THE d-SMITH SETS OF DIRECT PRODUCTS OF DIHEDRAL GROUPS

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ABSTRACT. Let G be a finite group and let V and W be real G-modules. We call V and W dim-equivalent if for each subgroup H of G, the Hfixed point sets of V and W have the same dimension. We call V and W are Smith equivalent if there is a smooth G-action on a homotopy sphere Σ with exactly two G-fixed points, say a and b, such that the tangential G-representations at a and b of Σ are respectively isomorphic to V and W. Moreover, We call V and W are *d*-Smith equivalent if they are dim-equivalent and Smith equivalent. The differences of d-Smith equivalent real G-modules make up a subset, called the d-Smith set, of the real representation ring RO(G). We call V and W $\mathcal{P}(G)$ -matched if they are isomorphic whenever the actions are restricted to subgroups with prime power order of G. Let N be a normal subgroup. For a subset \mathcal{F} of G, we say that a real G-module is \mathcal{F} -free if the H-fixed point set of the G-module is trivial for all elements H of \mathcal{F} . We study the d-Smith set by means of the submodule of RO(G) consisting of the differences of dim-equivalent, $\mathcal{P}(G)$ -matched, $\{N\}$ -free real G-modules. In particular, we give a rank formula for the submodule in order to see how the d-Smith set is large.

1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper, let G be a finite group and N a normal subgroup of G. Let $\mathcal{S}(G)$, $\mathbb{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)$, $\mathbb{RO}(G)$ and $\mathbb{R}(G)$ denote the set of all subgroups, the rational representation ring, the real representation ring, and the complex representation ring, respectively, of G. We mean by a *real G-module* a real G-representation space of finite dimension. By canonical homomorphisms, we regard

$$R_{\mathbb{Q}}(G) \subset RO(G) \subset R(G).$$

Real *G*-modules *V* and *W* are called *dim-equivalent* if dim $V^H = \dim W^H$ holds for any subgroup *H* of *G*. Real *G*-modules *V* and *W* are called *Smith equivalent* and written $V \sim_{\mathfrak{S}} W$ if there exists a homotopy sphere Σ with a smooth *G*-action such that $\Sigma^G = \{a, b\} (a \neq b), T_a(\Sigma) \cong V$ and $T_b(\Sigma) \cong W$ (as real *G*-modules). Moreover, real *G*-modules *V* and *W* are called *d-Smith*

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equivalent and written $V \sim_{\mathfrak{dS}} W$ if V and W are Smith equivalent and dimequivalent. Define the Smith set $\mathfrak{S}(G)$ and the d-Smith set $\mathfrak{dS}(G)$ by

$$\mathfrak{S}(G) = \{ [V] - [W] \in \operatorname{RO}(G) \mid V \sim_\mathfrak{S} W \},\\ \mathfrak{dS}(G) = \{ [V] - [W] \in \operatorname{RO}(G) \mid V \sim_\mathfrak{dS} W \}.$$

In 1960, P. A. Smith [14] asked the next question. If there exists a smooth G-action on a sphere S such that $S^G = \{a, b\}$, then are the tangent spaces $T_a(S)$ and $T_b(S)$ isomorphic? It is an interesting research subject whether $\mathfrak{S}(G)$ is 0 or not. Since this problem was proposed, it has been studied by various researchers. Let C_n , A_n , and S_n denote a cyclic group of order n, the alternating group of degree n, and the symmetric group of degree n, respectively. The following affirmative results are known. M. F. Atiyah– R. Bott [1] proved $\mathfrak{S}(C_p) = 0$ for any prime p. C. U. Sanchez [13] proved $\mathfrak{S}(C_{p^k}) = 0$ for any odd prime p and any integer $k \ge 1$. It is known that $\mathfrak{S}(\hat{G}) = 0$ for each $G = A_n$, S_n with $n \leq 5$, (cf. [5], [9]). On the other hand, the following negative results are known. T. Petrie [10, 11, 12] proved $\mathfrak{S}(G) \neq 0$ for abelian groups G having at least 4 noncyclic Sylow subgroups. S. E. Cappel–J. L. Shaneson [2] proved $\mathfrak{S}(C_{4k}) \neq 0$ for any integer $k \geq 2$. X. -M. Ju [4] proved that neither $\mathfrak{S}(A_5 \times C_2^n)$ nor $\mathfrak{S}(S_5 \times C_2^n)$ is 0 for any integer $n \geq 1$, where $C_2^n = C_2 \times \cdots \times C_2$ (n-fold). For $A \subset RO(G)$ and $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{S}(G), \text{ we set}$

$$A^{\mathcal{F}} = \{ [V] - [W] \in A \mid V^{H} = W^{H} = 0 \text{ for all } H \in \mathcal{F} \},$$

$$A_{\mathcal{G}} = \{ [V] - [W] \in A \mid \operatorname{res}_{K}^{G} V \cong \operatorname{res}_{K}^{G} W \text{ for all } K \in \mathcal{G} \},$$

$$A_{\mathcal{G}}^{\mathcal{F}} = (A^{\mathcal{F}})_{\mathcal{G}}.$$

A real *G*-module *V* is called \mathcal{F} -free if $V^H = 0$ for all $H \in \mathcal{F}$. Real *G*-modules *V* and *W* are called \mathcal{G} -matched if $\operatorname{res}_K^G V \cong \operatorname{res}_K^G W$ for all $K \in \mathcal{G}$. We use the following notation.

