# PROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF PRO-2-GROUPS OF FIXED CO-CLASSES

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ABSTRACT. Among the six classes of pro-2-groups of finite and fixed co-classes and trivial Schur Multiplicator which studied by Abdolzadeh and Eick in 2009, there are two classes

$$S_5 = \langle a, b \mid [b, a^2] = 1, a^2 = [b, a]^2, (b^2)^{[b, a]}b^2 = 1 \rangle$$

and

$$S_6 = \langle a, t, b \mid a^2 = b^2, [b, a]^2 = 1, t^a = t^{-1}[b, a], b^t = aba \rangle$$

that have been conjectured to have deficiency zero presentations. In this paper we prove these conjectures. This completes the efficiency of all six classes of pro-2-groups of fixed co-classes.

#### 1. Introduction

For detailed information on pro-p-groups one may see [6, 7, 8]. The pro-2-groups of fixed co-classes were first investigated in [1] and the Schur Multiplicator is used to get the appropriate presentations for such classes of groups. For a useful and prolific information on the Schur Multiplicator of a group one may consult [10]. Briefly, for a finitely presented finite group  $G = \langle X \mid R \rangle$  the Schur Multiplicator of G is defined to be the group  $M(G) = \frac{F' \cap \overline{R}}{[F, \overline{R}]}$ , where F = F(X) is the free group

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of rank |X| and  $\overline{R}$  is the normal closure of R ( $R \subseteq F$ ). More detailed consideration about the relationship between the Schur Multiplicator and the deficiency of a presentation of a finitely presented group may be found in [9]. It is a classical fact that the groups with a deficiency zero presentation will have the trivial Schur Multiplicators. However, looking for a deficiency zero presentation of a group which has the trivial Schur Multiplicator, is a long-standing question and many attempts have been made during the years on finite p-groups and even in infinite groups. Our notations are merely standard, we use |G:H| for the index of a subgroup H in a group G, [a,b] is used for the commutator  $a^{-1}b^{-1}ab$  and we will use the Modified Todd-Coxeter coset enumeration algorithm in the form as given in [2] to get a presentation for subgroups. More application of this algorithm may be found in [3,4,5]. Following [1] and consider the groups:

$$S_5 = \langle a, b \mid [b, a^2] = 1, a^2 = [b, a]^2, (b^2)^{[b,a]}b^2 = 1 \rangle$$

and

$$S_6 = \langle a, t, b \mid a^2 = b^2, [a, b]^2 = 1, t^a = t^{-1}[b, a], b^t = aba \rangle.$$

Just proved in [1], these groups have trivial Schur Multiplicators and the above presentations are the simplified presentations for them (see the Lemmas 13 and 14 of [1]). We now recall the conjectures 14 and 16 of [1] as the following propositions:

**Proposition 1.1.** The group  $S_5$  has a deficiency zero presentation isomorphic to

$$\langle a, b \mid a^2 = [b, a]^2, (b^2)^{[b, a]} b^2 = 1 \rangle.$$

**Proposition 1.2.** The group  $S_6$  has a deficiency zero presentation isomorphic to

$$\langle a,t,b\mid a^2=b^2,t^a=t^{-1}[b,a],b^t=aba\rangle.$$

# 2. The proofs

We give a suitable generating set for the derived subgroups of  $S_5$  and  $S_6$ . Then, by using the Modified Todd-Coxeter coset enumeration algorithm we get a presentation for the derived subgroups. Note that, using GAP [11] we are able to get a presentation for the derived subgroup in each case and then finding the image of the word  $[b, a^2]$  in the derived

subgroup of the group  $S_5$  and the image of the word  $[a, b]^2$  in the derived subgroup of  $S_6$  are possible, however, checking that this image is the identity element of the group (in each case) is not possible every time, i.e; we checked it for  $S_5$  and it was not possible for  $S_6$ . For this reason we are interested in to use the combinatorial method of Modified Todd-Coxeter coset enumeration algorithm to give a clear and exact proof.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $G = \langle a, b \mid a^2 = [b, a]^2, (b^2)^{[b,a]}b^2 = 1 \rangle$ . Then, G', the derived subgroup of G, has a presentation isomorphic to

$$G' = \langle a_1, ..., a_6 \mid r_1, ..., r_{12} \rangle$$

where, the relations  $r_1, \ldots, r_{12}$  are as follows:

