

# The Generalized Pell $\rho$ -Sequences in Groups

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**Abstract** In this paper, we study the generalized Pell  $\rho$ -sequences modulo  $m$ . Also, we define the generalized Pell  $\rho$ -sequences and the basic generalized Pell  $\rho$ -sequences in groups and then we examine these sequences in finite groups. Furthermore, we obtain the periods of the generalized Pell  $\rho$ -sequences and the basic periods of the basic generalized Pell  $\rho$ -sequences in the binary polyhedral groups  $\langle n, 2, 2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle 2, n, 2 \rangle$  and  $\langle 2, 2, n \rangle$ .

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## 1 Introduction and Preliminaries

Many of the obtained numbers by using homogeneous linear recurrence relations and their miscellaneous properties have been studied (see [5,6,15-24,27,29-37,39]). The study of recurrence sequences in groups began with the earlier work of Wall [38] where the ordinary Fibonacci sequences in cyclic groups were investigated. The concept extended to some special linear recurrence sequences by several authors (see [1-3,7-13,25,26,28,38,40]). In this paper, we extend the theory to the generalized Pell  $\rho$ -sequences.

In [23], Kılıç and Taşçı defined the  $k$  sequences of the generalized order- $k$  Pell numbers as follows:

for  $n > 0$  and  $1 \leq i \leq k$

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$$P_n^i = 2P_{n-1}^i + P_{n-2}^i + \dots + P_{n-k}^i,$$

with initial conditions

$$P_n^i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n=1-i, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1-k \leq n \leq 0,$$

where  $P_n^i$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  sequence.

In [22], Kılıç defined the generalized Pell  $(\rho, i)$  numbers as follows:

for  $\rho (\rho=1,2,\dots)$ ,  $n > \rho+1$  and  $0 \leq i \leq \rho$ ,

$$P_\rho^{(i)}(n) = 2P_\rho^{(i)}(n-1) + P_\rho^{(i)}(n-\rho-1), \quad (1)$$

with initial conditions

$$P_\rho^{(i)}(1) = \dots = P_\rho^{(i)}(i) = 0 \text{ and } P_\rho^{(i)}(i+1) = \dots = P_\rho^{(i)}(\rho+1) = 1.$$

Note that if  $i=0$ , the initial conditions are

$$P_\rho^{(0)}(1) = P_\rho^{(0)}(2) = \dots = P_\rho^{(0)}(\rho+1) = 1.$$

In [22], the generalized Pell  $\rho$ -matrix  $A$  has been given as:

$$A = [a_{ij}]_{(\rho+1) \times (\rho+1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & & & 0 \\ & & & 0 & \\ 0 & & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

Also, in [22] Kılıç obtained that

$$A^n = \begin{bmatrix} P_\rho^{(0)}(n+\rho+1) & P_\rho^{(0)}(n+1) & P_\rho^{(0)}(n+2) & P_\rho^{(0)}(n+\rho) \\ P_\rho^{(0)}(n+\rho) & P_\rho^{(0)}(n) & P_\rho^{(0)}(n+1) & P_\rho^{(0)}(n+\rho-1) \\ P_\rho^{(0)}(n+2) & P_\rho^{(0)}(n-\rho+2) & P_\rho^{(0)}(n-\rho+3) & P_\rho^{(0)}(n+1) \\ P_\rho^{(0)}(n+1) & P_\rho^{(0)}(n-\rho+1) & P_\rho^{(0)}(n-\rho+2) & P_\rho^{(0)}(n) \end{bmatrix}_{(\rho+1) \times (\rho+1)} \quad (3)$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} P_{\rho}^{(\rho)}(n+\rho+1) \\ P_{\rho}^{(\rho)}(n+\rho) \\ P_{\rho}^{(\rho)}(n+2) \\ P_{\rho}^{(\rho)}(n+1) \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} P_{\rho}^{(\rho)}(n+\rho) \\ P_{\rho}^{(\rho)}(n+\rho-1) \\ P_{\rho}^{(\rho)}(n+1) \\ P_{\rho}^{(\rho)}(n) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (4)$$

A sequence is periodic if, after a certain point, it consists only of repetitions of a fixed subsequence. The number of elements in the repeating subsequence is called the period of the sequence. For example, the sequence  $a, b, c, d, b, c, d, b, c, d, \dots$  is periodic after the initial element  $a$  and has period 3. A sequence is simply periodic with period  $k$  if the first  $k$  elements in the sequence form a repeating subsequence. For example, the sequence  $a, b, c, d, a, b, c, d, a, b, c, d, \dots$  is simply periodic with period 4.

