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**GROUP ACTIONS AND SYLOW'S THEOREMS**

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# Cauchy's Theorem

- Let  $G$  be a finite group of order  $n$ . If  $p$ , a prime, divides  $n$ , then there is an element in of order  $p$ .

This theorem is known as the **Cauchy's Theorem**.

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### Cauchy's theorem

$p | o(G) \Rightarrow \exists$  an elt  $a \in G \rightarrow o(a) = p$   
Subg  $H$  of  $G$  of order  $p$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$

$p$ -group

The order of each elt in  $G$  is a power of  $p$

$$a \in G \Rightarrow o(a) = p^i \text{ for some } i$$

Corollary Let  $G$  be a finite gp. Then  $G$  is a  $p$ -group

$\forall \forall o(G) = p^n$  for some +ve integer  $n$ .

Proof: Assume that  $G$  is a  $p$ -group

Suppose  $o(a) = p^n m$  when  $n + m$  are the integers  
and  $p \nmid m$ .

If  $m > 1$ , then there exists a prime  $q$  divides  $m$

$$\Rightarrow q | o(G)$$

Since  $q$  is a prime

$\Rightarrow \exists$  an elt  $a$  of  $G$  of order  $q$ ,  $q \neq p$

The order of each elt in  $G$  is a power of  $p$

$\therefore m > 1$  is impossible

$$\Rightarrow m = 1$$

$$\therefore o(G) = p^n$$

Conversely, we assume that  $o(G) = p^n$

Let  $a \in G$

$$\Rightarrow a^{o(G)} = e$$

$$\Rightarrow o(a) | o(G) = p^n$$

$$\Rightarrow o(a) = p^i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$\Rightarrow$  the order  $n$  is  $p^i$  for some  $i$   
 $\therefore$  the order of every elt in  $G$  is a power of  $p$ .

Let  $X = G$ . Define an action

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha: X \times G &\rightarrow G \\ (x, g) &\mapsto g^{-1}xg \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X, g \in G$ .

We know that  $X$  is a  $G$ -set

$$\alpha G = \{xg \mid g \in G\}$$

$$\alpha G = \{g^{-1}xg \mid g \in G\}$$

$$\text{WKT } \# \alpha G = [G: G_x] = \# \left( \frac{G}{G_x} \right)$$

$$G_x = \{g \in G \mid xg = x\}$$

$$= \{g \in G \mid g^{-1}xg = x\}$$

$$\therefore G_x = \{g \in G \mid gx = xg\}$$

Since  $X = G$

$\Rightarrow G_x$  is the normalizer of  $x$ ,  $N(x)$

$$\therefore \# \alpha G = \# \left( \frac{G}{N(x)} \right)$$

$$X_G = \{x \in X \mid xg = x \text{ for all } g \in G\}$$

$$= \{x \in X \mid g^{-1}xg = x \text{ for all } g \in G\}$$

$$= \{x \in X \mid gx = xg \text{ for all } g \in G\}$$

Since  $X = G$

$$\Rightarrow X_G = Z(G)$$

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$$X = X_G \cup (U \times G)$$

Since  $G$  is a finite  $G$ -set and  $X = G$

$$\Rightarrow \#G = (\#Z(G)) + \sum \# \left( \frac{G}{G_x} \right) \quad \left| \quad \sum \#G = G \right.$$

$$\therefore \#G = \#Z(G) + \sum_{x \notin Z(G)} \frac{\#G}{\#G_x}$$

This is known as class equation

Note that  $\# \left( \frac{G}{H} \right) \mid \#G$  and  $Z(G)$  is a subgroup of  $G$

$\Rightarrow$  each term in the class equation has a divisor of  $\#G$ .

①

$$\#G = 20$$

$\Rightarrow$  class equation

$$\#G = \underline{3} + \underline{4} + \underline{5} + \underline{8}$$

not a class equation

$$\#G = 2 + 4 + 5 + 5 + 1$$

$\therefore$  This is not a class equation for a gp of order 20 because 3 + 8 are not a divisor of 20.

