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## A study on complementedness in the subgroup lattices of $2 \times 2$ matrices over $Z_3, Z_5$ and $Z_7$

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### Abstract

In this paper, we verify the complementedness in the subgroup lattices of the group of  $2 \times 2$  matrices over  $Z_3, Z_5$  and  $Z_7$ .

**Keywords:** Matrix group, subgroups, Lagrange's theorem, lattice

### Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{G} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in Z_p, ad - bc \neq 0 \right\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{G}$  is a group under matrix multiplication modulo  $p$ . Let  $G = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{G} : ad - bc = 1 \right\}$ . Then  $G$  is a subgroup of  $\mathcal{G}$ . We have,  $o(\mathcal{G}) = p(p^2-1)(p-1)^{[6]}$  and  $o(G) = p(p^2-1)^{[6]}$ . In this paper we are going to the study about the complementedness in the subgroup lattice of the group of  $2 \times 2$  matrices over  $Z_3, Z_5$  and  $Z_7$

### Preliminaries

In this section, we give the definitions needed for the development of the paper.

#### Definition 2.1

A partial order on a non-empty set  $P$  is a binary relation  $\leq$  on  $P$  that is reflexive, anti-symmetric and transitive. The pair  $(P, \leq)$  is called a partially ordered set or poset. A poset  $(P, \leq)$  is totally ordered if every  $x, y \in P$  are comparable, that is either  $x \leq y$  or  $y \leq x$ . A non-empty subset  $S$  of  $P$  is a chain in  $P$  if  $S$  is totally ordered by  $\leq$ .

#### Definition 2.2

Let  $(P, \leq)$  be a poset and let  $S \subseteq P$ . An upper bound of  $S$  is an element  $x \in P$  for which  $s \leq x$  for all  $s \in S$ . The least upper bound of  $S$  is called the supremum or join of  $S$ . A lower bound for  $S$  is an element  $x \in P$  for which  $x \leq s$  for all  $s \in S$ . The greatest lower bound of  $S$  is called the infimum or meet of  $S$ .

#### Definition 2.3

A poset  $(P, \leq)$  is called a lattice if every pair  $x, y$  elements of  $P$  has a supremum and an infimum, which are denoted by  $x \vee y$  and  $x \wedge y$  respectively.

#### Definition 2.4

A poset is said to be complete lattice if all its subsets have both join and meet. In particular, every complete lattice is a bounded lattice.

#### Definition 2.5

Let  $L$  be a bounded lattice with greatest element 1 and least element 0. Two elements  $x$  and  $y$  of  $L$  are said to be complements of each other if  $x \vee y = 1$  and  $x \wedge y = 0$ . If every element of  $L$  has a complement, then  $L$  is called a complemented lattice. We give below the diagrams of  $L(G)$  when  $p = 2, 3$  and  $5$  <sup>[6]</sup>.

