

# Math 30810 Honors Algebra 3

## Homework 8

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**Do 5.**

1. Show that  $(ij)$  and  $(12\dots n)$  generate  $S_n$  if and only if  $(i - j, n) = 1$ .
2. Artin 7.2.15
3. Artin 7.2.17
4. Artin 7.3.3
5. Artin 7.5.7
6. Artin 7.5.12
7. Let  $n \geq 5$ .
  - (a) Suppose  $\sigma = c_1 c_2 \cdots c_r \in S_n$  is a product of disjoint cycles with  $c_1$  of length  $\geq 3$ . Find  $\tau \in S_n$  such that  $\tau \sigma \tau^{-1} \sigma^{-1}$  is a 3-cycle.
  - (b) Suppose  $\sigma = c_1 c_2 \cdots c_r \in S_n$  is a product of disjoint transpositions with  $r \geq 1$ . Find  $\tau \in S_n$  such that  $\tau \sigma \tau^{-1} \sigma^{-1}$  is a product of 2 disjoint transpositions.
  - (c) Suppose  $\sigma = c_1 c_2$  is a product of disjoint transpositions. Find  $\tau \in S_n$  such that  $\tau \sigma \tau^{-1} \sigma^{-1}$  is a 3-cycle.
  - (d) Let  $N \triangleleft S_n$ . Show that if  $N \neq \{1\}$  then  $N \supset A_n$ , and therefore that  $N = A_n$  or  $N = S_n$ . [Hint: Recall from class that 3-cycles generate  $A_n$ .]
8. Enumerate the orbits of  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  on  $\mathbb{Z}^2 - \{0\}$ .
9. Suppose  $G$  acts on  $X$ . Show that for each  $g \in G$ ,  $x \in X$ ,  $\mathrm{Stab}_G(gx) = g \mathrm{Stab}_G(x) g^{-1}$ .
10. Let  $G$  be a group,  $H < G$  and  $N \triangleleft G$  such that  $H \cap N = \{1\}$ .
  - (a) Show that the multiplication map  $N \times H \rightarrow NH$  is a bijection of sets.
  - (b) Find a homomorphism  $\phi : H \rightarrow \mathrm{Aut}(N)$  such that the above multiplication map gives an isomorphism of groups  $N \rtimes_{\phi} H \cong NH$ .