

## Non-cancellation group of a direct product

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**Abstract.** The non-cancellation set of a group  $G$ , denoted by  $\chi(G)$ , is defined to be the set of all isomorphism classes of groups  $H$  such that  $G \times \mathbb{Z} \cong H \times \mathbb{Z}$ . While investigating when  $\mathbb{Z}$  can be cancelled in this direct product,  $\chi(G)$  has become the focus of many studies. For the semidirect product  $G_i = \mathbb{Z}_{n_i} \rtimes_{\omega_i} \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , methods for computation of the non-cancellation groups  $\chi(G_1 \times G_2)$ ,  $\chi(G_i^k)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\chi(G_i, h_i)$  have been developed. We present in this study, a general method of computing  $\chi(G_1 \times G_2, h)$ , where  $h : F \hookrightarrow G_1 \subseteq G_1 \times G_2$  and  $F$  a finite group.

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### 1. Introduction

The theory of  $\pi$ -localization of groups, where  $\pi$  is a family of primes, appears to have been first discussed in [7, 8] by Mal'cev and Lazard. In the 1970s, Hilton and Mislin became interested, through their work on the localization of nilpotent spaces, in the localization of nilpotent groups. Mislin [11] define the genus  $\mathcal{G}(N)$  of a finitely generated nilpotent group  $N$  to be the set of isomorphism classes of finitely generated nilpotent groups  $M$  such that the localizations  $M_p$  and  $N_p$  are isomorphic at every prime  $p$ . This version of genus became known as the *Mislin genus*, and other very useful variations of this concept came into being.

In [3] Hilton and Mislin define an abelian group structure on the genus set  $\mathcal{G}(N)$  of a finitely generated nilpotent group  $N$  with finite commutator subgroup. Throughout this study, finitely generated group with finite commutator subgroup will be called  $\chi_0$ -group.

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For nilpotent groups which belong to class  $\mathcal{K}$  (of semidirect products of the form  $T \rtimes \mathbb{Z}^k$ , where  $T$  is a finite abelian group and  $k$  is a positive integer), many computations of the genus groups appear in the literature. Indeed, the groups considered in [1, 4, 5, 14] all belong to this class. The groups used in the computation method developed in this paper are  $\chi_o$ -groups belonging to  $\mathcal{K}$  and will be called  $\mathcal{K}_0$ -groups.

For a non-nilpotent  $\chi_o$ -groups, the kernel of the localizing homomorphism maybe be bigger than what it is required. So, for such  $\chi_o$ -groups, the idea of genus can be generalized through non-cancellation.

For a  $\chi_o$ -group  $G$ , the non-cancellation set denoted by  $\chi(G)$  is defined to be the set of all isomorphism classes of groups  $H$  such that  $G \times \mathbb{Z} \cong H \times \mathbb{Z}$ . Scevenels and Witbooi in [15], gave an alternate description of the non-cancellation group of  $\mathcal{K}_0$ -groups. This enables them to make some computations. Warfield [17] proved that, if  $N$  is a nilpotent  $\chi_o$ -group, then  $\mathcal{G}(N) = \chi(N)$ . In [18], the author showed that for a  $\chi_o$ -group  $G$  the non-cancellation set  $\chi(G)$  has a group structure similar to the group structure on the Mislin genus of a nilpotent  $\chi_o$ -group. For any two  $\chi_o$ - groups  $H$  and  $G$ , O'Sullivan in [12] proved that  $H \times \mathbb{Z} \cong G \times \mathbb{Z}$  if and only if for every finite set  $\pi$  of primes, we have  $H_\pi \cong G_\pi$  ( $\pi$ -localizations are isomorphic). To illuminate our understanding of genera of groups, the restricted genus of a  $\chi_o$ -group under a finite group  $F$  was introduced in [10]. More precisely, for a fixed morphism  $h : F \rightarrow G$ , the restricted genus  $\chi(G, h)^1$  is the set of isomorphism classes of morphisms  $F \rightarrow H$ , which are  $\pi$ -equivalent to  $h$  at every finite set of primes  $\pi$ . For a well-defined integer  $n$  depending on  $G$ , in [10] an epimorphism  $\zeta : (\mathbb{Z}/n)^* / \pm 1 \rightarrow \chi(G, h)$  is established and it is shown that there exist natural epimorphisms  $\chi(G, h) \rightarrow \chi(G/h(F))$  (provided  $h(F)$  is normal in  $G$ ) and  $\chi(G, h) \rightarrow \chi(G, h \circ i)$  (provided  $i : F_0 \rightarrow F$  is a morphism), which are compatible with the various involved maps  $\zeta$ .

