

## Problem: 2

A1 False

$S_3$  has order  $6 = 2 \cdot 3$  and is non-abelian.

There is a standard theorem: if  $|G| = pq$  with primes

$p < q$  and  $p \nmid (q-1)$ , then  $G$  is cyclic (hence abelian).

But when  $p \mid (q-1)$  nonabelian semidirect products may exist.

$$[H : \mathfrak{a}] \geq [G : \mathfrak{a}] = K$$

B1 True.

Every group of order  $p^2$  is abelian.

Let  $|G| = p^2$ . The center  $Z(G)$  is nontrivial (class equation). If  $|Z(G)| = p^2$  then  $G = Z(G)$  is abelian. If  $|Z(G)| = p$  then  $G/Z(G)$  has order  $p$  hence is cyclic, implying  $G$  is abelian.

Thus in all cases  $G$  is abelian.

If  $G \cong C_{p^2}$  (cyclic) then there is exactly one subgroup of order  $p$ .

If  $G \cong C_p \times C_p$  then there are exactly  $p+1$  subgroups of order  $p$ .

So,  $G$  has  $p+1$  subgroups of order  $p$  if and only if  $G \cong C_p \times C_p$ .

then  $G$  is abelian.

C1 True

Let the distinct conjugates be  $H_1, \dots, H_k$  where  $H_1 = H$ . Each conjugate has  $|H|$  elements. Two distinct conjugates intersect in a subgroup of

size at most  $|H| - 1$ . Also  $k = [G : N_G(H)]$ , where  $N_G(H)$  is the normalizer of  $H$ . Since  $H \subseteq N_G(H)$

we have,  $k = [G : N_G(H)] \leq [G : H]$ .



D<sub>1</sub> False

$G = S_3$ . Take  $N = \langle (123) \rangle$  (order 3), which is normal and cyclic. The quotient  $S_3/N$  has order 2 and is cyclic. But  $S_3$  is non-abelian. So both  $N$  and  $G/N$  cyclic does not force  $G$  abelian.

G<sub>1</sub> False

work in the infinite cyclic group  $\langle x \rangle$ . Let  $a = x$  and  $b = x^2$ . Then  $a^4 = b^2$ , and  $ab = ba$ . But  $(ab)^6 = (x \cdot x^2)^6 = x^{18} \neq e$ . So the conclusion  $(ab)^6 = e$  is not generally true without extra hypotheses.

I<sub>1</sub> True

If there is exactly one subgroup of order  $p^n$  then that subgroup is unique and therefore normal.