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**A VECTOR MATRIX APPROACH OF COUNTING CYCLIC QUOTIENTS  
OF SOME ABELIAN  $P$ -GROUPS**

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**Abstract**

We determine in this paper, the precise number of cyclic quotients of Abelian  $p$ -groups of exponent  $p^i$  and rank  $r > 1$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  for all natural numbers  $n$ .

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

The mathematical motivation for this paper is as follows:

Let  $\pi$  be a finite Abelian group,  $R$  a commutative Noetherian ring,  $G_*(\Lambda)$  the Quillen  $K$ -theory of the category of finitely-generated  $\Lambda$ -modules, for any ring  $\Lambda$  with identity. In [2], D. L. Webb established the formula

$$G_n(\mathbb{Z}\pi) \simeq \bigoplus_{\rho \in X(\pi)} G_n(\mathbb{Z} \langle \rho \rangle), \quad n \geq 0$$

where  $\mathbb{Z} \langle \rho \rangle$  denotes the ring of fractions  $\mathbb{Z}(\rho)[1/|\rho|]$  obtained by inverting  $|\rho|$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}(\rho)$  denotes the quotient of the group ring  $\mathbb{Z}\rho$  by the  $|\rho|$ -th cyclotomic polynomial  $\Phi_{|\rho|}$  evaluated at a generator of  $\rho$  (the ideal factored out is independent of the choice of generator for  $\rho$ ),  $|\cdot|$  denotes cardinality and  $X(\pi)$  the set of cyclic quotients of  $\pi$ .

A natural problem is that of computing  $G_n(\mathbb{Z}\pi)$  as explicitly as possible and from the formula above, it is desirable to know the number of cyclic quotients of  $\pi$ .

The object of this paper is to establish the precise number of cyclic quotients of  $\pi$ , for

$$\pi := \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}/p^n \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^n \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^n}_{r\text{-times}}, \quad n \geq 1, \quad r > 1$$

The results of the cases  $n = 1$  and  $2$  have been completed and appears in [1]. The organization of the paper is as follows:

Section 2, which is the main body of the work, is devoted to a proof of the following generalized result.

**Theorem M :**

Let

$$\pi := \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}/p^j \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^j \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^j}_{r\text{-times}}, \quad r > 1, \quad j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, \quad p$$

a prime number and  $\gamma$  is a subgroup of  $\pi$ . Then the number of the cyclic factor groups  $\pi/\gamma$  up to isomorphism, such that  $|\pi/\gamma| = p^j$  for all  $j$  summed to  $n$ , is  $\left(\frac{p^r-1}{p-1}\right)\left(\frac{p^{n(r-1)}-1}{p^{r-1}-1}\right)$ .

Section 3 is devoted to the conclusion and a proof of the following useful result:

**Lemma E :**

Let

$$\pi := \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}/p^n \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^n \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^n}_{r\text{-times}}, \quad r > 1, \quad n \text{ a positive integer}, \quad p$$

a prime number and  $\gamma$  is a subgroup of  $\pi$ . Then the number of the cyclic factor groups  $\pi/\gamma$  up to isomorphism, such that  $|\pi/\gamma| = p^n$ , is  $p^{(n-1)(r-1)}\left(\frac{p^r-1}{p-1}\right)$ .

## 2 MAIN BODY

In this paper, we need the following fundamental definition.

**Definition: (Fundamental)**

Let

$$\pi := \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}/p^i \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^i \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^i}_{r\text{-times}}, \quad i \geq 1, \quad r > 1, \quad p$$

a prime number and  $\gamma$  a subgroup of  $\pi$  of order  $p^{ir-i}$ , then we define a subgroup base for  $\gamma$  as  $(r-i)$ ,  $r$ -tuples generating  $\gamma$ . This can be represented as  $(r-i)$ -rows of an  $r \times r$ -matrix whose rows generate  $\pi$ .

In this section, we first establish the following:

**Lemma E:**

Let

$$\pi := \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}/p^n \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^n \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^n}_{r\text{-times}}, \quad r > 1, \quad n \text{ a positive integer, } p$$

a prime number and  $\gamma$  is a subgroup of  $\pi$ . Then the number of the cyclic factor groups  $\pi/\gamma$  up to isomorphism, such that  $|\pi/\gamma| = p^n$ , is  $p^{(n-1)(r-1)} \left( \frac{p^r-1}{p-1} \right)$ .