②  $\#G$  is an abelian

$$\Rightarrow G = Z(G)$$

$\Rightarrow$  the equation

$$\#G = 1 + 1 + \dots + 1$$

$$\leftarrow \# \left( \frac{G}{G} \right) \rightarrow$$

$$N(G) = G$$

$$\# \frac{G}{N(G)} = 1$$

Example Let  $G = S_3$

$$= \{ e, (1,2), (1,3), (2,3), (1,2,3), (1,3,2) \}$$

$$d(e) = \{e\}$$

$$d((1,2)) = \{(1,3), (2,3), (1,2)\}$$

$$d((1,2,3)) = \{(1,2,3), (1,3,2)\}$$

The class equation of  $S_3$  is

$$\#S_3 = 1 + 3 + 2$$

Theorem Every group of order prime square is abelian

Proof: Let  $G$  be a group of order  $p^2$  where  $p$  is a prime

Claim  $Z(G) = G$

Suppose  $Z(G) \subsetneq G$

$$\Rightarrow \exists a \in G \text{ but } a \notin Z(G)$$

Clearly  $Z(G) \subseteq N(a)$  and  $a \in N(a)$

$$\Rightarrow Z(G) \subsetneq N(a)$$

Since  $Z(G)$  is a subgroup of  $G$

$$\Rightarrow \#Z(G) \mid \#G = p^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \#Z(G) = 1 \text{ or } p \text{ or } p^2$$

$$\text{Since } \#G = p^2 \Rightarrow \#Z(G) \neq 1$$

$$\therefore \#Z(G) = p \text{ or } p^2$$

$$\text{Since } Z(G) = G \text{ and } \#G = p^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \#Z(G) = p$$

$$\text{Since } N(a) \text{ is a subgroup of } G \Rightarrow o(N(a)) \mid o(G) = p^2$$

$$\Rightarrow o(N(a)) = 1 \text{ or } p \text{ or } p^2$$

$$\text{Since } Z(G) \subsetneq N(a) \text{ and } \#Z(G) = p \Rightarrow o(N(a)) = p^2$$

Since  $N(a)$  is a subgroup of  $G$  and  $\#G = p^2$   $\Rightarrow a \in N(a)$

$\Rightarrow a$  commutes with every element of  $G$   $\Rightarrow a \in Z(G)$ ,  $a \in G$   $\Rightarrow a \in Z(G)$

$\therefore Z(G) = G$   $\therefore G$  is abelian

Lemma If  $o(u) = p^n$ , then  $z(u) \neq \pm 1$  if  $\#Z(u) > 1$

Proof. Suppose  $z(u) = \pm 1$

$\Rightarrow$  the class equation

$$\#G = \#Z(u) + \sum_{a \neq z(u)} \left( \frac{G}{N(u)} \right) \quad (1)$$

$$a \neq z(u) \Rightarrow N(u) \nmid G$$

$$\Rightarrow \# \frac{G}{N(u)} \neq 1$$

$$\text{Since } \# \frac{G}{N(u)} \mid \#G = p^n \Rightarrow \# \frac{G}{N(u)} = p^i$$

$$\Rightarrow \# \frac{G}{N(u)} = p^i \text{ for some } i > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow p \mid \# \frac{G}{N(u)}$$

$$\Rightarrow p \mid \sum_a \# \frac{G}{N(u)}$$

$$\Rightarrow p \mid \#G - \sum_a \# \left( \frac{G}{N(u)} \right) = \#Z(u)$$

Since  $p > 1$  a prime

$$\Rightarrow \#Z(u) \geq p > 1$$

$$\therefore z(u) \neq \pm 1$$

Note. ① Let  $G = \langle \pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k \rangle$

with  $ij = -ji, jk = -kj, ki = -ik$

$G$  is a non-abelian gp with 8 elts

②  $D_4$  - dihedral gp of degree 4

$$\#D_4 = 8$$

in non-abelian gp.

Sylow's Theorem

Let  $G$  be a gp. Let  $X$  be the set of all

Subgrps of  $G$ .

