

$$D_n = \{e, r, r^2, \dots, r^{n-1}, s, sr, sr^2, \dots, sr^{n-1}\}$$

where $r = 2\pi/n$ radian rotation counterclockwise
 $s =$ reflection across line of symmetry through vertex v .

Warm-Up: Draw the 10 elements of D_5 as symmetries of \square .

Prop: In D_n ,

① $|s| = |sr^i| = 2$

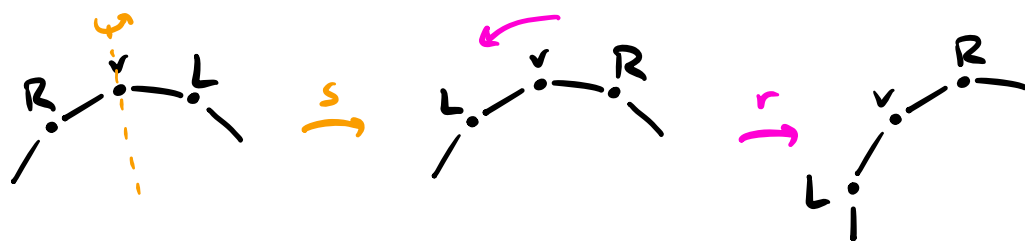
② $rs = sr^{-1}$ (equivalently, $srs = r^{-1}$)

③ $r^i s = sr^{-i}$.

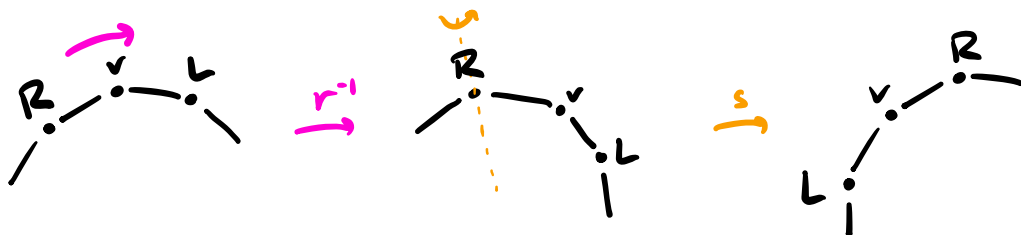
Proof: ① $s \neq e$ but $s^2 = e$ (look at v and its neighbors), so $|s| = 2$.
We'll come back for sr^i .

②

rs:



sr^{-1} :



③ Induct on i :

$$\begin{aligned}
 r^{i+1}s &= r(r^i s) = r(sr^{-i}) \\
 &= (rs)r^{-i} \\
 &= (sr^{-1})r^{-i} \\
 &= sr^{-i}.
 \end{aligned}$$

① Continued: $sr^i \neq e$, but

$$(sr^i)^2 = sr^i sr^i = ssr^{-i}r^i = s^2 = e,$$

so $|sr^i| = 2$.



We have the presentation

$$D_n = \langle \underbrace{r, s}_{\text{Generators}} \mid \underbrace{r^n = s^2 = e, rs = sr^{-1}}_{\text{Relations}} \rangle.$$

Ex: In D_5 ,

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{s^3} r s r^3 \underline{s^2} r^4 s &= s r s (r^3 r^4) s \\ &= s r s \underline{r^7} s \\ &= s r s (r^2 s) \\ &= s r \underline{s s} \underline{r^{-2}} \\ &= s r r^3 \\ &= s r^4. \end{aligned}$$