

1. Consider the permutations $g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 5 & 4 & 2 & 7 & 1 & 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ and $h = (235)(14)$ in S_7 . What is the disjoint cycle decomposition of g ? Calculate gh and the conjugate $h^{-1}gh$, and then determine the order and parity (whether the permutations are even or odd) of the permutations g , h , gh and $h^{-1}gh$. (7 points)
2. Suppose g is an element of a non-commutative group G , furthermore, $|G| = 28$, $g^7 \neq 1$, and $g^8 \neq 1$. What can be the order of the element g ? (7 points)
3. Let G be the group of invertible 2×2 upper triangular matrices over \mathbb{Z}_5 , and $N = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_5, a \neq 0 \right\} \subseteq G$. Prove that N is a normal subgroup of G , and G/N is cyclic. (7 points)
4. What is the number of elements of order 12 in the alternating group A_{10} ? (7 points)
5. a) Prove that if \mathcal{C}_1 and \mathcal{C}_2 are two conjugacy classes of a group G then the set $\mathcal{C}_1 \cdot \mathcal{C}_2 = \{gh \mid g \in \mathcal{C}_1, h \in \mathcal{C}_2\}$ is the union of some conjugacy classes of G .
b) For $G = S_4$, the conjugacy class of 2-cycles, that is, $\mathcal{C}_1 = (12)^G$ and the conjugacy class of 3-cycles, that is, $\mathcal{C}_2 = (123)^G$, how many conjugacy classes of G does the set $\mathcal{C}_1 \cdot \mathcal{C}_2$ contain? (7 points)
6. Let $H, K \leq G$, $|G| = 80$, $|H| = 20$, $|K| = 8$. Prove that $\langle H \cup K \rangle \triangleleft G$. (7 points)