## 2 The Generalized Pell $\rho$ -Sequences Modulo $m$

Reducing the generalized Pell  $\rho$ -sequence  $\{P_{\rho}^{(\rho)}(n)\}$  by a modulus  $m$ , we can get a repeating sequence, denoted by

$$\{P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(n)\} = \{P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(1), P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(2), \dots, P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(\rho), P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(\rho+1), \dots, P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(i), \dots\}$$

where  $P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(i) = P_{\rho}^{(\rho)}(i) \pmod{m}$ . Also, it has the same recurrence relation as in (1).

**Theorem 2.1.**  $\{P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(n)\}$  is a simply periodic sequence.

**Proof.** Let  $W = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{\rho+1}) \mid 0 \leq x_i \leq m-1\}$ . Then we have  $|W| = m^{\rho+1}$  being finite, that is, for any  $j \geq 0$ , there exist  $i \geq j$  such that  $P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(i+\rho+1) \equiv P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(j+\rho+1)$ ,  $P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(i+\rho) \equiv P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(j+\rho), \dots, P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(i+1) \equiv P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(j+1)$ . It is easy to see from (1) that  $P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(i) \equiv P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(j)$ ,  $P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(i-1) \equiv P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(j-1), \dots, P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(i-j+1) \equiv P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(1)$ . Then we get that the  $\{P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(n)\}$  is a simply periodic sequence.  $\square$

Let  $h_{\rho}^{\rho}(m)$  denote the smallest periods of  $\{P_{\rho}^{(\rho,m)}(n)\}$ .

For a given matrix  $N = [n_{ij}]$  with  $n_{ij}$ 's being integers,  $N \pmod{m}$  means that every entries of  $N$  are reduced modulo  $m$ , that is,  $N \pmod{m} = (n_{ij} \pmod{m})$ . Let  $\langle A \rangle_{k^u} = \{A^i \pmod{k^u} \mid i \geq 0\}$  be a cyclic group such that  $k$  is a prime and let  $|\langle A \rangle_{k^u}|$  denotes the order of  $\langle A \rangle_{k^u}$ . It is easy to see from (3) that  $h_p^p(k^u) = |\langle A \rangle_{k^u}|$ .

Example. We have  $\{P_2^{(2,3)}(n)\} = \{0, 0, 1, 2, 1, 0, 2, 2, 1, 1, 0, 1, \dots\}$ . So, we get  $h_2^2(3) = 13$ .

Theorem 2.2. Let  $t$  be the largest positive integer and let  $u$  be a prime such that  $h_p^p(u) = h_p^p(u^t)$ . Then  $h_p^p(u^\alpha) = u^{\alpha-t} \cdot h_p^p(u)$  for every  $\alpha \geq t$ .

Proof. Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Since  $A^{h_p^p(u^{n+1})} \equiv 1 \pmod{u^{n+1}}$ , that is,  $A^{h_p^p(u^{n+1})} \equiv 1 \pmod{u^n}$ , we get that  $h_p^p(u^n)$  divides  $h_p^p(u^{n+1})$ . On the other hand, writing  $A^{h_p^p(u^n)} = 1 + (a_{ij}^{(n)} \cdot u^n)$ , we have

$$A^{h_p^p(u^n)u} = \left(1 + (a_{ij}^{(n)} \cdot u^n)\right)^u = \sum_{i=0}^u \binom{u}{i} (a_{ij}^{(n)} \cdot u^n)^i \equiv 1 \pmod{u^{n+1}},$$

which yields that  $h_p^p(u^{n+1})$  divides  $h_p^p(u^n) \cdot u$ . Therefore,  $h_p^p(u^{n+1}) = h_p^p(u^n)$  or  $h_p^p(u^{n+1}) = h_p^p(u^n) \cdot u$ , and the latter holds if and only if there is an  $a_{ij}^{(n)}$  which is not divisible by  $u$ . Since  $h_p^p(u^t) \neq h_p^p(u^{t+1})$ , there is an  $a_{ij}^{(t+1)}$  which is not divisible by  $u$ , thus,  $h_p^p(u^{t+1}) \neq h_p^p(u^{t+2})$ . The proof is finished by induction on  $t$ .  $\square$

