

Quadratic Form of Automorphism of a finite Abelian p-Group of Rank two

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Abstract

Formula for the number of automorphism of a finite abelian group of rank two is already determined. We can associate a quadratic form with finite Abelian group of rank two. We prove this quadratic form is positive definite.

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1. INTRODUCTION

One of the famous problems in group theory is to find the number of automorphism of an abelian p-group. In [1], an explicit formula for the number of automorphism of a finite abelian p-group of rank two is indicated i.e., $Z_p^m \times Z_p^n$. The number $f(m, n)$ distinct automorphism of group $Z_p^m \times Z_p^n$ with $m, n \in N \cup \{0\}$, can be associated with quadratic form. Our goal of our paper is to show that the quadratic form is positive definite

In [1], authors provides the formula for total number of automorphism of Group $Z_{p^m} \times Z_{p^n}$ are $\phi(p^m)\phi(p^n)(1+p)^{\left[\frac{\min\{m,n\}}{\max\{m,n\}}\right]} p^{2\min\{m,n\}-\left[\frac{\min\{m,n\}}{\max\{m,n\}}\right]}$

2. MAIN RESULTS

Let us consider the matrix $A_n = (a_{ij}) \in M_{n+1}(N)$ defined by $a_{ij} = f(i,j) \forall i, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$. Clearly, A_n is symmetric and so it induces quadratic form $\sum_{i,j=0}^n a_{ij}x^i y^j$. Now we compute the principal minors in the top left corner of A_n for this we have to find an explicit expression for $\det(A_k)$ for all $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$

Theorem 1:- For each $3 \leq k \leq n$, the following equality holds:-

$$\det(A_k) = (p-1)^{k-1} \left[p^{\binom{k-1}{2} + \frac{k(k-1)}{2}} \right] \left[\frac{(p^3+p^2-p+1)^{k-2} [(p^2+p-1)^2 - 1] - (p-1)(p^3+p^2-p+1)^{k-3} + p}{(p^2+p-1)} \right]$$

Proof: - Let $k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ be fixed. Using [1], the determinant $\det(A_k)$ is given by:

$$\det \left(\phi(p^i)\phi(p^j)(1+p)^{\left[\frac{\min\{i,j\}}{\max\{i,j\}}\right]} p^{2\min\{i,j\}-\left[\frac{\min\{i,j\}}{\max\{i,j\}}\right]} \right)_{i,j=\overline{0,k}}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \phi(p^1) & \phi(p^0)\phi(p^2) & \dots & \phi(p^k) \\ \phi(p^1) & \phi(p^1)\phi(p^1)(1+p)^1 p^1 & \phi(p^1)\phi(p^2)p^2 & \dots & \phi(p^1)\phi(p^k)p^2 \\ \phi(p^2) & \phi(p^2)\phi(p^1)p^2 & \phi(p^2)\phi(p^2)(1+p)^1 p^3 & \dots & \phi(p^2)\phi(p^k)p^4 \\ \phi(p^3) & \phi(p^3)\phi(p^1)p^2 & \phi(p^3)\phi(p^2)p^4 & \dots & \phi(p^3)\phi(p^k)p^6 \\ \phi(p^4) & \phi(p^4)\phi(p^1)p^2 & \phi(p^4)\phi(p^2)p^4 & \dots & \phi(p^4)\phi(p^k)p^8 \\ \phi(p^5) & \phi(p^5)\phi(p^1)p^2 & \phi(p^5)\phi(p^2)p^4 & \dots & \phi(p^5)\phi(p^k)p^{10} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \phi(p^{k-1}) & \phi(p^{k-1})\phi(p^1)p^2 & \phi(p^{k-1})\phi(p^2)p^4 & \dots & \phi(p^{k-1})\phi(p^k)p^{2k-2} \\ \phi(p^k) & \phi(p^k)\phi(p^1)p^2 & \phi(p^k)\phi(p^2)p^4 & \dots & \phi(p^k)\phi(p^k)(1+p)^1 p^{2k-1} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \left[\prod_{i=0}^k \phi(p^i) \right]^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & p^2+p & p^2 & p^2 & p^2 & p^2 & \dots & p^2 & p^2 \\ 1 & p^2 & p^4+p^3 & p^4 & p^4 & p^4 & \dots & p^4 & p^4 \\ 1 & p^2 & p^4 & p^6+p^5 & p^6 & p^6 & \dots & p^6 & p^6 \\ 1 & p^2 & p^4 & p^6 & p^8+p^7 & p^8 & \dots & p^8 & p^8 \\ 1 & p^2 & p^4 & p^6 & p^8 & p^{10}+p^9 & \dots & p^{10} & p^{10} \\ \dots & \dots \\ 1 & p^2 & p^4 & p^6 & p^8 & p^{10} & \dots & p^{2k-2}+p^{2k-3} & p^{2k-2} \\ 1 & p^2 & p^4 & p^6 & p^8 & p^{10} & \dots & p^{2k-2} & p^{2k}+p^{2k-1} \end{vmatrix}$$

