

p prime $r, m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$.

then $\binom{m p^r}{p^r} \equiv m \pmod{p}$

Idea: If $G \subset X$ and $|G| = p^r$ then $X = \text{disjoint union of orbits}$.

\forall orbit \mathcal{O} , $|\mathcal{O}|$ divides $|G| = p^r$, i.e. $|\mathcal{O}| = 1$ or div. by p .

$$|X| \equiv \# \text{ of orbits of size 1} \pmod{p}$$

$$= |X^G|$$

$$= \{x \in X \mid g \cdot x = x \ \forall g \in G\}$$

Special Case - $G \subset G$ by conjugation: $g \cdot x = g x g^{-1}$.

Fixed pts: $\{x \in G \mid g x g^{-1} = x \ \forall g \in G\} = Z(G)$ center of group.

If $|G| = p^r$ then $|Z(G)|$ is divisible by p .

It's a subgroup, so $|Z(G)| = p^s$ for some $1 \leq s \leq r$.

Note: $Z(G) \trianglelefteq G$ and $Z(G)$ is abelian.

"Inductive arguments": $G: \text{size } p^r \rightsquigarrow G/Z(G): \text{size } p^{r-s}$
since $s \geq 1$, this is $< r$.

"Base case" : $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$

Hölder Program:

Prop.: If $|G| = p^r$ then there exists a chain of normal subgroups

$$\{e\} = Z_0 \trianglelefteq Z_1 \trianglelefteq Z_2 \trianglelefteq \dots \trianglelefteq Z_n = G \quad \text{such that}$$

Z_i/Z_{i-1} is abelian for every i .

Proof by induction on r , where $|G| = p^r$.

Base case: $r=0$, nothing to prove ✓

Induction Hyp: Prop is true \forall groups of size p^t , $t < r$.

Induction step: $|G| = p^r$. Take $Z_1 = Z(G)$. $\pi: G \rightarrow \underbrace{G/Z(G)}_{\text{admits a chain}}$ $\overset{\bar{G}}{\curvearrowright}$

$$\{e\} \trianglelefteq \bar{Z}_2 \trianglelefteq \dots \trianglelefteq \bar{Z}_i = \bar{G}.$$

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We know $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{normal subgroups} \\ G/N \end{array} \right\} \xleftrightarrow[\text{everytime!}]{\text{Preserves}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{normal subgroups in } G \\ \text{containing } N \end{array} \right\}$ refer to 3rd & 4th iso thm.

$$\supseteq \{e\}$$

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Ex.: $|D_8| = 2^3$. $Z(D_8) = \{e, r^2\}$. Chain is

$$\{e\} \trianglelefteq \langle r^2 \rangle \trianglelefteq D_8$$

$$D_8 / \langle r^2 \rangle = \langle s, r \mid \underline{r^2=e}, s^2=e, \underline{srs=r^{-1}}, \underline{r^{-1}=r^3=r} \rangle \text{ is abelian.}$$

Program to understand finite groups.

$$n = p_1^{k_1} \cdots p_r^{k_r}$$

Theorems to prove:

Let G be a finite group, $|G|=n$. Let p be a prime and write $n = p^r m$ w/ $p \nmid m$.

Theorem (Sylow) : There is a subgroup $S \leq G$ with $|S| = p^r$.

Proof $G \curvearrowright X :=$ all subsets of G w/ cardinality p^r .
 $\downarrow \quad \quad \downarrow$
 $g \cdot \{x_1, \dots, x_{p^r}\} = \{g \cdot x_1, \dots, g \cdot x_{p^r}\}.$

$$(1) |X| = \binom{p^r m}{p^r} \equiv m \pmod{p} \quad (\text{not } 0 \pmod{p}).$$

$$(2) \text{ If } H = \{h_1, \dots, h_{p^r}\} \in X \text{ then } g \in \text{Stab}_G(H) \iff \{g \cdot h_1, \dots, g \cdot h_{p^r}\} = H \\ \text{i.e. } g h_i = h_i \text{ s.t. } g = h_i h_i^{-1}.$$

$$\text{So } \text{Stab}_G(H) \leq \{e, h_2 h_1^{-1}, \dots, h_{p^r} h_1^{-1}\} \text{ so } |\text{Stab}_G(H)| \leq p^r.$$

Let \mathcal{O} be a G -orbit with $|\mathcal{O}|$ not div. by p ($|\mathcal{O}| = \sum_{\mathcal{O} \text{ orbit}} |G|$ not div. by p so one with 1)

$$\text{pick } H \in \mathcal{O}. \text{ then } |\text{Stab}_G(H)| = \frac{|G|^{\leftarrow p^r m}}{|\mathcal{O}|^{\leftarrow \text{not div by } p}} = p^r \cdot m_1 \leq p^r$$

So $\text{Stab}_G(H)$ is the subgroup we're looking for.

Definition: a group H is said to be a p -group if $|H| = p^r$ for some r .

Sylow p -Subgroup of G is a subgroup P which is a p -group and p does not divide $\frac{|G|}{|P|}$.

Theorem If $\begin{matrix} H \leq G \\ P \leq G \end{matrix}$ are two p -groups & P is a Sylow p -subgr, then $\exists g \in G$ s.t. $H \subseteq gPg^{-1}$. (In particular, $H = gPg^{-1}$ if H is a Sylow p -subgr).
 $\hookrightarrow Hg \subseteq gP \iff h \cdot gP = gP \quad \forall h \in H$

Proof $X = G/P$: $h \cdot (gP) = hgP$.
 $\begin{matrix} \curvearrowright \\ H \end{matrix}$ has $m = \frac{p^r \cdot m}{p^r}$ elements ($\neq 0 \pmod p$)
 \nwarrow p -group.

So $|X| \equiv |X^H| \pmod p$ (# of fixed pts)

$\Rightarrow \exists$ some $g \cdot P \in X$ s.t. $h \cdot gP = gP$.

$\text{Syl}_p(G) =$ set of all Sylow p -subgrs of G .

Sylow theorems { part 1: $\text{Syl}_p(G) \neq \emptyset$ if $p \mid |G|$.
part 2: G is transitive
part 3: if $n_p = \#\text{Syl}_p(G)$, then $n_p \equiv 1 \pmod p$, (so $n_p \mid m$ where $|G| = p^r m$)

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