

## PROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF PRO-2-GROUPS OF FIXED CO-CLASSES

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ABSTRACT. Among the six classes of pro-2-groups of finite and fixed co-classes and trivial Schur Multiplier which studied by Abdolzadeh and Eick in 2009, there are two classes

$$S_5 = \langle a, b \mid [b, a^2] = 1, a^2 = [b, a]^2, (b^2)^{[b, a]} b^2 = 1 \rangle$$

and

$$S_6 = \langle a, t, b \mid a^2 = b^2, [b, a]^2 = 1, t^a = t^{-1}[b, a], b^t = aba \rangle$$

that have been conjectured to have deficiency zero presentations. In this paper we prove these conjectures. This completes the efficiency of all six classes of pro-2-groups of fixed co-classes.

### 1. Introduction

For detailed information on pro- $p$ -groups one may see [6, 7, 8]. The pro-2-groups of fixed co-classes were first investigated in [1] and the Schur Multiplier is used to get the appropriate presentations for such classes of groups. For a useful and prolific information on the Schur Multiplier of a group one may consult [10]. Briefly, for a finitely presented finite group  $G = \langle X \mid R \rangle$  the Schur Multiplier of  $G$  is defined to be the group  $M(G) = \frac{F' \cap \overline{R}}{[F, \overline{R}]}$ , where  $F = F(X)$  is the free group

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of rank  $|X|$  and  $\overline{R}$  is the normal closure of  $R$  ( $R \subseteq F$ ). More detailed consideration about the relationship between the Schur Multiplier and the deficiency of a presentation of a finitely presented group may be found in [9]. It is a classical fact that the groups with a deficiency zero presentation will have the trivial Schur Multiplier. However, looking for a deficiency zero presentation of a group which has the trivial Schur Multiplier, is a long-standing question and many attempts have been made during the years on finite  $p$ -groups and even in infinite groups. Our notations are merely standard, we use  $|G : H|$  for the index of a subgroup  $H$  in a group  $G$ ,  $[a, b]$  is used for the commutator  $a^{-1}b^{-1}ab$  and we will use the Modified Todd-Coxeter coset enumeration algorithm in the form as given in [2] to get a presentation for subgroups. More application of this algorithm may be found in [3, 4, 5]. Following [1] and consider the groups:

$$S_5 = \langle a, b \mid [b, a^2] = 1, a^2 = [b, a]^2, (b^2)^{[b, a]}b^2 = 1 \rangle$$

and

$$S_6 = \langle a, t, b \mid a^2 = b^2, [a, b]^2 = 1, t^a = t^{-1}[b, a], b^t = aba \rangle.$$

Just proved in [1], these groups have trivial Schur Multiplier and the above presentations are the simplified presentations for them (see the Lemmas 13 and 14 of [1]). We now recall the conjectures 14 and 16 of [1] as the following propositions:

**Proposition 1.1.** *The group  $S_5$  has a deficiency zero presentation isomorphic to*

$$\langle a, b \mid a^2 = [b, a]^2, (b^2)^{[b, a]}b^2 = 1 \rangle.$$

**Proposition 1.2.** *The group  $S_6$  has a deficiency zero presentation isomorphic to*

$$\langle a, t, b \mid a^2 = b^2, t^a = t^{-1}[b, a], b^t = aba \rangle.$$

## 2. The proofs

We give a suitable generating set for the derived subgroups of  $S_5$  and  $S_6$ . Then, by using the Modified Todd-Coxeter coset enumeration algorithm we get a presentation for the derived subgroups. Note that, using GAP [11] we are able to get a presentation for the derived subgroup in each case and then finding the image of the word  $[b, a^2]$  in the derived

subgroup of the group  $S_5$  and the image of the word  $[a, b]^2$  in the derived subgroup of  $S_6$  are possible, however, checking that this image is the identity element of the group (in each case) is not possible every time, i.e; we checked it for  $S_5$  and it was not possible for  $S_6$ . For this reason we are interested in to use the combinatorial method of Modified Todd-Coxeter coset enumeration algorithm to give a clear and exact proof.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $G = \langle a, b \mid a^2 = [b, a]^2, (b^2)^{[b, a]}b^2 = 1 \rangle$ . Then,  $G'$ , the derived subgroup of  $G$ , has a presentation isomorphic to*

