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Major Example II: Classify all groups up to order $20 = 2^2 \cdot 5$. Let $P \in \text{Syl}_2(G)$ and $Q \in \text{Syl}_5(G)$. By Sylow's Theorems, we immediately have that $Q \triangleleft G$. Also, set $Q = \langle y \rangle$. Therefore, we have that $G \cong Q \rtimes_{\phi} P$, where $\phi : P \rightarrow \text{Aut}(Q) \cong \mathbb{Z}_5^*$.

1. Case 1: $P \cong C_4$. Let $P = \langle x \rangle$. Then we know that $\phi(x)$ is an automorphism of order 1, 2, or 4.
 - (a) If $o(\phi(x)) = 1$, then ϕ is the trivial map and so $G = Q \times P \cong C_{20}$.
 - (b) If $o(\phi(x)) = 2$, then ϕ is the inversion map, so we have that $G = \langle x, y \mid x^4 = 1, y^5 = 1, xyx^{-1} = y^4 \rangle$.
 - (c) If $o(\phi(x)) = 4$, then in this case $\phi(P) = \text{Aut}(Q)$. By the theorem from last class any two such ϕ 's give rise to isomorphic semidirect products. Let $\phi(x)$ be the automorphism sending $y \mapsto y^2$. Then $xyx^{-1} = y^2$ so we have that $G = \langle x, y \mid x^4, y^5, xyx^{-1} = y^2 \rangle$.
2. Case 2: $P \cong C_2 \times C_2$. Consider $\ker \phi$ where $\phi : P \rightarrow \text{Aut}(Q)$. Note that $|\ker \phi| = 1, 2, \text{ or } 4$.
 - (a) $|\ker \phi| = 4$: Then ϕ is the trivial map and hence $G = C_2 \times C_2 \times C_5$.
 - (b) $|\ker \phi| = 1$: Cannot happen since $C_2 \times C_2 \not\cong \mathbb{Z}_5^*$.
 - (c) $|\ker \phi| = 2$: Let $x \in \ker \phi \setminus \{1\}$. Therefore $\phi(x)$, which is conjugation by x , induces the trivial map on Q , so that $xqx^{-1} = q$ for all $q \in Q$. Let $H = \langle x \rangle Q$. Then $|H| = 10$ and H is abelian so we have that $H \cong C_{10}$. Also, by indexes, H is normal in G . So, glue the groups together via the inversion map again and you get D_{20} as in the case where we were looking at groups of order 12.

Lemma: Suppose $m \nmid n$ where $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Let $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $(s, m) = 1$. Then there exists a $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $(s + tm, n) = 1$.

Lemma: Let $\phi : C_n \rightarrow C_m$ be a surjective group homomorphism, and let $C_n = \langle a \rangle$ and $C_m = \langle b \rangle$. Then $b = \phi(a^r)$ where $(r, n) = 1$. Just use the above lemma to prove this result - follow your nose.

Theorem: Let K be a cyclic group of order n and H an arbitrary group. Let $\phi_1, \phi_2 : K \rightarrow \text{Aut}(H)$ be two group homomorphisms such that $\phi_1(K)$ and $\phi_2(K)$ are conjugate. Then $H \rtimes_{\phi_1} K \cong H \rtimes_{\phi_2} K$.

Proof: Let $K = \langle a \rangle \cong C_n$. Then $\phi_2(K) = \sigma \phi_1(K) \sigma^{-1}$ for some $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(H)$. Then note that $\sigma \phi_1(K) \sigma^{-1} = \sigma \phi_1(\langle a \rangle) \sigma^{-1} = \langle \sigma \phi_1(a) \sigma^{-1} \rangle$. Now apply the lemma to $\phi : K \rightarrow \langle \sigma \phi_1(a) \sigma^{-1} \rangle$. Then $\sigma \phi_1(a) \sigma^{-1} = \phi_2(a^r)$ for some r with $(r, n) = 1$. Now, notice that for any $s \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have that

$$\sigma \phi_1(a^s) \sigma^{-1} = \sigma \phi_1(a)^s \sigma^{-1} = (\sigma \phi_1(a) \sigma^{-1})^s = \phi_2(a^r)^s = \phi_2((a^r)^s)$$

Therefore, for any $x \in K$, we have that $\sigma \phi_1(x) \sigma^{-1} = \phi_2(x^r)$, i.e. $\sigma \phi_1(x) = \phi_2(x^r) \sigma$. Now we may define our isomorphism:

$$f : H \rtimes_{\phi_1} K \rightarrow H \rtimes_{\phi_2} K$$

$$(h, k) \mapsto (\sigma(h), k^r)$$

Now we check that it is in fact an isomorphism.

