

**ON THE ANALYSIS OF THE COSETS OF  $T = E : GL_n(p)$ ,  $p$  PRIME.**

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The main purpose of this paper is to study some properties of the cosets of the semidirect product  $E : GL_n(p)$ , where  $E$  is an elementary abelian normal subgroup of order  $p^n$  and  $\Gamma/E$  is isomorphic to the general linear group  $GL_n(p)$ . These properties are of great importance for the construction of the conjugacy classes of  $T$ .

**1. The matrix form of  $T$**

The elementary abelian group  $E$  can be regarded as an  $n$ -dimensional vector space over  $GF(p)$ . Let  $A \in GL_n(p)$  be a representative of the conjugacy class  $cl(p)$  of  $GL_n(p)$ .

The action of  $GL_n(p)$  on  $E$

$$A(e) = e^A = A^{-1} e A \text{ for } A \in GL_n(p) \text{ and } e \in E$$

can be identified with

$$\underline{v} \xrightarrow{A} \underline{v} A$$

where  $\underline{v}$  is an  $n$ -tuple which corresponds to  $e$  w.r.t. the standard basis  $B = \{(1, 0, 0, \dots, 0), (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0), \dots, (0, 0, \dots, 1)\}$ . And the element  $Ae \in \Gamma$  can be represented by the  $(n + 1) \times (n + 1)$  matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{v} \\ \hline 0 & A \\ 0 & \\ \vdots & \\ 0 & \end{array} \right]$$

because if  $A_1, A_2$  are two elements of  $GL_n(p)$  and  $\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2$  are the two  $n$ -tuples which corresponds to  $e_1, e_2 \in E$  respectively, we have

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{v}_1 \\ \hline 0 & A_1 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{v}_2 \\ \hline 0 & A_2 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{v}_1 A_2 + \underline{v}_2 \\ \hline 0 & A_1 A_2 \end{array} \right]$$

which corresponds to

$$(A_1, e_1)(A_2, e_2) = (A_1 A_2, e^{A_2} + e_2). \quad (1.1)$$

## 2. Analysis of the cosets of $\Gamma$

The map  $\Phi: \Gamma \longrightarrow GL_n(p)$  defined by  $\Phi \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & v \\ 0 & A \end{array} \right] = A \in GL_n(p)$  is a homomorphism, this is clear from (1.1).

**Lemma.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  denote the stabilizer in  $\Gamma$  of  $\Phi^{-1}(A)$  and  $\varepsilon$  denote the stabilizer in  $E$  of  $h$  in  $\Phi^{-1}(A)$ , then  $|\Theta(h)| = \frac{p^n}{|\varepsilon|}$  where  $\Theta(h)$  is the orbit of  $\Phi^{-1}(A)$  corresponding to  $h$  under the action of  $E$  on  $\Phi^{-1}(A)$ .

**Proof.** It is clear that  $E$  is a normal subgroup of  $\mathcal{F}$ , let  $T = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & v \\ 0 & B \end{array} \right] \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $h = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & u \\ 0 & A \end{array} \right]$  then

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi \left( \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -vB^{-1} \\ 0 & B^{-1} \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & u \\ 0 & A \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & v \\ 0 & B \end{array} \right] \right) = \\ & = \Phi \left( \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -vB^{-1}AB + uB + v \\ 0 & B^{-1}AB \end{array} \right] \right) = \Phi \left( \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -vA^B + uB + v \\ 0 & A^B \end{array} \right] \right) = \\ & = \Phi \left( \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -vA + uB + v \\ 0 & A \end{array} \right] \right) = A \end{aligned}$$

this means that  $\mathcal{F}/\varepsilon$  is isomorphic to the centralizer of  $A$  in  $GL_n(p)$  i.e.  $\mathcal{F} = E \cdot C_{GL_n(p)}(A)$  where  $E \cdot C_{GL_n(p)}(A)$  is the nonsplit extension of  $E$  by the centralizer of  $A$  in  $GL_n(p)$ . Also the orbits of  $E$  on  $\Phi^{-1}(A)$  all have the same length, for let  $w \in \varepsilon$  then

$$\begin{aligned} -w \left( u^* \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -u \\ 0 & A \end{array} \right] \right) (w) &= \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & (-w + u^* + w)A + u \\ 0 & A \end{array} \right] = \\ &= \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & (-w + u^* + w)A + (-w + w)A + u \\ 0 & A \end{array} \right] = \\ &= \left( -w \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & u^* \\ 0 & A \end{array} \right] w \right) \left( -w \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & u \\ 0 & A \end{array} \right] w \right) = u^* \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & u \\ 0 & A \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

so  $\varepsilon$  is the stabilizer in  $E$  of  $u^* \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & u \\ 0 & A \end{array} \right] \in \Phi^{-1}(A)$  and hence  $|\Theta(h)| = \frac{p^n}{|\varepsilon|}$ .

