

Finite p -Groups With Noninner Automorphisms of Order p

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Abstract

Suppose that G is a non-abelian p -group, it was shown that if G is of class 2 then, there exists a noninner automorphism of order p such that $C_G(Z(\Phi(G))) = \Phi(G)$ [1]. Moreover, if G is of maximal class of order p^n , Fouladi S. [13] showed that the order of the group of all automorphisms of G centralizes the Frattini quotient and is not greater than $p^{2(n-2)}$ if and only if G is metabelian. In this paper, we show that if $b(G) = p^2$ and $p \neq 2$, then $\bigcap \{ker \chi \mid \chi(1) = p^2\} = 1$. (Here, $b(G) = \max(cd(G))$ and $cd(G) = \{\chi(1) \mid \chi \in Irr(G)\}$). Suppose further that G is a p -group with Frattini factor group of order $\geq p^{2a-1}$ we show that the number of elements of order p in G is congruent to 1 modulo p^a $1 \leq a \in \mathbb{N}$.

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1 Introduction

As a result of the recent modern developments in the concepts of finite p -groups, there exists a conjecture of which many contributions have been made through various personalities such as W.Gaschütz [5], M. Deaconescu and G. Silberberg [4], A. Abdollahi [1], and a host of others. The conjecture (see [9]) establishes the fact that G has a noninner automorphism of order p [10]. Also, by a cohomological result of P. Schmid, G admits a noninner automorphism of order p whenever G

is regular . Furthermore, a number of studies of the automorphism groups of p -groups of maximal class have been made. For instance , Juhász and Malinowska (see [8] and [10]) concentrate mostly on small automorphism groups. Large automorphism groups were considered in appreciable extents by Shirin Fouladi[13], who was able to show that if G is non-cyclic and of maximal class and of order p^n , then $| \text{Aut}^\Phi(G) | = p^{2(n-2)}$ iff G is a metabelian group. Considering the concepts from the character point of view ,observation is made for G that if it is of class 2 and suppose that $b(G) = p^2$ and $p \neq 2$. By definition, if χ is a character of G , then $\ker(\chi) = \{x \in G \mid \chi(x) = \chi(1)\}$ is the kernel of a character χ , where $\chi(1)$ is the degree of a character χ of G . Then, the intersection of the $\ker(\chi)$ of which the degree equals p^2 is trivial. We also consider G with Frattini factor group of order not less than p^{2a-1} , $a \in \mathbb{N}$.

2 Statement of Main Result

- (a) If G is of class 2, and suppose that $b(G) = p^2$. If $p \neq 2$ then $|\bigcap \{\ker \chi \mid \chi(1) = p^2\}| = 1$, where $b(G) = \max(\text{cd}(G))$ and $\text{cd}(G) = \{\chi(1) \mid \chi \in \text{Irr}(G)\}$.
- (b) Suppose that G is a p -group with Frattini factor group of order $\geq p^{2a-1}$ $a \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then the number of elements of order p in G is $\equiv 1 \pmod{p^a}$.

Definitions:

- (a) Frattini subgroup is the intersection of all maximal subgroups of G . This is denoted by $\Phi(G)$.
- (b) A group G is of maximal class if $|G| \leq p^n$, $n \geq 3$ and $G = G_0 \geq G_1 \geq \cdots \geq G_n \geq G_{n+1} = \{e\}$. Then, we say that G is of class n and write $\text{cl}(G) = n > 1$.
- (c) A group G is metabelian if the quotient group $G/Z(G)$, is abelian. This implies that the commutator subgroup G' is contained in $Z(G)$. Such group possesses a normal subgroup N such that N and G/N are both abelian. The following are metabelian;
- (i) All abelian groups.
 - (ii) All generalized dihedral groups.

- (iii) All groups of order less than 24.
 - (iv) All metacyclic groups.
- (d) If G is nilpotent of class 2 then, every commutator $[x, y]$ of G , lies in the centre of G , i.e for any $x, y \in G$, $[x, y]$ commutes with any $z \in G$.

Theorem 1: Every finite non-abelian p -group G has a noninner automorphism of order p leaving either the Frattini subgroup $\Phi(G)$ or $\Omega_1(Z(G))$ elementwise fixed, i.e. $C_G(Z(\Phi(G))) = \Phi(G)$ if G is of class 2. The following remarks were applied in the proof of theorem 1.

