

THE DETERMINATION OF THE NUMBER OF DISTINCT FUZZY SUBGROUPS
OF GROUP $Z_{p_1 \times p_2 \times \dots \times p_n}$ AND THE DIHEDRAL GROUP $D_{2 \times p_1 \times p_2 \times \dots \times p_n}$

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we use the natural equivalence of fuzzy subgroups studied by Iranmanesh and Naraghi [3] to determine the number of distinct fuzzy subgroups of some finite groups. We focus on the determination of the number of distinct fuzzy subgroups of group $Z_{p_1 \times p_2 \times \dots \times p_n}$ and the dihedral group $D_{2 \times p_1 \times p_2 \times \dots \times p_n}$ using this equivalence relation.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Zadeh introduced the notion of fuzzy sets and fuzzy set operations, in his classic paper [15] of 1965. In an analogous application with groups, Rosenfeld [13] formulated the elements of a theory of fuzzy groups. One of the most important problems of fuzzy group theory is to classify the fuzzy subgroups of a finite group. This topic has enjoyed a rapid evolution in the last years. Many papers have treated the particular case of finite cyclic groups. Thus, in [8] the number of distinct fuzzy subgroups of a finite cyclic group of square-free order is determined, while [11, 12, 14] deal with this number for cyclic groups of order $p^n q^m$ (p, q primes). In the present paper we establish the recurrence relation verified by the number of distinct fuzzy subgroups of group $Z_{p_1 \times p_2 \times \dots \times p_n}$ and the dihedral group $D_{2 \times p_1 \times p_2 \times \dots \times p_n}$ such that p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n are distinct primes.

2. PRELIMINARIES

First of all, we present some basic notions and results of fuzzy sub group theory (for more details, see [4, 7, and 3]).

The dihedral group of order $2n$, for $n \geq 2$, denoted by D_{2n} . A fuzzy sub set of a set X is a mapping $\mu: X \rightarrow [0,1]$. Fuzzy subset μ of a group G is called a fuzzy subgroup of G if:

$$(G_1) \mu(xy) \geq \mu(x) \wedge \mu(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in G;$$

$$(G_2) \mu(x^{-1}) \geq \mu(x) \text{ for all } x \in G$$

The set of all fuzzy subgroup of a group G is denoted by $F(G)$.

Definition 2.1: Let G be a group and $\mu \in F(G)$. The set of $\{x \in G \mid \mu(x) > 0\}$ is called the support of μ and denoted by $\text{supp } \mu$.

Let G be a group and $\mu \in F(G)$. We shall write $\text{Im } \mu$ for the image set of μ and $F \mu$ for the family $\{\mu_t \mid t \in \text{Im } \mu\}$.

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Theorem 2.2: Let G be a fuzzy group. If μ is a fuzzy subset of G , then $\mu \in F(G)$ if and only if for all $\mu_i \in F_\mu$, μ_i is a subgroup of G .

Let $F_1(G)$ be the set of all fuzzy subgroups μ of G such that $\mu(e) = 1$, and let \sim_R be an equivalence relation on $F_1(G)$. We denote the set $\{\nu \in F_1(G) \mid \nu \sim_R \mu\}$ by $\frac{\mu}{\sim_R}$ and the set $\left\{ \frac{\mu}{\sim_R} \mid \mu \in F_1(G) \right\}$ by $\frac{F_1(G)}{\sim_R}$.

Definition 2.3: Let G be a group, and $\mu, \nu \in F_1(G)$. μ is equivalent to ν , written as $\mu \sim \nu$ if

- (1) $\mu(x) > \mu(y) \Leftrightarrow \nu(x) > \nu(y)$ for all $x, y \in G$.
- (2) $\mu(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \nu(x) = 0$ for all $x \in G$.

The number of the equivalence classes \sim on $F_1(G)$ is denoted by $s(G)$. We mean the number of distinct fuzzy subgroups of G is $s(G)$.

Theorem 2.4: Let G be a finite group. The number of distinct fuzzy subgroups of G such that their support is exactly equal to G is $\frac{s(G)+1}{2}$.

Let G be a finite group. The number of distinct fuzzy subgroups of G such that their support is exactly equal to G is denoted by $s^*(G)$.

Theorem 2.5: [3] Let G be a finite group. Then the number of distinct fuzzy subgroups of G such that their support is exactly a subgroup of G is $\frac{s(G)-1}{2}$.

Theorem 2.6: [3] Let G be a finite group and H be a subgroup of G . Then the number of distinct fuzzy subgroups of G such that their support is exactly equal to H is $\frac{s(H)+1}{2}$.

Corollary 2.7: [3] Let G be a finite group and H be a subgroup of G . Then the number of distinct fuzzy subgroups of G such that their support is exactly a subgroup of H is $\frac{s(H)-1}{2}$.