**Remark 1.** Assume that  $|\varepsilon| = p^r$  where  $r$  divides  $n$ . Let  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_{p^r}$  be the orbits of  $E$  on  $\Phi^{-1}(A)$  and  $\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2, \dots, \Sigma_q$  be the orbits of  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\Phi^{-1}(A)$ . Then

each  $\Sigma_i$  is an orbit of  $E$  or is a union of some orbits of  $E$ . Also the orbits  $\theta_i \subseteq \Sigma_i$  are blocks of primitivity of  $\mathcal{F}$ , see [3].

If  $\sigma \in \Sigma_i$  then  $|C_\Gamma(\sigma)| = \frac{|\mathcal{F}|}{|\Sigma_i|}$  and since  $\Gamma \setminus E \approx \mathcal{F}$ , the extension of  $E$  by  $\Gamma$ , then  $|C_\Gamma(\sigma)| = \frac{p^n}{d_i p^{n-r}} \left| \begin{array}{c} C(A) \\ GL_n(p) \end{array} \right| = \frac{p^r}{d_i} \left| \begin{array}{c} C(A) \\ GL_n(p) \end{array} \right|$  where  $d_i$  is the number of distinct orbits of  $E$  contained in  $\Sigma_i$ .

**Lemma.** Let  $A \in GL_n(p)$  then

(i)  $A$  determines a homomorphism  $A : E \longrightarrow E$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} A(\underline{e}) &= \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} v \\ A \end{array} \right] = \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} v \\ A \end{array} \right] (\underline{e}) = \\ &= \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} v \\ A \end{array} \right] \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} -v A^{-1} \\ A^{-1} \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

where  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} v \\ A \end{array} \right]$  is a coset representative in  $\Gamma$ .

(ii) If  $\beta \in \mathcal{F}$ , then the action of  $\beta$  on  $E$  commutes with this homomorphism.

**Proof.** (i) The above map is well defined i.e. it is independent of the choice of the coset representative  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} v \\ A \end{array} \right]$  for let  $\underline{e}^* \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} v \\ A \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} e^* A + v \\ A \end{array} \right]$  be another representative of the same coset, then

$$\begin{aligned} A(\underline{e}) &= \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} e^* A + v \\ A \end{array} \right] = \\ &= \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} e^* A + v \\ A \end{array} \right] (\underline{e}) = \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} e^* A + v \\ A \end{array} \right] \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} -v A^{-1} \\ A^{-1} \end{array} \right] (-\underline{e}^*) = \\ &= \underline{e} \underline{e}^* \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} v \\ A \end{array} \right] \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} -e^* A^{-1} \\ A \end{array} \right] [-\underline{e}^*] = \\ &= \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} v \\ A \end{array} \right] \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} e^* A^{-1} - v A^{-1} - e^* A^{-1} \\ A^{-1} \end{array} \right] = \\ &= \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} v \\ A \end{array} \right] \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} -v A^{-1} \\ A^{-1} \end{array} \right] = \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} v \\ A \end{array} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

