$

where $\mu \leftarrow$ cost of mult in G .



Permutation groups

$$G = \langle R \rangle, \quad R = \langle s_1 \dots s_k \rangle, \quad s_i \in S_N$$

Th (1) $|G|$ and random $g \in G$ can be computed
[Sims, 1971] in time $\text{poly}(N, k)$

(2) Moreover group membership $x \in? G, x \in S_N$
can be decided in $\text{poly}(N, k)$

Sims (197) $\leftarrow N^6$, Knuth (1991) $\leftarrow N^5$ Deterministic

[Cooperman-Finkelstein $\leftarrow N^4$ Probab]

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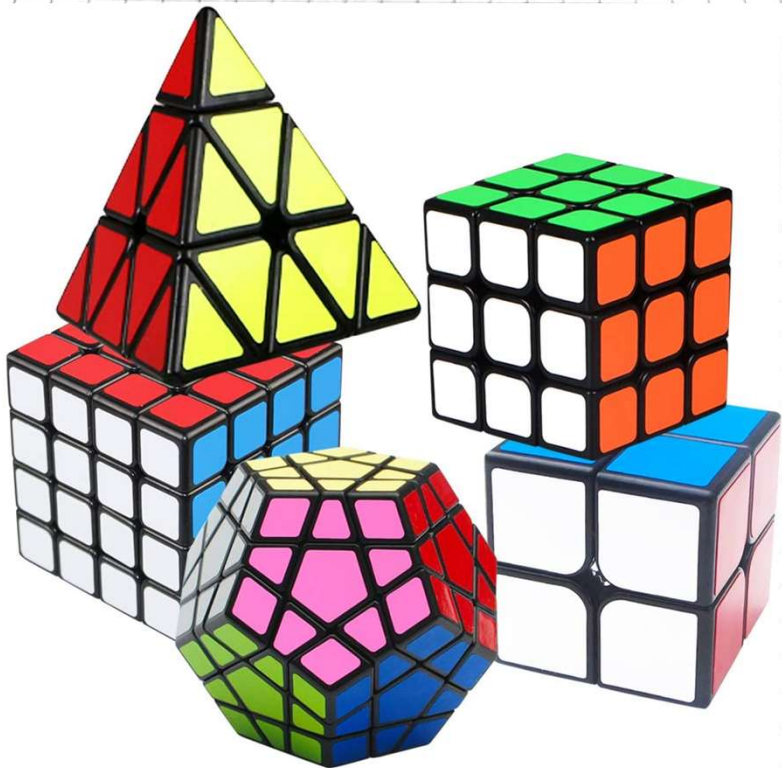


Examples

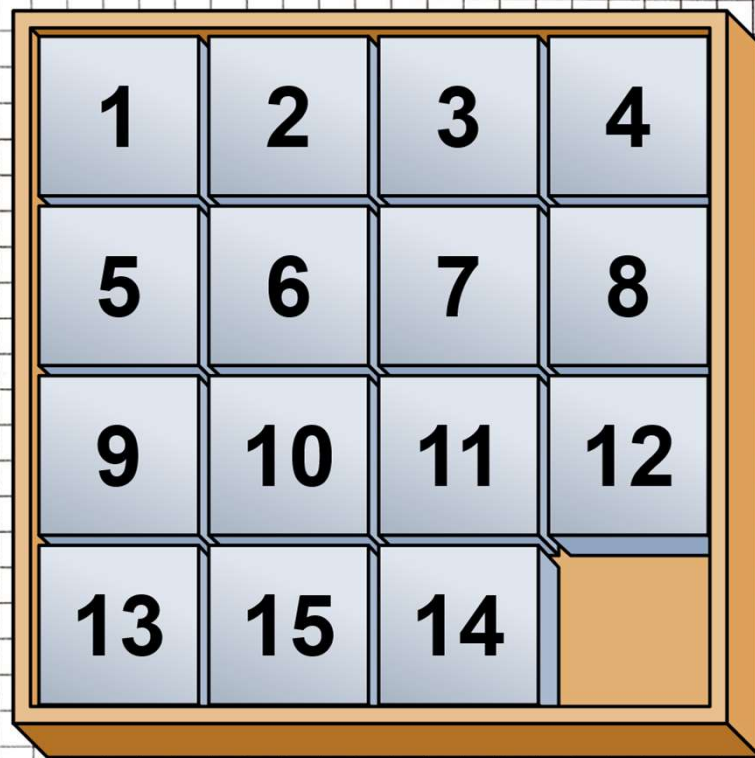
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Permutation groups

① Rubik's cube ++



② Game 15



Exc (1) Understand why Sims Th $\Rightarrow$ $n \times n \times n$ Rubik's cube can be solved in $\text{poly}(n)$ time

(2) Why is "Game (n^2-1) " a problem on perm. groups



Schreier's Lemma

① $G = \langle s_1 \dots s_k \rangle$, $s_j \in S_N$

Orbit of 1 $:= \{i, 1 \leq i \leq N, \exists \sigma \in G \text{ s.t. } \sigma(1) = i\}$

$X_0 \leftarrow \emptyset$, $X_1 \leftarrow \{1\}$

$X_{i+1} = \bigcup_j \{s_j(i), i \in X_i\}$

$\leq N$ steps

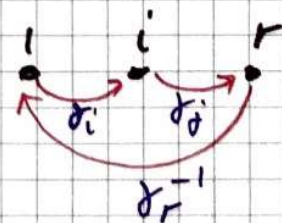
easy to compute

② $St_G(1) = \{\sigma \in G : \sigma(1) = 1\} < G$

Schreier's L (1928) $\Gamma < G$, $\Gamma = \{ \gamma_i, i \in O_\sigma(1) \}$ $\left. \begin{array}{l} \gamma_i(1) = i \end{array} \right\}$ ①

