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# **Central Automorphisms of Semidirect Product of p-Groups**

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# Özet

Bu çalışmada, p asal sayı olmak üzere  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  ile  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , nin yarı-direkt çarpımının merkezi otomorfizmlerinin formu belirlenmiştir.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Merkezi otomorfizm, yarı- direkt çarpım, p-grup.

## Abstract

In this paper, we determine the form of central automorphisms of semi-direct product of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , where p is odd prime number.

Keywords: Central automorphism, semi-direct product, p-group.

# Introduction

A finite cyclic group of order n will be denoted  $Z_n$ . If the elements of group are integers we denote  $Z_n$  by  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  and use additive notation. We know that any group of order p, where p is a prime is isomorphic to the cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . Generally, the term p-group is used for finite p-groups.

Let  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}_p$  be the semi-direct product of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  with respect to  $\varphi$ , where  $\varphi$  is homomorphism from  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  to automorphism group of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  and p is odd prime number. The center of

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a group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p$ , denoted by  $C(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p)$  is the subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p$  of largest order that commutes with every element in  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p$ . By  $Aut(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p)$  we denote the group of all automorphisms of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p$ . An automorphism  $\theta$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p$  is called central if  $g^{-1}\theta(g) \in C(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p)$ , for all  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p$ . The set of all central automorphisms of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p$ , denoted by  $Aut_C(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p)$  and it is normal subgroup of  $Aut(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p)$ .

In literature, there are some well-known results about central automorphisms of finite groups [1,2,3]. First, Adney and Yen [1] studied the central automorphisms of p-groups and they proved that if G is a purely non-abelian finite group, then there exists a bijection between  $Aut_C(G)$  and Hom(G/G', Z(G)).

The form of automorphisms of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}_p$  was given by Stahl in [4]. But the form of central automorphisms of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}_p$  hasn't given yet. In this paper we give the form of such automorphisms of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}_p$ .

#### 1. Preliminaries

**Definition 1.1.** Let H and K be non-trivial finite groups and a group homomorphism  $\theta: K \rightarrow Aut(H)$ , we can construct a new group  $H \rtimes_{\theta} K$ , called the semidirect product of H and K with respect to  $\theta$ , defined as follows:

i) As a set,  $H \rtimes_{\theta} K$  is the cartesian product H and K.

ii) Multiplication of elements  $H \rtimes_{\theta} K$  is determined by the homomorphism  $\theta$ . The operation is

\*:  $(H \times K) \times (H \times K) \rightarrow H \rtimes_{\theta} K$ 

defined by

$$(h_1, k_1) * (h_2, k_2) = (h_1 \theta_{k1}(h_2), k_1 k_2)$$

for  $h_1, h_2 \in H$  and  $k_1, k_2 \in K$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** If H, K and  $\theta$  are as in the above definition then  $H \rtimes_{\theta} K$  is a group of order |G|=|H||K|.

**Theorem 1.3.** [4] Let  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p$ , where  $\phi$  is the unique homomorphism from  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  to  $Aut(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$  and it is determined by  $\phi: \mathbb{Z}_p \longrightarrow Aut(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2})$  such that  $\phi(a)=1+pa$ . Therefore, the operation \* of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p$ is determined as:

For all  $(a,b), (c,d) \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}_p$ 

$$(a,b)*(c,d) = (a+\phi(b)c,b+d)$$
  
=  $(a+(1+pb)c,b+d)$ 

**Theorem 1.4.** [4] Let  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}_p$ , where p is prime number. Any automorphisms of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}_p$  has the form

 $\{a \rightarrow a^i b^j \ i \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \ i \neq 0 (modp), b \rightarrow a^{pm} b^l \ m, j, l \in \mathbb{Z}_p \ l \neq 0 (modp)\}$ 

**Theorem 1.5.**  $|\operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}_p)|=p^3(p-1).$ 

### 2. Main Results

Let  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}_p$ , where p is odd prime number. Two generators of the group  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}_p$  are a=(1,0) and b=(0,1). First we find the center of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}_p$  to determine the central automorphisms of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}_p$  by using this generators.

