
On Some (2,3,16)-Groups of Degree N , $16 \leq N \leq 30$

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ABSTRACT. This is a sequel to an earlier paper by the author in which it was proved that the symmetric group S_N of degree N is a (2,3,16)-group for $16 \leq N \leq 25$ whereas the alternating group A_N is a (2,3,16)-group for $18 \leq N \leq 25$, $N \neq 23$. In this paper, it is proved that both S_N and A_N are (2,3,16)-groups for $26 \leq N \leq 30$.

Proposition 1

The symmetric group S_N is a (2,3,16)-group for $16 \leq N \leq 30$.

Proof

The proof will be provided as a series of lemmas.

Lemma 1.1

S_N is a (2,3,16)-group for $16 \leq N \leq 25$ (Al-Salman 1985).

Lemma 1.2

S_{26} is a (2,3,16)-group.

Proof

Let $H = \langle x, y \rangle$, where:

$$x = (0,15)(1,2)(3,14)(4,25)(5,12)(6,23)(8,22)(10,21)(11,16)(13,24)(17,20) \quad ; \quad \begin{matrix} 7 & 9 & 18 & 19 \\ : & 2^{11} & . & 1^4 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= (1,3,15)(4,24,14)(5,13,25)(6,16,12)(7,8,23)(9,10,22)(11,17,21)(18,19,20) \quad : 3^8.1^2 \\ z &= xy = (0,1,2, \dots, 15)(16,17, \dots, 23)(24,25) \quad : 16.8.2 \\ \sigma &= xz^4 = (0,3,2,5)(1,6,19,23,10,17,16,15,4,25,8,18,22,12,9,13,24)(7,11,20,21,14) \quad : 17.5.4 \end{aligned}$$

Now x and σ^5 show that H is 2-transitive. It then follows that $H = S_{26}$, since $\sigma \in H$.

Lemma 1.3

S_{27} is a (2,3,16)-group.

Proof

Let $H = \langle x, y \rangle$, where:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= (0,26)(1,15)(2,23)(4,22)(5,17)(6,13)(7,25)(8,11)(9,19)(10,20)(12,24)(14,16) \\
 &\quad (18,21) \underline{3} \quad : 2^{13}.1 \\
 y &= (0,26,1)(\underline{2},16,15)(3,4,23)(5,18,22)(6,14,17)(7,24,13)(8,12,25)(9,20,11) \\
 &\quad (10,21,19) \quad : 3^9 \\
 z &= xy = (0,1,2, \dots, 15)(16,17, \dots, 23)(24,25) \underline{26} \quad : 16.8.2.1 \\
 \sigma &= xz^3 = (0,26,3,6)(1,2,18,16)(4,17,8,14,19,12,25,10,23,5,20,13,9,22,7,24,15) \\
 &\quad \underline{11} \underline{21} \quad : 17.4^2.1^2
 \end{aligned}$$

x^{z^8} and σ indicate the H is 2-transitive. Hence $H \equiv S_{27}$, since $a \in H$

Lemma 1.4

S_{28} is a (2,3,16)-group

Proof

Let $H = \langle x, y \rangle$, where:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= (0,23) (1,24) (2,16) (3,15) (5,14) (6,7) (8,13) (9,18) (10,26) (11,21) (12,19) \\
 &\quad (17,27) (22,25) 4 \underline{20} : 2^{13}.1^2 \\
 y &= (0,16,3) (1,25,23) (2,17,24) (4,5,15) (6,8,14) (9,19,13) (10,27,18) (11,22,26) \\
 &\quad (12,20,21) 7 : 3^9.1 \\
 z &= xy = (0,1,2, \dots, 15) (16,17, \dots, 23) (24,25,26,27) : 16.8.4 \\
 \sigma &= xz^3 = (0,18,12,22,24,4,7,9,21,14,8) (1,27,20,23,3,2,19,15,6,10,25,17,26,13,11, \\
 &\quad 16,5) : 17.11
 \end{aligned}$$

Now y and σ^{11} show that H is 2-transitive. It then follows that $H \equiv S_{2n}$, since $\alpha \in H$

