

Commutativity degree of $\mathbb{Z}_p \wr \mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$

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Abstract. For a finite group G the commutativity degree denote by $d(G)$ and defined:

$$d(G) = \frac{|\{(x, y) | x, y \in G, xy = yx\}|}{|G|^2}.$$

In [2] authors found commutativity degree for some groups, in this paper we find commutativity degree for a class of groups that have high nilpotencies.

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1. Introduction

For a finite group G the commutativity degree

$$d(G) = \frac{|\{(x, y) | x, y \in G, xy = yx\}|}{|G|^2}.$$

is defined and studied by several authors (see for example [2, 3, 7]).

When $d(G) \geq \frac{1}{2}$, it is proved by P. Lescot in 1995 that G is abelian, or $\frac{G}{Z(G)}$ is elementary abelian with $|G| = 2$, or G is isoclinic with S_3 and $d(G) = 1$.

Throughout this paper n is positive integer and p is odd prime number. We consider the wreath product $G_n = \mathbb{Z}_p \wr \mathbb{Z}_{p^n}$ where, the standard wreath product $G \wr H$ of the finite groups G and H is defined to be semidirect product of G by direct product B of $|G|$ copies of H .

In [1] it is proved that G_n has efficient presentation as follows:

$$G_n = \langle x, y | y^p = x^{p^n} = 1, [x, x^{y^i}] = 1, 1 \leq i \leq \frac{p-1}{2} \rangle.$$

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Main theorems in this paper are:

THEOREM 1.1

$$d(G_n) = \frac{p^{(p-1)n} + (p^2 - 1)}{p^{(p-1)n+2}}.$$

THEOREM 1.2

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(G_n) = \frac{1}{p^2}.$$

THEOREM 1.3

$$\frac{1}{p^2} < d(G_n) < \frac{1}{p}.$$

2. Proofs

We need some lemmas for proving Theorems 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3.

LEMMA 2.1 *In group G_n every element z has an unique presentations as follows:*

$$z = y^\alpha(x)^{\beta_0}(x^y)^{\beta_1}(x^{y^2})^{\beta_2} \dots (x^{y^{p-1}})^{\beta_{p-1}}$$

where $\alpha \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$ and $\beta_i \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p^n - 1\}$ ($0 \leq i \leq p-1$).

Proof By presentation of G_n , it is clearly. ■

LEMMA 2.2 *Let $z_1, z_2 \in G_n$ and $z_1 = y^{\alpha_1}(x)^{\beta_0}(x^y)^{\beta_1}(x^{y^2})^{\beta_2} \dots (x^{y^{p-1}})^{\beta_{p-1}}$ and $z_2 = y^{\alpha_2}(x)^{\gamma_0}(x^y)^{\gamma_1}(x^{y^2})^{\gamma_2} \dots (x^{y^{p-1}})^{\gamma_{p-1}}$. Then $z_1 z_2 = z_2 z_1$ if and only if:*

$$\beta_i + \gamma_{\alpha_2+i} \equiv \beta_{\alpha_2+i} + \gamma_{\alpha_2-\alpha_1+i} \pmod{p^n}, \quad (i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1)$$

where indices are reduced module of p .

Proof We have:

$$z_2 z_1 =$$

$$y^{\alpha_1+\alpha_2}(x^{y^{\alpha_1}})^{\gamma_0}(x^{y^{\alpha_1+1}})^{\gamma_1} \dots (x^{y^{\alpha_1+p-1}})^{\gamma_{p-1}}(x)^{\beta_0}(x^y)^{\beta_1}(x^{y^2})^{\beta_2} \dots (x^{y^{p-1}})^{\beta_{p-1}}$$

and

$$z_1 z_2 =$$

$$y^{\alpha_1+\alpha_2}(x^{y^{\alpha_2}})^{\beta_0}(x^{y^{\alpha_2+1}})^{\beta_1} \dots (x^{y^{\alpha_2+p-1}})^{\beta_{p-1}}(x)^{\gamma_0}(x^y)^{\gamma_1}(x^{y^2})^{\gamma_2} \dots (x^{y^{p-1}})^{\gamma_{p-1}}.$$

By lemma 2.1 every element in G_n has unique presentation ,so we have:

$$\begin{cases} \beta_0 + \gamma_{\alpha_2} \equiv \beta_{\alpha_2} + \gamma_{\alpha_2 - \alpha_1} \pmod{p^n} \\ \beta_1 + \gamma_{\alpha_2 + 1} \equiv \beta_{\alpha_2 + 1} + \gamma_{\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 + 1} \pmod{p^n} \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{p-1} + \gamma_{\alpha_2 + p-1} \equiv \beta_{\alpha_2 + p-1} + \gamma_{\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 + p-1} \pmod{p^n}. \end{cases}$$

