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SOME NUMERICAL RESULTS ON TWO CLASSES OF FINITE GROUPS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we consider the finitely presented groups G_m and K(s, l) as follows;

 $G_m = \langle a, b | a^m = b^m = 1, \ [a, b]^a = [a, b], \ [a, b]^b = [a, b] \rangle$ $K(s, l) = \langle a, b | a b^s = b^l a, \ b a^s = a^l b \rangle;$

and find the n^{th} -commutativity degree for each of them. Also we study the concept of *n*-abelianity on these groups, where m, n, s and l are positive integers, $m, n \ge 2$ and g.c.d(s, l) = 1.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let G be a finite group. The n^{th} -commutativity degree of G, written $P_n(G)$, is defined as the ratio

$$\frac{\left|\{(x,y)\in G\times G|x^ny=yx^n\}\right|}{|G|^2}$$

The n^{th} -commutativity degree, first defined by Mohd. Ali and Sarmin [11]. In 1945, F. Levi introduced *n*-abelian groups [10]. For n > 1, a group *G* is called *n*-abelian if $(xy)^n = x^n y^n$ for all x and y in *G*. Abelian groups and groups of exponent dividing *n* are clearly *n*-abelian. Some other studies of this concept can be seen in [1, 2, 5]. In [9], the n^{th} -commutativity degree and *n*-abelianity of 2-generated *p*-groups of nilpotency class two have been studied. Through this paper, the standard notation $[a, b] = a^{-1}b^{-1}ab$ is used for the commutator of the

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elements a and b.

Here, we consider the following finitely presented groups:

$$G_m = \langle a, b | a^m = b^m = 1, \ [a, b]^a = [a, b], \ [a, b]^b = [a, b] \rangle, \ m \ge 2;$$

$$K(s, l) = \langle a, b | a b^s = b^l a, \ b a^s = a^l b \rangle, \ where \ g.c.d(s, l) = 1,$$

which are nilpotent groups of nilpotency class two.

In Section 2, we state some lemmas and theorems are needed in the proofs of main results. Section 3 is devoted to compute the n^{th} commutativity degree of G_m and K_m , where m = l - s + 1 and $K_m = K(1, m)$. The *n*-abelianity of these groups have been studied as well.

2. Preliminary

In this section, we state some lemmas and theorems which will be used in other sections. First, we state a lemma without proof that establishes some properties of groups of nilpotency class two.

Lemma 2.1. If G is a group and $G' \subseteq Z(G)$, then the following hold for every integer k and $u, v, w \in G$:

 $\begin{array}{l} (i) \ [uv,w] = [u,w][v,w] \ and \ [u,vw] = [u,v][u,w]; \\ (ii) \ [u^k,v] = [u,v^k] = [u,v]^k; \\ (iii) \ (uv)^k = u^k v^k [v,u]^{k(k-1)/2}. \end{array}$

The following lemma can be seen in [6].

Lemma 2.2. Let $G_m = \langle a, b | a^m = b^m = 1, [a, b]^a = [a, b], [a, b]^b = [a, b] \rangle$ where m > 2, then we have

(i) every element of G_m can be uniquely presented by $a^i b^j [a, b]^t$, where $1 \le i, j, t \le m$. (ii) $|G_m| = m^3$.

Now, we state some lemmas which can be found in [3, 4].

Lemma 2.3. The groups $K(s,l) = \langle a, b | ab^s = b^l a, ba^s = a^l b \rangle$, where q.c.d(s,l) = 1, have the following properties:

(i) $|K(s,l)| = |l-s|^3$, if g.c.d(s,l) = 1 and is infinite otherwise; (ii) if g.c.d(s,l) = 1, then $|a| = |b| = (l-s)^2$ and $a^{l-s} = b^{s-l}$.

Lemma 2.4. (i) For every $l \ge 3$, $K(s, l) \cong K(1, 2 - l)$. (ii) For every $l \ge 2$ and g.c.d(s, l) = 1, $K(s, s + l) \cong K(1, l + 1)$.

Lemma 2.5. Every element of K_m can be uniquely presented by $x = a^{\beta}b^{\gamma}a^{(m-1)\delta}$, where $1 \leq \beta, \gamma, \delta \leq m-1$.

Lemma 2.6. In K_m , $[a, b] = b^{m-1} \in Z(K_m)$.

Also we recall the following lemma of [8].

