

# Obtaining the suitable $k$ for $(3+2k)$ -cycles

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## Abstract

We show that, if  $k$  is odd. Then the  $(3+2k)$ -cycles form a single ambivalent conjugacy class in the alternating group  $A_n$  for all  $n \geq 5+2k$ . This generalize to the following result, if  $n \geq 5$ , then 3-cycles form a single conjugacy class in  $A_n$  <sup>(1)</sup>.

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## 1. Introduction

If  $\Omega = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , then  $S_n$  and  $A_n$  denote the symmetric and alternating groups of permutation on  $\Omega$ , respectively. Product of two permutations will be executed from left to right. A cycle  $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_l)$  is said to have length  $l$  or to be an  $l$ -cycle <sup>(2)</sup>. Suppose, first, that  $\beta \in S_n$ . Then the cycle type  $\alpha$  of a permutation  $\beta$  is the list of integers  $\alpha_1 \geq \alpha_2 \geq \dots \geq \alpha_l$  such that  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_l = n$ , where  $\alpha_i$ , for all  $(1 \leq i \leq l)$  are just the lengths of the cycles in the disjoint cycle decomposition of  $\beta$ , 1-cycles being including. Thus the type of the permutation  $\beta = (3\ 8\ 9)(7\ 2\ 4)(5\ 1)$  in  $S_{11}$  is  $\alpha = (3, 3, 2, 1, 1, 1)$ . The permutation of a given type  $\alpha$  form one conjugacy class  $C^\alpha$  in the symmetric group  $S_n$ , and if this class  $C^\alpha$  splits into two conjugacy classes of  $A_n$ , we denote these by  $C^{\alpha^\pm}$ . Also,  $A_n$  is

ambivalent group iff each  $C^{\alpha^\pm}$  of  $A_n$  are ambivalent and  $C^\alpha(\beta)$  splits into two  $A_n$ -classes of equal order iff  $n > 1$ , and the non-zero parts of  $\alpha(\beta)$  are different and odd <sup>(3)</sup>, so in every other case  $C^\alpha(\beta)$  does not split. The permutations in symmetric group  $S_n$  and their conjugacy classes with property ambivalence in alternating group  $A_n$  were studied in past work by author like <sup>(4,5,6,7,8,9,10)</sup> and by many mathematicians such as <sup>(11,12,13,14,15)</sup>. Moreover, if  $n \geq 5$  and  $X$  is the set of all 3-cycles  $(i, j, k) \in A_n$ , and  $n \geq i \neq j \neq k \geq 1$ . Then  $X$  form a single conjugacy class in the alternating group  $A_n$ . In this paper we introduced in the first some theorems in these theorems we prove that if  $n \geq 7$  or  $n \geq 9$  or  $n \geq 5+2k$ , then 5-cycles or 7-cycles or  $(3+2k)$ -cycles, respectively form a single conjugacy class in the alternating group  $A_n$  where  $k \geq 0$ . Finally we prove that if  $k$  is an odd. Then for all  $n \geq 5+2k$  the  $(3+2k)$ -cycles form a single ambivalent conjugacy class in the alternating group  $A_n$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

The following definitions have been used to obtain the results and properties developed in this paper.

**2.1 Definition** <sup>(16)</sup>:

A partition  $\alpha$  is a sequence of nonnegative integers  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots)$  with  $\alpha_1 \geq \alpha_2 \geq \dots$  and

$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i < \infty$ . The length  $l(\alpha)$  and the size  $|\alpha|$  of  $\alpha$  are defined as

$$l(\alpha) = \text{Max}\{i \in N; \alpha_i \neq 0\} \text{ and } |\alpha| = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i .$$

We set  $\alpha \vdash n = \{\alpha \text{ partition}; |\alpha| = n\}$  for  $n \in N$ . An element of  $\alpha \vdash n$  is called a partition of  $n$  and  $\alpha_i$  are called the parts of  $\alpha$ .

