

8. For a permutation $p \in P_n$ and $1 \leq i \leq n$, we adopt the notation $p[i]$ for the i 'th element of p and $p^{-1}[j]$ for the index of the element j (so that $p[p^{-1}[j]] = j$). Let $1 \leq x \leq n$ be an element in permutation $p \in P_n$ such that $p^{-1}[x] \neq x$. Define the *rotate home* operation $S(p, x)$ as one that

- shifts elements $p[x], \dots, p[p^{-1}[x] - 1]$ to the left if $x > p^{-1}[x]$, and $p[p^{-1}[x] + 1], \dots, p[x]$ to the right otherwise; and
- sets $p[x] \leftarrow x$.

Evaluate $S((1, 3, 5, 4, 6, 2), 2)$ and $S((5, 1, 4, 2, 3, 6), 5)$.

9. Define a *rotate-home graph of n -permutations* as a directed graph $G_r(n)$ that has a vertex for each permutation of P_n and an edge from p to q if there is an element x such that $S(p, x) = q$. Depict $G_r(n)$ for $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$.

10. How many *undirected cycles* and *directed cycles* does $G_r(n)$ contain, for $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$?

11. Define a *rotate leftmost home* operation on a permutation $p \in P_n$, $p \neq (1, 2, \dots, n)$ as the operation $S_l(p) = S(p, x)$ where x is the leftmost element in p such that $p[x] \neq x$.
Depict the sequence of permutations obtained by repeated application of the rotate leftmost home operation to the sequence $(2, 3, 4, \dots, n, 1)$ for $n = 2, 3, 4$.

12. Does the procedure outlined in Question 11 always terminate? Explain your answer.