

**Exercise 9.9.** Let  $H \leq G$ , the index of  $H$  is 2. Show that  $H$  is normal.

*Proof.* Since  $[G : H] = 2$ ,  $G = H \cup gH = H \cup Hg$  where  $g \notin H$ . Also  $H \cap gH = H \cap Hg = \emptyset$ . Removing  $H$  from  $G$  we get  $gH = Hg$ .

Informally,  $gH$  and  $Hg$  are the another half part of  $G$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 9.11.** Prove that a quotient group of a cyclic group is cyclic.

*Proof.* For any cyclic group  $G$  and normal subgroup  $H$ , let  $G = \langle g \rangle$  and  $H = \langle g^n \rangle$  for some minimum  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We claim  $G/H \approx Z_n$  or  $G/H \approx G$  if  $n = 0$  which is trivial.

We claim:

$$\boxed{\langle gH \rangle = G/H}$$

Every element in  $\langle gH \rangle$  is a coset of  $H$ , thus  $\langle gH \rangle \subseteq G/H$ .

Any element in  $G/H$  has form  $hH$  where  $h \in G$ , therefore  $h = g^s$  for some  $s$ . Then  $hH = g^sH \in \langle gH \rangle$ .

We claim  $|gH| = n$ .  $(gH)^n = g^nH$  where  $g^n \in H$ , so  $g^nH = H$ . Suppose  $0 < m < n$ ,  $g^mH = H$ . Then  $g^m \in H$  and  $g^{\gcd(m,n)} \in H$  where  $\gcd(m,n) \leq m$  and  $\gcd(m,n)$  divides  $n$ . But this contradict our assumption that  $n$  is minimum such that  $\langle g^n \rangle = H$ , because  $\langle g^{\gcd(m,n)} \rangle = H$ .

Thus,  $\langle gH \rangle$  is cyclic and order  $n$ , which is isomorphic to  $Z_n$   $\square$

**Exercise 9.12.** Prove that a quotient group of an Abelian group is abelian.

*Proof.* For any Abelian group  $G$  and normal subgroup  $H$ . For all  $aH$  and  $bH$  in  $G/H$  where  $a, b \in G$ .  $(aH)(bH) = abH = baH = (bH)(aH)$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 9.21.** For any Abelian group  $G$  of order  $p_0p_1 \cdots p_{n-1}$  where  $p_i$  are distinct primes. Shows that  $G$  is cyclic.

*Proof.* Since  $|G| = p_0p_1 \cdots p_{n-1}$ , there are elements of each prime orders, say,  $|g_0| = p_0, |g_1| = p_1 \cdots$ . We claim  $G = \langle g_0 \rangle \times \langle g_1 \rangle \times \cdots \times \langle g_{n-1} \rangle$ .

They are all normal because  $G$  is Abelian, so the first property satisfied. Let  $H = (\langle g_0 \rangle \langle g_1 \rangle \cdots \langle g_{i-1} \rangle) \cap \langle g_i \rangle$  for some  $i$ .  $H$  must be the subgroup of both  $\langle g_0 \rangle \langle g_1 \rangle \cdots \langle g_{i-1} \rangle$  and  $\langle g_i \rangle$ , therefore,  $|H|$  divides  $p_0p_1 \cdots p_{i-1}$  and  $p_i$ . But all  $p$ 's are distinct prime, so  $|H|$  must be 1, thus  $H = \{e\}$ . Then, since the product of two Abelian subgroups is also a subgroup, and the property we just proved,

it is easy to show  $G = \langle g_0 \rangle \langle g_1 \rangle \cdots \langle g_{n-1} \rangle$  by  $\forall H, K \leq G, |HK| = \frac{|H||K|}{|H \cap K|}$

So  $G$  is the internal direct product of  $\langle g_0 \rangle \times \langle g_1 \rangle \times \cdots \times \langle g_{n-1} \rangle$ , which is isomorphic to  $G' = \langle g_0 \rangle \oplus \langle g_1 \rangle \oplus \cdots \oplus \langle g_{n-1} \rangle$ . And the order of  $\langle g_i \rangle$  are relative primes, so  $G'$  is cyclic, so is  $G$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 9.41.** Let  $H$  be proper subgroup of  $Q$ , the group of rational numbers under addition. Show that  $H$  is infinite index.