E: the trivial group.

- $\mathcal{C}(G)$: the set of all cyclic subgroups of G.
- $\mathcal{P}(G)$: the set of all subgroups of G of prime power order.

 $\mathcal{P}_{\text{odd}}(G)$: the set of all $P \in \mathcal{S}(G)$ of odd prime power order.

 $G^{\{p\}}$: the smallest normal subgroup $H \leq G$ such that |G/H| is a power of p (p a prime).

 $\mathcal{L}(G)$: the set of all $H \in \mathcal{S}(G)$ such that $H \supset G^{\{p\}}$ for some prime p.

- G^{nil} : the smallest normal subgroup $H \leq G$ such that G/H is nilpotent.
- $G^{\cap 2}$: the intersection of all normal subgroups H of G such that $|G/H| \leq 2$.

It is known that $G^{\text{nil}} = \bigcap_p G^{\{p\}}$ where p runs over the set of all primes dividing |G|. Let $\operatorname{RO}_0(G)$ denote the set of all $[V] - [W] \in \operatorname{RO}(G)$ such that V and W are dim-equivalent. $\operatorname{RO}_0(G)$ is a \mathbb{Z} -submodule of $\operatorname{RO}(G)$. We note that if $G^{\text{nil}} = G^{\{p\}}$ for some prime p, then

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\mathcal{L}(G)} = \mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{G^{\{p\}}\}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{RO}_{0}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\mathcal{L}(G)} = \mathcal{RO}_{0}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{G^{\{p\}}\}}$$

A finite group G is called an Oliver group if there never exists a normal series $P \leq H \leq G$ such that $P \in \mathcal{P}(G)$, H/P is cyclic, and G/H is of prime power order. For $g \in G$, the real conjugacy class $(g)^{\pm}$ is defined to be the set $(g) \cup (g^{-1})$, where $(g) = \{xgx^{-1} | x \in G\}$. For $H \in \mathcal{S}(G)$, let $(H)_G$ denote the G-conjugacy class of H. Let $\lambda(G, N)$ denote the number of all real conjugacy classes $(gN)^{\pm}$ such that g is an element of G not of prime power order, and let $\nu(G, N)$ denote the number of all G/N-conjugacy classes $(HN/N)_{G/N}$ for all cyclic subgroups H of G not of prime power order.

Theorem 1.1. Let G be a finite group containing an element not of prime power order. Then, the \mathbb{Z} -rank of $\mathbb{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}}$ is equal to $\nu(G, E) - \nu(G, N)$.

Corollary 1.2. Let G be a finite group containing an element not of prime power order. Then the inequalities

$$\nu(G, E) - \nu(G, G^{\operatorname{nil}}) \leq \operatorname{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\mathcal{L}(G)} \leq \nu(G, E) - \max_{p: prime} \{\nu(G, G^{\{p\}})\}$$

hold.

Let $\overline{\mathrm{RO}}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)$ (resp. $\overline{\mathrm{R}}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)$) denote the submodule of $\mathrm{RO}(G)$ (resp. $\mathrm{R}(G)$) consisting of $x \in \mathrm{RO}(G)$ (resp. $x \in \mathrm{R}(G)$) such that $nx \in \mathrm{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $\mu(G, N)$ denote the \mathbb{Z} -rank of $\mathrm{RO}_0(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}}$.

Theorem 1.3. Let G be a finite group containing an element not of prime power order. Then, $\mu(G, N)$ is equal to $(\lambda(G, E) - \lambda(G, N)) - (\nu(G, E) - \nu(G, N))$.

We remark that for an arbitrary Oliver group G, the inequality

$$\lambda(G, E) - \lambda(G, G^{\operatorname{nil}}) > \nu(G, E) - \nu(G, G^{\operatorname{nil}})$$

holds if and only if $\mathfrak{dS}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{G^{\mathrm{nil}}\}}$ is an infinite set.

Corollary 1.4. Let G be a finite group containing an element not of prime power order. Then the inequalities

$$\mu(G, G^{\operatorname{nil}}) \leq \operatorname{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{RO}_0(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\mathcal{L}(G)} \leq \min_{p:prime} \{\mu(G, G^{\{p\}})\}$$

hold.

