



# A study on subdirect irreducibility of the subgroup lattices of the group of $2 \times 2$ matrices over $Z_3$ and $Z_5$

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In this paper we determine subdirect irreducibility of the subgroup lattice of the group of  $2 \times 2$  matrices over  $Z_3$  and  $Z_5$ .

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $L(G)$  be the Lattice of Subgroups of  $G$ , where  $G$  is a group of  $2 \times 2$  matrices over  $Z_p$  having determinant value 1 under matrix multiplication modulo  $p$ , where  $p$  is a prime number.

$$\text{Let } \mathcal{G} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in Z_p, ad - bc \neq 0. \right.$$

Then  $\mathcal{G}$  is a group under matrix multiplication modulo  $p$ .

$$\text{Let } G = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{G} : ad - bc = 1. \right\}$$

Then  $\mathcal{G}$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

we have,  $o(\mathcal{G}) = p(p^2 - 1)(p - 1)$  and  $o(G) = p(p^2 - 1)$ .

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## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1. (Poset)** A partial order on a non-empty set  $P$  is a binary relation  $\leq$  on  $P$  that is reflexive, anti-symmetric

and transitive. The pair  $(P, \leq)$  is called a **partially ordered set or poset**. A poset.  $(P, \leq)$  is totally ordered if every  $x, y \in P$  are comparable, that is either  $x \leq y$  or  $y \leq x$ . A non-empty subset  $S$  of  $P$  is a chain in  $P$  if  $S$  is totally ordered by  $\leq$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $(P, \leq)$  be a poset and let  $S \subseteq P$ . An upper bound of  $S$  is an element  $x \in P$  for which  $s \leq x$  for all  $s \in S$ . The least upper bound of  $S$  is called the **supremum or join** of  $S$ . A lower bound for  $S$  is an element  $x \in P$  for which  $x \leq s$  for all  $s \in S$ . The greatest lower bound of  $S$  is called the **infimum or meet** of  $S$ .

**Definition 2.3. (Lattice)** Poset  $(P, \leq)$  is called a lattice if every pair  $x, y$  elements of  $P$  has a supremum and an infimum, which are denoted by  $x \vee y$  and  $x \wedge y$  respectively.

**Definition 2.4. (Atom)** An element  $a$  is an atom, if  $a > 0$  and a dual atom, if  $a < 1$ .

**Definition 2.5.** An equivalence relation  $\theta$  on a lattice  $L$  is called a congruence relation on  $L$  iff  $(a_0, b_0) \in \theta$  and  $(a_1, b_1) \in \theta$  imply that  $(a_0 \wedge a_1, b_0 \wedge b_1) \in \theta$  and  $(a_0 \vee a_1, b_0 \vee b_1) \in \theta$ .

**Definition 2.6.** The collection of all congruence relations on  $L$ , is denoted by  $\text{Con } L$ .

**Note:**  $\text{Con } L$  with respect to the set inclusion relation becomes an algebraic lattice.[1]

**Definition 2.7.** If a lattice  $L$  has only two trivial congruence relations, namely  $\omega$ , the diagonal and  $\tau = L \times L$ , then  $L$  is said to be simple. (e.g.  $M_3$  is simple)

**Definition 2.8.** If  $Con L$  contains a unique atom, then we say that  $L$  is subdirectly irreducible. (e.g  $N_5$  is subdirectly irreducible)

We give below the diagrams of  $L(G)$  when  $P = 3$  and 5.

