

I will show that every group of size 90 has a nontrivial normal subgroup. Suppose that  $G$  is a group with  $|G| = 90$ .

First consider the 5-Sylow subgroups. The number of these is  $\equiv 1 \pmod{5}$  and divides  $90/5 = 18$ , hence is either 1 or 6. If the number is 1 then the unique 5-Sylow is normal, so assume the number is 6. Then there are  $6 \times (5 - 1) = 24$  elements of  $G$  of order 5.

Now consider the 3-Sylows. Each has order 9 and the number is  $\equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and divides  $90/9 = 10$ , hence is either 1 or 10. If the number is 1 then the unique 3-Sylow is normal, so we can assume that there are ten 3-Sylow subgroups.

I claim that at least two of the 3-Sylow subgroups must intersect nontrivially. Indeed, if not then the number of elements of  $G$  of order divisible by 3 is  $10 \times (9 - 1) = 80$  but there isn't enough room for 90 elements among the  $90 - 24 = 66$  elements of  $G$  not of order 5.

Now suppose that  $P$  and  $Q$  are 3-Sylow subgroups with nontrivial intersection. Then  $|P \cap Q| = 3$  since the size cannot be 1 or 9 and must divide 9. Then  $|PQ| = \frac{|P||Q|}{|P \cap Q|} = 27$  so the subgroup  $\langle P, Q \rangle \subset G$  must have size  $\geq 27$ . On the other hand, the size of  $\langle P, Q \rangle$  is divisible by 9 and divides 90. The only numbers satisfying these criteria are 45 and 90. In the first case  $\langle P, Q \rangle$  has index 2, hence is normal in  $G$ . In the second case,  $\langle P, Q \rangle = G$ . But both  $P$  and  $Q$  have order 9, which is the square of a prime, so  $P$  and  $Q$  are both abelian. Therefore  $P \cap Q$  is normal in both  $P$  and  $Q$ , hence is normal in  $\langle P, Q \rangle = G$ .

(The idea to consider the group generated by two 3-Sylows came from here: <http://math.stackexchange.com/a/360973/89750>.)