Then we have:

$$\beta_i + \gamma_{\alpha_2 + i} \equiv \beta_{\alpha_2 + i} + \gamma_{\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 + i} \pmod{p^n}, \quad (i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p - 1).$$

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Remark: On set $G_n \times G_n$, we consider:

$$\zeta(G_n) = \{(z_1, z_2) | z_1, z_2 \in G_n, z_1 z_2 = z_2 z_1\}.$$

LEMMA 2.3

$$|\zeta(G_n)| = p^{(p+1)n} (p^{(p-1)n} + p^2 - 1).$$

Proof Let $z \in G_n$ and $z = y^\alpha(x)^{\beta_0}(x^y)^{\beta_1}(x^{y^2})^{\beta_2} \dots (x^{y^{p-1}})^{\beta_{p-1}}$. We consider $\psi(z) = \alpha$. Now let

$$\zeta_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}(G_n) = \{(z_1, z_2) | z_1, z_2 \in G_n, z_1 z_2 = z_2 z_1, \psi(z_1) = \alpha_1, \psi(z_2) = \alpha_2\}.$$

So we have:

$$\bigcup_{\alpha_1=0}^{p-1} \bigcup_{\alpha_2=0}^{p-1} \zeta_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}(G_n) = \zeta(G_n).$$

More over:

$$|\zeta(G_n)| = \sum_{\alpha_1=0}^{p-1} \sum_{\alpha_2=0}^{p-1} |\zeta_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}(G_n)|.$$

Now we have two cases.

Case I: $\alpha_1 = 0, \alpha_2 = 0$

let $z_1 = x^{\beta_0}(x^y)^{\beta_1}(x^{y^2})^{\beta_2} \dots (x^{y^{p-1}})^{\beta_{p-1}}$ and $z_2 = x^{\gamma_0}(x^y)^{\gamma_1}(x^{y^2})^{\gamma_2} \dots (x^{y^{p-1}})^{\gamma_{p-1}}$ where $\beta_i, \gamma_j \in \{0, 1, \dots, p^n - 1\}$ and $0 \leq i, j \leq p - 1$.

Since $z_1 z_2 = z_2 z_1$ then:

$$|\zeta_{0,0}(G_n)| = \underbrace{p^n \times p^n \times \dots \times p^n}_{2p} = p^{2pn}.$$

Case II: $\alpha_1 \neq 0$ or $\alpha_2 \neq 0$,

let $z_1 = y^{\alpha_1}(x)^{\beta_0}(x^y)^{\beta_1}(x^{y^2})^{\beta_2} \dots (x^{y^{p-1}})^{\beta_{p-1}}$ and $z_2 = y^{\alpha_2}(x)^{\gamma_0}(x^y)^{\gamma_1}(x^{y^2})^{\gamma_2} \dots (x^{y^{p-1}})^{\gamma_{p-1}}$. If $z_1 z_2 = z_2 z_1$ by lemma 2.2 we have:

$$\beta_i + \gamma_{\alpha_2 + i} \equiv \beta_{\alpha_2 + i} + \gamma_{\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 + i} \pmod{p^n}, \quad (i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p - 1) \quad (*)$$

where indices are reduced module of p .

Now we can choose $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{p-1}, \gamma_0$ and find $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_{p-1}$ uniquely by $(*)$, then

$$|\zeta_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}(G_n)| = \underbrace{p^n \times p^n \times \dots \times p^n}_{p+1} = p^{n(p+1)}.$$

Finally we have

$$|\zeta(G_n)| = \sum_{\alpha_1=0}^{p-1} \sum_{\alpha_2=0}^{p-1} |\zeta_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}(G_n)| = p^{2np} + (p^2 - 1)p^{n(p+1)} = p^{(p+1)n}(p^{(p-1)n} + p^2 - 1).$$

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Proof theorems 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3:

For 1.1 since $d(G_n) = \frac{|\zeta(G_n)|}{|G_n|^2}$ so by lemma 2.3 we find $d(G_n) = \frac{p^{(p-1)n} + (p^2 - 1)}{p^{(p-1)n+2}}$.

For 1.2 and 1.3 we have $d(G_n) = \frac{1}{p^2} + \frac{p^2 - 1}{p^{(p-1)n+2}}$, so

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(G_n) = \frac{1}{p^2}$$

and $d(G_n) > \frac{1}{p^2}$. $d(G_n) < \frac{1}{p}$ is simple. \square

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