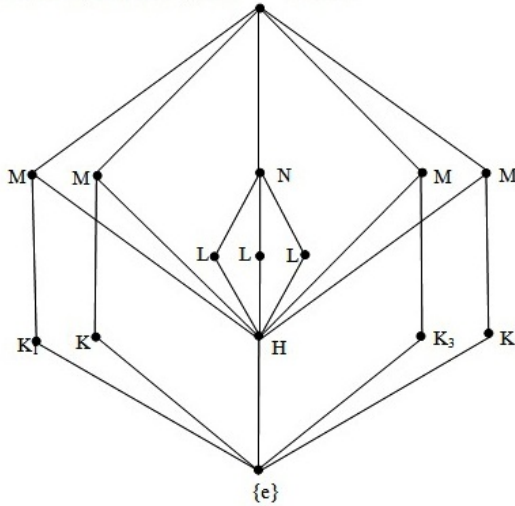


Fig. 2.1 :  $L(G)$  when  $p = 3$

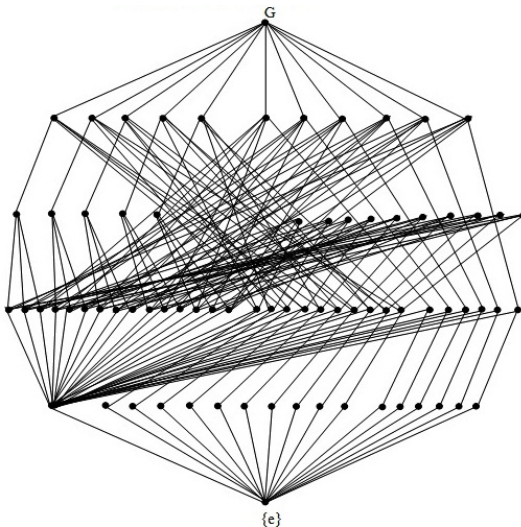


Fig. 2.2 :  $L(G)$  when  $p = 5$

- Row I : (Left to right):  $S_1$  to  $S_5$  and  $T_1$  to  $T_6$ .
- Row II : (Left to right):  $P_1$  to  $P_5$  and  $R_1$  to  $R_{10}$ .
- Row III: (Left to right):  $L_1$  to  $L_{15}$ ,  $N_1$  to  $N_{10}$  and  $Q_1$  to  $Q_6$ .
- Row IV: (Left to right):  $H_1$ ,  $K_1$  to  $K_{10}$  and  $M_1$  to  $M_6$ .

### 3. Subdirect irreducibility of $L(G)$ when $p = 3$ and 5

In the following theorems we consider  $L(G)$  when  $p = 3$  and 5.

**Lemma 3.1.**  $\theta(\{e\}, H_1)$ , the principal congruence generated by  $(\{e\}, H_1)$  is a proper congruence relation on  $L(G)$ .

*Proof.* When  $p = 3$ ,  $L(G)$  is given in figure 2.1. The principal congruence relation generated by  $\theta(\{e\}, H_1)$  is equal to  $\omega \cup \{(\{e\}, H_1), (H_1, \{e\}), (K_1, M_1), (M_1, K_1), (K_2, M_2), (M_2, K_2), (K_3, M_3), (M_3, K_3), (K_4, M_4), (M_4, K_4)\}$ , where  $\omega$  is the diagonal relation on  $L(G)$ , is a proper congruence relation of  $L(G)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.**  $\theta(A, B) = L(G) \times L(G)$ , for all other pairs  $A$  and  $B$  of elements in  $L(G)$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(\{e\}, K_1) &= \omega \cup \{(\{e\}, K_1), (K_1, \{e\}), (K_2, G), (K_3, G), (\{e\}, G), \dots\} \\ &= L(G) \times L(G) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(\{e\}, K_2) &= L(G) \times L(G) \\ \theta(\{e\}, K_3) &= L(G) \times L(G) \\ \theta(\{e\}, K_4) &= L(G) \times L(G) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(\{e\}, M_1) &= \omega \cup \{(\{e\}, M_1), (M_1, \{e\}), (K_3, G), (K_4, G), (\{e\}, G), \dots\} \\ &= L(G) \times L(G) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(\{e\}, M_2) &= L(G) \times L(G) \\ \theta(\{e\}, M_3) &= L(G) \times L(G) \\ \theta(\{e\}, M_4) &= L(G) \times L(G) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(\{e\}, N_1) &= \omega \cup \{(\{e\}, N_1), (N_1, \{e\}), (K_1, G), (K_2, G), (K_3, G), (K_4, G), (\{e\}, G), \dots\} \\ &= L(G) \times L(G) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(\{e\}, L_1) &= \omega \cup \{(\{e\}, L_1), (L_1, \{e\}), (K_1, G), (K_2, G), (K_3, G), (K_4, G), (\{e\}, G), \dots\} \\ &= L(G) \times L(G) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(\{e\}, L_2) &= L(G) \times L(G) \\ \theta(\{e\}, L_3) &= L(G) \times L(G) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(H_1, G) &= \omega \cup \{(H_1, G), (\{e\}, K_3), (\{e\}, K_4), (\{e\}, G), \dots\} \\ &= L(G) \times L(G) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(H_1, M_1) &= \omega \cup \{(H_1, M_1), (L_1, G), (L_2, G), (H_1, G), (\{e\}, K_3), (\{e\}, K_4), (\{e\}, G), \dots\} \\ &= L(G) \times L(G) \end{aligned}$$



Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(H_1, M_2) &= L(G) \times L(G) \\ \theta(H_1, M_3) &= L(G) \times L(G) \\ \theta(H_1, M_4) &= L(G) \times L(G) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(L_1, L_2) &= \omega \cup \{(L_1, L_2), (H_1, N_1), (M_1, G), (M_2, G), (M_3, G), \\ &\quad (M_4, G), (H_1, G), (\{e\}, K_3), (\{e\}, K_4), (\{e\}, G), \dots\} \\ &= L(G) \times L(G) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(L_1, L_3) &= L(G) \times L(G) \\ \theta(L_2, L_4) &= L(G) \times L(G) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(K_1, K_2) &= \omega \cup \{(K_1, K_2), (M_1, G), (M_2, G), (M_4, G), (H_1, G), \\ &\quad (\{e\}, K_3), (\{e\}, K_4), (\{e\}, G), \dots\} \\ &= L(G) \times L(G) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(L_1, L_3) &= L(G) \times L(G) \\ \theta(L_2, L_3) &= L(G) \times L(G) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(M_1, M_2) &= \omega \cup \{(M_1, M_2), (H_1, G), (\{e\}, K_3), \\ &\quad (\{e\}, K_4), (\{e\}, G), \dots\} = L(G) \times L(G) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(M_1, M_3) &= L(G) \times L(G) \\ \theta(M_1, M_4) &= L(G) \times L(G) \\ \theta(M_2, M_3) &= L(G) \times L(G) \\ \theta(M_2, M_4) &= L(G) \times L(G) \\ \theta(M_3, M_4) &= L(G) \times L(G) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\theta(A, B)$  is an improper congruence for all other pairs  $A$  and  $B$  of elements in  $L(G)$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.3.** For  $p = 5$ , by similar argument we can prove that the only proper congruence of  $L(G)$  is  $\theta(\{e\}, H_1)$ .

**Theorem 3.4.**  $Con(L(G))$  is a 3-element chain when  $p = 3$  and 5. In other words,  $L(G)$  is subdirectly irreducible when  $p = 3$  and 5.

*Proof.* From Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 3.2 we get the result. The Hasse diagram of  $Con(L(G))$  is as shown below.

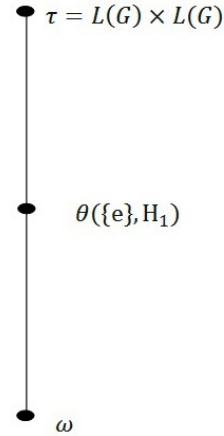


Fig. 3.1:  $Con(L(G))$

$\square$

## 4. Conclusion

In this paper we proved that the subgroup lattices of the group of  $2 \times 2$  matrices over  $Z_3$  and  $Z_5$ , are subdirect irreducibility.

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