$$\begin{split} r_1: a_1a_3^{-2} &= 1, & r_2: (a_1a_6^{-1})^2a_1^{-1}a_4 = 1, \\ r_3: a_1a_5^{-2} &= 1, & r_4: (a_6a_2)^2a_5^{-1}a_1a_3^{-1} = 1, \\ r_5: a_2a_3a_2a_3^{-1} &= 1, & r_6: a_2a_6a_2a_6^{-1} &= 1, \\ r_7: a_3^2a_6a_3^2a_6^{-1} &= 1, & r_8: (a_1a_6^{-1})^2a_2a_3^{-1}a_4^{-1}a_1a_2a_3 = 1, \\ \end{split}$$
 
$$\begin{matrix} r_9: a_4a_3^2a_2^{-1}a_6^{-1}a_3a_5^{-1}a_6^{-1}a_1^{-1} &= 1, \\ r_{10}: (a_6^{-1}a_3a_1^{-1})a_5(a_2^{-1}a_3)^2a_2^{-1}(a_6^{-1}a_3a_1^{-1})a_4^{-1}(a_1a_3a_2^{-1}) &= 1, \\ r_{11}: a_1^{-1}a_4a_1a_6^{-1}a_2a_3^{-1}a_2a_5^{-1}a_1a_6^{-1} &= 1, \\ r_{12}: (a_4^{-1}a_1)a_3a_2^{-1}a_6^{-1}(a_3a_1^{-1}a_5)a_1a_6^{-1}a_2a_3^{-1} &= 1. \end{split}$$

*Proof.* It is easy to check that  $\frac{G}{G'}\cong Z_2\times Z_4$ . We now consider the subgroup

$$K = \langle a^2, b^4, [b, a], [a^{-2}, b^{-1}], [a^{-1}, b], [b^{-1}, a] \rangle$$

of G and define eight cosets as

$$1 = K$$
,  $ib = i + 1$ ,  $(i = 1, 2, 3)$ ,  $1a = 5$ ,  $4a^{-1} = 6$ ,  $2a^{-1} = 7$ ,  $3a^{-1} = 8$ 

to see that K is of index 8 in G. Since  $a^2, b^4 \in G'$  then  $K \subseteq G'$ , which together with |G:H|=8 proves that K=G'. We let

$$a_1 = a^2$$
,  $a_2 = b^4$ ,  $a_3 = [b, a]$ ,  $a_4 = [a^{-2}, b^{-1}]$ ,  $a_5 = [a^{-1}, b]$ ,  $a_6 = [b^{-1}, a]$ 

and we use the Modified Todd-Coxeter coset enumeration algorithm to get a presentation for K. In this way we have to adopt the name of

a coset and its representative to get the following table of coset representatives:

$$\begin{array}{ll} 1a=5, & 1b=2, \\ 2a=a_4^{-1}a_1.7, & 2b=3, \\ 3a=a_3a_2^{-1}a_3a_2^{-1}.8, & 3b=4, \\ 4a=a_2a_5^{-1}a_1a_3^{-1}a_2^{-1}.6, & 4b=a_2.1, \\ 5a=a_1.1, & 5b=a_1a_6^{-1}.7, \\ 6a=4, & 6b=a_2a_3a_1^{-1}.5, \\ 7a=2, & 7b=a_3a_2^{-1}.8, \\ 8a=3, & 8b=a_6^{-1}a_2^{-1}.6 \ . \end{array}$$

These coset representatives have been obtained by using the eight defined cosets as 1a = 5, 1b = 2, 2b = 3, 3b = 4,  $4a^{-1} = 6$ ,  $2a^{-1} = 7$ ,  $3a^{-1} = 8$ , and by using the subgroup tables of the coset enumeration algorithm. Indeed,

$$1a^{2} = a_{1}.1 \qquad \Rightarrow 5a = a_{1}.1,$$

$$1b^{4} = a_{2}.1 \qquad \Rightarrow 4b = a_{2}.1,$$

$$1[b, a] = a_{3}.1 \qquad \Rightarrow 6b = a_{2}a_{3}a_{1}^{-1}.5,$$

$$1[a^{-1}, b] = a_{5}.1 \qquad \Rightarrow 4a = a_{2}a_{5}^{-1}a_{1}a_{3}^{-1}a_{2}^{-1}.6,$$