It is easy to prove that if  $m = \prod_{i=1}^t u_i^{k_i}$ , ( $t \geq 1$ ) where  $u_i$ 's are distinct primes, then  $h_p^p(m) = \text{lcm} [h_p^p(u_i^{k_i})]$ .

### 3 The Generalized Pell $p$ -Sequence and The Basic Generalized Pell $p$ -Sequence in Groups

Let  $G$  be a finite  $j$ -generator group and let  $X$  be the subset of  $G \times G \times G \times \dots \times G$  such that  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}) \in X$  if and only if  $G$  is generated by  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}$ . We call  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$  a generating  $j$ -tuple for  $G$ .

Each generating  $j$ -tuple  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}) \in X$  maps to  $|\text{Aut } G|$  distinct elements of  $X$  under the action of elements of  $\text{Aut } G$ . Hence there are

$$d_j(G) = |X|/|\text{Aut } G| \quad (\text{where } |X| \text{ is the number of elements of } X)$$

non-isomorphic generating  $j$ -tuples for  $G$  (see [9]).

The notation  $d_j(G)$  was introduced in [14].

**Definition 3.1** (Knox [25]). A  $k$ -nacci sequence in a finite group is a sequence of group elements  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots$  for which, given an initial (seed) set  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{j-1}$  each element is defined by

$$x_n = \begin{cases} x_0 x_1 \dots x_{n-1} & \text{for } j \leq n < k, \\ x_{n-k} x_{n-k+1} \dots x_{n-1} & \text{for } n \geq k. \end{cases}$$

We also require that the initial elements of the sequence,  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{j-1}$ , generate the group, thus forcing the  $k$ -nacci sequence to reflect the structure of the group. The  $k$ -nacci sequence of a group  $G$  generated by  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{j-1}$  is denoted by  $F_k(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$ .

In [25], Knox had denoted the period of a  $k$ -nacci sequence  $F_k(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$  by  $P_k(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$ .

**Definition 3.2** (Deveci and Karaduman [9]). For a  $j$ -tuple  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}) \in X$  the basic  $k$ -nacci sequence  $\bar{F}_k(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$  of the basic period  $m$  is a sequence of group elements  $b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n, \dots$  for which, given an initial (seed) set  $b_0 = x_0, b_1 = x_1, b_2 = x_2, \dots, b_{j-1} = x_{j-1}$ , each element is defined by

$$b_n = \begin{cases} b_0 b_1 \dots b_{n-1} & \text{for } j \leq n < k, \\ b_{n-k} b_{n-k+1} \dots b_{n-1} & \text{for } n \geq k. \end{cases}$$

where  $m \geq 1$  is the least integer with

$$b_0 = b_m \theta, b_1 = b_{m+1} \theta, b_2 = b_{m+2} \theta, \dots, b_{k-1} = b_{m+k-1} \theta,$$

for some  $\theta \in \text{Aut } G$ . Since  $G$  is a finite  $j$ -generator group and  $b_m, b_{m+1}, \dots, b_{m+j-1}$  generate  $G$ , it follows that  $\theta$  is uniquely determined. The basic  $k$ -nacci sequence  $\bar{F}_k(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$  is finite containing  $m$  element.

In [9], Deveci and Karaduman had denoted the basic period of the basic  $k$ -nacci sequence  $\bar{F}_k(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$  by  $BP_k(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$ .