For a natural number u, let D_{2u} denote the dihedral group of order 2u, i.e.

$$D_{2u} = \langle x, y \mid x^u, y^2, yxyx \rangle.$$

Throughout this paper, let m be a natural number with $m \ge 2$, and let p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_m be distinct odd primes.

Theorem 1.5. Let G be the group $D_{2u} \times D_{2u}$ with $u = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_m$, where $m \geq 2$. Then, $\mathfrak{dS}(G)$ coincides with $\mathrm{RO}_0(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{G^{\mathrm{nil}}\}}$ and the \mathbb{Z} -rank of $\mathrm{RO}_0(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{G^{\mathrm{nil}}\}}$ is equal to

$$\left(\frac{p_1p_2\cdots p_m+3}{2}\right)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{p_i^2 - 9}{4} - \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{3^{m-k}}{2} \sum_{1 \le t_1 < \dots < t_k \le m} \prod_{i=1}^k (p_{t_i}-1) - 3^m - 2^{m+1} - 1.$$

Theorem 1.6. Let G be the group $D_{2p_1p_2}^n$ for distinct odd primes p_1 , p_2 and a natural number n with $n \ge 2$. Then, the following holds.

(1) $\mathfrak{dG}(G)$ coincides with $\operatorname{RO}_0(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{G^{\operatorname{nil}}\}}$, and the \mathbb{Z} -rank of $\operatorname{RO}_0(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{G^{\operatorname{nil}}\}}$ is equal to $\lambda(G, E) - \nu(G, E)$.

(2)
$$\lambda(G, E) = \left(\frac{p_1 p_2 + 3}{2}\right)^n - \left(\frac{p_1 + 1}{2}\right)^n - \left(\frac{p_2 + 1}{2}\right)^n - 2^n + 2.$$

(3)

$$\nu(G, E) = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{2}{p_i - 1} \left(\left(\frac{p_i + 3}{2} \right)^n - \left(\frac{p_i + 1}{2} \right)^n - 2^n + 1 \right) \\ + \frac{4}{(p_1 - 1)(p_2 - 1)} \left(2 \left(\frac{p_1 p_2 + 3}{2} \right)^n - \left(\frac{p_1 + p_2 + 2}{2} \right)^n \\ - \left(\frac{p_1 + 3}{2} \right)^n - \left(\frac{p_2 + 3}{2} \right)^n + 2^n \right)$$

2. Proof of Theorem 1.1

For $g \in G$, let $\langle g \rangle$ denote the cyclic subgroup of G generated by g. For a G-conjugation invariant subset A of G, let $\mathfrak{M}(G, A)$ denote the set of all G-conjugation invariant functions $f : A \to \mathbb{Q}$ such that f(a) = f(b)for elements a and b of A satisfying $\langle a \rangle = \langle b \rangle$. Let $\mathfrak{M}(G, A)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}$ denote the kernel of $\operatorname{res}_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^G : \mathfrak{M}(G, A) \to \prod_{P \in \mathcal{P}(G)} \mathfrak{M}(P, A)$. The homomorphism $\operatorname{fix}_{G/N}^G : \mathfrak{M}(G, A) \to \mathfrak{M}(G/N, AN/N)$ is defined by

$$\left(\operatorname{fix}_{G/N}^G\right)f(aN) = \frac{1}{|N|}\sum_{x\in N}f(ax)$$

for $f \in \mathfrak{M}(G, A)$ and $a \in A$. Let $\mathfrak{M}(G, A)^{\{N\}}$ denote the kernel of $\operatorname{fix}_{G/N}^G : \mathfrak{M}(G, A) \to \mathfrak{M}(G/N, AN/N)$. For $C \in \mathcal{C}(G)$, we have the associated map $f_C : G \to \mathbb{Q}$ by

$$f_C(g) = \begin{cases} 1 & (\langle g \rangle \in (C)_G) \\ 0 & (\langle g \rangle \notin (C)_G) \end{cases}$$

for $g \in G$.

Proposition 2.1. For $a \in G$ and $C \in C(G)$, the value $\operatorname{fix}_{G/N}^G f_C(aN)$ is positive if and only if the cyclic subgroup $\langle aN \rangle$ of G/N is G/N-conjugate to the cyclic group CN/N.

Proof. We have

$$|N| \operatorname{fix}_{G/N}^G f(aN) = \sum_{x \in N} f_C(ax)$$
$$= |\{x \in N \mid \langle ax \rangle \in (C)_G\}|$$
$$= \left| \left(\bigcup_{g \in G} gCg^{-1} \right) \cap aN \right|.$$

The set $\left(\bigcup_{g\in G} gCg^{-1}\right) \cap aN$ is not empty if and only if $(C)_G \cap aN$ is not empty. $(C)_G \cap aN$ is not empty if and only if $C \cap (aN)_G$ is not empty. The set $C \cap (aN)_G$ is not empty if and only if C is a cyclic group with $gabg^{-1}$ as a generator for some $b \in N$ and $g \in G$.

