

1. Group of order pq (distinct primes)

Let $p < q$. By Sylow's theorem, the number of Sylow q -subgroup divides p and is $\equiv 1 \pmod{q}$. So it must be 1, hence the Sylow q -subgroup is normal. Thus G is semidirect.

If $p \nmid (q-1)$, the action is trivial

If $p \mid (q-1)$, a nonabelian case may exist.

So, groups of order pq are abelian in many cases, but not always.

2. cyclic group C_{p^2} has exactly

1 subgroup of order p .

Thus, having $p+1$ subgroups of order p characterizes the second case.

3. Union of conjugates of proper subgroup

suppose $G = \bigcup_{x \in G} xHx^{-1}$ with $H < G$.

Consider the action of G on cosets G/H . Every element in a conjugate fixes at least one coset, so the assumption implies all elements of G fix some point.

4. If N is cyclic and central, and G/N is cyclic, then G must be abelian (since every element looks like $g^k n$, and they commute).

5. Element of finite order,

In abelian groups, the set of all elements of finite order (torsion subgroup) is a subgroup, because the lcm of finite orders is finite.

6. Subgroup of index smallest prime p .

Let $H < G$ with index p .

Action of G on cosets G/H gives a homomorphism $\varphi: G \rightarrow S_p$.

If order 1, then $H = \text{kernel}$ normal

If order p , then the kernel also has index p , so kernel $= H$.