- (1) Suppose that G is a group. Suppose further that G' the commutator subgroup of G is a finite cyclic p -group for some prime p , then G' is generated by $[x, y]$ for some $x, y \in G$. Now, G' is abelian and the orders of $x, y \in G$ are powers of p , then G' has an exponent which is given by: $\max | [x, y] | : x, y \in G$. By the virtue of the fact that G' is a finite cyclic group, it implies that $\exp(G') = | G' |$. Clearly, one of the elements of the set $[x, y] : x, y \in G$ is the generator of G' .
- (2) From (1), we have that $G' = \langle [x, y] \rangle, x, y \in G$. Now, for G to be finite and nilpotent of class 2, we have that $G = \langle x, y \rangle C_G(\langle x, y \rangle)$ since every commutator $[x, y]$ lies in $Z(G)$ [1]. Observe that for any $g \in G$, $[x, g] = [x, y]^u$ and $[y, g] = [x, y]^v$, where u and v are integers. Here, we have that $[x, y^{-u}x^vg] = 1$ and $[y, y^{-u}x^vg] = 1$. This is because $[x, x^v] = [y, y^{-u}] = 1$. And so, $y^{-u}x^vg \in C_G(\langle x, y \rangle) \Rightarrow G = \langle x, y \rangle C_G(\langle x, y \rangle)$.
- (3) Suppose that G is a nilpotent group of class 2, and $a, b \in G \ni 0 < k \in \mathbb{Z}$ Observe that $[a, b]$ lies in the center of G . Then $(ab)^k = a^k b^k [b, a]^{\frac{1}{2}k(k-1)}$ and $[a, b]^m = [a^m, b] = [a, b^m] \forall m \in \mathbb{Z}$. By the descriptions given above, if $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is $\ni | [a, b] | = 2^n$ and $a^{m2^n} = b^{-2^n}$, then we have that: $(a^m b)^{2^n} = a^{m2^n} b^{2^n} [b, a^m]^{\frac{2^n(2^n-1)}{2}} = a^{m2^n} b^{2^n} [b, a^m]^{2^{n-1}(2^n-1)} = [b, a]^{m2^{n-1}(2^n-1)}$. Also, note that $[a, b] = [a, a^m b]$, and since $| [a, b] | = 2^n$, then $(a^m b)^{2^{n-1}} \neq 1$. Thus, 2^n divides the order of $(a^m b)$. Therefore, $| a^m b | = 2^{n+1}$, for $m \in \{2r - 1\}_{r \in \mathbb{N}}$, and $| a^m b | = 2^n$, for $m \in \{2r\}_{r \in \mathbb{N}}$.
- (4) Suppose that G is a finite p -group of class 2. If G does not have noninner automorphism of order p and $C_G(Z(\Phi(G))) \neq \Phi(G)$. Then, $Z(G)$ must be cyclic, and by implication,

the derived group G' is cyclic. If $Z(G)$ is not cyclic, then $\Omega_1(Z(G))$ is not cyclic and so $\Omega_1(Z(G)) \not\leq G'$. Now, if an element $t \in \Omega_1(Z(G)) - G'$ a maximal subgroup R of G and $h \in G - R'$. Then, the map β on G defined by: $(rh^d)^\beta = rh^d t^d \forall r \in R$ and $d \in \mathbb{N}$, is a noninner automorphism of order p which leaves R (a resemblance of $\Phi(G)$) elementwise fixed. This is contradictory.

- (5) Let G_1, G_2 be subgroups of $G \ni G = G_1 G_2$ and $[G_1, G_2] = 1$. If \exists a noninner automorphism $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G_1)$, $|\alpha| = p$ leaving $Z(G_1)$ elementwise fixed then the map θ on G defined by $(g_1 g_2)^\theta = g_1^\alpha g_2 \forall g_1 \in G_1$ and $g_2 \in G_2$ is a noninner automorphism of G of order p leaving $Z(G)$ elementwise fixed. By the hypothesis, $q^\alpha = q \forall q \in G_1 \cap G_2 = Z(G_1)$. Thus, θ is a well defined mapping.

3 Proof of Theorem 1

Suppose that $C_G(Z(\Phi(G))) = \Phi(G)$ and $p = 2$. By Remark 4, let $Z(G)$ be cyclic. Then, the implication of Remark 2 is that $\exists x, y \in G \ni G' = \langle [x, y] \rangle$. Let $G' = \langle x, y \rangle$. Then, by Remark 2, $G = G_1 C_G(G_1)$. Also, by Remark 5, it is possible to construct a non inner automorphism α of G_1 of order 2 which leaves $Z(G_1)$ elementwise fixed. Observe that $|G'| = |G'_1| = |[x, y]| = 2^n$ for some integer $n > 0$.

