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	11/14 - Applications of Sylow } * - Simple group - Fund. Th. Finitely Generated Abelian group (FTFGAG)
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Ex: Suppose G is a group of size 15.
 Prove that G is cyclic.

proof: $|G| = 3 \cdot 5$

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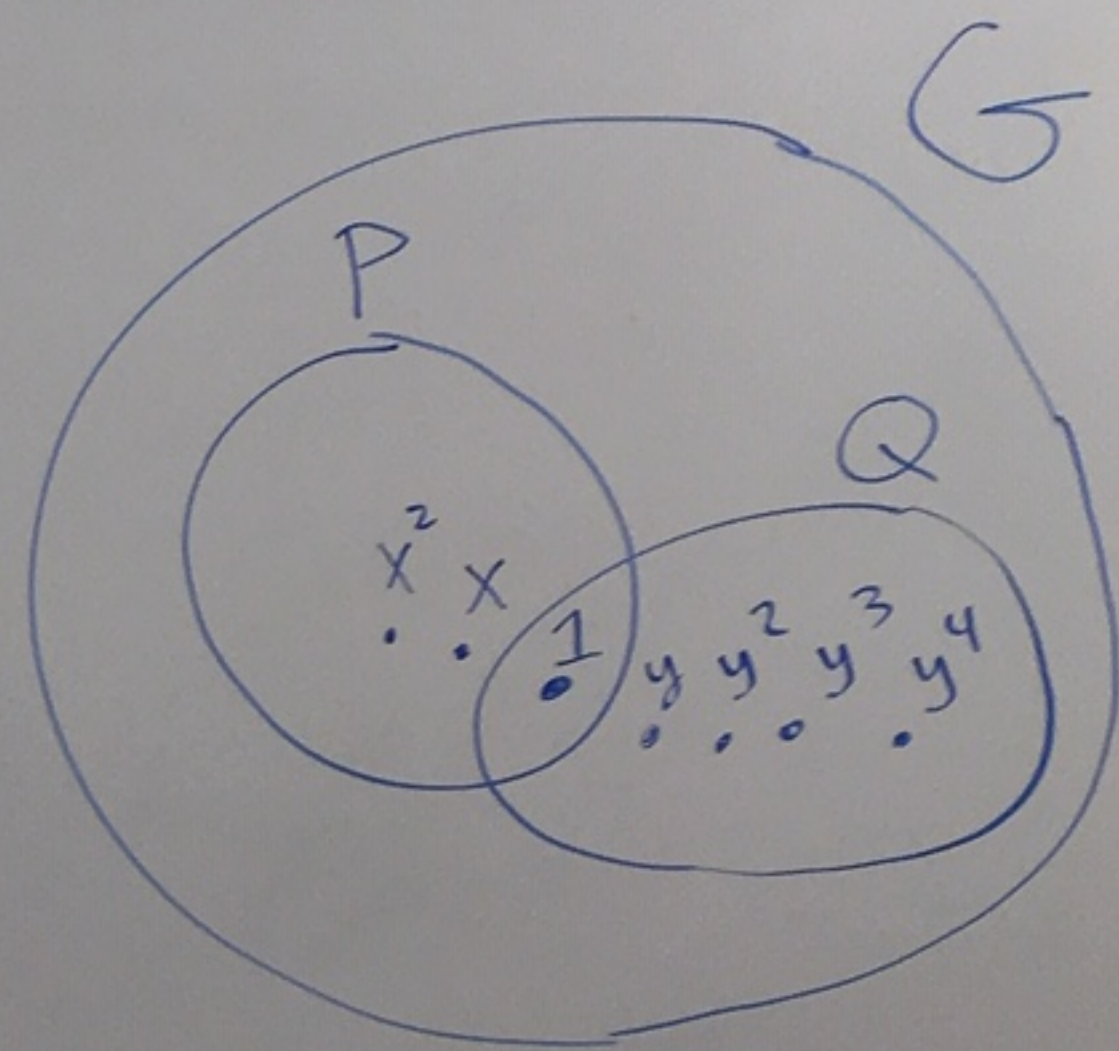
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Thus, $n_3 = 1$. (There is only 1 subgroup of size 3, it's P)

So, $P \trianglelefteq G$.



