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## A Study on Symmetric Subgroups

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**ABSTRACT:** In this note we define symmetric subgroups under the operators composition and plus circle compo. Also we derive some results based on the above concepts.

**KEYWORDS:** Symmetric groups, Symmetric subgroups, Composition, Plus circle compo.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

In mathematics, the symmetric group on a set is the group consisting of all bijections of the set (all one-to-one and onto functions) from the set to itself with function composition as the group operation. The symmetric group is important to diverse areas of mathematics such as Galois theory, invariant theory, the representation theory of Lie groups, and combinatorics. Cayley's theorem states that every group  $G$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of the symmetric group on  $G$ .

### II. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1:**

Let  $A$  be a finite set containing  $n$  elements. The set of all permutations of  $A$  is clearly a group under the composition of functions. This group is called the symmetric group of degree  $n$  and is denoted by  $S_n$ .

**Definition 2.2:**

Let  $G$  be a group, a subset  $H$  of  $G$  is called a subgroup of  $G$  if  $H$  itself is a group under the operation induced by  $G$ .

**Definition 2.3:** (Reverse Composition -  $O_R$ )

Let us consider a symmetric group  $S_2$ . The elements of  $S_2$  are  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \{e, p_1\}$

The Reverse Composition is defined as in  $S_2$ ,  $e O_R p_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} O_R \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

The composition mapping is  $1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2$  here we define the reverse composition mapping as

$1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2$  (i.e)  $2 \rightarrow 1$

similarly,  $2 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$  (i.e)  $1 \rightarrow 2$

$$e O_R p_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = p_1$$

and also  $p_1 O_R e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} O_R \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

(i.e)  $1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \Rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$

$2 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1 \Rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2$ .

$$p_1 O_R e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = p_1$$

It's clearly  $O_R$  is also a binary operation.

**Definition 2.4:**

We define a new operation in composition mapping on  $S_3$ , that is called as plus circle compo,

**Table 1.Plus circle compo**

$+^o$	$e$	$p_1$	$p_2$	$p_3$	$p_4$	$p_5$
$e$	$e$	$p_1$	$p_2$	$p_3$	$p_4$	$p_5$
$p_1$	$p_1$	$p_1$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$
$p_2$	$p_2$	$e$	$p_2$	$e$	$e$	$e$
$p_3$	$p_3$	$e$	$e$	$p_3$	$e$	$e$
$p_4$	$p_4$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$p_4$	$e$
$p_5$	$p_5$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$e$	$p_5$

**III. MAIN RESULTS**

**Definition 3.1:**

Let  $S_2$  be a set with a binary operation ‘o’ defined on it. Let  $S \subseteq S_2$ . If for each  $e, p_1 \in S$ ,  $e o p_1$  is in  $S$ . we say that  $S$  is Symmetric closed with respect to the binary operation ‘o’. In generally, Let  $S_n$  be a set with a binary operation ‘o’ defined on it. Let  $S \subseteq S_n$ . If for each  $e, p_1 \in S$ ,  $e o p_1$  is in  $S$ . we say that  $S$  is Symmetric closed with respect to the binary operation ‘o’.

**Example 3.2:**

Let us consider a symmetric group  $S_2$ . The elements of  $S_2$  are  $\{(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}), (\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{smallmatrix})\} = \{e, p_1\}$   
 Let  $S = \{e, p_1\}$ . Then  $e o p_1 = p_1 \in S \rightarrow S$  is Symmetric closed in  $S_2$ .

**Definition 3.3:**

A subset  $S$  of a Symmetric group  $(S_2, o)$  is called a symmetric subgroup of  $S_2$  if  $S$  forms a group with respect to the binary operation in  $S_2$ .

**Definition 3.4:**

A subset  $S$  of a Symmetric group  $(S_3, o)$  is called a symmetric subgroup of  $S_3$  if  $S$  forms a group with respect to the binary operation in  $S_3$ .