Lemma 2.7. For the integers α, β , $(0 \le \alpha \le \beta)$ and variables x, z and u, the number of solutions of the equation $p^{\alpha}x \equiv zu \pmod{p^{\beta}}$ is

$$p^{2\beta-1}((\alpha+1)p-\alpha)$$

Proposition 2.8. For the integer β and variables x, y, z and u, the number of solutions of the equation $xy \equiv zu \pmod{p^{\beta}}$ is

$$p^{2\beta-1}(p^{\beta+1}+p^{\beta}-1).$$

Proof. By Lemma 2.7, the number of solutions of $xy \equiv ij \pmod{p^{\beta}}$ is

$$\sum_{\alpha=0}^{\beta} \phi(p^{\beta-\alpha}) p^{2\beta-1}((\alpha+1)p-\alpha).$$

To complete the proof, we proceed as follows:

$$\sum_{\alpha=0}^{\beta} \phi(p^{\beta-\alpha}) p^{2\beta-1}((\alpha+1)p - \alpha)$$

$$= p^{2\beta-1}((\beta+1)p-\beta) + p^{3\beta-2}(p-1)\sum_{\alpha=0}^{\beta-1} \frac{(\alpha+1)p-\alpha}{p^{\alpha}}$$

$$= p^{2\beta-1}((\beta+1)p-\beta) + p^{3\beta-2}(p-1)(p+2\sum_{\alpha=0}^{\beta-1} \frac{1}{p^t} - \frac{\beta+1}{p^{\beta-1}})$$

$$= p^{3\beta} - p^{3\beta-1} + 2p^{2\beta-1}(p-1)\frac{p^{\beta}-1}{p-1} + p^{2\beta-1}$$

$$= p^{2\beta-1}(p^{\beta+1}+p^{\beta}-1).$$

Corollary 2.9. For the integer $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$ and variables x, y, zand u, the number of solutions of the equation $xy \equiv zu \pmod{n}$ is $\prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{2\alpha_i-1} (p_i^{\alpha_i+1} + p_i^{\alpha_i} - 1).$ **Corollary 2.10.** Let m, n be integers and x, y, z and u be variables where $1 \le x, z \le n$ and $1 \le y, u \le m$. Then the number of solutions of the equation $xy \equiv zu \pmod{d}$ is

$$\left(\frac{m}{d}\right)^{2}\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)^{2}\prod_{i=1}^{k}p_{i}^{2\alpha_{i}-1}\left(p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}+1}+p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}}-1\right)$$

where $d = g.c.d(m, n) = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} ... p_k^{\alpha_k}$.

3. The n^{th} -commutativity degree of G_m and K_m

In this section, by considering the groups G_m and K_m we get explicit formulas for their n^{th} -commutativity degrees. First, we prove the following proposition.

Proposition 3.1. For the integers $m, n \geq 2$;

(1) If
$$G = G_m$$
 and $x \in G$, then we have
 $x^n = a^{ni}b^{nj}[a,b]^{nt-\frac{n(n-1)}{2}ij};$
(2) If $G = K_m$ and $x \in G$, then we have
 $x^n = a^{n\beta}b^{n\gamma}a^{n(m-1)\delta + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}(m-1)\beta\gamma}.$

Proof. We use an induction method on n. By Lemma 2.2, the assertion holds for n = 1. Now, let

$$x^n = a^{ni} b^{nj} [a, b]^{nt - \frac{n(n-1)}{2}ij}.$$

Then

$$x^{n+1} = a^{ni}b^{nj}[a,b]^{nt - \frac{n(n-1)}{2}ij}a^ib^j[a,b]^t.$$

Since $G' \subseteq Z(G)$, by Lemma 2.1 we have

$$x^{n+1} = a^{(n+1)i} b^{(n+1)j} [a, b]^{(n+1)t - \frac{n(n+1)}{2}ij}.$$

The second part may be proved in a similar way.

Theorem 3.2. For $m, n \ge 2$, let $G = G_m$, l = g.c.d(n,m) and $\frac{m}{l} = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_s^{\alpha_s}$. Then we have:

$$P_n(G) = \prod_{i=1}^s \frac{p_i^{\alpha_i + 1} + p_i^{\alpha_i} - 1}{p_i^{2\alpha_i + 1}}.$$

