

14.9) Given that  $G, H, K$  are finite abelian groups and  $G \times H \cong G \times K$ . Then, using thm 14.2,

$G$  is determined by  $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_m^*$  attached with  $\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_m$  where  $\pi_i = (0)$  if  $p_i \nmid |G|$ . Then

$H$  is determined by  $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_m$  attached with  $\pi_1', \pi_2', \dots, \pi_m'$  where  $\pi_j' = (0)$  if  $p_j \nmid |H|$ .

Similarly for  $K$ .

Then  $G \times H$  is determined by  $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_m$  attached with  $\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_m$  where  $\pi_i =$  the set of all elements in  $\pi_i$  and all elements in  $\pi_i'$ .

Similarly for  $G \times K$ .

So, by thm 14.3, the invariants for  $G \times H$  are the same as those for  $G \times K$ , and because each are unique and determined in the way shown above, then the invariants of  $H$  equal the invariants of  $K$ , so, by thm 14.3,  $H \cong K$ .

\* Note: Let  $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_m$  be all of the primes that make up  $|G|$ ,  $|H|$ , and  $|K|$ .

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