

# Groups and Rings - SF2729

## Homework 7

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**Exercise 1. How many  $p$ -Sylow subgroups the group  $A_5$  has for  $p = 3, 5, 7$**

*Solution.*

*Theorem 0.1* (Third Sylow Theorem).  $p$  prime  $\wedge p \mid |G| \Rightarrow \#\{\text{Sylow } p\text{-subgroups}\} \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \wedge \#\{\text{Sylow } p\text{-subgroups}\} \mid |G|$

$$S = \{a : a \mid |A_5| = 5!/2\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30, 60\}$$

**1**  $p = 3$

$$\{a \in S : a \equiv 1 \pmod{3}\} = \{1, 4, 10\}$$

Subgroups generate by cycles of order 3 in  $A_5$  is Sylow 3-subgroups.

$\langle(123)\rangle, \langle(124)\rangle, \langle(125)\rangle, \langle(134)\rangle, \langle(135)\rangle, \dots$

Which is more than 4 distinct Sylowgroups which results in:

$$\underline{\#\{\text{Sylow } 3\text{-subgroups}\} = 10}$$

**2**  $p = 5$

$$\{a \in S : a \equiv 1 \pmod{5}\} = \{1, 6\}$$

Subgroups generate by cycles of order 5 in  $A_5$  is Sylow 5-subgroups.

$\langle(12345)\rangle, \langle(12354)\rangle, \dots$  Which is more than 1 distinct Sylowgroups which results in:

$$\underline{\#\{\text{Sylow } 5\text{-subgroups}\} = 6}$$

**3**  $p = 7$

$$\{a \in S : a \equiv 1 \pmod{7}\} = \{1, 15\}$$

$7 \notin S \wedge \text{Lagrange's Theorem} \Rightarrow \nexists$  subgroups of order 7. And thus:

$$\underline{\#\{\text{Sylow } 7\text{-subgroups}\} = 0}$$