Proposition 2.8: [6] Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then there are $2^{n+1} - 1$ distinct equivalence classes of fuzzy subgroups of Z_{p^n} .

3. THE NUMBER OF THE DISTINCT FUZZY SUBGROUPS OF THE ABELIAN GROUP $Z_{p_1 \times p_2 \times \dots \times p_n}$

In this section, we characterize fuzzy subgroups of the abelian group $Z_{p_1 \times p_2 \times \dots \times p_n}$ such that p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n are distinct primes numbers ($n > 1$).

Proposition 3.1: Suppose that p and q are distinct primes. Then there are 11 distinct equivalence classes of fuzzy subgroups of Z_{pq} .

Proof: See Theorem 8.2.4 of [6].

Proposition 3.2: Suppose that p, q and r are distinct primes. Then there are 51 distinct equivalence classes of fuzzy subgroups of Z_{pqr} .

Proof: We know that Z_{pqr} has the following maximal chains:

$$\begin{aligned} & Z_{pqr} \supset Z_{pq} \supset Z_p \supset \{0\}, Z_{pqr} \supset Z_{pq} \supset Z_q \supset \{0\}, Z_{pqr} \supset Z_{pr} \supset Z_p \supset \{0\}, \\ & Z_{pqr} \supset Z_{pr} \supset Z_r \supset \{0\}, Z_{pqr} \supset Z_{qr} \supset Z_q \supset \{0\} \text{ and } Z_{pqr} \supset Z_{qr} \supset Z_r \supset \{0\}. \end{aligned}$$

All of subgroups of the group Z_{pqr} are $Z_{pq}, Z_{pr}, Z_{qr}, Z_p, Z_q, Z_r$ and $\{0\}$. Thus

$$\frac{s(G)-1}{2} = s^*(\{0\}) + s^*(Z_{pq}) + s^*(Z_{pr}) + s^*(Z_{qr}) + s^*(Z_p) + s^*(Z_q) + s^*(Z_r),$$

therefore

$$\frac{s(G)-1}{2} = 1 + 3s^*(Z_{pq}) + 3s^*(Z_p) = 1 + 3(6) + 3(2) = 2.$$

Hence

$$s(G) = 51.$$

Theorem 3.3: Suppose that p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n are distinct primes. If $G = Z_{p_1 \times p_2 \times \dots \times p_n}$ and $n > 1$, then

$$s(G) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} s(Z_{\prod_{j=1}^i p_j}) + 2^n + 1.$$

Proof: Denote $\prod_k = \{p_{i_1} \times \dots \times p_{i_k} \mid i_1, \dots, i_k \in \{1, \dots, n\}, i_1 < \dots < i_k\}$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$. We know that $G = Z_{p_1 \times p_2 \times \dots \times p_n}$ has the following maximal chains each of which can be identified with the chain $Z_{\pi_n} \supset Z_{\pi_{n-1}} \supset \dots \supset Z_{\pi_1} \supset \{0\}$ such

that $\pi_i \in \Pi_i$, for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. For all $i = 1, \dots, n$, $\binom{n}{i} = \frac{n!}{i!(n-i)!}$ is the number of subgroups of the group G

as Z_{π_i} . Therefore by theorem 2.5, $\frac{s(G)-1}{2} = s^*(\{0\}) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} s^*(Z_{\pi_i})$ and hence $s(G) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} s^*(Z_{\pi_i}) + 3$. By

theorem 2.4, $s(G) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} s(Z_{\pi_i}) + 2^n + 1$.

4. THE NUMBER OF DISTINCT FUZZY SUBGROUPS OF THE DIHEDRAL GROUP $D_{2 \times p_1 \times p_2 \times \dots \times p_n}$

In this section, we determine the number of distinct fuzzy subgroups of the dihedral group $D_{2 \times p_1 \times p_2 \times \dots \times p_n}$ such that p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n are odd distinct primes.

Theorem 4.1: Suppose that p is a prime and $p \geq 3$. If G is the dihedral group of order $2p$, then $s(G) = 4p + 7$.

Proof: We know that D_{2p} has the following maximal chains:

$D_{2p} \supset Z_p \supset \{0\}$ and $D_{2p} \supset Z_2 \supset \{0\}$ whose the number is p . Now 2 is the number of distinct fuzzy subgroups whose support is Z_p , $2^1 p$ is the number of distinct fuzzy subgroups whose support is Z_2 , and 2^0 is the number of fuzzy

subgroups whose support is $\{0\}$. Thus $\frac{s(G)-1}{2} = 2p + 2 + 1$, therefore $s(G) = 4p + 7$.

Theorem 4.2: Suppose that p and q are odd distinct primes. If G is the dihedral group of order $2pq$, then $s(G) = 12pq + 8(p+q) + 23$.

