

3. Let $\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 & 6 & 1 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\beta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$, viewed as elements in S_6 .

(a) Compute the product of α and β :

$$\alpha\beta =$$

(b) Compute the inverse of α :

$$\alpha^{-1} =$$

(c) Compute the conjugate of β by α :

$$\alpha\beta\alpha^{-1} =$$

(d) Do α and β commute?

4. Let $\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ 3 & 9 & 4 & 7 & 1 & 2 & 8 & 5 & 10 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$, viewed as an element in S_{10} .

(a) Write α as products of disjoint cycles.

(b) Find the order of α .

(c) Write α as a product of transpositions.

(d) Find the parity of α .

5. (a) How many permutations of order 5 are there in S_5 ?

(b) How many permutations of order 5 are there in S_6 ?

6. Find permutations α and β such that:

(a) $|\alpha| = 2$, $|\beta| = 2$, and $|\alpha\beta| = 2$.

(b) $|\alpha| = 2$, $|\beta| = 2$, and $|\alpha\beta| = 3$.

(c) $|\alpha| = 2$, $|\beta| = 4$, and $|\alpha\beta| = 4$.