

$$\sigma = (1\ 2)(3\ 4)(5\ 6)(7\ 8)(9\ 10) \quad S_{10} \quad \tau^k$$

$$\tau^{-1} = \sigma$$

$$\frac{n}{\text{gcd}(n,k)} = 2 \Rightarrow \frac{10}{\text{gcd}(10,k)} = 2 \Rightarrow \text{gcd}(10,k) = 5 \Rightarrow k = 5 \text{ as } n=10$$

$$\tau = (1\ 3\ 5\ 7\ 9\ 2\ 4\ 6\ 8\ 10)$$

$$\sigma = (a_1\ a_2\ \dots\ a_{k_1})(a_{k_1+1}\ \dots\ a_{k_2}) \dots (a_{k_{n-1}+1}\ \dots\ a_{k_n})$$

Q) If $\alpha, \beta \in S_n$ are disjoint and $\alpha\beta = 1$ then show that $\alpha = \beta = 1$

Ans:- $\alpha(\beta(x)) = x \Rightarrow \alpha(n) \neq x \Rightarrow \beta(x) = x$
 $\beta(y) \neq y \Rightarrow \alpha(y) = y$

$\exists x$ such that $\beta(x) \neq x$
 $\Rightarrow \alpha(\beta(x)) = \beta(x) \neq x$
 But we know $\alpha\beta = 1 \Rightarrow \leftarrow$ Thus $\beta(x) = x \forall x \in S_x \Rightarrow \alpha = \beta = 1$
 Similarly $\alpha(x) = x \forall x \in S_x$

Q) Let $\alpha = \beta\gamma$ in S_n where β and γ are disjoint. ^{Show that} if β moves i then $\alpha^k(i) = \beta^k(i) \forall k \geq 0$

Ans:- $\alpha(i) = \beta\gamma(i) = \beta(\gamma(i)) = \beta(i)$
 $\Rightarrow \alpha^k(i) = \beta^k(i) \dots$ [using induction]

Q) If α and β are cycles in S_n and if $\exists i$ moved by both α and β and if $\alpha^k(i) = \beta^k(i) \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$, then show that $\alpha = \beta$

Ans:- $\alpha = \beta\gamma$
 $\alpha = (\beta_1\ \beta_2\ \dots\ \beta_r)(\tau_1\ \tau_2\ \dots\ \tau_k) \quad \gamma^k(1\ 2\ \dots\ r+k) = (1\ 2\ \dots\ r+k)$
 $\alpha^k(1\ 2\ \dots\ r+k) = \beta^k(1\ 2\ \dots\ r+k) \quad \gamma = 1$
 $\Rightarrow \alpha = \beta$

Factorizations into Disjoint Cycles :-

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 6 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 5 & 3 & 8 & 9 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha = (1\ 6\ 3)(2\ 4)(5)(7\ 8\ 9) = (1\ 6\ 3)(2\ 4)(7\ 8\ 9)$$

Theorem:- Every permutation $\alpha \in S_n$ is either a cycle or a disjoint product of cycle

Definition:- A complete factorization of a permutation α is a factorization of α as a product of disjoint cycles which contains one 1-cycle (i) for every i fixed by α .

Theorem:- Let $\alpha \in S_n$ and let $\alpha = \beta_1 \beta_2 \dots \beta_t$ be a complete factorization into disjoint cycles. This factorization is unique for the order in which the factors occur

Q) α is a permutation of $\{1, 2, \dots, 9\}$ defined by $\alpha(i) = 10 - i$. Write α as a product of disjoint cycles

$$\text{Ans:- } \alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 9 & 8 & 7 & 6 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (1\ 9)(2\ 8)(3\ 7)(4\ 6)$$

Q) How many $\alpha \in S_n$ are there with $\alpha^2 = 1$?

$$\text{Ans:- } (i\ j) \ \forall \ i, j \in X \rightarrow \binom{n}{2}$$

$$(i\ j)(r\ s) \ \forall \ i, j, r, s \in X \rightarrow \binom{n}{2} \binom{n-2}{2}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n/2} \binom{n-2i}{2}$$

Even and Odd Permutations:-

Theorem:- Every permutation $\alpha \in S_n$ is a product of transpositions

Proof:- $(a_1 a_2 \dots a_k) = (a_1 a_k)(a_1 a_{k-1}) \dots (a_1 a_2)$

Definition:- A permutation $\alpha \in S$ is even if it is a product of an even number of transpositions otherwise it is odd.

	Parity
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 \rightarrow	0
1 $\overbrace{3 \ 4}^1$ $\overbrace{5 \ 6}^2$ $\overbrace{7 \ 8}^3$ 2 \rightarrow	0
1 $\overbrace{3 \ 2}^1$ 4 5 6 7 8 \rightarrow	1
1 $\overbrace{3 \ 2}^1$ 4 5 6 $\overbrace{8 \ 7}^2$ \downarrow \rightarrow	0

Lemma:- If $k, l \geq 0$ then

$$(a \ b) (a \ c_1 \dots \ c_k \ b \ d_1 \dots \ d_l) = (a \ c_1 \dots \ c_k) (b \ d_1 \dots \ d_l)$$

and

$$(a \ b) (a \ c_1 \dots \ c_k) (b \ d_1 \dots \ d_l) = (a \ c_1 \dots \ c_k \ b \ d_1 \dots \ d_l)$$