Now, since G' is cyclic and $G' \leq Z(G)$, $\exp(G/Z(G)) = \exp(G_1/Z(G_1)) = 2^n \Rightarrow Z(G_1) = \langle x^{2^n}, y^{2^n}, [x, y] \rangle \leq Z(G)$. If $n = 1$, then $\Phi(G) = G^2 \leq Z(G)$. By this $C_G(Z(\Phi(G))) = \Phi(G) \Rightarrow G = \Phi(G)$. This is not possible. Thus, $n \geq 2$. $Z(G_1)$ is cyclic. Thus, either $x^{2^{nk}} = y^{2^n}$ or $x^{2^n} = y^{2^{nk}}$ for some integer k . Suppose that $x^{2^{nk}} = y^{2^n}$. If $k \in \{2d\}_{d \in \mathbb{N}}$ then $|x^{-k}y| = 2^n$ and $x^{(-k)y} \notin Z(G_1)$. Then, $|[x, y]| = |[x, x^{-k}y]| = 2^n$. Suppose that $v = x^{-k}y$, then the map α on G_1 defined by: $(x^s v^t z)^\alpha = (xv^{2^{n-1}})^s v^t z \forall z \in Z(G_1)$ and integers s, t , is a noninner automorphism of G_1 of order 2, which leaves $Z(G_1)$ elementwise fixed. If $x^{2^n} = y^{2^n} k$ and $k \in \{2d\}_{d \in \mathbb{N}}$, a mapping $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G_1)$. If we assume that $x^{2^{nk}} = y^{2^n}$ for some integer $k \in \{2d - 1\}_{d \in \mathbb{N}}$. Then, $|v| = |x^{-k}y| = 2^{n+1}$. Suppose that $[x, y] \in \langle x^{2^n} \rangle$. Then, $Z(G_1) = \langle x^{2^n} \rangle$. Thus, $|x^{2^n}| \geq 2^n$. Thus, $x^{2^{ni}} = v^{2^n}$ for some integer i . Now, $|x^{2^n}| \geq 2^n$, since $n \geq 2$, and $|v| = 2^{n+1}$, $i \in \{2d\}_{d \in \mathbb{N}}$. By implication, $|u| = |x^{-i}v| = 2^n$ and $u^{2^{n-1}} \notin Z(G_1)$ since $|[x, y]| = |[x, u]| = 2^n$. Hence, we have the map α on G defined by: $(x^s u^t a)^\alpha = (xu^{2^{n-1}})^s u^t a \forall a \in Z(G_1)$ as the automorphism

α of G_1 required, $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$. If we assume that $[x, y] \notin \langle x^{2^n} \rangle$, then $\Rightarrow Z(G_1) = \langle [x, y] \rangle = G'_1$, since $Z(G_1) = \langle x^{2^n}, [x, y] \rangle$ is cyclic. Also, consider: $G_1/Z(G_1) = \langle xZ(G_1) \rangle \cdot \langle yZ(G_1) \rangle$ and $|\langle xZ(G_1) \rangle| = |\langle yZ(G_1) \rangle| = 2^n$. This implies that $x^{-2^{n-1}k}y^{2^{n-1}} = \varepsilon \notin Z(G_1)$ and $|\varepsilon| = 2$ as $n \geq 2$. The map α on G_1 defined by $(x^s y^t a)^\alpha = (x\varepsilon)^s (y\varepsilon)^t z \forall z \in Z(G_1)$ is noninner for $s, t \in \mathbb{N}$.

Theorem 2: Suppose that G is a p -group of maximal class and of order p^n . Suppose further that $Aut^\Phi(G)$ is the group of all automorphisms of G which centralizes the Frattini quotient. Then, $|Aut^\Phi(G)| \leq p^{2(n-2)}$ iff G is metabelian.

