

MTH 417: Lecture # 16

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Recall Lagrange's theorem.

Corollary 0.1. *If p is prime, then $|G| = p$, then G is cyclic of order of p .*

Proof. Let $H \leq G$, then $|H|/|G| = p$. So $|H| = 1$ or p . \square

More generally, any finite G , $g \in G$, the order of g is defined as

$$o(g) = |\langle g \rangle| \Big| |G| \quad (1)$$

Corollary 0.2. *Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $a \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then*

$$a^{\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n} \quad (2)$$

Recall that

$$\varphi(n) = |\mathbb{Z}_n^\times| \quad (3)$$

Proof. Note that $[a]_n \in \mathbb{Z}_n^\times$, so

$$o([a]_n) \Big| \varphi(n) \quad (4)$$

Therefore,

$$\varphi(n) = o([a]_n)k \quad k \in \mathbb{N} \quad (5)$$

However,

$$[a_n]^{o([a])} = [1] \in \mathbb{Z}_n^\times \quad (6)$$

The rest of this proof follows trivially. \square

Recall, $N \leq G$ is normal if $\forall g \in G$, then $gNg^{-1} = N$. We can check

$$N \text{ is normal if } G \iff gN = Ng$$