$$1[a^{-2}, b^{-1}] = a_{4}.1 \qquad \Rightarrow 2a = a_{4}^{-1}a_{1}.7,$$

$$1[b^{-1}, a] = a_{6}.1 \qquad \Rightarrow 5b = a_{1}a_{6}^{-1}.7,$$

$$1R_{2} = 1 \qquad \Rightarrow 7b = a_{3}a_{2}^{-1}.8,$$

$$2R_{2} = 2 \qquad \Rightarrow 8b = a_{6}^{-1}a_{2}^{-1}.6,$$

$$3R_{1} = 3 \qquad \Rightarrow 3a = (a_{3}a_{2}^{-1})^{2}.8.$$

where,  $R_1 = a^2[a, b]^2$  and  $R_2 = (b^2)^{[b, a]}b^2$ .

To get a presentation for K we examine all of the equations:

$$iR_1 = i$$
,  $(i = 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)$ ,

and

$$iR_2 = i$$
,  $(i = 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)$ .

Many of them give us complicated relations, however, by using the new results in each step we will simplify the relations to get the desired presentation for K. A comprehensive and detailed computation may be given as follows:

The equation  $1R_1 = 1$  gives us  $r_1 : a_1 a_3^{-2} = 1$ , and the equation  $2R_2 = 2$  yields the trivial relation. The equation  $7R_1 = 7$  yields the relation  $r_2 : (a_1 a_6^{-1})^2 a_1^{-1} a_4 = 1$ .

The equations  $5R_1 = 5$ ,  $4R_1 = 4$ ,  $3R_2 = 3$  and  $4R_2 = 4$  yield the relations:

$$\begin{split} r_3: a_1 a_5^{-2} &= 1, \\ r_4: (a_6 a_2)^2 a_5^{-1} a_1 a_3^{-1} &= 1, \\ r_5: a_2 a_3 a_2 a_3^{-1} &= 1, \\ r_6: a_2 a_6 a_2 a_6^{-1} &= 1, \end{split}$$

respectively. The preliminary relation  $[(a_2^{-1}a_3)^2a_2^{-1}a_6^{-1}]^2a_3a_1^{-1}a_5 = 1$  is a result of the equation  $6R_1 = 6$ , and using the relations  $r_4$  and  $r_5$  this becomes to:

$$r_7: a_3^2 a_6 a_3^2 a_6^{-1} = 1.$$

The equation  $8R_1 = 8$  gives us the relation  $a_4^{-1}a_1a_2a_3^{-1}a_4^{-1}a_1a_3a_2^{-1} = 1$  that becomes to the simpler relation

$$r_8: (a_1 a_6^{-1})^2 a_2 a_3^{-1} a_4^{-1} a_1 a_2 a_3 = 1$$

by using the relations  $r_2$  and  $r_5$ . The equation  $5R_2 = 5$  gives the relation

$$a_4(a_3a_2^{-1})^2a_6^{-1}a_3a_1^{-1}a_5^{-1}a_1a_6^{-1}a_1^{-1}=1\\$$

that becomes to  $r_9: a_4a_3^2a_2^{-1}a_6^{-1}a_3a_5^{-1}a_6^{-1}a_1^{-1}=1$  by using the relations  $r_3$  and  $r_5$ . Finally, the equations  $6R_2=6, 7R_2=7$  and  $8R_2=8$  will give us the relations  $r_{10}$ ,  $r_{11}$  and  $r_{12}$ , respectively. This completes the proof.

**Proof of Proposition 1.1.** By considering the presentation of K, we prove that  $a_4 = 1$  holds in K. This will tends to establishing the relation  $[a^2, b] = 1$  in G and so, the group  $S_5$  has a deficiency zero presentation.

