

A Frobenius group is a transitive permutation group  $F$  on a finite set  $X$  such that no member of  $F^\#$  fixes more than one point of  $X$  and some member of  $F^\#$  fixes at least one point of  $X$ .

**THEOREM (Frobenius).** If  $H \subset F$  ( $F$  finite),  $H^a \cap H = 1$  for all  $a \in F \setminus H$ , and  $K$  is the set of elements of  $F$  not in any conjugate of  $H^\#$ , then  $K$  is a normal subgroup of  $F$ .

**THEOREM (Zassenhaus).** For each odd prime  $p$ , the Sylow  $p$ -subgroups of  $F_x$  are cyclic, and the Sylow 2-subgroups are either cyclic or quaternion. If  $F_x$  is not solvable, then it has exactly one nonabelian composition factor, namely  $A_5$ .

**THEOREM (Scott).** If  $F$  is a finite transitive permutation group such that if  $x \in F^\#$ , then  $\text{Ch}(x) = 0$  or 1, then the set  $K = \{x \in F \mid \text{Ch}(x) = 0 \text{ or } x = 1\}$  is a regular, normal subgroup of  $F$ .

Structure of the Frobenius group of order 20:

A presentation of the group is  $F = \langle c, f \mid c^5 = f^4 = 1, cf = fc^2 \rangle$ .

$c = (1,2,3,4,5)$

$f = (1,2,4,3)$

$F$  is a one-dimensional affine group  $\text{AGL}_1(G)$  over some (commutative) field  $G$ .

$F$  is sharply 2-transitive.

$F \cong \text{Aut}(F) = \text{Inn}(F)$ .

$F$  contains a fixed-point free subgroup  $K = \langle c \mid c^5 = 1 \rangle \cong C_5$ , called the *Frobenius kernel*. (In this context, it consists only of translations.) When  $H$  has even order,  $K$  is abelian. It is regular, hence  $|K| = |X|$ , and normal in (a finite)  $F$ . Each non-trivial element in  $K$  has the same order (5), by  $F$ 's being 2-transitive. It is also the centralizer  $C_F(c)$  of any  $c \in K$ .  $K$  is a nilpotent group.  $\text{Aut}(K) \cong F/K \cong C_4$ .

$F$  contain a proper nontrivial subgroup  $H = \langle f \mid f^4 = 1 \rangle \cong C_4$ , which fixes a point  $x \in X$ .  $H$  is called the *Frobenius complement*. It (the conjugacy class of stabilizers) is a trivial intersection set (TI-set) in  $F$ . It is abelian. It is also the centralizer  $C_F(f)$  of any  $f \in H$ .  $H$  is its own normalizer:  $H = N_F(H)$ . It is determined up to conjugacy in  $F$ .  $H = F_x$  acts regularly on each of its orbits on  $X \setminus \{x\}$ .  $H$  has exactly one element of order 2 (when  $H$  has even order). When  $X$  is finite, this implies that  $|F_x|$  divides  $|X|-1$ .  $|\text{Aut}(H)| = 2$ .

$F$  is faithfully represented as a Frobenius group by right multiplication on the coset space  $F/H$ .

Distinct elements of  $K$  lie in distinct right  $F_x$ -cosets (for some, or all  $x \in X$ ).

The right regular representation of  $F$  yields a simply-transitive group  $F'$  that acts on  $F$ .

For all  $x, y \in X$ , there is at most one element  $k \in K$  such that  $x^k = y$ .

$F$  is a semidirect product  $HK$  of  $K$  by  $H$  (by  $K$ 's being normal, and  $H$ 's being a complement to  $K$ ).

$H$  acts semiregularly on  $K$ ; that is,  $C_H(k) = 1$  for each  $k \in K^\#$ , or equivalently  $C_K(h) = 1$  for each  $h \in H^\#$ .

$F$  contains a nonabelian subgroup  $D = \langle f^2, g^2 \mid f^4 = g^4 = (f^2g^2)^5 = 1 \rangle \cong D_{10}$ .  $D$  is normal in  $F$ .  $|F/D| = 2$ .  $\text{Aut}(D) \cong F$ , and  $\text{Inn}(D) \cong D$ .

Conjugacy classes:

$$[1], [c] = [c^2] = [c^3] = [c^4], [f] = [g] = [h] = [k] = [m], [f^2] = [g^2] = [h^2] = [k^2] = [m^2], \\ [f^3] = [g^3] = [h^3] = [k^3] = [m^3]$$