

2'-R GROUPS WITH EVEN CHARACTERS

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Summary : In this note we shall study the structure of the groups all whose irreducible characters are rational valued on the 2-regular elements and all whose nonlinear irreducible characters have even degrees.

ÇİFT KARAKTERLİ 2'-R GRUPLAR

Özet : Bu çalışmada, 2-regüler elemanlar üzerinde bütün indirgenemez karakterleri rasyonel değerli olan ve lineer olmayan bütün indirgenemez karakterleri çift dereceli olan grupların yapısı incelenmektedir.

The notations and terminology are standard (see [2, 3]). All groups will be finite.

Definition. A 2'-r group is a finite group all whose characters are rational valued on the 2-regular elements.

Proposition 1. A group G is a 2'-r group if and only if $N_G(\langle x \rangle)/C_G(x) \cong \text{Aut}(\langle x \rangle)$ for every 2-regular $x \in G$ (see [1]).

Theorem 2. Let G be a 2'-r group such that $2 \mid \chi(1)$ for every nonlinear $\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)$. Let $S \in \text{Syl}_2(G)$. Then G is a 2-nilpotent group, S is fusion free in G and $N_G(S) = S$.

Proof. Let $\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)$. Define $\det \chi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ as follows: Choose a representation X affording χ and set $(\det \chi)(x) = \det(X(x))$. Then $\det \chi$ is a linear character of G uniquely determined by χ . The order of $\det \chi$ as an element of the group of linear characters of G , denoted by $o(\chi) = |G : \ker(\det \chi)|$ is the determinantal order of χ (see [2]).

Let $O^2(G)$ be the unique minimal subgroup of G such that $G/O^2(G)$ is a 2-group. The group $G/O^2(G)$ is the 2-residual of G . Let $O^{2'}(G)$ be the unique minimal subgroup of G such that $|G/O^{2'}(G)|$ is odd.

Let $\text{Irr}_{2'}(G) = \{\chi \in \text{Irr}(G) \mid \chi(1) \text{ and } o(\chi) \text{ are odd}\}$ and $s(G) = \sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}_{2'}(G)} \chi(1)^2$. Let $K = O^2(G)$. We shall prove that K has odd order.

Clearly $O^2(K) = K$, hence $Irr(K) = Irr_2(K) \cup \{\tau \in Irr(K) \mid 2 \nmid \tau(1)\}$. Then $|K| = \sum_{\chi \in Irr(K)} \chi(1)^2 \equiv s(K) \pmod{2}$. By Proposition 1, $O^{2'}(G) = G$. Thus all $\chi \in Irr_2(G)$ are linear and $\ker \chi \supseteq O^{2'}(G) = G$. Therefore $|Irr_2(G)| = 1 = s(G)$.

G acts on $Irr_2(K)$ by $\chi^g(x) = \chi(g x g^{-1})$. Since $K = O^2(G)$ acts trivially on $Irr_2(K)$ and G/K is a 2-group, the resulting orbits are of 2-power size. Let I_0 be the G -invariant characters of $Irr_2(K)$. Then, $s(K) = \sum_{\chi \in I_0} \chi(1)^2 \pmod{2}$. Let $\chi \in I_0$. Since $(|G : K|, \chi(1)) = 1$, χ is extendible to G , hence $|Irr_2(G)| = |I_0| = 1$. It follows that $s(K) \equiv s(G) \pmod{2} \equiv |K|$ and hence $K = O^2(G)$ has odd order. Thus $O^2(G)$ is a normal 2-complement.

By Feit-Thompson Theorem (see [4]) $O^2(G)$ is solvable, hence G is solvable and by Gow's Theorem [1] $|G| = 2^a 3^b 5^c$.

Clearly $G/O^2(G) \cong S$, thus S is also a \mathbb{Q} -group. By Wielandt fusion theorem (see [4], p. 258) S is embedded without fusion in G .

We shall prove now by induction on the order of G that every odd order element of $N_G(S)$ is nonreal. Thus $N_G(S) = S$.

When $|G| = 1$ the statement is trivial. Let T be a minimal normal subgroup of G . Since G is solvable, T is an elementary abelian p -group, for a prime p . Let h be an odd order element of $N_G(S)$. If T does not contain h , the image of h in G/T is nonreal by induction, so h is nonreal. If T contains h , since T is elementary abelian p -group, then $[h, S] \subseteq T \cap S = 1$. It follows that $C_G(h)$ contains a Sylow 2-subgroup of G , hence the order of $N_G(\langle h \rangle)/C_G(h)$ is odd and h is nonreal.

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