Then

$St_G(1) = \langle \gamma_r^{-1} \gamma_j \gamma_i, i, j, r \in O_\sigma(1) \text{ s.t. } \gamma_i(1) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \gamma_j(i) = r \rangle$



Think of RC : [Do smth] $\rightarrow$ [minor change] $\rightarrow$ [undo]

Sims Alg $[G = \langle s_1 \dots s_k \rangle \subset S_N]$

① Compute $O_G(1)$ as $\Gamma = \{\gamma_i, i \in O_G(1)\}$

② Compute $St_G(1)$ via Schreier's Lemma
as $St_G(1) = \langle \gamma_r^{-1} \gamma_j \gamma_i : \gamma_j(i) = r \rangle$

$G \leftarrow St_G(1)$, Repeat until done.

$$G \supseteq St_G(1) \supseteq St_G(1,2) \supseteq \dots \supseteq St_G(1,2,\dots,N) = 1$$

$$|\Gamma_1| = O_G(1), |\Gamma_2| = O_{St(1)}(2), \dots, |\Gamma_\ell| = O_{St(1 \dots \ell-1)}(\ell), \dots$$

Output ① $|G| \leftarrow |\Gamma_1| \cdot |\Gamma_2| \cdot \dots$

② $g \leftarrow (\text{rand } \gamma_i \in \Gamma_1) (\text{rand } \gamma_j \in \Gamma_2) \cdot \dots$

③ $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{given } \sigma \in S_N, \text{ check } i = \sigma(1) \in? O_G(1). \text{ No} \Rightarrow \text{"NO"} \\ \text{yes} \Rightarrow \sigma \leftarrow \gamma_i^{-1} \sigma, \text{ repeat w/ } St_G(1) \end{array} \right.$



Exc Fill in details for ①, ②, ③.

Major issue w/ Sims Alg

Number of gens (!)

of $St_G(1, 2, \dots, e)$ can explode
(and does)
 $k \rightarrow k^3 \rightarrow k^9 \rightarrow \dots$

What to do?

Sims, Knuth &
clever bookkeeping

Reducing number of gens

[Cooperman-Finkelstein]

Alg $G = \langle S \rangle$, $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_k\} \rightarrow G = \langle R \rangle$ w.h.p., $|R| = O(\log |G|)$
 $R \leftarrow \{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_e\}$, $h_i \leftarrow s_1^{\epsilon_1} \dots s_k^{\epsilon_k}$, $\epsilon_i \in \{0, 1\}$
random subproducts.

Th/L $e = 2 \log_2 |G| + O(\log \frac{1}{\epsilon}) \Rightarrow G = \langle R \rangle$ w/ $\Pr > 1 - \epsilon$

$\triangleright H_0 = 1$, $H_{i+1} = \langle H_i, h_{i+1} \rangle$



Recall: w/ $\Pr \geq \frac{1}{2}$ $h_{i+1} \notin H_i$
+ Exc



Back to Sims Alg

$$G = \langle R \rangle, \quad R = \{s_1, \dots, s_k\} \in S_N, \quad \underline{\ell} := \log(N!) \geq \log |G| \\ = N \log N + O(N)$$

$$(0) \quad k \text{ gen's} \xrightarrow{\text{cf}} O(\ell) \text{ gen's} \\ \text{cost} \quad O(k \ell \mu)$$

$$(1) \quad \text{compute } O_G(i), \Gamma_i \\ \text{cost} \quad O(\ell N \mu)$$

$$(2) \quad \text{compute } \{ \delta_r^{-1} \delta_i \delta_i \} \\ \text{cost} \quad O(N^2 \mu)$$

Repeat N times

$$k \leftarrow O(N^2)$$

Total cost

$$O(k \ell \mu + N^2 \ell \mu \times N \\ + \ell N \mu \times N + N^2 \mu \times N)$$

$$= O(k \ell \mu + N^3 \ell \mu)$$

$$= O(k N \log N \mu + N^4 \log N \mu)$$

$$\times O(\log N)$$



One more issue (!?!)

$$\text{Error term} \quad \varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{multiply cost by } (\log \frac{1}{\varepsilon}) \\ = O(\log N)$$

How good is this SCF Alg?

Cost: $\leftarrow O(N^4 (\log N)^2 \mu + \dots)$

Outputs: $\leftarrow \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \dots, \Gamma_N$

w/ Pr: $> 1 - \epsilon$

$$|G| = |\Gamma_1| \cdot |\Gamma_2| \cdot \dots$$

w/ $Pr > 1 - \epsilon$

reliable?

Imp. Remark: we can check if Answer correct

Note: $|\Gamma_1| \cdot |\Gamma_2| \cdot \dots \leq |G|$ always

$\oplus \iff$ we obtained all of $St_b(1..l)$
NOT a subgroup.

Alg $G = \langle s_1, \dots, s_k \rangle$

check group membership ③ $\forall s_i$

yes $\Rightarrow \oplus \checkmark$

No $\Rightarrow$ try again

$\Rightarrow$ SCF Alg
is in ZPP

/ zero error, but
probab. exp time /



RC Exc (cont'd)

① Take $n \times n \times n$ RC. Here $N = O(n^2)$

Choose a smart order of Stab's so that
no need for N iteration.

Q: Is $O(1)$ iterations enough in this case?

② Find $G = \langle S \rangle$, $G \neq S_n, A_n$ s.t. $O(N)$ iterations

③ Read about $M_{24} \leftarrow$ Mathieu group $\subset S_{24}$
How many iter do you need for M_{24} ?