Proof: We know that D_{2pq} has the following maximal chains:

$D_{2pq} \supset D_{2p} \supset Z_2 \supset \{0\}$, $D_{2pq} \supset D_{2p} \supset Z_p \supset \{0\}$, $D_{2pq} \supset D_{2q} \supset Z_2 \supset \{0\}$, $D_{2pq} \supset D_{2q} \supset Z_q \supset \{0\}$,
 $D_{2pq} \supset D_{pq} \supset Z_p \supset \{0\}$, $D_{2pq} \supset D_{pq} \supset Z_q \supset \{0\}$. Clearly, pq is the number of the subgroups Z_2 of the dihedral group D_{2pq} , q is the number of the subgroups D_{2p} and p is the number of the subgroups D_{2q} of the dihedral group D_{2pq} and the dihedral group D_{2pq} has just one subgroup as Z_{qp}, Z_q, Z_p . So that

$$\frac{s(G)-1}{2} = s^*(\{0\}) + pqs^*(Z_2) + qs^*(D_{2p}) + ps^*(D_{2q}) + s^*(Z_{pq}) + s^*(Z_p) + s^*(Z_q).$$

Thus

$$\frac{s(G)-1}{2} = 1 + 2pq + q(2p+4) + p(2q+4) + 6 + 2 + 2,$$

therefore

$$s(G) = 12pq + 8(p+q) + 23.$$

Table 1: The number of distinct fuzzy subgroups of dihedral group D_{2pq} for some selected primes.

$G = D_{2pq}$	$s(G)$
$p = 3, q = 5$	267
$p = 3, q = 7$	355
$p = 3, q = 11$	531
$p = 3, q = 13$	619
$p = 13, q = 17$	2915

Theorem 4.3: Suppose that p, q and r are odd distinct primes. If G is the dihedral group of order $2pqr$, then $s(G) = 52pqr + 24(pq + pr + qr) + 24(p + q + r) + 103$.

Proof: We have

$$D_{2n} = \langle x, y \mid x^n = y^2 = 1, yxy = x^{-1} \rangle.$$

It is well Known that for every divisor r of n , D_{2n} possesses a subgroup isomorphic to Z_r , namely $H_0^r = \langle x^{\frac{n}{r}} \rangle$ and $\frac{n}{r}$ subgroups isomorphic to D_{2r} , namely $H_i^r = \langle x^{\frac{n}{r}}, x^{i-1}y \rangle, i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{r}$. We know that D_{2pqr} has the following maximal chains each of which can be identified with the Chain,

$$\begin{aligned} &D_{2pqr} \supset D_{2pq} \supset D_{2p} \supset Z_p \supset \{0\}, D_{2pqr} \supset D_{2pq} \supset D_{2q} \supset Z_q \supset \{0\}, D_{2pqr} \supset D_{2pr} \supset D_{2p} \supset Z_p \supset \{0\}, \\ &D_{2pqr} \supset D_{2pr} \supset D_{2r} \supset Z_r \supset \{0\}, D_{2pqr} \supset D_{2qr} \supset D_{2q} \supset Z_q \supset \{0\}, D_{2pqr} \supset D_{2qr} \supset D_{2r} \supset Z_r \supset \{0\}, \\ &D_{2pqr} \supset D_{2pq} \supset D_{2p} \supset Z_2 \supset \{0\}, D_{2pqr} \supset D_{2pq} \supset D_{2q} \supset Z_2 \supset \{0\}, D_{2pqr} \supset D_{2pr} \supset D_{2p} \supset Z_2 \supset \{0\}, \\ &D_{2pqr} \supset D_{2pr} \supset D_{2r} \supset Z_2 \supset \{0\}, D_{2pqr} \supset D_{2qr} \supset D_{2q} \supset Z_2 \supset \{0\}, D_{2pqr} \supset D_{2qr} \supset D_{2r} \supset Z_2 \supset \{0\}, \\ &D_{2pqr} \supset Z_{pqr} \supset Z_{pq} \supset Z_p \supset \{0\}, D_{2pqr} \supset Z_{pqr} \supset Z_{pq} \supset Z_q \supset \{0\}, D_{2pqr} \supset Z_{pqr} \supset Z_{pr} \supset Z_p \supset \{0\}, \\ &D_{2pqr} \supset Z_{pqr} \supset Z_{pr} \supset Z_r \supset \{0\}, D_{2pqr} \supset Z_{pqr} \supset Z_{rq} \supset Z_q \supset \{0\} \text{ and } D_{2pqr} \supset Z_{pqr} \supset Z_{rq} \supset Z_r \supset \{0\}. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, pqr is the number of subgroups Z_2 of the dihedral group D_{2pqr} , qr is the number of the subgroups D_{2p} , pr is the number of the subgroups D_{2q} , pq is the number of the subgroups D_{2r} and p is the number of the subgroups D_{2qr} , q is the number of the subgroups D_{2pr} and r is the number of the subgroups D_{2pq} of the dihedral group D_{2pqr} and the dihedral group D_{2pqr} has just one subgroup as $Z_{pqr}, Z_{pq}, Z_{pr}, Z_{qr}, Z_q, Z_p, Z_r$. So that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{s(G)-1}{2} &= s^*(\{0\}) + p \cdot s^*(Z_2) + s^*(Z_p) + s^*(Z_q) + s^*(Z_r) + s^*(Z_{pq}) + s^*(Z_{pr}) + s^*(Z_{qr}) + s^*(Z_{pqr}) \\ &\quad + qrs^*(D_{2p}) + prs^*(D_{2q}) + pqs^*(D_{2r}) + ps^*(D_{2qr}) + qs^*(D_{2pr}) + rs^*(D_{2pq}), \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{s(G)-1}{2} &= 1 + 2pqr + 3(2Z_p) + 3(6) + 26 + qr(2p+4) + pr(2q+4) + pq(2r+4) \\ &\quad + p \frac{(12qr + 8(q+r) + 24)}{2} + q \frac{(12pr + 8(p+r) + 24)}{2} + r \frac{(12pq + 8(p+q) + 24)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$s(G) = 52pqr + 24(pq + pr + qr) + 24(p + q + r) + 103.$$

