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Th If $|G| = p^2$ where p is a prime number, then G is abelian.

Proof We shall show that the centre Z of G is equal to G itself. Then obviously, G will be an abelian group.

Since p is a prime number, therefore by the ~~Cauchy~~ Theorem if $|G| = p^n$ where p is a prime no. then the centre $Z \neq \{e\}$ i.e. $Z \neq \{e\}$. Therefore $|Z| > 1$.

But Z is a subgroup of G , therefore $|Z|$ must be a divisor of $|G|$ i.e. $|Z|$ must be a divisor of p^2 .

Since p is prime, therefore there either $|Z| = p$ or p^2 .

If $|Z| = p^2$ then $Z = G$ and Proved

Now suppose that $|Z| = p$. Then ~~$|Z|$ must be a divisor of p^2~~
 $|Z| < |G|$ because $p < p^2$
So there must be an elt which is in G but which is not in Z .

Let $a \in G$ and $a \notin Z$

Now $N(a)$ is a subgroup of G and $a \in N(a)$.
 Also $x \in Z \Rightarrow xa = ax$ and this implies
 $x \in N(a)$. Thus $Z \subset N(a)$. Since $a \notin Z$
 therefore the number of elements
 in $N(a)$ is $> p$ i.e.

$|N(a)| > p$. But order of $N(a)$ must
 be a divisor of p^2 . Therefore

$|N(a)|$ must be equal to p^2 . Then
 $N(a) = G$. Therefore, $a \in Z$ and thus
 we get a contradiction

Therefore, it is not possible that $|Z| = p$

Hence the only possibility is that

$$|Z| = p^2 \Rightarrow Z = G \Rightarrow G \text{ is abelian}$$