

# Lecture XXVII: Classifying groups of small order

## § 27.1 Summary:

- $\text{Aut}_{G_F}(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})$  is an abelian group with  $\varphi(n)$  elements (Euler's  $\varphi$  function)
- $n = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_\ell^{a_\ell} \Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/p_1^{a_1}\mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/p_\ell^{a_\ell}\mathbb{Z}$
- $\varphi(n) = \varphi(p_1^{a_1}) \dots \varphi(p_\ell^{a_\ell}) \Rightarrow \text{Aut}_{G_F}(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) \simeq \text{Aut}_{G_F}(\mathbb{Z}/p_1^{a_1}\mathbb{Z}) \times \dots \times \text{Aut}_{G_F}(\mathbb{Z}/p_\ell^{a_\ell}\mathbb{Z})$
- $\varphi(p^r) = p^{r-1}(p-1)$ 
  - $\swarrow$  [p odd]  $\text{Aut}_{G_F}(\mathbb{Z}/p^r\mathbb{Z})$  is cyclic ( $= \langle 1+p \rangle \leq (\mathbb{Z}/p^r\mathbb{Z})^*$ )  
 $\parallel$   $\langle 2^{r-1} \rangle$   $\parallel$   $\langle 5 \rangle$  in  $(\mathbb{Z}/2^r\mathbb{Z})^*$
  - $\searrow$  [p even]  $\text{Aut}_{G_F}(\mathbb{Z}/2^r\mathbb{Z}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2^{r-2}\mathbb{Z}$  if  $r \geq 3$
- $\text{Aut}_{G_F}(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) = \{e\}$ ,  $\text{Aut}_{G_F}(\mathbb{Z}/2^2\mathbb{Z}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .

## § 27.2 Example: Classify all groups of order 18:

Let  $G$  be a group with 18 elements ( $18 = 2 \cdot 3^2$ )

By Sylow Theorems, we have  $P \leq G$  a subgroup with 2 elements  
 $Q \leq G$  9

Note:  $Q \trianglelefteq G$  because it has index 2.

- Alternative reason  $n_3 = 1 \pmod 3$  &  $n_3 | 2 \Rightarrow n_3 = 1$ .

Conclusion: (1)  $P \leq G$ ,  $Q \trianglelefteq G$

(2)  $P \cap Q = \{e\}$  because  $|P|$  &  $|Q|$  are coprime

(3)  $PQ = QP = G$  ( $|PQ|$  divisible by  $2 = |P|$  &  $9 = |Q|$ )  
 $\downarrow$   
 because  $Q \trianglelefteq G$

$\Rightarrow G \cong Q \rtimes_\alpha P$  for some  $\alpha: P \longrightarrow \text{Aut}_{G_F}(Q)$  gr homomorphism.

We know  $\alpha(h) = \text{conj}(h) \quad \forall h \in P$ .

• Options for  $P$  &  $Q$ :  $P \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ ;  $Q \cong \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$   
 by Proposition § 18.2.

We treat these 2 cases separately

CASE 1:  $P \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  ;  $Q \cong \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z}$  cyclic

$\text{Aut}_{G_P}(Q) = \text{Aut}_{G_P}(\mathbb{Z}/3^2\mathbb{Z})$  is cyclic of order  $3 \cdot 2 = 6$ . Pick  $\sigma$  a generator

$$\Rightarrow \text{Aut}_{G_P}(Q) = \{\text{id}, \sigma, \sigma^2, \sigma^3, \sigma^4, \sigma^5\} \quad (\text{E.g. } \sigma: \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z} \quad 1 \mapsto 5 \pmod{9})$$

Group homomorphisms  $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} \text{Aut}_{G_P}(Q)$   
 $\downarrow \quad \downarrow$   
 $\{0,1\} \quad \Psi_{\alpha(1)}$

• If  $\alpha(1) = \text{id} \Rightarrow \alpha$  is trivial, and  $G \cong P \times Q \cong \mathbb{Z}/18\mathbb{Z}$

• If  $\alpha(1) \neq \text{id}$ , then  $\alpha(1)$  has order 2 in  $\text{Aut}_{G_P}(Q)$

The only possibility is  $\alpha(1) = \sigma^3$  so  $\sigma^3: Q \rightarrow Q$

$$1 \pmod{9} \mapsto 5^3 \equiv -1 \pmod{9} \quad (\text{additive inverse of } 1. \text{ (additive notation)})$$

