Yakov I Berchenko-Kogan* (yashabk@caltech.edu), 1200 E California Blvd, MSC 134, Pasadena, CA 91126. Minimal product sets sizes in nonabelian groups.
For a group $G$ and integers $r$ and $s$, we consider $\mu_{G}(r, s)$, the minimum cardinality of the product set $A B$, where $A$ and $B$ are subsets of $G$ of cardinality $r$ and $s$, respectively. We compute $\mu_{G}$ for all nonabelian groups of order $p q$, where $p$ and $q$ are distinct odd primes, thus proving a conjecture of Deckelbaum. In addition, we apply a theorem of Eliahou and Kervaire to compute $\mu_{G}$ for all groups of order $p^{3}$, where $p$ is a prime. (Received September 01, 2009)

