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## More Sylow theorems

Previously; Thm:  $G$  finite, order  $n = p^k \cdot m$ ,  $p \nmid m$ ,  $p$  prime.

Then  $Syl_p(G) = \{P \in G \mid |P| = p^k\}$  is non-empty,  
 a conjugacy class, has  $n_p(G)$  elements, where  $n_p(G) = 1$  ( $\forall$ ).  
 every  $p$ -subgp  $\subseteq$   $p$ -Sylow subgp)

Application:  $\#G = 12$ ,  $G$  is one of,  $C_{12}$ ,  $C_2 \times C_6$ ,  $A_4$ ,  $C_2 \times S_3$ ,  $C_4 \times Q_3$ .

ideas: ① numerology (divisibility & congruence)

② if  $n_p(G) = 1$  ③ ideas of semidirect polt  
automorphisms

③ If  $G$  acts on  $X$  get hom  $G \rightarrow S_X$ .

Example: no simple group of order 30.

Pf: Let  $G$  be such a gp. Note:  $30 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$ .

$$n_2(G) \in \{1, 3, 5, 15\}, n_3(G) \in \{1, 2, 4, 10\}, n_5(G) \in \{1, 2, 3, 6\}$$

If  $\mathbb{F}$  is simple,  $n_3(G) \geq n_5(G) \neq 1$  (else  $P_3$  or  $P_5$  would be normal)

$$\text{so } n_3(G) = 10, n_5(G) = 6.$$

④ count elements: 10 3-sylow subgps, each having 2 elements of order 3.  
 all disjoint (cyclic groups of order p have no non-trivial proper subgps)

so 20 elements of order 3.

Similarly  $6 \cdot 4 = 24$  elements of order 5.

But can't have 47 elements in  $G$ , so either  $n_3(G) = 1$  or  $n_5(G) = 1$ .

More: Let  $P_3, P_5$  be 3- & 5-sylow subgps. Then  $P_3P_5$  is a subgrp (a semidirect prod) of order 15. By classification of

groups of order  $pq$  ( $\nmid$  since  $5 \nmid 1(3)$ ),  $H = P_3 P_5$  is a direct pdt,  $\cong C_3 \times C_5$

so  $G$  has a subgp  $H \cong C_{15}$ , of index 2 hence normal.

Thus  $G = P_2 H$  as a semidirect pdt.

$$G \cong C_2 \times (C_3 \times C_5)$$

classified by aut of order 2 of  $C_3 \times C_5$  by which the  $C_2$  acts

$$\text{Aut}(C_3 \times C_5) \cong \text{Aut}(C_{15}) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/15\mathbb{Z})^\times \cong (\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^\times \times (\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^\times$$

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Now  $C_n$  has at most 3 subgp hence 1 element of order 2,

so elements of order 12 in  $(\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^\times \times (\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^\times$  are  $\{(\pm 1, \pm 1)\}$

Conclusion: Gps of order 30 are:

- ①  $C_2 \times C_{15} \cong G_{30}$   $\leftrightarrow (+1, +1) \leftrightarrow [1]_{15} \in (\mathbb{Z}/15\mathbb{Z})^\times$
- ②  $C_3 \times (C_2 \times C_5) \cong C_3 \times D_{10} \leftrightarrow (+1, -1) \leftrightarrow [4]_{15}$
- ③  $C_5 \times D_6 \cong C_5 \times S_3 \leftrightarrow (-1, 1) \leftrightarrow [13]_{15}$
- ④  $G \times C_{15} \cong D_{30} \leftrightarrow (-1, -1) \leftrightarrow [14]_{15}$

Remark If normal, contains a  $P_3$ , a  $P_5$  so contains  $\text{Syl}_3(G)$ ,  $\text{Syl}_5(G)$   
 But if commutative,  $n_3(H) = n_5(H) = 1$ , so  $n_3(G) = n_5(G) = 1$

Example: let  $G$  be a simple group of order  $60 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$ .

Then  $G \cong A_5$ .

Numerology:  $n_2(G) \in \{1, 3, 5, 15\}$ ,  $n_3(G) \in \{1, 4, 10\}$

$$n_5(G) \in \{1, 6\}$$

$G$  simple  $\Rightarrow$  every hom  $f: G \rightarrow H$  is either ~~non-trivial~~ (if  $f(g) = e$ ) or injective (because  $\text{Ker}(f)$  is ~~OK~~ of  $G$ ,  $\neq \emptyset$ )

This excludes  $n_2(G) = 3$ , or  $n_3(G) = 4$ : the resulting hom to  $S_3$  or  $S_4$  won't be injective ( $\#G = 60 > 24, 6$ )  
 won't be trivial (G acts transitively on p-sylow subgps, so action is non-trivial)

Conclusion:  $n_3(G) = 10$ ,  $n_5(G) = 6$ ,  $n_2(G) \in \{5, 15\}$ .

Case I:  $n_2(G) = 5$ . Then conjugation action on  $\text{Syl}_2(G)$  gives hom  $f: G \rightarrow S_5$ . This is non-trivial, hence injective, image is a subgp of  $S_5$  of order 60, index 2, hence normal.  
 But normal subgps of  $S_5$  are  $313, A_5, S_5$ , so  $f(G) = A_5$  and  $G \cong A_5$

Case II:  $n_2(G) = 15$ . Recall  $n_3(G) = 10$ ,  $n_5(G) = 6$ ,

so G has 20 elements of order 3, 24 elements of order 25  
 so at most  $60 - 20 - 24 - 1 = 15$  elements of order 2.

Can't have all  $P_2$ 's disjoint (then  $15 \cdot 3$  elements of order 2 or 4)  
 let  $x \in G$  be a non-identity element belonging to two 2-sylow  
 subgps. The 2-sylow subgps of G have order  $4 = 2^2$  so are commutative,  
 so  $Z_G(x)$  contains both 2-sylow subgps containing x, so it properly  
 contains them (they are distinct, of order 4)

So index of  $Z_G(x)$  properly divides  $[G : P_2] = 15$ .

So size of conjugacy class of x properly divides 15.

The class doesn't have size 1 ( $Z(G) \neq G$  (not commutative))

doesn't have size 3 (G doesn't act on sets of size 3)

So  $[G : Z_G(x)] = 5$  and ~~non-transitive~~ conjugacy class of x furnishes a non-trivial G-set of size 5.

(we found if  $P_2, P_2'$  are non-disjoint 2-sylow subgps,  $\langle P_2, P_2' \rangle$  has index 5  
 order 12)