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Let F be a system of mappings from a finite set X into itself. Let the set X contain exactly n points, n a natural number. Then, evidently, the system F cannot contain more than n^n mappings.

Let us assume that every two mappings from F commute, that is f o g = g of for every f, $g \in F$, where by o we denote the composition of mappings. It can be proved that F does not contain more than a(n) mappings, where

 $a(n) = 2^{n-1}$ for n = 1, 2, ..., 6, $a(n) = \max (n-r)^r + 1$ for $n \ge 7$. r=2, ..., n=3

On the other hand, there exists a commutative system G of mappings from X into X, such that G contains a(n) mappings.

The proof of this assertion will be published in the Czech. Math. Journal.