

Def: A composition series is a sequence
 $1 = N_0 \leq N_1 \leq \dots \leq N_k = G$
 $N_i \trianglelefteq N_{i+1}$
 N_{i+1}/N_i simple

Ex: $1 \leq \langle r \rangle \leq \langle r, s \rangle \leq D_8$
 $D_8/\langle r \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$
 $\langle r \rangle/\langle r^2 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$
 $\langle r^2 \rangle/1 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$
 $1 \leq \langle s \rangle \leq \langle s, r^2 \rangle \leq D_8$
 $D_8/\langle s, r^2 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$
 $\langle s, r^2 \rangle/\langle s \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$
 $\langle s \rangle/1 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$

Theorem: $|G| = n > 1$
 1) G has a comp. series
 2) Comp factors are unique, i.e.
 $1 = N_0 \leq N_1 \leq \dots \leq N_k = G$
 Then $k = s$ &
 $(N_1/N_0, N_2/N_1, \dots, N_k/N_{k-1})$
 $(M_1/M_0, M_2/M_1, \dots, M_s/M_{s-1})$
 are same groups but reordered

Lemma 1: G simple
 $1 = N_0 \leq N_1 = G$
 is a composition series
 Pf: $N_0 \trianglelefteq N_1$ | $N_1/N_0 \cong G/1 \cong G$
 $\uparrow \downarrow$ | \cong
 $1 \trianglelefteq G$ | \cong simple

Lemma 2: $H \trianglelefteq G$
 G/H simple
 $\iff H \leq N \leq G$ | $H \text{ max}$
 then $N = H$ | normal
 or $N = G$ | subgroup

Pf: Normal
 $\{ \text{subgroups } N \} \iff \{ \text{subs } \}$
 $\{ H \leq N \leq G \} \iff \{ N \leq G/H \}$
 $H \trianglelefteq G$ | $1, G/H$

Prop 1: G finite group & $|G| > 1$, then G has a comp series.
 Pf: Induct on $|G|$
 Base: $|G| = 2$
 $\implies G \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ simple
 So lemma 1 \implies done
 General Case
 Assume prop 1 holds & $|G| > 2$
 Find $H \trianglelefteq G$, $H \neq 1, G$
 If none exist, G simple so lemma 1 \implies done
 Claim: We may assume G/H simple.
 Pf: $|G/H| \leq |G| \implies \exists \text{ c.s.}$
 $1 = \tilde{M}_0 \leq \tilde{M}_1 \leq \dots \leq \tilde{M}_s = G/H$
 Let $H' = \pi^{-1}(\tilde{M}_{s-1})$
 $\pi: G \rightarrow G/H$

Notice: $H \trianglelefteq H' \trianglelefteq G$
 $\&$ $\frac{G}{H'} \cong \frac{G/H}{H'/H} \cong \frac{\tilde{M}_s}{\tilde{M}_{s-1}}$ simple
 Replace H w/ H'
 Have $H \trianglelefteq G$ w/ G/H simple
 $|H| < |G| \implies$ induction
 $1 = N_0 \leq N_1 \leq \dots \leq N_k = H$
 so
 $1 = N_0 \leq N_1 \leq \dots \leq N_k \leq N_{k+1} = G$
 is a comp series for G .

Prop 2: $\exists H$ w/ $s = 2$
 $1 = N_0 \leq N_1 \leq \dots \leq N_k = G$
 $1 = M_0 \leq M_1 \leq M_2 = G$
 $\implies k = 2$ &
 $(N_1/N_0, N_2/N_1) \iff (M_1/M_0, M_2/M_1)$

Lemma 3: $H, K \trianglelefteq G$
 Then $HK \trianglelefteq G$.
 Pf: $HK \trianglelefteq G$ by 2nd iso thm.
 $h \in H, k \in K, g \in G$
 $ghkg^{-1} = (ghg^{-1})(gkg^{-1})$
 $= h' \cdot k' \in HK$
 $H \trianglelefteq G$ | $K \trianglelefteq G$

