

Sylow Second theorem :-

Let G be a finite group and p be a prime number such that $p \mid O(G)$. Then any two Sylow p -subgroups of G are conjugate.

Proof:- Let $O(G) = p^m q$ with p and q are relatively prime. Then every Sylow p -subgroup of G is of order p^m .

Let H be any Sylow p -subgroup of G and M be the set of all subgroups of G which are conjugate to H .

Now it is sufficient to prove that every Sylow p -subgroup K of G is conjugate to H , that we show that $K \in M$.

Let us suppose that K is not conjugate to H i.e. $K \neq x^{-1} H x$ for all $x \in G$.

Let S be any Sylow p -subgroup such that $S \neq K$, then $K \not\subseteq S$, therefore there exists an element $x \in K$ but not in S i.e. $x \in K - S$.

Also $x^{-1} S x = S \Rightarrow x \in N(S)$, the normalizer of S .

Since $x \in K$, which is of order p^m , so $x \in S$ which is a contradiction. Hence $x^{-1} S x \neq S$ which means that S has more than one conjugate in K .

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Also the number of conjugate of S in K is equal to the index of $N_K(S)$ in K and the latter divides $o(K) = p^m$. This shows that number of conjugates of S in K is a multiple of p .

Let us define a relation \sim in M as under:

If $H_1, H_2 \in M$, then $H_1 \sim H_2 \Leftrightarrow$ there exists $x \in K$ such that $H_2 = x^{-1}H_1x$, clearly this relation is an equivalence on M , therefore this relation partitions M into equivalence classes.

Since we have already proved that the number of conjugates of S in K is a multiple of p , therefore the equivalence class of S determined by the elements in K contains n elements where p divides n . Thus $o(M)$ is a multiple of p .

Also $o(M) = \text{index of } N(H) \text{ in } G$, but the index of H in G is q because $o(H) = p^m$.

Since H is a subgroup of $N(H)$, then by Lagrange's theorem we have

$$o(N(H)) = p^m \cdot r$$

and $o(H) \cdot \text{index of } H = o(N(H)) \cdot \text{index of } N(H)$

or $o(H) \cdot i(H) = o(N(H)) \cdot i(N(H))$

$$\Rightarrow o(H) \cdot i(H) = o(N(H)) \cdot o(M)$$

$$\Rightarrow o(H) \cdot i(H) = p^m \cdot o(M)$$

$$\Rightarrow o(G) = p^m \cdot o(M) \quad \left[\because i(H) = \frac{o(G)}{o(H)} \right]$$

$$p^m q = p^m \cdot o(M) \Rightarrow q = o(M)$$

Since $p \mid o(M)$, then q is multiple of p .
 this shows that p and q are not relatively
 prime which is a contradiction because
 $(p, q) = 1$. Therefore K is a conjugate
 of H . Hence the proof of the theorem
 is complete.

Corollary :- Let $p \mid o(G)$, where G is a
 finite group and p any prime number. Then
 a Sylow p -subgroup H of G is
 normal if H is unique Sylow p -subgroup
 of G .

Proof :- Let $o(G) = p^m q$ with $(p, q) = 1$
 Then $o(H) = p^m$. By above theorem a
 Sylow p -subgroup K of G is conjugate
 to H i.e. $K = x^{-1} H x$ for some $x \in G$
 If H is normal, then $x^{-1} H x = H$
 $\Rightarrow K \subseteq H$

Since $o(K) = o(H)$, then we obtain
 $H = K$, this shows that H is unique