

**21.** A finite  $p$ -group  $G$  is called generalized extra-special if  $Z(G)$  is cyclic and  $G/Z(G)$  has order  $p$ . Show that if  $G$  is a finite nonabelian  $p$ -group such that every proper quotient of  $G$  is abelian (i.e. “minimally nonabelian”), then  $G$  is generalized extra-special.

**22.** Show that the automorphism group of  $Q_8$  is isomorphic to  $Sym(4)$ . Deduce that there is no finite group whose Frattini subgroup is isomorphic to  $Q_8$ .

HINT: Let  $C = C_G(\Phi(G))$  and look at the image of  $\Phi(G)$  in  $G/C$ .

**23.** A critical subgroup of a finite group  $G$  is a characteristic subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  such that  $\Phi(H) \leq Z(H) \geq [G, H]$  and  $C_G(H) = Z(H)$ . Show that every finite  $p$ -group has a critical subgroup.

HINT: Consider the set of all characteristic subgroups  $H$  satisfying  $\Phi(H) \leq Z(H) \geq [G, H]$ .

**24.** If  $R$  is a commutative ring with 1, let  $U(n, R)$  denote the group of  $n \times n$  upper unitriangular matrices over  $R$  (i.e. 1 on the diagonal, 0 below it). Show that  $U(n, \mathbf{F}_p)$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $GL(n, p)$  and deduce that every finite  $p$ -group is isomorphic to a subgroup of some  $U(n, \mathbf{F}_p)$ .