Proving  $a_4 = 1$  is by using the relation  $r_{10}$  of K and we proceed as follows. First, we use the relations  $r_5$  to get  $[a_3^2, a_2] = 1$  and then the relations  $r_3, r_4$  and  $r_7$  to simplify the relations  $r_{10}$ , i.e;

$$(a_{6}^{-1}a_{3}a_{1}^{-1})a_{5}(a_{2}^{-1}a_{3}a_{2}^{-1}a_{3})a_{2}^{-1}(a_{6}^{-1}a_{3}a_{1}^{-1})a_{4}^{-1}(a_{1}a_{3}a_{2}^{-1}) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_{6}^{-1}a_{3}a_{5}a_{1}^{-1}).a_{3}^{2}a_{2}^{-1}.(a_{6}^{-1}a_{3}a_{1}^{-1}).a_{4}^{-1}a_{1}.a_{3}a_{2}^{-1} = 1, \ (by \ r_{3}),$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_{6}^{-1}a_{6}a_{2}a_{6}a_{2}).a_{3}^{2}a_{2}^{-1}.a_{6}^{-1}a_{3}a_{1}^{-1}.(a_{4}^{-1}a_{1}).a_{3}a_{2}^{-1} = 1, \ (by \ r_{4}d),$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{6}(a_{2}a_{3}^{2}a_{2}^{-1}).a_{6}^{-1}a_{3}a_{1}^{-1}.(a_{4}^{-1}a_{1})a_{3} = 1,$$

$$(a_{6}a_{3}^{2}a_{6}^{-1}a_{3})a_{1}^{-1}.(a_{4}^{-1}a_{1})a_{3} = 1, (by [a_{3}^{2}, a_{2}] = 1),$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{3}^{-1}a_{1}^{-1}a_{4}^{-1}a_{1}a_{3} = 1, (by r_{7}),$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{4} = 1.$$

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $G = \langle a, t, b \mid a^2 = b^2, t^a = t^{-1}[b, a], b^t = aba \rangle$ . Then,  $G' = \langle A, B, C \rangle$ , where  $A = a^2, B = t^2$  and C = [a, b]. Moreover,  $C^2 = 1$  holds in G'.

*Proof.* Obviously,  $\frac{G}{G'}\cong Z_2\times Z_2\times Z_2$  and letting  $K=\langle A,B,C\rangle$  and defining eight cosets as

$$K = 1, 1a = 2, 1t = 3, 1b = 4, 5b = 2, 3b = 6, 3a = 7, 6a = 8$$

shows that |G:H|=8. Since  $a^2,t^2\in G'$  then  $K\subseteq G'$ , so,  $G'\cong K$ . To prove the equation  $C^2=1$  we use the Modified Todd-Coxeter coset enumeration algorithm as well as in Lemma 2.1 and get the coset representatives as,

$$\begin{array}{lll} 1a=2, & 1b=4, & 1t=3, \\ 2a=A.1, & 2b=A.5, & 2t=CB^{-1}.7, \\ 3a=7, & 3b=6, & 3t=B.1, \\ 4a=AC^{-1}.5, & 4b=A.1, & 4t=BC^{-1}AB^{-1}.6, \\ 5a=C.4, & 5b=2, & 5t=C^{-1}A^{-6}B^{-1}.8, \\ 6a=8, & 6b=BA^3B^{-1}.3, & 6t=BAC.4, \\ 7a=BA^3B^{-1}.3, & 7b=BC^{-1}A^{-2}B^{-1}.8, & 7t=BA^3B^{-1}A^{-1}C^{-1}.2, \\ 8a=BA^3B^{-1}.6, & 8b=BA^5CB^{-1}.7, & 8t=BA^5B^{-1}AC^{-2}.5. \end{array}$$

To get a presentation for G' we have to consider all of the equations

$$iR_i = i, (i = 1, 2, ..., 8, j = 1, 2, 3)$$

where,  $R_1 = a^2b^{-2}$ ,  $R_2 = t^a[a,b]t$  and  $R_3 = bta^{-1}b^{-1}a^{-1}t^{-1}$ . To prove the relation  $C^2 = 1$  we do not need to calculate all of the relations of G' we just examine the suitable equation  $5R_3 = 5$  to get the result. Indeed, by using the above coset representatives we get:

$$5bta^{-1}b^{-1}a^{-1}t^{-1} = 5 \quad \Rightarrow CB^{-1}.BA^{-3}B^{-1}.BA^{-3}B^{-1}.BA^{6}C = 1 \\ \Rightarrow C^{2} = 1.$$

This completes the proof.

**Proof of Proposition 1.2.** Using the result of Lemma 2.2 and substituting for C will conclude the validity of the relation  $[a, b]^2 = 1$  in the group G.

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