$n_3 = \#$ of sylow
3-subgroups

$n_5 = \#$ of sylow
5-subgroups

$n_3 = 1$ iff
 $gPg^{-1} = P$
 $\forall g \in G$.

By Sylow's theorem, $n_5 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$ and $n_5 \mid 3$.

So, $n_5 = 1, 6, 11, 16, \dots$ and $n_5 \mid 3$.

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Therefore, $Q \trianglelefteq G$.

Claim 1: $xy = yx$

Since $P \leq G$ and $Q \leq G$ we get $P \cap Q \leq G$.

Since $P \cap Q \leq P$ and $P \cap Q \leq Q$ by Lagrange,

$|P \cap Q|$ divides $|P|=3$ and $|Q|=5$.

Thus, $|P \cap Q| = 1$.

So, $P \cap Q = \{1\}$.

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So, $xyx^{-1}y^{-1} \in P \cap Q$. Thus,

$xyx^{-1}y^{-1} = 1$. So, $xy = yx$. claim 1

Claim 2: $|xy|=15$

Since $|G|=15$, we know $|xy|$ divides 15.
So, $|xy|=1, 3, 5, \text{ or } 15$.

$|xy| \neq 1$:

Suppose $(xy)^1 = 1$.
Then $x = y^{-1} \in Q$.
So, $x \in P \cap Q = \{1\}$.
But then $x = 1$,
which is nonsense!!
(since x has order 3)

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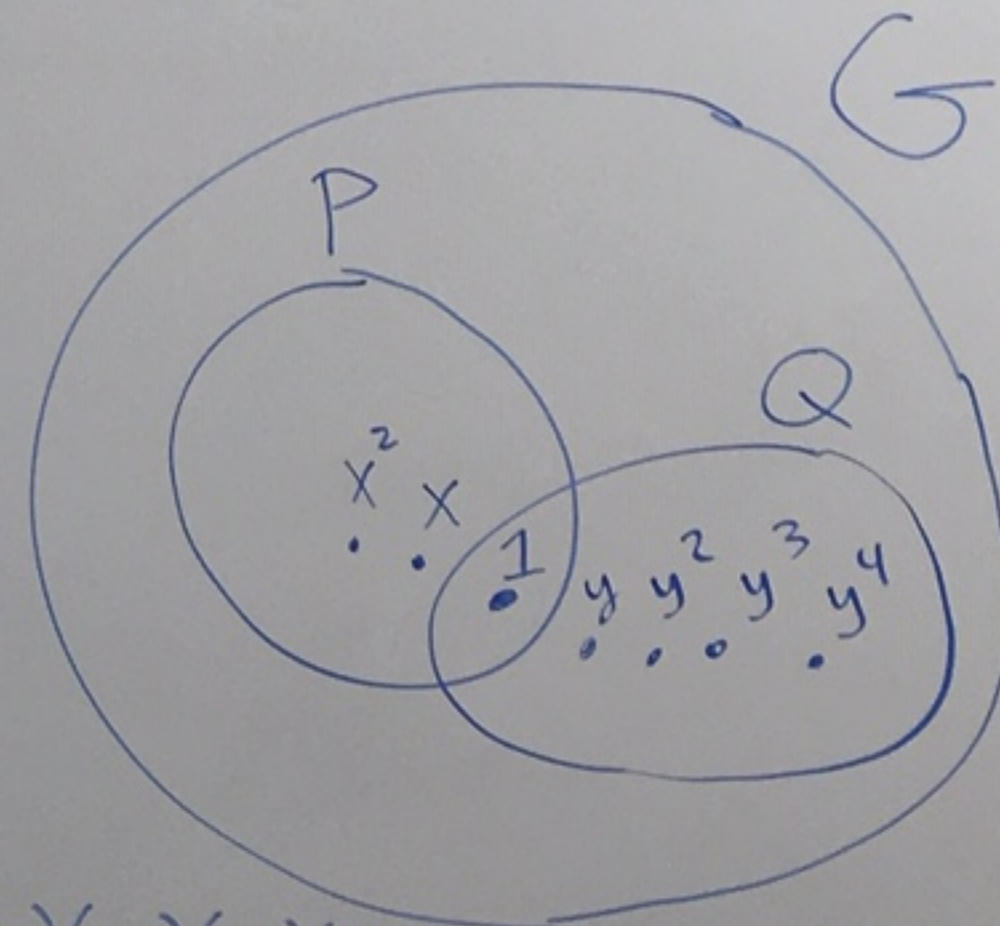
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Claim 1 \rightarrow
 $= x^3 y^3$
 $= 1 \cdot y^3$
 $= y^3 \neq 1$
 \uparrow
y has order 5