Thus  $Q \rtimes_{\alpha} P$  can be explicitly described as follows:

if  $P = \langle x \rangle$ ,  $Q = \langle y \rangle$  so that  $x^2 = e_P$  (id in  $P$ ) then,  
 $y^9 = e_Q$  (id in  $Q$ )

$$(e_Q, x) *_\alpha (y, e_P) = (\alpha(x)(y), x) = (y^{-1}, x) = (y^{-1}, e_P) *_\alpha (e_Q, x)$$

Hence, identifying  $(e_Q, x)$  with  $x$  and  $(y, e_P)$  with  $y$ , we get

$$G \cong \langle x, y \mid x^2 = y^9 = 1, xy = y^{-1}x \rangle = \langle x, y \mid x^2 = y^9 = 1, xyx = y^{-1} \rangle \cong D_{18}$$

Conclude:  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}/18\mathbb{Z}$  or  $G \cong D_{18}$

CASE 2:  $P \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  ;  $Q \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$

Claim:  $\text{Aut}_{G_P}(Q)$  can be viewed as  $2 \times 2$  invertible matrices with entries from  $\mathbb{F}_3 (\cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})$

PF/ Pick  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}_{G_P}(Q)$ . Then,  $(a \pmod{3}, b \pmod{3}) \in Q$

$$\downarrow \sigma$$

$$(\alpha a + \beta b \pmod{3}, \gamma a + \delta b \pmod{3}) \in Q$$

$$\text{where } (\alpha \pmod{3}, \gamma \pmod{3}) = \sigma(\bar{1}, 0)$$

$$(\beta \pmod{3}, \delta \pmod{3}) = \sigma(0, \bar{1})$$

Reason:  $\sigma(\bar{a}, \bar{b}) = \sigma((\bar{a}, 0) + (0, \bar{b})) = \sigma((\bar{a}, 0)) + \sigma((0, \bar{b})) \quad \forall a, b$

$$\text{But } \sigma((\bar{a}, 0)) = \sigma(\alpha(\bar{1}, 0)) = \alpha \sigma(\bar{1}, 0)$$

$$\sigma((0, \bar{b})) = \sigma(\beta(0, \bar{1})) = \beta \sigma(0, \bar{1})$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma(\bar{a}, \bar{b}) = a(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\delta}) + b(\bar{\beta}, \bar{\gamma}) = (\overline{\alpha a + \beta b}, \overline{\gamma a + \delta b}) = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

So we identify  $\sigma$  with  $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{bmatrix}$  :  $2 \times 2$  matrix with entries from  $\mathbb{F}_3$ .

Note: Composition of elements of  $\text{Aut}_{\mathbb{G}_F}(\mathbb{Q})$  = matrix multiplication

$$\sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{bmatrix} \text{ is an iso} \iff \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{bmatrix} \text{ is invertible.}$$

$$\text{So } \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{G}_F}(\mathbb{Q}) \simeq \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{F}_3)$$

□

Recall:  $|\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{F}_3)| = (3^2 - 1)(3^2 - 3) = 8 \cdot 6 = 48$ .

Now, we are looking for  $\alpha: \mathbb{P} \longrightarrow \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{G}_F}(\mathbb{Q}) = \text{GL}_2(\mathbb{F}_3)$

$$1 \longmapsto X$$

We have  $\alpha(1)^2 = \alpha(2 \cdot 1) = \alpha(0) = \text{id}_{\mathbb{Q}}$ , so  $X^2 = I_2$ .

In particular  $\det(X)^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \det(X) = \pm 1$

$$X = X^{-1}$$

We have 2 options for  $X = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{bmatrix}$

• If  $\det(X) = 1 \Rightarrow X = X^{-1}$  gives  $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\det(X)} \begin{bmatrix} \delta & -\beta \\ -\gamma & \alpha \end{bmatrix} \iff \begin{matrix} \alpha = \delta \\ \beta = -\gamma \\ \gamma = -\beta \end{matrix}$

Thus  $X = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha \end{bmatrix}$  with  $\alpha^2 = 1$ .  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_3^*$

We have 2 options  $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I_2$  or  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = -I_2$  (2)

• If  $\det(X) = -1 \Rightarrow X = X^{-1}$  gives  $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\det(X)} \begin{bmatrix} \delta & -\beta \\ -\gamma & \alpha \end{bmatrix} \iff \alpha = -\delta$

Thus  $X = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & -\alpha \end{bmatrix}$  with  $-\alpha^2 - \beta\gamma = -1$ .