Table 2: The number of distinct fuzzy subgroups the dihedral group D_{2pqr} for some selected primes.

$G = D_{2pqr}$	$s(G)$
$p = 3, q = 5, r = 7$	7627
$p = 3, q = 7, r = 11$	15763
$p = 5, q = 7, r = 13$	28947
$p = 7, q = 13, r = 17$	91779
$p = 13, q = 17, r = 19$	238611

Theorem 4.4: Suppose that p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n are odd distinct primes and $P = 2 \times p_1 \times p_2 \times \dots \times p_n$. If $G = D_p$ and $n > 1$, then

$$s(G) = 2P + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} s(Z_{\prod_{j=1}^i p_j}) + \frac{P}{2} \sum_{t|P, 2 < t < P} s(D_{2t}) + \frac{P}{2} (2^{n+1} - 3) + 2^n + 2.$$

Proof: We have

$$D_{2n} = \langle x, y \mid x^n = y^2 = 1, yxy = x^{-1} \rangle.$$

It is well known that for every divisor r of n , D_{2n} possesses a sub group isomorphic to Z_r , namely $H_0^r = \langle x^{\frac{n}{r}} \rangle$ and $\frac{n}{r}$ subgroups isomorphic to D_{2r} , namely $H_i^r = \langle x^{\frac{n}{r}}, x^{i-1}y \rangle, i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{r}$. Let

$$\Pi_k = \{p_{i_1} \times \dots \times p_{i_k} \mid i_1, \dots, i_k \in \{1, \dots, n\}, i_1 < \dots < i_k\}, k = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

We know that $G = D_p$ has the following maximal chains each be identified with the chain

$$\begin{aligned} D_{2\pi_n} &\supset D_{2\pi_{n-1}} \supset \dots \supset D_{2\pi_1} \supset Z_{\pi_1} \supset \{0\}, \\ D_{2\pi_n} &\supset Z_{\pi_n} \supset Z_{\pi_{n-1}} \supset \dots \supset Z_{\pi_1} \supset \{0\}, \\ D_{2\pi_n} &\supset D_{2\pi_{n-1}} \supset \dots \supset D_{2\pi_1} \supset Z_2 \supset \{0\}, \end{aligned}$$

such that $\pi_i \in \Pi_i$ for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. Now $\frac{P}{2}$ is the number of subgroups of the group G as Z_2 , and for all $i = 1, \dots, n$, $\binom{n}{i} = \frac{n!}{i!(n-i)!}$ is the number of subgroups of the group G as Z_{π_i} . Also $\frac{P}{2t}$ is the number of subgroups of the group G as D_{2t} , for every divisor t of $\frac{P}{2}$. Therefore by theorem 2.5,

$$\frac{s(G)-1}{2} = s^*(\{0\}) + \frac{P}{2} s^*(Z_2) + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} s^*(Z_{\pi_i}) + \sum_{t|P, 2 < t < P} \frac{P}{2t} s^*(D_{2t}),$$

Then

$$s(G) = 2P + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} s^*(Z_{\pi_i}) + P \sum_{t|P, 2 < t < P} s(D_{2t}) + \frac{P}{t} s^*(D_{2t}) + 3,$$

Thus

$$s(G) = 2P + \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} s(Z_{\pi_i}) + \frac{P}{2} \sum_{t|P, 2 < t < P} \frac{s(D_{2t})+1}{t} + 2^n + 2.$$

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