

Itai-XKCD Question

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Let  $n$  be an integer.

$$D_n = \{ \underline{1256710\cdot 11984311} \}$$

$S_n$  the group of permutations on  $\{1, \dots, n\}$

$D_n$  the set of "Deck Permutations", the index permutation appearing in  $([x,y] = xy - yx)$   
 $[a_1, [a_2, [a_3, \dots [a_{n-1}, a_n] \dots ]]]$

Question What is the largest number  $\ell$  so that  $S_n$  can be partitioned into  $\ell$  disjoint subsets,

$$S_n = P_1 \cup P_2 \cup \dots \cup P_\ell$$

so that

$$\forall 1 \leq j \leq \ell \quad \forall \sigma \in S_n \quad \exists \tau \in D_n \text{ s.t. } \sigma \tau^{-1} \in P_j ?$$

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What's that Demon from stat-Mech called?

Call it  $X$ . Our question is related to

"How much of an  $X$ -demon is somebody with  $D_n^{-1}$  sorting power".