We have several options

•  $\alpha = \delta = 0 \Rightarrow -\beta\gamma = -1$  gives  $X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  (2)

•  $\alpha = 1, \delta = -1 \Rightarrow -1 - \beta\gamma = -1$  gives  $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ x & -1 \end{bmatrix}$   $x \in \mathbb{F}_3$  (6)

•  $\alpha = -1, \delta = 1 \Rightarrow -1 - \beta\gamma = -1$  gives  $X = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ x & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $x \in \mathbb{F}_3$  (6)

TOTAL = 16 options.

However, there are only 3 conjugacy classes (ie same linear transf. written in different bases)

Claim 1: All 14 cases corresponding to  $\alpha + \delta = 0$  and  $\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma = -1$  are conjugate to each other <sup>4</sup>

PF/ We show they are all conjugate to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

First, we compute the stabilizer of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  under conjugation.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -c & -d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ c & -d \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow b = c = 0.$$

$$W = \text{Stab}_{GL_2(\mathbb{F}_3)}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix} : a, d \neq 0 \right\}$$

Next, we compute representatives of  $GL_2(\mathbb{F}_3)/W$ . We have 3 cases to consider:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} W = gW$$

(A). If  $c = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b/d \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$  because  $d \neq 0 \Rightarrow g = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b/d \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(B). If  $b = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ c/a & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$  —  $a \neq 0 \Rightarrow g = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ c/a & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(C). If  $c, b \neq 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a/c & 1 \\ 1 & d/b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow g = \begin{bmatrix} a/c & 1 \\ 1 & d/b \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = g \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} g^{-1} \quad \text{where } g \text{ is as above.}$$

(A)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -x \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2x \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{F}_3. \Rightarrow \text{we get half of the matrices in row 2.}$

(B)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ x & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ x & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ x & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -x & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ x & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -x & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2x & -1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -x & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{F}_3 \Rightarrow \text{we get the other half of the matrices in row 2.}$

(C)  $\begin{bmatrix} x & 1 \\ 1 & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & 1 \\ 1 & y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & 1 \\ 1 & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\Delta} \begin{bmatrix} y & -1 \\ -1 & x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & -1 \\ 1 & -y \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\Delta} \begin{bmatrix} y & -1 \\ -1 & x \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\Delta = xy - 1 \neq 0$

$$= \frac{1}{\Delta} \begin{bmatrix} xy+1 & -2x \\ 2y & -(xy+1) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\Delta} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta+2 & x \\ -y & -(\Delta+2) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\Delta} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta-1 & x \\ -y & -\Delta+1 \end{bmatrix} = \pi$$

• If  $x = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta = -1$  &  $\pi = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ -y & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ y & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{for } y \in \mathbb{F}_3$

We get the second half of the matrices in row 3.

• If  $y=0 \Rightarrow \Delta=-1$  &  $\Pi = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2x \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{F}_3$ .

We get the first half of the matrices in row 3.

• If  $x=1 \Rightarrow y=-1$  because  $\Delta \neq 0$ . Indeed  $\Delta = -1-1 = -2 = 1$

Then  $\Pi = \frac{1}{1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  We get the first matrix in row 1.

• If  $x=-1 \Rightarrow y=1$  because  $\Delta \neq 0$ . Indeed,  $\Delta = -1-1 = -2 = 1$

Then  $\Pi = \frac{1}{1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  We get the remaining matrix in row 1.  $\square$

Conclusion: Our options for  $\alpha: P \longrightarrow \text{Aut}_P(Q) = GL_2(\mathbb{F}_3)$  are 3 (up to conjugation), namely  $\sigma(\text{gen of } P) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

This gives 3 more groups. We use multiplicative notation since they need not be abelian.

Recall:  $\alpha(h)(n) = hnh^{-1}$  in  $Q \rtimes_\alpha P$   $h \in P, n \in Q$ .

