

Textbook Problems:

**5.23 (i)** Prove that if  $d$  is a positive divisor of 24, then  $S_4$  has a subgroup of order  $d$ .

Proof:

We have the following subgroups of  $S_4$ :

1 24	$\{(1)\} \leq S_4$
2 24	$\{(1), (12)\} \leq S_4$
3 24	$\{(1), (123), (132)\} \leq S_4$
4 24	$\{(1), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)\} \leq S_4$
6 24	$\{(1), (12), (13), (23), (123), (132)\} \leq S_4$
8 24	$\{(1), (13), (24), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23), (1234), (1432)\} \leq S_4$
12 24	$A_4 \leq S_4$
24 24	$S_4 \leq S_4$

(ii) If  $d \neq 4$ , prove that any two subgroups of  $S_4$  having order  $d$  are isomorphic.

Proof:

Note that

$S_4$		
No.	Cycle Structure	Order
1	(1)	1
6	(12)	2
8	(123)	3
6	(1234)	4
3	(12)(34)	2

Let  $H_d$  denote any subgroup of  $S_4$  having order  $d$ .

1 24	$H_1 \cong \{(1)\}$ (there is only 1 isomorphism class of order 1)
2 24	$H_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \cong \{(1), (12)\}$ (there is only 1 isomorphism class of order 2)
3 24	$H_3 \cong \mathbb{Z}_3 \cong \{(1), (123), (132)\}$ (there is only 1 isomorphism class of order 3)
4 24	$H_4 \cong V_4 \cong \{(1), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)\}$ or $H_4 \cong \mathbb{Z}_4 \cong \{(1), (13)(42), (1234), (1432)\}$
6 24	$H_6 \cong \{(1), (12), (13), (23), (123), (132)\}$ (A group of order 6 is only isomorphic to $S_3$ or $\mathbb{Z}_6$ . Since $S_4$ has no element of order 6, then $H_6 \cong S_3$ .)
8 24	$H_8 \cong \{(1), (13), (24), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23), (1234), (1432)\}$ (Recall Prop 2.58 (If $G$ is a group and $g \in G$ , then conjugation $\gamma_g : G \rightarrow G$ is an isomorphism.) Since $H_8$ is a Sylow 2-group of $S_4$ and all Sylow 2-subgroups are conjugates, then all Sylow 2-subgroups are isomorphic.)
12 24	$H_{12} \cong A_4 \leq S_4$ (there is only one subgroup of order 12)
24 24	$H_{24} \cong S_4$ (the orders are the same and $H_{24} \leq S_4$ )

**5.27** Prove that a Sylow 2-subgroup of  $A_5$  has exactly five conjugates.

**Proof:**

$$|A_5| = 60 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5.$$

$n_2 15 \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 3, 5, 15$	$n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15$	$n_2 = 1, 3, 5, 15$
$n_3 20 \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20$	$n_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 17, 20$	$n_3 = 1, 4, 10, 20$
$n_5 12 \Rightarrow$ $n_5 = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12$	$n_5 \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow$ $n_5 = 1, 6, 11$	$n_5 = 1, 6$

$n_2$  = the number of conjugates of a Sylow 2-subgroup of  $A_5$ .

Since  $A_5$  is simple, then  $n_2 \neq 1$ ,  $n_3 \neq 1$ , and  $n_5 \neq 1$ , hence  $n_5 = 6$ .

**If  $n_3 = 4$ ,** then  $[G:H_3] = 4$  and  $|G| = 60 \nmid 4!$ , so  $n_3 \neq 4$ .

**If  $n_2 = 3$ ,** then  $[G:H_2] = 3$  and  $|G| = 60 \nmid 3!$ , so  $n_2 \neq 3$ .

**If  $n_5 = 6$  and  $n_3 = 20$ ,** then  $A_5$  has 6 subgroups of order 5, and 20 subgroups of order 3.

This would require 24 distinct elements of order 5 and 40 distinct elements of order 3. This would exceed the order of  $A_5$ , 60.

So  $n_3 = 10$ .

Now assume  $n_5 = 6$ ,  $n_3 = 10$ , and  $n_2 = 15$ .

Then  $A_5$  has 6 subgroups of order 5, 10 subgroups of order 3 and 15 subgroups of order 4. Since  $A_5$  has no elements of order 4, then this would require 24 distinct elements of order 5, 20 distinct elements of order 3,

$A_5$		
No.	Cycle Structure	Order
1	(1)	1
20	(123)	3
24	(12345)	5
15	(12)(34)	2

Notice that elements of order 2 in  $A_5$  are of the cycle structure, (12)(34).. So, for any Sylow 2-subgroups of  $A_5$ , only 4 "letters" of  $\{1, 2, \dots, 5\}$  can be used as using all 5 in one subgroup would create a permutation of cycle structure other than (12)(34). And we can only make 5 such subgroups.  $\therefore n_2 \neq 15$ .

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This leaves only one possibility.

**Assume  $n_5 = 6$ ,  $n_3 = 10$ , and  $n_2 = 5$ .**

Thus  $A_5$  has 6 subgroups of order 5, 10 subgroups of order 3 and 5 subgroups of order 4. This would require 24 distinct elements of order 5, 20 distinct elements of order 3, and 15 elements of order 2. These elements with the identity add up to 60, as desired.