For a *G*-representation space *V*, let $\rho_V : G \to \operatorname{Aut}(V)$ be the homomorphism associated with *V*, and let χ_V denote the character of ρ_V . For any *G*-representation space *V*, define the homomorphism $\rho_{V^N} : G/N \to \operatorname{Aut}(V^N)$ by $\rho_{V^N}(aN) = \rho_V(a)|_{V^N}$ for $a \in G$. Then, the following fact is obtained from [9, p. 857].

Lemma 2.2. For $g \in G$, $\chi_{V^N}(gN)$ is equal to

$$\frac{1}{|N|} \sum_{x \in N} \chi_V(gx).$$

Let Q(G) denote the set of all elements of G of prime power order. By Lemma 2.2, the diagram

commutes, where the homomorphisms τ_G and $\operatorname{fix}_{G/N}^G : \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)} \to \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G/N)$ are defined by $\tau_G \left(\sum_i (r_i \otimes [V_i])\right) = \sum_i r_i \chi_{V_i}$ and $\operatorname{fix}_{G/N}^G \left(\sum_i (r_i \otimes [V_i])\right) = \sum_i (r_i \otimes [V_i^N])$ for all non-isomorphic irreducible *G*-representation spaces V_i and $r_i \in \mathbb{Q}$, respectively.

Proposition 2.3. The Q-vector space $\mathfrak{M}(G,G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}$ is canonically identified with $\mathfrak{M}(G, G \setminus Q(G))$, and the homomorphisms τ_G and $\tau_{G/N}$ are isomorphisms.

Proof. The map $\mathfrak{M}(G,G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)} \to \mathfrak{M}(G,G \setminus Q(G))$ which is defined by $f \mapsto f|_{G \setminus Q(G)}$ is injective. Additionally, The map $\mathfrak{M}(G,G \setminus Q(G)) \to \mathfrak{M}(G,G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}$ which is defined by

$$h \longmapsto \bar{h} \; ; \; \bar{h}(x) = \begin{cases} h(x) & (x \in G \setminus Q(G)) \\ 0 & (x \in Q(G)) \end{cases}$$

is injective. Hence $\mathfrak{M}(G,G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)} = \mathfrak{M}(G,G \setminus Q(G))$. For real *G*-modules V, W, [V] = [W] if and only if $\chi_V = \chi_W$. Therefore, the homomorphisms τ_G and $\tau_{G/N}$ are isomorphisms.

Let $\operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C})$ denote the set of all *G*-conjugacy classes of cyclic subgroups of *G*, and let $\operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{P}})$ denote the set of all $(C)_G \in \operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C})$ such that *C* is a cyclic subgroup of prime power order.

Proposition 2.4. Let G be a finite group containing an element not of prime power order. Then, the \mathbb{Z} -rank of $\mathbb{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}$ is equal to $\nu(G, E)$.

Proof. We have the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G) \xrightarrow{\mathrm{res}_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{G}} \prod_{P \in \mathcal{P}(G)} \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(P).$$

Set $\operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C}) = \{(H_1)_G, (H_2)_G, \dots, (H_t)_G\}$. For $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$, define the map $\varphi_i : \operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C}) \to \mathbb{Q}$ by $\varphi_i((H_j)_G) = \delta_{ij}$ where δ_{ij} is the Kronecker delta. Since $\operatorname{Map}(\operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C}), \mathbb{Q})$ and $\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)$ are isomorphic and $\{\varphi_i \mid (H_i)_G \in \operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C})\}$ is a basis of $\operatorname{Map}(\operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C}), \mathbb{Q})$, we have $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)) = |\operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C})|$. Since $\{\operatorname{res}_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^G \varphi_i \mid (H_i)_G \in \operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{P}})\}$ is linearly independent, we have $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} \operatorname{Im}(\operatorname{res}_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^G) = |\operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{P}})|$. Therefore,

$$\operatorname{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)} = \dim_{\mathbb{Q}} \left(\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)} \right)$$
$$= |\operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C})| - |\operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{P}})|$$
$$= \nu(G, E).$$

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Proposition 2.5. The set $\{f_C \mid (C)_G \in \operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C}) \setminus \operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{P}})\}$ (resp. $\{f_D \mid (D)_{G/N} \in \operatorname{Conj}(G/N, \mathcal{C})\}$) is a basis of the Q-vector space $\mathfrak{M}(G, G \setminus Q(G))$ (resp. $\mathfrak{M}(G/N, G/N)$).

