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Chapter 5.5, Problem 10E

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Fundamental theorem of finitely generated abelian groups: Let G be a finitely generated abelian group. Then $G \cong Z^{r_1} \times Z_{n_1} \times Z_{n_2} \times \cdots \times Z_{n_s}$ for some integers $r_1, n_1, n_2, \dots, n_s$ satisfies the following condition:

(i) $r \geq 0$ and for all i , $n_i \geq 2$

(ii) $n_{i+1} \nmid n_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq s-1$

The expression defined above is unique if $G \cong Z^{r_1} \times Z_{n_1} \times Z_{n_2} \times \cdots \times Z_{n_s}$ where, $r_1, n_1, n_2, \dots, n_s$ satisfy (i) and (ii) then $r = r_1, n_i = n_i$ for all i .

Thylen theorem: If G is a finite group of order p^am , where p is a prime and does not divide m , then G has a subgroup of order p^a .

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Lagrange's theorem: If G is a finite group and H is a subgroup of G , then the order of H divides the order of G and the number of left cosets of H in G equals $\frac{|G|}{|H|}$.

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This exercise aims to classify the groups of order 147.

(a) Prove that there are two abelian groups of order 147.

It can be seen that $147 = 3 \cdot 7^2$. By Fundamental theorem of finitely generated abelian groups, the abelian groups of order 147 are Z_{147} and $Z_{21} \times Z_7$. Thus, there are two abelian groups of order 147.

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(b) Prove that every group of order 147 has a normal Sylow 7-subgroup.

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Using Sylow's Theorem, the number n_7 of Sylow 7-subgroups divides 3 and is congruent to 1 mod 7; hence $n_7 = 1$. Therefore, the Sylow 7-subgroup of a group of order 147 is unique, thus normal.

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(c) Prove that there is a unique non-abelian group of order 147 whose Sylow 7-subgroup is cyclic.

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Suppose G be a non-abelian group of order 147. Suppose $H \leq G$ be the unique Sylow 7-subgroup of G , and let $H \cong Z_7$. Now suppose $K = \langle x \rangle \cong Z_3$ be any Sylow 3-subgroup of G . By Lagrange theorem, $H \cap K = 1$, so that $HK = G$. By the recognition theorem for semi-direct products, we have $G \cong Z_7 \rtimes_{\varphi} Z_3$ for some group homomorphism $\varphi: Z_3 \rightarrow \text{Aut}(Z_7)$. Recall that $\text{Aut}(H) \cong Z_6$ and that $42 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$. With the help of Cauchy's Theorem, it can be said that $\text{Aut}(H)$ contains an element α of order 3. However, the Sylow 3-subgroups of $\text{Aut}(H)$ are those of order 3, and by Sylow's Theorem, every order 3 subgroup is conjugate to $\langle \alpha \rangle$.

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Suppose $Z_3 = \langle x \rangle$ and define $\varphi: K \rightarrow \text{Aut}(H)$ by $\varphi(x) = \alpha$. Since φ is nontrivial, $Z_7 \rtimes_{\varphi} Z_3$ is a non-abelian group of order 147. Suppose that $\psi: K \rightarrow \text{Aut}(H)$ is some other nontrivial group homomorphism such that $H \rtimes_{\psi} K$ is non-abelian. Since $K \cong Z_3$ is simple, $\ker \psi$ is trivial, so that ψ is injective. Hence, $\text{im } \psi$ is an order 3 subgroup of $\text{Aut}(H)$, which is conjugate to $\langle \alpha \rangle$. Since K is cyclic, so $H \rtimes_{\psi} K \cong H \rtimes_{\alpha} K$. Hence, there exists a unique non-abelian group of order 147 whose Sylow 7-subgroup is cyclic $[Z_7 \rtimes_{\alpha} Z_3]$.

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(d) Suppose $t_1, t_2 \in GL_2(\mathbb{F}_7)$. Prove that $P = \langle t_1, t_2 \rangle$ is a Sylow 3-subgroup of $GL_2(\mathbb{F}_7)$ and that $P \cong Z_3 \times Z_3$.

Deduce that every subgroup of $GL_2(\mathbb{F}_7)$ of order 3 is conjugate in $GL_2(\mathbb{F}_7)$ to some subgroup of P .

$$t_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$t_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that $|GL_2(\mathbb{F}_7)| = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7$. Do the following calculations, $t_1^3 = 1, t_2^3 = 1$ and

$$t_1^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$t_2^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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However, following is seen:

$$t_1 t_2 = t_1 t_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let, $Z_3^1 = \langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle$, there exists a unique group homomorphism $\theta: Z_3^1 \rightarrow \langle t_1, t_2 \rangle$ such that $\theta(a) = t_1$ and $\theta(b) = t_2$. It can be seen that every element of $\langle t_1, t_2 \rangle$ has the form $t_1^i t_2^j$ for some $0 \leq i, j < 3$, so that $|\langle t_1, t_2 \rangle| \leq 9$.

