

# Lecture 17 - Odds and Ends

## Group Theory Review

### I Structure of Groups - Finite Abelian Groups

- Find all abelian gps of order 108
- Show that there are two abelian gps of order 108 with an element of order 54
- Suppose  $G$  is a finite abelian gp such that  $10 \mid |G|$ . Prove that  $G$  has a cyclic subgp of order 10
- Give an example of ~~an~~ abelian gp such that  $4 \mid |G|$ , but  $G$  has no cyclic subgp of order 4

A.  $108 = 3^2 \cdot 2^2$ . Can write 108 as

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 2 \times 2 &\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \\ 3^2 \times 3 \times 2 \times 2 &\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_9 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \\ 3^3 \times 2 \times 2 &\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{27} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \\ 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 2^2 &\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \\ 3^2 \times 3 \times 2^2 &\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_9 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \\ 3^3 \times 2^2 &\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{27} \times \mathbb{Z}_4 \end{aligned}$$

- B. The two gps  $\mathbb{Z}_7 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_{27} \times \mathbb{Z}_4$  have elements of order 54. In the first gp, look at  $(1, 1, 0)$   
In the second gp, consider  $(1, 20)$

- C. Since  $10 = 2 \cdot 5 \mid |G|$ , we know  $|G| = 2^a 5^b m$  with  $a \geq 1, b \geq 1$  and  $2 \nmid m, 5 \nmid m$ . So by Fundamental Thm of Finite Abelian gps  
 $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_2^{a_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_2^{a_t} \times \mathbb{Z}_5^{b_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_5^{b_s} \times \dots$   
with  $a_1 + \dots + a_t = a$  and  $b_1 + \dots + b_s = b$

The element  $2^{a_1-1}$  has order 2 in  $\mathbb{Z}_2^{a_1}$  and  $5^{b_1-1}$  has order 5 in  $\mathbb{Z}_5^{b_1}$   
So the element  $(2^{a_1-1}, 0, 5^{b_1-1}, 0, \dots, 0)$  has order 10 in  $G$

D. Consider  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ . Then  $4 \mid |\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2|$ , but  $G$  has no cyclic subgroup of order 4

## II Structure of Finite Gps - Solvable gps

A. Find a composition series of  $\mathbb{Z}_{20}$

B. Suppose  $G$  has a series of subgps

$$G = P_n > P_{n-1} > \dots > P_1 > P_0 = \{e\}$$

where  $P_i$  is normal in  $P_{i+1}$  and  $|P_{i+1}/P_i|$  is a prime number. Why is  $G$  a solvable gp?

A. Hint: if  $n = p_1^{a_1} \dots p_r^{a_r}$ , then we can find a comp series where we find the comp series, we want  $H_i/H_{i-1} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p_i}$  at times

If  $n = 20$ ,  $20 = 2^2 \cdot 5$  So, we want to find

$$\mathbb{Z}_{20} > H_1 > H_2 > \{0\}$$

where  $H_2/\{0\} \cong \mathbb{Z}_5$ ,  $H_1/H_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ , and  $\mathbb{Z}_{20}/H_1 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$

$$\text{Let } H_1 = \langle 2 \rangle = \{0, 2, 4, \dots, 18\}$$

$$H_2 = \langle 4 \rangle = \{0, 4, 8, 12, 16\}$$

Then

$$\mathbb{Z}_{20} > H_1 > H_2 > \{0\} \text{ and } \mathbb{Z}_{20}/\langle 2 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2, \langle 2 \rangle/\langle 4 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2, \langle 4 \rangle/\langle 0 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_5$$

B. Recall  $G > H_n > H_{n-1} > \dots > H_1 > \{0\}$  is a composition series if  $H_i$  is normal in  $H_{i+1}$  and  $H_{i+1}/H_i$  is ~~normal~~ <sup>simple</sup> for all  $i$

In this problem, we are given that  $P_i$  is normal in  $P_{i+1}$ .