- **1-1:** If $f(h, k) = (1, 1)$, then $\sigma(h) = 1$ and so $h = 1$ since σ was an automorphism of H . If $k^r = 1$, $o(k) \mid r$ so $o(k) = 1$ since we had that $(r, n) = 1$. Therefore, $k = 1$.
- **Onto:** Let $(h', k') \in H \rtimes_{\phi_2} K$. Since σ is onto, $\exists h \in H$ such that $\sigma(h) = h'$. Since $(r, n) = 1$, $rs + nt = 1$ for suitable s and t . Then $k' = (k')^1 = (k')^{rs+nt} = ((k')^s)^r$ (as the n term goes away since K is cyclic of order n). So, let $k = (k')^s$. Then $f(h, k) = (h', k')$.

- **Hom:**

$$\begin{aligned}
f((h_1, k_1)(h_2, k_2)) &= f(h_1\phi_1(k_1)h_2, k_1k_2) \\
&= (\sigma(h_1\phi_1(k_1)(h_2)), k_1^r k_2^r) \\
&= (\sigma(h_1)\sigma(\phi_1(k_1)(h_2)), k_1^r k_2^r) \\
&= (\sigma(h_1)\phi_2(k_1^r)\sigma(h_2), k_1^r k_2^r) \\
&= (\sigma(h_1), k_1^r)(\sigma(h_2), k_2^r) \\
&= f(h_1, k_1)f(h_2, k_2)
\end{aligned}$$

Major Example III: Let's compute all groups of order 30. Let $P \in \text{Syl}_2(G)$, $Q \in \text{Syl}_3(G)$ and $R \in \text{Syl}_5(G)$.

Either Q or R are normal:

Proof: If not, $n_3 = 10$ and $n_5 = 6$ by Sylow's theorems. This is way too many elements since the intersections of these have to be trivial.

So, let $P = \langle x \rangle$. By the above claim, we have that QR is a subgroup of G , and we know that QR is the cyclic group of order 15. Furthermore, since $[G : QR] = 2$, we know that $QR \triangleleft G$. Hence, $G \cong QR \rtimes_{\phi} P$ where $\phi : P \rightarrow \text{Aut}(QR) \cong \mathbb{Z}_{15}^*$. If ϕ is trivial, then ϕ is cyclic of order 30, and if ϕ is the map that sends x to inversion, then $G = D_{30}$ as before. So, we have that $G \cong C_{15} \rtimes_{\phi} C_2$ where $\phi : C_2 \rightarrow \text{Aut}(C_{15}) \cong \mathbb{Z}_{15}^*$. Note that there are 3 elements of order 2 in $\text{Aut}(C_{15})$, namely -1 (inversion), 4 and 11. So we have 3 nontrivial choices for $\phi(a)$:

1. $\phi(a) : C_{15} \rightarrow C_{15}$ where $\phi(a)(b) = b^{-1}$, the inversion map. Here, $G \cong D_{30}$.
2. $\phi(a) : C_{15} \rightarrow C_{15}$ where $\phi(a)(b) = b^4$. Then we have a presentation $\langle x, y \mid x^2 = 1, y^{15} = 1, xyx^{-1} = y^4 \rangle$.
3. $\phi(a) : C_{15} \rightarrow C_{15}$ where $\phi(a)(b) = b^{11}$. Then we have a presentation $\langle x, y \mid x^2 = 1, y^{15} = 1, xyx^{-1} = y^{11} \rangle$.

Now how can we tell these groups apart? Lets consider their centers. The possible orders for $Z(G)$ to force G to be a nonabelian group are 1, 3, 5 (since if $G/Z(G)$ is cyclic, G is abelian). In all cases, note that $Z(G)$ is cyclic, so lets say that $Z(G) = \{1\}$ or $Z(G) = \langle b^5 \rangle$, the unique Sylow 3-subgroup or $Z(G) = \langle b^3 \rangle$, the unique Sylow 5-subgroup. It can be checked that each of the above groups has exactly one of the above as its center. Just look at $\phi(a)(b^5)$ and $\phi(a)(b^3)$ to see if they are in the kernel, as that means conjugation by that element is trivial, i.e. it is in the center.