Proof. Let $A_n = \{(x, y) \in G \times G | x^n y = yx^n\}$. By Lemma 2.2, we can write $x = a^{i_1}b^{j_1}[a, b]^{t_1}$ and $y = a^{i_2}b^{j_2}[a, b]^{t_2}$ where $1 \le i_1, i_2, j_1, j_2, t_1, t_2 \le m$. Then by Proposition 3.1 we have

$$x^{n} = a^{ni_{1}}b^{nj_{1}}[a,b]^{nt_{1}-\frac{n(n-1)}{2}i_{1}j_{1}}$$

 So

$$x^{n}y = a^{ni_{1}}b^{nj_{1}}[a,b]^{nt_{1}-\frac{n(n-1)}{2}i_{1}j_{1}}a^{i_{2}}b^{j_{2}}[a,b]^{t_{2}}.$$

Since G is a group of nilpotency class two, $G' \subseteq Z(G)$. Hence by Lemma 2.1

$$\begin{aligned} x^{n}y &= a^{ni_{1}}b^{nj_{1}}a^{i_{2}}b^{j_{2}}[a,b]^{nt_{1}+t_{2}-\frac{n(n-1)}{2}i_{1}j_{1}} \\ &= a^{ni_{1}+i_{2}}[b,a]^{ni_{2}j_{1}}b^{nj_{1}+j_{2}}[a,b]^{nt_{1}+t_{2}-\frac{n(n-1)}{2}i_{1}j_{1}} \\ &= a^{ni_{1}+i_{2}}b^{nj_{1}+j_{2}}[a,b]^{nt_{1}+t_{2}-\frac{n(n-1)}{2}i_{1}j_{1}-ni_{2}j_{1}}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we obtain

$$yx^{n} = a^{ni_{1}+i_{2}}b^{nj_{1}+j_{2}}[a,b]^{nt_{1}+t_{2}-\frac{n(n-1)}{2}i_{1}j_{1}-ni_{1}j_{2}}.$$

So if $x^n y = y x^n$, then

$$a^{ni_1+i_2}b^{nj_1+j_2}[a,b]^{nt_1+t_2-\frac{n(n-1)}{2}i_1j_1-ni_2j_1} = a^{ni_1+i_2}b^{nj_1+j_2}[a,b]^{nt_1+t_2-\frac{n(n-1)}{2}i_1j_1-ni_1j_2}.$$

Thus by uniqueness of presenting of $x^n y$ and yx^n , Lemma 2.2, we must have

$$[a,b]^{ni_1j_2-ni_2j_1} = 1.$$

Because of |G'| = m, $ni_1j_2 \equiv ni_2j_1 \pmod{m}$. Furthermore, if l = g.c.d(n,m) then we have

$$i_1 j_2 \equiv i_2 j_1 \pmod{\frac{m}{l}}$$
. (*)

Now, let $\frac{m}{l} = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_s^{\alpha_s}$, where p_i are prime numbers and α_i are positive integers. So by Lemma 2.10, the number of solutions of congruence (*) is

$$\left(\frac{m}{m/l}\right)^2 \left(\frac{m}{m/l}\right)^2 \prod_{i=1}^s p_i^{2\alpha_i - 1} \left(p_i^{\alpha_i + 1} + p_i^{\alpha_i} - 1\right).$$

Now since the parameters k_1 and k_2 are free and $1 \leq k_1, k_2 \leq m$, we obtain

$$|A_n| = m^2 l^4 \prod_{i=1}^s p_i^{2\alpha_i - 1} \left(p_i^{\alpha_i + 1} + p_i^{\alpha_i} - 1 \right).$$

Finally

$$P_{n}(G) = \frac{|A_{n}|}{|G|^{2}}$$

$$= \frac{m^{2}l^{4} \prod_{i=1}^{s} p_{i}^{2\alpha_{i}-1} (p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}+1} + p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}} - 1)}{m^{6}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(m/l)^{4}} \prod_{i=1}^{s} p_{i}^{2\alpha_{i}-1} (p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}+1} + p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}} - 1)$$

$$= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{s} p_{i}^{2\alpha_{i}-1} (p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}+1} + p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}} - 1)}{\prod_{i=1}^{s} p_{i}^{4\alpha_{i}}}$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{s} \frac{p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}+1} + p_{i}^{\alpha_{i}} - 1}{p_{i}^{2\alpha_{i}+1}}.$$

The following table is a verified result of GAP [7], when m = 6.

