

- (1) Let  $\sigma \in S_n$ . Define  $P_\sigma$  to be the  $n \times n$  matrix with  $(P_\sigma)_{ij} = \delta_{i,\sigma(j)}$ .  
 Prove that the map  $\sigma \mapsto P_\sigma$  is a homomorphism from  $S_n$  to  $O(n)$ .  
 What is the kernel of this homomorphism?
- (2) Let  $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 & 5 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$   
 Find  $sign(\sigma)$ .
- (3) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix.  
 Prove that  $\det A = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} sign(\sigma) A_{1\sigma(1)} \cdots A_{n\sigma(n)}$ .
- (4) Let  $T$  be a  $k$ -tensor on  $V$ . Prove that  $T$  is alternating if and only if  
 $T(v_1, \dots, v_k) = 0$  for any  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  such that  $v_i = v_j$  for some  $i \neq j$ .
- (5) let  $\sigma \in S_{k+l}$  be the following permutation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots & k & k+1 & \dots & k+l \\ l+1 & \dots & l+k & 1 & \dots & l \end{pmatrix}$$

Prove that  $sign(\sigma) = (-1)^{kl}$ .