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(2) Suppose that $|G| = pq$ where p, q are primes and that G is abelian. By Cauchy's thm there exist $x, y \in G$ with $|x| = p$ and $|y| = q$.

Claim: $|xy| = pq$.

Note that

$$(xy)^{pq} = x^{pq} y^{pq} \quad \underline{\quad} \quad (x^p)^q (y^q)^p = 1^q \cdot 1^p = 1.$$

↑
because G
is abelian

Thus, $1 \leq |xy| \leq pq$.

Let $H = \langle x \rangle$ and $K = \langle y \rangle$. Then $|H| = p$ and $|K| = q$. Since $H \cap K \leq H$ and $H \cap K \leq K$, by Lagrange's theorem, $|H \cap K|$ divides p and $|H \cap K|$ divides q . Since q, p are primes and $p \neq q$ we know that $|H \cap K| = 1$. Thus, $H \cap K = \{1\}$.

Now suppose that $(xy)^k = 1$ for some $k > 1$. Then $x^k y^k = 1$. So,

$x^k = y^{-k}$. Thus, $x^k \in K$ and $y^{-k} \in H$. So, $x^k = 1$ and $y^{-k} = 1$.

Hence $x^k = 1$ and $y^k = 1$. Thus, ~~both~~ p divides k and q divides k .

Since p and q are primes we have that ~~both~~ k is a multiple of pq . Hence $k \geq pq$. Thus,

$$|xy| = pq.$$

(15) $\mathbb{Z}_5^x = \{\bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}\}$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \bar{2}^1 &= \bar{2} \\ \bar{2}^2 &= \bar{4} \\ \bar{2}^3 &= \bar{8} = \bar{3} \\ \bar{2}^4 &= \bar{6} = \bar{1} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Hence } \mathbb{Z}_5^x = \langle \bar{2} \rangle.$$

~~both~~ $\mathbb{Z}_9^x = \{\bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}, \bar{7}, \bar{8}\}$

$$\langle \bar{2} \rangle = \{\bar{2}, \bar{4}, \bar{8}, \bar{16} = \bar{7}, \bar{14} = \bar{5}, \bar{10} = \bar{1}\} = \mathbb{Z}_9^x$$

You do \mathbb{Z}_{18}^x .