$\therefore n_5 = 10$ , which implies that  $A_5$  has exactly five conjugates.

**5.28** Prove that there are no simple groups of order 96, 300, 312, or 1000.

**Hint.** Some of these are not tricky.

Proof:

Let  $G$  be group such that  $|G| = 96 = 2^5 \cdot 3$ .

$n_2 3 \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 3$	$n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 3$	$n_2 = 1, 3$
$n_3 32 \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 2, 4, 8, 16$	$n_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 6, 11, 16$	$n_3 = 1, 16$

If  $G$  is simple, then  $n_2 \neq 1$ , hence  $n_2 = 3$ . But  $|G| = 96 \nmid 3!$ .

So by the Index Factorial theorem,  $G$  is not simple, a contradiction to our assumption.

$\therefore$  We have that  $n_2 = 1$ , hence  $\exists P_2 \triangleleft G$  where  $P_2$  is a Sylow 2-subgroup of  $G$ .

$\therefore G$  is not simple.

**5.28** (cont.) Let  $G$  be group such that  $|G| = 300 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2$ .

$n_2 75 \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 3, 5, 15, 25, 75$	$n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 3, 5, \dots, 15, \dots, 25, \dots, 75$	$n_2 = 1, 3, 5, 15, 25, 75$
$n_3 100 \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50, 100$	$n_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 4, 10, \dots, 25, \dots, 100$	$n_3 = 1, 4, 10, 25, 100$
$n_5 12 \Rightarrow$ $n_5 = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12$	$n_5 \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow$ $n_5 = 1, 6, 11$	$n_5 = 1, 6$

If  $G$  is simple, then  $n_5 \neq 1$ , hence  $n_5 = 6$ . But  $|G| = 300 \nmid 6!$ .

So by the Index Factorial theorem,  $G$  is not simple, a contradiction to our assumption.

$\therefore$  We have that  $n_5 = 1$ , hence  $\exists P_5 \triangleleft G$  where  $P_5$  is a Sylow 5-subgroup of  $G$ .

$\therefore G$  is not simple.

Let  $G$  be group such that  $|G| = 312 = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 13$ .

$n_2 39 \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 3, 13, 39$	$n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 3, \dots, 13, \dots, 39$	$n_2 = 1, 3, 13, 39$
$n_3 104 \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 2, 4, 8, 13, 26, 52, 104$	$n_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 4, \dots, 13, \dots, 52$	$n_3 = 1, 4, 13, 52$
$n_{13} 24 \Rightarrow$ $n_{13} = 1, 2, 4, 8, 12, 24$	$n_{13} \equiv 1 \pmod{13} \Rightarrow$ $n_{13} = 1, 14, 25$	$n_{13} = 1$

Since  $n_{13} = 1$ , then  $\exists P_{13} \triangleleft G$  where  $P_{13}$  is a Sylow 13-subgroup of  $G$ .

Let  $G$  be group such that  $|G| = 1000 = 2^3 \cdot 5^3$ .

$n_2 125 \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 5, 25, 125$	$n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, \dots, 5, \dots, 25, \dots, 125$	$n_2 = 1, 5, 25, 125$
$n_5 8 \Rightarrow$ $n_5 = 1, 2, 3, 4, 8$	$n_5 \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow$ $n_5 = 1, 6, 11$	$n_5 = 1$

Since  $n_5 = 1$ , then  $\exists P_5 \triangleleft G$  where  $P_5$  is a Sylow 5-subgroup of  $G$ .

**5.29** Let  $G$  be a group of order 90.

(i) If a Sylow 5-subgroup  $P$  of  $G$  is not normal, prove that it has six conjugates.

**Hint.** If  $P$  has 18 conjugates, there are 72 elements in  $G$  of order 5. Show that  $G$  has more than 18 other elements.

**Proof:**

Let  $G$  be group such that  $|G| = 90 = 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5$ .

$n_2 45 \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 3, 5, 15, 45$	$n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 3, 5, \dots, 15, \dots, 45$	$n_2 = 1, 3, 5, 15, 45$
$n_3 10 \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 2, 5, 10$	$n_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 4, 7, 10, \dots$	$n_3 = 1, 10$
$n_5 18 \Rightarrow$ $n_5 = 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 18$	$n_5 \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow$ $n_5 = 1, 6, 11, 16, \dots$	$n_5 = 1, 6$

Let  $P_5$  be a Sylow 5-subgroup of  $G$ . If  $P_5$  is not normal, then  $n_5 \neq 1$ , hence  $n_5 = 6$ .

$\therefore P_5$  has 6 conjugates in  $G$ , (by Sylow theorem, part (2) (All Sylow  $p$ -subgroups are conjugates.))

(ii) Prove that  $G$  is not simple.

**Hint.** Use Exercises 2.95(ii) and 2.96(ii) on page 114.

**Proof:**

Assume  $G$  is simple, then  $n_5 \neq 1$ , hence  $n_5 = 6$ . Thus, there are  $6 \cdot 4 = 24$  elements of order 5. If  $n_3 = 10$ , there are 10 subgroups of order 9. If these 10 subgroups intersect trivially, then we have  $10 \cdot 8 = 80$  non-identity elements (not of order 5). This is too many elements, 104 for our group of order 90.