Having such homomorphisms is not always given. In [10], computation methods of  $\chi(G, h)$  in the special case  $G$  is a semidirect product  $T \rtimes_{\omega} \mathbb{Z}^k$  are used in a very particular example to provide a concrete computation of  $\chi(G, h)$ , where  $T$  is a finite abelian group. We extend this result to compute the restricted genus  $\chi(G_1 \times G_2, h)$  of the direct product  $G_1 \times G_2$ , where  $G_i = \mathbb{Z}_{m_i} \rtimes_{\omega_i} \mathbb{Z}$  and  $h : F \hookrightarrow G_1 \times G_2$  a monomorphism, with  $F$  a finite group.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: Section 2 is on preliminaries, Section 3 presents the group structure on the restricted genus  $\chi(G, h)$  and Section 4 is on the computation method for  $\chi(G_1 \times G_2, h)$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

### 2.1 Definitions and notations

An interesting topic in the theory of nilpotent groups is the extraction of roots. A group  $G$  is said to be a *rational group* if  $n$ -th roots exist in  $G$ , for all positive

1. For the special case  $F$  is trivial ( $F = *$ ),  $\chi(G, * \rightarrow G) = \chi(G)$

integers  $n$ . A group which has unique extraction of roots is *torsion-free*. Roots are unique in torsion-free nilpotent groups. However, extraction of roots is not usually possible in such groups. For example, extraction of roots is not possible in the additive group of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$ . However, this group can be embedded in the rational group  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Mal'cev [9] generalized this by showing that any torsion-free nilpotent group  $G$  can be embedded in a rational nilpotent group  $G_0$ . The extraction of roots is unique in  $G_0$  and every element of  $G_0$  has a positive power in  $G$ . Moreover,  $G_0$  is unique up to isomorphism.

Given any set of primes  $\pi$ , let  $\pi'$  be the set of natural numbers which are relatively prime to elements of  $\pi$ . Let  $G_\pi$  denote the subgroup of  $G_0$  generated by  $G$  and its  $m$ -th roots whenever the prime divisors of  $m$  are in  $\pi'$ .

A group  $G$  is said to be  $\pi$ -local if for each  $n \in \pi'$ , the function  $g \mapsto g^n$  of  $G$  into itself is a bijection.

The group  $G_\pi$  is called the  $\pi$ -localization of  $G$  and has the universal property that given any homomorphism  $\phi : G \rightarrow H$ , where  $H$  is a  $\pi$ -local group, there exists a unique  $\phi_\pi : G_\pi \rightarrow H$  such that  $\phi = \phi_\pi \varphi_\pi$  where  $\varphi_\pi$  is the  $\pi$ -localizing homomorphism  $G \rightarrow G_\pi$ . If  $\pi = \{p\}$ , then  $G_\pi$  is simply denoted by  $G_p$ .

The **genus** of a finitely generated nilpotent group  $G$  denoted by  $\mathcal{G}(G)$  (known as *Mislin genus*, [11]), is the set of all isomorphism classes of finitely generated nilpotent groups  $H$  such that  $G_p \cong H_p$  for every prime number  $p$ .

The set  $\tau_f(G)$  of all isomorphism classes of finitely generated group  $H$  such that  $G_\pi \cong H_\pi$  for every finite set of primes  $\pi$  is called the **restricted genus** of  $G$ .

When localizing non-nilpotent groups, it may happen that the kernel of the localizing homomorphism is bigger than what we would require. For a non-nilpotent finitely generated group  $G$  with finite commutator subgroup, the idea of the genus is generalized through *non-cancellation*, rather than considering localizations.