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However, note the following: $\theta(1) = 1, \theta(b^2) = t_2, \theta(b^2) = t_2^2$ and $\theta(a) = t_1, \theta(a^2) = t_1^2$ also.

$$\theta(ab) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\theta(ab^2) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\theta(a^2 b) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\theta(a^2 b^2) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, $\ker \theta = 1$, so that θ is injective, and then $|\theta| = 9$. Specifically, $[P \leq GL_2(\mathbb{F}_7)]$ is a Sylow 3-subgroup. Note that if $A \leq GL_2(\mathbb{F}_7)$ is a subgroup of order 3, then A is contained in some Sylow 3-subgroup Q and thus is conjugate to a subgroup of $\langle \alpha \rangle$.

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(e) Suppose the group P has 4 subgroups of order 3 as follows: $P_1 = \langle t_1 \rangle, P_2 = \langle t_2 \rangle, P_3 = \langle t_1 t_2 \rangle$, and $P_4 = \langle t_1^2 t_2^2 \rangle$. For each $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$, let $G_i = \langle Z_3 \times Z_3 \rangle \rtimes_{\varphi_i} Z_3$ where $\varphi_i: Z_3 \rightarrow GL_2(\mathbb{F}_7)$ is given by $\varphi_i(x) = \alpha_i$. Here, $\alpha_i = P_i$. For each i describe G_i in terms of generators and relations and deduce that $G_i \cong G_j$.

Note the following:

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Since $Z_3 = \langle x \rangle$ is cyclic so $[G_i \cong G_j]$. Each group is generated by the following:

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$$\mu = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\eta = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\omega = x$$

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And $\mu \eta = \eta \mu$.

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For G_i we have the following:

$$\omega \mu = (1, x) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \left(\varphi_1(x) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x \right)$$
$$= \left(t_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x \right)$$
$$= \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x \right)$$
$$= \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, (1, x) \right)$$
$$\omega \mu = \mu^2 \omega$$

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And

$$\omega \eta = (1, x) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \left(\varphi_1(x) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x \right)$$
$$= \left(t_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x \right)$$
$$= \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x \right)$$
$$= \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, (1, x) \right)$$
$$\omega \eta = \eta \omega$$

Therefore, G_i has the following presentation:

$$\left\langle \mu, \eta, \omega \mid \mu^3 = \eta^3 = \omega^3, \mu \eta = \eta \mu, \omega \eta = \eta \omega, \omega \mu = \mu^2 \omega \right\rangle$$

For G_j we have the following:

$$\omega \mu = \left(\varphi_2(x) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x \right)$$
$$= \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x \right)$$
$$= \mu^2 \omega$$

And

$$\omega \eta = \left(\varphi_2(x) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x \right)$$
$$= \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, x \right)$$
$$= \eta^2 \omega$$

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Therefore, G_i has the following presentation:

$$\left\langle \mu, \eta, \omega \mid \mu^3 = \eta^3 = \omega^3, \mu \eta = \eta \mu, \omega \eta = \eta^2 \omega, \omega \mu = \mu^2 \omega \right\rangle$$

For G_k in a similar fashion we have $\omega \mu = \mu^2 \omega$ and $\omega \eta = \eta^2 \omega$. Thus G_k has the following presentation: $\left\langle \mu, \eta, \omega \mid \mu^3 = \eta^3 = \omega^3, \mu \eta = \eta \mu, \omega \eta = \eta^2 \omega, \omega \mu = \mu^2 \omega \right\rangle$

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(f) Prove that G_i is not isomorphic to either of G_j and G_k .

Let us begin with some lemmas:

Lemma 1: Suppose G be a group and let $a, b \in G$ such that $ab = b^k a$. Then for all integers $m, n \geq 1$, $a^m b^n = b^{k^m n} a^m$.

Proof: Let us proceed by induction on m .

Base case: suppose $m = 1$. We proceed by induction on n . For the base case, suppose $n = 1$. Then:

$$a^1 b^1 = ab$$
$$= b^k a$$
$$= b^{k^1} a^1$$

For the inductive step, let the conclusion holds for some $n \geq 1$. Now,

$$a^1 b^{n+1} = ab^{n+1}$$
$$= b^{k^n} a^1 b$$
$$= b^{k^n} b^k a^1$$
$$= b^{k^{n+1}} a^1$$

Hence, the conclusion holds also for $n+1$. By induction $a^m b^n = b^{k^m n} a^m$ for all n .

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For the inductive step, let the conclusion holds for some $m \geq 1$. We proceed by induction on n . For the base case, suppose $n = 1$. So,

$$a^{m+1} b^1 = aa^m b$$
$$= ab^{k^m} a^m$$
$$= b^{k^{m+1}} a^{m+1}$$

For the inductive step, let the conclusion holds for some $n \geq 1$. So,

$$a^{m+1} b^{n+1} = aa^m b^{n+1}$$
$$= ab^{k^m n} a^m b$$
$$= b^{k^{m+1} n} a^{m+1} b$$
$$= b^{k^{m+1} n} b^{k^m} a^{m+1}$$
$$= b^{k^{m+1}(n+1)} a^{m+1}$$

By induction we can say that $a^{m+1} b^n = b^{k^{m+1} n} a^{m+1}$ for all n , so that the conclusion holds also for $m+1$. Hence, by induction, $a^m b^n = b^{k^m n} a^m$ holds for all integers $m, n \geq 1$.