**Example 3.5:**

Let us consider a symmetric group  $S_3$ . The elements of  $S_3$   
 $\{(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{smallmatrix}), (\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}), (\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{smallmatrix}), (\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{smallmatrix}), (\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}), (\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{smallmatrix})\} = \{e, p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5\}$   
 Let  $S = \{e, p_1, p_2\}$ . Then  $e o p_1 = p_1 \in S$

(i) Clearly  $S$  is symmetric closed

**(ii) Associative:**

$(e o p_1) o p_2 = p_1 o p_2 = e$  and  $e o (p_1 o p_2) = e o (e) = e$

**(iii) Identity:**

There exists an element  $e \in S$  such that  $e o p_1 = p_1 o e = e$  for all  $p_1 \in S$

**(iv) Inverse:**

For any element  $p_1 \in S$ , There exists an element  $p_2 \in S$  such that  $p_2 o p_1 = p_1 o p_2 = e \rightarrow S$  is Symmetric closed in  $S_3$ .

**Theorem 3.6:**

Let  $S$  be symmetric subgroup of  $(S_2, o)$  then

- (i) The identity element of  $S$  is the same as that of  $S_2$ .
- (ii) For each  $p_1 \in S$  the inverse of  $p_1$  in  $S$  is the same as the inverse of  $p_1$  in  $S_2$ .

**Proof:**

- (i) Let  $e$  and  $e'$  be two identity element of  $S_2$ .  
 Then  $e o e' = e'$  (since  $e$  is an identity element)  
 Also  $e' o e = e$  (since  $e'$  is an identity element)  
 $e = e'$
- (ii) Let  $P_1$  and  $P_1'$  and  $P_1''$  be two inverse of  $P_1$ ,  
 Here  $P_1 o P_1 = P_1' o P_1 = e$  and  $P_1 o P_1'' = P_1'' o P_1 = e$   
 $P_1' = P_1' o e = P_1' (P_1 o P_1'') = (P_1' o P_1) P_1''$   
 $P_1' = e o P_1'' = P_1''$   
 The inverse of  $P_1$  is unique

**Theorem 3.7:**

Let S be symmetric subgroup of  $(S_3, o)$  then

- (i) The identity element of S is the same as that of  $S_3$ .
- (ii) For each  $p_1 \in S$  the inverse of  $p_1$  in S is the same as the inverse of  $p_1$  in  $S_3$ .

**Proof:**

- (i) Let e and e' be two identity element of  $S_3$ .  
Then  $eo e' = e'$  (since e is an identity element)  
Also  $e'oe = e$  (since e' is an identity element)  
 $e = e'$

- (ii) Let  $P_1$  and  $P_1'$  and  $P_1''$  be two inverse of P,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Here } P_1 o P_1 &= P_1' o P_1 = e \text{ and} \\ P_1 o P_1'' &= P_1'' o P_1 = e \\ P_1' &= P_1' o e = P_1' (P_1 o P_1'') = (P_1' o P_1) P_1'' \\ P_1' &= e o P_1'' = P_1'' \end{aligned}$$

The inverse of  $P_1$  is unique

**Theorem 3.8:**

A Symmetric subgroup  $(S_2)$  can have at most one identity that are equal.

**Proof:**

Let the element of  $S_2 = \{e, p_1\}$  Take the symmetric subgroup,  $S = \{e, p_1\}$

If e and e' are both identities. Then  $e = eoe' = e'$

Similarly,  $e' = e'oe = e \Rightarrow e = e'$

Therefore each symmetric subgroup have at most one identity,  $e = e'$

**Theorem 3.9:**

A Symmetric subgroup  $(S_3)$  can have at most one identity that are equal.

**Proof:**

Let the element of  $S_3$

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 23 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 23 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 23 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \{e, p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5\}$$

Take the symmetric subgroup,  $S = \{e, p_1, p_2\}$

If e and e' are both identities. Then  $e = eoe' = e'$  Similarly,  $e' = e'oe = e \Rightarrow e = e'$

Therefore each symmetric subgroup have at most one identity,  $e = e'$

**Proposition 3.10:**

Inverse of a symmetric subgroup  $(S_2, O)$  is also a symmetric subgroup.

