

Homework 4 (Chapter 5)

1. Find the order of each of the following permutations.

a. (14) : order = 2

b. (147) : order = 3

c. (14762) : order = 5

d. $(a_1 a_2 \dots a_k)$: order = k

2. Write each of the following permutations as a product of disjoint cycles.

a. $(1235)(413) = (15)(234)$

b. $(13256)(23)(46512) = (124)(35)(6) = (124)(35)$

c. $(12)(13)(23)(142) = (1423)$

3. What is the order of each of the following permutation.

a. $(124)(357) = \text{L.C.M}(3,3) = 3$

b. $(124)(3567) : \text{L.C.M}(3,4) = 12$

c. $(124)(35) : \text{L.C.M}(3,2) = 6$

d. $(124)(357869) : \text{L.C.M}(3,6) = 6$

e. $(1235)(24567) : (124)(3567) \rightarrow \text{L.C.M}(3,4) = 12$

f. $(345)(245) : (1)(25)(34) = (25)(34) \rightarrow \text{L.C.M}(2,2) = 2$

4. What is the order of each of the following permutations.

$$a. \alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 & 4 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = (12)(356)(4) = (12)(356)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{order: } L.C.M(2, 3) = 6$$

$$b. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 7 & 6 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = (1753)(264)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{order: } L.C.M(4, 3) = 12$$

6. Show that A_8 contains an element of order 15.

$$\text{let } \alpha = (123)(45678) \in A_8$$

$$|\alpha| = L.C.M(3, 5) = 15 \quad \checkmark$$

8. What is the maximum order of any element in A_{10} .

In S_n

$$(1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5)(6 \ 7 \ 8)(9 \ 10) \text{ has order} = 30 \text{ and maximum in } S_{10}$$

But this it is an odd permutation (5 cycles)(3 cycles)(2 cycles) $\notin A_{10}$

So

$$\alpha = (2)(8) \rightarrow |\alpha| = 2$$

$$\alpha = (3)(7) \rightarrow |\alpha| = 21 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\alpha = (4)(6) \rightarrow |\alpha| = 2$$

$$\alpha = (1)(9) \rightarrow |\alpha| = 9$$

$$\alpha = (5)(5) \rightarrow |\alpha| = 5$$

$$\alpha = (6)(4) \rightarrow |\alpha| = 2$$

So the maximum order in $A_{10} = \underline{\underline{21}}$

9. Determine whether the following permutations are even or odd.

a. $(135)^2 : (15)(13) \rightarrow \text{even}$

b. $(1356)^3 : (16)(15)(13) \rightarrow \text{odd}$

c. $(13567)^4 : (17)(16)(15)(13) \rightarrow \text{even}$

d. $(12)^1(134)^2(152)^2 : (12)(14)(13)(12)(15) \rightarrow \text{odd}$

e. $(1243)^3(3521)^3 : (13)(14)(12)(31)(32)(35) \rightarrow \text{even}$

12. If α is even, prove that α^{-1} is even. If α is odd, prove that α^{-1} is odd.

If α is even $\rightarrow \alpha = \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_{2n}$, α 2-cycles.

$$\alpha^{-1} = [\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_{2n}]^{-1}$$
$$= \alpha_{2n} \alpha_{2n-1} \dots \alpha_2 \alpha_1 \rightarrow \text{even}$$

If α is odd $\rightarrow \alpha = \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_{2n+1}$

$$\alpha^{-1} = [\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_{2n+1}]^{-1}$$
$$= \alpha_{2n+1} \alpha_{2n} \dots \alpha_2 \alpha_1 \rightarrow \text{odd}$$

14. In S_n , let α be an r -cycle, β an s -cycle and γ a t -cycle. Complete the following.

• $\alpha\beta$ is even iff $r+s$ is even

• $\alpha\beta\gamma$ is even iff $r+s+t$ is odd

17. let $\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\beta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ compute each of the following

a. α^{-1} :

$$\alpha^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

b. $\beta\alpha$:

$$\beta\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 6 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = (1)(26543) = (26543)$$

c. $\alpha\beta$:

$$\alpha\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 2 & 1 & 5 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = (16453)(2) = (16453)$$

26. prove that (1234) is not the product of 3-cycles.

$\alpha = (1234) = (14)(13)(12)$ is odd permutation

and any 3-cycles $(abc) = (ac)(ab)$ is even

So α can't be written as product of 3-cycles.

35. How many elements of order 5 are in A_6 ?

A_6 is a group of all the even permutation and a cycle of odd length (even permutation)

→ 5 length cycle is even permutation,

→ the total number of order 5 in $A_6 = \frac{6!}{5} = 144$.

41. prove that S_n is non-Abelian for all $n \geq 3$.

$$\text{let } \alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \in S_3$$

$$\alpha \circ \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \beta \circ \alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\alpha \beta \neq \beta \alpha$ so is non-Abelian.

So S_n is non-Abelian $\forall n \geq 3$.