

Let p be a prime and G a finite group.

Definition 1 Define group action $T : G \times X \rightarrow X$, $\text{orb}(x)$, $\text{stab}(x)$, $[G : H]$, $Z(G)$, $C(a)$, $\text{conj}(a)$, p -group, p -Sylow subgroup, $N(H)$.

Proposition 2 If G is group acting on a set X , then $\text{stab}(x)$ is a subgroup of G for any $x \in X$ and $\{\text{orb}(x) : x \in X\}$ partitions the set X .

Theorem 3 (Orbit-Stabilizer) Suppose G acts on X , then for any $x \in X$

$$|\text{orb}(x)| = [G : \text{stab}(x)]$$

Theorem 4 (Class equation)

$$|G| = |Z(G)| + [G : C(a_1)] + [G : C(a_2)] + \cdots + [G : C(a_n)]$$

where $\text{conj}(a_1), \text{conj}(a_2), \dots, \text{conj}(a_n)$ are the nontrivial conjugacy classes of G .

Corollary 5 Every p -group has a nontrivial center, hence is not simple unless its isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_p .

Corollary 6 Groups of order p^2 are abelian.

Theorem 7 (Sylow 1) If G is a finite group and p^n divides $|G|$, then there exists a subgroup $H \subseteq G$ with $|H| = p^n$.

Theorem 8 (Sylow 2) If G is a finite group, H a p -subgroup of G , and P a p -Sylow subgroup of G , then there exists $a \in G$ such that $H \subseteq aPa^{-1}$.

Corollary 9 Let G be a finite group such that p divides $|G|$.

- (a) Any p -subgroup of G is contained in a p -Sylow subgroup of G .
- (b) Any two p -Sylow subgroups of G are conjugates.
- (c) Any two p -Sylow subgroups of G are isomorphic.
- (d) A p -Sylow subgroup is of G normal iff it is the only p -Sylow subgroup of G .

Theorem 10 (Sylow 3) If $|G| = p^n m$ where p does not divide m and $n(p)$ is the number of p -Sylow subgroups of G , then:

- (a) $n(p) = [G : N(P)]$ for any P a p -Sylow subgroup of G ,
- (b) $n(p)$ divides m , and
- (c) $n(p) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$