①  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \leadsto G = \left( \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{3\mathbb{Z}} \right)^2 \rtimes \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}} \cong \left\langle y_1, y_2, x \mid \begin{array}{l} x^2 = y_1^3 = y_2^3 = e \\ y_1 y_2 = y_2 y_1 \end{array} \right\rangle$   
 (direct product)  $\begin{matrix} \langle y_1 \rangle \times \langle y_2 \rangle & \langle x \rangle \end{matrix}$   
 $\boxed{\begin{array}{l} xy_1x = y_1 \\ xy_2x = y_2 \end{array}}$

②  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \leadsto G = \left( \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{3\mathbb{Z}} \right)^2 \rtimes_\alpha \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}} \cong \left\langle y_1, y_2, x \mid \begin{array}{l} x^2 = y_1^3 = y_2^3 = e \\ y_1 y_2 = y_2 y_1 \end{array} \right\rangle$   
 $\boxed{\begin{array}{l} xy_1x = y_1^{-1} \\ xy_2x = y_2^{-1} \end{array}}$

For  $y \in Q$ , we set:

(\*)  $(e, x) *_\alpha (y, e) *_\alpha (e, x) = (\alpha(x)(y), x) *_\alpha (e, x) = (\alpha(x)(y), \underbrace{\alpha(x)(e)}_e, \underbrace{x^2}_e)$

• If  $y=y_1$ ,  $\alpha(x)(y_1) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = y_1^{-1} \Rightarrow xy_1x = y_1^{-1}$   
 (additive notation) (multiplicative notation)

• If  $y=y_2$ ,  $\alpha(x)(y_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = y_2^{-1} \Rightarrow xy_2x = y_2^{-1}$

$$\textcircled{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \leadsto G = \left( \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{3\mathbb{Z}} \right)^2 \rtimes_{\alpha} \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}} \cong \left\langle y_1, y_2, x \mid \begin{array}{l} x^2 = y_1^3 = y_2^3 = e \\ y_1 y_2 = y_2 y_1 \\ xy_1 x = y_1 \\ xy_2 x = y_2^{-1} \end{array} \right\rangle$$

Using (\*) we get  $\alpha(x)(y_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = y_1 \Rightarrow xy_1x = y_1.$

$$\alpha(x)(y_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = y_2^{-1} \Rightarrow xy_2x = y_2^{-1}$$

Q: Why can we ignore conjugate matrices?

A: There is a general Lemma that gives isomorphic  $N \rtimes_{\alpha} H$ .

Lemma: Let  $H, N$  be 2 groups &  $\alpha, \beta: H \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{\text{Gr}}(N)$  two group homomorphism

Assume  $\exists T \in \text{Aut}_{\text{Gr}}(N)$  s.t.  $\alpha(h)(n) = T(\beta(h)(T^{-1}(n))) \quad \forall h \in H, n \in N$

$$\text{Then, } N \rtimes_{\alpha} H \cong N \rtimes_{\beta} H.$$

Proof: Define  $f: N \rtimes_{\beta} H \longrightarrow N \rtimes_{\alpha} H$

$$(n, h) \longmapsto (T(n), h)$$

(1)  $f$  is a group homomorphism: Pick  $n_1, n_2 \in N, h_1, h_2 \in H$ .

$$f((n_1, h_1) *_{\beta} (n_2, h_2)) = f(n_1 \beta(h_1)(n_2), h_1 h_2) = (T(n_1 \beta(h_1)(n_2)), h_1 h_2)$$

$$\stackrel{\uparrow}{=} (T(n_1) T(\beta(h_1)(n_2)), h_1 h_2)$$

$\uparrow$   
T iso

$$f(n_1, h_1) *_{\alpha} f(n_2, h_2) = (T(n_1), h_1) *_{\alpha} (T(n_2), h_2) = (T(n_1) \alpha(h_1)(T(n_2)), h_1 h_2)$$

$$\stackrel{\downarrow}{=} (T(n_1) T(\beta(h_1)(T^{-1}(T(n_2))), h_1 h_2) = (T(n_1) T(\beta(h_1)(n_2)), h_1 h_2) \quad \checkmark$$

relation between  $\alpha, T, \beta$

(2)  $f$  is injective  $(T(n), h) = (e_N, e_H) \Leftrightarrow n = e_N \text{ \& \& } h = e_H.$

$\downarrow$   
T iso

$$\text{Thus } \text{Ker}(f) = \{(e_N, e_H)\}$$

(3)  $f$  is surjective  $f(T^{-1}(n), h) = (n, h).$

Conclusion: If matrix of  $\alpha(h)$  is conjugate to  $\beta(h)$ , the semidirect products are isomorphic!