

6. Find all finite solvable groups  $G$  which have the property that  $\text{Fit}(G) \cong \mathbb{Z}_5$ .

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be a group such that  $\text{Fit}(G) = F \cong \mathbb{Z}_5$ . Then since  $G$  is finite and solvable  $C_G(F) = Z(F)$ . Since  $F$  is normal  $G$  acts on  $F$  by conjugation, with an arbitrary element  $g$  acting by the automorphism:  $\gamma_g(x) = g^{-1}xg$ . This induces a homomorphism:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma : G &\rightarrow \text{Aut}(F) \\ g &\mapsto \gamma_g \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\text{Ker}(\Gamma) = C_G(F) = Z(F)$ . Applying all this to our situation where  $F \cong \mathbb{Z}_5$  we see that  $Z(F) \cong \mathbb{Z}_5$  and  $\text{Aut}(F) \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ . By the first isomorphism theorem:

$$\frac{G}{\mathbb{Z}_5} \leq \text{Aut}(F)$$

Since  $\text{Aut}(F) \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$  we see that  $G/\mathbb{Z}_5$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  or  $\{0\}$ . We will consider these cases separately.

1. Suppose  $\text{Aut}(F) \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$ . Then:

$$\frac{G}{\mathbb{Z}_5} \cong \mathbb{Z}_4$$

This implies that  $G$  contains an element of order 4, hence  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_5 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_4$ . The possibilities for  $G$  are as follows:

- (a)  $G = \mathbb{Z}_{20}$
- (b)  $G = \langle x, y \mid y^{-1}xy = x^2, x^5 = 1 = y^4 \rangle$
- (c)  $G = \langle x, y \mid y^{-1}xy = x^3, x^5 = 1 = y^4 \rangle$
- (d)  $G = \langle x, y \mid y^{-1}xy = x^{-1}, x^5 = 1 = y^4 \rangle$

- (a)  $\text{Fit}(G) = \mathbb{Z}_{20}$  which doesn't work.
- (b)  $\mathbb{Z}_5 \cong \langle x \rangle \triangleleft G$  which implies that  $\langle x \rangle \leq \text{Fit}(G)$ . If  $\text{Fit}(G) \neq x$  then  $\text{Fit}(G) = \langle x, y^k \rangle$  where  $k$  is either 1 or 2. This implies that  $\langle x, y^2 \rangle \leq \text{Fit}(G)$ , where  $\langle x, y^2 \rangle \cong D_{10}$ . This is a contradiction since  $D_{10}$  is not nilpotent. Hence  $\text{Fit}(G) = \langle x \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_5$ . This works.
- (c) This group is isomorphic to the group in (b) by the isomorphism sending  $x \mapsto x$  and  $y \mapsto y^{-1}$ .
- (d)  $y^{-2}xy^2 = x$ , which implies that  $x$  and  $y^2$  commute. Hence  $\langle x, y^2 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_{10}$ . This is nilpotent, and is a normal subgroup since it has index 2. Hence  $\langle x, y^2 \rangle \leq \text{Fit}(G)$  which doesn't work.

2. Suppose  $\text{Aut}(F) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ . Then  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_5 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2$ . The possibilities for  $G$  are as follows:

- (a)  $G = \mathbb{Z}_{10}$

(b)  $G = \langle r, s \mid rs = sr^{-1}, r^5 = 1 = s^2 \rangle = D_{10}$

(a)  $\text{Fit}(G) = \mathbb{Z}_{10}$  which doesn't work.

(b)  $\langle r \rangle$  is a nilpotent normal subgroup, so  $\langle r \rangle \leq \text{Fit}(G) \leq G$ . This implies that  $\text{Fit}(G)$  is either  $\langle r \rangle$  or  $G$  since  $\langle r \rangle$  is an index 2 subgroup of  $G$ . Since  $G = D_{10}$  is not nilpotent, it must be that  $\text{Fit}(G) = \langle r \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}_5$ . This works.

3. Suppose  $\text{Aut}(F) = \{0\}$ . Then  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_5$ , so  $\text{Fit}(G) \cong \mathbb{Z}_5$ . This works.

Thus the only possibilities for  $G$  are  $\langle x, y \mid y^{-1}xy = x^2, x^5 = 1 = y^4 \rangle$ ,  $D_{10}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ .

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