In order to prove this theorem, it is expedient to consider certain assertions. If G is a p -group of maximal class and of order p^n , let $\Phi = \Phi(G)$ be the Frattini subgroup of G . It has been proved by Satz (see [6]) that the order of $Aut^\Phi(G)$, the group of all automorphisms of G centralizing G/Φ , divides $p^{2(n-2)}$. Let the terms of the lower and upper central series of G be respectively denoted by $L_i(G)$ and $U_i(G)$. For $n \geq 4$, define the 2-step centralizer C_i in G to be the centralizer in G of $L_i(G)/L_{i+2}(G)$ for $2 \leq i \leq n-2$. Also, define $Q_i = Q_i(G)$ by: $Q_0 = G, Q_1 = C_2, Q_i = L_i(G)$ for $2 \leq i \leq n$. Let the degree of commutativity $\alpha = \alpha(G)$ of G be defined as the maximum integer $\geq [Q_i, Q_j] \leq Q_{i+j+\alpha} \forall i, j \geq 1$ if Q_1 is not abelian and $\alpha = n-3$ if Q_1 is abelian. Let $r \in G \setminus \bigcup_{i=2}^{n-2} C_i, r_1 \in Q_1 - Q_2$ and $r_i = [r_{i-1}, r]$ for $2 \leq i \leq n-1$. Notice that $\{r, r_1\}$ is a generating set for G and $Q_i(G) = \langle r_i, \dots, r_{n-1} \rangle$, for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$.

Theorem A: (see [3]) Let $G = \langle x, y \rangle$ be a 2-generated metabelian group. Then, the following statements are equivalent.

- (a) $\forall g_1, g_2 \in G'$, there is an automorphism of G , which maps x to xg_1 and y to yg_2 .
- (b) G is nilpotent.

Corollary: Suppose that G is a two-group of maximal class and order 2^n . Then, $|Aut^\Phi(G)| = 2^{2(n-2)}$. By induction, if $n \leq 4$, then G is metabelian and so, $|Aut^\Phi(G)| = 2^{2(n-2)}$, by theorem A.

On the other hand, suppose that $n \geq 4$ and p is odd. Then, we have the following:

Lemma (i): If G is a p -group of maximal class and order p^n . Suppose that: $[Q_2(G), Q_2(G)] \leq Z(G)$, then $[r_i^{-1}, r] = r_{i+1}^{-1}[r_{i+1}, r_i] (i \geq 2)$.

Lemma (ii): Let G be a p -group of maximal class and order $p^n, [Q_{t+1}, Q_{t+1}] = 1$ and $[r_t, r_{t+1}] = w \in Z(G)$ for some $t \geq 2$. Then,

- (a) $[r_t, r_i] = 1$ for $i \geq t+2$,

(b) $[r_{t+1}, r_{t-1}] = [r_{t-1}, r_{t+1}]$,

(c) $[[r_{t-1}, r_t], r] = [r, [t, r_{t-1}]]$,

(d) If $[r_{t-1}, r_t] = r_d^{x_d} r_{d+1}^{x_{d+1}} \dots r_{n-1}^{x_{n-1}}$ for $d \geq t+2$ then, $[r_{t-1}, r_{t+1}] = r_{d+1}^{x_d} \dots r_{n-1}^{x_{n-2}} w^{-1}$.

Lemma (iii): Suppose that G is a p -group of maximal class and of order p^n and $[Q_2(G), Q_2(G)] \leq Z(G)$. Suppose further that the map φ defined by $r^\varphi = r$ and $r_1^\varphi = r_1 r_2^{-1}$ is an automorphism of G , then $r_i^\varphi = r_i r_{i+1}^{-1} [r_{i+1}, r_i]$, $i \geq 2$. By induction on G , consider the above corollary for general case of p , and by the metabelian condition, as in lemmas (i), (ii) & (iii), we have that if G is a p -group of maximal class of order p^n . Then, $|Aut^\Phi(G)| = p^{2(n-2)}$ iff G is metabelian, $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

4 Proof of Results (i)

Proposition 1:(Passman(see[7]))If G is of class 2 with $b(G) = p^e$ and $e < p$ then $\bigcap \{ker \chi \mid \chi(1) = p^e\} = 1$.

Proposition 2: Let $N \triangleleft G$ with G/N a p -group, and $p \neq 2$. Let $C \in Irr(N)$ be invariant in G . Suppose that every irreducible constituent of C^G has degree $\leq p^{C(1)}$. Then, $b(G/N) \leq p$.

Proof: By extending C to $\hat{C} \in Irr(H)$ with $N \subseteq H$ and $|G : H| = p$, and for $\varphi \in Irr(H/N)$ with $\varphi(1) = p$, consider $(\varphi \hat{C})^G$. \exists linear $\mu \in Irr(H/N) \ni \varphi^x = \varphi \mu$ for $x \in G$, with μ independent of the choice of φ . And since $p \neq 2$, φ is invariant of G .