*Proof.* Since  $Q$  Abelian, we need to show  $Q/H$  is infinite. Suppose  $|Q/H|$  is some finite  $n$ , let  $aH \in Q/H$  and  $aH \neq H$ , then  $(aH)^n = (na)H = H$ . But we found that  $(\frac{a}{n})H \in Q/H$  since it is a coset of  $H$ , but  $((\frac{a}{n})H)^n = aH$  which is not identity, contradict the fact that  $\forall aH \in Q/H, (aH)^n = H$

Another solution:  $\forall x \in Q$ , we have  $xH \in Q/H$ , if  $|Q/H| = n$ , then  $(xH)^n = nxH = H \rightarrow nx \in H$ . Consider  $f(x) = nx : Q \rightarrow Q$ , it is surjection, thus  $Q \subseteq H$ .

In fact, these solutions are the same, proving  $f$  is surjection is exactly finding  $f(x/n) = x$ , which we done in the first proof.  $\square$

**Exercise 9.47.** Show that  $D_{13}$  is isomorphic to  $\text{Inn}(D_{13})$ . Moreover, show that any group  $G$  where  $Z(G) = \{e\}$ , is isomorphic to  $\text{Inn}(G)$

*Proof.* By Theorem 9.4,  $G/Z(G) \approx \text{Inn}(G)$ . Since  $Z(G) = \{e\}$ ,  $G/Z(G) = G/\{e\} \approx G$ , thus  $G \approx \text{Inn}(G)$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 9.57.** Show that the intersection of two normal subgroups of  $G$  is also a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

*Proof.* Let  $H \triangleleft G$  and  $K \triangleleft G$ , we need to show  $(H \cap K) \triangleleft G$ , or equivalently,  $\forall g \in G, g(H \cap K)g^{-1} \subseteq (H \cap K)$ .

For any  $h \in H \cap K$ , since  $H$  is normal, there is a  $h'$  such that  $ghg^{-1} = h'gg^{-1}$ . Similarly, there is a  $h''$  such that  $ghg^{-1} = h''gg^{-1}$ . By cancellation,  $h' \in H = h'' \in K$ , thus  $h' = h'' \in H \cap K$ ,  $ghg^{-1} = h'gg^{-1} = h' \in H \cap K$ .

Moreover, we can proof that for  $n$  normal subgroups of  $G$ , the intersection of those subgroups is also a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

We induction on  $n$ :

- Base: The intersection of 1 normal subgroup is itself, and it is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
- Induction: We have the following induction hypothesis:

The intersection of  $n - 1$  normal subgroups is a normal subgroup of  $G$

And we need to show:

The intersection of  $n$  normal subgroups is a normal subgroup of  $G$

Let  $H$  be the intersection of  $n - 1$  normal subgroups, and we know it is normal in  $G$ . Let  $K$  be the  $n$ th normal subgroup, we already prove that  $H \cap K$  is also a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

□

**Exercise 9.59.** Let  $N \triangleleft G$  and  $N$  is cyclic. Show that any subgroup of  $N$  is normal in  $G$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $M = \langle n^k \rangle$  is a subgroup of  $N$ , then  $M$  is cyclic. For any  $g \in G$ ,  $n^{ks} \in M$ ,  $gn^{ks}g^{-1} = (gn^sg^{-1})^k$ . By  $N$  is normal,  $gn^sg^{-1} = n^t$  for some  $n^t \in N$ . Then  $(gn^sg^{-1})^k = (n^t)^k = n^{tk} = (n^k)^t \in M$  □

**Exercise 9.61.** Let  $H \triangleleft G$  and  $G$  a finite group. Let  $x \in G$  and  $|x|$  is coprime to  $|G/H|$ . Show that  $x \in H$ .

