

Battleship - Symmetries

The goal of this game is to sink your opponent's ships. Each team places

1. 1 Battleship (4 squares)
2. 1 Cruiser (3 squares)
3. 2 Destroyers (2 squares)

on their grid. This grid happens to be the multiplication table for symmetries of three objects!

Start: Each team starts in the top left hand corner.

Turns: On your turn, you guess one square on the opponent's grid. To guess a square, you must do two things.

1. You state which square you wish to move to as a product, and compute the product.
2. You state the symmetry by which you must multiply (on the left) to arrive at your new space.

If both of these are carried out correctly, the other team will tell you if you've hit one of their ships or if you've missed. They must also tell you if you've sunk a ship. If you make a mistake in either step, you forfeit your turn. *This is up to the other team to check!*

Victory: The team who sinks all of their opponents' ships first wins!

Example Turn: Suppose you are in the top left space, and wish to move to the bottom right space. You say "We move from $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ to space $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ by multiplying by $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ". The other team checks that indeed, $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$, and tells you whether they have a ship on that space.