**Definition 3.3** (Deveci and Karaduman [12]). A generalized order- $k$  Pell sequence in a finite group is a sequence of group elements  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots$  for which, given an initial (seed) set  $x_0, \dots, x_{j-1}$ , each element is defined by

$$x_n = \begin{cases} x_0 x_1 \dots (x_{n-1})^2 & \text{for } j \leq n < k, \\ x_{n-k} x_{n-k+1} \dots (x_{n-1})^2 & \text{for } n \geq k. \end{cases}$$

It is required that the initial elements of the sequence,  $x_0, \dots, x_{j-1}$ , generate the group, thus, forcing the generalized order- $k$  Pell sequence to reflect the structure of the group. The generalized order- $k$  Pell sequence of a group generated by  $x_0, \dots, x_{j-1}$  is denoted by  $Q_k(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$ .

In [12], Deveci and Karaduman had denoted the period of the generalized order- $k$  Pell sequence  $Q_k(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$  by  $PerQ_k(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$ .

**Definition 3.4.** A generalized Pell  $\rho$ -sequence ( $\rho \geq 2$ ) in a finite group is a sequence of group elements  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots$  for which, given an initial (seed) set  $x_0, \dots, x_{j-1}$ , ( $\rho + 1 \geq j$ ) each element is defined by

$$x_n = \begin{cases} x_0 (x_{n-1})^2 & \text{for } j \leq n < \rho + 1, \\ x_{n-\rho-1} (x_{n-1})^2 & \text{for } n \geq \rho + 1. \end{cases}$$

It is require that the initial elements of the sequence,  $x_0, \dots, x_{j-1}$ , generate the group, thus, forcing the generalized Pell  $\rho$ -sequence to reflect the structure of the group. The generalized Pell  $\rho$ -sequence of a group generated by  $x_0, \dots, x_{j-1}$  is denoted by  $Q^{(\rho)}(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$ .

It is important note that the classic generalized Pell  $\rho$ -sequence ( $\rho \geq 2$ ) in a cyclic group  $G = \langle X \rangle$  is as following

$$X_0 = e, X_1 = e, \dots, X_{\rho-1} = e, X_\rho = X$$

and

$$X_{n+\rho} = X_{n-1} (X_{n+\rho-1})^2 \text{ for } n \geq 1.$$

**Theorem 3.1.** A generalized Pell  $\rho$ -sequence in a finite group is simply periodic.

**Proof.** Let  $n$  be the order of  $G$ . Since there  $n^{\rho+1}$  distinct  $(\rho+1)$ -tuple of elements of  $G$ , at least one of the  $(\rho+1)$ -tuples appear twice in a generalized Pell  $\rho$ -sequence of the group  $G$ . Thus, the subsequence following this  $(\rho+1)$ -tuple repeats. Because of the repeating, the generalized Pell  $\rho$ -sequence is periodic.

Since the generalized Pell  $\rho$ -sequence is periodic, there exist natural numbers  $u$  and  $v$ , with  $u > v$ , such that

$$X_{u+1} = X_{v+1}, X_{u+2} = X_{v+2}, \dots, X_{u+\rho+1} = X_{v+\rho+1}.$$

By the defining relation of the generalized Pell  $\rho$ -sequence, we know that

$$X_u = (X_{u+\rho+1}) \cdot (X_{u+\rho})^{-2} \text{ and } X_v = (X_{v+\rho+1}) \cdot (X_{v+\rho})^{-2}.$$

Therefore,  $X_u = X_v$ , and hence,

$$X_{u-v} = X_{v-v} = X_0, X_{u-v+1} = X_{v-v+1} = X_1, \dots, X_{u-v+\rho} = X_{v-v+\rho} = X_\rho,$$

which implies that the generalized Pell  $\rho$ -sequence is simply periodic.

□

We denote the period of the generalized Pell  $\rho$ -sequence  $Q^{(\rho)}(G; X_0, X_1, \dots, X_{\rho-1})$  by  $PerQ^{(\rho)}(G; X_0, X_1, \dots, X_{\rho-1})$ .

To examine the concept more fully we study the action of automorphism group  $\text{Aut } G$  of  $G$  on the generalized Pell  $\rho$ -sequence  $Q^{(\rho)}(G; X_0, X_1, \dots, X_{\rho-1})$ ,  $(X_0, X_1, \dots, X_{\rho-1}) \in X$ . Now  $\text{Aut } G$  consists of all isomorphisms  $\theta: G \rightarrow G$  and if  $\theta \in \text{Aut } G$  and  $(X_0, X_1, \dots, X_{\rho-1}) \in X$  then  $(X_0\theta, X_1\theta, \dots, X_{\rho-1}\theta) \in X$ .