*Proof.* Let  $xH \in G/H$ , since  $G$  finite, so is  $G/H$ . So we suppose the order of  $|xH|$  is  $n$ . If  $n$  doesn't divide  $|x|$ , then  $|x| = nq + r$ . We have  $(xH)^{|x|} = (xH)^{nq+r} = (xH)^r = H$  where  $r < n$ , which contradict  $|xH| = n$ . So  $n$  has to divide  $|x|$ , but  $n$  also divides  $|G/H|$  and we know  $|x|$  is coprime to  $|G/H|$ . Thus  $n$  has to be 1, which implies  $xH = H \rightarrow x \in H$ . □

**Exercise 9.62.** Let  $G$  be a group of order  $pm$  where  $p$  is prime,  $p > m$ . If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  of order  $p$ , prove that  $H$  is normal.

*Proof.* We first show  $H$  is the only subgroup of  $G$  of order  $p$ . Let  $K$  be another subgroup of  $G$  of order  $p$ . Since  $H \neq K$ , we have  $H \cap K = \{e\}$ . Then  $|HK| = \frac{|H||K|}{|H \cap K|} = p^2$  where  $HK \subseteq G$ . But  $p^2 > pm$  since  $p > m$ .

For any  $x \in G$ ,  $\phi_x$  sends  $H$  to a subgroup of order  $p$  in  $G$ , but we already prove that  $H$  is the only subgroup of  $G$ , thus, for any  $h \in H$ ,  $\phi_x(h) = xhx^{-1} \in H$ . □

**Exercise 9.63.** If a group of order 24 has more than one subgroups of order 3. Show that none of them is normal.

*Proof.* Suppose  $H \triangleleft G$ ,  $K$  is a distinct subgroup of  $G$ , and  $|H| = |K| = 3$ . By the example of Theorem 9.1,  $HK$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . But now  $|HK| = \frac{|H||K|}{|H \cap K|}$ , since  $H \neq K$  and  $|H| = |K| = 3$ ,  $|H \cap K| = 1$  and  $|HK| = 3 \cdot 3 = 9$ . Now,  $|HK|$  must divide  $|G| = 24$  which doesn't.  $\square$

**Exercise 9.66.** Suppose  $G$  has a subgroup of order  $n$ . Prove that the intersection of all subgroups of order  $n$  of  $G$  is normal in  $G$ .

*Proof.* We need to show: Let  $\phi : G \rightarrow G$  an isomorphism,  $H$  be the intersection of all subgroups of  $G$  of order  $n$ , shows that  $\phi(H) = \{ \phi(h) \mid h \in H \}$  is the intersection of all subgroups of  $\overline{G}$  of order  $n$ .

Let  $H = H_0 \cap H_1 \cap \cdots \cap H_m$ , then  $\phi(H) = \phi(H_0 \cap H_1 \cap \cdots \cap H_m) =$  (since  $\phi$  is injective)  $\phi(H_0) \cap \phi(H_1) \cap \cdots \cap \phi(H_m)$ . Let  $K$  be a subgroup of  $\overline{G}$  of order  $n$ . Since  $\phi$  is an isomorphism, there is a  $H_i$  such that  $\phi(H_i) = K$ . Thus,  $\phi(H)$  is the intersection of all subgroups of  $\overline{G}$  of order  $n$ .

Now, taking automorphism  $\phi_g(h) = ghg^{-1}$ , we can prove  $\phi_g(H) = H$ , then  $\forall g \in G, ghg^{-1} \in \phi_g(H) = H$  which implies normal.  $\square$

**Exercise 9.67.** If  $G$  is non-Abelian, show that  $\text{Aut}(G)$  is not cyclic.

*Proof.* We consider the converse of our goal:

If  $\text{Aut}(G)$  is cyclic, show that  $G$  is Abelian.

