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1. Let g = (1,0). The order of g in  $G = \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_6$  is 4. However, the order of g + H in G/H is 2 since  $2g = (2,0) = (2,6) \in H = \langle (1,3) \rangle$ . Thus the order of g + H does not need to equal the order of g.

In fact, the order of gH in G/H divides the order of g in G. Under the map  $\phi: G \to G/H$  defined by  $\phi(g) = gH$  (whose kernel is H), the image of the subgroup  $\langle g \rangle$  is the subgroup  $\langle gH \rangle$  in G/H. By the First Isomorphism Theorem, we have

$$\langle g \rangle / (\langle g \rangle \cap H) \cong \langle gH \rangle$$
.

Thus, the order of gH, which is the order of the group on the right side, is given by

$$|gH| = \frac{|g|}{|\langle g \rangle \cap H|},$$

- 2. (a) For g = (23), the fixed points are 1 and 4.
  - (b) For x = 1,  $G_x = \{ \sigma \in S_4 : \sigma(1) = 1 \} = \{ e, (23), (24), (34), (234), (243) \}$ . This is isomorphic to  $S_3$ , as a permutation of  $\{2, 3, 4\}$ , and has order 6.
  - (c) The action is transitive and  $G \cdot 1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , so  $|G \cdot 1| = 4 = \frac{24}{6} = \frac{|S_4|}{|S_3|}$
  - (d) In general,  $S_n$  acts transitively on  $\{1, \ldots, n\}$ ; the stabilizer of 1 (or in fact, any i) is isomorphic to  $S_{n-1}$ . The orbit-stabilizer theorem gives  $n = \frac{|S_n|}{|S_{n-1}|} = \frac{n!}{(n-1)!}$ .
- 3. Note that the factor group is isomorphic to the image  $\{\pm 1\}$ , which is a group of order 2, so every element has order 1 or 2. The sign of

$$\sigma = (1\,2\,3\,4\,5)(6\,7\,8)(9\,10)(11\,12\,13\,14)(15\,16\,17\,18\,19\,20)$$

is (+)(+)(-)(-)(-) = (-), so  $\sigma \notin A_{100}$  and  $\sigma A_{100}$  is the nontrivial element of the quotient. Hence the order is 2.

4. (a) With the left-action convention (apply s then r for rs):

$$r = (12345),$$
  $s = (25)(34),$   $rs = (12)(35).$ 

- (b)  $G_1 = \{e, s\}$ , order 2.
- (c)  $G \cdot 1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ . Basically, you can move 1 to any vertex by some rotation.
- (d)  $|D_5| = 10 = |G \cdot 1| \cdot |G_1| = 5 \cdot 2$ .
- (e) Since r and s generates  $D_5$ , you only need to check that  $H = \langle r \rangle$  is fixed under the conjugation by r and s (Why?). Since  $r \in H$ , conjugation by r fixes H. Also,  $srs^{-1} = r^{-1} \in H$ , so conjugation by s also fixes H. Thus H is normal in  $D_5$ .

Note that H has order 5 and index 2 in  $D_5$ . In general, any subgroup of index 2 is normal (Why?).

- (f) For general  $n \geq 3$ , stabilizer subgroup of any vertex has order 2, and the action is transitive on the *n* vertices, so the orbit has size *n*. We have  $n = \frac{|D_n|}{|(D_n)_x|} = \frac{2n}{n}$ . Also, the subgroup  $\langle r \rangle \leq D_n$  is normal (of order *n* and index 2).
- 5. To figure out the order of the group, let's label two adjacent vertices of the cube as 1 and 2. When we rotate the cube, 1 can be sent to any of the 8 vertices, and once we fix where 1 goes, 2 can be sent to any of the 3 adjacent vertices. Thus there are  $8 \times 3 = 24$  possible rotations, so |G| = 24.

In fact, the group is isomorphic to  $S_4$ . You can understand by regarding the rotations as permutations of the 4 long diagonals of the cube. This action is faithful and transitive, and the stabilizers are conjugate, yielding an isomorphism.