# The groups of order $p^{7}$ 

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## Groups of order $p^{k}$ for $k=1,2, \ldots, 6$

|  | $p=2$ | $p=3$ | $p \geq 5$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $p$ | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| $p^{2}$ | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| $p^{3}$ | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| $p^{4}$ | 14 | 15 | 15 |
| $p^{5}$ | 51 | 67 | $u$ |
| $p^{6}$ | 267 | 504 | $v$ |

$$
u=2 p+61+2 \operatorname{gcd}(p-1,3)+\operatorname{gcd}(p-1,4)
$$

$$
v=3 p^{2}+39 p+344+24 \operatorname{gcd}(p-1,3)+11 \operatorname{gcd}(p-1,4)+2 \operatorname{gcd}(p-1,5)
$$

## Order $p^{7}$

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| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2328 | 9310 | 34297 |

For $p>5$ the number of groups of order $p^{7}$ is

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 3 p^{5}+12 p^{4}+44 p^{3}+170 p^{2}+707 p+2455 \\
& +\left(4 p^{2}+44 p+291\right) \operatorname{gcd}(p-1,3) \\
& +\left(p^{2}+19 p+135\right) \operatorname{gcd}(p-1,4) \\
& +(3 p+31) \operatorname{gcd}(p-1,5) \\
& +4 \operatorname{gcd}(p-1,7)+5 \operatorname{gcd}(p-1,8) \\
& +\operatorname{gcd}(p-1,9)
\end{aligned}
$$

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$$
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\begin{aligned}
w= & {[y, x]+\frac{1}{2}[y, x, x]+\frac{1}{2}[y, x, y] } \\
& +\frac{1}{6}[y, x, x, x]+\frac{1}{4}[y, x, x, y]+\frac{1}{6}[y, x, y, y]+\ldots
\end{aligned}
$$

If $L$ is a Lie algebra define a group operation $\circ$ on $L$ by setting

$$
a \circ b=a+b-\frac{1}{2}[b, a]+\frac{1}{12}[b, a, a]-\frac{1}{12}[b, a, b]+\ldots
$$

This works if $L$ is a nilpotent Lie algebra over $\mathbb{Q}$, or if $L$ is a Lie ring of order $p^{k}$ and $L$ is nilpotent of class at most $p-1$.

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We need $G$ to be nilpotent, and we need unique extraction of roots. So this works if $G$ is a nilpotent torsion free divisible group, or if $G$ is a finite $p$-group of class at most $p-1$.

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This gives the Mal'cev correspondence between nilpotent Lie algebras over $\mathbb{Q}$ and nilpotent torsion free divisible groups. It also gives the Lazard correspondence between nilpotent Lie rings of order $p^{k}$ and class at most $p-1$ and finite groups of order $p^{k}$ and class at most $p-1$.

Classify groups of order $p^{7}$ for $p>5$ by classifying nilpotent Lie rings of order $p^{7}$.

Use the Lie ring generation algorithm to classify the Lie rings. (Analogous to the $p$-group generation algorithm.)

Then use the Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff formula to translate Lie ring presentations into group presentations.

## Lower exponent- $p$-central series

$$
\begin{aligned}
& L_{1}=L \\
& L_{2}=p L+[L, L] \\
& L_{3}=p L_{2}+\left[L_{2}, L\right] \\
& \cdots \\
& L_{n+1}=p L_{n}+\left[L_{n}, L\right] \\
& \\
& \hline a, b \\
& \hline b a, p a, p b \\
& \hline b a a, b a b, p b a, p^{2} a, p^{2} b \\
& \hline \ldots
\end{aligned}
$$

$L$ has $p$-class $c$ if $L_{c+1}=\{0\}, L_{c} \neq\{0\}$.
Classify the nilpotent Lie rings of order $p^{k}$ according to $p$-class.

If $L$ has $p$-class $c>1$ then we say that $L$ is an immediate descendant of $L / L_{c}$.

To classify nilpotent Lie rings of order $p^{k}$, first classify all nilpotent Lie rings of order $p^{m}$ for $m<k$.

If $L$ has order $p^{m}(m<k)$ find all immediate descendants of $L$ of order $p^{k}$.