Proof. For each $(C)_G \in \operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C}) \setminus \operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{P}})$ (resp. $(D)_{G/N} \in \operatorname{Conj}(G/N, \mathcal{C})$), f_C (resp. f_D) belongs to $\mathfrak{M}(G, G \setminus Q(G))$ (resp. $\mathfrak{M}(G/N, G/N)$). Since the set $\{f_C | (C)_G \in \operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C}) \setminus \operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{P}})\}$ (resp $\{f_D | (D)_{G/N} \in \operatorname{Conj}(G/N, \mathcal{C})\}$) is linear independent and $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathfrak{M}(G, G \setminus Q(G)) = |\operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C})| - |\operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{P}})|$ (resp. $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathfrak{M}(G, G/N) = |\operatorname{Conj}(G/N, \mathcal{C})|$), we obtain the proposition. \Box

The next proposition immediately follows from Proposition 2.1.

Proposition 2.6. The Q-dimension of $\operatorname{fix}_{G/N}^G(\mathfrak{M}(G, G \setminus Q(G)))$ is equal to $\nu(G, N)$.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. By Proposition 2.3, we have

$$\operatorname{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}} = \dim_{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}}) = \dim_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathfrak{M}(G, G \setminus Q(G))^{\{N\}}.$$

We note that $\nu(G, E) = |\operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C})| - |\operatorname{Conj}(G, \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{P}})|$. By Propositions 2.5, 2.6, it holds that $\operatorname{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}} = \nu(G, E) - \nu(G, N)$.

3. Proof of Theorem 1.3

Let Γ denote the Galois group $\operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)/\mathbb{Q})$, where ζ is a primitive |G|-th root of 1. The group ring $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]$ has the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow I_{\Gamma} \xrightarrow{i} \mathbb{Z}[\Gamma] \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0$$

where ε is the augmentation homomorphism, I_{Γ} is the kernel of ε and i is the inclusion map. We set $\Sigma_{\Gamma} = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \gamma$. We have $\mathbb{Z}[\Gamma]^{\Gamma} = \mathbb{Z} \cdot \Sigma_{\Gamma}$ and $\varepsilon(\Sigma_{\Gamma}) = |\Gamma|$. Thus

$$\mathbb{Q}[\Gamma] = (\mathbb{Q} \cdot I_{\Gamma}) \oplus (\mathbb{Q} \cdot \Sigma_{\Gamma}) = (\mathbb{Q} \cdot I_{\Gamma}) \oplus \mathbb{Q}[\Gamma]^{\Gamma}.$$

The next fact is well known.

Proposition 3.1 ([3, Proposition 9.2.6]). $\operatorname{RO}(G)$ is the direct sum of $\overline{\operatorname{RO}}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)$ and $\operatorname{RO}_0(G)$.

Since $\overline{\operatorname{RO}}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G) = \operatorname{RO}(G)^{\Gamma}$ and $\overline{\operatorname{R}}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G) = \operatorname{R}(G)^{\Gamma}$, it holds that $|\operatorname{RO}(G)^{\Gamma} : \operatorname{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)| < \infty$ and $|\operatorname{R}(G)^{\Gamma} : \operatorname{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)| < \infty$.

Proposition 3.2. Let N be a normal subgroup of G. Then, $\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{RO}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}}$ is canonically isomorphic to $\left(\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}}\right) \oplus \left(\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{RO}_{0}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}}\right).$

Proof. Let $x \in \mathrm{RO}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}}$, then

$$|\Gamma|x = \Sigma_{\Gamma}x + \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} (\mathrm{id} - \gamma)x \in \left(\mathrm{RO}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}}\right)^{\Gamma} + \mathrm{RO}_{0}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}}$$

By Proposition 3.1, we have

$$\left(\operatorname{RO}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}} \right)^{\Gamma} + \operatorname{RO}_{0}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}} = \left(\operatorname{RO}(G)^{\Gamma} \right)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}} + \operatorname{RO}_{0}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}}$$
$$= \overline{\operatorname{RO}}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}} + \operatorname{RO}_{0}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}}$$
$$= \overline{\operatorname{RO}}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}} \oplus \operatorname{RO}_{0}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}}.$$

Since $\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \overline{\mathrm{RO}}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}} = \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}}, \mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{RO}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}}$ is contained in

$$\left(\mathbb{Q}\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}}\right) \oplus \left(\mathbb{Q}\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{RO}_{0}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}}\right).$$

On the other hand, it is clear that

$$\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{RO}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}} \supset \left(\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}} \right) \oplus \left(\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathrm{RO}_{0}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}} \right).$$

Lemma 3.3 ([9, Second Rank Lemma]). The \mathbb{Z} -rank of $\operatorname{RO}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{N\}}$ is equal to $\lambda(G, E) - \lambda(G, N)$.

Theorem 1.3 immediately follows from Proposition 3.2, Lemma 3.3, and Theorem 1.1.