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Claim 1 \rightarrow
 $= x^5 y^5$
 $= x^5 \cdot 1$
 $= x^2 \neq 1$
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x has order 3



Therefore,
 $|xy|=15$
and $G = \langle xy \rangle$. \square

$y \in P$
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Ex: Let G be a group of size $255 = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 17$ is abelian.

proof: By Sylow's theorem, there exists a subgroup P of G of size 17.
And $n_{17} \equiv 1 \pmod{17}$ and $n_{17} \mid 3 \cdot 5$.
So, $n_{17} = 1, 18, \dots$ and $n_{17} \mid 15$.
Thus, $n_{17} = 1$ and so $P \trianglelefteq G$.

Previous Theorem: Since $P \trianglelefteq G$
We have that $G/C_G(P)$ is
isomorphic to a subgroup of $\text{Aut}(P)$.

▷ Since $|P| = 17$
and 17 is prime
 $P \cong \mathbb{Z}_{17}$.

So, $\text{Aut}(P) \cong \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_{17})$
 $\cong \mathbb{Z}_{17}^{\times}$

Thus, $|\text{Aut}(P)| = |\mathbb{Z}_{17}^{\times}| = 16$

If p is prime
 $\mathbb{Z}_p^{\times} = \{1, \bar{2}, \dots, \overline{p-1}\}$
and has size $p-1$

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So, $G = C_G(P)$

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So, $|G/C_G(P)|$ divides $|\text{Aut}(P)| = 16$.

But also, $|G/C_G(P)| = \frac{|G|}{|C_G(P)|}$ divides $|G| = 255$.

Thus, $|G/C_G(P)| = 1$.

So, $G = C_G(P) = \{g \in G \mid gp = pg \text{ for all } p \in P\}$

That is, $gp = pg$ for all $p \in P$ and $g \in G$.

In particular, $P \leq Z(G)$.

So, $|P| = 17$ divides $|Z(G)|$

but also $|Z(G)|$ divides $|G| = 255 = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 17$

So, $|Z(G)| = 17, 3 \cdot 17, 5 \cdot 17, \text{ or } 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 17$.

If $|Z(G)| = 17$, then $|G/Z(G)| = \frac{255}{17} = 15$.

So, $G/Z(G)$ is cyclic by the previous example.

By a HW problem, since $G/Z(G)$ is cyclic, G is abelian.

So, $G = Z(G)$. Contradiction. (This implies $|G| = |Z(G)| = 17$.)

If $|Z(G)| = 3 \cdot 17$, then $|G/Z(G)| = \frac{255}{3 \cdot 17} = 5$.

So, since 5 is prime, $G/Z(G)$ is cyclic

and again we get $G = Z(G)$. Contradiction. (This implies $|G| = 3 \cdot 17$.)

If $|Z(G)| = 5 \cdot 17$, then $|G/Z(G)| = \frac{255}{5 \cdot 17} = 3$.

So, since 3 is prime, $G/Z(G)$ is cyclic

and we get $G = Z(G)$. Contradiction. (This implies $|G| = 5 \cdot 17$.)

So, $|Z(G)| = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 17 = 255$ and $G = Z(G)$.
So G is abelian. \square