Define

$$x : X \times G \rightarrow X$$
$$(H, g) \mapsto g^{-1}Hg$$

for all  $H \in X$  and  $g \in G$

WKT if  $H$  is a subgp of  $G$ , then  $g^{-1}Hg$  and  $gHg^{-1}$  are

subgroups of  $G$

Ex. Show that  $X$  is a  $G$ -set, i.e.  $x$  is an action of  $G$  on  $X$

Let  $H \in X$ , then

$$G_H = \{g \in G \mid Hg = H\}$$
$$= \{g \in G \mid \overline{g^{-1}Hg} = H\}$$

is a subgp of  $G$  (isotropy subgp)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X \text{ } G\text{-set} \\ x \in X \\ G_x = \{g \in G \mid xg = x\} \end{array} \right\}$$

Let  $h \in H$

$$\Rightarrow h^{-1}Hh = Hh = H$$
$$\Rightarrow h \in G_H$$

Clearly  $H \subseteq G_H$

Ex.  $H \trianglelefteq G_H$

Let  $h \in H$ ,  $g \in G_H$

$ghg^{-1} \in H$

$$\Rightarrow H = gHg^{-1}$$

$ghg^{-1} \in gHg^{-1} = H$



$G_H$  is the largest subgroup of  $G$  having  $H$  as a normal subgroup.

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{G_H} &= \{g \in G \mid g^{-1}Hg = H\} = \{g \in G \mid Hg = gH\} \\ &= \underline{N(H)} \\ &\quad \text{normalizer of } H \end{aligned}$$

Lemma Let  $H$  be a  $p$ -subgroup of a finite group  $G$ . Then

$$[N(H) : H] \equiv [G : H] \pmod{p}$$

Proof: Let  $X = \{Hg \mid g \in G\}$  be the set of all right cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ .

$$\Rightarrow \# X = [G : H]$$

Define

$$\begin{aligned} * : X \times H &\rightarrow X \\ (Hg, h) &\mapsto H(gh) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $Hg \in X, h \in H$

Clearly  $*$  is an action of  $H$  on  $X$  ( $\in X$ .)

$\Rightarrow X$  is a  $H$ -set

$$\begin{aligned} X_H &= \{x \in X \mid xh = x \ \forall h \in H\} \\ &= \{Hg \in X \mid (Hg)h = Hg \ \forall h \in H\} \\ &= \{Hg \in X \mid H(gh) = Hg \ \forall h \in H\} \end{aligned}$$

$$X_H = \{Hg \in X \mid \underbrace{gh^{-1} \in H \quad \forall h \in H}_{\downarrow}}\}$$

$$\text{So } N(H) = \{g \in G \mid gHg^{-1} = H\}$$

$$X_H = \{Hg \in X \mid g \in N(H)\}$$

$\Rightarrow X_H$  is the cell of cosets of  $H$  in  $N(H)$

$$\Rightarrow \#X_H = [N(H) : H]$$

We know that if  $G$  is a  $p$ -gp, then  $\#X \equiv \#X_G \pmod{p}$

Since  $H$  is a  $p$ -gp

$$\Rightarrow \#X \equiv \#X_H \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow [G : H] \equiv [N(H) : H] \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow [N(H) : H] \equiv [G : H] \pmod{p}$$

$$\underline{a \equiv b \pmod{p} \iff b \equiv a \pmod{p}}$$

# Sylow's Theorem

- **Sylows First Theorem**

Let  $G$  be a finite group and let  $p$  be a prime. If  $p^k | \#(G)$ , then

- ①  $G$  has at least one subgroup  $H$  of order  $p^k$ .
  - ②  $H$  has a normal subgroup  $K$  of order  $p^{k-1}$ .
- A subgroup of  $G$  of order  $p^k$  where  $p^k | \#(G)$  but  $p^{k+1} \nmid \#(G)$  is called a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup.

- **Sylows Second theorem**

Any two Sylow  $p$ -groups are conjugate. That is, if  $H$  and  $K$  are two Sylow  $p$ -groups, then  $H = gKg^{-1}$  for some  $g \in G$ .

- **Sylow's Third Theorem**

Let  $|G| = p^k m, p \nmid m$ . The number of Sylow  $p$ -subgroups of  $G$  is equal to 1 modulo  $p$  and divides  $\#(G)$ .