By proposition (1), let $C(1) = p$, then C^G is of degree $= b(G) \leq p^2$. Therefore, by the Passman’s result, if p is odd, then $e < p$. The result thus follows. □

Remark: If $p = 2$, then the assertion is actually false.

5 Proof of Results (ii)

Theorem: Let $g \in G$ and let $0 < n \in \mathbb{N}$. It is possible to find the number of n th roots of g in G . Let $C_n(g) = |\{t \in G : t^n = g\}|$. If the $gcd(|G|, n) = 1$, an integer v may be chosen $\ni nv \equiv 1 \pmod{|G|}$. Hence, if $t^n = u^n$, then $t = t^{nv} = u^{nv} = u$ (since $nv \equiv 1 \pmod{|G|}$). Thus, $C_n(g) \leq 1 \forall$

$g \in G$. Since the map $t \mapsto t^n$ is mono in G , it must also be onto. Thus, we have that $C_n(g) = 1 \forall g \in G$. Now, by virtue of the fact that C_n is a class function on G , we write

$$C_n = \sum_{\chi \in Irr(G)} V_n(\chi)\chi,$$

where $V_n(\chi)$ is a uniquely determined complex number.

Lemma A:

$$V_n = \left(\frac{1}{|G|}\right) \sum_{g \in G} \chi(g^n)$$

Proof: By the orthogonality relations, we have that:

$$V_n(\chi) = [C_n, \chi] = \left(\frac{1}{|G|}\right) \sum_{g \in G} C_n(g)\overline{\chi(g)}$$

And since

$$C_n(g)\overline{\chi(g)} = \sum_{t \in G: t^n=g} \overline{\chi(t^n)}$$

we have

$$V_n(\chi) = \left(\frac{1}{|G|}\right) \sum_{t \in G} \overline{\chi(t^n)}$$

Replacing t by t^{-1} , we have that

$$V_n = \left(\frac{1}{|G|}\right) \sum_{g \in G} \chi(g^n) \quad \square$$

Lemma B: Let $A \triangleleft G$ and $\chi \in Irr(G)$ with $A \subseteq \ker \chi$. By definition of $V_n(\chi)$ in lemma A, let $\hat{V}_n(\chi)$ be the corresponding number computed in G/A . Then, $V_n(\chi) = \hat{V}_n(\chi)$.

Proof:

$$\hat{V}_n = \left(\frac{1}{|G:A|}\right) \sum_{Ag \in G/A} \chi((Ag)^n) = \left(\frac{1}{|G:A|}\right)\left(\frac{1}{|A|}\right) \sum_{g \in G} \chi(Ag^n) = \left(\frac{1}{|G|}\right) \sum_{g \in G} \chi(g^n) = V_n(\chi). \square$$

Theorem C: (Alperin - Feit - Thompson) (see [7]) Suppose that G is a 2-group containing exactly k involutions. If $k \equiv 1 \pmod{2^2}$, then either G is cyclic or $|G : G'| = 2^2$.

Lemma D: Let $M \subseteq G$. Suppose that χ is a character of G . Then, $[\chi_M, \chi_M] \leq |G : M| [\chi, \chi]$ and $[\chi_M, \chi_M] = |G : M| [\chi, \chi]$ iff $\chi(g) = 0 \forall g \in G \setminus M$.

Proof: Consider:

$|M| [\chi_M, \chi_M] = \sum_{m \in M} |\chi(m)|^2 \leq \sum_{g \in G} |\chi(g)|^2 = |G| [\chi, \chi]$, where $|\chi(g)|^2 \geq 0$, for $g \in G \setminus M$. Now, if $\chi(g) = 0 \forall g \in G \setminus M$. Then, $\sum_{g \in G} |\chi(g)|^2 = 0$. Also, since a perfect square is non-negative, this forces $\sum_{m \in M} |\chi(m)|^2 = 0 \Rightarrow [\chi_M, \chi_M] = |G : M| [\chi, \chi]$ iff $\chi(g) = 0$. \square

Lemma E: Let $\chi \in Irr(G)$ and let c be a linear character of G with $c^n = 1_G$. Then, $V_n(c\chi) = V_n(c\chi)$.