$$G' = \langle a_1, \dots, a_6 \mid r_1, \dots, r_{12} \rangle$$

where, the relations  $r_1, \dots, r_{12}$  are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 : a_1 a_3^{-2} &= 1, & r_2 : (a_1 a_6^{-1})^2 a_1^{-1} a_4 &= 1, \\ r_3 : a_1 a_5^{-2} &= 1, & r_4 : (a_6 a_2)^2 a_5^{-1} a_1 a_3^{-1} &= 1, \\ r_5 : a_2 a_3 a_2 a_3^{-1} &= 1, & r_6 : a_2 a_6 a_2 a_6^{-1} &= 1, \\ r_7 : a_3^2 a_6 a_3^2 a_6^{-1} &= 1, & r_8 : (a_1 a_6^{-1})^2 a_2 a_3^{-1} a_4^{-1} a_1 a_2 a_3 &= 1, \\ r_9 : a_4 a_3^2 a_2^{-1} a_6^{-1} a_3 a_5^{-1} a_6^{-1} a_1^{-1} &= 1, \\ r_{10} : (a_6^{-1} a_3 a_1^{-1}) a_5 (a_2^{-1} a_3)^2 a_2^{-1} (a_6^{-1} a_3 a_1^{-1}) a_4^{-1} (a_1 a_3 a_2^{-1}) &= 1, \\ r_{11} : a_1^{-1} a_4 a_1 a_6^{-1} a_2 a_3^{-1} a_2 a_5^{-1} a_1 a_6^{-1} &= 1, \\ r_{12} : (a_4^{-1} a_1) a_3 a_2^{-1} a_6^{-1} (a_3 a_1^{-1} a_5) a_1 a_6^{-1} a_2 a_3^{-1} &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** It is easy to check that  $\frac{G}{G'} \cong Z_2 \times Z_4$ . We now consider the subgroup

$$K = \langle a^2, b^4, [b, a], [a^{-2}, b^{-1}], [a^{-1}, b], [b^{-1}, a] \rangle$$

of  $G$  and define eight cosets as

$$1 = K, \quad ib = i + 1, \quad (i = 1, 2, 3), \quad 1a = 5, \quad 4a^{-1} = 6, \quad 2a^{-1} = 7, \quad 3a^{-1} = 8$$

to see that  $K$  is of index 8 in  $G$ . Since  $a^2, b^4 \in G'$  then  $K \subseteq G'$ , which together with  $|G : H| = 8$  proves that  $K = G'$ .

We let

$$a_1 = a^2, \quad a_2 = b^4, \quad a_3 = [b, a], \quad a_4 = [a^{-2}, b^{-1}], \quad a_5 = [a^{-1}, b], \quad a_6 = [b^{-1}, a]$$

and we use the Modified Todd-Coxeter coset enumeration algorithm to get a presentation for  $K$ . In this way we have to adopt the name of

a coset and its representative to get the following table of coset representatives:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 1a = 5, & 1b = 2, \\
 2a = a_4^{-1}a_1.7, & 2b = 3, \\
 3a = a_3a_2^{-1}a_3a_2^{-1}.8, & 3b = 4, \\
 4a = a_2a_5^{-1}a_1a_3^{-1}a_2^{-1}.6, & 4b = a_2.1, \\
 5a = a_1.1, & 5b = a_1a_6^{-1}.7, \\
 6a = 4, & 6b = a_2a_3a_1^{-1}.5, \\
 7a = 2, & 7b = a_3a_2^{-1}.8, \\
 8a = 3, & 8b = a_6^{-1}a_2^{-1}.6.
 \end{array}$$

These coset representatives have been obtained by using the eight defined cosets as  $1a = 5, 1b = 2, 2b = 3, 3b = 4, 4a^{-1} = 6, 2a^{-1} = 7, 3a^{-1} = 8$ , and by using the subgroup tables of the coset enumeration algorithm. Indeed,