- If  $p$  is a prime and  $p^k | \#(G)$ , then the number of subgroups of  $G$

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Let  $H$  be  $p$ -subgp of a finite gp  $G$ . Then

$$[N(G):H] \equiv [G:H] \pmod{p}$$

Note It  $p \mid [G:H] \Rightarrow p \mid [N(G):H]$

$$\Rightarrow N(G) \neq H, \text{ i.e. } H \subsetneq N(G)$$

WKT  $H \triangleright N(G)$ .

$$N(G) = \{g \in G \mid g^{-1}hg = h \forall h \in H\}$$

$$\text{Ans} = \{H\}$$

$$1, p, p^2, \dots, p^n$$

First part of Sylow's Theorem

Statement: Let  $G$  be a finite gp of order  $p^n m$  where  $p \nmid m$

Then

- ① there exists a subgp  $H$  of order  $p^i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$
- ② there exists a subgp  $K$  of order  $p^{i+1}$  such that  $H$  is a normal subgp of  $K$ .

Proof: ① We prove this by induction on  $i$ .

If  $i=1$ , then  $p^1 \mid o(G)$ , by Cauchy's theorem

$$\Rightarrow \exists \text{ a subgp of } H \text{ of order } p$$

We assume that this is true for  $i < n$ .

$$\text{Then } \exists \text{ a subgp } K \text{ of order } p^{i+1}$$

Let  $H$  be a subgp of  $G$  of order  $p^i$

$$\Rightarrow p \mid [G:H] = \frac{o(G)}{o(H)} = \frac{p^{i+1}m}{p^i} = p^{n-i}m$$

$$\Rightarrow p \mid [N(G):H] \text{ since } [G:H] \equiv [N(G):H] \pmod{p}$$

Since  $H \triangleleft N(H) \Rightarrow \frac{N(H)}{H}$  is a group

Since  $p \mid [N(H):H] \Rightarrow p \mid \# \left( \frac{N(H)}{H} \right)$

By Cauchy's theorem, there exists a subgroup  $K'$

of  $\frac{N(H)}{H}$  with  $\#(K') = p$

WKT. every subgroup of  $\frac{N(H)}{H}$  is  $\frac{K}{H}$  where  $K$  is some subgroup of  $N(H)$  containing  $H$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Let us take  $K' = \frac{K}{H}$

Since  $\#K' = p \Rightarrow p = \# \left( \frac{K}{H} \right) = \frac{\#(K)}{\#H}$

$\Rightarrow \#K = p(\#H) = p \cdot p^i = p^{i+1}$

$\therefore K$  is a subgroup of  $N(H)$  and hence a subgroup of  $G$

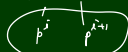
of order  $p^{i+1}$  containing  $H$ .

$\therefore G$  has a subgroup of order  $p^i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$

(2) From the above proof,

$$H \leq K \leq N(H)$$

Since  $H \triangleleft N(H) \Rightarrow H \triangleleft K$



Thus we proved the subgroup  $H$  of order  $p^i$  is a normal subgroup of  $K$  of order  $p^{i+1}$  for  $1 \leq i < n$

$$\text{If } o(G) = 24 = 2^3 \times 3$$



$\Rightarrow G$  has subgrps of orders  $1, 2, 2^2=4, 2^3=8 \neq 3$

Definition Sylow  $p$ -subgp

— maximal  $p$ -subgp

A subgp  $H$  of  $G$  is said to be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup

$$\text{if } o(H) = p^n \text{ and } p^{n+1} \nmid o(G) \text{ but } p^n \mid o(G)$$

A maximal  $p$ -subgroup of a group is said to be a Sylow  $p$ -subgp.

$$o(G) = 50 = 2 \times 25 = 2 \times 5^2$$

there exist Sylow 2-subgp, Sylow 5-subgp



$$\#G = 72 = 2^3 \times 3^2$$

— Sylow 2-Subgp, order  $\binom{3}{2}$  /  $H \neq K$  are conjugate subgrps  
 — Sylow 3-Subgp, order  $\binom{3}{2}$  of  $G$  if  $H = j^i k^j$   
 $k = j^i H g$

$V_4$  - Klein 4-grp =  $G = \{e, s, c, e\}$   
 $G_1 = \langle e, a \rangle$       $a^2 = b^2 = c^2 = e$   
 $G_2 = \langle e, b \rangle$       $G_3 = \langle e, c \rangle$

