

**Problem 1.**

We prove the general cases  $pq$ ,  $p^2q$ . And also for  $p^\alpha$  we know that they have normal subgroup of order  $m$  where  $m < \alpha$ .

$pq$ : Let  $p > q$ . Let  $n_p$  and  $n_q$  denote the number of  $p$ -syllow and  $q$ -syllows respectively. By Sylow's theorem we know that  $n_p \mid q$  and  $n_p \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . Since  $n_p \mid q$  then  $n_p = 1$  or  $n_p = q$ . If  $n_p = 1$  then there is only one  $p$ -syllow group which means it must be normal. If  $n_p = q$  then we have  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  which implies  $p \mid q - 1$ . Which can not happen since  $p > q$ . Thus there is only one  $p$ -syllow group and it is normal, thus all groups with order  $pq$  are not simple.

$p^2q$ : If  $p > q$  then we have:  $n_p \mid q$ . If  $n_p = 1$  then the  $p$ -syllow group is normal, thus  $G$  is not simple. If  $n_p = q$  then since we have  $n_p \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  then we have:  $p \mid q - 1$  which is a contradiction since  $p > q$ .

If  $q > p$ , then consider  $n_q$ . We know that  $n_q \mid p^2$  and  $n_q \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$ . If  $n_q = 1$  then  $q$ -syllow group is normal, thus the group is not simple. If  $n_q = p$  then  $q \mid p - 1$  which is not possible since  $q > p$ . If  $n_q = p^2$ . We know that members of different  $q$ -syllow groups are different. Thus we have  $p^2(q - 1)$  distinct elements of order  $q$ . Now There is only  $p^2$  elements left in  $G$ . This shows that there can only be one  $p$ -syllow group, which has to be normal. Thus  $G$  is not simple.

$p^\alpha$ : For  $\alpha = 1$ , there exists only one group with order  $p$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . for  $\alpha > 1$  we know that for any  $\beta < \alpha$  there exists a normal subgroup of order  $p^\beta$ . This shows that the group with order  $p^\alpha$  for  $\alpha > 1$  is not simple.

Now we are left with only few of orders: 24, 36, 40, 48, 54, 56, 60, 72, 80, 84, 88, 90, 96, 100.

24, 48, 96: These are all of the form  $2^\alpha \cdot 3$ . For all these ,consider the 2-syllow subgroup, which has index of 3. Then there exists a homomorphism  $\pi : G \rightarrow S_3$ . Since  $|S_3| = 6$  and  $|G| > 6$  then  $\ker(\pi) \neq 1$  which shows that  $1 \neq \ker(\pi) \triangleleft G$ . Thus  $G$  is not simple.

36: Let  $P$  be a 3-syllow subgroup of  $G$ . Index of  $P$  is 4. This means that there exists a homomorphism  $\pi : G \rightarrow S_4$ . Since  $|G| = 36 > 4! = |S_4|$ . Thus  $|\ker \pi| > 2$ , and since  $\ker \pi \triangleleft G$ ,  $G$  has a non-trivial normal subgroup, which means  $G$  is not simple.

40: Consider the 5-syllow subgroup of  $G$ . we know that  $n_5 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$  and  $n_5 \mid 8$ . Thus  $n_5 = 1$  which shows that this subgroup is normal, thus  $G$  is not simple.

54: Index of a 3-syllow subgroup is 2. This means that there exists a homomorphism  $\pi : G \rightarrow S_2$ . And it is obvious that  $\ker \pi$  is non-trivial, therefore  $G$  is not simple.

- 56: We know that  $n_7 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$  and  $n_7 \mid 8$ . Therefore  $n_7 = 1$  or  $8$ . If  $n_7 = 1$  then 7-sylow group is normal. If  $n_7 = 8$  then there exists  $8 \times (7-1) = 48$  distinct element with order 7. There are  $56 - 48 = 8$  elements left in  $G$ . Thus there can only be one 2-sylow subgroup in  $G$  which means the 2-sylow subgroup is normal in  $G$ , Thus  $G$  is not simple.
- 72: We know that  $n_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $n_3 \mid 8$ . This means that  $n_3 = 1$  or  $4$ . If  $n_3 = 1$  then 3-sylow subgroup is normal. If  $n_3 = 4$  then let  $P$  be a 3-sylow group. We know that the action of  $G$  over  $O_p$  under conjugation is transitive. And since  $|O_p| = 4$ , there exists a homomorphism  $\pi : G \rightarrow S_4$ . And since  $|G| > |S_4|$ , then  $\ker \pi \neq 1$  is a non-trivial normal subgroup of  $G$ , Thus  $G$  is not simple.
- 80: Consider the 5-sylow subgroup of  $G$ . we know that  $n_5 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$  and  $n_5 \mid 16$ . Thus  $n_5 = 1$  or  $16$ . If  $n_5 = 1$  then it is a normal subgroup and it is not simple. If  $n_5 = 16$  then we have  $16(5-1) = 64$  distinct element of order 5. Then there are only 16 elements left. which shows that there exists only one 2-sylow group of order 16, which means that 2-sylow group is normal and  $G$  is not simple.
- 84: We know that  $n_7 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$  and  $n_7 \mid 12$ . This means that  $n_7 = 1$  and 7-sylow subgroup is normal in  $G$ , thus  $G$  is not simple.
- 88: We know that  $n_{11} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$  and  $n_{11} \mid 8$ . This means that  $n_{11} = 1$ , thus 11-sylow subgroup is normal in  $G$  and  $G$  is not simple.
- 90: We know that  $n_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $n_3 \mid 10$ . This shows that  $n_3 = 1$ , thus 3-sylow subgroup is normal in  $G$  and  $G$  is not simple.
- 100: We know that  $n_5 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$  and  $n_5 \mid 4$ . This shows that  $n_5 = 1$  and therefore 5-sylow subgroup is normal in  $G$  and  $G$  is not simple.