**Proof:**

Let

$$\pi := \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}/p^n \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^n \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^n}_{r\text{-times}}, \quad r > 1, \quad n \text{ a positive integer and } p$$

a prime number.

Then the required cyclic quotients are realized in  $n$  number of cases as follows:

**Case 1:**

We define

$$\mathbb{Z}/p^n \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p^n}^* := \langle a \rangle,$$

$$\epsilon_\kappa \in \{a^l\}, \quad 0 \leq l \leq p^n - 1$$

and applying the fundamental definition given above, we obtain the following set of subgroup

base representations in  $r \times r$ - matrices:

$$\mathcal{A} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} a^{p^n} & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & a & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a \end{array} \right), \left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} a & \epsilon_\kappa & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a^{p^n} & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & a & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a \end{array} \right), \\ \dots, \\ \left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} a & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & \epsilon_\kappa \\ 1 & a & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & \epsilon_\kappa \\ 1 & 1 & a & \dots & 1 & 1 & \epsilon_\kappa \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a & 1 & \epsilon_\kappa \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a & \epsilon_\kappa \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a^{p^n} \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right\}$$

Thus applying a counting rule on set  $\mathcal{A}$  yields a total sum of cyclic quotients  $\pi/\gamma$  for which  $|\pi/\gamma| = p^n$  as:

$$1 + p^n + (p^n)^2 + \dots + (p^n)^{r-3} + (p^n)^{r-2} + (p^n)^{r-1}$$

That is,

$$\frac{p^{nr} - 1}{p^n - 1}, \quad \text{for any prime } p \text{ and any integer } r > 1. \quad \square$$

Next, consider

Case 2:

In this case, we define

$$\mathbb{Z}/p^n \cong \{\mathbb{Z}_{p^{n-1}}^*, \mathbb{Z}_p^*\} := \langle a \rangle,$$

$$\epsilon_\alpha \in \{a^i\}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq p^{n-1}, \quad g c d(i, p^{n-1}) = 1,$$

$$\epsilon_\beta \in \{a^i\}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq p, \quad g c d(i, p) = 1,$$

$$\epsilon_\gamma \in \{a^k\}, \quad 0 \leq k \leq p^{n-1} - 1,$$

$$\epsilon_\kappa \in \{a^l\}, \quad 0 \leq l \leq p - 1$$

and applying our fundamental definition together with a counting rule we form the following sets

of subgroup base representations in  $r \times r$ - matrices with their respective results:

$$\mathcal{B}_1 = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} a^{p^{n-1}} & \epsilon_\beta & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a^p & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & a & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a \end{array} \right), \left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} a^{p^{n-1}} & 1 & \epsilon_\beta & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & a^p & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a \end{array} \right), \\ \dots, \\ \left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} a^{p^{n-1}} & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & a & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & \epsilon_\kappa \\ 1 & 1 & a & \dots & 1 & 1 & \epsilon_\kappa \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a & 1 & \epsilon_\kappa \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a & \epsilon_\kappa \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a^p \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right\}$$

This generates a total sum of cyclic quotients:

$$(p-1) + p(p-1) + \dots + p^{r-2}(p-1),$$

$$\mathcal{B}_2 = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} a^p & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & \epsilon_\alpha \\ 1 & a & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & \epsilon_\gamma \\ 1 & 1 & a & \dots & 1 & 1 & \epsilon_\gamma \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a & 1 & \epsilon_\gamma \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a & \epsilon_\gamma \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a^{p^{n-1}} \end{array} \right), \left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} a^p & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & \epsilon_\alpha & 1 \\ 1 & a & 1 & \dots & 1 & \epsilon_\gamma & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & a & \dots & 1 & \epsilon_\gamma & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a & \epsilon_\gamma & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a^{p^{n-1}} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a \end{array} \right), \\ \dots, \\ \left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} a^p & \epsilon_\alpha & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a^{p^{n-1}} & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & a & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right\}$$

This generates a total sum of cyclic quotients:

$$(p^{n-1})^{r-2}(p^{n-1} - p^{n-2}) + (p^{n-1})^{r-3}(p^{n-1} - p^{n-2}) + \dots + (p^{n-1} - p^{n-2}).$$