For groups, we know that cancellation holds in the category of finitely generated abelian groups. If  $G$  is a finitely generated abelian group, then for any abelian groups  $H$  and  $K$ ,  $G \oplus H \cong G \oplus K$  implies  $H \cong K$ . Thus, finitely generated abelian group is cancellable in the category of all abelian groups. The abelian group  $\mathbb{Z}$  is cancellable in the category of abelian groups. However, it is known that  $\mathbb{Z}$  is not cancellable in the category of groups in general. This was shown by an example of William Scott, which was included in [16]. Another example was given independently by Hirshon [6]. Our study of cancellation property of a group  $G$  is examined through the isomorphism of direct products  $G \times \mathbb{Z} \cong H \times \mathbb{Z}$ . For a group  $G$ , the non-cancellation set  $\chi(G)$  measures to what extend  $\mathbb{Z}$  can be cancelled in  $G \times \mathbb{Z} \cong H \times \mathbb{Z}$  for some group  $H$ . For some type of groups  $G$ , the computation of  $\chi(G)$  have been the object of many studies. For  $\mathcal{K}_o$ -groups, methods for computation of the non-cancellation groups  $\chi(G_1 \times G_2)$  and  $\chi(G_i^k)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  were developed in [19] and [2] respectively. In these construction, the integer  $n(G)$  described below play a central role.

Given a  $\mathcal{X}_0$ -group  $G$ . Let  $n_1$  be the exponent of  $T_G$ ,  $n_2$  the exponent of the group  $\text{Aut}(T_G)$  and  $n_3$  the exponent of the torsion subgroup of the centre of  $G$ . Consider  $n(G) = n_1 n_2 n_3$ . The integer  $n = n(G)$  has the property that the subgroup  $G^{(n)} = \langle g^n : g \in G \rangle$  of  $G$  belongs to the centre of  $G$  and  $G/G^{(n)}$  is a finite group.

Aspects of localization as in groups and related categories have been studied in a unified way in a categorical setting, see [13] for instance. The following subsection give a more specific presentation.

### 2.2 Category of groups under a finite group $F$

Fix a finite group  $F$  and let  $h : F \rightarrow G$  be a monomorphism. We denote by  $\text{Grp}_F$  the category of groups under  $F$  as in [10]. For the category  $\text{Grp}_F$ , the objects denoted by  $(G_1, h_1), (G_2, h_2)$  are group homomorphisms  $h_1 : F \rightarrow G_1$  and  $h_2 : F \rightarrow G_2$  and a morphism in  $\text{Grp}_F$  is a group homomorphism  $\beta : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  such that  $\beta \circ h_1 = h_2$ .

The  $\pi$ -localization of an object  $h : F \rightarrow G$  is the object  $h_\pi : F \rightarrow G_\pi$  where  $\pi$  is a set of primes. Denote by  $\mathcal{X}_F$  the full subcategory of  $\chi_o$ - groups under  $F$ . Then, the restricted genus  $\chi(G, h)$  is the set of isomorphism classes  $k$  such that  $k_\pi$  is isomorphic to  $h_\pi$  for  $k \in \mathcal{X}_F$ . If  $F$  is a trivial group, then  $\mathcal{X}_F$  is identified with  $\chi_o$ -groups.

The restricted genus  $\chi(G, h)$  has been computed in [10] and has been shown that  $\chi(G, h)$  coincides with  $\chi(G)$  if  $F$  is a trivial group.

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be the class of groups of the form  $T \rtimes_\omega F$  where  $F$  is a finite rank free abelian group and  $T$  a finite abelian group. For a pair of relatively prime natural numbers  $m, u$ , the symbol  $G(m, u)$  denotes the group  $H = \mathbb{Z}_m \rtimes_\nu \mathbb{Z}$ .  $H$  is a  $\mathcal{K}$ - group and  $\mathcal{K}_F$  determines a full subcategory of  $\text{Grp}_F$ , see [10].

