

# The Sylow Theorems

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**Summary.** The goal of this article is to formalize the Sylow theorems closely following the book [4]. Accordingly, the article introduces the group operating on a set, the stabilizer, the orbits, the  $p$ -groups and the Sylow subgroups.

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The papers [20], [26], [18], [9], [21], [14], [11], [27], [6], [28], [7], [3], [5], [10], [1], [23], [24], [22], [16], [13], [19], [17], [2], [25], [15], [8], and [12] provide the notation and terminology for this paper.

## 1. GROUP OPERATING ON A SET

Let  $S$  be a non empty 1-sorted structure, let  $E$  be a set, let  $A$  be an action of the carrier of  $S$  on  $E$ , and let  $s$  be an element of  $S$ . We introduce  $A \frown s$  as a synonym of  $A(s)$ .

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Let  $S$  be a unital non empty groupoid, let  $E$  be a set, and let  $A$  be an action of the carrier of  $S$  on  $E$ . We say that  $A$  is left-operation if and only if:

(Def. 1)  $A \frown (\mathbf{1}_S) = \text{id}_E$  and for all elements  $s_1, s_2$  of  $S$  holds  $A \frown (s_1 \cdot s_2) = (A \frown s_1) \cdot (A \frown s_2)$ .

Let  $S$  be a unital non empty groupoid and let  $E$  be a set. Note that there exists an action of the carrier of  $S$  on  $E$  which is left-operation.

Let  $S$  be a unital non empty groupoid and let  $E$  be a set. A left operation of  $S$  on  $E$  is a left-operation action of the carrier of  $S$  on  $E$ .

The scheme *ExLeftOperation* deals with a set  $\mathcal{A}$ , a group-like non empty groupoid  $\mathcal{B}$ , and a unary functor  $\mathcal{F}$  yielding a function from  $\mathcal{A}$  into  $\mathcal{A}$ , and states that:

There exists a left operation  $T$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  on  $\mathcal{A}$  such that for every element  $s$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  holds  $T(s) = \mathcal{F}(s)$

provided the parameters meet the following requirements:

- $\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{B}}) = \text{id}_{\mathcal{A}}$ , and
- For all elements  $s_1, s_2$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  holds  $\mathcal{F}(s_1 \cdot s_2) = \mathcal{F}(s_1) \cdot \mathcal{F}(s_2)$ .

Next we state the proposition

- (1) Let  $E$  be a non empty set,  $S$  be a group-like non empty groupoid,  $s$  be an element of  $S$ , and  $L_1$  be a left operation of  $S$  on  $E$ . Then  $L_1 \cap s$  is one-to-one.

Let  $S$  be a non empty groupoid and let  $s$  be an element of  $S$ . We introduce  $\gamma_s$  as a synonym of  $s^*$ .

Let  $S$  be a group-like associative non empty groupoid. The functor  $\Gamma_S$  yielding a left operation of  $S$  on the carrier of  $S$  is defined as follows:

- (Def. 2) For every element  $s$  of  $S$  holds  $\Gamma_S(s) = \gamma_s$ .

Let  $E$  be a set and let  $n$  be a set. The functor  $[E]^n$  yielding a family of subsets of  $E$  is defined by:

- (Def. 3)  $[E]^n = \{X; X \text{ ranges over subsets of } E: \overline{X} = n\}$ .

Let  $E$  be a finite set and let  $n$  be a set. One can verify that  $[E]^n$  is finite.

The following two propositions are true:

- (2) For every natural number  $n$  and for every non empty set  $E$  such that  $\overline{n} \leq \overline{E}$  holds  $[E]^n$  is non empty.
- (3) For every non empty finite set  $E$  and for every element  $k$  of  $\mathbb{N}$  and for all sets  $x_1, x_2$  such that  $x_1 \neq x_2$  holds  $\text{card Choose}(E, k, x_1, x_2) = \text{card}([E]^k)$ .