TP of prop 2
 G
 $M_1 \cdot N_{k-1}$
 $M_1 \cap N_{k-1}$
 $M_1 \cdot N_{k-1}$
 $M_1 \cap N_{k-1}$

Notice: Lemma 2 & 3
 G/M_1 simple, G/N_{k-1} simple
 1) $M_1 N_{k-1} = M_1 \iff M_1 N_{k-1} = N_{k-1}$
 2) $M_1 N_{k-1} = G \iff M_1 N_{k-1} = G$
 1) $M_1 = M_1 \cdot N_{k-1} = N_{k-1}$
 $N_{k-2} \trianglelefteq N_{k-1} \leftarrow$ simple
 \uparrow
 $1 = N_0$
 $\implies k = 2$
 $1 = N_0 \leq N_1 \leq N_2 = G$
 \parallel
 $1 = M_0 \leq M_1 \leq M_2 = G$
 same series done!!

2) G
 M_1 | N_{k-1}
 $M_1 \cap N_{k-1}$
 \parallel
 $\implies k = 2$
 $1 = N_0 \leq N_1 \leq N_2 = G$ ($N_1/N_0, N_2/N_1$)
 $1 = M_0 \leq M_1 \leq M_2 = G$ ($M_1/M_0, M_2/M_1$)
 \uparrow simple
 G/M_1 simple
 $G/N_{k-1} \cong M_1/M_1 \cap N_{k-1}$
 $G/N_{k-1} \cong M_1$
 $N_{k-1}/M_1 \cap N_{k-1} = N_{k-1}$
 \parallel
 G/M_1 simple
 \uparrow simple
 $(N_1/N_0, N_2/N_1)$
 $(M_1/M_0, M_2/M_1)$
 Done

Prop 3
 By induction, $\exists H$ holds.
 Pf: Induction on $\min\{k, s\}$
 Base case: $\min = 2$ (b)
 Inductive step
 $H = N_{k-1} \cap M_{s-1}$
 $* N_{k-1} = M_{s-1}$
 $1 = N_0 \leq \dots \leq N_{k-1} = H$
 $1 = M_0 \leq \dots \leq M_{s-1} = H$
 Ind: $k-1 = s-1$ ($k = s$)
 $(M_{i+1}/M_i) \iff (N_{i+1}/N_i)$
 Adding G/H to each list proves result.

Else $N_{k-1} \neq M_{s-1}$
 Claim: $N_{k-1} M_{s-1} = G$.
 Pf: $N_{k-1} \trianglelefteq N_{k-1} M_{s-1} \trianglelefteq G$
 Lemma 2 since G/N_{k-1} simple done
 $G = N_{k-1} M_{s-1}$
 N_{k-1} | M_{s-1}
 $H = N_{k-1} \cap M_{s-1}$
 Lemma 4
 $* N_{k-1}/H \cong G/M_{s-1}$
 $* M_{s-1}/H \cong G/N_{k-1}$

Assume $k < s$
 Induction to H
 $1 = H_0 \leq \dots \leq H_t = H$
 is a c.s. for H
 so
 $1 = H_0 \leq \dots \leq H_t \leq N_{k-1}$
 is a c.s. for N_{k-1}
 so is
 $1 = N_0 \leq \dots \leq N_{k-1}$ is too
 Ind: $t+1 = k-1$
 $(N_{i+1}/N_i) \iff (H_{i+1}/H_i) \vee (N_{k-1}/H)$ (*)
 $1 = H_0 \leq H_1 \leq \dots \leq H_t \leq M_{s-1}$
 $1 = M_0 \leq M_1 \leq \dots \leq M_{s-1}$
 2 c.s. \implies by ind.
 $s-1 = t+1$
 $(M_{i+1}/M_i) \iff (H_{i+1}/H_i) \vee (M_{s-1}/H)$ (H)

$\oslash s = k$
 Need
 $(M_{i+1}/M_i) \stackrel{(H)}{=} (H_{i+1}/H_i) \vee (M_{s-1}/H, G/M_{s-1})$
 $\iff (H_{i+1}/H_i) \vee (G/N_{k-1}, N_{k-1}/H)$
 $\iff (N_{i+1}/N_i)$ DONE

simple