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

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

#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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

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.