The only order that we didn't show that is not simple is 60, and since we know that the only simple group of order 60 is  $A_5$ , Thus the only simple group with order less than 100 is  $A_5$ .

## Problem 2.

We have  $4563 = 13^2 \cdot 3^3$ . Now we know that  $n_{13} \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$  and  $n_{13} \mid 27$ . This shows that  $n_{13} = 1$  or  $n_{13} = 27$ . If  $n_{13} = 1$  then we are done since the only 13-sylow subgroup is normal in  $G$ . Now suppose that  $n_{13} = 27$ . If all 13-sylow subgroups have different elements, then there are  $27 \times 168 = 4563 - 27$  distinct elements of order 13 or  $13^2$ . And the remaining elements can only create one 3-sylow subgroup, which makes it normal. Now if 13-sylow groups have some common elements, then there exists two 13-sylow groups  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  such that:

$$P_1 \cap P_2 = H > 1 \xrightarrow{P_1 \neq P_2} |H| = 13$$

Also  $H$  is normal in  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  since  $[P_1 : H]13$ , which is the least prime number possible. Therefore we have  $P_1 < N_G(H)$  and  $P_2 < N_G(H)$ .

$$169 = |P_1| < |P_1 \cup P_2| < |N_G(H)| \mid 4563 \implies N_G(H) \geq 13^2 \cdot 3$$

This shows that  $[G : N_G(H)] \leq 9$ . Therefore the action of  $G$  over left cosets of  $N_G(H)$ , gives us the homomorphism:  $\varphi : G \rightarrow S_9$ . But since  $13 \mid |G|$  and  $13 \nmid 9!$ , then  $\ker \varphi \neq 1$ , thus  $\ker \varphi$  is normal in  $G$ , and  $G$  is not simple.

**Problem 3.**

Let  $(\sigma, \phi) \in \text{Aut}(G) \times \text{Aut}(H)$ . It is easy to see that  $(\sigma, \phi)$  is also an automorphism of  $G \times H$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (\sigma, \phi)[(a, b).(c, d)] &= (\sigma, \phi)[ac, bd] = (\sigma(ac), \phi(bd)) \\ &= (\sigma(a)\sigma(c), \sigma(b)\sigma(d)) = (\sigma(a), \phi(b)).(\sigma(c), \phi(d)) \\ &= (\sigma, \phi)[a, b].(\sigma, \phi)[c, d] \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $(\sigma, \phi) \in \text{Aut}(G \times H)$ . Thus  $\text{Aut}(G) \times \text{Aut}(H) \subset \text{Aut}(G \times H)$ . Now suppose  $\delta \in \text{Aut}(G \times H)$ . We know that  $\text{Ord}_{G \times H}(a, b) = \text{lcm}(\text{Ord}_G(a), \text{Ord}_H(b))$ . Thus  $\text{Ord}_{G \times H}(a, 1) = \text{Ord}_G(a) \mid |G|$ . Since  $\delta$  maps elements with same order to each other then if we have  $\delta(a, 1) = (b, c)$  then:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ord}_{G \times H}(b, c) &= \text{Ord}_G(a) \mid |G| \\ \text{Ord}_{G \times H}(b, c) &= \text{lcm}(\text{Ord}_G(b), \text{Ord}_H(c)) \end{aligned}$$

Now if  $\text{Ord}_H(c) \neq 1$  then we would have:

$$\begin{aligned} \exists p \neq 1 : p \mid \text{Ord}_H(c) \mid |H| \\ \implies p \mid \text{Ord}_{G \times H}(b, c) \mid |G| \\ \implies p \mid \gcd(|G|, |H|) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Which is a contradiction. This shows that for any element  $(a, 1)$  we have  $\delta(a, 1) = (a', 1)$ . And similarly we have:  $\delta(1, b) = (1, b')$ . Therefore if we define  $\delta_1 : G \rightarrow G$  and  $\delta_2 : H \rightarrow H$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \forall g \in G : \delta_1(g) &= g' \text{ where } \delta(g, 1) = (g', 1) \\ \forall h \in H : \delta_2(h) &= h' \text{ where } \delta(1, h) = (1, h') \end{aligned}$$

Then it is trivial that  $\delta_1 \in \text{Aut}(G)$ ,  $\delta_2 \in \text{Aut}(H)$ . Thus  $\delta = (\delta_1, \delta_2) \in \text{Aut}(G) \times \text{Aut}(H)$ . Which implies  $\text{Aut}(G \times H) \subset \text{Aut}(G) \times \text{Aut}(H)$ . Thus  $\text{Aut}(G \times H) = \text{Aut}(G) \times \text{Aut}(H)$ .