So we have Sylow 3-subgroups,  $P_3$  and  $P_3'$  such that  $|P_3 \cap P_3'| = 3$ . Let  $Q = P_3 \cap P_3'$ .

We know  $Q \triangleleft P_3$  and  $Q \triangleleft P_3'$  as  $P_3$  and  $P_3'$  are Abelian by Corollary 2.104 (If  $p$  is prime, then every group of order  $p^2$  is Abelian.).

And we know  $P_3 \leq N_G(Q)$  and  $P_3' \leq N_G(Q)$  as the normalizer is the largest subgroup of  $G$  in which  $Q$  is normal.

Also,  $|P_3| = |P_3'| \neq |N_G(Q)|$  as  $P_3 \cup P_3' \subseteq N_G(Q)$  and  $P_3 \neq P_3'$ .

Let  $m = |N_G(Q)|$ . And now we have,  $|P_3| = |P_3'| \mid |N_G(Q)| \mid |G|$ , hence  $9 \mid m \mid 90$ .

So,  $m = 18, 45$ , or  $90$ .

If  $m = 18$ , then  $[G : N_G(Q)] = 90/18 = 5$ . But we have assumed  $G$  is simple, yet  $90 \nmid 5!$ , a contradiction, by the Index Factorial theorem.  $\therefore m \neq 18$ .

If  $m = 45$ , then  $[G : N_G(Q)] = 90/45 = 2$ , hence  $N_G(Q) \triangleleft G$ , another contradiction.

If  $m = 90$ , then  $[G : N_G(Q)] = 90/90 = 1$ , hence  $G = N_G(Q)$  which means  $Q$  is normal in  $G$ .

So there is no escaping a contradiction to our assumption that  $G$  is simple, thus  $G$  is not simple.

**5.30** Prove that there is no simple group of order 120.

**Proof:**

Let  $G$  be group such that  $|G| = 120 = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$ .

$n_2 15 \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 3, 5, 15$	$n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 3, 5, 15, \dots$	$n_2 = 1, 3, 5, 15$
$n_3 40 \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 20, 40$	$n_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 4, 7, 10, \dots, 40$	$n_3 = 1, 4, 7, 10, 40$
$n_5 24 \Rightarrow$ $n_5 = 1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 24$	$n_5 \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow$ $n_5 = 1, 6, 11, 16, \dots$	$n_5 = 1, 6$

Assume  $G$  is simple. Then  $n_2 \neq 1$ ,  $n_3 \neq 1$ , and  $n_5 \neq 1$ , hence  $n_5 = 6$ .

Then, by Representation on Cosets,  $\exists \phi: G \rightarrow S_6$  where  $\ker \phi \leq N_G(P_5)$ .

Since  $G$  is simple by assumption, then  $\ker \phi = \{e\}$ . So  $G \cong \phi(G) \leq S_6$ .

Notice that  $\phi(G) \cap A_6 \triangleleft \phi(G)$  (by 2<sup>nd</sup> Isomorphism theorem).

And by Exam 1, # 7(c),  $|\phi(G) \cap A_6| = |G| = 120$  or  $|\phi(G) \cap A_6| = (1/2)|G| = 60$ .

If  $\sim(\phi(G) \leq A_6)$ , then  $\phi(G) \cap A_6 \neq \phi(G)$ , hence  $|\phi(G) \cap A_6| = (1/2)|G| = 60$ .

But since  $\phi(G) \cap A_6 \triangleleft \phi(G)$ ,  $\phi(G)$  is simple by assumption, and  $|\phi(G) \cap A_6| = 60$ , then we have a contradiction.

If  $\phi(G) \leq A_6$ , then  $\phi(G) \cap A_6 = \phi(G)$ , hence  $|\phi(G) \cap A_6| = |G| = 120$ .

So  $[A_6: \phi(G) \cap A_6] = 360/120 = 3$ .

Then by the Representation on Cosets theorem,

$\exists \psi: A_6 \rightarrow S_3$  where  $\ker \psi \leq A_6/\phi(G) \cap A_6$ . And since  $A_6$  is simple, then  $\ker \psi = \{(1)\}$ .

Thus, by the 1<sup>st</sup> Isomorphism theorem,  $A_6 \cong \psi(A_6)$ .

But  $\psi(A_6) \leq S_3$  and  $|A_6| = 120 > 6 = |S_3|$ .

So  $\ker \psi \neq \{e\}$ , hence  $G$  is not simple.

**5.31** Prove that there is no simple group of order 150.

**Proof:**

Let  $G$  be group such that  $|G| = 150 = 3^2 \cdot 5^2$ .

$n_3 25 \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 5, 25$	$n_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 4, \dots, 25, \dots$	$n_3 = 1, 25$
$n_5 9 \Rightarrow$ $n_5 = 1, 3, 9$	$n_5 \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow$ $n_5 = 1, 6, 11, 16, \dots$	$n_5 = 1$

Since  $n_5 = 1$ , then  $\exists P_5 \triangleleft G$  where  $P_5$  is a Sylow 5-subgroup of  $G$ .