Let  $E$  be a non empty set, let  $n$  be a natural number, let  $S$  be a group-like non empty groupoid, let  $s$  be an element of  $S$ , and let  $L_1$  be a left operation of  $S$  on  $E$ . Let us assume that  $\overline{n} \leq \overline{E}$ . The functor  $\gamma_{s, L_1}^n$  yields a function from  $[E]^n$  into  $[E]^n$  and is defined by:

- (Def. 4) For every element  $X$  of  $[E]^n$  holds  $\gamma_{s, L_1}^n(X) = (L_1 \cap s)^\circ X$ .

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- (Def. 5) For every element  $s$  of  $S$  holds  $\Gamma_{L_1}^n(s) = \gamma_{s, L_1}^n$ .

Let  $S$  be a non empty groupoid, let  $s$  be an element of  $S$ , and let  $Z$  be a non empty set. The functor  $\gamma_{s, Z}$  yielding a function from  $\{ \text{the carrier of } S, Z \}$  into  $\{ \text{the carrier of } S, Z \}$  is defined by the condition (Def. 6).

(Def. 6) Let  $z_1$  be an element of [the carrier of  $S$ ,  $Z$ ]. Then there exists an element  $z_2$  of [the carrier of  $S$ ,  $Z$ ] and there exist elements  $s_1, s_2$  of  $S$  and there exists an element  $z$  of  $Z$  such that  $z_2 = \gamma_{s,Z}(z_1)$  and  $s_2 = s \cdot s_1$  and  $z_1 = \langle s_1, z \rangle$  and  $z_2 = \langle s_2, z \rangle$ .

Let  $S$  be a group-like associative non empty groupoid and let  $Z$  be a non empty set. The functor  $\Gamma_{S,Z}$  yields a left operation of  $S$  on [the carrier of  $S$ ,  $Z$ ] and is defined by:

(Def. 7) For every element  $s$  of  $S$  holds  $\Gamma_{S,Z}(s) = \gamma_{s,Z}$ .

Let  $G$  be a group, let  $H, P$  be subgroups of  $G$ , and let  $h$  be an element of  $H$ . The functor  $\gamma_{h,P}$  yields a function from the left cosets of  $P$  into the left cosets of  $P$  and is defined by the condition (Def. 8).

(Def. 8) Let  $P_1$  be an element of the left cosets of  $P$ . Then there exists an element  $P_2$  of the left cosets of  $P$  and there exist subsets  $A_1, A_2$  of  $G$  and there exists an element  $g$  of  $G$  such that  $P_2 = \gamma_{h,P}(P_1)$  and  $A_2 = g \cdot A_1$  and  $A_1 = P_1$  and  $A_2 = P_2$  and  $g = h$ .

Let  $G$  be a group and let  $H, P$  be subgroups of  $G$ . The functor  $\Gamma_{H,P}$  yields a left operation of  $H$  on the left cosets of  $P$  and is defined as follows:

(Def. 9) For every element  $h$  of  $H$  holds  $\Gamma_{H,P}(h) = \gamma_{h,P}$ .

## 2. STABILIZER AND ORBITS

Let  $G$  be a group, let  $E$  be a non empty set, let  $T$  be a left operation of  $G$  on  $E$ , and let  $A$  be a subset of  $E$ . The functor  $T_A$  yields a strict subgroup of  $G$  and is defined as follows:

(Def. 10) The carrier of  $T_A = \{g; g \text{ ranges over elements of } G: (T \cap g)^\circ A = A\}$ .

Let  $G$  be a group, let  $E$  be a non empty set, let  $T$  be a left operation of  $G$  on  $E$ , and let  $x$  be an element of  $E$ . The functor  $T_x$  yielding a strict subgroup of  $G$  is defined by:

(Def. 11)  $T_x = T_{\{x\}}$ .

Let  $S$  be a unital non empty groupoid, let  $E$  be a set, let  $T$  be a left operation of  $S$  on  $E$ , and let  $x$  be an element of  $E$ . We say that  $x$  is fixed under  $T$  if and only if:

(Def. 12) For every element  $s$  of  $S$  holds  $x = (T \cap s)(x)$ .