Continuing with this rule we finally consider the following set of subgroup bases:

$$\mathcal{B}_t = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 1 & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\gamma & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\gamma & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & a^p & \dots & \epsilon_\alpha & 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a^{p^{n-1}} & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\gamma & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\alpha & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & a^{p^{n-1}} & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a \end{pmatrix}, \right.$$

$$\dots,$$

$$\left. \begin{pmatrix} a & \epsilon_\gamma & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a^{p^{n-1}} & \epsilon_\beta & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & a^p & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

and obtain a sum of number of cyclic quotients as:

$$(p^{n-1})^{r-3}(p^{n-1} - p^{n-2})p^2 + (p^{n-1})(p^{n-1} - p^{n-2})p + \dots + p(p-1)(p^{n-1}),$$

where

$$|\mathcal{B}_1| + |\mathcal{B}_2| + \dots + |\mathcal{B}_t| = r(r-1)$$

Continuing in this way with the other cases, we next consider, the following last case.

Case  $n-1$ :

In this case, we define

$$\mathbb{Z}/p^n \cong \underbrace{\{\mathbb{Z}_{p^{n-r+2}}^*, \mathbb{Z}_p^*, \dots, \mathbb{Z}_p^*\}}_{(r-1)\text{-terms}} := \langle a \rangle,$$

$$\epsilon_\alpha \in \{a^i\}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq p^{n-r+2}, \quad g c d(i, p^{n-r+2}) = 1,$$

$$\epsilon_\beta \in \{a^i\}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq p, \quad g c d(i, p) = 1,$$

$$\epsilon_\gamma \in \{a^k\}, \quad 0 \leq k \leq p^{n-r+2} - 1,$$

$$\epsilon_\kappa \in \{a^l\}, \quad 0 \leq l \leq p-1,$$

and similarly, applying our fundamental definition together with counting rule we form the following sets of subgroup base representations in  $r \times r$ - matrices with their respective results:

$$\mathcal{D}_1 = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} a^{p^{n-r+2}} & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta & 1 \\ 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & a^p & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a^p & \epsilon_\beta & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a^p & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a \end{array} \right), \left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} a^{p^{n-r+2}} & 1 & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & a & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & a^p & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a^p \end{array} \right), \\ \dots, \\ \left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} a^{p^{n-r+2}} & \epsilon_\kappa & 1 & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & a^p & 1 & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & a & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a^p \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right\},$$

and obtain a sum of number of cyclic quotients for the first set above in this case as:

$$(p-1)^{r-2} p^{r-3} \dots p^2 p + (p-1)^{r-2} p p^{r-2} p^{r-3} \dots p^2 + \dots + (p-1)^{r-2} p p^{r-2} p^{r-3} \dots p$$

And next the above set in this case, is:

$$\mathcal{D}_2 = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} a & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\gamma \\ 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\alpha \\ 1 & 1 & a^p & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\alpha \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\alpha \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\alpha \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a^{p^{n-r+2}} \end{array} \right), \left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} a & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\gamma & \epsilon_\kappa \\ 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\gamma & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & a^p & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\gamma & \epsilon_\beta \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a^p & \epsilon_\gamma & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a^{p^{n-r+2}} & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a^p \end{array} \right), \\ \dots, \\ \left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} a & \epsilon_\gamma & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa \\ 1 & a^{p^{n-r+2}} & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & a^p & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a^p \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right\},$$

and we obtain a sum of number of cyclic quotients for the above set in this case as:

$$(p^{n-r+2} - p^{n-r+1})^{r-2} p^{n-r+2} p^{r-2} p^{r-3} \dots p^2 p +$$

$$(p-1)^{r-2}p(p^{n-r+2})^{r-2}p^{r-3}\dots p^2p + \dots + (p-1)^{r-2}pp^{r-2}p^{r-3}\dots p^2p^{n-r+2}$$