**Worksheet Problems:**

2. Prove the following:

(a) Every group of order 15 is Abelian.

**Proof:**

Let  $G$  be group such that  $|G| = 15 = 3 \cdot 5$ .

$n_3 5 \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 5$	$n_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 4, \dots$	$n_3 = 1$
$n_5 3 \Rightarrow$ $n_5 = 1, 3$	$n_5 \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow$ $n_5 = 1, 6, \dots$	$n_5 = 1$

Since  $n_3 = 1$ , and  $n_5 = 1$ , then  $\exists P_3 \triangleleft G$  and  $\exists P_5 \triangleleft G$  where  $P_3$  is a Sylow 3-subgroup of  $G$  and  $P_5$  is a Sylow 5-subgroup of  $G$ .

Since  $|P_3| = 3$  and  $|P_5| = 5$ , then by Corollary 2.45 (Every group of prime order is cyclic.)

$\exists a, b \in G$  such that  $\circ(a) = 3$ ,  $\circ(b) = 5$ ,  $\langle a \rangle = P_3$ , and  $\langle b \rangle = P_5$ .

Consider  $\langle a \rangle \langle b \rangle$ .

We know  $\langle a \rangle \langle b \rangle \leq G$ . And  $(|\langle a \rangle|, |\langle b \rangle|) = 1$ , hence  $|\langle a \rangle \langle b \rangle| = 15 = |G|$ .  $\therefore \langle a \rangle \langle b \rangle = G$ .

Also,  $\langle a \rangle \cap \langle b \rangle = \{e\}$ . And so  $G$  is the internal direct product of  $\langle a \rangle$  and  $\langle b \rangle$ .

And by Direct Products Theorem 4 (If  $G$  is the internal direct product of  $H$  and  $K$ , then  $HK \cong H \times K$ ),  $G \cong \langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle$ . But  $\langle a \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_3$  and  $\langle b \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_5$  so  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_5$ . And by Finite Abelian Groups, Exercise 1, ( $\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m \cong \mathbb{Z}_{nm}$  if and only if  $(n, m) = 1$ .), we have  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{15}$ .

Since  $\mathbb{Z}_{15}$  is cyclic, then  $G$  is cyclic, hence Abelian.

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2. (b) There are no more than 4 non-isomorphic groups of order 30.

**Proof:**

Let  $G$  be group such that  $|G| = 30 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$ .

$n_2 15 \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 3, 5, 15$	$n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 3, 5, 15, \dots$	$n_2 = 1, 3, 5, 15$
$n_3 10 \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 2, 5, 10$	$n_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 4, 7, 10, \dots$	$n_3 = 1, 10$
$n_5 6 \Rightarrow$ $n_5 = 1, 2, 3, 6$	$n_5 \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow$ $n_5 = 1, 6, 11, 16, \dots$	$n_5 = 1, 6$

If  $n_3 = 10$  and  $n_5 = 9$ , then we need 24 distinct elements of order 5 and 20 distinct elements of order 3, a contradiction to  $|G| = 30$ .

$\therefore$  Either  $n_3 = 1$  or  $n_5 = 1$ . If  $n_3 = 1$ , then  $\exists a \in G$  such that  $\circ(a) = 3$ ,  $\langle a \rangle = P_3$  and  $\langle a \rangle \triangleleft G$ .

And since  $n_5 = 1, 6$ , we also have that  $\exists b \in G$  such that  $\circ(b) = 5$ , and  $\langle b \rangle = P_5$ .

By Direct Products, Exercise 2 ( $H \leq G, K \leq G, H \triangleleft G$  or  $K \triangleleft G \Rightarrow HK \leq G$ ), we have that

$\langle a \rangle \langle b \rangle \leq G$  and  $\langle a \rangle \langle b \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_{15}$ , by part (a). Thus,  $\exists c \in G$  such that  $\circ(c) = 15$  and  $\langle c \rangle \leq G$ .

By similar argument, if  $n_5 = 1$  and  $n_3 = 1, 10$  we have the same result.

Since  $[G : \langle c \rangle] = 2$ , then  $\langle c \rangle \triangleleft G$ . So by Cauchy's theorem,  $\exists d \in G$  such that  $\circ(d) = 2$ .

So  $\langle c \rangle \triangleleft G$  gives us that  $d \langle c \rangle d^{-1} \in \langle c \rangle$ . Hence  $d c d^{-1} = c^n$  where  $0 \leq n \leq 14$ .

Thus  $c = d^{-1} c^n d = d c^n d^{-1} = (d c d^{-1})^n = (c^n)^n = c^{n^2}$ .  $\therefore e = c^{n^2-1}$ . By corollary to Lagrange's theorem,  $15 \mid n^2 - 1$ . So  $n^2 - 1 = 1, 4, 11$ , or  $14$ . This gives us the following possible groups isomorphic to  $G$ :

$\langle c, d : c^{15} = 1 = d^2; c d c^{-1} = d \rangle, \langle c, d : c^{15} = 1 = d^2; c d c^{-1} = d^4 \rangle, \langle c, d : c^{15} = 1 = d^2; c d c^{-1} = d^{11} \rangle, \langle c, d : c^{15} = 1 = d^2; c d c^{-1} = d^{14} \rangle$ .