For any  $a, b \in G$ , consider the automorphisms  $T_{ab}(g) = abg$ .  $T_{ab}(g) = (ab)g = a(bg) = T_a(T_b(g))$ . Since  $\text{Aut}(G)$  is cyclic and  $T_a, T_b$  are automorphisms, we can write  $T_a$  and  $T_b$  in  $\phi^i$  and  $\phi^j$  for some  $i$  and  $j$  where  $\text{Aut}(G) = \langle \phi \rangle$ . Then  $T_{ab}(g) = T_a(T_b(g)) = \phi^i(\phi^j(g)) = \phi^{i+j}(g) = \phi^{j+i}(g) = \phi^j(\phi^i(g)) = T_b(T_a(g)) = T_{ba}(g)$ . We take  $g = e$ ,  $T_{ab}(e) = T_{ba}(e) \rightarrow ab = ba$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 9.68.** Let  $|G| = p^n m$  where  $p$  is prime and  $p$  is coprime to  $m$ . Suppose  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  of order  $p^n$ , if  $K$  is a subgroup of  $G$  of order  $p^k$ , show that  $K \subseteq H$ .

*Proof.* Since  $H$  is normal,  $|G/H| = \frac{|G|}{|H|} = m$ . For any  $a \in K$ ,  $(aH)^{p^k} = a^{p^k}H = eH = H$ , we know  $|aH|$  divides  $p^k$ . Also, since  $aH \in G/H$ ,  $|aH|$  divides  $|G/H| = m$ . Thus  $|aH|$  divides  $p^k$  and  $m$ . By  $p$  is coprime to  $m$  and  $p$  is prime, we know  $p^k$  is also coprime to  $m$ , so  $|aH| = 1 \rightarrow a \in H$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 9.71.** If  $|G| = 30$  and  $|Z(G)| = 3$ , which group is  $G/Z(G)$  isomorphic to? What about  $|Z(G)| = 5$ ? What about  $|G| = 2pq$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct odd primes?

*Proof.* First, we know the group of order  $2p$  where  $p$  is prime is isomorphic to  $Z_{2p}$  or  $D_p$ .

For  $|G/Z(G)| = 30/3 = 10$ . Suppose  $G/Z(G)$  is cyclic, by Theorem 9.3,  $G$  is Abelian, but then  $|G| = |Z(G)| = 30$ . So  $G/Z(G)$  can not be cyclic, thus  $G/Z(G)$  is isomorphic to  $D_3$ . Similarly,  $G/Z(G)$  is isomorphic to  $D_5$  if  $|Z(G)| = 5$ .

Moreover, suppose  $|G| = 2pq$  and  $|Z(G)| = p$ . If  $G/Z(G)$  is cyclic, then  $|Z(G)| = 2pq$  which is not cool. So  $G/Z(G)$  is isomorphic to  $D_q$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 9.72.** If  $H \triangleleft G$  and  $|H| = 2$ , prove that  $H \subseteq Z(G)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $|H| = 2$ , we suppose the only non-identity element in  $H$  is  $h$ . For any  $g \in G$ ,  $gh \in gH$ , since  $H$  is normal, we know there is an  $h'$  such that  $gh = h'g$ . Suppose  $h' = e$ , then  $gh = g$  give us  $h = e$  which contradicts our assumption. So  $h'$  has to be  $h$ , then  $gh = hg$ ,  $h \in Z(G)$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 9.74.** Let  $H \triangleleft G$  and the index of  $H = 2$ . Show that  $H$  contains all the elements of odd order.

*Proof.* Suppose  $g \in G$  is odd order. Then by  $(gH)^{|g|} = H$  we know  $|gH|$  divides  $|g|$  where  $|gH|$  might be 1 or 2. Since  $|g|$  is odd, so the only choice is  $|gH| = 1 \rightarrow gH = H \rightarrow g \in H$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 9.77.** Show that  $A_5$  has no normal subgroup of order 12.