We shall apply consecutive transformations $C_t = C_t - C_{t-1}$ for every $t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, k$, we get

$$= \left[\begin{array}{cccccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \\ 1 & p^2 + p - 1 & -p & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \\ 1 & p^2 - 1 & p^2(p^2 + p - 1) & -p^3 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \\ 1 & p^2 - 1 & p^2(p^2 - 1) & p^4(p^2 + p - 1) & -p^5 & \dots & 0 & \\ 1 & p^2 - 1 & p^2(p^2 - 1) & p^4(p^2 - 1) & p^6(p^2 + p - 1) & \dots & 0 & \\ 1 & p^2 - 1 & p^2(p^2 - 1) & p^4(p^2 - 1) & p^6(p^2 - 1) & \dots & 0 & \\ \dots & \\ 1 & p^2 - 1 & p^2(p^2 - 1) & p^4(p^2 - 1) & p^6(p^2 - 1) & \dots & -p^{2k-3} & \\ 1 & p^2 - 1 & p^2(p^2 - 1) & p^4(p^2 - 1) & p^6(p^2 - 1) & \dots & p^{2k-2}(p^2 + p - 1) & \end{array} \right]$$

$$= \left[\begin{array}{cccccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \\ 1 & p^2 + p - 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \\ 1 & p^2 - 1 & p(p^2 + p - 1) & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \\ 1 & p^2 - 1 & p(p^2 - 1) & p(p^2 + p - 1) & -1 & \dots & 0 & \\ 1 & p^2 - 1 & p(p^2 - 1) & p(p^2 - 1) & p(p^2 + p - 1) & \dots & 0 & \\ 1 & p^2 - 1 & p(p^2 - 1) & p(p^2 - 1) & p(p^2 - 1) & \dots & 0 & \\ \dots & \\ 1 & p^2 - 1 & p(p^2 - 1) & p(p^2 - 1) & p(p^2 - 1) & \dots & -1 & \\ 1 & p^2 - 1 & p(p^2 - 1) & p(p^2 - 1) & p(p^2 - 1) & \dots & p(p^2 + p - 1) & \end{array} \right]$$

We shall apply consecutive transformations $R_t = R_t - R_{t-1}$ for every $t = 1, 2, 3, \dots, k$, we get

$$= \left[\begin{array}{cccccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p^2 + p - 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -p & (p^3 + p^2 - p + 1) & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -p^2 & (p^3 + p^2 - p + 1) & -1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -p^2 & (p^3 + p^2 - p + 1) & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -p^2 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & (p^3 + p^2 - p + 1) & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & -p^2 & (p^3 + p^2 - p + 1) \end{array} \right]$$

We shall apply transformations on the matrix C_r in order to put it into lower triangular matrix form.

So, we consider following consecutive transformations

$$C_2 = C_2 + \frac{1}{p^2 + p - 1} C_1, \quad C_3 = C_3 + \frac{(p^2 + p - 1)}{(p^3 + p^2 - p + 1)(p^2 + p - 1) - p} C_2,$$

$$C_4 = C_4 + \frac{(p^3 + p^2 - p + 1)(p^2 + p - 1) - p}{(p^3 + p^2 - p + 1)^2(p^2 + p - 1) - p(p^3 + p^2 - p + 1) - p^2} C_3,$$

$$C_5 = C_5 + \frac{(p^3 + p^2 - p + 1)^2(p^2 + p - 1) - p(p^3 + p^2 - p + 1) - p^2}{(p^3 + p^2 - p + 1)^3(p^2 + p - 1) - p(p^3 + p^2 - p + 1)^2 - p^2[(p^3 + p^2 - p + 1) + 1]} C_4,$$

and

$$C_r = C_r + \frac{(p^3+p^2-p+1)^{r-3}(p^2+p-1)-p(p^3+p^2-p+1)^{r-4}-p^2[(p^3+p^2-p+1)^{r-5}+.(p^3+p^2-p+1)+1]}{(p^3+p^2-p+1)^{r-2}(p^2+p-1)-p(p^3+p^2-p+1)^{r-3}-p^2[(p^3+p^2-p+1)^{r-4}+.(p^3+p^2-p+1)+1]} C_{r-1} \quad \forall r = 6, 7, \dots, k$$