Let  $S$  be a unital non empty groupoid, let  $E$  be a set, and let  $T$  be a left operation of  $S$  on  $E$ . The functor  $T_0$  yields a subset of  $E$  and is defined by:

(Def. 13)  $T_0 = \begin{cases} \{x; x \text{ ranges over elements of } E: x \text{ is fixed under } T\}, \\ \quad \text{if } E \text{ is non empty,} \\ \emptyset_E, \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$

Let  $S$  be a unital non empty groupoid, let  $E$  be a set, let  $T$  be a left operation of  $S$  on  $E$ , and let  $x, y$  be elements of  $E$ . We say that  $x$  and  $y$  are conjugated under  $T$  if and only if:

(Def. 14) There exists an element  $s$  of  $S$  such that  $y = (T \circ s)(x)$ .

We now state three propositions:

- (4) Let  $S$  be a unital non empty groupoid,  $E$  be a non empty set,  $x$  be an element of  $E$ , and  $T$  be a left operation of  $S$  on  $E$ . Then  $x$  and  $x$  are conjugated under  $T$ .
- (5) Let  $G$  be a group,  $E$  be a non empty set,  $x, y$  be elements of  $E$ , and  $T$  be a left operation of  $G$  on  $E$ . Suppose  $x$  and  $y$  are conjugated under  $T$ . Then  $y$  and  $x$  are conjugated under  $T$ .
- (6) Let  $S$  be a unital non empty groupoid,  $E$  be a non empty set,  $x, y, z$  be elements of  $E$ , and  $T$  be a left operation of  $S$  on  $E$ . Suppose  $x$  and  $y$  are conjugated under  $T$  and  $y$  and  $z$  are conjugated under  $T$ . Then  $x$  and  $z$  are conjugated under  $T$ .

Let  $S$  be a unital non empty groupoid, let  $E$  be a non empty set, let  $T$  be a left operation of  $S$  on  $E$ , and let  $x$  be an element of  $E$ . The functor  $T(x)$  yields a subset of  $E$  and is defined as follows:

(Def. 15)  $T(x) = \{y; y \text{ ranges over elements of } E: x \text{ and } y \text{ are conjugated under } T\}$ .

One can prove the following four propositions:

- (7) Let  $S$  be a unital non empty groupoid,  $E$  be a non empty set,  $x$  be an element of  $E$ , and  $T$  be a left operation of  $S$  on  $E$ . Then  $T(x)$  is non empty.
- (8) Let  $G$  be a group,  $E$  be a non empty set,  $x, y$  be elements of  $E$ , and  $T$  be a left operation of  $G$  on  $E$ . Then  $T(x)$  misses  $T(y)$  or  $T(x) = T(y)$ .
- (9) Let  $S$  be a unital non empty groupoid,  $E$  be a non empty finite set,  $x$  be an element of  $E$ , and  $T$  be a left operation of  $S$  on  $E$ . If  $x$  is fixed under  $T$ , then  $T(x) = \{x\}$ .
- (10) Let  $G$  be a group,  $E$  be a non empty set,  $a$  be an element of  $E$ , and  $T$  be a left operation of  $G$  on  $E$ . Then  $\overline{T(a)} = |\bullet : T_a|$ .

Let  $G$  be a group, let  $E$  be a non empty set, and let  $T$  be a left operation of  $G$  on  $E$ . The orbits of  $T$  yields a partition of  $E$  and is defined by:

(Def. 16) The orbits of  $T = \{X; X \text{ ranges over subsets of } E: \bigvee_{x: \text{element of } E} X = T(x)\}$ .

### 3. $p$ -GROUPS

Let  $p$  be a prime natural number and let  $G$  be a group. We say that  $G$  is a  $p$ -group if and only if:

(Def. 17) There exists a natural number  $r$  such that  $\text{ord}(G) = p^r$ .

Let  $p$  be a prime natural number, let  $G$  be a group, and let  $P$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . We say that  $P$  is a  $p$ -group if and only if:

(Def. 18) There exists a finite group  $H$  such that  $P = H$  and  $H$  is a  $p$ -group.