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Lemma 2: Let m, n be positive integers such that $m + a \cdot 2^n = a + m \cdot 2^k \pmod{7}$ for all positive integers a and b . Then, $m \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$ and $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$.

Proof: Suppose $b = 3$ and $0 < a < 7$. Then, $m + a \cdot 2^n = a + m \pmod{7}$, so that $a \cdot 2^n = a \pmod{7}$. Now a is invertible mod 7, so that $2^n = 1 \pmod{7}$. Since $|2| = 3 \pmod{7}$, we have $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. Now we have $m + a = a + m \cdot 2^k \pmod{7}$, so that $m \equiv m \cdot 2^k \pmod{7}$. If $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{7}$, then $1 = 2^k \pmod{7}$ for all integers b , which is not correct. Hence, $m \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$.

Now, we will calculate the centers of G_i, G_j and G_k .

Note from the presentation of G_i that every element in this group can be written in the form $\mu^i \eta^j \omega^k$ for some $0 < i, j \leq 7$ and $0 < k \leq 3$, and it is known that $|G_i| = 147$, every element can be written uniquely in this form. Consider $x = \mu^i \eta^j \omega^k \in Z(G_i)$. Then for every element $\mu^i \eta^j \omega^k$, following is equivalent given as follows:

$$\mu^c \eta^i \omega^j \mu^i \eta^j \omega^k = \mu^{c+i^2} \eta^{j+i^2} \omega^{k+i^2}$$
$$= \mu^i \eta^j \omega^k \mu^{i^2} \eta^{i^2} \omega^{i^2}$$
$$= \mu^{i^2} \eta^{i^2} \omega^{i^2} \mu^i \eta^j \omega^k$$

Hence, we have that, for some fixed positive integers a and c , $a + i^2 = i + a \cdot 2^k \pmod{7}$ for all positive integers i and k . By Lemma 2, we have $a \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$ and $c \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. Hence $x \in \langle \eta \rangle$. Also, $\langle \eta \rangle \leq Z(G_i)$, so $Z(G_i) = \langle \eta \rangle$.

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Again, it can be seen that every element of G_k can be written in the form $\mu^i \eta^j \omega^k$ for some $0 < i, j \leq 7$ and $0 < k \leq 3$, and it is known that $|G_k| = 147$, every element can be written uniquely in this form. Consider $x = \mu^i \eta^j \omega^k \in Z(G_k)$. Then for every element $\mu^i \eta^j \omega^k$, following is equivalent given as follows:

$$\mu^c \eta^i \omega^j \mu^i \eta^j \omega^k = \mu^{c+i^2} \eta^{j+i^2} \omega^{k+i^2}$$
$$= \mu^i \eta^j \omega^k \mu^{i^2} \eta^{i^2} \omega^{i^2}$$
$$= \mu^{i^2} \eta^{i^2} \omega^{i^2} \mu^i \eta^j \omega^k$$

Comparing exponents and using Lemma 2, we have $a \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$ and $c \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. Hence $x = 1$ and we have $Z(G_k) = 1$.

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Again, we can see that every element of G_j can be written in the form $\mu^i \eta^j \omega^k$ for some $0 < i, j \leq 7$ and $0 < k \leq 3$, and it is known that $|G_j| = 147$, every element can be written uniquely in this form. Consider $x = \mu^i \eta^j \omega^k \in Z(G_j)$. Then for every element $\mu^i \eta^j \omega^k$, following is equivalent given as follows:

$$\mu^c \eta^i \omega^j \mu^i \eta^j \omega^k = \mu^{c+i^2} \eta^{j+i^2} \omega^{k+i^2}$$
$$= \mu^i \eta^j \omega^k \mu^{i^2} \eta^{i^2} \omega^{i^2}$$
$$= \mu^{i^2} \eta^{i^2} \omega^{i^2} \mu^i \eta^j \omega^k$$

Comparing the exponents of μ and by Lemma 2 we have $a \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$ and $c \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. If $b \not\equiv 0 \pmod{7}$, then $1 = b^k \pmod{7}$ for all $0 < k \leq 3$, which is not correct. Hence, $b \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$. Thus, $x = 1$ and we have $Z(G_j) = 1$.

Specifically, it is seen that $[G_i \not\cong G_j]$ and $[G_i \not\cong G_k]$ since $Z(G_i)$ and $Z(G_k)$ are trivial while $Z(G_j) = 1$.

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(g) Prove that G_i is not isomorphic to G_k .

It is known that the Sylow 7-subgroups of G_i and G_k are unique, so that every subgroup of order 7 in each is contained in $U_7 = Z_7^2$. Recall that there are 8 such subgroups given as follows:

$$\langle \mu \rangle, \langle \mu \eta \rangle, \langle \mu \eta^2 \rangle, \langle \mu \eta^3 \rangle, \langle \mu \eta^4 \rangle, \langle \mu \eta^5 \rangle, \langle \mu \eta^6 \rangle$$

Note the following:

$$\omega \eta \omega^{-1} = \eta^2 \in \langle \eta \rangle$$

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