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To prove the result, we will decompose an arbitrary permutation  $\sigma \in S_n$  into transpositions. We will then show that each transposition can be written as a product of transpositions of the form  $(ii + 1)$ . We have  $\sigma = \tau_1 \dots \tau_r$ , where  $\tau_i$  is some transposition of the form  $(k_1 k + 1 + k_2)_i$ . Note that we can assume the first element of  $\tau_i$  is strictly lesser than the second since if it weren't we could just invert the order without any loss of generality. We state that  $(k_1 k_1 + k_2)$  can be written as a product of finite transpositions of the form  $(tt + 1)$ . See that  $(k_1 k_1 + k_2 - 1) = (k_1 + k_2 - 1 k_1 + k_2)(k_1 k_1 + k_2)(k_1 + k_2 - 1 k_1 + k_2)$ . Since we have  $(k_1 k_1 + k_2 - 1)$ , we have lowered the second entry of the transposition by one. In  $k_2 - 1$  steps, we will get  $(k_1 k_1 + 1) = (k_1 + 1 k_1 + 2)(k_1 k_1 + 2)(k_1 + 1 k_1 + 2)$ , which means that we can stop. We have  $\tau_i$  as a product of  $2(k_2 - 1) + 1$  transpositions of the desired type. We can do this for all transpositions to get our result. Thus we can generate any permutation in  $S_n$  by exchanging adjacent elements. The bubble sort algorithm works this way too, which accepts a permutation then returns the list of  $n$  numbers. This is essentially the same problem.

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