

# MTH 4441 Test #3

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1. **Define - permutation**

2. **Define -  $r$ -cycle (or cycle).**

3. **Prove:** Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  and let  $S_n$  be the set of all permutations  $f : S \rightarrow S$ . Furthermore, let  $\circ$  be the operation of function composition. Then  $(S_n, \circ)$  is a group.

4. Define - disjoint cycles

5. Define - transposition

6. For Exercises 6-7, State two theorems about permutations.

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8. Perform the indicated operations in  $S_6$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 6 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} =$$

9. Express the permutation as a “product” of disjoint cycles and then as the “product” of transpositions. Classify the permutation as being either **even** or **odd**.

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

10. Given  $(U_5, \odot) = (\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \odot)$ , construct a group of permutations on  $U_5$  that is isomorphic to  $(U_5, \odot)$ , and exhibit an isomorphism from  $(U_5, \odot)$  to this group.

**11.** Consider the group  $(G, *)$  given in the table below:

*	$e$	$a$	$b$	$c$
$e$	$e$	$a$	$b$	$c$
$a$	$a$	$e$	$c$	$b$
$b$	$b$	$c$	$e$	$a$
$c$	$c$	$b$	$a$	$e$

Construct a group of permutations on  $G$  that is isomorphic to  $(G, *)$ , and exhibit an isomorphism from  $(G, *)$  to this group.

**12.** We are given a group  $(G, *)$ , and an element  $x \in G$ . Given also that  $x^5 = e$  and that  $x^3 = e$ , prove that  $x = e$ .