Factorization number of finite abelian groups

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Connection with subgroup commutativity degree

If G is a finite group, then

$$scd(G) = \frac{1}{|L(G)|^2} \sum_{H \leq G} F_2(H),$$

where L(G) is the set of all subgroups of G.



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- cyclic groups \mathbb{Z}_n , elementary abelian p-groups \mathbb{Z}_p^n , dihedral groups D_{2n} , quasi-dihedral groups QD_{2n} , generalized quaternion groups Q_{4n} and Modular p-group M_{p^n} (Farrokhi and Saeedi, Submitted).



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Corollary

The number of p-subgroups of type ${\mathcal B}$ of a finite abelian p-group of type ${\mathcal A}$ is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A} \\ \mathcal{B} \end{pmatrix}_{p} = \frac{T_{p}(\mathcal{A}:\mathcal{B})}{T_{p}(\mathcal{B}:\mathcal{B})}.$$



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If G is a finite abelian p-group of type A, then

$$F_2(G) = |L(G)|^2 - \sum_{\mathcal{B} \in S(\mathcal{A}) \setminus \{\mathcal{A}\}} {\mathcal{A} \choose \mathcal{B}}_p F_2(G_p(\mathcal{B})).$$

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$$p^{nd(X)+(d(Y)-n)(d(G)-d(Y))}\binom{d(Y)-d(X)}{n}_{p}.$$



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Theorem

Let G be a finite abelian p-group. Then

$$\begin{split} F_2(G) &= \sum_{G^p = AB} \sum_{\substack{0 \le i, j \le n \\ n \le i + j \le 2n}} \\ &\frac{|\Omega_1(G)|^{d(A) + d(B)} |\Omega_1(G^p)|^{i + j}}{|\Omega_1(A)|^{d(A)} |\Omega_1(B)|^{d(B)}} \cdot \frac{p^{(n-i)(n-j)}}{p^{id(A) + jd(B)}} \cdot \binom{n}{i}_p \binom{i}{n-j}_p, \\ where \ n &= d(\Omega_1(G)) - d(\Omega_1(G^p)). \end{split}$$

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- ② if $A = (a_1, \ldots, a_1, \ldots, a_m, \ldots, a_m) = (x_1, \ldots, x_n)$, where the number of a_i is b_i and $a_i > a_{i+1}$, then

$$|\operatorname{Aut}(G)| = \prod_{i=1}^{m} \prod_{j=N_{i-1}+1}^{N_i} \left(p^{x_j N_i + x_{N_i+1} + \dots + x_m} - p^{(x_j-1)N_{i'} + x_{N_{i'}+1} + \dots + x_m + j - 1} \right)$$

and in particular

$$|\operatorname{Aut}(G)|_{p} = \prod_{i=1}^{m} \prod_{j=N_{i-1}+1}^{N_{i}} p^{(x_{j}-1)N_{i'}+x_{N_{i'}+1}+\cdots+x_{m}+j-1},$$

where $i' = i + 1 - \text{Sign}(a_{i+1} - a_i + 1)$ and $N_i = b_1 + \cdots + b_i$, for each $i = 1, \dots, m$.

Application: Gaussian binomiral coefficients

Definition

Let q be a prime power and n be an integer. Then the numbers $[n]_q$ and $[n]_q!$ are called the q-integer and q-factorial and defined as follows:

$$[n]_q = rac{q^n - 1}{q - 1}$$
 and $[n]_q! = [n]_q[n - 1]_q \cdots [2]_q[1]_q$.

The Gaussian binomial coefficient can be defined in terms of q-factorials by

$$\binom{n}{i}_q = \frac{[n]_q!}{[i]_q![n-i]_q!}$$

and as usual the Gaussian polynomial coefficients can be defined by

$$\binom{n}{i_1, \dots, i_k}_q = \frac{[n]_q!}{[i_1]_q! \cdots [i_k]_q! [n - i_1 - \dots - i_k]_q!},$$

where $0 < i_1 + \cdots + i_k < n$.



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Corollary

Let q be a prime power and n be a natural number. Then

$$\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n} \binom{n}{i}_{q}\right)^{2} = \sum_{0 \leq i+j+k \leq n} \binom{n}{i,j,k}_{q} q^{j(n-i-j-k)}.$$

In particular

$$4^{n} = \sum_{0 \le i+i+k \le n} \binom{n}{i,j,k}.$$



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