Let  $G_i = \mathbb{Z}_{m_i} \rtimes_{\omega_i} \mathbb{Z}$  and let  $h : F \hookrightarrow G_1 \times G_2$  where  $h$  is a monomorphism and  $F$  is a finite group.

In this paper we develop a general method for computing  $\chi(G_1 \times G_2, h)$ .

### 3. Group structure on the restricted genus

Recall from ([18], Section 2), to a  $\chi_o$ -group  $G$  assign a natural number  $n(G) = n_1 n_2 n_3$  where  $n_1$  is the exponent of the torsion subgroup  $T_G$ ,  $n_2$  the exponent of  $\text{Aut}(T_G)$  and  $n_3$  the exponent of the torsion of the center  $T_{Z_G}$ . It was shown in [18] that for a  $\chi_o$ -group  $G$  whose subgroups  $H$  are of finite index with  $T_G = T_H$ , the non-cancellation set  $\chi(G)$  has a group structure and is given by  $\chi(G) = \mathbb{Z}_n^*/\{1, -1\}$ . For a pair of relatively prime natural numbers  $m, u$ , let  $H = \mathbb{Z}_m \rtimes_\nu \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $\nu : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_m)$  is the automorphism of  $\mathbb{Z}_m$  defined by  $\nu(1)(t) = ut$ . Methods of computing  $\chi(H)$  and  $\chi(H^r)$  for  $r$  a natural number were developed in [2], [15] and [19]. It is shown in [15] that  $\chi(H) = \mathbb{Z}_d^*/\{1, -1\}$ , where  $d$  is the multiplicative order of  $u$  modulo  $m$ . For a direct product  $H^r$  which can be considered to be  $\mathbb{Z}_m^r \rtimes_\omega \mathbb{Z}^r$ , the authors in [2] showed that there is a well

defined surjective homomorphism  $\Gamma : \chi(H) \rightarrow \chi(H^r)$  given by  $K \mapsto K \times H^{r-1}$  where  $K$  is a group such that  $K \times \mathbb{Z} \simeq H \times \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus, in order to compute the group  $\chi(H^r)$ , one needs only to compute the kernel of the homomorphism  $\Gamma$ .

Let  $G_i = G(m_i, u_i)$  for some  $m_i, u_i \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\gcd(m_i, u_i) = 1$  and let  $d_i$  be the multiplicative order of  $u_i$  modulo  $m_i$ . Consider the direct product  $G = G_1 \times G_2 = (\mathbb{Z}_{m_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{m_2}) \rtimes_{\omega} \mathbb{Z}^2$  and  $h : F \hookrightarrow G_1 \times G_2$  be the inclusion map. Let  $t = d(G)$  be the smallest invariant factors of  $\text{Im } \omega$ . Note that, if  $\gcd(d_1, d_2) = 1$  then  $t = d_1 d_2$  and if  $\gcd(d_1, d_2) \neq 1$  then  $t = \gcd(d_1, d_2)$ . For an object  $(G_1 \times G_2, h)$  in  $\mathcal{K}_F$ , we obtain an epimorphism  $\Upsilon : \mathbb{Z}_t^* \rightarrow \chi(G_1 \times G_2, h)$ , where  $d$  depends exclusively on  $\text{Im } \omega$  [10]. Thus, in order to find  $\chi(G_1 \times G_2, h)$ , one only needs to find the kernel of  $\Upsilon$ . Note that  $t$  divides the exponent of  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_{m_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{m_2})$ , and so  $t$  divides  $n(G)$ .

Following ([10], Lemma 3.2), we have the following Lemma:

**Lemma 3.1.** *Given objects  $(G, h)$  and  $(K, k)$  in  $\mathcal{K}_F$  with  $G = (\mathbb{Z}_{m_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{m_2}) \rtimes_{\omega} \mathbb{Z}^2$  and  $K = (\mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_2}) \rtimes_{\nu} \mathbb{Z}^2$ , then a morphism  $\alpha : (G, h) \rightarrow (K, k)$  is an isomorphism if and only if there exist group isomorphisms  $\theta : (\mathbb{Z}_{m_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{m_2}) \rtimes_{\omega} \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_2}) \rtimes_{\nu} \mathbb{Z}^2$  and  $\beta : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^2$  with  $\theta \circ h = k$  such that for any  $z \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  and  $t \in (\mathbb{Z}_{m_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{m_2})$ ,  $(\nu \circ \beta(z))(\theta(t)) = \theta(\omega(z)(t))$ .*

