

# More group classification

(see also: pqr!)

## 4.4 Classify gps of order pq (distinct primes)

Soln

Wlog  $q < p$ . Cases:

$$1) q \nmid p-1$$

$$2) q \mid p-1$$

Unmotivated  $\cap$

Case 1:  $q \nmid p-1$

$$\text{WTS } G \cong (\mathbb{Z}/pq\mathbb{Z}, +)$$

- Consider  $S_p \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$ , then by Sylow 3
- $n_p \equiv 1 \pmod p \Rightarrow n_p \in \{1, p+1, 2p+1, \dots\}$
- $n_p \mid q \Rightarrow n_p \in \{1, q\}$
- $[G : N_G(S_p)] = n_p$

$$+ q < p$$

$$\Rightarrow n_p = 1$$

$$\text{Note } |S_p| = p \Rightarrow S_p \cong \mathbb{Z}/p$$

Consider  $S_q \in \text{Syl}_q(G)$

- $n_q \equiv 1 \pmod q \Rightarrow n_q \in \{1, q, 2q+1, \dots, kq+1\}$
- $n_q \mid p \Rightarrow n_q \in \{1, p\}$
- $[G : N_G(S_q)] = n_q$

$$\therefore n_q = 1 \text{ or } p = lq + 1$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$p-1 = lq$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$q \mid p-1$$

Why doesn't this work mod p-1?

$$\text{Sim., } S_q \cong \mathbb{Z}/q$$

$$\Rightarrow n_q = 1$$

So  $n_p = n_q = 1$ . Apply char. of direct products:

- $S_p, S_q \trianglelefteq G$  (Both normal  
mnem:  $B = \text{Ker}(A \times B \xrightarrow{\pi_A} A) \trianglelefteq A \times B$ )
- True by above
- $S_p \cap S_q = \{1\}$
- True by coprime order
- $S_p S_q = G$

$$|S_p \cap S_q| = \{1\} \text{ by coprime order}$$

$$|S_p S_q| = \frac{|S_p| \cdot |S_q|}{|S_p \cap S_q|} = \frac{p \cdot q}{1} = pq$$

$$S_p S_q \trianglelefteq G \text{ \& } |S_p S_q| = |G| \Rightarrow S_p S_q = G$$

$$\Rightarrow G \cong S_p \times S_q \cong \mathbb{Z}/p \times \mathbb{Z}/q \xrightarrow{\text{CRT}} \mathbb{Z}/pq$$

Case 2:

$S_p$  argument works,  $S_q$  doesn't  $\leadsto$  Semidirect prod

$$G \cong S_p \rtimes_{\psi} S_q \cong (\mathbb{Z}/p, +) \rtimes_{\psi} (\mathbb{Z}/q, +), \quad \psi: \mathbb{Z}/q \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{\text{Grp}}(\mathbb{Z}/p)$$

$$\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}/p) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/p^{\times}, \cdot) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/p-1, +) \quad \left\langle \begin{matrix} a, b \\ a^p, b^q \\ bab^{-1} = \psi(a) \end{matrix} \right\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Need maps } \mathbb{Z}/q \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p-1$$

Trivial map  $[1]_q \mapsto [1]_{p-1} \leadsto \text{id}_{S_q} \Rightarrow$  direct product.

Is there a nontrivial map?

$q \mid p-1$ , by Cauchy's Thm,  $\exists \alpha$  of order  $q \in \mathbb{Z}/p-1$

Then  $[1]_q \mapsto [\alpha]_{p-1} \leadsto \alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}/p)$  of order  $q$  (non-triv)

Claim: All choices of  $\alpha$  yield iso semidirect prods.

$$\text{Have } G \cong \mathbb{Z}/p \rtimes_{\psi} \mathbb{Z}/q, \quad \psi: (\mathbb{Z}/q, +) \rightarrow \text{Aut } \mathbb{Z}/p \cong (\mathbb{Z}/p^{\times}, \cdot)$$

$$\cong \left\langle \begin{matrix} a, b \\ a^p, b^q \\ bab^{-1} = \psi(a) = a^l \end{matrix} \right\rangle \quad \begin{matrix} \text{nontriv} \Rightarrow l \not\equiv 1 \pmod p \\ \text{order } q \Rightarrow l^q \equiv 1 \pmod p \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{Use } \text{Aut } \mathbb{Z}/p = \left\{ \begin{matrix} \phi_l: \mathbb{Z}/p \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p \\ \xi \mapsto \xi^l \end{matrix} \mid l=1, 2, \dots, p-1 \right\}$$

$$((\mathbb{Z}/p)^{\times}, \cdot) = \left\{ \begin{matrix} [1]_p, [2]_p, \dots, [p-1]_p \\ [x]_p \cdot [y]_p := [xy]_p \end{matrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Possibilities for } \psi = \left\{ \phi_l \mid \underbrace{\phi_l \circ \phi_l \circ \dots \circ \phi_l}_{q \text{ times}} = \text{id}_{\mathbb{Z}/p} \text{ (order } q) \right\}$$

$$= \{ [x]_p \in (\mathbb{Z}/p)^{\times}, [x]_p^l = [1]_p \}$$

$$= \left\{ n \in \mathbb{Z}/p \mid \begin{matrix} n \not\equiv 1 \pmod p \\ n^l \equiv 1 \pmod p \end{matrix} \right\} \dots \text{?}$$

Big idea: Choosing a different  $l$

$\Rightarrow$  Choosing a new generator for  $(\mathbb{Z}/p)^{\times}$

$$\mathbb{Z}/q \xrightarrow{\psi_{l_0}} \text{Aut } \mathbb{Z}/p \xrightarrow{\psi_{l_2}} \text{Aut } \mathbb{Z}/p \quad \left. \begin{matrix} \text{Choose new gen} \\ \psi_{l_2} \end{matrix} \right\} \text{All } \psi_{l_2} \text{ arise this way}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}/p \rtimes_{\psi_{l_0}} \mathbb{Z}/q \cong \mathbb{Z}/p \rtimes_{\psi_{l_2} \circ \psi_{l_0}} \mathbb{Z}/q$$

$$= \mathbb{Z}/p \rtimes_{\psi_l} \mathbb{Z}/q$$

All isomorphic.

Common question!

(pqr: maybe difficult!)