**Proof:**

$$\text{Let } S_2 = \{e, p_1\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

And let  $S = \{e, p_1\}$  and  $S^{-1} = \{e, p_1\}^{-1} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

$$S^{-1} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \left( e^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} p_1^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$S^{-1} = S$  is also a symmetric subgroup under composition

**Proposition 3.11:**

Inverse of a symmetric subgroup  $(S_3, o)$  is also a symmetric subgroup.

**Proof:**

Let  $S_3 = \{e, p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5\}$

$$S^{-1} = \{e, p_1, p_2\}^{-1} = \{e^{-1}, p_1^{-1}, p_2^{-1}\}$$

$$e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 23 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, p_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 23 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, p_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 23 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(e)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 23 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 23 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = e$$

$$(p_1)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 23 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 23 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = p_2$$

$$(p_2)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 23 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 23 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = p_1$$

$$\rightarrow S^{-1} = S = \{e, p_1, p_2\}$$

$\rightarrow$  Inverse of a symmetric subgroup  $(S_3, o)$  is also a symmetric subgroup.

**Definition 3.12:**

Let  $S_2$  be a set with a binary operation 'O<sub>R</sub>' defined on it. Let  $S \subseteq S_2$ . If for each  $e, p_1 \in S$ ,  $e O_R p_1$  is in S. we say that S is Symmetric closed with respect to the binary operation 'O<sub>R</sub>'.

**Example 3.13:**

Let us consider a symmetric group  $S_2$ . The elements of  $S_2$  are  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \{e, p_1\}$

Let  $S = \{e, p_1\}$

Then  $e O_R p_1 = p_1 \in S$

$\rightarrow$  S is Symmetric closed in  $S_2$ .

**Definition 3.14:**

Let  $S_3$  be a set with a binary operation ‘+<sup>o</sup>’ defined on it. Let  $S \subseteq S_3$ . If for each  $e, p_1 \in S$ ,  $e +^o p_1$  is in  $S$ . we say that  $S$  is Symmetric closed with respect to the binary operation ‘+<sup>o</sup>’.

**Example 3.15:**

Let us consider a symmetric group  $S_3$ . The elements of  $S_3$   $\{(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{smallmatrix}), (\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}), (\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{smallmatrix}), (\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{smallmatrix}), (\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}), (\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{smallmatrix})\} = \{e, p_1,$

$p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5\}$

Let  $S = \{e, p_1, p_2\}$

Then  $e +^o p_1 = p_1 \in S$

(i) Clearly  $S$  is symmetric closed

(ii) Associative:

$$(e +^o p_1) +^o p_2 = p_1 +^o p_2 = e$$

$$e +^o (p_1 +^o p_2) = e +^o (e) = e$$

(iii) Identity:

There exists an element  $e \in S$  such that  $e +^o p_1 = p_1 +^o e = e$  for all  $p_1 \in S$

(iv) Inverse:

For any element  $p_1 \in S$ , There exists an element  $p_2 \in S$  such that  $p_2 +^o p_1 = p_1 +^o p_2 = e$

→  $S$  is Symmetric closed in  $S_3$ .

**Definition 3.16:**

A subset  $S$  of a Symmetric group  $(S_2, O_R)$  is called a symmetric subgroup of  $S_2$  if  $S$  forms a group with respect to the binary operation in  $S_2$ .

**Definition 3.17:**

A subset  $S$  of a Symmetric halfgroup  $(S_3, +^o)$  is called a symmetric subgroup of  $S_3$  if  $S$  forms a group with respect to the binary operation in  $S_3$ .

**Theorem 3.18:**

Let  $S$  be symmetric subgroup of  $(S_2, O_R)$  then

(iii) The identity element of  $S$  is the same as that of  $S_2$ .

(iv) For each  $p_1 \in S$  the inverse of  $p_1$  in  $S$  is the same as the inverse of  $p_1$  in  $S_2$ .

