

Lecture 7: Sylow Theorems

Last week: Defined $G \curvearrowright X$ via $G \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{\text{set}}(X)$ $g \mapsto (x \mapsto g \cdot x)$

- $G \cdot x \subseteq X$ orbit $\forall x \in X$
- $X^g \subseteq X$ fixed pt set $\forall g \in G$
- $\text{Stab}_G(x) < G$ stabilizer $\forall x \in X$
- Examples:
 - $S_n \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$
 - $D_n \subset \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0,0\}$
 - $G \subset G$
 - left mult $x \mapsto g \cdot x$
 - right = $x \mapsto x \cdot g^{-1}$
 - conjugation $x \mapsto g x g^{-1}$

Discussed counting lemmas:

(1) $|G| = |\text{Stab}_G(x)| |G \cdot x| \quad \forall x \in G$

(2) $|X| = \sum_{x \in G \cdot X} |G \cdot x| = \sum_{x \in G \cdot X} \frac{|G|}{|\text{Stab}_G(x)|}$

(3) Burns side $|G \cdot X| = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} |X^g|$ (G finite)

Applications (1) $\binom{m}{p^r} \equiv m \pmod{p}$

(2) $|G| = p^k \Rightarrow |X| \equiv |X^G| \pmod{p}$ where $X^G = \bigcap_{g \in G} X^g$
(p -group)

§1. Sylow Theorems:

Fix $p > 0$ prime & write $n = p^r m$ with $(m:p) = 1$.

Let G be a group of order n .

Definition: A subgroup $P < G$ of order p^r is called a Sylow p -subgp of G

Sylow Theorems: (A) Sylow p -subgroups exist.

(B1) If $H < G$ is a p -group, then there exists a Sylow p -subgroup $P < G$ with $H \subseteq P$.

(B2) Any two Sylow p -subgroups $P, Q < G$ are conjugate to each other (ie $\exists g \in G$ with $Q = g P g^{-1}$)

(C) Let $n_p =$ number of Sylow p -subgroups of G . Then (i) $n_p \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$
(ii) $n_p | m$

We will prove these theorems using group actions. An alternative proof will be discussed in HW3 172

§2 Proof of Sylow Thm (A):

Let $\mathcal{E} = \{Y \subset G \text{ subset} : |Y| = p^r\}$

$G \curvearrowright \mathcal{E}$ induced by left multiplication action $G \curvearrowright G$, i.e.:

Given $g \in G$ & $Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_{p^r}\} \in \mathcal{E} \mapsto g \cdot Y = \{g \cdot y_1, \dots, g \cdot y_{p^r}\} \in \mathcal{E}$

Claim: There exists $X \in \mathcal{E}$ whose orbit has cardinality not divisible by p .

PF/ By the Counting Lemma: $|\mathcal{E}| = \sum_{\alpha \in G \setminus \mathcal{E}} |G \cdot x_\alpha|$

By Application ① $|\mathcal{E}| = \binom{p^r}{p^r} \equiv m \pmod{p}$

But $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ so $p \nmid |G \cdot x_\alpha|$ for some α . \square

• Let $H_x = \text{Stab}_G(x) < G$ Then $|G \cdot x| = \frac{|G|}{|H_x|} \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

So $p^r \mid |H_x|$.

• To finish, choose $x_0 \in X$ and define $\varphi: H_x \rightarrow X$ (set map)

φ
 $g \mapsto g \cdot x_0$ (by definition of stabilizer)

The map φ is injective since $g x_0 = h x_0$ in $G \Rightarrow g = h$.

$\Rightarrow |H_x| \leq |X| = p^r$

Thus $|H_x| = p^r$ and hence H_x is a Sylow p -subgroup of G . \square

§3 Proof of Sylow Theorem (B):

(B1) Let $H < G$ be a p -subgroup of G , so $|H| = p^k$ with $k \leq r$.

Let Q be a Sylow p -subgroup of G (which exists by Thm (A))

We consider the action of H on $X := G/Q$: $h \cdot gQ = (hg)Q$.

By Application ② $|X^H| \equiv |X| \pmod{p}$ As $|X| = m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$
then $X^H \neq \emptyset$, so $\exists gQ \in X^H$, that is $hgQ = gQ \quad \forall h \in H$

We conclude $g^{-1}hg \in Q \quad \forall h \in H$ so $H \subseteq gQg^{-1}$

• Take $P = gQg^{-1}$. Since $|gQg^{-1}| = |Q| = p^r$, then P is a
Sylow p -subgroup of G & $H \subseteq P$.