4. Proofs of Theorems 1.5 and 1.6

Let *m* and *n* are natural numbers. Let p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_m be *m* distinct odd primes, and let $u_m = p_1 p_2 \ldots p_m$. We note that $D_{2u_m}^n$ is an Oliver group if $m \ge 2$ and $n \ge 2$. It is easy to see that

(4.1)

$$(D_{2u_m}^n)^{\{p_i\}} = D_{2u_m}^n \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, m),$$

$$(D_{2u_m}^n)^{\text{nil}} = (D_{2u_m}^n)^{\{2\}} \cong C_{u_m}^n,$$

$$D_{2u_m}^n / (D_{2u_m}^n)^{\text{nil}} \cong C_2^n.$$

For D_{2u_m} , the order of element is 1, 2 or $p_{t_1}p_{t_2}\cdots p_{t_k}$ for $1 \leq t_1 < t_2 < \cdots < t_k \leq m$. Moreover, the numbers of conjugacy classes of elements of order 2 and $p_{t_1}p_{t_2}\ldots p_{t_k}$ is 1 and $\left(\prod_{i=1}^k (p_{t_i}-1)\right)/2$, respectively.

For a group element g, let o(g) be the order of g. For $D_{2u_m}^n$, let Z be the set of cyclic subgroups H of $D_{2u_m}^n$ generated by (g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_n) such that $o(g_1) = \cdots = o(g_n) = 2$ or $o(g_1) = \cdots = o(g_n) = p_{t_1} p_{t_2} \cdots p_{t_k}$ for $1 \leq t_1 < t_2 < \cdots < t_k \leq m$. Then, the number of $D_{2u_m}^n$ -conjugacy classes of

elements in Z is 1 in former case and $\left(\left(\prod_{i=1}^{k} (p_{t_i} - 1)\right)/2\right)^{n-1}$ in the latter case.

For natural numbers a_1 and a_2 , let $gcd(a_1, a_2)$ denote the greatest common divisor of a_1 and a_2 .

Fact 4.1. Let $G = D_{2u_m}^2$. For j = 0, 1 and $0 \le k \le m$, let Y_k^j be the subset of $\mathcal{C}(G)$ consisting of $H = \langle (g_1, g_2) \rangle$ such that $|H| \equiv j \mod 2$ and $gcd(o(g_1), o(g_2))$ is the product of k primes. Then, |H| is 1 or a prime if and only if $(o(g_1), o(g_2))$ is $(1, 1), (1, p_i), (p_i, 1)$ or (p_i, p_i) for some i, or (2, 1), (1, 2) or (2, 2). Moreover, the number of G-conjugacy classes of elements H in Y_k^j such that |H| is not prime power is as follows.

$$\begin{cases} 3^m - 2m - 1 & \text{if } j = 1 \text{ and } k = 0, \\ (3^{m-1} - 1) \sum_{i=1}^m (p_i - 1)/2 & \text{if } j = 1 \text{ and } k = 1, \\ 3^{m-k} \sum_{1 \le t_1 < \dots < t_k \le m} \left(\prod_{i=1}^k (p_{t_i} - 1) \right)/2 & \text{if } j = 1 \text{ and } k > 1, \\ 2(2^m - 1) & \text{if } j = 0 \text{ and } k = 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } j = 0 \text{ and } k > 0. \end{cases}$$

Fact 4.2. Let a, b, c, d and e be non-negative integers such that a + b + c + d + e = n. For $G = D_{2u_2}^n$, let X be the set of cyclic subgroups H of G generated by (g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_n) such that $o(g_1) = \cdots = o(g_a) = 1$, $o(g_{a+1}) = \cdots = o(g_{a+b}) = p_1$, $o(g_{a+b+1}) = \cdots = o(g_{a+b+c}) = p_2$, $o(g_{a+b+c+1}) = \cdots = o(g_{a+b+c+d}) = p_1p_2$ and $o(g_{a+b+c+d+1}) = \cdots = o(g_n) = 2$. Then, |H| is 1 or a prime if and only if c = d = e = 0, b = d = e = 0 or b = c = d = 0. Moreover, the number of G-conjugacy classes of elements in X under certain conditions are as follows.

$$\begin{cases} ((p_1 - 1)/2)^{b-1} & H \text{ with } b > 0, \ c = d = 0, \ e > 0 \\ ((p_2 - 1)/2)^{c-1} & H \text{ with } c > 0, \ b = d = 0, \ e > 0 \\ ((p_1 - 1)/2)^{b-1}((p_2 - 1)/2)^{c-1} & H \text{ with } b > 0, \ c > 0, \ d = 0, \\ ((p_1 - 1)/2)^b((p_2 - 1)/2)^c((p_1 - 1)(p_2 - 1)/2)^{d-1} & H \text{ with } d > 0. \end{cases}$$

Proposition 4.3. Let $G = D_{2u_m}^n$ for $m \ge 2$. Then $\lambda(G, E)$ is equal to

$$\left(\frac{p_1p_2\cdots p_m+3}{2}\right)^n - \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\frac{p_i+1}{2}\right)^n + m - 2^n.$$