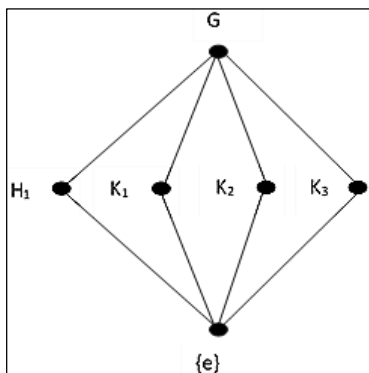


Fig 2.1:  $L(G)$  when  $p = 2$

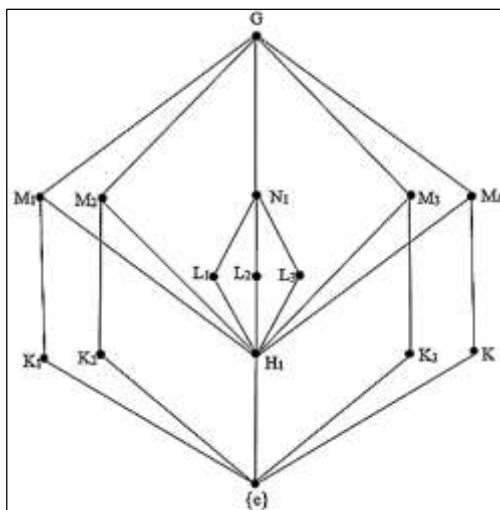


Fig 2.2:  $L(G)$  when  $p = 3$

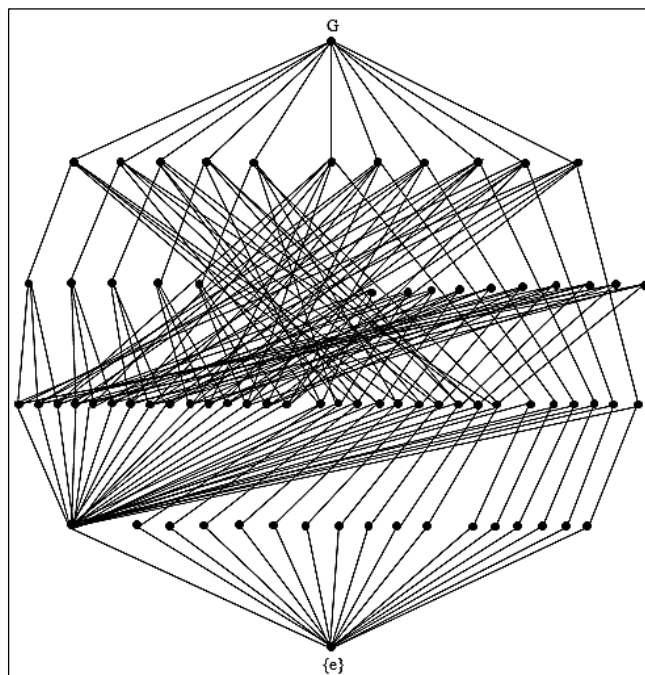


Fig 2.3:  $L(G)$  when  $p = 5$

**Row I:** (Left to right):  $S_1$  to  $S_5$  and  $T_1$  to  $T_6$ .  
**Row II:** (Left to right):  $P_1$  to  $P_5$  and  $R_1$  to  $R_{10}$ .  
**Row III:** (Left to right):  $L_1$  to  $L_{15}$ ,  $N_1$  to  $N_{10}$  and  $Q_1$  to  $Q_6$ .  
**Row IV:** (Left to right):  $H_1$ ,  $K_1$  to  $K_{10}$  and  $M_1$  to  $M_6$ .

We tabulate the subgroups of  $G$ , when  $p = 7$  in the order in which they lie in different maximal subgroups (co-atoms). This will make our work easy.

Table 2.1: Intervals  $[\{e\}, U_i]$  in  $L(G)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 8$

Order	Subgroups	Order	Subgroups
42	$U_1$	42	$U_2$
21	$T_1$	21	$T_2$
14	$R_1$	14	$R_2$
7	$N_1$	7	$N_2$
6	$M_1, M_{12}, M_{14}, M_{16}, M_{17}, M_{21}, M_{23}$	6	$M_1, M_{11}, M_{13}, M_{15}, M_{18}, M_{22}, M_{24}$
3	$K_1, K_{12}, K_{14}, K_{16}, K_{17}, K_{21}, K_{23}$	3	$K_1, K_{11}, K_{13}, K_{15}, K_{18}, K_{22}, K_{24}$
Order	Subgroups	Order	Subgroups
42	$U_3$	42	$U_4$
21	$T_3$	21	$T_4$
14	$R_3$	14	$R_4$
7	$N_3$	7	$N_4$
6	$M_4, M_6, M_9, M_{17}, M_{20}, M_{24}, M_{26}$	6	$M_4, M_5, M_{10}, M_{18}, M_{19}, M_{23}, M_{25}$
3	$K_4, K_6, K_9, K_{17}, K_{20}, K_{24}, K_{26}$	3	$K_4, K_5, K_{10}, K_{18}, K_{19}, K_{23}, K_{25}$
Order	Subgroups	Order	Subgroups
42	$U_5$	42	$U_6$
21	$T_5$	21	$T_6$
14	$R_5$	14	$R_6$
7	$N_5$	7	$N_6$
6	$M_3, M_6, M_8, M_{16}, M_{19}, M_{22}, M_{28}$	6	$M_3, M_5, M_7, M_{15}, M_{20}, M_{21}, M_{27}$
3	$K_3, K_6, K_8, K_{16}, K_{19}, K_{22}, K_{28}$	3	$K_3, K_5, K_7, K_{15}, K_{20}, K_{21}, K_{27}$
Order	Subgroups	Order	Subgroups
42	$U_7$	42	$U_8$
21	$T_7$	21	$T_8$
14	$R_7$	14	$R_8$
7	$N_7$	7	$N_8$
6	$M_2, M_8, M_{10}, M_{12}, M_{13}, M_{26}, M_{27}$	6	$M_2, M_7, M_9, M_{11}, M_{14}, M_{25}, M_{28}$
3	$K_2, K_8, K_{10}, K_{12}, K_{13}, K_{26}, K_{27}$	3	$K_2, K_7, K_9, K_{11}, K_{14}, K_{25}, K_{28}$