Thus, there are no more than 4 non-isomorphic groups of order 30.

(c) There are at least 4 non-isomorphic groups of order 30. (Describe them in terms of groups that we know and explain how you know that the four you've described are non-isomorphic.)

**Proof:**

$$|\mathbb{Z}_{30}| = |D_{30}| = |D_{10} \times \mathbb{Z}_3| = |D_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_5| = 30.$$

$\mathbb{Z}_{30}$  has an element of order 30.

$D_{30}$  is not cyclic and has 15 elements of order 2.

$D_{10} \times \mathbb{Z}_3$  has only 1 element of order 2 and 5 elements of order 6.

$D_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_5$  has only 1 element of order 6 and only 1 element of order 2.

$\therefore$  None of the 4 groups have the same number of elements of the same order, hence none of them are isomorphic to each other.

$\therefore$  There are at least 4 non-isomorphic groups of order 30.





3. Let  $G$  be a group of order 48. Show that the intersection of any two distinct Sylow 2-subgroups of  $G$  has order 8.

**Proof:**

$$48 = 2^4 \cdot 3.$$

$n_2 3 \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 3$	$n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 3, \dots$	$n_2 = 1, 3$
$n_3 16 \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 2, 4, 8, 16$	$n_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 4, 7, \dots, 16, \dots$	$n_3 = 1, 4, 16$

By hypothesis, we assume  $n_2 = 3$  (i.e.  $\exists P_2, P_2', \text{ and } P_2''$ , distinct Sylow 2-subgroups of  $G$ , each of order 16.).

Note that  $|P_2 \cap P_2'| \neq 16$  as the subgroups are distinct, hence  $|P_2 \cap P_2'| = 1, 2, 4, \text{ or } 8$ .

Since  $n_2 = [G:N_G(P_2)] = 3 = [G:P_2]$ , then  $N_G(P_2) = P_2$ .

By the Representation of Cosets theorem,  $\exists \phi: G \rightarrow S_3$  such that  $\ker \phi \leq P_2$ .

Since  $|G| = 48$  and  $|S_3| = 6$ , then the map is an 8 to 1 map, hence  $|\ker \phi| \geq 8$ .

We know  $\sim(P_2 \triangleleft G)$  but  $\ker \phi \triangleleft G$ , so  $\ker \phi \neq P_2$ .

We also know  $P_2$  is conjugate to  $P_2'$ , so  $\exists g \in G$  such that  $P_2' = gP_2g^{-1}$ .

Since  $\ker \phi \triangleleft G$ , then  $g(\ker \phi)g^{-1} = \ker \phi$ .

And, since  $\ker \phi \leq P_2$ ,  $\ker \phi = g(\ker \phi)g^{-1} \subseteq gP_2g^{-1} = P_2'$ .

$\therefore \ker \phi \subseteq P_2 \cap P_2'$ .

Since  $|\ker \phi| \geq 8$ ,  $\ker \phi \subseteq P_2 \cap P_2'$ , and  $|P_2 \cap P_2'| \leq 8$ , then  $|P_2 \cap P_2'| = 8$ .

$\therefore$  The intersection of any two distinct Sylow 2-subgroups of  $G$  has order 8.

4. Let  $G$  be a group with  $|G| = 56$ . Prove that  $G$  is not simple.

**Proof:**

$$56 = 2^3 \cdot 7.$$

$n_2 7 \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 7$	$n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 3, 5, 7, \dots$	$n_2 = 1, 7$
$n_7 8 \Rightarrow$ $n_7 = 1, 2, 4, 8$	$n_7 \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \Rightarrow$ $n_7 = 1, 4, 7, \dots$	$n_7 = 1, 8$

Assume  $G$  is simple, then  $n_2 \neq 1$  and  $n_7 \neq 1$ . Thus,  $n_2 = 7$  and  $n_7 = 8$ , which gives us 7 Sylow 2-subgroups each of order 8 and 8 Sylow 7-subgroups each of order 7.

Since 7 is prime, then  $7 \cdot 6 = 42$  elements of our group of order 56 have order 7.

The 7 subgroups of order 8 have intersections of 1, 2, or 4 elements, hence we have a minimum of  $5 \cdot 4 = 20$  elements of order  $\neq 7$ , thus exceeding the size of our group.

$\therefore n_2 = 1$  or  $n_7 = 1$ , hence  $G$  is not simple.

5. What is the smallest composite integer  $n$  such that there is a unique group of order  $n$ ?  
15.

**Proof:**

Any group with order an even composite integer is isomorphic to a dihedral group as well as a cyclic group. So  $n$  must be odd. The smallest odd composite integer is 15.

By Exercise 1 (a) above, any group of order 15 is cyclic and Abelian, hence unique.

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6. Let  $G$  be a noncyclic group of order 21.

(a) How many 3-Sylow subgroups does  $G$  have? 7.

