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1. a)  $(1234) \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 1234 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 1342 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 1423 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 2143 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 2314 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 2431 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 3124 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 3241 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 3412 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 4132 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 4213 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 4321 \end{pmatrix}$

$A_4$  has 12 elements

$A_4$  has the identity element  $(1234)$ . The product of any

two permutations is in  $A_4$ , since both have an even number of inversions, so their product would have an even  $\times$  even = even number of inversions.

b)  $(1234) \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 2314 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 2314 \end{pmatrix}$      $(1234) \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 3124 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 3124 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 2314 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 3124 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 1234 \end{pmatrix}$  so the products of each element with each other is in the subgroup

$H$ . It contains the identity element  $(1234)$ , so it is a subgroup.

c.  $(1234) \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 1342 \end{pmatrix} H = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 1342 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 2143 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 3241 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

$(1234) \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 1423 \end{pmatrix} H = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 1423 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 2431 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 3412 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

$(1234) \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 4132 \end{pmatrix} H = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 4132 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 4213 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 4321 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

And  $H$  itself is its own coset. They have the same number of elements in each because to get the left cosets multiply the element of  $A_4$  by each element in  $H$ , so they would all have the same number. They cannot have any common elements because if they did, they would be the same set.

d.  $\frac{|G|}{|H|} = \frac{12}{3} = 4$

2. For any group  $G$  and subgroup  $H$ ,  $\frac{|G|}{|H|}$  is an integer.