**Notation 3.1.** We will follow the notation introduced in [10]. Let  $G$  be a  $\chi_o$ -group,  $n = n(G)$  and let  $X(n) = \{u \in \mathbb{N} : (u, n) = 1\}$ . Let  $Y(G, h)$  be the set of all  $u \in X(n)$  for which there exists a subgroup  $K$  of  $G$  with  $[G : K] = u$  and the object  $(K, h_K)$  is a member in  $\chi(G, h)$ . Let  $G_u$  be a subgroup of  $G$  such that  $T_G \subseteq G_u$  and  $[G : G_u] = u$  for each  $u \in Y(G, h)$ . Define the induced homomorphism  $h_u : x \mapsto h(x)$  and a morphism  $\varsigma : Y(G, h) \rightarrow \chi(G, h)$ . Let  $Y^*(G, h)$  be the image of  $Y(G, h)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$ . From ([10], Theorem 2.5) we have  $Y^*(G, h)$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$  and  $Y^*(G, h)/\pm 1 \cong \chi(G, h)$ . Now for any object  $(G, h)$  of  $\mathcal{K}_F$  denote by  $V(G, h)$  the set of all  $u \in X(t)$  for which there exist a subgroup  $K$  of  $G$  with  $[G : K] = u$  and  $(K, h_K)$  is a member of  $\chi(G, h)$ . Let  $V^*(G, h)$  be the image of  $V(G, h)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_t^*$ . Choose a subgroup  $K$  of  $G$  such that  $(K, h_K)$  represents a member in  $\chi(G, h)$  and  $[G : K] = u$ . We obtain a function  $V(G, h) \rightarrow \chi(G, h)$  given by  $u \mapsto [K, h_K]$ . Since  $t|n$  we have the following ([10], Proposition 3.4)

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $n = n(G)$  and  $\rho : Y(G, h) \rightarrow \chi(G, h)$  be the epimorphism that takes a residue mod  $n$  and reduces it mod  $t$ . The epimorphism  $\varsigma : Y^*(G, h) \rightarrow \chi(G, h)$  factorises through the epimorphism  $\xi'$ :*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 Y^*(G, h) & \xrightarrow{\varsigma} & \chi(G, h) \\
 \rho \downarrow & \nearrow \xi' & \\
 V^*(G, h) & & 
 \end{array}$$

The kernel of  $V^*(G, h) \rightarrow \chi(G, h)$  is calculated through the following theorem ([10], Theorem 3.5)

**Theorem 3.1.** *For  $m \in V(G, h)$ , the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (a)  $\bar{m} \in \ker[V^*(G, h) \rightarrow \chi(G, h)]$ .
- (b) *There exists  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(T)$  with  $v \circ h = h$  such that  $\alpha \in N_{\text{Aut } T} \text{Im } \omega$  and for an automorphism  $\Lambda : \text{Im } \omega \rightarrow \text{Im } \omega$  defined by  $v \mapsto \alpha v \alpha^{-1}$ , we have  $\det(\Lambda) = \pm \bar{m}^{-1} \in V^*(G, h)$ .*