\* We only write the non zero components of a partition. Choose any  $\beta \in S_n$  and write it as  $\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \dots \gamma_l$ . With  $\gamma_i$  disjoint cycles of length  $\alpha_i$ . Since disjoint cycles commute, we can assume that  $\alpha_1 \geq \alpha_2 \geq \dots \geq \alpha_l$ . Therefore  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{c(\beta)})$  is a partition of  $n$ .

**2.2 Definition** <sup>(16)</sup>: We call the partition  $\alpha$  the cycle-type of  $\beta \in S_n$ .

**2.3 Definition** <sup>(16)</sup>: Let  $\alpha$  be a partition of  $n$ . We define  $C^\alpha \subset S_n$  to be the set of all elements with cycle type  $\alpha$ .

\* The permutation of a given type  $\alpha$  form one conjugacy class  $C^\alpha$  in the symmetric group  $S_n$ , and if this class  $C^\alpha$  splits into two conjugacy classes of  $A_n$ , we denote these by  $C^{\alpha\pm}$ , so every pair of permutations  $\gamma$  and  $\beta$  are conjugate iff they have the same

cycle type. However, this is not necessarily true in an alternating group.

**2.4 Theorem** <sup>(3)</sup>: Let  $\beta \in C^\alpha$  in  $S_n$  and  $n > 1$ , then  $C^\alpha$  splits into two  $A_n$ - classes of equal order iff all the parts of the cycle-type of  $\beta$  are different and odd

**2.5 Theorem** <sup>(1)</sup>: If  $n \geq 5$ , then 3-cycles form a single conjugacy class in the alternating group  $A_n$ .

**3. Obtaining the suitable  $k$  for  $(3 + 2k) - \text{cycles}$**

In this section, we show that which the suitable  $k$  satisfies the  $(3 + 2k)$ -cycle form a single conjugacy class, two conjugacy classes, a single ambivalent conjugacy class, and two ambivalent conjugacy classes in the alternating group  $A_n$  for some positive integer  $n$ .

**3.1 Theorem:** If  $n \geq 7$ , then 5-cycles form a single conjugacy class in the alternating group  $A_n$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $\beta$  denote the cycle  $(1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5)$ , and  $\gamma = (a_1\ a_2\ a_3\ a_4\ a_5)$ , let  $\lambda$  denote the transposition  $(6\ 7)$ , but  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are two permutations have the same type  $\alpha$ , so each of them belong to the conjugacy class  $C^\alpha$  of  $S_n$ . Then there is a permutation  $\pi \in S_n$  such that  $\gamma = \pi\beta\pi^{-1}$ . If  $\pi$  is odd, then  $\lambda\pi$  is even. We note that  $\beta = \lambda\beta\lambda^{-1}$ . Therefore  $\gamma = \pi(\lambda\beta\lambda^{-1})\pi^{-1} = (\pi\lambda)\beta(\pi\lambda)^{-1}$ . We replace  $\pi$  by  $\lambda\pi$ . Thus there always is an even permutation  $\pi$  such that  $\gamma = \pi\beta\pi^{-1}$ , which

means that  $\gamma$  is in the conjugacy class of  $\beta$  in the alternating group.

### 3.2 Lemma

If  $7 > n \geq 5$ , then 5-cycles form two conjugacy classes in  $A_5$  and in  $A_6$ .

#### Proof:

Let  $X$  be the set of all 5-cycles  $(i, j, k, l, t) \in A_n$ , for  $(n=5,6)$  where  $n \geq i, j, k, l, t \geq 1$  and different. Moreover, for any  $\beta \in X = C^\alpha$  the permutation  $\beta$  has cycle-type  $\alpha = (5)$  in  $S_5$  and  $\alpha = (5,1)$  in  $S_6$ . Thus  $C^\alpha$  splits into two conjugacy classes  $C^{\alpha^\pm}$  of  $A_n$ , for  $(n=5,6)$  [by Theorem 2.4]. Then for all  $7 > n \geq 5$  the 5-cycles form two conjugacy classes in  $A_5$  and in  $A_6$ .

### 3.3 Theorem

If  $n \geq 9$ , then 7-cycles form a single conjugacy class in the alternating group  $A_n$ .

