

# HOMEWORK 15 NINA CHALGERI

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$\{1, 2, 3\}$  0 inversions  
permutations  
~~arrangements~~

$\{2, 3, 1\}$  2 inversions  
(2,1) (2,3)

$\{1, 3, 2\}$  1 inversion  
(2,1)

$\{3, 1, 2\}$  2 inversions  
(1,2) (1,3)

$\{2, 1, 3\}$  1 inversion  
(1,2)

$\{3, 2, 1\}$  3 inversions  
(3,2) (3,1) (2,1)

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1 5 2 3 7 4 6  
↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓

$0 + 3 + 0 + 0 + 2 + 0 + 0 = 5$  total inversions

③ \* It is impossible to solve the 15-puzzle with legal moves.

PROOF.

an invariant is the number of inversions plus the taxicab distance of the blank space from the top-<sup>left</sup> corner:  $(i+j) - 2$

\* lemma: in every legal move, this invariant always changes by either 2 or 0.

↳ the number of inversions that is changed in one legal move is always odd (often 1)

\* lemma: In every legal move, the above invariant changes by an even number  $\Rightarrow$  (have the same parity).

$\Rightarrow$  Hence, no matter how many legal moves, the parity of the invariant is the same.

↳ This means that the 15-puzzle has only two inversions between the start and the end goal; ~~both~~ and the taxicab distance is 6. 1 is odd and 6 is even so ~~therefore~~ ~~parities~~ these two numbers have different parities.

$\rightarrow$  Impossible.

④ \* Abstract finite group.

• A group,  $G$ , of order  $n$  consists of a set of objects

$$\{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n\}$$

• an operation called multiplication, denoted by  $*$  such that:

(i) for any numbers  $g, g'$  of  $G$ :  $g * g' \in G$

(ii) there exists a special number usually called  $e$  (identity number) with properties  $g * e = e * g = g$  for every element in  $G$

(iii) For any 3 numbers of  $G$ :  $g_1, g_2, g_3$

$$(g_1 * g_2) * g_3 = g_1 * (g_2 * g_3) \Rightarrow \text{Associativity}$$

(iv) every number  $g$  of  $G$  has so-called inverse denoted by  $g^{-1}$  with  $g * g^{-1} = e$  and  $g^{-1} * g = e$

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