Continuing with this rule for this case, we finally consider the set:

$$\mathcal{D}_v = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & 1 & \dots & \epsilon_\gamma & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & a^p & 1 & \dots & \epsilon_\gamma & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & a & \dots & \epsilon_\gamma & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a^{p^{n-r+2}} & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a^p \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a^p & 1 & \epsilon_\gamma & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & a & \epsilon_\gamma & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa \\ 1 & 1 & a^{p^{n-r+2}} & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a^p \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} a^p & \epsilon_\gamma & 1 & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & a^{p^{n-r+2}} & 1 & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & a & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a^p \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

and obtain a sum of number of cyclic quotients for this set as:

$$(p-1)^{r-2}pp^{r-2}(p^{n-r+2})^{r-3}\dots p + (p-1)^{r-2}pp^{r-2}p^{r-3}\dots(p^{n-r+2})^2 + \dots + (p-1)^{r-2}pp^{r-2}p^{r-3}\dots p^{n-r+2},$$

where

$$|\mathcal{D}_1| + |\mathcal{D}_2| + \dots + |\mathcal{D}_v| = r(r-1)$$

And finally, for the proof of Lemma *E* to be complete, we consider the next case:

Case *n* :

In this case, we define

$$\mathbb{Z}/p^n \cong \underbrace{\{\mathbb{Z}_{p^{n-r+1}}^*, \mathbb{Z}_p^*, \dots, \mathbb{Z}_p^*\}}_{(r)\text{-terms}} := \langle a \rangle, \epsilon_\alpha \in \{a^i\}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq p^{n-r+1}, \quad g c d(i, p^{n-r+1}) = 1,$$

$$\epsilon_\beta \in \{a^i\}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq p, \quad g c d(i, p) = 1,$$

$$\epsilon_\gamma \in \{a^k\}, \quad 0 \leq k \leq p^{n-r+1} - 1,$$

$$\epsilon_\kappa \in \{a^l\}, \quad 0 \leq l \leq p-1,$$

and similarly, applying our fundamental definition together with the counting rule we form the

following set of subgroup base representations in  $r \times r$ - matrices with their respective results:

$$\mathcal{F} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a^{p^{n-r+1}} & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & a^p & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a^p \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a^p & \epsilon_\gamma & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & a^{p^{n-r+1}} & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & a^p & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a^p \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\gamma & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\gamma & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & a^{p^{n-r+1}} & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a^p \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\gamma & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\gamma & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & a^p & \dots & \epsilon_\gamma & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a^{p^{n-r+1}} & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a^p \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\gamma & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\gamma & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & a^p & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\gamma & \epsilon_\beta \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a^p & \epsilon_\gamma & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a^{p^{n-r+1}} & \epsilon_\beta \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a^p \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\alpha \\ 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\alpha \\ 1 & 1 & a^p & \dots & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\alpha \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & a^p & \epsilon_\kappa & \epsilon_\alpha \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & a^p & \epsilon_\alpha \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & a^{p^{n-r+1}} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

and we obtain a sum of number of cyclic quotients for the above set in the last case as:

$$(p-1)^{r-1} p^{r-2} p^{r-3} \dots p^2 p + (p-1)^{r-1} p^{r-2} p^{r-3} \dots p^2 p^{n-r+1}$$

$$+ (p-1)^{r-1} p^{r-2} p^{r-3} \dots (p^{n-r+1})^2 p + \dots + (p-1)^{r-1} p^{r-2} (p^{n-r+1})^{r-3} \dots p^2 p +$$

$$(p-1)^{r-1} (p^{n-r+1})^{r-2} p^{r-3} \dots p^2 p + (p^{n-r+1} - p^{n-r})^{r-1} p^{r-2} p^{r-3} \dots p^2 p$$

where  $|\mathcal{F}| = r$ .

Therefore total sums of results obtained in Cases 1, 2, ..., to the last yields the formula:

$$p^{(n-1)(r-1)} \left( \frac{p^r - 1}{p - 1} \right) \quad \square$$

Finally, we give the proof of theorem  $M$ .

**Theorem M:**

Summing from  $j = 1$  to  $n$ , the number of cyclic quotients up to isomorphism of

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{Z}/p^j \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^j \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{Z}/p^j}_{r\text{-times}}, \quad r > 1, \quad p$$

a prime is then  $(\frac{p^r-1}{p-1})(\frac{p^{n(r-1)}-1}{p^{r-1}-1})$ .

**Proof:**

This follows from [1] and Lemma E.  $\square$

### 3 CONCLUSION

This paper solves a very special case of a well-motivated general problem.

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