

**MATH 504**  
**EXERCISES 3**

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Unless otherwise stated  $G$  is a group.

- (1) For any prime number  $p$  dividing the order of  $G$ , determine all Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  where
  - ▶  $G = \mathfrak{S}_3$
  - ▶  $G = \mathfrak{S}_4$
- (2) Show that for some  $p$  dividing the order of  $G$ ,  $G$  has a normal Sylow  $p$ -subgroup (i.e  $G$  is not simple) when
  - ▶  $|G| = 15.$
  - ▶  $|G| = 20.$
  - ▶  $|G| = 45$
  - ▶  $|G| = 48.$
  - ▶  $|G| = 56.$
  - ▶  $|G| = 105$
  - ▶  $|G| = 132$
  - ▶  $|G| = 200$
  - ▶  $|G| = 255$
  - ▶  $|G| = 312.$
  - ▶  $|G| = 351.$
  - ▶  $|G| = p^r m;$  where  $p$  is a prime number,  $r$  is a positive integer and  $m < p.$
  - ▶  $|G| = pqr;$  where  $p, q$  and  $r$  are distinct prime numbers.
- (3) Let  $G$  be a group and  $N$  be a normal  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Show that  $N$  is contained in every element of  $\text{Syl}_p(G)$ . In a somewhat converse manner let  $M$  be the intersection of all the Sylow  $p$ -groups of  $G$ . Show that  $M$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Show that any other normal  $p$ -group in  $G$  is contained in  $M$ .
- (4) Let  $P \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$  be a normal subgroup for some prime number  $p$ . For any  $H \leq G$  show that  $P \cap H$  is the unique Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $H$ .
- (5) Prove that if  $N \trianglelefteq G$  then for any prime number  $p$  dividing both  $|G|$  and  $|N|$  we have  $n_p(G/N) \leq n_p(G)$ .
- (6) Let  $G$  be a finite group. Prove that  $G$  is nilpotent if and only if it has a *normal* subgroup of each order dividing  $|G|$ . Deduce that  $G$  is cyclic if and only if it has a *unique* subgroup of each order dividing  $|G|$ .
- (7) Let  $G = D_{2 \cdot 5}$ . Show that  $C(G) = \{e\}$ . Deduce that  $G$  is not nilpotent. Show more generally that if  $n$  is a positive odd integer, then  $D_{2 \cdot n}$  has trivial center and thus not solvable.
- (8) Decide whether  $D_8$  is solvable or not.
- (9) Show that if  $G/C(G)$  is nilpotent then  $G$  is nilpotent.
- (10) Prove that a finite group  $G$  is nilpotent if and only if for  $a, b \in G$  having relatively prime orders one has  $ab = ba$ .
- (11) Find derived subgroups of  $\mathfrak{S}_3$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_4$ .
- (12) Show indeed that
  - ▶ if  $G$  is a solvable group and  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  a group homomorphism, then  $\varphi(G)$  is solvable. Deduce that if  $\varphi$  is an epimorphism, then  $H$  is solvable.
  - ▶ if  $N \trianglelefteq G$  and both  $N$  and  $G/N$  are solvable, then  $G$  is solvable.