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# The Explicit Formula for the Number of the Distinct Fuzzy Subgroups of the Cartesian Product of the Dihedral Group $2^n$ with a Cyclic Group of Order Eight, where n > 3

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**Abstract.** In this paper, the explicit formulae is given for the number of distinct fuzzy subgroups of the cartesian product of the dihedral group of order  $2^n$  with a cyclic group of order 8, where n > 3.

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#### 1. Introduction

One of the most important problem of fuzzy group theory is to classify the fuzzy subgroup of a finite groups. This topic has enjoyed a rapid development in the last few years. This paper is a follow up from [1,2].

### 2. Methodology

Suppose that  $M_1, M_2, ..., M_t$  are the maximal subgroups of a finite group G, and denote h(G) as the number of distinct fuzzy subgroups of G. By simply applying the technique of computing h(G), using the application of the Inclusion-Exclusion Principle, we have that:

$$h(G) = 2\left(\sum_{r=1}^{t} h(M_r) - \sum_{1 \le r_1 < r_2 \le t} h(M_{r_1} \cap M_{r_2}) + \dots + (-1)^{t-1} h\left(\bigcap_{r=1}^{t} M_r\right)\right)$$
(1.1)

In [4], (1.1) was used to obtain the explicit formulas for some positive integers n.

**Theorem 1.1. [5]** The number of distinct fuzzy subgroups of a finite p-group of order  $p^n$  which have a cyclic maximal subgroup is:

1. 
$$h(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n})=2^n$$

2. 
$$h(\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^{n-1}}) = h(M_{p^n}) = 2^{n-1}[2 + (n-1)p]$$

# 3. The number of fuzzy subgroups for $~\mathbb{Z}_8 \times \mathbb{Z}_8$

**Lemma 2.1.** Let G be abelian such that  $G = \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$  Then,  $h(G) = 2h(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{2^2}) = 48$ 

**Proof:** By the use of GAP (Group Algorithms and Programming), G has three maximal subgroups in which each of them is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{2^2}$ . Hence, we have that:  $\frac{1}{2}h(G) = 3h(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{2^2}) - 3h(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{2^2}) + h(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{2^2}) = h(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4)$ . And by theorem (\*),  $h(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{2^2}) = 24$ .  $\Rightarrow h(\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4) = 48$ .

**Corrolary 2.1.** Following the last lemma,  $h(\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_{2^5})$ ,  $h(\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_{2^6})$ ,  $h(\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_{2^7})$  and  $h(\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_{2^8}) = 1536$ , 4096, 10496 and 26112 respectively.

**Proposition 2.1 [3]** Suppose that  $G = \mathbb{Z}_8 \times \mathbb{Z}_{2^n}$ ,  $n \ge 2$ . Then,  $h(G) = 2^n[n^2 + 5n - 2]$  **Proof:** G has three maximal subgroups of which two are isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{2^n}$  and the third is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-1}}$ . Hence,

$$\begin{split} &h(\mathbb{Z}_{4}\times\mathbb{Z}_{2^{n}})=2h(\mathbb{Z}_{2}\times\mathbb{Z}_{2^{n}})+2^{1}h(\mathbb{Z}_{2}\times\mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-1}})+2^{2}h(\mathbb{Z}_{2}\times\mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-2}})+2^{3}h(\mathbb{Z}_{2}\times\mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-2}})\\ &\mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-3}})+2^{4}h(\mathbb{Z}_{2}\times\mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-4}})+\cdots+2^{n-2}h(\mathbb{Z}_{2}\times\mathbb{Z}_{2^{2}})\\ &=2^{n+1}[2(n+1)+\sum_{j=1}^{n-2}\left[(n+1)-j\right]\\ &=2^{n+1}[2(n+1)+\frac{1}{2}(n-2)(n+3)]=2^{n}[n^{2}+5n-2], n\geq2 \end{split}$$

We have that:  $h(\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-1}}) = 2^{n-1}[(n-1)^2 + 5(n-1) - 2] = 2^{n-1}[n^2 + 3n - 6], n > 2.$ 

**Theorem 2.1.** [2] Let  $G = D_{2^n} \times \mathbb{C}_2$ , the nilpotent group formed by the cartesian product of the dihedral group of order  $2^n$  and a cyclic group of order 2. Then, the number of distinct fuzzy subgroups of G is given by :  $h(G) = 2^{2n}(2n+1) - 2^{n+1}$ , n > .3

## **4.** The number of fuzzy subgroups for $D_{2^n} \times \mathbb{C}_8$

**Proposition 4.1.** Suppose that  $G = D_{2^n} \times \mathbb{C}_8$ . Then, the number of distinct fuzzy subgroups of G is given by :

$$2^{2(n-2)}(64n+173) + 3\sum_{j=1}^{n-3} 2^{(n-1+j)}(2n+1-2j)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{2}h(D_{2^{n}}\times C_{8}) &= h(D_{2^{n}}\times C_{4}) + 2h(D_{2^{n-1}}\times C_{8}) + h(D_{2^{n-1}}\times C_{8}) + 2h(D_{2^{n-1}}\times C_{4}) \\ &+ \mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-1}} - 4h(D_{2^{n-1}}\times C_{2}) + h(\mathbb{Z}_{4}\times \mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-1}}) - 2h(\mathbb{Z}_{2}\times \mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-1}}) \\ &- 2h(\mathbb{Z}_{4}\times \mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-2}}) + 8h(\mathbb{Z}_{2}\times \mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-2}}) + h(\mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-1}}) - 4h(\mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-2}}) \\ h(D_{2^{n}}\times C_{4}) &= (n-3).2^{2n+2} + 2^{2(n-3)}(1460) + 3[2^{n}(2n-1) + 2^{n+1}(2n-3) \\ &+ 2^{n+2}(2n-5) + \dots + 7(2^{2(n-2)})] \\ &= (n-3).2^{2n+2} + 2^{2(n-3)}(1460) + 3\sum_{j=1}^{n-3} 2^{n-1+j}(2n+1-2j) \\ &= 2^{2(n-2)}(64n+173) + 3\sum_{j=1}^{n-3} 2^{n-1+j}(2n+1-2j) \end{split}$$

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## 5. Conclusion

In this work, the explicit formulae for the number of distinct fuzzy subgroups of the cartesian product of the dihedral group of order  $2^n$  with a cyclic group of order 8 is established.

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