Proof: Since $\chi \in Irr(G)$ and c is linear in G with $c^n = 1_G$, then $c\chi \in Irr(G)$. Thus,

$$V_n(c\chi) = \left(\frac{1}{|G|}\right) \sum_{g \in G} (c\chi)(g^n) = \left(\frac{1}{|G|}\right) \sum_g c(g^n)\chi(g^n) = \left(\frac{1}{|G|}\right) \sum \chi(g^n) = V_n(\chi)$$

Note that : $c(g^n) = c(g)^n = c^n(g) = 1$. \square

Proof of Theorem C: Suppose that G is abelian, then, clearly, it must be cyclic. By induction on G . Suppose that G is not abelian. If $Z(G)$ is not cyclic, choose $H \subseteq Z(G)$, elementary abelian of order 4. Then, the set $\{y \in G \mid y^2 = 1\}$ is a union of cosets of H and hence $(k + 1)$ is a multiple of 4. $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$. Hence, $Z(G)$ is cyclic and so, G contains the unique minimal subgroup N of order 2. Now since $G' > 1$, then $N \subseteq G'$. Also, G/N is not cyclic since G is nonabelian. If G/N satisfies the hypothesis of the theorem, then $|G : G'| = |(G/N) : (G/N)'| = 4$, by induction. Now, assuming that the number of involutions in G/N is not $\equiv 1 \pmod{2^2}$, we have that:

$$\sum_{\chi \in Irr(G)} V_2(\chi)\chi(1) = k + 1 = 2 \pmod{2^2}$$

and

$$\sum_{\chi \in Irr(G): N \subseteq \ker \chi} V_2(\chi)\chi(1) \not\equiv 2 \pmod{2^2}$$

and so,

$$\sum_{\chi \in Irr(G): N \not\subseteq \ker \chi} V_2(\chi)\chi(1) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{2^2} \dots (*)$$

Suppose that \mathfrak{L} is a group of linear characters c of G which satisfies $c^2 = 1_G$.

Then, for $\chi \in Irr(G)$, we have that $c\chi \in Irr(G)$ and since $N \subseteq \ker(c\chi)$.

Hence, \mathfrak{Q} permutes $\{\chi \in Irr(G) \mid N \subseteq ker\chi\}$ and partitions this set into orbits \mathfrak{S}_i . By lemma E, $V_2(\chi)$ is constant on each orbit as is $\chi(1)$. Now, $|\mathfrak{S}|$ is a power of 2. From (*) $\exists \chi \in Irr(G) \ni$

$$(i) N \subseteq ker\chi$$

$$(ii) V_2(\chi) \neq 0,$$

$$(iii) \chi(1) \mid |\mathfrak{S}| \leq 2.$$

Taking \mathfrak{S} as the orbit containing χ . Now, since $N \not\subseteq ker\chi$, we have that $ker\chi = 1$. G is not abelian, thus $\chi(1) > 1$ and thus, $\chi(1) = 2$, and $|\mathfrak{S}| = 1$. This implies that $c\chi = \chi, \forall c \in \mathfrak{Q}$. Let $T = \Phi(G)$, the Frattini subgroup. Suppose that $g \in G \setminus T$. Then *exists* $c \in \mathfrak{Q}$ for which $c(g) \neq 1$ and we have that $\chi(g) = 0$. By lemma D, we have that $|G : T| = [\chi_T, \chi_T] \leq \chi(1)^2 = 2^2$. Observe that G is noncyclic; $|G, T| \geq 4$, and so, $4 = \chi(1)^2 = [\chi_Q, \chi_Q] = [G, T]$ Thus, we must have $\chi_T = 2\varphi$, where φ is a faithful linear character of T . Now since $V_2(\chi) \neq 0, \chi \in \mathbb{R}$. Hence, φ is also real. Thus, $|Q| \leq 2 \Rightarrow |G| \leq 2^3$ and so $G \cong D_{2^3}$ or Q_{2^3} . In either case, $|G, G'| = 2^2$. \square

Applying theorem C, we have that if \mathfrak{B} is the set of the elements of group $G \ni \mathfrak{B} = \{b \mid b \equiv 1 \pmod{p^a}\}$, then $|\mathfrak{B}| \equiv 1 \pmod{p^a}, a \in \mathbb{N}$.

Remark: Theorem (O. Taussky)(see [6]). The only nonabelian 2-groups G for which $|G, G'| = 2^2$ are the dihedral, semidihedral, and generalized quaternion groups, where the number of involutions is congruent to 1 modulo 4.

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