**Proof:**

$n_3 7 \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 7$	$n_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 4, 7, \dots$	$n_3 = 1, 7$
$n_7 3 \Rightarrow$ $n_7 = 1, 3$	$n_7 \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \Rightarrow$ $n_7 = 1, 4, \dots$	$n_7 = 1$

If  $n_3 = 1$ , and  $n_7 = 1$ , then  $\exists P_3 \triangleleft G$  and  $\exists P_7 \triangleleft G$  where  $P_3$  is a Sylow 3-subgroup of  $G$  and  $P_7$  is a Sylow 7-subgroup of  $G$ .

Since  $|P_3| = 3$  and  $|P_7| = 7$ , then

$\exists a, b \in G$  such that  $\circ(a) = 3$ ,  $\circ(b) = 7$ ,  $\langle a \rangle = P_3$ , and  $\langle b \rangle = P_7$ .

We know  $\langle a \rangle \langle b \rangle \leq G$ . And  $(|\langle a \rangle|, |\langle b \rangle|) = 1$ , hence  $|\langle a \rangle \langle b \rangle| = 21 = |G|$ .  $\therefore \langle a \rangle \langle b \rangle = G$ .

Also,  $\langle a \rangle \cap \langle b \rangle = \{e\}$ . And so  $G$  is the internal direct product of  $\langle a \rangle$  and  $\langle b \rangle$ .

Thus,  $G \cong \langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle$ . But  $\langle a \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_3$  and  $\langle b \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_7$  so  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_7$ . And so we have  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{21}$ , which is cyclic.

$\therefore n_3 = 7$ , hence  $G$  has 7 Sylow 3-subgroups.

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(b) Prove that  $G$  has 14 elements of order 3.

**Proof:**

Since  $G$  has 7 distinct Sylow 3-subgroups, then  $G$  has  $7 \cdot 2$  distinct elements of order 3.

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7. Let  $G$  be a group of order 60. Show that  $G$  has exactly four elements of order 5 or exactly 24 elements of order 5. Which of these cases holds for  $A_5$ ?

**Proof:**

$$60 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$$

$n_2   15 \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 3, 5, 15$	$n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow$ $n_2 = 1, 3, 5, 15, \dots$	$n_2 = 1, 3, 5, 15$
$n_3   20 \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20$	$n_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 4, 7, 10, \dots$	$n_3 = 1, 4, 10$
$n_5   12 \Rightarrow$ $n_5 = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12$	$n_5 \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow$ $n_5 = 1, 6, 11, 16, \dots$	$n_5 = 1, 6$

If  $n_5 = 1$ , then there is a unique Sylow 5-subgroup of  $G$  such that  $|P_5| = 5$ , hence  $G$  has exactly four elements of order 5.

If  $n_5 = 6$ , then there are 6 unique Sylow 5-subgroups of  $G$ , each of order 5.

Since the subgroups are unique and of prime order, the intersection of any 2 of them has order 1.  $\therefore$  In this case,  $G$  has exactly  $6 \cdot 4 = 24$  elements of order 5.

Since  $A_5$  is simple, then  $n_5 \neq 1$ , hence  $A_5$  has exactly 24 elements of order 5.

8. Let  $G$  be a group of order 60 and let  $H \triangleleft G$  with  $|H| = 2$ . Show

(a)  $G$  has normal subgroups of order 6, 10, and 30,

**Proof:**

Since  $H \triangleleft G$  with  $|H| = 2$ , then  $G/H$  is a group and  $|G/H| = 30$ .

And by Exercise 2 (b)  $\exists S^* \leq G/H$  such that  $S^*$  is cyclic,  $S^* \triangleleft G/H$ , and  $|S^*| = 15$ .

By Exercise 2 (a)  $\exists T^* \leq S^*/H$  such that  $T^*$  is cyclic,  $T^* \triangleleft G/H$ , and  $|T^*| = 5$ , and

$\exists U^* \leq S^*/H$  such that  $U^*$  is cyclic,  $U^* \triangleleft G/H$ , and  $|U^*| = 3$ ,

So, by the Correspondence theorem,

$\exists S \leq G, T \leq G$ , and  $U \leq G$  such that

$$S^* = S/H, S \triangleleft G, |S| = 30,$$

$$T^* = T/H, T \triangleleft G, |T| = 10, \text{ and}$$

$$S^* = U/H, U \triangleleft G, |U| = 6$$

(b)  $G$  has subgroups of order 12 and 20, and

**Proof:**

Since  $|G/H| = 30$ , then  $\exists P_3^*, P_5^*$  both normal to  $G/H$ , and  $\exists P_2^* \leq G/H$ .

So  $P_2^* P_3^* \leq G/H$ , and  $P_2^* P_5^* \leq G/H$ , where  $|P_2^* P_3^*| = 6$  and  $|P_2^* P_5^*| = 10$ .

By the Correspondence theorem  $\exists H_{12}$  and  $H_{20}$ , subgroups of  $G$ , such that  $H_{12} = P_2^* P_3^*/H$ ,  $H_{20} = P_2^* P_5^*/H$ ,  $|H_{12}| = 12$ , and  $|H_{20}| = 20$ .