(B2) To prove B2 we take $H = P$ and Q any p -Sylow subgroup

By (B1) we can find $g \in G$ with $P \subseteq gQg^{-1}$

But since $|P| = p^r = |gQg^{-1}|$, then $P = gQg^{-1}$ so Q & P
are conjugate to each other. □

Obs: The proof of Sylow Thm (A) is not constructive, but the proof of
Sylow Thm (B1) yields a potential algorithm. Start with an element x
of order p^k for some $k > 0$ & set $H = \langle x \rangle$. Then, try to add
elements to it (again, of order a power of p) to extend H to a Sylow
 p -subgroup of G . (in practice)

§4. Proof of Sylow Thm (C):

Let \mathcal{S} be the set of all Sylow p -subgroups of G .

By Thm (A), $\mathcal{S} \neq \emptyset$. By definition, $|\mathcal{S}| = n_p$.

By Thm (B), we know that G acts on \mathcal{S} by conjugation is transitive
 $(x \cdot Q = xQx^{-1})$.

Consider $P \in \mathcal{S}$ & restrict the action to P acting on \mathcal{S} .

Claim: $\mathcal{S}^P = \{P\}$

By Application ② $|J^P| \equiv |J| \pmod{p}$. Thus, Claim yields L7 ④

$$n_p = |J| \equiv |J^P| = 1 \pmod{p}.$$

Proof of Claim: Fix $Q \in J^P$, i.e. Q is a Sylow p -subgroup of G with $xQx^{-1} = Q \quad \forall x \in P$.

Define $N_Q = \{g \in G: gQg^{-1} = Q\} < G$ (normalizer of Q in G)
 $= \text{Stab}_G(Q)$ under action by conjugation

Then $Q, P \subset N_Q$ & $|N_Q| \mid |G| = p^r m$ so P & Q are two Sylow p -subgroups of N_Q .

By (B2) P & Q are conjugate in N_Q so $\exists x \in N_Q$ with $xQx^{-1} = P$. But $xQx^{-1} = Q$ since $x \in N_Q$.

We conclude $P = Q$ \square

• It remains to show that $n_p \mid m$. To do so, we consider $G \curvearrowright J$ by conjugation (This action is transitive by (B2)). Choose $P \in J$ & use Counting Lemma 1:

$$n_p = |J| = |G \cdot P| = \frac{|G|}{|\text{Stab}_G(P)|} = \frac{|G|}{|N_P|}$$

Since $P < N_P < G \Rightarrow |N_P| = p^r m'$ for some $m' \mid m$.

Then $n_p = \frac{m}{m'}$ & so $n_p \mid m$. \square

§ 5 An example:

Fix $\mathbb{F}_5 = \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ be the field with 5 elements.

$G = GL_2(\mathbb{F}_5) = \{ \text{invertible } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrices with entries from } \mathbb{F}_5 \}$

Claim 1: $|G| = 480$

$\mathbb{F}_5 / \#$ choices for 1st column = $|\mathbb{F}_5^2 \setminus \{[0] \}| = 25 - 1 = 24$

$\#$ choices for 2nd column = $|\mathbb{F}_5^2 \setminus \{ \lambda \cdot 1^{st} \text{ column} \mid \lambda \in \mathbb{F}_5 \}| = 25 - 5 = 20$

$480 = 24 \cdot 20 \checkmark$

□

Since $480 = 2^5 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$, then we have Sylow p -subgroups for $p=2, 3, 5$.

• A Sylow 5-subgroup : $P = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid x \in \mathbb{F}_5 \right\} = \langle [1] \rangle$
 $\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & y \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x+y \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in P, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in P \right)$

$n_5 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$ & $n_5 \mid 2^5 \cdot 3$
 $n_5 \equiv 2^k 3^j \equiv 2^k (-2)^j \equiv (-1)^j 2^{k+j} \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$
 $j=0, 1, k=0, \dots, 5$

If $j=0$, then $k=0, 4$ so $n_5 = 1$ or 16

If $j=1$, then $k=1, 5$ so $n_5 = 6$ or 96 .

Another Sylow subgroup $P' = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ x & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid x \in \mathbb{F}_5 \right\}$ so $n_5 \neq 1$.
 $= \langle [1] \rangle$

Use Thm (B2) & conjugate the generator of P

$$\frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d-b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d-c & -b+a \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} ad-ac & -bc & -ab+a^2+ba \\ cd-c^2 & -cd & -bc+ad+ac \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} ad-bc-ac & a^2 \\ -c^2 & ad-bc+ac \end{bmatrix} = B.$$

All Sylow 5-subgroups of G are $\langle B \rangle$

If $ad-bc=1$, then $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1-ac & a^2 \\ -c^2 & 1+ac \end{bmatrix}$ so 24 options

If $ad-bc=2$ — $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1-3ac & 3a^2 \\ -3c^2 & 1+3ac \end{bmatrix}$ so 24 options

We don't need to consider $\det A = -1, 3^{-2}$ because -1 has a square root modulo 5. $\lambda A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{bmatrix} (\lambda A)^{-1} = A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{bmatrix} A^{-1}$ & $\det \lambda A = \lambda^2 \det A$.