\overline{n}	l	m/l	The number of solutions	$P_n(G)$
1	1	6	330	$\frac{55}{216}$
2	2	3	528	$\frac{\overline{11}}{27}$
3	3	2	810	$\frac{5}{8}$
4	2	3	528	$\frac{11}{27}$
5	1	6	330	$\frac{55}{216}$
6	6	1	1296	1
12	6	1	1296	1

Theorem 3.3. For $m, n \geq 2$, let $G = K_m$. Then we have:

$$P_n(G) = \prod_{i=1}^s \frac{p_i^{\alpha_i + 1} + p_i^{\alpha_i} - 1}{p_i^{2\alpha_i + 1}},$$

where l = g.c.d(m-1, n) and $\frac{m-1}{l} = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_s^{\alpha_s}$.

Proof. Let $G = K_m$ and $B_n = \{(x, y) \in G \times G | x^n y = y x^n\}$. By Lemma 2.3, we can write $x = a^{\beta_1} b^{\gamma_1} a^{(m-1)\delta_1}$ and $y = a^{\beta_2} b^{\gamma_2} a^{(m-1)\delta_2}$ where $1 \leq \beta_1, \beta_2, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \delta_1, \delta_2 \leq m-1$. Then by Proposition 3.1, we have

$$x^{n} = a^{n\beta_{1}}b^{n\gamma_{1}}a^{n(m-1)\delta_{1} - \frac{n(n-1)}{2}(m-1)\beta_{1}\gamma_{1}}.$$

Now by using this fact that $[a, b] = b^{m-1} = a^{1-m}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x^{n}y &= a^{n\beta_{1}}b^{n\gamma_{1}}a^{n(m-1)\delta_{1}+\frac{n(n-1)}{2}(m-1)\beta_{1}\gamma_{1}}a^{\beta_{2}}b^{\gamma_{2}}a^{(m-1)\delta_{2}} \\ &= a^{n\beta_{1}}b^{n\gamma_{1}}a^{\beta_{2}}b^{\gamma_{2}}a^{n(m-1)\delta_{1}+\frac{n(n-1)}{2}(m-1)\beta_{1}\gamma_{1}+(m-1)\delta_{2}} \\ &= a^{n\beta_{1}+\beta_{2}}b^{n\gamma_{1}+\gamma_{2}}a^{(m-1)(n\delta_{1}+\delta_{2}+\frac{n(n-1)}{2}\beta_{1}\gamma_{1}+n\beta_{2}\gamma_{1})}. \end{aligned}$$

and also

$$yx^n = a^{n\beta_1 + \beta_2} b^{n\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} a^{n(m-1)\delta_1 + (m-1)\delta_2 + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}(m-1)\beta_1\gamma_1 + n(m-1)\beta_1\gamma_2}.$$

So by uniqueness of presenting of $x^n y$ and yx^n , Lemma 2.5, if $x^n y = yx^n$ then

$$a^{n(m-1)(\beta_1\gamma_2-\beta_2\gamma_1)} = 1$$

and since $|a| = (m-1)^2$;

$$n\beta_1\gamma_2 \equiv n\beta_2\gamma_1 \pmod{m-1}.$$

Suppose that l = g.c.d(n, m - 1). Then

$$\beta_1 \gamma_2 \equiv \beta_2 \gamma_1 \pmod{\frac{m-1}{l}}. (**)$$

Now, let $\frac{m-1}{l} = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_s^{\alpha_s}$, where p_i are prime numbers and α_i are positive integers. So, by Lemma 2.10, we get

$$|B_n| = (m-1)^2 l^4 \prod_{i=1}^s p_i^{2\alpha_i - 1} \left(p_i^{\alpha_i + 1} + p_i^{\alpha_i} - 1 \right).$$

Thus

$$P_n(G) = \frac{|B_n|}{|G|^2}$$

= $\frac{1}{((m-1)/l)^4} \prod_{i=1}^s p_i^{2\alpha_i - 1} (p_i^{\alpha_i + 1} + p_i^{\alpha_i} - 1)$
= $\prod_{i=1}^s \frac{p_i^{\alpha_i + 1} + p_i^{\alpha_i} - 1}{p_i^{2\alpha_i + 1}}.$

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4. *n*-Abelianity of G_m and K_m

Here, we consider 2-generated groups G_m and K_m and investigate when these groups are *n*-abelian.