## 2nd Part of Sylow's Theorem

Statement: Any two Sylow  $p$ -subgroups are conjugate

Proof: Let  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  be two Sylow  $p$ -subgroups of a finite group  $G$

$$\text{Let } X = \{ P_i g \mid g \in G \}, \text{ then } \#X = [G : P_1]$$

Define

$$* : X \times P_2 \rightarrow X$$

$$\text{by } *(P_i g, y) = P_i(gy) \in X$$

$$\text{for all } P_i g \in X \text{ and } y \in P_2$$

Clearly  $X$  is a  $P_2$ -set

WKT

$$\#X \equiv \#X_{P_2} \pmod{p}$$

$$\text{WKT } \#X = [G : P_1] = \frac{\#G}{\#P_1} \quad \#G = \frac{p^n m}{p \times m}$$

$$\Rightarrow p \nmid \#X$$

$$\Rightarrow p \nmid \#X_{P_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \text{ an element } P_i g \in X_{P_2} \text{ for some } g \in G$$

$$\Rightarrow (P_i g)y = P_i g \text{ for all } y \in P_2$$

$$\Rightarrow P_i(gy) = P_i g \quad "$$

$$\Rightarrow g^{-1}y g \in P_i \text{ for all } y \in P_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{g^{-1}P_2 g \subseteq P_i}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_1 = g^{-1} P_2 g \text{ since } \#P_1 = \#P_2 = \#g^{-1} P_2 g$$

i.e.,  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are conjugate

$\therefore$  Any two Sylow  $p$ -subgroups are conjugate

### 3rd Part of Sylow's Theorem

Statement: The no. of Sylow  $p$ -subgroups of a finite gp is congruent to 1 modulo  $p$  and it divides the order of the gp.

$$r \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$r = \underline{\underline{kp+1}} \text{ for some } k$$

Proof: Let  $X$  be the set of all Sylow  $p$ -subgroups of a finite group  $G$ .

Let  $P$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ .

Define an action

$$* : X \times P \rightarrow X$$

by  $*(T, y) = \underline{\underline{y^{-1} T y}} \in X$

for all  $T \in X$  &  $y \in P$ .

Clearly  $X$  is a  $P$ -set.

$$\Rightarrow \#X \equiv \#X_P \pmod{p}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Let } T \in X_P = \{H \in X \mid Hg = H\}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow Tg = T \text{ for all } g \in P$$

$$\Rightarrow g^{-1} T g = T \text{ by definition of action}$$

Clearly  $r \in H \Rightarrow qH = H$   
 $H = H$

$$P \in X_P = \{x \mid xp = x\}$$

$$Pg = P$$

$$g^{-1}Pg = P \quad \forall g \in P$$



$\Rightarrow P \subseteq N(T)$   $N(T) = \{g \in G \mid g^{-1}Tg = T\}$   
Since  $T \subseteq N(T)$  &  $P, T$  are Sylow  $p$ -subgs of  $G$

$\Rightarrow P$  &  $T$  are Sylow  $p$ -subgs of  $N(T)$

By the 2nd part of Sylow's theorem

$$\Rightarrow P = \underline{\underline{g^{-1}Tg}} \text{ for some } g \in N(T)$$

Since  $N(T) = \{g \in G \mid g^{-1}Tg = T\}$   
and  $g \in N(T)$

$$\Rightarrow g^{-1}Tg = T$$

$$\therefore P = g^{-1}Tg = T$$

$$\therefore T = P$$

$$\therefore X_p = \{P\} \quad \forall \# X_p = 1$$

$$\therefore \#X \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$\therefore$  The no. Sylow  $p$ -subgs of  $G$  is congruent to 1 modulo  $p$ .

Note: The no. Sylow  $p$ -subgs of  $G$  is  $\equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

$\Rightarrow$  The no. of Sylow  $p$ -subgs of  $G = 1 + kp$   
for some  $k$

Define an action

$$\alpha: X \times G \rightarrow X$$

by  $\alpha(P, g) = g^{-1}Pg$  for all  $P \in X, g \in G$

clearly  $X$  is a  $G$ -set

$$\Rightarrow \#X \equiv \#X_G \pmod{p} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

Consider

$$X_G = \{P \in X \mid Pg = P + g \in G\}$$

$$= \{P \in X \mid \overline{g}Pg = P + g \in G\}$$

$$= \{ \overline{g}Pg \mid g \in G \} = \text{conjugate class of } P$$

$$X_G = \{Pg \mid g \in G\} = \text{orbit of } P$$

So,  $X_G$  is the orbit of  $P$

$$\Rightarrow \#X_G = \#\text{orbit of } P$$

$$= \# \left( \frac{G}{G_P} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Since } \# \frac{G}{G_P} \mid \#G$$

$$\Rightarrow \#X_G \mid \#G$$

$$\text{Since } \#X \equiv \#X_G \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow \#X \mid \#G$$

a, The no. of Sylow  $p$ -subgroups divides  $\phi(G)$ .