To prove that  $A : E \rightarrow E$  is a homomorphism, let  $\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2$  be two elements in  $E$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(\underline{e}_1 \underline{e}_2) &= (\underline{e}_1 \underline{e}_2) \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{v} \\ \hline 0 & A \end{array} \right] = \\
 &= (\underline{e}_1 \underline{e}_2) \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{v} \\ \hline 0 & A \end{array} \right] (\underline{e}_1 \underline{e}_2) = \\
 &= \underline{e}_1 \underline{e}_2 \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{v} \\ \hline 0 & A \end{array} \right] \underline{e}_1 \underline{e}_2 \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -\underline{v} A^{-1} \\ \hline 0 & A^{-1} \end{array} \right] = \\
 &= \underline{e}_1 \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{v} \\ \hline 0 & A \end{array} \right] \underline{e}_1 \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -\underline{v} A^{-1} \\ \hline 0 & A^{-1} \end{array} \right] = \\
 &= \underline{e}_1 \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{v} \\ \hline 0 & A \end{array} \right] \underline{e}_1 \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -\underline{v} A^{-1} \\ \hline 0 & A^{-1} \end{array} \right] \underline{e}_2 \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{v} \\ \hline 0 & A \end{array} \right] \underline{e}_2 \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -\underline{v} A^{-1} \\ \hline 0 & A^{-1} \end{array} \right] = \\
 &= \underline{e}_1 \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{v} \\ \hline 0 & A \end{array} \right] (\underline{e}_1) \cdot \underline{e}_2 \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{v} \\ \hline 0 & A \end{array} \right] (\underline{e}_2) = \\
 &= \underline{e}_1 \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{v} \\ \hline 0 & A \end{array} \right] \underline{e}_2 \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{v} \\ \hline 0 & A \end{array} \right] = A(\underline{e}_1) A(\underline{e}_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Let  $\beta = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{u} \\ \hline 0 & B \end{array} \right] \in \mathcal{F}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left( \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{u} \\ \hline 0 & B \end{array} \right] \left( \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{v} \\ \hline 0 & A \end{array} \right] (\underline{e}) \right) \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -\underline{u} B^{-1} \\ \hline 0 & B^{-1} \end{array} \right] = \right. \\
 &= \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{u} \\ \hline 0 & B \end{array} \right] \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{v} \\ \hline 0 & A \end{array} \right] \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -\underline{v} A^{-1} \\ \hline 0 & A^{-1} \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -\underline{u} B^{-1} \\ \hline 0 & B^{-1} \end{array} \right] = \\
 &= \left( \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{u} \\ \hline 0 & B \end{array} \right] \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -\underline{u} B^{-1} \\ \hline 0 & B^{-1} \end{array} \right] \right) \cdot \\
 &\left( \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{u} \\ \hline 0 & B \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{v} \\ \hline 0 & A \end{array} \right] \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -\underline{v} A^{-1} \\ \hline 0 & A^{-1} \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -\underline{u} B^{-1} \\ \hline 0 & B^{-1} \end{array} \right] \right) = \\
 &= \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{u} \\ \hline 0 & B \end{array} \right] \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -\underline{u} B^{-1} \\ \hline 0 & B^{-1} \end{array} \right] \underline{e}^* \cdot \\
 &\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{v} \\ \hline 0 & A \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & \underline{u} \\ \hline 0 & B \end{array} \right] \underline{e} \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -\underline{u} B^{-1} \\ \hline 0 & B^{-1} \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -\underline{v} A^{-1} \\ \hline 0 & A^{-1} \end{array} \right] [-\underline{e}^*] =
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & u \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix} e \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -u B^{-1} \\ 0 & B^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & v \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & u \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -u B^{-1} \\ 0 & B^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -u A^{-1} \\ 0 & A^{-1} \end{bmatrix} e \\ &= e^\beta \begin{bmatrix} 1 & v \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix} (e^\beta) \end{aligned}$$

where  $e^\beta = \beta e \beta^{-1} \dots \dots \dots (1)$ , and

$$e^* \begin{bmatrix} 1 & v \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & u \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & v \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -u B^{-1} \\ 0 & B^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Remark 2.** From (1) we can see that  $\mathcal{F}$  normalizes  $\epsilon^*$  and  $I$  where  $\epsilon^* = \left\{ e \in E : \begin{bmatrix} 1 & v + e A \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix} \right\} = e$  which is the stabilizer in  $E$  of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & v \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix}$  and  $I = \{A(e) : e \in E\}$ . Also

$$\begin{aligned} &e_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & v \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix} (e_1) \cdot e_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & v \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= e_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & v \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix} e_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -v A^{-1} \\ 0 & A^{-1} \end{bmatrix} e \begin{bmatrix} 1 & v \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= e_1 e_2 e \begin{bmatrix} 1 & v \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix} = e' \begin{bmatrix} 1 & v \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So the orbits of  $I$  under multiplication are the blocks of the cosets.

**Remark 3.** Let  $r_1 \leq r_2 \leq \dots \leq r_q$ , where  $r_i$  is the number of blocks in  $\Sigma_i$ . If  $r_i = 1$  then  $\Gamma$  has a class with centralizer  $\epsilon^* \cdot C_{GL_n(p)}(A)$ , where  $\epsilon^* \cdot C_{GL_n(p)}(A)$  is the extension of  $C_{GL_n(p)}(A)$  by  $\epsilon^*$ . The action of  $\mathcal{F}$  on the blocks is isomorphic to the group action  $\epsilon^* : C_{GL_n(p)}(A)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & u \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix} \in \epsilon^* \cdot C_{GL_n(p)}(A)$  then

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & u \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix} \left( e \begin{bmatrix} 1 & v \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & u \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix} (e) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & v \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix},$$

the block-orbits correspond to the action of  $\epsilon^* \cdot C_{GL_n(p)}(A)$  on  $E/I$  of order  $p^r$  with  $\{0\}$  corresponding to  $\Sigma_i$ .

Hence each class of  $\Gamma$  in the coset of  $A$  corresponds to an orbit of  $C_{GL_n(p)}(A)$  on the group  $E/I$ .

N. B. The conjugacy classes of  $\Gamma$  were studied in detail in [2], and the above results can abbreviate a lot of computations carried out in [1] and in [2].

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#### Ö Z E T

Bu çalışmada,  $E$  mertebesi  $P^n$  olan bir elemanter abelyen normal alt grup ve  $T/E$  genel lineer grup  $GL_n(p)$  ye izomorf olmak üzere,  $E:GL_n(p)$  yarı direkt çarpımının kalan sınıflarının bazı özellikleri incelenmektedir.