

## 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 define:

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

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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