③ n. of Sylow  $p$ -subgrp =  $1 + kp$

$$Hkp \mid \#G$$

$$\text{② } A+B \text{ are Sylow } p\text{-subgrp} \Rightarrow A = gBg^{-1} \text{ for any } g \in G$$

$$\text{① } \#G = p^n m, p \nmid m$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \text{ a subgrp of order } p^i, 1 \leq i \leq n$$

↳ the subgrp  $H$  of order  $p^i$  is a normal subgrp of  $A$  if  $1 \leq i < n$

$$xG = \{xg \mid g \in G\}$$

orbit of  $x$

$$\#xG = \frac{\#G}{\#G_x} = \#G_x$$

$$\# \frac{G}{H} \mid \#G$$

$$\Rightarrow \#H = \#G$$

Example Let  $G = S_3$

$$\#G = 6 = 2 \times 3$$

$\Rightarrow$  Sylow 2-subgrp & Sylow 3-subgrp exist

$\Rightarrow$  order 2 & order 3

$$\# \text{ of Sylow } 3\text{-subgrp} = 1 + 3k$$

$$1 + 3k \mid \#G = 6 = 3 \times 2$$

Since  $(1 + 3k, 3) = 1 \Rightarrow 1 + 3k \mid 2$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 3k \mid 2$$

$$1 + 3k = 1 \text{ or } 1 + 3k = 2 \quad \times$$

$\therefore 1 + 3k = 1$  is possible

$\Rightarrow$  the no. of Sylow 3-subgrp is only one  
 $H = \{e, (1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 2)\}$

$$\# \text{ of Sylow } 2\text{-subgrps} = 1 + 2k$$

$$1 + 2k \mid \#G = 3 \times 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 2k \mid 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 2k = 1 \text{ or } 3$$

$\Rightarrow G$  has either one Sylow 2-subgrp or 3 Sylow 2-subgrps

$$S_3 = \{e, (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3), (1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 2)\}$$

$$G_1 = \{e, (1, 2)\}, G_2 = \{e, (1, 3)\}, G_3 = \{e, (2, 3)\}$$

If  $G$  has only one Sylow  $p$ -subgrp, then it is normal

Proof: Let  $H$  be the only Sylow  $p$ -subgrp of  $G$

Since  $\#H = \#(g^{-1}Hg)$  for all  $g \in G$

$\Rightarrow g^{-1}Hg$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgrp of  $G$  for all  $g \in G$

$$\begin{cases} (j+3k, 3^i) = 1 \\ 1 \leq j \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

Given that  $G$  has only one Sylow  $p$ -subgp  $H$ .

$$\Rightarrow H = g^{-1}Hg \text{ for all } g \in G$$

$\therefore H$  is a normal subgp of  $G$

$\therefore$  The Sylow 3-subgp of  $S_3$  is normal

A group  $G$  is said to be simple if it has (no) non-trivial normal subgp.

i.e.  $G$  has no normal subgp other than  $\{e\}$  +  $G$

Problem Every group of order 15 is not simple group.

Proof: Let  $\#G = 15$

$$15 = 3 \times 5$$

$\Rightarrow G$  has Sylow 3-subgp + Sylow 5-subgp of order 3 and 5 respectively

The # of Sylow 5-subgps =  $1 + 5k$

$$1 + 5k \mid \#G = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 5k \mid 15$$

$\Rightarrow k=0$  is the only possibility

$\therefore 1 + 5k = 1$  i.e.  $G$  has only one Sylow 5-subgp

$\Rightarrow$  it is normal subgp and is non-trivial + proper

$\therefore G$  is not simple

# of Sylow 3-subgps =  $1 + 3k$

$$1 + 3k \mid \#G = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 3k \mid 15$$