So at most 48 generators B , we get $n_5 \leq 48$

Only options left = 6 or 16. Start with $\det A = 1$.

- $c=0$ & any $a \neq 0$ gives P , $(B = \begin{bmatrix} 1-ac & a^2 \\ -c^2 & 1+ac \end{bmatrix})$ } TOTAL = 2
- $a=0$ & any $c \neq 0$ gives P'

Next we compute the remaining combinations & $\{B^2, B^3, B^4\}$.

a \ c	1	2	3	4	
1	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\rightsquigarrow 3$
2	$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$	$\rightsquigarrow 1$
3	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$	
4	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	TOTAL = 4

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^5 = I_5$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow (a,c) = (2,3)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow (a,c) = (1,1)$$

We repeat the computation with $\det B = 2$.

• $c = 0$ & any $a \neq 0$ gives P $(B = \begin{bmatrix} 1-3ac & 3a^2 \\ -3c^2 & 1+3ac \end{bmatrix})$
 • $a = 0$ & any $c \neq 0$ — P'

Next we compute the remaining combinations & $\{B^2, B^3, B^4\}$.

$a \backslash c$	1	2	3	4
1	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$
2	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
3	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
4	$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow (a,c) = (1,1) \text{ in TABLE 1.}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow (a,c) = (1,2) \text{ in TABLE 1.}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow (a,c) = (1,3) \text{ in TABLE 1.}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow (a,c) = (1,4) \text{ in TABLE 1.}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow (a,c) = (2,1) \text{ in TABLE 1.}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow (a,c) = (2,2) \text{ in TABLE 1.}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow (a,c) = (2,3) \text{ in TABLE 1.}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow (a,c) = (2,4) \text{ in TABLE 1.}$$

Conclusion: $n_5 = 6$.

• A Sylow 3-subgroup $P = \langle \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rangle$ (need an order 3 matrix)

$$n_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$\& \quad n_3 \mid 2^5 \cdot 5$$

A companion matrix of $P(t) = t^2 + t^2 + 1$ & $P(t)(t-1) = t^3 - 1$.

$$n_3 = 2^k 5^j \equiv (-1)^{k+j} \pmod{3} \text{ so } k+j \text{ is even}$$

$$j=0,1, \quad k=0, \dots, 5$$

$$\text{So } n_3 = \underbrace{1, 4, 16}_{j=0}, \underbrace{6, 40, 160}_{j=1} \implies$$

$$n_3 = 1, 4, 6, 16, 40 \text{ or } 160$$

Another Sylow 3-subgroup of G is $P' = \langle \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rangle$ so $n_3 \neq 1$

Use Thm (B2) & conjugate P' to get the full list (Exercise)

• A Sylow 2-subgroup $P = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \mu_1, \mu_2 \in \overline{\mathbb{F}}_5^* \right\}$

Check it's a group!

$$\cdot \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \lambda_1 \mu_1 \\ \lambda_2 \mu_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in P \quad \checkmark \quad \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\lambda_1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\lambda_2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \mu_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \mu_2 \end{bmatrix} \in P \quad \checkmark \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\mu_1} \\ \frac{1}{\mu_2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

$$n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \quad \& \quad n_2 \mid 15 \quad \implies \quad n_2 = 1, 3, 5, 15$$

$$\frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 d & -\lambda_1 b \\ -\lambda_2 c & \lambda_2 a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 ad - \lambda_2 bc & ab(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) \\ cd(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) & \lambda_2 ad - \lambda_1 bc \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1(ad-bc) + bc(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) & -ab(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \\ cd(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) & \lambda_2(ad-bc) - bc(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\mu_1 c & \mu_1 a \\ \mu_2 d & -\mu_2 b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} -\mu_1 ac + \mu_2 bd & a^2 \mu_1 - b^2 \mu_2 \\ -\mu_1 c^2 + \mu_2 d^2 & \mu_1 ac - \mu_2 bd \end{bmatrix}$$

This calculation will help compute n_2 (at least it will show $n_2 \neq 1$)