Lemma 1.5

S_{29} is a $(2, 3, 16)$ -group

Proof

Let $H = \langle x, y \rangle$, where:

$$x = (0,28) (1,15) (2,27) (4,26) (5,11) (6,23) (8,22) (9,19) (10,16) (12,25) (14,24) \\ (17,18) (20,21) \underline{3} \underline{7} \underline{13} : 2^{13}.1^3$$

$$y = (0,28,1) (2,24,15) (3,4,27) (5,12,26) (6,16,11) (7,8,23) (9,20,22) (10,17,19) \\ (13,14,25) \underline{18} \underline{21} : 3^9.1^2$$

$$z = xy = (0,1,2, \dots, 15) (16,17, \dots, 23) (24,25,26,27) 28 : 16.8.4.1$$

$$\sigma = xz^3 = (0,28,3,6,18,20,16,13) 1,2,26,7,10,19,12,24) (4,25,15) (5,14,27) \\ (8,17,21,23,9,22,11) : 8^2.7.3^2$$

$H = S_{29}$, since H is primitive and $\sigma \in H$.

Lemma 1.6

S_{30} is a (2,3,16)-group.

Proof

Let $H = \langle x, y \rangle$, where:

$$x = (0,28) (1,15) (2,27) (3,25) (4,13) (5,23) (6,21) (7,19) (8,17) (9,11) ((10,29) \\ (12,16) (14,24) \underline{18} \underline{20} \underline{22} \underline{26} : 2^{13}.1^4$$

$$y = (0,28,1) (2,24,15) (3,26,27) (4,14,25) (5,16,13) (6,22,23) (7,20,21) (8,18,19) \\ (9,12,17) (10,29,11) : 3^{10}$$

$$z = xy = (0,1,2, \dots, 15) (16,17, \dots, 23) (24,25,26,27) \underline{28} \underline{29} : 16.8.4.1^2$$

$$\sigma = xz^4 = (0,28,4,1,3,25,7,23,9,15,5,19,11,13,8,21,10,29,14,24,2,27,6,17,12,20,16) \\ (18,22) \underline{26} : 27.2.1$$

Now x^z and $(xz^7)^2$ show that H is 2-transitive. It then follows that $H = S_{30}$, since $\sigma \in H$.

Proposition 2

The alternating group A_N is a (2,3,16)-group for $N \neq 23$ and $18 \leq N \leq 30$.

Proof

The proof will be provided as a series of lemmas.

Lemma 2.1

A_N is a (2,3,16)-group for $N \neq 23$ and $18 \leq N \leq 25$ (Al-Salman 1985).

Lemma 2.2

A_{26} is a (2,3,16)-group.

Proof

Let $H = \langle x, y \rangle$, where:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= (2,15) (3,11) (4,23) (5,20) (6,17) (7,9) (8,25) (10,16) (12,14) (13,24) (18,19) \\ &\quad (21,22) \underline{0} \underline{1} \quad : 2^{12}.1^2 \\ y &= (0,1,2) (3,12,15) (4,16,11) (5,21,23) (6,18,20) (7,10,17) (8,25,9) (13,24,14) \underline{19} \\ &\quad \underline{22} \quad : 3^8.1^2 \\ z &= xy = (0,1,2,\dots,15) (16,17,\dots,23) \underline{24} \underline{25} \quad : 16.8.1^2 \\ \sigma &= xz^8 = (0,8,25) (1,9,15,10,16,2,7) (4,23,12,6,17,14) (5,20,13,24) (18,19) \\ &\quad (21,22) \underline{3} \underline{11} \quad 7.6.4.3.2^2.1^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now x^z and σ show that H is 2-transitive. It then follows that $H = A_{26}$, since $\sigma \in H$.

Lemma 2.3

A_{27} is a $(2,3,16)$ -group.

Proof

Let $H = \langle x, y \rangle$, where:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= (0,26) (1,15) (2,23) (4,22) (5,18) (6,9) (10,17) (11,13) (12,24) (14,16) (19,21) \\ &\quad (20,25) \underline{3} \underline{7} \underline{8} \quad : 2^{12}.1^3 \\ y &= (0,26,1) (2,16,15) (3,4,23) (5,19,22) (6,10,18) (7,8,9) (11,14,17) (12,24,13) \\ &\quad (20,25,21) \quad : 3^9 \\ z &= xy = (0,1,2,\dots,15) (16,17,\dots,23) \underline{24} \underline{25} \underline{26} \quad : 16.8.1^3 \\ \sigma &= xz^6 = (0,26,6,15,7,13,1,5,16,4,20,25,18,11,3,9,12,24,2,21,17) (8,14,22,10,23) \\ &\quad \underline{19} \quad : 21.5.1 \end{aligned}$$

x and σ^5 indicate that H is 2-transitive. Hence, $H = A_{27}$, since $\sigma \in H$.