Proof. We note that $(g)^{\pm} = (g)$ holds for any element g of G. It suffices to calculate the number of conjugacy classes (g) of $g \in G$ which is not of prime power order. By the facts of the number of conjugacy classes (g) with $g \in D_{2u_m}$ of the beginning of this section, the number of conjugacy classes

of elements of D_{2u_m} is

$$2 + \sum_{1 \le t_1 < \dots < t_k \le m} \frac{1}{2} \prod_{i=1}^k (p_{t_i} - 1) = 2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\prod_{i=1}^m ((p_i - 1) + 1) - 1 \right)$$

which is equal to $(p_1p_2\cdots p_m+3)/2$, and hence G has $((p_1p_2\cdots p_m+3)/2)^n$ conjugacy classes. Moreover, since the numbers of conjugacy classes of elements of orders p_i and 2 in D_{2u_m} are $(p_i - 1)/2$ and 1, respectively, those for G are

$$\sum_{k=1}^{m} {}_{n} C_{k} \left(\frac{p_{i}-1}{2}\right)^{k} = \left(\frac{p_{i}-1}{2}+1\right)^{n} - 1 = \left(\frac{p_{i}+1}{2}\right)^{n} - 1$$

and $\sum_{k=1}^{n} {}_{n}C_{k} = 2^{n} - 1$, respectively, where ${}_{n}C_{k}$ is the binomial coefficient. Therefore, we obtain

$$\lambda(G, E) = \left(\frac{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_m + 3}{2}\right)^n - \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\left(\frac{p_i + 1}{2}\right)^n - 1\right) - (2^n - 1) - 1$$
$$= \left(\frac{p_1 p_2 \cdots p_m + 3}{2}\right)^n - \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\frac{p_i + 1}{2}\right)^n + m - 2^n.$$

Theorem 1.6(2) is obtained immediately from Proposition 4.3.

For a real G-module V, let $V^{\mathcal{L}(G)}$ denote the submodule $\sum_{L \in \mathcal{L}(G)} V^L$ and let $V_{\mathcal{L}(G)}$ denote the orthogonal complement of $V^{\mathcal{L}(G)}$ in V, with respect to a G-invariant inner-product on V.

The next lemma follows from [7, Theorem 6.7].

Lemma 4.4. Let G be an Oliver group. If x = [V] - [W] is an element of $\operatorname{RO}_0(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\mathcal{L}(G)}$, then there exists an $\mathcal{L}(G)$ -free real G-module U such that $V \oplus U \oplus \mathbb{R}[G]_{\mathcal{L}(G)}^{\oplus m}$ and $W \oplus U \oplus \mathbb{R}[G]_{\mathcal{L}(G)}^{\oplus m}$ are Smith equivalent for any $m \in \mathbb{N}$, and therefore x belongs to $\mathfrak{dG}(G)$.

Since $\mathfrak{S}(G) \subset \operatorname{RO}(G)_{\mathcal{P}_{odd}(G)}$ by C. U. Sanchez [13] and $\mathfrak{S}(G) \subset \operatorname{RO}(G)^{\{G^{\cap 2}\}}$ by M. Morimoto–Y. Qi [8], we have $\mathfrak{S}(G) \subset \operatorname{RO}(G)_{\mathcal{P}_{odd}(G)}^{\{G^{\cap 2}\}}$. By [6, Section 1, p.3684], we get $\mathfrak{S}(G) \subset \operatorname{RO}(G)_{\mathcal{P}^*(G)}$ where $\mathcal{P}^*(G)$ is the subset of $\mathcal{P}(G)$ consisting of P such that |P| is odd or $|P| \leq 4$ if 2 divides |P|. Therefore we have

$$\mathfrak{S}(G) \subset \mathrm{RO}(G)_{\mathcal{P}^*(G)}^{\{G^{\cap 2}\}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{d}\mathfrak{S}(G) \subset \mathrm{RO}_0(G)_{\mathcal{P}^*(G)}^{\{G^{\cap 2}\}}$$

The next fact follows from Lemma 4.4.

Proposition 4.5. If G is an Oliver group, then

$$\operatorname{RO}_0(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\mathcal{L}(G)} \subset \mathfrak{dS}(G) \subset \operatorname{RO}_0(G)_{\mathcal{P}^*(G)}^{\{G^{\cap 2}\}}.$$

Since $\mathfrak{dG}(G) \subset \mathrm{RO}_0(G)^{\{G^{\cap 2}\}}$, the following fact is obtained from Proposition 4.5.

Proposition 4.6. Let G be an Oliver group such that $G^{\cap 2} = G^{\operatorname{nil}}$. Then, $\mathfrak{d}\mathfrak{S}(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}$ coincides with $\operatorname{RO}_0(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{G^{\operatorname{nil}}\}}$.

Proposition 4.7. Let G be as in Proposition 4.6. If G^{nil} is of odd order, then $\mathfrak{dS}(G)$ coincides with $\operatorname{RO}_0(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{G^{\text{nil}}\}}$.

