

MAS 4301 – Generators/Relations

1. Let G be a group and $r, s \in G$ such that $|r| = 3$ and $|s| = 2$. The elements satisfy the relation $rs = sr^2$. Construct the subgroup generated by r and s . How many elements are in the group? Do you recognize this group?
2. Let G be a group and $r, s \in G$ such that $|r| = 4$ and $|s| = 2$. The elements satisfy the relation $rs = sr^{-1}$.
 - (a) Explain why $r^2s = sr^2$.
 - (b) Construct the subgroup generated by r and s . How many elements are in the group?
3. In S_4 let $\sigma = (a \ b \ c \ d)$ and $\tau = (a \ b)(c \ d)$.
 - (a) Compute $\sigma\tau =$
 - (b) Compute $\tau\sigma^{-1} =$
 - (c) Compute $\langle \sigma, \tau \rangle =$