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 1a^2 = a_1.1 & \Rightarrow 5a = a_1.1, \\
 1b^4 = a_2.1 & \Rightarrow 4b = a_2.1, \\
 1[b, a] = a_3.1 & \Rightarrow 6b = a_2a_3a_1^{-1}.5, \\
 1[a^{-1}, b] = a_5.1 & \Rightarrow 4a = a_2a_5^{-1}a_1a_3^{-1}a_2^{-1}.6, \\
 1[a^{-2}, b^{-1}] = a_4.1 & \Rightarrow 2a = a_4^{-1}a_1.7, \\
 1[b^{-1}, a] = a_6.1 & \Rightarrow 5b = a_1a_6^{-1}.7, \\
 1R_2 = 1 & \Rightarrow 7b = a_3a_2^{-1}.8, \\
 2R_2 = 2 & \Rightarrow 8b = a_6^{-1}a_2^{-1}.6, \\
 3R_1 = 3 & \Rightarrow 3a = (a_3a_2^{-1})^2.8.
 \end{array}$$

where,  $R_1 = a^2[a, b]^2$  and  $R_2 = (b^2)^{[b, a]}b^2$ .

To get a presentation for  $K$  we examine all of the equations:

$$iR_1 = i, \quad (i = 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8),$$

and

$$iR_2 = i, \quad (i = 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8).$$

Many of them give us complicated relations, however, by using the new results in each step we will simplify the relations to get the desired

presentation for  $K$ . A comprehensive and detailed computation may be given as follows:

The equation  $1R_1 = 1$  gives us  $r_1 : a_1 a_3^{-2} = 1$ , and the equation  $2R_2 = 2$  yields the trivial relation. The equation  $7R_1 = 7$  yields the relation  $r_2 : (a_1 a_6^{-1})^2 a_1^{-1} a_4 = 1$ .

The equations  $5R_1 = 5$ ,  $4R_1 = 4$ ,  $3R_2 = 3$  and  $4R_2 = 4$  yield the relations:

$$r_3 : a_1 a_5^{-2} = 1,$$

$$r_4 : (a_6 a_2)^2 a_5^{-1} a_1 a_3^{-1} = 1,$$

$$r_5 : a_2 a_3 a_2 a_3^{-1} = 1,$$

$$r_6 : a_2 a_6 a_2 a_6^{-1} = 1,$$

respectively. The preliminary relation  $[(a_2^{-1} a_3)^2 a_2^{-1} a_6^{-1}]^2 a_3 a_1^{-1} a_5 = 1$  is a result of the equation  $6R_1 = 6$ , and using the relations  $r_4$  and  $r_5$  this becomes to:

$$r_7 : a_3^2 a_6 a_3^2 a_6^{-1} = 1.$$

The equation  $8R_1 = 8$  gives us the relation  $a_4^{-1} a_1 a_2 a_3^{-1} a_4^{-1} a_1 a_3 a_2^{-1} = 1$  that becomes to the simpler relation

$$r_8 : (a_1 a_6^{-1})^2 a_2 a_3^{-1} a_4^{-1} a_1 a_2 a_3 = 1$$

by using the relations  $r_2$  and  $r_5$ . The equation  $5R_2 = 5$  gives the relation

$$a_4 (a_3 a_2^{-1})^2 a_6^{-1} a_3 a_1^{-1} a_5^{-1} a_1 a_6^{-1} a_1^{-1} = 1$$

that becomes to  $r_9 : a_4 a_3^2 a_2^{-1} a_6^{-1} a_3 a_5^{-1} a_6^{-1} a_1^{-1} = 1$  by using the relations  $r_3$  and  $r_5$ . Finally, the equations  $6R_2 = 6$ ,  $7R_2 = 7$  and  $8R_2 = 8$  will give us the relations  $r_{10}$ ,  $r_{11}$  and  $r_{12}$ , respectively. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Proof of Proposition 1.1.** By considering the presentation of  $K$ , we prove that  $a_4 = 1$  holds in  $K$ . This will tend to establishing the relation  $[a^2, b] = 1$  in  $G$  and so, the group  $S_5$  has a deficiency zero presentation.