#### 4. Computation

1. For a pair of relatively prime natural numbers  $m, u$ , define a group  $G(m, u) = \langle a, b : a^m = 1, bab^{-1} = a^u \rangle$ . The group  $G(m, u)$  can be considered to be the semidirect product  $\mathbb{Z}_m \rtimes_{\omega} \mathbb{Z}$  where  $\omega : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_m)$  is such that  $\omega(1)$  is the automorphism of  $\mathbb{Z}_m$  given by  $\omega(1)(t) = ut$ .
  2. Let  $q$  be the product of all distinct prime divisors of  $m$  and assume that  $q^2$  divides  $m$ .
  3. Let  $G_i = G(m_i, u_i)$  for some  $m_i, u_i \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\gcd(m_1, m_2) = 1, \gcd(m_i, u_j) = 1, i, j = 1, 2$  and let  $d_i$  be the multiplicative order of  $u_i$  modulo  $m_i$ . Let  $d = \text{lcm}(d_1, d_2)$  and  $m = \text{lcm}(m_1, m_2)$ . If  $\gcd(d_1, d_2) = 1$  let  $t = d_1 d_2$  and if  $\gcd(d_1, d_2) \neq 1$  let  $t = \gcd(d_1, d_2)$ .
  4. Consider the direct product  $G_1 \times G_2 = (\mathbb{Z}_{m_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{m_2}) \rtimes_{\omega} \mathbb{Z}^2$  where  $\omega : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_{m_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{m_2})$  is such that  $\omega(\epsilon_i) = \omega_i : (t_1, t_2) \mapsto (u_1^{\delta(i,1)} t_1, u_2^{\delta(i,2)} t_2)$  where  $\delta(i, j)$  is the Kronecker function and  $\{\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2\}$  is the standard basis of  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ .
  5. Write  $\omega(\epsilon_1) = \omega_1$  and  $\omega(\epsilon_2) = \omega_2$ . Each automorphism  $\omega_i$  is of order  $d_i$  and  $\text{Im}(\omega)$  is the direct product of the cyclic subgroups  $\langle \omega_i \rangle$  of  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_{m_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{m_2})$ . By [10], there is an epimorphism  $\mathbb{Z}_t^* \rightarrow \chi(G_1 \times G_2)$  where  $t$  is the smallest of the invariant factors of  $\text{Im } \omega$ .
  6. Let  $J$  be the subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(T_{G_1 \times G_2})$  generated by  $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$  that is,  $J = \text{Im } \omega = \langle \omega_1, \omega_2 \rangle$ . Note that:
    - $J = \text{Im } \omega = \langle \omega_1, \omega_2 \rangle$  is a free  $\mathbb{Z}_d$ -module.
    - The determinant of an endomorphism of  $J$  is defined and is an element of  $\mathbb{Z}_d$ .
- Consider  $J_* = N_{\text{Aut}(T_{G_1 \times G_2})} J$ . For any  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(T_{G_1 \times G_2})$ , let  $\Lambda_{\alpha}$  be the inner automorphism such that  $\Lambda_{\alpha} : v \mapsto \alpha v \alpha^{-1}$ .
7. Let  $q_2$  be a multiple of  $q$  such that  $q_2 q$  divides  $m$ . Let  $e_1 = (1, 0), e_2 = (0, 1)$  be elements of  $T_{G_1 \times G_2}$  and let  $F = \{aq_2 e_2 : a \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  be a subgroup of  $T_{G_1 \times G_2}$  and  $h : F \hookrightarrow G_1 \times G_2$  be the inclusion map.

**4.1 Inner automorphism of  $\text{Aut}(T_{G_1 \times G_2})$**

Fix  $\alpha \in J^*$  such that  $\alpha(x) = x$  for all  $x \in F$ . There exists a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $(\alpha_{ij})$  of integers such that  $\alpha(e_i) = \sum_{j=1}^2 \alpha_{ji} e_j$ . Suppose that  $\Lambda$  is the inner automorphism of  $J$  determined by  $\alpha$ .

**Proposition 4.1.** *For the matrix  $(\alpha_{ij})$ ,  $\alpha_{ii}$  is a unit modulo  $m$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .*

**Proof.** We note that  $\alpha(0, q_2) = (0, q_2)$  since  $(0, q_2) \in F$ . Also  $\alpha(0, q_2) = (q_2 \alpha_{12}, q_2 \alpha_{22})$ . Thus  $(0, q_2) = (q_2 \alpha_{12}, q_2 \alpha_{22})$  and we have that  $m$  divides  $\alpha_{12}$ . In particular  $q$  divides  $\alpha_{12}$  while  $\alpha_{22}$  is a unit modulo  $m$ . Therefore the matrix of  $\alpha$  is of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & tq \\ \alpha_{21} & u \end{pmatrix}$  where  $t, u \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Now  $\det(\alpha) = \alpha_{11}u - \alpha_{21}tq$ .

