

10. Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $S_n$  where  $n > 4$ , and  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $H$ .
- (a) Suppose  $H$  contains all 3-cycles of  $S_n$ . Prove that  $N$  also contains all 3-cycles of  $S_n$ .
- (b) A group  $G$  is called a *solvable* group if there exists a sequences of subgroups

$$G = G_0 \geq G_1 \geq G_2 \geq \cdots \geq G_{m-1} \geq G_m = \{e\}$$

- such that  $H_i$  is a normal subgroup of  $G_{i-1}$  and  $G_{i-1}/G_i$  is an abelian group for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . Prove that  $S_n$  is not a solvable group.
- (c) Prove that  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$ ,  $S_3$ ,  $S_4$  are solvable groups.

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