

## Proof of Sylow's Theorem

[These transparencies illustrate the argument in Dummit and Foote's proof of Sylow's Theorem (Th. 18, p. 142) by applying it to the specific example of the alternating group  $A_5$ .]

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gap> a5:=AlternatingGroup(5);  
Alt( [ 1 .. 5 ] )  
gap> ss3:=SylowSubgroup(a5,3);  
Group([ (1,2,3) ])  
gap> Size(ss3);  
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gap> Size(Normalizer(a5,ss3));  
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gap> ConjugateSubgroups(a5,ss3);  
[ Group([ (1,2,3) ]),  
  Group([ (1,2,4) ]),  
  Group([ (1,2,5) ]),  
  Group([ (1,3,4) ]),  
  Group([ (1,3,5) ]),  
  Group([ (1,4,5) ]),  
  Group([ (2,3,4) ]),  
  Group([ (2,3,5) ]),  
  Group([ (2,4,5) ]),
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Group([ (3,4,5) ]) ]
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gap> ConjugateSubgroups(ss3,ss3);  
[ Group([ (1,2,3) ]) ]
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gap> th2:=Group([ (1,2,4) ]);  
Group([ (1,2,4) ])
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gap> ConjugateSubgroups(ss3,th2);  
[ Group([ (1,2,4) ]),  
Group([ (2,3,4) ]),  
Group([ (1,4,3) ]) ]
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```
gap> th3:=Group([ (1,2,5) ]);  
Group([ (1,2,5) ])
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```
gap> ConjugateSubgroups(ss3,th3);  
[ Group([ (1,2,5) ]),  
Group([ (2,3,5) ]),  
Group([ (1,5,3) ]) ]
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gap> th4:=Group([ (1,4,5) ]);  
Group([ (1,4,5) ])
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gap> ConjugateSubgroups(ss3,th4);  
[ Group([ (1,4,5) ]),
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Group([ (2,4,5) ]),  
Group([ (3,4,5) ])