$\Rightarrow L=0$  is the only possibility

$\therefore G$  has only one Sylow 3-subgroup  $H$  and only one Sylow 5-subgroup  $K$  of order 3 and 5 respectively

$$\text{or } o(H)=3 \text{ and } o(K)=5$$

$\Rightarrow H$  and  $K$  are cyclic and hence abelian

Let  $x \in H \cap K$

$$\Rightarrow x \in H \text{ and } x \in K$$

$$\Rightarrow o(x) | o(H) \text{ and } o(x) | o(K)$$

$$\text{or } o(x) | 3 \text{ and } o(x) | 5$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ 1, 3 \quad 1, 5 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow o(x) = 1$$

$$\text{or } x = e$$

$$\therefore H \cap K = \{e\}$$

Let  $x, y \in G$

$$\Rightarrow \textcircled{1} x, y \in H \text{ or } K \textcircled{2} x \in H, y \in K$$

$\textcircled{1}$  Since  $H$  and  $K$  are abelian  $\Rightarrow xy = yx$

$\Rightarrow \textcircled{1}$  proved

$\textcircled{2}$  Since  $H$  and  $K$  are normal

$$\Rightarrow xyx^{-1} \in K \text{ since } \underline{x} \in H \subseteq G, y \in K$$

Since  $y \in K \Rightarrow y^{-1} \in K$

$$\therefore xyx^{-1}y^{-1} \in K$$

Since  $x \in H \Rightarrow x^{-1} \in H$

Since  $H$  is normal  $\Rightarrow yx^{-1}y^{-1} \in H$  and  $y \in K \subseteq G$

$$\text{Since } x \in H \Rightarrow x(yx^{-1}y^{-1}) \in H$$

$$\therefore xyx^{-1}y^{-1} \in H \cap K = \{e\}$$

$$\therefore xyx^{-1}y^{-1} = e$$

$$\Rightarrow xy = yx$$

$\therefore G$  is an abelian gp  
Since  $H$  &  $K$  are cyclic

$$H = \langle a \rangle, K = \langle b \rangle$$

$$\text{Let } c = ab \in G$$

$$\text{Consider } c^{15} = (ab)^{15} \\ = a^{15} b^{15} = (a^3)^5 (b^5)^3 = e^5 e^3 = e$$

$$\therefore c^{15} = e$$

$$\Rightarrow o(c) \mid 15 \quad \text{or } o(c) \leq 15$$

$$\text{Let } o(c) = r$$

$$\Rightarrow c^r = e$$

$$\Rightarrow (cab)^r = e \Rightarrow a^r b^r = e$$

$$\Rightarrow a^r = e + b^r = e \text{ since } H \cap K = \{e\}$$

$$\Rightarrow o(a) \mid r + o(b) \mid r$$

$$\text{or } 3 \mid r + 5 \mid r$$

$$\Rightarrow 15 \mid r \quad \text{or } 15 \leq r = o(c)$$

$$o(c) = 15 \quad \text{or } G = \langle c \rangle$$

$\therefore G$  is a cyclic group

Let  $o(G) = 11 \cdot 13^2$  Prove that  $G$  is abelian

Sylow 11-subgp

" 13-subgp

$$+11k \mid o(G) = 11^2 \cdot 13^2$$

$$+13k \mid o(G) = 11 \cdot 13^2$$

$$+13k \mid 11^2$$

$\Rightarrow k=0$  is only possible

$\Rightarrow G$  has only one Sylow 13-subgp, 11-subgp  
order  $13^2$

Similarly

Sylow 11-subgp  $K$  order 11

$\Rightarrow H$  &  $K$  are abelian

$$\textcircled{1} H \cap K = \langle e \rangle$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad xy \in H \quad xy = yx$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad xy \in H \text{ or } K, \quad x \in H, y \in K$$









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- A group  $G$  is said to be a **simple group** if it has not nontrivial normal subgroups.
- Let  $G$  be a group of order  $pq$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct primes. Then
  - 1 If  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ , then  $G$  has a normal Sylow  $p$ -subgroup.
  - 2  $G$  is not simple.
  - 3 If  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$  and  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ , then  $G$  is a cyclic group.
- The only groups of order 255 is  $\mathbb{Z}_{255}$ .
- There are exactly 4 groups of order 66 namely,  $\mathbb{Z}_{66}, D_{33}, D_{11} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_3$  and  $D_3 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{11}$ .



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