we get lower triangular matrix whose diagonal elements are as follows :-

$$a_{00} = 1, a_{11} = p^2 + p - 1, a_{22} = \frac{(p^3+p^2-p+1)(p^2+p-1)-p}{(p^2+p-1)},$$

$$a_{33} = \frac{(p^3+p^2-p+1)^2(p^2+p-1)-p(p^3+p^2-p+1)-p^2}{(p^3+p^2-p+1)(p^2+p-1)-p},$$

$$a_{44} = \frac{(p^3+p^2-p+1)^3(p^2+p-1)-p(p^3+p^2-p+1)^2-p^2[(p^3+p^2-p+1)+1]}{(p^3+p^2-p+1)^2(p^2+p-1)-p(p^3+p^2-p+1)-p^2}, \text{ and}$$

$$a_{rr} = \frac{(p^3+p^2-p+1)^{r-2}(p^2+p-1)-p(p^3+p^2-p+1)^{r-3}-p^2[(p^3+p^2-p+1)^{r-4}+.(p^3+p^2-p+1)+1]}{(p^3+p^2-p+1)^{r-3}(p^2+p-1)-p(p^3+p^2-p+1)^{r-4}-p^2[(p^3+p^2-p+1)^{r-5}+.(p^3+p^2-p+1)+1]} \quad \forall r = 5, 6, \dots, k$$

Hence

$$\det(A_k) =$$

$$\left[\prod_{i=0}^k \phi(p^i) \right]^2 [p^{(k-1)^2}] [(p^3 + p^2 - p + 1)^{k-2} (p^2 + p - 1) - p(p^3 + p^2 - p + 1)^{k-3} - p^2 [(p^3 + p^2 - p + 1)^{k-4} + \dots + (p^3 + p^2 - p + 1) + 1]$$

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$$\det(A_k) =$$

$$\left[\prod_{i=0}^k \phi(p^i) \right]^2 [p^{(k-1)^2}] \left[\frac{(p^3+p^2-p+1)^{k-2} (p^2+p-1)^2 - p(p^2+p-1)(p^3+p^2-p+1)^{k-3} - p(p^3+p^2-p+1)^{k-3} + p}{(p^2+p-1)} \right]$$

$$\det(A_k) = (p-1)^{k-1} \left[p^{(k-1)^2 + \frac{k(k-1)}{2}} \right] \left[\frac{(p^3+p^2-p+1)^{k-2} [(p^2+p-1)^2 - 1] - (p-1)(p^3+p^2-p+1)^{k-3} + p}{(p^2+p-1)} \right]$$

Now, the following two corollaries are obvious from theorem 1.

Corollary 1:- The quadratic form $\sum_{i,j=0}^k f(i,j)x^i y^j$ induced by the matrix A_k is positive definite, for all $k \in \overline{0, n}$.

Proof:-Let $k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ be fixed. Using [1], the determinant $\det(A_k)$ is given by:

$$\det \left(\phi(p^i) \phi(p^j) (1+p) \binom{\min\{i,j\}}{\max\{i,j\}} p^{2\min\{i,j\} - \frac{\min\{i,j\}}{\max\{i,j\}}} \right)_{i,j=\overline{0,k}}$$

Case 1:- $k=0$, then $\det(A_1) = 1 > 0$

Case 2:- $k=1$, then $\det(A_k) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \phi(p^1) \\ \phi(p^1) & \phi(p^1)\phi(p^1)(1+p)^1p^1 \end{vmatrix} = (p-1)^2(p^2+p-1)$

We know that $(p^2+p-1) > 0$ for every prime, hence $\det(A_k) > 0$

Case 3:- $k=2$, then $\det(A_k) = p^2(p-1)^4[p^2(p^2+p-1)^2 - (p^2-1)^2]$

Here $p^2(p^2+p-1)^2 > (p^2+p-1)^2 > (p^2-1)^2$

Hence, $\det(A_k) > 0$

Case 4:- $k > 2$, we have $(p^2+p-1)^2 > p \Rightarrow (p^2+p-1)^2 > p$, hence $(p^2+p-1)^2 - 1 > p - 1$

Therefore, $\det(A_k) > 0$

Hence, quadratic form $\sum_{i,j=0}^k f(i,j)x^i y^j$ induced by the matrix A_k is positive definite, for all $k \in \overline{0,n}$

Corollary 2:- For each $k \in N$, all eigenvalues of the matrix A_k are positive.

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