Since  $|P_{i+1}/P_i| = g_i$  for some prime  $g_i$ , we have  $P_{i+1}/P_i \cong \mathbb{Z}_{g_i}$ .

Since only one gp of order  $g_i$ . But  $\mathbb{Z}_{g_i}$  is simple.

So  $G$  is solvable

### III Characteristic Equation

A. Suppose  $|G|=20$ . Explain why this is not a valid class equation

$$20 = 1 + 2 + 3 + 6 + 10$$

B. Suppose  $G$  is an abelian gp with  $|G|=2024$ . What is its class equation?

Note that the class equation is

$$|G| = |Z(G)| + [G:C(x_1)] + \dots + [G:C(x_r)]$$

where  $x_i$  are the representatives for each non-trivial conjugacy classes

Observe  $Z(G)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , so  $|Z(G)| \mid |G|$

Also  $|G| = |C(x_i)| [G:C(x_i)]$ . So  $[G:C(x_i)] \mid |G|$ .

Thus, each term in class equation must divide  $|G|$ .

A. Not a class equation since  $3 \nmid 20$

B. If  $G$  is abelian,  $G = Z(G) = \{g \mid gx = xg \text{ for all } x \in G\}$

$$\text{So } |G| = |Z(G)| = 2024.$$

### IV Sylow Theorems

A. If  $|G|=175$ , prove that  $G$  is abelian.

B. Let  $P$  be a sylow  $p$ -subgp of  $G$ . Prove  $P$  is the only sylow  $p$ -subgp contained in  $N(P) = \{x \mid xPx^{-1} = P\}$

C. Suppose  $K \trianglelefteq P^n$  and  $H$  is a normal subgroup with  $|H|=p$ . Prove  $H$  is in all sylow  $p$ -subgps.

A. We are given that  $|G| = 175 = \cancel{5 \cdot 5} 5^2 \cdot 7$

By the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sylow Thm, the # of Sylow 7-subgrs is 1. Also the # of Sylow 5-subgrs is 1

Let  $P$  be the Sylow 7-subgr. So  $|P| = 7$  and  $P$  normal

Let  $Q$  " " " 5-subgr. So  $|Q| = 25$  and  $Q$  normal

Thus  $G \cong P \times Q$ .

Since  $|P| = 7$ ,  $P \cong \mathbb{Z}_7$  and since  $|Q| = 5^2$ . Then  $Q$  is abelian (Cor 14)

So  $G$  is abelian

B. Suppose  $Q$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgr of  $G$  such that  $Q \leq N(P)$

By second Sylow theorem  $Q = yPy^{-1}$  for some  $y \in G$ .

Now for any  $g \in Q$ ,  $gPg^{-1} = P$  since  $g \in Q \leq N(P)$ .

Recall lemma. If  $|x| = p^l$  and  $xPx^{-1} = P$  for a Sylow  $p$ -gr, then  $x \in P$ .

Since  $g \in Q$  has  $|g| = p^l$ ,  $g \in P$ . So  $Q \leq P$ . But both subgrs have same order. So  $Q = P$ .

Alt proof Since  $P \leq N(P)$ ,  $|P| \mid |N(P)|$ . Also,  $|N(P)| \mid |G|$

So  $|N(P)| = p^n$  if  $|G| = p^m$  (i.e. same power of  $p$  as  $|G|$ )

Then so  $P$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgr of  $N(P)$ , and it is normal in  $N(P)$

So, if  $Q$  is any other Sylow  $p$ -subgr in  $N(P)$ , it must be  $P$

Since  $P$  is unique

C. By "strong" Sylow, if  $|H| = p^l$ ,  $H \leq P$  when  $P$  is some Sylow  $p$ -subgr. For any  $x \in G$ ,  ~~$xHx^{-1} = H$~~  For any other

Sylow  $p$ -subgr  $Q$ , exists  $y$  such that  $Q = yPy^{-1}$ .

So  $yHy^{-1} \leq yPy^{-1} = Q$ . But  $H$  normal, so  $H = yHy^{-1} \leq Q$ .