
Homework 11
Due: Friday, May 3

1. [J]5.2. Here, “compute” means “write as a product of disjoint cycles”.
2. [J]5.4.
3. Suppose $\alpha = (a_1, \dots, a_m) \in S_n$ is an m -cycle. What is the order of α ? Justify your answer.
4. (a) Give an explicit example of elements α, β of some S_n such that $\text{ord}(\alpha\beta) = \text{ord}(\alpha) \cdot \text{ord}(\beta)$.
(b) Give an explicit example of elements γ, δ of some S_n such that $\text{ord}(\gamma\delta) \neq \text{ord}(\gamma) \cdot \text{ord}(\delta)$.
5. [J]5.31. (HINT: Don't explicitly compute with cycles; the same statement is true if S_n is replaced with any group!)