Assignment 6 MAT 347

Q4: Suppose that  $|G|=p^{\alpha}m$  for some  $\alpha$ , and  $p\nmid m$ . By Sylows theorems, there exists a subgroup P with  $|P|=p^{\alpha}$ . There must exist some element x with |x|>1. By Lagranges theorem,  $|x|=p^{\beta}$ , for some  $1\leq \beta \leq \alpha$ . Hence we have that  $x^{\beta^p}=e$ . Therefore the element  $x^{p^{\beta-1}}$  will have an order of p since

$$(x^{p^{\beta-1}})^p = x^{p \cdot p^{\beta-1}} = x^{p^{\beta}} = e.$$