#### Proof:

Let  $\beta$  denote the cycle  $(1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6\ 7)$ , and  $\gamma = (a_1\ a_2\ a_3\ a_4\ a_5\ a_6\ a_7)$ , let  $\lambda$  denote the transposition  $(8\ 9)$ , but  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are two permutations have the same type  $\alpha$ , so each of them belongs to the conjugacy class  $C^\alpha$  of  $S_n$ , then there is a permutation  $\pi \in S_n$  such that  $\gamma = \pi\beta\pi^{-1}$ . If  $\pi$  is odd, then  $\lambda\pi$  is even. We note that  $\beta = \lambda\beta\lambda^{-1}$ . Therefore  $\gamma = \pi(\lambda\beta\lambda^{-1})\pi^{-1} = (\pi\lambda)\beta(\pi\lambda)^{-1}$ . We replace  $\pi$  by  $\lambda\pi$ . Thus there always is an even permutation  $\pi$  such that  $\gamma = \pi\beta\pi^{-1}$ , which means that  $\gamma$  is in the conjugacy class of  $\beta$  in the alternating group.

### 3.4 Lemma

If  $9 > n \geq 7$ , then 7-cycles form two conjugacy classes in  $A_7$  and in  $A_8$ .

#### Proof:

Let  $X$  be the set of all 7-cycles  $(i, j, k, l, t, r, d) \in A_n$ , for  $(n=7,8)$  where  $n \geq i, j, k, l, t, r, d \geq 1$  and different. Moreover, for any  $\beta \in X = C^\alpha$  the permutation  $\beta$  has cycle-type  $\alpha = (7)$  in  $S_7$  and  $\alpha = (7,1)$  in  $S_8$ . Thus  $C^\alpha$  splits into two conjugacy classes  $C^{\alpha^\pm}$  of  $A_n$ , for  $(n=7,8)$  [by Theorem 2.4]. Then for all  $9 > n \geq 7$  the 7-cycles form two conjugacy classes in  $A_7$  and in  $A_8$ .

### 3.5 Theorem

If  $k \geq 0$ , then for all  $n \geq 5 + 2k$ , the  $(3 + 2k)$ -cycles form a single conjugacy class in the alternating group  $A_n$ .

#### Proof:

- 1) If  $k = 0$ , then by (Theorem 2.5) we have 3-cycles form a single conjugacy class in the alternating group  $A_n$ .
- 2) If  $k = 1$ , then by (Theorem 3.1) we have 5-cycles form a single conjugacy class in the alternating group  $A_n$ .
- 3) If  $k = 2$ , then by (Theorem 3.3) we have 7-cycles form a single conjugacy class in the alternating group  $A_n$ .
- 4) If  $k > 2$ , so for any  $n \geq 5 + 2k$ , assume  $l = 3 + 2k$ , then  $n \geq 2 + l$ . Therefore the transposition  $\lambda = (l+1, l+2) \in A_n$ , let  $\beta$  denote the cycle  $(1\ 2 \dots l)$ , and  $\gamma = (a_1\ a_2 \dots a_l)$ , However,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are two

permutations have the same type  $\alpha$ , then there is a permutation  $\pi \in S_n$  such that  $\gamma = \pi\beta\pi^{-1}$ . If  $\pi$  is odd, then  $\lambda\pi$  is even. We note that  $\beta = \lambda\beta\lambda^{-1}$ . Therefore  $\gamma = \pi(\lambda\beta\lambda^{-1})\pi^{-1} = (\pi\lambda)\beta(\pi\lambda)^{-1}$ . We replace  $\pi$  by  $\lambda\pi$ . Thus there always is an even permutation  $\pi$  such that  $\gamma = \pi\beta\pi^{-1}$ , which means that  $\gamma$  is in the conjugacy class of  $\beta$  in the alternating group  $A_n$ . Then for all  $n \geq 5 + 2k$ , the  $(3 + 2k)$ -cycles form a single conjugacy class in the alternating group  $A_n$ .