**Table 2.2:** Intervals  $[\{e\}, V_i]$  in  $L(G)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 14$

Order	Subgroups	Order	Subgroups
48	$V_1$	48	$V_2$
16	$S_{12}, S_{16}, S_{17}$	16	$S_{13}, S_{18}, S_{19}$
12	$Q_1, Q_4, Q_7, Q_8$	12	$Q_1, Q_3, Q_9, Q_{10}$
8	$P_{12}, P_{16}, P_{17}$	8	$P_{13}, P_{18}, P_{19}$
6	$M_1, M_4, M_7, M_8$	6	$M_1, M_3, M_9, M_{10}$
4	$L_1, L_2, L_3, L_{10}, L_{11}, L_{12}, L_{14}, L_{16}, L_{17}$	4	$L_1, L_2, L_3, L_8, L_9, L_{13}, L_{15}, L_{18}, L_{19}$
3	$K_1, K_4, K_7, K_8$	3	$K_1, K_3, K_9, K_{10}$
<b>Order</b>	<b>Subgroups</b>	<b>Order</b>	<b>Subgroups</b>
48	$V_3$	48	$V_4$
16	$S_4, S_5, S_{15}$	16	$S_6, S_7, S_{14}$
12	$Q_2, Q_4, Q_{15}, Q_{16}$	12	$Q_2, Q_3, Q_{17}, Q_{18}$
8	$P_4, P_5, P_{15}$	8	$P_6, P_7, P_{14}$
6	$M_2, M_4, M_{15}, M_{16}$	6	$M_2, M_3, M_{17}, M_{18}$
4	$L_1, L_4, L_5, L_{10}, L_{11}, L_{13}, L_{15}, L_{20}, L_{21}$	4	$L_1, L_6, L_7, L_8, L_9, L_{12}, L_{14}, L_{20}, L_{21}$
3	$K_2, K_4, K_{15}, K_{16}$	3	$K_2, K_3, K_{17}, K_{18}$
<b>Order</b>	<b>Subgroups</b>	<b>Order</b>	<b>Subgroups</b>
48	$V_5$	48	$V_6$
16	$S_5, S_{10}, S_{21}$	16	$S_4, S_{11}, S_{20}$
12	$Q_5, Q_9, Q_{12}, Q_{22}$	12	$Q_6, Q_{10}, Q_{11}, Q_{21}$
8	$P_5, P_{10}, P_{21}$	8	$P_4, P_{11}, P_{20}$
6	$M_5, M_9, M_{12}, M_{22}$	6	$M_6, M_{10}, M_{11}, M_{21}$
4	$L_3, L_4, L_5, L_7, L_8, L_{10}, L_{15}, L_{16}, L_{21}$	4	$L_2, L_4, L_5, L_6, L_9, L_{11}, L_{15}, L_{17}, L_{20}$
3	$K_5, K_9, K_{12}, K_{22}$	3	$K_6, K_{10}, K_{11}, K_{21}$
<b>Order</b>	<b>Subgroups</b>	<b>Order</b>	<b>Subgroups</b>
48	$V_7$	48	$V_8$
16	$S_6, S_9, S_{20}$	16	$S_7, S_8, S_{21}$
12	$Q_5, Q_8, Q_{14}, Q_{24}$	12	$Q_6, Q_7, Q_{13}, Q_{23}$
8	$P_6, P_9, P_{20}$	8	$P_7, P_8, P_{21}$
6	$M_5, M_8, M_{14}, M_{24}$	6	$M_6, M_7, M_{13}, M_{23}$