*Proof.* Suppose  $H \triangleleft A_5$  and  $|H| = 12$ . Then  $|A_5/H| = 5$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 9.81.** Let  $g \in G$  and  $H \triangleleft G$ , if  $|g|$  is coprime to  $|H|$ , show that  $|gH| = |g|$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $|gH| = n$ , then  $g^n \in H$ . Let  $|g^n| = m$  which divides  $|H|$ , then  $(g^n)^m = e$  and  $|g|$  divides  $nm$ . Since  $|g|$  is coprime to  $|H|$  and  $m$  divides  $|H|$ ,  $|g|$  is coprime to  $|m|$ , so  $|g|$  divides  $n$ .

Another solution: Since  $g^n \in \langle g \rangle$ ,  $|g^n|$  divides  $|g|$ . Also, by  $g^n \in H$ ,  $|g^n|$  divides  $|H|$ . Then by  $|g|$  is coprime to  $|H|$ ,  $|g^n| = 1 \rightarrow g^n = e$ , Then  $|g|$  divides  $|n|$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 9.84.** For any  $n \geq 3$ , prove that  $D_{2n}$  can be expressed as an internal direct product of  $D_n$  and a subgroup of order 2 iff  $n$  is odd.

*Proof.* Suppose  $D_{2n} = D_n \times H$  for some normal subgroup  $H$  of order 2. Since  $|H| = 2$ ,  $H \subseteq Z(D_{2n})$ , we know  $Z(D_{2n}) = \{R_0, R_{180}\}$ , thus  $H = Z(D_{2n})$ . If  $n$  is even,  $R_{180} \in D_n$ , and  $R_{180} \in H$  since  $H = Z(D_{2n})$ .  $D_n \cap H \neq \{e\}$  which contradicts the requirement of internal direct product.

If  $n$  is odd, we claim  $D_{2n} = D_n \times \{R_0, R_{180}\}$ . It is easy to show  $\{R_0, R_{180}\}$  is normal, so we focus on  $D_n$ . Let  $a \in D_{2n}$  and  $b \in D_n$ , we need to show  $aba^{-1} \in D_n$ .

- $a$  and  $b$  are rotations,  $aba^{-1} = aa^{-1}b = b \in D_n$ .
- $a$  is reflection and  $b$  is rotation, then  $ab$  is reflection,  $(ab)a^{-1} = (b^{-1}a^{-1})a^{-1} = b^{-1} \in D_n$ .
- $a$  is rotation and  $b$  is reflection, then  $ab$  is reflection,  $(ab)a^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}a^{-1}$ , we need to show  $a^{-2} \in D_n$ . Let  $Z_{2n}$  the rotations of  $D_{2n}$  and  $Z_n$  the rotations of  $D_n$ , since  $Z_{2n}$  is Abelian (or the index of  $Z_n$  is 2),  $Z_n \triangleleft Z_{2n}$ ,  $|Z_{2n}/Z_n| = \frac{2n}{n} = 2$  Then  $(a^{-1}Z_n)^2 = a^{-2}Z_n = Z_n$  which implies  $a^{-2} \in Z_n$ .

Thus, by  $b^{-1} \in D_n$  and  $a^{-1}a^{-1} \in D_n$ ,  $b^{-1}a^{-1}a^{-1} \in D_n$ .

- $a$  and  $b$  are reflections, let  $H \in D_n$  and  $H$  is reflection. Then we can write  $a$  and  $b$  in  $RH$  and  $R'H$  for some  $R$  and  $R'$  which are rotations. Then

$$\begin{aligned} aba^{-1} &= RHR'H(RH)^{-1} \\ &= RHR'HHR^{-1} && (a \text{ is reflection}) \\ &= RHR'R^{-1} \\ &= R(HR')R^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

where  $H \in D_n$  and  $R' \in D_n$ , this is the last case we just proved.

Then  $\forall a \in D_{2n}, aD_na^{-1} \subseteq D_n \rightarrow D_n \triangleleft D_{2n}$ .

And, I just realized that the index of  $D_n$  is 2, then  $D_n \triangleleft D_{2n}$ . LOL.