(c)  $G$  has a cyclic subgroup of order 30.

Proof:

(stuck)

9. Let  $G$  be a group of order 60. If the Sylow 3-subgroup is normal, show that the Sylow 5-subgroup is also normal.

Proof:

(stuck)

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10. Let  $|G| = 7^2 \cdot 13$ . Prove  $G$  is Abelian.

Proof:

$n_7 13 \Rightarrow$ $n_7 = 1, 13$	$n_7 \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \Rightarrow$ $n_7 = 1, 4, 7, \dots$	$n_7 = 1$
$n_{13} 49 \Rightarrow$ $n_{13} = 1, 7, 49$	$n_{13} \equiv 1 \pmod{13} \Rightarrow$ $n_{13} = 1, 12, \dots$	$n_{13} = 1$

Since  $n_7 = 1$  and  $n_{13} = 1$ , then by Proposition 5.39 (A finite group  $G$  all of whose Sylow subgroups are normal is the direct product of its Sylow subgroups.),  $G = P_7 \times P_{13}$ . Since  $|P_7| = 49$ , then  $P_7$  is Abelian.  $\therefore P_7 \cong \mathbb{Z}_{49}$  or  $P_7 \cong \mathbb{Z}_7 \times \mathbb{Z}_7$ . And since 13 is prime,  $P_{13} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{13}$ . Thus,  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{49} \times \mathbb{Z}_{13}$ , or  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_7 \times \mathbb{Z}_7 \times \mathbb{Z}_{13}$ , hence  $G$  is Abelian.

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A group is said to be solvable if there exist subgroups  $G_0, G_1, \dots, G_k$  such that

$$\{e\} = G_k \triangleleft G_{k-1} \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft G_2 \triangleleft G_1 \triangleleft G_0 = G$$

and such that  $G_i/G_{i+1}$  is Abelian for all  $i$ . This sequence of subgroups is called a solvable series for  $G$ .

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11. Prove that  $S_4$  is solvable.

Proof:

$$\{(1)\} \triangleleft V_4 \triangleleft A_4 \triangleleft S_4.$$

$[S_4 : A_4] = 2$ .  $\therefore S_4/A_4$  is Abelian since 2 is prime.

$[A_4 : V_4] = 3$ .  $\therefore A_4/V_4$  is Abelian since 3 is prime.

$V_4/\{(1)\} = V_4$  and we know  $V_4$  is Abelian.

$\therefore S_4$  is solvable.

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12. Prove that if  $G$  is solvable and  $H \leq G$ , then  $H$  is solvable.

Proof:

$G$  is solvable  $\Rightarrow$  exist subgroups  $G_0, G_1, \dots, G_k$  such that

$$\{e\} = G_k \triangleleft G_{k-1} \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft G_2 \triangleleft G_1 \triangleleft G_0 = G.$$

Let  $H_0 = H$  and  $H_i = H \cap G_i$ . Then by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Isomorphism theorem,  $H \cap G_i \triangleleft H$ .

(stuck)

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13. Suppose  $G$  is solvable and  $\phi: G \rightarrow \bar{G}$  is a homomorphism from  $G$  to  $\bar{G}$ . Prove  $\phi(G)$  is solvable.

**Proof:**

$G$  is solvable  $\Rightarrow$  exist subgroups  $G_0, G_1, \dots, G_k$  such that

$$\{e\} = G_k \triangleleft G_{k-1} \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft G_2 \triangleleft G_1 \triangleleft G_0 = G.$$

Suppose  $\ker \phi = \{e\}$ , then by the Correspondence theorem,

$$\phi(G_i) \triangleleft \phi(G_{i-1}) \text{ for every } i \in \{0, 1, \dots, k\} \text{ and } \phi(G_0) = \phi(\bar{G}).$$

Suppose  $G_j = \ker \phi$  for some  $j \in \{0, 1, \dots, k\}$ , then by the Correspondence theorem,

$$\phi(G_i) \triangleleft \phi(G_{i-1}) \text{ for every } i \in \{0, 1, \dots, j\}, \phi(G_0) = \phi(\bar{G}), \text{ and}$$

$$\phi(G_m) \subseteq \{e_{\bar{G}}\} \text{ for every } m \in \{j+1, \dots, k\}, \text{ hence } \phi(G_m) \triangleleft \phi(G_{m-1}).$$

Need to show  $\phi(G_{i-1})/\phi(G_i)$  is Abelian for every  $i$ .

(stuck)

$\therefore \bar{G}$  is solvable.

14. Let  $G$  be a group with  $H \triangleleft G$ . Suppose  $H$  and  $G/H$  are both solvable. Prove  $G$  is solvable.

**Proof:**

$H$  is solvable  $\Rightarrow$  exist subgroups  $H_0, H_1, \dots, H_k$  of  $H$  such that

$$\{e\} = H_k \triangleleft H_{k-1} \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft H_2 \triangleleft H_1 \triangleleft H_0 = H.$$

$G/H$  is solvable  $\Rightarrow$  exist subgroups  $N_0, N_1, \dots, N_k$  of  $G/H$  such that

$$\{e\} = N_k \triangleleft N_{k-1} \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft N_2 \triangleleft N_1 \triangleleft N_0 = N.$$

By the Correspondence theorem, there are subgroups  $P_i$  of  $G$  with  $H \leq P_i$

such that  $P_i/H = N_i$  and  $P_i \triangleleft P_{i-1}$ . So  $H \triangleleft P_k/H \triangleleft P_{k-1}/H \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft P_1/H \triangleleft P_0/H = G/H$ .

