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**Theorem.** For every positive integer  $n$ , there exists only a finite amount of non-isomorphic groups of order  $n$ .

This assertion follows from Cayley's theorem, according to which any group of order  $n$  is isomorphic with a subgroup of the symmetric group  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ . The number of non-isomorphic subgroups of  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  cannot be greater than

$$\binom{n!-1}{n-1}.$$

The above theorem may be used in proving the following Landau's theorem:

**Theorem (Landau).** For every positive integer  $n$ , there exists only a finite amount of finite non-isomorphic groups which contain exactly  $n$  conjugacy classes of elements.

One needs also the

**Lemma.** If  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and  $0 < r \in \mathbb{R}$ , then there is at most a finite amount of the vectors  $(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)$  consisting of positive integers such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{m_j} = r.$$

The lemma is easily proved by induction on  $n$ .