4	$L_3, L_4, L_6, L_7, L_9, L_{11}, L_{14}, L_{19}, L_{20}$	4	$L_2, L_5, L_6, L_7, L_8, L_{10}, L_{14}, L_{18}, L_{21}$
3	$K_5, K_8, K_{14}, K_{24}$	3	$K_6, K_7, K_{13}, K_{23}$
<b>Order</b>	<b>Subgroups</b>	<b>Order</b>	<b>Subgroups</b>
48	$V_9$	48	$V_{10}$
16	$S_3, S_{10}, S_{16}$	16	$S_2, S_{11}, S_{17}$
12	$Q_{11}, Q_{17}, Q_{19}, Q_{27}$	12	$Q_{12}, Q_{18}, Q_{20}, Q_{28}$
8	$P_3, P_{10}, P_{16}$	8	$P_2, P_{11}, P_{17}$
6	$M_{11}, M_{17}, M_{19}, M_{27}$	6	$M_{12}, M_{18}, M_{20}, M_{28}$
4	$L_3, L_5, L_9, L_{10}, L_{12}, L_{16}, L_{17}, L_{19}, L_{21}$	4	$L_2, L_4, L_8, L_{11}, L_{12}, L_{16}, L_{17}, L_{18}, L_{20}$
3	$K_{11}, K_{17}, K_{19}, K_{27}$	3	$K_{12}, K_{18}, K_{20}, K_{28}$
<b>Order</b>	<b>Subgroups</b>	<b>Order</b>	<b>Subgroups</b>
48	$V_{11}$	48	$V_{12}$
16	$S_2, S_8, S_{18}$	16	$S_3, S_9, S_{19}$
12	$Q_{14}, Q_{15}, Q_{19}, Q_{26}$	12	$Q_{13}, Q_{16}, Q_{20}, Q_{25}$
8	$P_2, P_8, P_{18}$	8	$P_3, P_9, P_{19}$
6	$M_{14}, M_{15}, M_{19}, M_{26}$	6	$M_{13}, M_{16}, M_{20}, M_{25}$
4	$L_2, L_7, L_8, L_{11}, L_{13}, L_{17}, L_{18}, L_{19}, L_{21}$	4	$L_3, L_6, L_9, L_{10}, L_{13}, L_{16}, L_{18}, L_{19}, L_{20}$
3	$K_{14}, K_{15}, K_{19}, K_{26}$	3	$K_{13}, K_{16}, K_{20}, K_{25}$
<b>Order</b>	<b>Subgroups</b>	<b>Order</b>	<b>Subgroups</b>
48	$V_{13}$	48	$V_{14}$
16	$S_1, S_{12}, S_{14}$	16	$S_1, S_{13}, S_{15}$
12	$Q_{21}, Q_{22}, Q_{25}, Q_{26}$	12	$Q_{23}, Q_{24}, Q_{27}, Q_{28}$
8	$P_1, P_{12}, P_{14}$	8	$P_1, P_{13}, P_{15}$
6	$M_{21}, M_{22}, M_{25}, M_{26}$	6	$M_{23}, M_{24}, M_{27}, M_{28}$
4	$L_1, L_6, L_7, L_{12}, L_{13}, L_{14}, L_{15}, L_{16}, L_{17}$	4	$L_1, L_4, L_5, L_{12}, L_{13}, L_{14}, L_{15}, L_{18}, L_{19}$
3	$K_{21}, K_{22}, K_{25}, K_{26}$	3	$K_{23}, K_{24}, K_{27}, K_{28}$

When  $p = 7$ , we display two typical intervals  $[\{e\}, U_1]$  and  $[\{e\}, V_1]$  of  $L(G)$  in the following diagrams <sup>[9]</sup>.