Since  $n$  is odd,  $R_{180} \notin D_n$ ,  $D_n \cap \{R_0, R_{180}\} = \{R_0\}$ .

$|D_n\{R_0, R_{180}\}| = \frac{|D_n||\{R_0, R_{180}\}|}{|D_n \cap \{R_0, R_{180}\}|} = (2n) \times 2 = |D_{2n}|$ , thus  $D_n\{R_0, R_{180}\} = D_{2n}$ . □

**Exercise 9.85.** Suppose  $G$  is an Abelian group and  $H_0, H_1, \dots, H_{k-1}$  are subgroups of  $G$  such that for any  $g \in G$  is uniquely expressible in the form  $h_0 h_1 \cdots h_{k-1}$  where  $h_i \in H_i$ . Prove that  $G = H_0 \times H_1 \times \cdots \times H_{k-1}$ .

*Proof.* It is trivial that  $H_i$  are normal and the product of them is exactly  $G$ . We need to show  $\forall i, (H_0 H_1 \cdots H_i) \cap H_{i+1} = \{e\}$ . Suppose  $g \in (H_0 H_1 \cdots H_i) \cap H_{i+1}$  and  $g \neq e$ . Then  $g$  can be expressed in form  $h_0 h_1 \cdots h_i$  and  $h_{i+1}$  which contradict the assumption.  $\square$

**Exercise 9.86** (Normalizer). Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Define  $N(H) = \{x \in G \mid xHx^{-1} = H\}$ . Prove that  $N(H)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

*Proof.* By two-steps:

- $e \in N(H)$  since  $H = H$ .
- For any  $a, b \in N(H)$ ,  $abH(ab)^{-1} = abHb^{-1}a^{-1} = aHa^{-1} = H$ .
- For any  $a \in N(H)$ ,  $H = a^{-1}aHa^{-1}a = a^{-1}Ha$ .

$\square$

**Exercise 9.89.** Let  $G$  be a group of order  $pm$  where  $p$  is prime and  $p$  is coprime to  $m$ . Suppose  $G$  has a normal subgroup of order  $p$ , show that it is the only subgroup of order  $p$ .

*Proof.* Let  $H \triangleleft G$  and  $|H| = p$ , if  $K \leq G$ ,  $|K| = p$  and  $H \neq K$ . Then  $HK$  is a subgroup of  $G$  since  $H$  is normal. It is easy to show  $H \cap K = \{e\}$  since they are order  $p$ . Thus  $|HK| = |H||K| = p^2$ , and since  $HK$  is a subgroup of  $G$ ,  $|HK|$  divides  $G$ , that is,  $p^2$  divides  $pm$ , which implies  $p$  divides  $m$ , but  $p$  is coprime to  $m$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 9.90.** For any group  $G$ , show that  $\text{Inn}(G) \triangleleft \text{Aut}(G)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\phi \in \text{Aut}(G)$  and  $\phi_g \in \text{Inn}(G)$  for some  $g \in G$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\phi\phi_g\phi^{-1})(x) \\
 &= \phi(\phi_g(\phi^{-1}(x))) \\
 &= \phi(g\phi^{-1}(x)g^{-1}) \\
 &= \phi(g)\phi(\phi^{-1}(x))\phi(g^{-1}) \\
 &= \phi(g)x\phi(g)^{-1} \\
 &= \phi_{\phi(g)} \in \text{Inn}(G)
 \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

**Exercise 9.91.** Let  $G$  be an Abelian group of order  $2^n$  where  $n$  is positive integer. If  $G$  has exactly one element of order 2, show that  $G$  is cyclic.

*Proof.* Induction on  $n$ . If  $n = 1$ ,  $|G| = 2$ , it is obviously that  $G$  is cyclic. So we focus on induction step.

Let  $g \in G$  be the element of order 2,  $H = \langle g \rangle$ . Since  $G$  is Abelian,  $G/H$  is also Abelian. So there is an element  $aH$  of order 2 in  $G/H$ . We will prove that it is the unique element of order 2.