**3.6 Lemma**

If  $5 + 2k > n \geq 3 + 2k$ , then  $(3 + 2k)$ -cycles form two conjugacy classes in  $A_{3+2k}$  and in  $A_{4+2k}$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $X$  be the set of all  $(3 + 2k)$ -cycles  $(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{3+2k}) \in S_n$ , for  $(n = 3 + 2k, 4 + 2k)$  where  $n \geq a_i \geq 1$ ,  $(\forall 1 \leq i \leq 3 + 2k)$  and different, since for any  $k \geq 0$  we have  $3 + 2k$  is odd number. Moreover, for any  $\beta \in X = C^\alpha$  the permutation  $\beta$  has cycle-type  $\alpha = (3 + 2k)$  in  $S_{3+2k}$  and  $\alpha = (3 + 2k, 1)$  in  $S_{4+2k}$ . Thus  $C^\alpha$  splits into two conjugacy classes  $C^{\alpha^\pm}$  of  $A_n$ , for  $(n = 3 + 2k, 4 + 2k)$  [by Theorem 2.4]. Then, for all  $5 + 2k > n \geq 3 + 2k$  the  $(3 + 2k)$ -cycles form two conjugacy classes in  $A_{3+2k}$  and in  $A_{4+2k}$ .

**3.7 Theorem**

If  $k$  is odd, then for all  $n \geq 5 + 2k$ , the  $(3 + 2k)$ -cycles form a single ambivalent conjugacy class in the alternating group  $A_n$ .

**Proof:**

From [Theorem 3.5], we have the  $(3 + 2k)$ -cycles form a single conjugacy class in the alternating group  $A_n$ . Now we have to prove that for each permutation  $\beta = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{3+2k})$  has  $(3 + 2k)$ -cycle is conjugate to its inverse in  $A_n$ , where  $n \geq 5 + 2k$ . Since  $k$  odd number  $\Rightarrow \frac{(3 + 2k) - 1}{2}$  is even number for each  $k$ . Let

$$\mu = (b_2, b_{3+2k})(b_3, b_{(3+2k)-1})(b_4, b_{(3+2k)-2}) \dots$$

Then we have  $\mu\beta\mu^{-1} = \beta^{-1}$ . Now we want to show that  $\mu$  is an even permutation (i.e  $\mu \in A_n$ ), since  $\mu$  is a composite of  $\frac{(3 + 2k) - 1}{2}$  (an even number) of

transpositions  $\Rightarrow \mu \in A_n$ . So for each permutation  $\beta$  has  $(3 + 2k)$ -cycle is conjugate to its inverse in  $A_n$ . Then  $(3 + 2k)$ -cycles form a single ambivalent conjugacy class in the alternating group  $A_n$ , for each  $n \geq 5 + 2k$  and  $k$  odd number.

**3.8 Lemma**

If  $k$  is odd, and  $5 + 2k > n \geq 3 + 2k$ , then  $(3 + 2k)$ -cycles form two ambivalent conjugacy classes in  $A_{3+2k}$  and in  $A_{4+2k}$ .

**Proof:**

From [Lemma 3.6], we have the  $(3 + 2k)$ -cycles form two conjugacy classes  $C^{\alpha^\pm}$  in  $A_{3+2k}$  and in  $A_{4+2k}$ . Assume  $\beta = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{3+2k}) \in C^{\alpha^+}$  and  $\gamma = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{3+2k}) \in C^{\alpha^-}$ . Since  $k$  odd

number  $\Rightarrow \frac{(3+2k)-1}{2}$  is even number for each  $k$ . That means there are two even permutations  $\mu, t \in A_n$ , for  $(n = 3 + 2k, 4 + 2k)$  which are satisfy that  $\mu\beta\mu^{-1} = \beta^{-1}$ , and  $t\gamma t^{-1} = \gamma^{-1}$ , where

$$\mu = (b_2, b_{3+2k})(b_3, b_{(3+2k)-1})(b_4, b_{(3+2k)-2}) \dots \dots,$$

and

$$t = (a_2, a_{3+2k})(a_3, a_{(3+2k)-1})(a_4, a_{(3+2k)-2}) \dots \dots.$$

Then both of  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are conjugate to their inverses in  $A_n$  for  $(n = 3 + 2k, 4 + 2k)$ .

