

## The Sylow Theorems

Def If  $G$  is a finite group,  $p$  a prime number  
 $p^\alpha \mid |G|$ , but  $p^{\alpha+1} \nmid |G|$ ,  $H < G$  w/  $|H| = p^\alpha$   
then we say  $H$  is a  $p$ -Sylow subgroup of  $G$ .

$$\text{Syl}_p(G) = \{ p\text{-Sylow subgroups of } G \}$$

$$n_p = |\text{Syl}_p(G)|.$$

$$\text{inn}_g: G \rightarrow G \\ h \mapsto ghg^{-1}$$

### Theorem(s) (Sylow)

1.  $\text{Syl}_p(G) \neq \emptyset$  ✓

2.  $\forall P, Q \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$  then  $\exists g \in G$  s.t.  $gPg^{-1} = Q$  ✓

3.  $n_p \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  ✓

4.  $n_p \mid |G|$

Ex: if  $|G| = 15$  1.  $\exists P_5, P_3 < G$  s.t.  $|P_5| = 5$   
 $|P_3| = 3$

3.  $n_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow$

4.  $n_3 \mid 15$

$n_3 = 1, 4, 7, 10, \dots$

$\Rightarrow n_3 = 1$

2.  $P_3 \triangleleft G$

$gP_3g^{-1}$  is also a 3-Syl. subgroup  
 $s \in n_3 \mapsto "P_3"$

3.  $n_5 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$      $n_5 = 1, 6, 11$

4.  $n_5 | 15 \Rightarrow n_5 = 1$

$z \Rightarrow P_5 \triangleleft G$

yesterday  $P_3, P_5 \triangleleft G$      $P_3 \cap P_5 = e$

order of  $P_3 P_5$  div. by 3, 5

$P_3 \cap P_5 < P_3, P_5$

$|P_3 \cap P_5| \mid |P_3|, |P_5|$   
 $1 \qquad \qquad 3 \quad 5$

$P_3, P_5 < P_3 P_5$  is a subgroup

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$HN = \{hn \mid h \in H, n \in N\}$   
 not obviously closed

$(hn)(h'n') \rightsquigarrow h''n''$

$\Rightarrow P_3 P_5 = G$     yesterday  $\Rightarrow G = P_3 \times P_5$   
 $G \cong C_3 \times C_5$

First Sylow theorem     $(\text{Syl}_p(G) \neq \emptyset)$

Use class equation:

$|G| = |Z(G)| + \sum [G : C_G(a)]$

some  $a \in G$   
 (one from each non-tr. conj class)

size of  $[a]$  conj class.

induct on  $|G|$ .

Case 1:  $p \nmid |G| \Rightarrow \text{Syl}_p(G) = \{e\} \neq \emptyset$

Case 2:  $p \mid |Z(G)|$  choose  $g \in Z(G) - \{g\} = P$   
(by Cauchy's thm)

$\langle g \rangle \triangleleft G$  since  $x \langle g \rangle x^{-1} = \{ x g^i x^{-1} \mid i \}$

$\langle g \rangle = \{ g^i \mid i \}$   
 $= \langle g \rangle$

Consider  $G/\langle g \rangle$

has smaller order, so

$$|G| = p^\alpha m$$

$$\exists \bar{P} \in \text{Syl}_p(G/\langle g \rangle)$$

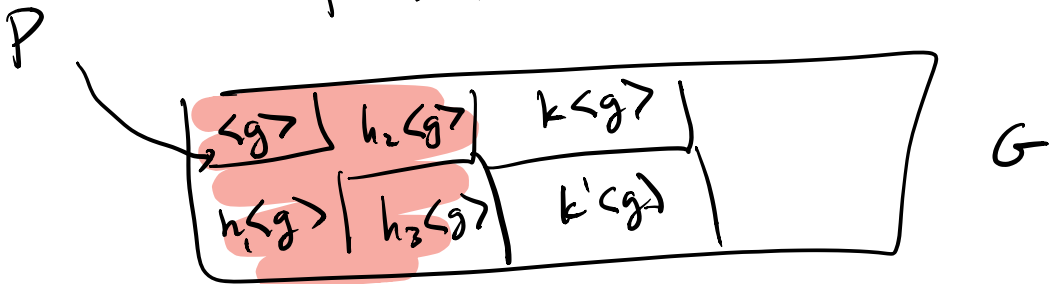
$$\text{but now: } P = \bigcup_{h \langle g \rangle \in \bar{P}} h \langle g \rangle$$

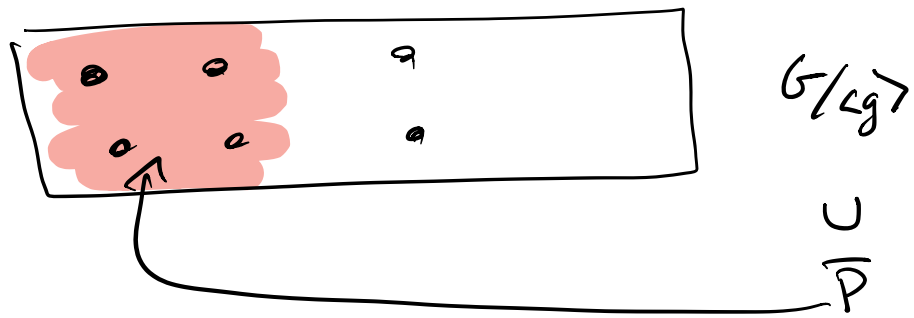
$$|G/\langle g \rangle|$$

$$|P| = |\bar{P}| \cdot (\text{size of cosets}) = p |\bar{P}|$$

$$|G|/|\langle g \rangle| = p^{\alpha-1} m \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$$

$p^\alpha \Rightarrow$  its a Sylow subgp.