Suppose  $bH \in G/H$  and  $|bH| = 2$ . Since  $(aH)^2 = H$ , we know  $a^2 \in H$ . If  $a^2 = e$ , then  $|a| = 1$  or  $2$ , both cases indicate that  $a \in H \rightarrow |aH| = 1$ , so  $a^2 = g$ . Similarly,  $b^2 = g$ . Then  $a = ga^{-1}$  and  $b = gb^{-1}$ . By  $a^{-1}b = ag^{-1}gb^{-1} = ab^{-1}$ , we know  $(a^{-1}b)^2 = a^{-1}bab^{-1} = a^{-1}abb^{-1} = e$ , that is,  $|a^{-1}b| = 1$  or  $2 \rightarrow a^{-1}b \in H \rightarrow aH = bH$ .

Since  $G$  is Abelian, so is  $G/H$ , and  $|G/H| = 2^{n-1}$  where  $n-1$  is positive since  $n > 1$ . And we proved  $G/H$  has exactly one element of order 2, by induction hypothesis,  $G/H$  is cyclic.

Consider  $aH \in G/H$  that  $|aH| = 2^{n-1}$ . Then  $a^{2^{n-1}} \in H$ . If  $a^{2^{n-1}} = e$ ,  $(a^{2^{n-2}})^2 = a^{2^{n-2} \times 2} = a^{2^{n-1}} = e$ . This implies  $|a^{2^{n-2}}| = 1$  or  $2$ , both cases indicate that  $(aH)^{2^{n-2}} = H$  which contradicts  $|aH| = 2^{n-1}$ . Thus  $a^{2^{n-1}} = g$  and  $a^{2^n} = a^{2^{n-1} \times 2} = (a^{2^{n-1}})^2 = g^2 = e$ . Since  $|aH| = 2^{n-1}$  implies  $|a| \geq 2^{n-1}$  and we proved that  $|a| \neq 2^{n-1}$ ,  $|a| = 2^n$ ,  $G$  is cyclic.

We can generalize the induction step and show that  $G$  is cyclic if  $G$  has exactly  $\phi(p) = p-1$  element of order  $p$  where  $p$  is prime.  $\square$

**Exercise 9.92.** Let  $G$  be finite Abelian group of order  $mn$ , where  $m$  is coprime to  $n$ . Define  $G^d = \{x \in G \mid x^d = e\}$ , show that  $G = G^m \times G^n$ .

*Proof.* We first show  $G^m$  and  $G^n$  are subgroups. By two-steps:

- $e \in G^m$
- $\forall x, y \in G^m, (xy)^m = x^m y^m = e$
- $\forall x \in G^m, (x^{-1})^m = x^{-m} = (x^m)^{-1} = e$

Same for  $G^n$ .

Then we show  $G^m$  and  $G^n$  are normal. For any  $g \in G, x \in G^m$ .  $(gxg^{-1})^m = gx^m g^{-1} = geg^{-1} = e \rightarrow gxg^{-1} \in G^m$ , same for  $G^n$ .

Then we show  $G^m \cap G^n = \{e\}$ . Let  $g \in G$  and  $g^m = g^n = e$ , then  $|g|$  divides  $m$  and  $n$ , since  $m$  is coprime to  $n$ ,  $|g| = 1 \rightarrow g = e$ .



Finally we show that  $G = G^m G^n$ . For any  $g \in G$ ,  $|g| = d$ .  $d$  must divide  $mn$ . Let  $s = \gcd(m, d)$  and  $t = \gcd(n, d)$ . In other words, we separate  $d$  into two parts: the factors of  $m$  and the factors of  $n$ . Then  $g^d = g^{st} = g^s g^t$  where  $(g^s)^n = e$  since  $t$  divides  $n$ , and  $(g^t)^m = e$  since  $s$  divides  $m$ . Then  $g^s g^t = e \rightarrow g \in G^m G^n$ . Thus  $G \subseteq G^m G^n$ .  $\square$