By the 3<sup>rd</sup> Isomorphism theorem,  $P_i/P_{i-1} \cong (P_i/H)/(P_{i-1}/H)$ . And since  $(P_i/H)/(P_{i-1}/H)$  is Abelian, then  $P_i/P_{i-1}$  is Abelian.

$$\therefore \{e\} = H_k \triangleleft H_{k-1} \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft H_2 \triangleleft H_1 \triangleleft H_0 = H \triangleleft P_k \triangleleft P_{k-1} \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft P_1 \triangleleft P_0 = G.$$

$\therefore G$  is solvable.

15. Let  $G$  be a group with  $H \leq G$  and  $K \triangleleft G$ . Prove that if  $H$  and  $K$  are both solvable, then  $HK$  is solvable.

Proof:

16. Let  $G$  be a group of order  $495 = 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 11$ .

(a) What are the possible numbers of Sylow subgroups? (ie. what are the possibilities for  $n_3, n_5,$  and  $n_{11}$ ?)

**Proof:**

$n_3   55 \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 5, 11, 55$	$n_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow$ $n_3 = 1, 4, \dots, 55, \dots$	$n_3 = 1, 55$
$n_5   99 \Rightarrow$ $n_5 = 1, 3, 9, 11, 33, 99$	$n_5 \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow$ $n_5 = 1, 6, 11, 16, \dots$	$n_5 = 1, 11$
$n_{11}   45 \Rightarrow$ $n_{11} = 1, 3, 5, 9, 15, 45$	$n_{11} \equiv 1 \pmod{11} \Rightarrow$ $n_{11} = 1, 10, \dots, 45, \dots$	$n_{11} = 1, 45$

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(b) Prove that a 5-Sylow subgroup or an 11-Sylow subgroup is normal.

**Proof:**

If  $n_5 = 11$  and  $n_{11} = 45$ , then there are 11 distinct subgroups of order 5 and 45 distinct subgroups of order 11. Thus,  $G$  contains  $11 \cdot 4 = 44$  elements of order 5 and  $45 \cdot 10 = 450$  elements of order 11. We also have at least one subgroup of order 9 which contains 8 elements of order 3 or 9. So  $G$  contains  $44 + 450 + 8 = 502$  elements, a contradiction to  $|G| = 495$ .  $\therefore n_5 = 11$  or  $n_{11} = 45$ , thus a 5-Sylow subgroup or an 11-Sylow subgroup is normal in  $G$ .

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(c) Let  $K$  be the normal subgroup from part (b). Prove  $G/K$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_9$  where  $m \in \{5, 11\}$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $M$  be the other subgroup from part (b) and let  $P_3$  be a Sylow 3-subgroup of  $G$ .

Suppose  $m = 5$ , then  $|G/K| = 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 11 = 5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 11$ . So  $n_3 = 1$  and  $n_{11} = 1$ .

Thus by Proposition 5.39 (A finite group  $G$  all of whose Sylow subgroups are normal is the direct product of its Sylow subgroups.),  $G/K \cong P_3 P_{11}$ . Since  $|P_3| = 9$ , then  $P_3$  is

Abelian.  $\therefore P_3 \cong \mathbb{Z}_9$  or  $P_3 \cong \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ . And since 11 is prime,  $P_{11} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{11}$ .

Thus,  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{11} \times \mathbb{Z}_9$ , or  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{11} \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ .

If  $m = 11$ , then by similar proof we have  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_9$ , or  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ .

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(d) Let  $H_5$  be a 5-Sylow subgroup of  $G$  and let  $H_{11}$  be an 11-Sylow subgroup of  $G$ .

Prove  $H_5 H_{11} \triangleleft G$ .

(part (c) might be helpful – one of these two subgroups is the  $K$  in part (c)).

**Proof:**

By the Second Isomorphism theorem,  $H_5 H_{11} / H_5 \cong H_{11} / H_5 \cap H_{11}$ . Since  $H_5 \cap H_{11} = \{e\}$ , then  $H_5 H_{11} / H_5 \cong H_{11}$ . And since  $|H_{11}| = 11$ , then  $H_{11} \cong \mathbb{Z}_{11}$ .

Since, by part (c)  $G/H_5$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_{11} \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_{11} \times \mathbb{Z}_9$ , and  $\mathbb{Z}_{11} \triangleleft \mathbb{Z}_{11} \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ , and  $\mathbb{Z}_{11} \triangleleft \mathbb{Z}_{11} \times \mathbb{Z}_9$ , then by the Correspondence theorem,  $H_5 H_{11} \triangleleft G$ .

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(e) Find a solvable series for  $G$ .

**Proof:**

$\{e\} \triangleleft H_5 \triangleleft H_5 H_{11} \triangleleft G$ .

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