Case 3:  $p \mid |G|, p \nmid |Z(G)|$

Class eqn:  $|G| = |Z(G)| + \sum_a [G : C_G(a)]$

if  $p \mid [G : C_G(a)]$  all then

$$p \mid |G| - |Z(G)| = |Z(G)|$$

but it doesn't

$\Rightarrow p \nmid [G : C_G(a)]$  some  $a$ .

But  $C_G(a) \not\leq G$  normal subg.

$$\frac{|G|}{|C_G(a)|} = [G : C_G(a)]$$

$$p \nmid [G : C_G(a)]$$

$\Rightarrow$  same power of  $p$  divides  $|G|$  &  $|C_G(a)|$

$$|G| = [G : C_G(a)] |C_G(a)|$$

$$p^x \mid |C_G(a)|$$

but  $C_G(a) \not\leq G \Rightarrow$  by lemma 7

$$P < C_G(a) \quad |P| = p^x$$

but  $P < C_G(a) < G \Rightarrow P < G \cdot \square$ .

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Let  $P \in \text{Syl}_p(G) \subset Q(G)$   $P_i < G$

Consider its orbit  $P_i = P, P_2, \dots, P_r$  under  $G$  via conj

i.e.  $\{P_1, \dots, P_r\} = \{gPg^{-1} \mid g \in G\}$

Suppose  $Q < G$   $|Q| = p^\beta$  some  $\beta \leq \alpha = \text{max size.}$

Then  $Q$  acts on  $\{P_1, \dots, P_r\}$  by conjugation.

$g \in Q$   $P_i$   $g \cdot P_i = gP_i g^{-1}$

Suppose  $P = P_1, P_2, \dots, P_s$  is orbit of  $P$  under  $Q$ .  
 $s \leq r$

Orbit  
 Size  $\rightarrow s = \frac{|Q|}{|\text{Stab}_Q P|}$   $\text{Stab}_Q P = Q \cap N_G(P)$

but  $Q \cap N_G(P) < Q$  is a  $p$ -gp

$(Q \cap N_G(P))P$  is a subgroup  $\Rightarrow$  is also a  $p$ -gp.  
 (consider in  $N_G(P)$ )

$(Q \cap N_G(P)), P < N_G(P)$

but contains  $P$  which is a  $p$ -subgroup of max size.

$$\Rightarrow (Q \cap N_G(P))P = P \Rightarrow$$

$$Q \cap N_G(P) \subset P, G$$

$$Q \cap N_G(P) \subset Q \cap P$$

$$N_G(P) \supset P$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{Q \cap N_G(P) = Q \cap P}$$

$P = P_1, P_2, \dots, P_s$  orbit of  $P$  via  $Q$  action (conjugation)

$$s = \frac{|Q|}{|Stab_G P|}$$

$$Stab_G P = Q \cap N_G(P) = Q \cap P$$

$$s = [Q : Q \cap P]$$

Set  $Q = P$

$$s = [P : P] = 1$$

but any other orbit of  $Q$  acts on  $Syl_p(G)$

$$P'_1, P'_2, \dots, P'_s$$

$$s = \frac{|Q|}{|Stab_G P|} = [P : P'_1 \cap P]$$

↑  
not equal  
by laws

$$\Rightarrow p | s$$

We just showed:  $\{P_1, \dots, P_r\}$   
~~Syl<sub>p</sub>(G) is union of orbits under P under conj~~  
 one orbit  $\{P\}$  has size  $\geq$  other orbits  
 have size a mult of p.

$\Rightarrow r \equiv_p 1.$

Next: ~~Sylow 2'2: if  $P \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$  and  $Q < G$   
 if  $Q < G$   $|Q| = p^a$  w/  $|Q| = p^b$   
 then  $Q \subset P$ : some p-Sylow P. then  $gQg^{-1} \subset P$   
 some g.~~

Pt: by contradiction,  
 suppose  $Q \not\subset P_i$   $\{P_1, \dots, P_r\} \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$

then orbit of  $P_i$  under  $Q$  as above has  
 size  $s = \frac{|Q|}{|Q \cap P_i|}$  are all mults of p.

but all orbits size mult. of p  $\Rightarrow$  whole set  
 has size a mult of p.  $\{P_1, \dots, P_r\}$

but  $r \equiv_p 1 \quad \checkmark$

there  $a \subset P_i$  some  $i$ .  
 $gP_i g^{-1}$

$\Downarrow$   
 $Z = \text{every } p\text{-Sylow is conj.}$



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Aside:

given  $H < G$

consider  $\text{Stab}_G(H) = \{g \in G \mid gHg^{-1} = H\}$

if this was the whole  $G$ , then  $H \triangleleft G$   
always have  $H$  in

in general, define  $N_G(H) = \{g \in G \mid gHg^{-1} = H\}$

$$H \triangleleft N_G(H) < G$$

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Why are all  $p$ -Sylows conj?