Proving  $a_4 = 1$  is by using the relation  $r_{10}$  of  $K$  and we proceed as follows. First, we use the relations  $r_5$  to get  $[a_3^2, a_2] = 1$  and then the relations  $r_3, r_4$  and  $r_7$  to simplify the relations  $r_{10}$ , i.e;

$$\begin{aligned} & (a_6^{-1} a_3 a_1^{-1}) a_5 (a_2^{-1} a_3 a_2^{-1} a_3) a_2^{-1} (a_6^{-1} a_3 a_1^{-1}) a_4^{-1} (a_1 a_3 a_2^{-1}) = 1 \\ \Rightarrow & (a_6^{-1} a_3 a_5 a_1^{-1}) \cdot a_3^2 a_2^{-1} \cdot (a_6^{-1} a_3 a_1^{-1}) \cdot a_4^{-1} a_1 \cdot a_3 a_2^{-1} = 1, \text{ (by } r_3), \\ \Rightarrow & (a_6^{-1} a_6 a_2 a_6 a_2) \cdot a_3^2 a_2^{-1} \cdot a_6^{-1} a_3 a_1^{-1} \cdot (a_4^{-1} a_1) \cdot a_3 a_2^{-1} = 1, \text{ (by } r_4 d), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow a_6(a_2a_3^2a_2^{-1}).a_6^{-1}a_3a_1^{-1}.(a_4^{-1}a_1)a_3 = 1, \\
&\quad (a_6a_3^2a_6^{-1}a_3)a_1^{-1}.(a_4^{-1}a_1)a_3 = 1, \text{ (by } [a_3^2, a_2] = 1), \\
&\Rightarrow a_3^{-1}a_1^{-1}a_4^{-1}a_1a_3 = 1, \text{ (by } r_7), \\
&\Rightarrow a_4 = 1.
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $G = \langle a, t, b \mid a^2 = b^2, t^a = t^{-1}[b, a], b^t = aba \rangle$ . Then,  $G' = \langle A, B, C \rangle$ , where  $A = a^2, B = t^2$  and  $C = [a, b]$ . Moreover,  $C^2 = 1$  holds in  $G'$ .

**Proof.** Obviously,  $\frac{G}{G'} \cong Z_2 \times Z_2 \times Z_2$  and letting  $K = \langle A, B, C \rangle$  and defining eight cosets as

$$K = 1, \quad 1a = 2, \quad 1t = 3, \quad 1b = 4, \quad 5b = 2, \quad 3b = 6, \quad 3a = 7, \quad 6a = 8$$

shows that  $|G : H| = 8$ . Since  $a^2, t^2 \in G'$  then  $K \subseteq G'$ , so,  $G' \cong K$ . To prove the equation  $C^2 = 1$  we use the Modified Todd-Coxeter coset enumeration algorithm as well as in Lemma 2.1 and get the coset representatives as,

$$\begin{array}{lll}
1a = 2, & 1b = 4, & 1t = 3, \\
2a = A.1, & 2b = A.5, & 2t = CB^{-1}.7, \\
3a = 7, & 3b = 6, & 3t = B.1, \\
4a = AC^{-1}.5, & 4b = A.1, & 4t = BC^{-1}AB^{-1}.6, \\
5a = C.4, & 5b = 2, & 5t = C^{-1}A^{-6}B^{-1}.8, \\
6a = 8, & 6b = BA^3B^{-1}.3, & 6t = BAC.4, \\
7a = BA^3B^{-1}.3, & 7b = BC^{-1}A^{-2}B^{-1}.8, & 7t = BA^3B^{-1}A^{-1}C^{-1}.2, \\
8a = BA^3B^{-1}.6, & 8b = BA^5CB^{-1}.7, & 8t = BA^5B^{-1}AC^{-2}.5.
\end{array}$$

To get a presentation for  $G'$  we have to consider all of the equations

$$iR_j = i, \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, 8, \quad j = 1, 2, 3)$$

where,  $R_1 = a^2b^{-2}$ ,  $R_2 = t^a[a, b]t$  and  $R_3 = bta^{-1}b^{-1}a^{-1}t^{-1}$ . To prove the relation  $C^2 = 1$  we do not need to calculate all of the relations of  $G'$  we just examine the suitable equation  $5R_3 = 5$  to get the result. Indeed, by using the above coset representatives we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
5bta^{-1}b^{-1}a^{-1}t^{-1} = 5 &\Rightarrow CB^{-1}.BA^{-3}B^{-1}.BA^{-3}B^{-1}.BA^6C = 1 \\
&\Rightarrow C^2 = 1.
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

**Proof of Proposition 1.2.** Using the result of Lemma 2.2 and substituting for  $C$  will conclude the validity of the relation  $[a, b]^2 = 1$  in the group  $G$ .  $\square$

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