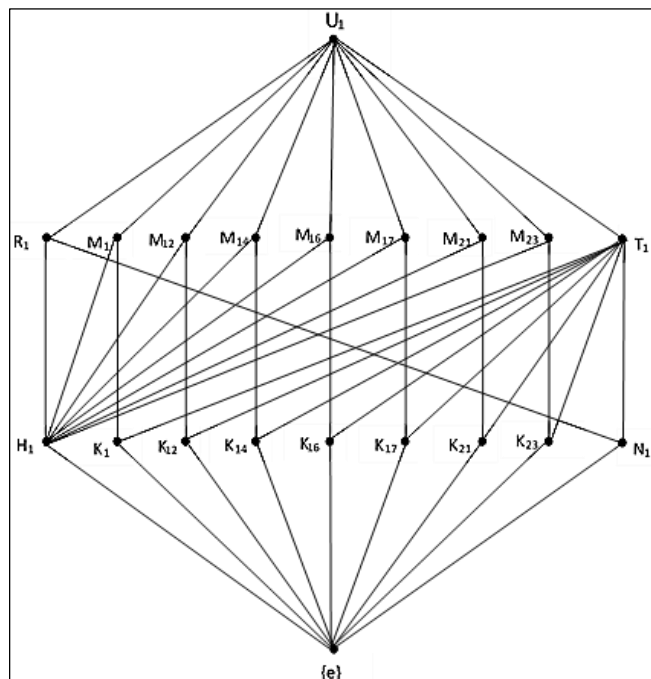


Fig 2.4: The Interval  $[[e], U_1]$

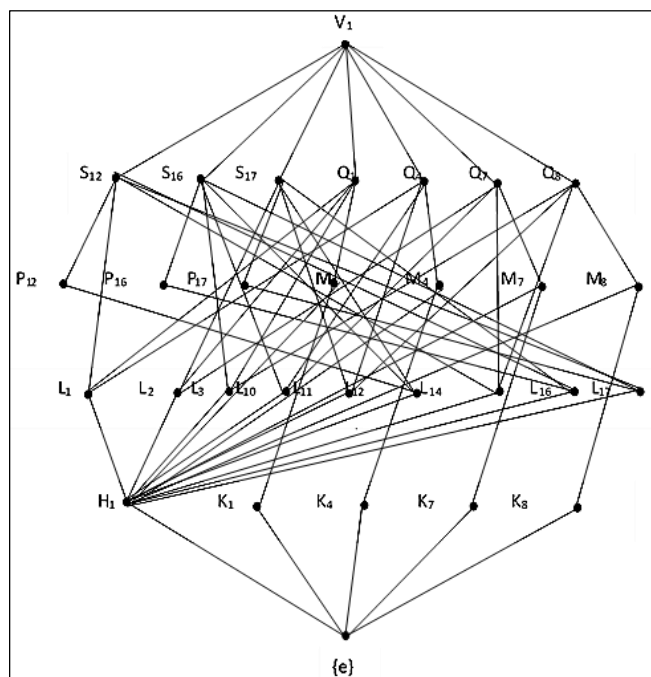


Fig 2.5: The Interval  $[[e], V_1]$

### 3. Complementedness in the lattice of subgroups of the group of $2 \times 2$ matrices over $Z_3, Z_5$ and $Z_7$

#### Lemma 3.1

For  $p = 3, 5$  and  $7$ , the two-element subgroup  $H_1$  does not have a complement in  $L(G)$ .

#### Proof:

An even order subgroup cannot be a complement of  $H_1$ .

So, if  $X$  were a complement of  $H_1$ , then in  $L(G)$ .

$X \vee H_1 = G$  and  $X \wedge H_1 = \{e\}$  where  $o(X)$  is odd.

If  $X$  is odd order which is a prime number, say  $k$ .

Now,  $k-1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .

So, there exists a subgroup of order  $2k$ .

$O(X \vee H_1) = 2k$ .

Therefore,  $X \vee H_1 \neq G$ .

If  $o(X) = st$ , where  $s$  and  $t$  are odd primes and  $s-1 \equiv 0 \pmod{t}$ , ( $s > t$ )

Then  $o(X \vee H_1) = 2st \neq (p-1)p(p+1) = o(G)$ .

Therefore,  $X \vee H_1 \neq G$ .

So,  $H_1$  has no complement in  $L(G)$ .

#### Theorem: 3.2

$L(G)$  is not complemented if  $p = 3, 5$  and  $7$ .

#### Proof:

Follows from the above lemma 3.1

#### Conclusion

In this paper, we proved that  $L(G)$  is not complemented when  $p = 3, 5$  and  $7$ .

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