**Proof:**

(iii) Let  $e$  and  $e'$  be two identity element of  $S_2$ .  
Then  $e O_R e' = e'$  (since  $e$  is an identity element )  
Also  $e' O_R e = e$  (since  $e'$  is an identity element )  
 $e = e'$

(iv) Let  $P_1$  and  $P_1'$  and  $P_1''$  be two inverse of  $P_1$ ,  
Here  $P_1 O_R P_1' = P_1' O_R P_1 = e$  and  
 $P_1 O_R P_1'' = P_1'' O_R P_1 = e$   
 $P_1' = P_1' O_R e = P_1' O_R (P_1 O_R P_1'')$   
 $= (P_1' O_R P_1) O_R P_1''$   
 $P_1' = e O_R P_1'' = P_1''$   
The inverse of  $P_1$  is unique

**Theorem 3.19:**

Let  $S$  be symmetric subgroup of  $(S_3, +^o)$  then

(i) The identity element of  $S$  is the same as that of  $S_3$ .

(ii) For each  $p_1 \in S$  the inverse of  $p_1$  in  $S$  is the same as the inverse of  $p_1$  in  $S_3$ .

**Proof:**

(i) Let  $e$  and  $e'$  be two identity element of  $S_3$ .  
Then  $e o e' = e'$  (since  $e$  is an identity element )  
Also  $e' +^o e = e$  (since  $e'$  is an identity element )  
 $e = e'$

(ii) Let  $P_1$  and  $P_1'$  and  $P_1''$  be two inverse of  $P_1$ ,  
Here  $P_1 +^o P_1' = P_1' +^o P_1 = e$  and  
 $P_1 +^o P_1'' = P_1'' +^o P_1 = e$   
 $P_1' = P_1' +^o e = P_1' +^o (P_1 +^o P_1'')$   
 $= (P_1' +^o P_1) +^o P_1''$   
 $P_1' = e +^o P_1'' = P_1''$   
The inverse of  $P_1$  is unique

**Theorem 3.20:**

A Symmetric subgroup  $(S_2)$  can have at most one identity that are equal.

**Proof:**

Let the element of  $S_2 = \{e, p_1\}$

Take the symmetric subgroup,  $S = \{e, p_1\}$

If  $e$  and  $e'$  are both identities.

Then  $e = e \circ_R e' = e'$

Similarly,  $e' = e' \circ_R e = e$

$$e = e'$$

Therefore each symmetric subgroup have at most one identity,  $e = e'$

**Theorem 3.21:**

A Symmetric subgroup ( $S_3$ ) can have at most one identity that are equal.

**Proof:**

Let the element of  $S_3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \{e, p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5\}$

Take the symmetric subgroup,

$$S = \{e, p_1, p_2\}$$

If  $e$  and  $e'$  are both identities.

Then  $e = e +^o e' = e'$

Similarly,  $e' = e' +^o e = e$

$$e = e'$$

Therefore each symmetric subgroup have at most one identity,  $e = e'$

**Proposition 3.22:**

Inverse of a symmetric subgroup ( $S_2, \circ_R$ ) is also a symmetric subgroup.

**Proof:**

$$\text{Let } S_2 = \{e, p_1\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

And let  $S = \{e, p_1\}$   $S^{-1} = \{e, p_1\}^{-1} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

$$S^{-1} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \left( e^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} p_1^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$S^{-1} = S$  is also a symmetric subgroup under composition

**Proposition 3.23:**

Inverse of a symmetric subgroup ( $S_3, +^o$ ) is also a symmetric subgroup.

**Proof:**

Let  $S_3 = \{e, p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5\}$

$$S^{-1} = \{e, p_1, p_2\}^{-1} = \{e^{-1}, p_1^{-1}, p_2^{-1}\}$$

$$e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(e)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = e$$

$$(p_1)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = p_2$$

$$(p_2)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = p_1$$

$$\rightarrow S^{-1} = S = \{e, p_1, p_2\}$$

$\rightarrow$  Inverse of a symmetric subgroup ( $S_3, +^o$ ) is also a symmetric subgroup.

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