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(1) (i) If  $g \in G$  has finite order  $k \geq 1$ , then the map  $n \mapsto g^n: G \rightarrow G$  sends 0 and  $k$  to the unit 1 of  $G$ . So it is not injective.

[6] [3] Now assume the above map is not injective. Then there exist  $k, l \geq 0$  such that  $k \neq l$  and  $g^k = g^l$ . We may assume  $k > l$ . Then

$g^l g^{k-l} = g^k = g^l = g^l \cdot 1$  and, cancelling  $g^l$  on both sides, we obtain  $g^{k-l} = 1$ . So  $g$  has finite order. If  $G$  is finite, then the given map can, of course, never be injective (see Section 7 from the lectures).

(ii) For  $k, l \in \{0, \dots, d-1\}$  we have  $k+l < 2d$ . If  $k+l \geq d$ , then  $g^{k+l} = g^d g^{k+l-d} = 1 \cdot g^{k+l-d} = g^{k+l-d}$  and  $0 \leq k+l-d < d$ . In particular we have, for  $k \in \{0, \dots, d-1\}$ ,  $g^k g^{d-k} = g^0 = 1$ . So  $(g^k)^{-1} = g^{d-k}$  and  $g^{-1} = g^{d-1}$ . So  $\{g^k \mid k \in \{0, \dots, d-1\}\}$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

(2) (i)  $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (15)(24)$  and  $\text{sign}(\sigma) = 1$  (2 even length cycles)

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$\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 5 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = (153)(24)$  and  $\text{sign}(\tau) = -1$  (1 even length cycle)

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[3]  $\sigma^2 = ((15)(24))^2 = (15)^2(24)^2 = \text{id id} = \text{id}$ . Since  $\sigma \neq \text{id}$ , its order is 2. (15) and (24) commute

$\tau^6 = (153)^6(24)^6 = \text{id id} = \text{id}$  and you can check that no smaller number does this. So the order is 6. (153) and (24) commute

(3) 1 of order 1:  $\text{id}$

[4]  $g$  of order 2:  $(12), (13), (14), (23), (24), (34), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)$

8 of order 3:  $(123), (132), (124), (142), (134), (143), (234), (243)$

6 of order 4:  $(1234), (1243), (1324), (1342), (1423), (1432)$

$24 = 4!$  in total