

Please remember when submitting any work via email or in person to...

PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR WORK!

#1 Let $\sigma = (123)(45)$. Fill out the following table:

$\tau =$	$(1432)(56)(254)$	$(1234)(1423)(246)$	$(12)(345)(1357)$
τ simplified (as disjoint cycles):			
The order of τ : $ \tau =$			
The inverse of τ : $\tau^{-1} =$			
τ as a product of transpositions:			
τ conjugated by σ : $\sigma\tau\sigma^{-1} =$			
A power of τ : $\tau^{99} =$			

#2 Orders in S_n .

(a) What are the orders of the elements in S_7 ? Give an example of an element with each order.

Note: It might be helpful to know that there are 15 partitions of the number 7. Each partition corresponds to a different cycle type. Specifically, $7 = 6 + 1 = 5 + 2 = 5 + 1 + 1 = 4 + 3 = 4 + 2 + 1 = 4 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 3 + 3 + 1 = 3 + 2 + 2 = 3 + 2 + 1 + 1 = 3 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 2 + 2 + 2 + 1 = 2 + 2 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 2 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$.

(b) Does S_{10} have an element of order 30? If so, find one. If not, explain why not.

(c) Does S_{10} have an element of order 25? If so, find one. If not, explain why not.

RESUBMIT Type up Homework #4 Problems #4 and its solution in L^AT_EX.

Let $x, y \in G$ (for some group G). If there exists some $g \in G$ such $gxg^{-1} = y$, we say x and y are *conjugates*.

(a) Let $y = gxg^{-1}$ for some $g \in G$. Show that $|x| = |y|$ (i.e. conjugates have the same order).

Note: You will need to know that $(gxg^{-1})^k = gx^k g^{-1}$ for every non-negative integer k . I let you get away with informal justifications on original submissions. This time I would like you to include a careful proof of this fact (use induction on k).

(b) Prove or give a counterexample: $\langle x \rangle = \langle gxg^{-1} \rangle$ (where $x, g \in G$).

In other words, is it true or not that conjugates generate the same cyclic subgroup?

When typing this problem up, please write carefully: Restate the problem. Write in complete sentences.