Lemma 2.4

A_{28} is a $(2,3,16)$ -group.

Proof

Let $H = \langle x, y \rangle$, where:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= (0,24) (1,15) (2,23) (3,5) (4,25) (6,22) (7,8) (9,21) (10,17) (11,13) (12,26) \\ &\quad (14,16) (18,20) (19,27) \quad : 2^{14} \\ y &= (0,24,1) (2,16,15) (3,6,23) (4,25,5) (7,9,22) (10,18,21) (11,14,17) (12,26,13) \\ &\quad (19,27,20) \underline{8} \quad : 3^9.1 \\ z &= xy = (0,1,2,\dots,15) (16,17,\dots,23) \underline{24} \underline{25} \underline{26} \underline{27} \quad : 16.8.1^4 \\ \sigma &= xz^6 = (0,24,6,20,16,4,25,10,23,8,13,1,5,9,19,27,17) (2,21,15,7,14,22,12,26) \\ &\quad (3,11) \quad : 17.8.2 \end{aligned}$$

y^z and σ^2 show that H is 2-transitive. Hence $H = A_{28}$, since $\sigma \in H$.

Lemma 2.5

A_{29} is a (2,3,16)-group.

Proof

Let $H = \langle x, y \rangle$, where:

$$\begin{aligned}x &= (0,28) (1,15) (2,25) (3,13) (4,27) (5,11) (6,23) (8,22) (9,19) (10,16) (12,26) \\&\quad (14,24) (17,18) (20,21) \underline{7} && : 2^{14}.1 \\y &= (0,28,1) (2,24,15) (3,14,25) (4,26,13) (5,12,27) (6,16,11) (7,8,23) (9,20,22) \\&\quad (10,17,19) \underline{18} \underline{21} && : 3^9.1^2 \\z &= xy = (0,1,2,\dots,15) (16,17,\dots,23) (24,25) (26,27) \underline{28} && : 16.8.2^2.1 \\&\sigma = xz^3 = (0,28,3) (1,2,24) (4,26,15) (5,14,25) (6,18,20,16,13) (7,10,19,12,27) \\&\quad (8,17,21,23,9,22,11) && : 7.5^2.3^4\end{aligned}$$

$H = A_{29}$, since H is primitive and $\sigma \in H$.

Lemma 2.6

A_{30} is a (2,3,16)-group.

Proof

Let $H = \langle x, y \rangle$, where:

$$\begin{aligned}x &= (10,29) (2,28) (3,15) (4,23) (6,22) (8,21) (10,20) (11,18) (12,26) (13,24) (14,16) \\&\quad (17,27) \underline{1} \underline{5} \underline{7} \underline{9} \underline{19} \underline{25} && : 2^{12}.1^6 \\y &= (0,28,3) (1,2,29) (4,16,15) (5,6,23) (7,8,22) (9,10,21) (11,19,20) (12,27,18) \\&\quad (13,25,26) (14,17,24) && : 3^{10} \\z &= xy = (0,1,2,\dots,15) (16,17,\dots,23) (24,25,26,27) (28,29) && : 16.8.4.2 \\&\sigma = xz^4 = (0,29,4,19,23,8,17,27,21,12,26) (1,5,9,13,24) \\&\quad (2,28,6,18,15,7,11,22,10,16) (14,20) \underline{3} \underline{25} && : 11.10.5.2.1^2\end{aligned}$$

Now x and $(xz^6)^2$ show that H is 2-transitive. It then follows that $H = A_{30}$, since $\sigma \in H$.

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بعض الزمر ذات المولدين (2, 3, 16) من الدرجة $16 \leq n \leq 30, N$

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هذا البحث هو استمرار لبحث قبله للمؤلف نفسه والذي
برهن فيه أن كل زمرة من زمر التنااظر S_N ($N \leq 25$) يمكن
توليدتها بعنصرتين x, y بحيث $x^2 = y^3 = (xy)^{16} = 1$ وكذلك كل
زمرة متباوبة A_N ($N \neq 23, 18 \leq N \leq 25$) يمكن توليدتها
بعنصرتين أيضاً x, y بحيث:

$$x^2 = y^3 = (xy)^{16} = 1$$

وفي هذا البحث برهناً أن كلاً من زمرة التنااظر S_N وزمرة
التناوب A_N ($26 \leq N \leq 30$) يمكن توليدتها بعنصرتين x, y بحيث:

$$x^2 = y^3 = (xy)^{16} = 1$$