One can prove the following proposition

- (11) Let  $E$  be a non empty finite set,  $G$  be a finite group,  $p$  be a prime natural number, and  $T$  be a left operation of  $G$  on  $E$ . If  $G$  is a  $p$ -group, then  $\text{card } T_0 \bmod p = \text{card } E \bmod p$ .

#### 4. THE SYLOW THEOREMS

Let  $p$  be a prime natural number, let  $G$  be a group, and let  $P$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . We say that  $P$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup if and only if:

(Def. 19)  $P$  is a  $p$ -group and  $p \nmid |P|_{\mathbb{N}}$ .

We now state three propositions:

- (12) For every finite group  $G$  and for every prime natural number  $p$  holds there exists a subgroup of  $G$  which is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup.
- (13) Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $p$  be a prime natural number. If  $p \mid \text{ord}(G)$ , then there exists an element  $g$  of  $G$  such that  $\text{ord}(g) = p$ .
- (14) Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $p$  be a prime natural number. Then
- (i) for every subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  such that  $H$  is a  $p$ -group there exists a subgroup  $P$  of  $G$  such that  $P$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup and  $H$  is a subgroup of  $P$ , and
  - (ii) for all subgroups  $P_1, P_2$  of  $G$  such that  $P_1$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup and  $P_2$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup holds  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are conjugated.

Let  $G$  be a group and let  $p$  be a prime natural number. The functor  $\text{Syl}_p(G)$  yielding a subset of  $\text{SubGr } G$  is defined as follows:

(Def. 20)  $\text{Syl}_p(G) = \{H; H \text{ ranges over elements of } \text{SubGr } G :$

$$\bigvee_{P: \text{ strict subgroup of } G} (P = H \wedge P \text{ is a Sylow } p\text{-subgroup})\}.$$

Let  $G$  be a finite group and let  $p$  be a prime natural number. Note that  $\text{Syl}_p(G)$  is non empty and finite.

Let  $G$  be a finite group, let  $p$  be a prime natural number, let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ , and let  $h$  be an element of  $H$ . The functor  $\gamma_{h,p}$  yielding a function from  $\text{Syl}_p(G)$  into  $\text{Syl}_p(G)$  is defined by the condition (Def. 21).

(Def. 21) Let  $P_1$  be an element of  $\text{Syl}_p(G)$ . Then there exists an element  $P_2$  of  $\text{Syl}_p(G)$  and there exist strict subgroups  $H_1, H_2$  of  $G$  and there exists an element  $g$  of  $G$  such that  $P_2 = \gamma_{h,p}(P_1)$  and  $P_1 = H_1$  and  $P_2 = H_2$  and  $h^{-1} = g$  and  $H_2 = H_1^g$ .

Let  $G$  be a finite group, let  $p$  be a prime natural number, and let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . The functor  $\mathbf{\Gamma}_{H,p}$  yields a left operation of  $H$  on  $\text{Syl}_p(G)$  and is defined as follows:

(Def. 22) For every element  $h$  of  $H$  holds  $\mathbf{\Gamma}_{H,p}(h) = \gamma_{h,p}$ .

The following proposition is true

(15) For every finite group  $G$  and for every prime natural number  $p$  holds  $\text{card}(\text{Syl}_p(G)) \bmod p = 1$  and  $\text{card}(\text{Syl}_p(G)) \mid \text{ord}(G)$ .

## 5. APPENDIX

The following propositions are true:

- (16) For all non empty sets  $X, Y$  holds  $\overline{\{\{X, \{y\}\} : y \text{ ranges over elements of } Y\}} = \overline{Y}$ .
- (17) For all natural numbers  $n, m, r$  and for every prime natural number  $p$  such that  $n = p^r \cdot m$  and  $p \nmid m$  holds  $\binom{n}{p^r} \bmod p \neq 0$ .
- (18) For every natural number  $n$  such that  $n > 0$  holds  $\text{ord}(\mathbb{Z}_n^+) = n$ .
- (19) For every group  $G$  and for every non empty subset  $A$  of  $G$  and for every element  $g$  of  $G$  holds  $\overline{A} = \overline{A \cdot g}$ .

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