Theorem 4.1. For $m, n \ge 2$, G_m is n-abelian if and only if $m \mid \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$. *Proof.* Let $x = a^{i_1}b^{j_1}[a,b]^{t_1}$ and $y = a^{i_2}b^{j_2}[a,b]^{t_2}$ be two elements of G_m where $1 \le i_1, i_2, j_1, j_2, t_1, t_2 \le m$. By using Proposition 3.1 and Lemma 2.1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x^{n}y^{n} &= a^{ni_{1}}b^{nj_{1}}[a,b]^{nt_{1}-\frac{n(n-1)}{2}i_{1}j_{1}}a^{ni_{2}}b^{nj_{2}}[a,b]^{nt_{2}-\frac{n(n-1)}{2}i_{2}j_{2}} \\ &= a^{ni_{1}}b^{nj_{1}}a^{ni_{2}}b^{nj_{2}}[a,b]^{n(t_{1}+t_{2})-\frac{n(n-1)}{2}(i_{1}j_{1}+i_{2}j_{2})} \\ &= a^{n(i_{1}+i_{2})}b^{n(j_{1}+j_{2})}[a,b]^{n(t_{1}+t_{2})-\frac{n(n-1)}{2}(i_{1}j_{1}+i_{2}j_{2})-n^{2}i_{2}j_{1}}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, for computing $(xy)^n$ we use an induction method on n. Indeed

$$xy = a^{i_1 + i_2} b^{j_1 + j_2} [a, b]^{t_1 + t_2 - i_2 j_1}$$

and if

$$(xy)^n = a^{n(i_1+i_2)} b^{n(j_1+j_2)}[a,b]^{n(t_1+t_2)-\frac{n(n-1)}{2}(i_1+i_2)(j_1+j_2)-ni_2j_1}$$

then

$$(xy)^{n+1} = a^{n(i_1+i_2)}b^{n(j_1+j_2)}a^{i_1+i_2}b^{j_1+j_2}[a,b]^{(n+1)(t_1+t_2)-\frac{n(n-1)}{2}(i_1+i_2)(j_1+j_2)-(n+1)i_2j_1}$$

= $a^{(n+1)(i_1+i_2)}b^{(n+1)(j_1+j_2)}[a,b]^{(n+1)(t_1+t_2)-\frac{n(n+1)}{2}(i_1+i_2)(j_1+j_2)-(n+1)i_2j_1}.$

By Lemma 2.2, each element of G_m has a unique expression in the form $a^i b^j [a, b]^t$, $1 \leq i, j, t \leq m$. So, G_m is *n*-abelian $(x^n y^n = (xy)^n)$, for all $x, y \in G$ if and only if

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2}(i_1j_1+i_2j_2)+n^2i_2j_1 \equiv \frac{n(n-1)}{2}(i_1+i_2)(j_1+j_2)+ni_2j_1 \pmod{m}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\frac{n^2 - n}{2}(i_2 j_1 - i_1 j_2) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}.$$

Now since this holds for all $x, y \in G_m$, the group G_m is *n*-abelian if and only if $m |\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$.

Theorem 4.2. For m, n > 2, K_m is n-abelian if and only if

$$m-1 \mid \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

Proof. Let $x = a^{\beta_1} b^{\gamma_1} a^{(m-1)\delta_1}$ and $y = a^{\beta_2} b^{\gamma_2} a^{(m-1)\delta_2}$ be two elements of K_m , where $1 \leq \beta_1, \beta_2, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \delta_1, \delta_2 \leq m-1$. Then by Proposition 3.1 and Lemma 2.1, we get

$$x^{n}y^{n} = a^{n(\beta_{1}+\beta_{2})}b^{n(\gamma_{1}+\gamma_{2})}a^{(m-1)(n(\delta_{1}+\delta_{2})+\frac{n(n-1)}{2}(\beta_{1}\gamma_{1}+\beta_{2}\gamma_{2})+n^{2}\beta_{2}\gamma_{1})}.$$

On the other hand by using induction on n, we obtain

$$(xy)^n = a^{n(\beta_1 + \beta_2)} b^{n(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)} a^{(m-1)(n(\delta_1 + \delta_2) + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}(\beta_1 + \beta_2)(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) + n\beta_2\gamma_1)}.$$

Therefore by the uniqueness of presenting of $(xy)^n$ and x^ny^n , K_m is *n*-abelian if and only if

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2}(\beta_1\gamma_1 + \beta_2\gamma_2) + n^2\beta_2\gamma_1 \equiv \frac{n(n-1)}{2}(\beta_1 + \beta_2)(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) + n\beta_2\gamma_1 \pmod{m-1}.$$

Hence

$$\frac{n^2-n}{2}(\beta_2\gamma_1-\beta_1\gamma_2)\equiv 0 \pmod{m-1}.$$

This results that K_m is *n*-abelian if and only if $m-1|\frac{n^2-n}{2}$.

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