We claim that  $\alpha_{11}$  is a unit modulo  $m$ . Suppose that  $\alpha_{11}$  is not a unit modulo  $m$  then let  $p$  be a common prime divisor of  $\alpha_{11}$  and  $m$ . Then  $p$  divides  $q$  and  $p$  divides  $\det(\alpha)$  which is a contradiction since  $\det(\alpha)$  is a unit modulo  $m$  ( $\alpha$  is an automorphism). Thus  $\alpha_{11}$  is a unit modulo  $m$ . □

**Proposition 4.2.** *The inner automorphism  $\Lambda$  of  $J$  coincides with the identity automorphism of  $J$ .*

**Proof.** For the inner automorphism  $\Lambda$  induced by  $\alpha$ , there exists a matrix  $(\Lambda_{ij})$  of integers such that  $\Lambda \omega_i = \omega_1^{\Lambda_{1i}} \omega_2^{\Lambda_{2i}}$  for each  $i$ . Let  $\Lambda \omega_i = v_i$ . Then  $\Lambda \omega_i = \alpha \omega_i \alpha^{-1} = v_i$  and  $\alpha \omega_i = v_i \alpha$ . On one hand  $\alpha \omega_i(e_i) = \alpha(u_i e_i) = \sum_{j=1}^2 u_i^{\delta(i,j)} \alpha_{ji} e_j$  and on the other hand  $v_i \alpha(e_i) = v_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^2 \alpha_{ji} e_j \right) = \sum_{j=1}^2 \alpha_{ji} u_i^{\delta(i,j)} \Lambda_{ji} e_j$ . That is,  $\sum_{j=1}^2 u_i^{\delta(i,j)} \alpha_{ji} e_j = \sum_{j=1}^2 \alpha_{ji} u_i^{\delta(i,j)} \Lambda_{ji} e_j$ .

For  $j = i$ , we have from , that  $\alpha_{ii}$  is a unit modulo  $m$ , therefore  $u_i^{\Lambda_{ii}} \equiv u_i \pmod{m}$ . Thus  $\Lambda_{ii} \equiv 1 \pmod{d}$  and consequently  $\Lambda_{ii} \equiv 1 \pmod{t}$ .

For the case  $j \neq i$ , we have  $\alpha \omega_i(e_j) = \alpha(e_j) = \sum_{k=1}^2 \alpha_{kj} e_k$  and  $v_i \alpha(e_j) = \sum_{k=1}^2 \alpha_{kj} u_i^{\Lambda_{ki}} e_k$ . Therefore  $\sum_{k=1}^2 \alpha_{kj} e_k = \sum_{k=1}^2 \alpha_{kj} u_i^{\Lambda_{ki}} e_k$ . For the case  $k = j$ . Since  $\alpha_{jj}$  is a unit modulo  $m$  then  $u_j^{\Lambda_{ji}} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ , that is,  $\Lambda_{ji} \equiv 0 \pmod{d}$ . Consequently  $\Lambda_{ji} \equiv 0 \pmod{t}$ . Thus  $\det(\Lambda) = 1$  and  $\Lambda$  is coincides with the identity automorphism on  $J$ . □

**Proposition 4.3.** *Let  $G_i = G(m_i, u_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and  $(G_1 \times G_2, h)$  be an object of  $\mathcal{K}_F$ . Let  $d_i$  be the multiplicative order of  $u_i$  modulo  $m_i$ . Then,  $\chi(G_1 \times G_2, h) \cong \mathbb{Z}_t^* / \pm 1$ , where  $(t = d_1 d_2, \text{ if } (d_1, d_2) = 1)$  or  $(t = (d_1, d_2), \text{ otherwise})$ .*

**Proof.** The Proposition follows from Theorem 3.1 and Proposition 4.2. □

This construction can be generalized to compute  $\chi(G_1 \times \dots \times G_n, h)$  and  $\chi(G_i^k, l)$ . This will be done in our future work.

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