**Problem 4.**

Suppose  $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(D_8)$ . Since  $r$  and  $s$  are generators of  $D_8$  then  $\varphi$  is uniquely determined with  $\varphi(r)$  and  $\varphi(s)$ . Since  $\varphi$  is an automorphism, then  $\text{Ord}(r) = \text{Ord}(\varphi(r))$  and  $\text{Ord}(s) = \text{Ord}(\varphi(s))$ . There are only 2 elements of order 4 in  $D_8$ ,  $r$  and  $r^3$ . Thus  $\varphi(r) = r$  or  $r^3$ . And there are 5 elements of order 2 in in this group,  $r^2, s, sr, sr^2, sr^3$ . If  $\varphi(s) = r^2$  then  $\varphi(D_8) = C_4 \neq D_8$ , thus  $\varphi$  is not an automorphism. But for any other values we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(r) &= r^i, \varphi(s) = sr^j \\ \implies \varphi(r)\varphi(s) &= r^i sr^j = sr^{j-i} = sr^j r^{-1} = \varphi(s)\varphi(r)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $\varphi(D_8) = D_8$ . Therefore there are only 8 automorphisms for  $D_8$ . Now consider these automorphisms:

$$\delta : \begin{cases} r \rightarrow r^3 \\ s \rightarrow s \end{cases} \quad \sigma : \begin{cases} r \rightarrow r \\ s \rightarrow sr \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that  $Ord(\delta) = 2$  and  $Ord(\sigma) = 4$  in  $Aut(D_8)$ . Note that we have:

$$\sigma^{-1} : \begin{cases} r \rightarrow r \\ s \rightarrow sr^3 \end{cases}$$

Now it is easy to see that:

$$\sigma\delta : \begin{cases} r \rightarrow r^3 \\ s \rightarrow sr \end{cases} \quad \delta\sigma^{-1} : \begin{cases} r \rightarrow r^3 \\ s \rightarrow s(r^3)^3 = sr \end{cases}$$

This shows that  $\sigma\delta = \delta\sigma^{-1}$ . Therefore  $Aut(D_8) = \langle \sigma, \delta \mid \sigma^4 = \delta^2 = 1, \sigma\delta = \delta\sigma^{-1} \rangle = D_8$ . Therefore  $Aut(D_8) = D_8$ .

### Problem 5.

Suppose  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $D_{2n}$ . If  $H \subset \langle r \rangle$ , then  $H = \langle r^i \rangle$  such that  $i \mid n$ . And it is easy to see that for any element  $\delta \in D_{2n}$  we have  $\delta H \delta^{-1} = H$ . Thus for any  $i \mid n$ ,  $\langle r^i \rangle$  is a normal subgroup of  $D_{2n}$ . Now suppose  $H \not\subset \langle r \rangle$ . Thus there exists a  $sr^i \in H$ . Since  $H$  is normal we have  $r(sr^i)r^{-1} = sr^{i-2} \in H$ . This shows that if  $n$  is odd, then  $H$  contains all elements of form  $sr^i$ . Which are half of the elements of the group. With addition of 1,  $H$  contains more than half of the  $D_{2n}$ , Which means that  $H = D_{2n}$ . Since if we want to write  $D_{2n}$ , as a direct product, then the two subgroups are both normal in  $D_{2n}$ , and it is easy that direct product of these normal subgroups for odd  $n$ , doesn't create  $D_{2n}$ , then for odd  $n$  it is not possible to write  $D_{2n}$  as a direct product. For even  $n$ , if  $H \subset \langle r \rangle$  it is similar to the previous part. But if  $sr^i \in H$ , then with conjugation  $sr^{i-2} \in H$ . This shows that  $\langle s, r^2 \rangle \subset H$ . Which has exactly half of the elements of  $D_{2n}$ , therefore in order for  $H$  to be a proper normal subgroup, we have  $H = \langle s, r^2 \rangle$ . Note that this subgroup is the only normal subgroup of  $D_{2n}$  such that it includes  $s$ . Thus if we want to write  $D_{2n}$  as a direct product, one normal subgroup is  $\langle s, r^2 \rangle$ . And considering the size of group, the other subgroup must be of order 2. Let  $t$  be an element with order 2. Thus we would have  $D_{2n} = \langle t \rangle \times \langle s, r^2 \rangle$ . Therefore  $D_{2n} = \langle (t, s), (t, r^2) \rangle$ . Which implies  $Ord((t, s)) = 2$  and  $Ord((t, r^2)) = n$ . We also know that  $Ord((t, r^2)) = lcm(Ord(t), Ord(r^2)) = lcm(2, n/2)$ . This shows that  $n/2$  must be odd, in order for this direct product to create  $D_{2n}$ . Therefore if  $n$  is of the form  $2m$  where  $m$  is odd, then  $D_{2n}$  can be written as a direct product, otherwise it cannot.