Moreover, let  $\lambda \in C^{\alpha^+} \Rightarrow \lambda \underset{A_n}{\approx} \beta \Rightarrow$

$$\lambda^{-1} \underset{A_n}{\approx} \beta^{-1}. \text{ However } \beta \underset{A_n}{\approx} \beta^{-1}. \text{ Thus } \lambda^{-1} \underset{A_n}{\approx} \beta,$$

but  $\lambda \underset{A_n}{\approx} \beta$ , then  $\lambda^{-1} \underset{A_n}{\approx} \lambda$ . That means for any

class in any group to show this class is ambivalent we need only to find one element belongs to this class and conjugate to its inverse. Thus the conjugacy class  $C^{\alpha^+}$  of  $A_n$  is ambivalent class, and similarity  $C^{\alpha^-}$  is ambivalent class. Then for all  $5 + 2k > n \geq 3 + 2k$ , the  $(3 + 2k)$ -cycles form two ambivalent conjugacy classes in  $A_{3+2k}$  and in  $A_{4+2k}$ .

### 4. Concluding Remarks

Suppose that  $\beta \in S_n$  and  $\beta = \pi_1\pi_2$ , where  $\pi_1, \pi_2$  are disjoint cycles in  $S_n$  of lengths  $(3 + 2k)$  and  $l$  respectively. The results of our research can be summarized as follows:

- 1) If  $l = 1$ , then  $A_{4+2k}$  has two conjugacy classes corresponding to the partition  $(3 + 2k, 1) \vdash (4 + 2k)$ .
- 2) If  $k$  is odd, and  $l = 1$ , then  $A_{4+2k}$  has two ambivalent conjugacy classes corresponding to the partition  $(3 + 2k, 1) \vdash (4 + 2k)$ .
- 3) If  $l = 3 + 2k$ , then  $A_{2l}$  has a single ambivalent conjugacy classes corresponding to the partition  $(l, l) \vdash 2l$ .

2) If  $k$  is odd, and  $l = 1$ , then  $A_{4+2k}$  has two ambivalent conjugacy classes corresponding to the partition  $(3 + 2k, 1) \vdash (4 + 2k)$ .

3) If  $l = 3 + 2k$ , then  $A_{2l}$  has a single ambivalent conjugacy classes corresponding to the partition  $(l, l) \vdash 2l$ .

The first question we are concerned with is: what is the possible value of  $l$  provided that  $A_{2l+1}$  with no conjugacy classes corresponding to the partition  $(3 + 2k, l) \vdash (2l + 1)$ ? The answer to this question is that  $l = 4 + 2k$ . In another direction, let  $\beta = \pi_1\pi_2 \dots \pi_t$ , where  $\{\pi_i\}_{i=1}^t$  are disjoint cycles in  $S_n$  of lengths  $\{l_i\}_{i=1}^t$  respectively. So the second question we are concerned with is: what are the possible values of  $\{l_i\}_{i=2}^t$  provided that  $A_n$  has a single ambivalent conjugacy classes corresponding to the partition  $(l_1, l_2, \dots, l_t) \vdash n$ , where  $l_1 = (3 + 2k)$  and  $n = \sum_{i=1}^t l_i$

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الحصول على  $k$  المناسبة للدورات  $(3+2k)$  -

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#### الخلاصة:

بيننا في هذا البحث على انه اذا كان  $k$  عدد أولي فإن مجموعة التباديل ذات الـ  $(3+2k)$  (cycles) في الزمر المتناوبة  $A_n$  تشكل صف متغاير أحادي في  $A_n$  لكل  $n \geq 5+2k$ ، حيث يعتبر هذا تعميم إلى نظرية سابقة و التي تنص على ان مجموعة التباديل ذات الـ  $(3)$  (cycles) في الزمر المتناوبة  $A_n$  تشكل صف أحادي في  $A_n$  لكل  $n \geq 5$ ، كما قدمنا عدة نظريات أخرى.