Proof. Since $\mathcal{P}(G) = \mathcal{P}^*(G)$, we get it immediately from Propositions 4.5, 4.6.

It is easy to see the next fact.

Proposition 4.8. Let G be a finite group and let N be a normal subgroup of G. If G/N is isomorphic to C_2^n for some natural number n, then $\lambda(G, N)$ is equal to $\nu(G, N)$.

By Corollary 1.2, (4.1), and Propositions 4.7, 4.8, the next proposition immediately follows.

Proposition 4.9. Let $G = D_{2u_m}^n$. If $m, n \ge 2$, then $\mathfrak{d}\mathfrak{S}(G)$ coincides with $\mathrm{RO}_0(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{G^{\mathrm{nil}}\}}$, and the \mathbb{Z} -rank of $\mathrm{RO}_0(G)_{\mathcal{P}(G)}^{\{G^{\mathrm{nil}}\}}$ is equal to $\lambda(G, E) - \nu(G, E)$.

Theorem 1.6(1) is obtained immediately from Proposition 4.9.

Proof of Theorem 1.6 (3). Let $G = D_{2u_2}^n$. In Sections 1 and 2, we defined Conj (G, \mathcal{C}) and Conj $(G, \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{P}})$. For i = 1, 2, let X_i denote the set of all G-conjugacy classes $(H)_G$ of subgroups H of G with $H \cong C_{2p_i}$. Let X_3 (resp. X_4) denote the set of all G-conjugacy classes $(H)_G$ of cyclic subgroups $H = \langle (g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_n) \rangle$ of G such that $p_1p_2 \mid |H|$ and $o(g_i) \neq p_1p_2$ for all i(resp. $o(g_i) = p_1p_2$ for some i). Let B_1, B_2, B_3 and B_4 be the sets

$$B_{1} = \{(a, b, e) \mid a \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, b, e \in \mathbb{N}, a + b + e = n\},\$$

$$B_{2} = \{(a, c, e) \mid a \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, c, e \in \mathbb{N}, a + c + e = n\},\$$

$$B_{3} = \{(a, b, c, e) \mid a, e \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, b, c \in \mathbb{N}, a + b + c + e = n\}, \text{ and}\$$

$$B_{4} = \{(a, b, c, d, e) \mid d \in \mathbb{N}, a, b, c, e \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, a + b + c + d + e = n\},\$$

respectively. By Fact 4.2 and the multinomial theorem, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} |X_1| &= \sum_{(a,b,e)\in B_1} \frac{n!}{a!b!e!} \left(\frac{p_1-1}{2}\right)^{b-1} \\ &= \frac{2}{p_1-1} \left(\left(\frac{p_1+3}{2}\right)^n - \left(\frac{p_1+1}{2}\right)^n - 2^n + 1 \right), \\ |X_2| &= \sum_{(a,c,e)\in B_2} \frac{n!}{a!c!e!} \left(\frac{p_2-1}{2}\right)^{c-1} \\ &= \frac{2}{p_2-1} \left(\left(\frac{p_2+3}{2}\right)^n - \left(\frac{p_2+1}{2}\right)^n - 2^n + 1 \right), \\ |X_3| &= \sum_{(a,b,c,e)\in B_3} \frac{n!}{a!b!c!e!} \left(\frac{p_1-1}{2}\right)^{b-1} \left(\frac{p_2-1}{2}\right)^{c-1} \\ &= \frac{4}{(p_1-1)(p_2-1)} \left(\left(\frac{p_1+p_2+2}{2}\right)^n - \left(\frac{p_1+3}{2}\right)^n - \left(\frac{p_2+3}{2}\right)^n + 2^n \right), \\ |X_4| &= \sum_{(a,b,c,d,e)\in B_4} \frac{n!}{a!b!c!d!e!} \left(\frac{p_1-1}{2}\right)^b \left(\frac{p_2-1}{2}\right)^c \left(\frac{(p_1-1)(p_2-1)}{2}\right)^{d-1} \\ &= \frac{2}{(p_1-1)(p_2-1)} \left(\left(\frac{p_1p_2+3}{2}\right)^n - \left(\frac{p_1+p_2+2}{2}\right)^n \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\nu(G, E) = |X_1| + |X_2| + |X_3| + |X_4|$, Theorem 1.6 (3) is obtained. \Box Proof of Theorem 1.5. Let $G = D_{2u_m}^2$. By Fact 4.1, we obtain that

$$\nu(G, E) = \sum_{k=1}^{m} \frac{3^{m-k}}{2} \sum_{1 \le t_1 < \dots < t_k \le m} \prod_{i=1}^{k} (p_{t_i} - 1) - \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{p_i + 5}{2} + 3^m + 2^{m+1} - 3.$$

Therefore, Theorem 1.5 immediately follows from Propositions 4.3, 4.9. \Box

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