**Theorem 2.1.** The center  $C(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p)$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p$  is  $C(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p) = \{(1 \cdot p, 0), (2 \cdot p, 0), ..., (p \cdot p, 0)\}$ . **Proof.** If  $(a,b) \in C(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p)$  then for every  $(c,d) \in (\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p)$ ,

$$(a,b)*(c,d)=(c,d)*(a,b).$$

by using operation of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p$  we get

 $(a+\varphi(b)c,b+d) = (c+\varphi(d)a,b+d)$ 

$$(a+(1+pb)c,b+d) = (c+(1+pd)a,b+d).$$

If we apply this equation on generators, we get; If (c,d)=(1,0) then,

(a+(1+pb)1,b+0) = (1+(1+p.0)a,b+0)

We get  $b \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  and we know that  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  therefore b = 0.

If (c,d)=(0,1) then,

(a+(1+pb)0,b+1) = (0+(1+p1)a,b+1)

We get  $pa\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  and we know that  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  therefore  $a \in \{p, 2p, ..., pp\}$ .

So we have

 $C(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}\rtimes_{\phi}\mathbb{Z}_p){=}\{(a{,}0)|a{\in}\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}\text{ and }p|a\}$ 

Corollary.  $|C(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p)|=p.$ 

Now we can give the main theorem of this paper.

**Theorem 2.2.** Any central automorphisms of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}_p$  has the form

 $\{a{\rightarrow}a^{kp+1}\ ,\,b{\rightarrow}b\;\}$ 

where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and p is odd prime number.

**Proof**. Let  $\theta$  be an automorphism of  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}_p$ . So from Theorem 1.4;

$$\theta(a,b) = (a^i b^j, a^{pm} b^l) \qquad (1)$$

for all  $(a,b) \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p$ , where  $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$ ,  $j,m,l \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $i,l \not\cong 0 \pmod{p}$ . If  $\theta \in Aut_C(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p)$  then for all  $g=(a,b) \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $\theta$  satisfy  $g^{-1}*\theta(g) \in C(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p)$ , where  $g^{-1}$  is the inverse of g. If  $g=(a,b) \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\phi} \mathbb{Z}_p$  then  $g^{-1}=(bpa,p-b)$ . By using the operation \* rule we get

 $g^{-1}*\theta(g) = (bpa-a,p-b)*(ai+bj,bl)$ 

=(bpa-a+
$$\varphi$$
(p-b)(a1+bj),(p-b)+b1)

$$=(bpa-a+(1+p(p-b))(ai+bj),(p-b)+bl)$$

For (bpa-a+ (1+p(p-b))(ai+bj),(p-b)+bl)  $\in C(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}_p)$ 

$$(bpa-a+(1+p(p-b))(ai+bj),p-b+bl) = (k \cdot p,0)$$

where  $k \in \{1,2,...,p\}$ . If we apply this equation on generators, we get; If (a,b)=(1,0) then,

$$(-1+(1+p(p))(i),p) = (k \cdot p,0)$$
  
 $(-1+(i),p) = (k \cdot p,0)$ 

Therefore i=kp+1.

If (a,b)=(0,1) then,

$$((1+p(p-1))(j),p-1+l) = (k \cdot p,0)$$

j=kp and we know that  $j\in\mathbb{Z}_p$  therefore j=0. So the conditions i=1 and j=0 satisfy this equation for all g.

For the other values of 1, i and j the  $\theta$  automorphism is not central. (In [5], the other conditions are investigated for case p=3). We put this conditions at (1) we get the general form of central automorphisms as:

$$\theta(a,b)=(a^{kp+1},b).$$

**Corollary**.  $|Aut_C(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2} \rtimes_{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}_p)|=p.$ 

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