

# Automorphisms of a non-metacyclic minimal nonabelian $p$ -group, $p$ odd

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**Problem: (Y. Berkovich and Z. Janko 2009) Describe the automorphism groups of minimal nonabelian finite  $p$ -groups.**

### Theorem

(L. Rédei 1947) A finite  $p$ -group  $G$  is a minimal nonabelian group if and only if either it is isomorphic to the quaternion group of order 8, or (A) has the presentation  $\langle a, b \mid a^{p^m} = b^{p^n} = 1, a^b = a^{1+p^{m-1}} \rangle$ , where  $m \geq 2, n \geq 1, |G| = p^{m+n}$ , or (B) has the presentation  $\langle a, b \mid a^{p^m} = b^{p^n} = c^p = 1, [a, b] = c, [a, c] = 1, [b, c] = 1 \rangle$ , where  $|G| = p^{m+n+1}$ .

## Theorem

Let the group  $H$  be finite, presented by

$$\langle g_1, \dots, g_r \mid w_1(g_1, \dots, g_r), \dots, w_s(g_1, \dots, g_r) \rangle.$$

Then there is a bijective correspondence between automorphisms of the group  $H$  and ordered  $r$ -tuples  $(g'_1, \dots, g'_r)$  of elements generating the group  $H$  for which all the relations  $w_j(g'_1, \dots, g'_r) = 1$  hold.

## Theorem

Let  $G = \langle a, b \mid a^{p^m} = 1, b^{p^n} = 1, a^b = a^{1+p^{m-1}} \rangle$  with  $m > n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ ,  $|G| = p^{m+n}$ . Let the automorphism  $\alpha$  be induced by the substitution  $a \mapsto a^t$  with  $t$  primitive root modulo  $p^m$  ( $1 < t < p^m$ ) and  $b \mapsto b$ ; the automorphism  $\beta$  by the substitution  $a \mapsto a$ ,  $b \mapsto b^{1+p}$ ; the automorphism  $\gamma$  by the substitution  $a \mapsto ab$ ,  $b \mapsto b$ ; the automorphism  $\delta$  by the substitution  $a \mapsto a$ ,  $b \mapsto a^{p^{m-n}} b$ .

Then the automorphism group  $\text{Aut}(G)$  is presented with generators  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  and  $\delta$ , and with generating relations

$$|\alpha| = \varphi(p^m), |\beta| = p^{n-1}, |\gamma| = p^n, |\delta| = p^n, \quad (1)$$

$$\alpha^{-1}\beta\alpha = \beta, \quad (2) \quad \alpha^{-1}\gamma\alpha = \alpha^s\gamma^t, \quad (3) \quad \alpha^{-1}\delta\alpha = \delta^{\frac{1}{t}}, \quad (4)$$

$$\beta^{-1}\gamma\beta = \gamma^{\frac{1}{1+p}} \quad (5) \quad \beta^{-1}\delta\beta = \delta^{1+p}, \quad (6)$$

$$\delta^u\gamma = \alpha^i\beta^j\gamma^{1+up^{m-n}}\delta^{\frac{u}{1+up^{m-n}}}, \quad (7)$$

where  $t^s \equiv 1 - \frac{p^{m-1}(t-1)}{2} \pmod{p^m}$  ( $s$  is an integer between 1 and  $\varphi(p^m)$ );  $\frac{1}{t}$  is the multiplicative inverse of  $t$  modulo  $p^m$ , an integer between 1 and  $p^m$ ;  $1 \leq u \leq p^n - 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{1+up^{m-n}}$  is the multiplicative inverse of  $1 + up^{m-n}$  modulo  $p^n$ , an integer between 1 and  $p^n$ ,  $t^i \equiv 1 + up^{m-n} \pmod{p^m}$ ,  $(1+p)^j \equiv \frac{1}{1+up^{m-n}} \pmod{p^n}$  with  $i$  an integer between 1 and  $\varphi(p^m)$ ,  $j$  an integer between 1 and  $p^{n-1}$ . Furthermore, the factor-group  $\text{Aut}(G)/\text{Inn}(G)$  of outer automorphisms is isomorphic to a solvable subgroup of order  $(p-1)p^{m+3n-4}$  of the group  $\text{Aut}(C_{p^{m-1}} \times C_{p^n})$ , and the group  $\text{Aut}(G)$  has a normal  $p$ -Sylow subgroup.

$$aa := f/[f.1^9, f.2^3, f.1 * f.2 * f.1^{-4} * f.2^{-1}];$$

$$27g := f/[f.1^6, f.2^3, f.3^3, f.1^{-1} * f.2 * f.1 * f.2^{-2}, f.3 * f.1 * f.3^{-5} * f.1^{-1}, f.3 * f.2 * f.3^{-1} * f.2^{-4} * f.1^{-2}, f.3^2 * f.2 * f.3^{-2} * f.2^{-1} * f.1^{-4}];$$

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## Theorem

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where  $\frac{1}{t}$  is the multiplicative inverse of  $t$  modulo  $p^m$ , an integer between 1 and  $p^m$ ;  $\frac{1}{1+p}$  is the multiplicative inverse of  $1+p$  modulo  $p^{m-1}$ , an integer between 1 and  $p^{m-1}$ ;  $1 \leq u \leq p^m - 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{1+up^{n-m+1}}$  is the multiplicative inverse of  $1+up^{n-m+1}$  modulo  $p^n$ , an integer between 1 and  $p^n$ ,  $t^i \equiv 1 + up^{n-m+1} \pmod{p^m}$ ,  $(1+p)^j \equiv \frac{1}{1+up^{n-m+1}} \pmod{p^n}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p^m$  and  $1 \leq j \leq p^{n-1}$ . Furthermore, the factor-group  $\text{Aut}(G)/\text{Inn}(G)$  of outer automorphisms is isomorphic to a subgroup of order  $(p-1)p^{3m+n-5}$  of the solvable group  $\text{Aut}(C_{p^{m-1}} \times C_{p^n})$ , and the group  $\text{Aut}(G)$  has a normal  $p$ -Sylow subgroup.

$$\begin{aligned}
aa &:= f/[f.1^9, f.2^9, f.2^{-1} * f.1 * f.2 * f.1^{-4}]; 81 \\
g &:= f/[f.1^6, f.2^3, f.3^3, f.4^9, f.1^{-1} * f.2^{-1} * f.1 * f.2, f.1^{-1} * f.3 * f.1 * f.3^{-2}, \\
&\quad f.2^{-1} * f.3 * f.2 * f.3^{-1}, f.2^{-1} * f.4 * f.2 * f.4^{-4}, \\
&\quad f.4 * f.3 * f.4^{-7} * f.3^{-4} * f.2^{-2} * f.1^{-2}, f.4^2 * f.3 * f.4^{-8} * f.3^{-7} * f.2^{-1} * f.1^{-4}, \\
&\quad f.4^3 * f.3 * f.4^{-3} * f.3^{-1} * f.2^{-3} * f.1^{-6}, f.4^4 * f.3 * f.4^{-1} * f.3^{-4} * f.2^{-2} * f.1^{-2}, \\
&\quad f.4^5 * f.3 * f.4^{-2} * f.3^{-7} * f.2^{-1} * f.1^{-4}, f.4^6 * f.3 * f.4^{-6} * f.3^{-1} * f.2^{-3} * f.1^{-6}, \\
&\quad f.4^7 * f.3 * f.4^{-4} * f.3^{-4} * f.2^{-2} * f.1^{-2}, f.4^8 * f.3 * f.4^{-5} * f.3^{-7} * f.2^{-1} * f.1^{-4}];
\end{aligned}$$

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