

No tails of length  $\geqslant 2$ . Therefore  $\alpha$  lies in a subgroup. Hence  $\alpha$  lies in a maximal subgroup. Hence the maximal subgroup containing  $\alpha$  is  $\mathcal{H}_{\alpha}$ . For any  $\beta$ 

$$\beta \in H_{\alpha} \Leftrightarrow \beta \mathcal{H} \alpha,$$
  
 $\Leftrightarrow \beta \mathcal{R} \alpha \text{ and } \beta \mathcal{L} \alpha,$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \ker \beta = \ker \alpha \text{ and } \operatorname{Im} \beta = \operatorname{Im} \alpha,$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \operatorname{Im} \beta = \{2, 3, 5\} \text{ and } \ker \beta \text{ has classes } \{1, 3\}, \{2, 4\}, \{5\}.$ 

We now figure out what the elements of  $\mathcal{H}_{\alpha}$  are. We start with the idempotent. We know that the image of the idempotent is  $\{2, 3, 5\}$  and that idempotents are identities on their images. Thus we must have

$$\varepsilon = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ & 2 & 3 & & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We also know that 1 and 3 go to the same place and 2 and 4 go to the same place. Thus we must have

$$\varepsilon = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We now have what the idempotent is and then the other elements of  $\mathcal{H}_{\alpha}$  are (note that 1 and 3 must have the same images, just as 2 and 4):

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\
2 & 3 & 2 & 3 & 5
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\
5 & 2 & 5 & 2 & 3
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\
3 & 5 & 3 & 5 & 2
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\
5 & 3 & 5 & 3 & 2
\end{pmatrix}
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1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\
2 & 5 & 2 & 5 & 3
\end{pmatrix}.$$

These are all 6 elements.

Check  $\mathcal{H}_{\alpha} \simeq S_3$ .