
Zbl 656.05002**Erdős, Paul; Linial, N.; Moran, S.***Extremal problems on permutations under cyclic equivalence.* (In English)**Discrete Math.** **64**, 1-11 (1987). [0012-365X]

Let $\sigma \in S_n$ be a permutation and let $[\sigma]$ be the class of all cyclic permutations of σ . For $\pi \in S_n$, $\pi = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$, denote by π^R the permutation $(b_n, \dots, b_1) \in S_n$. Also denote by $\langle \sigma \rangle$ the set $[\sigma] \cup \{\tau^R; \tau \in [\sigma]\}$. In this paper the authors study the function $F(n) = \max \min I(\sigma)$, where $I(\sigma)$ is the number of inversions in σ , the max is over $\pi \in S_n$ and the min over $\sigma \in [\pi]$.

The main result is the following theorem:

$$0.304^- n^2 + 0(n) = \frac{8 - \pi}{16} \cdot n^2 - \frac{3n}{2} \leq F(n) \leq \frac{n^2}{3} - \frac{3n - 1}{6} = 0.333^+ n^2 + 0(n).$$

The measures of complexity considered are the number of inversions and the diameter of the permutation.

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