

Your solution may be handwritten. Use regular sized sheets of paper, stapled together.

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1. Execute the following multiplications in  $S_7$ .

(a) (1 point)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 4 & 7 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 6 & 1 & 5 & 3 & 2 & 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(b) (1 point)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 7 & 5 & 6 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 7 & 6 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

2. Write each of the following permutations as a product of disjoint cycles and then as a product of transpositions. Determine whether each permutation is odd or even.

(a) (1 point)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ 4 & 3 & 9 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 5 & 10 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(b) (1 point)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ 7 & 3 & 1 & 6 & 4 & 5 & 8 & 9 & 2 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$ .

3.

(a) (1 point) Give an example of two elements  $x, y$  in  $S_9$  such that  $o(x) = o(y) = 5$  and  $o(xy) = 9$ .

(b) (1 point) What is the largest order an element of  $S_9$  can have? Prove your answer.

4. (2 points) Find elements  $x, y \in S_{\mathbb{Z}}$  such that  $x$  and  $y$  have finite order, yet  $xy$  has infinite order.

5.

(a) (1 point) Let  $G$  be a group and  $a, b \in G$ . Let  $a \sim b$  hold if and only if there exists  $x \in G$  such that  $a = xbx^{-1}$ . Prove that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.

(b) (1 point) For integers  $x, y$ , let  $x \sim y$  hold if and only if  $3x - 10y$  is a multiple of 7. Prove that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.