## The $p$-covering ring

Let $M$ be a nilpotent $d$-generator Lie ring of order $p^{m}$ The $p$-covering ring $\widehat{M}$ is the largest $d$-generator Lie ring with an ideal $Z$ satisfying

- $Z \leq \zeta(\widehat{M})$
- $p Z=\{0\}$
- $\widehat{M} / Z \cong M$


## Immediate descendants

If $M$ has $p$-class $c$ then every immediate descendant of $M$ is of the form $\widehat{M} / T$ for some $T<Z$ such that

$$
T+\widehat{M}_{c+1}=Z
$$

If $\alpha$ is an automorphism of $M$ then $\alpha$ lifts to an automorphism $\alpha^{*}$ of $\widehat{M}$.

$$
\widehat{M} / S \cong \widehat{M} / T
$$

if and only if $T=S \alpha^{*}$ for some $\alpha$.

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$$

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The program gives the following conditions on $x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{12}$ class by class.

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$$

At class 3:

$$
\begin{aligned}
-x_{1}^{2} x_{8}+x_{1} x_{2} x_{7}+x_{1} & =0 \\
-x_{1} x_{2} x_{8}+x_{2}^{2} x_{7} & =0 \\
x_{7} & =0
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This gives $x_{2}=x_{7}=0, x_{8}=x_{1}^{-1}$.

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$$

Set $x_{2}=x_{7}=0$, and then at class 4 we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
-x_{1}^{2} x_{8}+x_{1} & =0 \\
-x_{1} x_{1} x_{8}^{3}+x_{1} & =0 \\
-x_{1} x_{8}^{3}+x_{8} & =0
\end{aligned}
$$

These relations give $x_{1}=x_{8}=1$.

The $p$-covering ring, $\widehat{L}$, has order $p^{9}$ with

$$
\begin{aligned}
& a_{7}=b a b b a \\
& a_{8}=p a-b a a-x b a b b \\
& a_{9}=p b-b a b b
\end{aligned}
$$

$\widehat{L}_{5}$ is generated by $a_{7}=b a b b a$, and so the immediate descendants of $L$ are

$$
\langle a, b \mid p a-b a a-x b a b b-y b a b b a, p b-b a b b-z b a b b a\rangle
$$

with class 5 and $0 \leq y, z<p$.

If we apply the automorphism

$$
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to $\widehat{L}$, then

$$
\begin{aligned}
b a b b a & \mapsto b a b b a \\
p a-b a a-x b a b b & \mapsto p a-b a a-x b a b b+\left(x_{3}^{2}+2 x_{5}\right) b a b b a \\
p b-b a b b & \mapsto p b-b a b b
\end{aligned}
$$

So we can take $y=0$, and we have $p$ non-isomorphic descendants for each value of $x$.

$$
\langle a, b| p a-b a a-x b a b b, p b-b a b b-z b a b b a, \text { class }=5\rangle
$$

Apply the Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff formula, and obtain the group relations

$$
\begin{aligned}
a^{p} & =[b, a, a] \cdot[b, a, b, b]^{x} \cdot[b, a, b, b, a]^{(x+1 / 3)} \\
b^{p} & =[b, a, b, b] \cdot[b, a, b, b, a]^{z}
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$\mathrm{p}:=2$;
while $p$ It 20 do
for x in [0..p-1] do
$\mathrm{G}:=$ Group $^{2} \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b} \mid \mathrm{a}^{\wedge} \mathrm{p}=(\mathrm{b}, \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{a})^{*}(\mathrm{~b}, \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}, \mathrm{b})^{\wedge} \mathrm{x}, \mathrm{b}^{\wedge} \mathrm{p}=(\mathrm{b}, \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}, \mathrm{b})>$; P:=pQuotient(G,p,4);
$\mathrm{D}:=$ Descendants(P:StepSizes:=[1]); print "p =",p," x =",x," ", Order(P) eq p^6, \#D eq p;
end for;
if $p$ eq 5 then readi $i$; end if;
$\mathrm{p}:=$ NextPrime $(\mathrm{p})$;
end while;

