

## 2.6 Classification of Finite Groups: Part II

- (1).  $|G| = 1 \Rightarrow G = \langle e \rangle$ .
- (2).  $|G| = p$  ( $p = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, \dots$  is a prime)  
 $\Rightarrow G = \langle a \rangle$  (for  $e \neq a \in G$ )  
 $\cong \mathbb{Z}_p$
- (3).  $|G| = pq$  ( $q \nmid p-1$ ) ( $|G| = 15, 33, \dots$ )  
 $\Rightarrow G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{pq}$ .
- (4).  $|G| = pq$  ( $q \mid p-1$ ) ( $|G| = 6, 10, 14, 21, 22, \dots$ )  
 $\Rightarrow$  (a) abelian  
 $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q \cong \mathbb{Z}_{pq}$ .  
 (b) nonabelian  
 $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_p \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_q$ .
- (5)  $|G| = p^2$  ( $|G| = 4, 9, 25, \dots$ )  
 $\Rightarrow G$  is abelian  
 $\Rightarrow G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p$ .
- (6)  $|G| = 8$   
 $\Rightarrow$  (a) (abelian)  
 $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_8, \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$   
 (b) (nonabelian)  
 Case b.1 :  $\exists a \in G$  with  $|a| = 8$ , which contradicts to nonabelian.  
 Case b.2 :  $\forall e \neq a \in G$  with  $|a| = 2$ .  
 $e = (ba)^2 \Rightarrow ba = a^{-1}b^{-1}$   
 $aba^{-1}b^{-1} = abba = e$ , which contradicts to nonabelian.  
 Case b.3 :  $a \in G$  with  $|a| = 4$   
 $[G : \langle a \rangle] = 2 \Rightarrow \langle a \rangle \triangleleft G$   
 Pick  $b \in G \setminus \langle a \rangle$ .  
 Then  $G = \langle a \rangle \dot{\cup} b \langle a \rangle$ .  
 Case b.3 (i) :  $|b| = 2$

$bab^{-1} = a^3 = a^{-1}$  ( $|bab^{-1}| = |a|$ )  
 $G \cong \langle a \rangle \rtimes \langle b \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_4 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2 \cong D_4$ .  
 Case b.3 (ii) :  $|b| = 4$   
 $|G / \langle a \rangle| = 2$   
 $\Rightarrow b^2 \langle a \rangle = \langle a \rangle$   
 $\Rightarrow b^2 \in \langle a \rangle$   
 Since  $|b| = 4$ ,  $b^2 = a^2$ .  
 $G = \{b^j a^i | 0 \leq i \leq 3, 0 \leq j \leq 1\} \cong Q_8$   
 with identification  
 $a \rightarrow i, b \rightarrow j, (ab)^2 = a^2 = b^2 \rightarrow -1, ab \rightarrow k$ .

(7)  $|G| = 12 = 2^2 \times 3$

$\Rightarrow$  (a) (abelian)

$G \cong \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_3, \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$

$\Rightarrow$  (b) (nonabelian)

Pick  $\langle a \rangle \in \text{Syl}_3(G)$

Let  $G$  act on left coset of  $\langle a \rangle$  in  $G$ .

This gives a homomorphism  $\phi : G \rightarrow S_4$  (since  $[G : \langle a \rangle] = 4$ )  
 and  $\text{Ker}\phi \subseteq \langle a \rangle$ .

Hence  $\text{ker}\phi = \langle e \rangle$  or  $\langle a \rangle$  (since  $|\langle a \rangle| = 3$ )

If  $\text{ker}\phi = \langle e \rangle$ ,

then  $G \cong \phi(G) = A_4$  by checking all subgroups of order 12 in  $S_4$ .

(In fact,  $A_4$  is the only subgroup of  $S_4$  of index 2 and  $|S_4|/2 = |A_4| = 12$ .)

Suppose  $\text{ker}\phi = \langle a \rangle$ .

Then  $|G / \langle a \rangle| = 4$  and  $G / \langle a \rangle$  is abelian.

(In fact, any group with four elements is abelian.)

Hence  $G / \langle a \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

Case 1:  $G / \langle a \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ .

$G = \langle a \rangle \dot{\cup} b \langle a \rangle \dot{\cup} b^2 \langle a \rangle \dot{\cup} b^3 \langle a \rangle$ , where  $b^4 \in \langle a \rangle$  (\*).

If  $b^4 = a, a^{-1}$ ,

then  $|b| = 12$ , which contradicts to the fact that  $G$  is not abelian.

Then  $b^4 = e$

Since  $\langle a \rangle \triangleleft G$ ,  $bab^{-1} = a^{-1}$ .

(If  $bab^{-1} = a$  then  $G$  is abelian by (\*))

Hence  $G \cong \langle a \rangle \rtimes \langle b \rangle$ .

Case 2:  $G / \langle a \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$

Then  $G = \langle a \rangle \dot{\cup} b \langle a \rangle \dot{\cup} c \langle a \rangle \dot{\cup} bc \langle a \rangle$

where  $b^2, c^2, (bc)^2 \in \langle a \rangle$ .

If  $b^2 = a$ ,  $a^{-1}$  then  $|b| = 6$ .

If  $b^2 = e$  and  $ab = ba$  then  $|ab| = 6$ .

If  $b^2 = e$  and  $ab \neq ba$  then  $bab^{-1} = a^{-1}$ .

Hence there exists  $t \in G$  with  $|t| = 6$

unless  $bab^{-1} = a^{-1}$ ,  $cac^{-1} = a^{-1}$ ,  $(bc)a(bc)^{-1} = a^{-1}$  and  $b^2 = c^2 = (bc)^2 = e$ .

In this case,  $a^{-1} = (bc)a(bc)^{-1} = b(cac^{-1}) = ba^{-1}b^{-1} = (bab^{-1})^{-1} = a$ ,  
a contradiction.

Since  $[G : \langle t \rangle] = 2$ ,  $\langle t \rangle \triangleleft G$ .

Pick  $u \in G \setminus \langle t \rangle$ .

Then  $G = \langle t \rangle \dot{\cup} u \langle t \rangle$ , where  $u^2 \in \langle t \rangle$ .

If  $u^2 = t$  or  $t^{-1}$  then  $G = \langle u \rangle$  is abelian which is a contradiction.

If  $u^2 = t^3$  then  $u^4 = t^6 = e$  and we have

$G / \langle a \rangle = \langle u \langle a \rangle \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ , which is a contradiction.

If  $u^2 = t^2$  or  $t^4$ , then  $|u| = 6$  and  $\langle u \rangle \triangleleft G$

Assume  $u^2 = t^2$ . Note that  $utu^{-1}t^{-1} \neq e$  since  $G$  is not abelian.

Hence  $utu^{-1} = t^{-1}$  since  $|utu^{-1}| = |t^{-1}|$ .

and similarly  $tut^{-1} = u^{-1}$

Then  $u^2 = u(tu^{-1}t^{-1}) = t^{-2}$ , which is a contradiction.

Similar for  $u^2 = t^4$ , we have another contradiction.

Then  $u^2 = e$  and  $utu^{-1} = t^{-1}$

Hence  $G \cong \langle t \rangle \rtimes \langle u \rangle$ .

With  $t \rightarrow \sigma$ ,  $u \rightarrow \tau$ , we have  $G \cong D_6$