For a subset  $A \subseteq G$  and  $\theta \in \text{Aut } G$  the image of  $A$  under  $\theta$  is

$$A\theta = \{a\theta : a \in A\}.$$

Lemma 3.1. Let  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}) \in X$  and let  $\theta \in \text{Aut } G$ . Then  $(Q^{(p)}(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}))\theta = Q^{(p)}(G; x_0\theta, x_1\theta, \dots, x_{j-1}\theta)$ .

Proof: Let  $Q^{(p)}(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}) = \{a_j\}$ . The result is obvious since  $\{a_j\}\theta = \{a_j\theta\}$  and

$$a_{i+p}\theta = \left( a_{i-1} (a_{i+p-1})^2 \right) \theta = a_{i-1}\theta a_{i+p-1}\theta a_{i+p-1}\theta.$$

Suppose  $\omega$  elements of  $\text{Aut } G$  map  $Q^{(p)}(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$  into itself. Then there are  $|\text{Aut } G|/\omega$  distinct generalized Pell  $p$ -sequences  $Q^{(p)}(G; x_0\theta, x_1\theta, \dots, x_{j-1}\theta)$  for  $\theta \in \text{Aut } G$ .  $\square$

Definition 3.5. For a  $j$ -tuple  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}) \in X$  the basic generalized Pell  $p$ -sequence  $\overline{Q}^{(p)}(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$ , ( $p \geq 2$ ,  $p+1 \geq j$ ) of the basic period  $m$  is a sequence of group elements  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots$  for which, given an initial (seed) set  $a_0 = x_0, a_1 = x_1, a_2 = x_2, \dots, a_{j-1} = x_{j-1}$ , each element is defined by

$$a_n = \begin{cases} a_0 (a_{n-1})^2 & \text{for } j \leq n < p+1, \\ a_{n-p-1} (a_{n-1})^2 & \text{for } n \geq p+1 \end{cases}$$

where  $m \geq 1$  is the least integer with

$$a_0 = a_m\theta, a_1 = a_{m+1}\theta, a_2 = a_{m+2}\theta, \dots, a_p = a_{m+p}\theta,$$

for some  $\theta \in \text{Aut } G$ . Since  $G$  is a finite  $j$ -generator group and  $a_m, a_{m+1}, \dots, a_{m+j-1}$  generate  $G$ , it follows that  $\theta$  is uniquely determined.

The basic generalized Pell  $p$ -sequence  $\overline{Q}^{(p)}(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$  is finite containing  $m$  element.

We denote the basic period of the basic generalized Pell  $p$ -sequence  $\overline{Q}^{(p)}(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$  by  $BQ^{(p)}(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$ .



From the definitions, it is clear that the periods of the sequences  $Q^{(p)}(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$  and  $\overline{Q}^{(p)}(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$  in a finite group depend on the chosen generating set and the order of the generating elements.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}) \in X$ . If  $PerQ^{(p)}(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}) = n$  and  $BQ^{(p)}(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}) = m$ , then  $m$  divides  $n$  and there are  $n/m$  elements of  $\text{Aut } G$  which map  $Q^{(p)}(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$  into itself.

**Proof:** We have  $n = m \cdot \alpha$  where  $\alpha$  is order of automorphism  $\theta \in \text{Aut } G$  since

$$Q^{(p)}(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}) = \overline{Q}^{(p)}(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})(G) \cup Q^{(p)}(G; x_0\theta, x_1\theta, \dots, x_{j-1}\theta)(G) \cup \dots \cup Q^{(p)}(G; x_0\theta^{\alpha-1}, x_1\theta^{\alpha-1}, \dots, x_{j-1}\theta^{\alpha-1})(G) \cup \dots$$

and  $BQ^{(p)}(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}) = BQ^{(p)}(G; x_0\theta, x_1\theta, \dots, x_{j-1}\theta)$ . So we get that  $1, \theta, \theta^2, \dots, \theta^{\alpha-1}$  map  $Q^{(p)}(G; x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})$  into itself. □

#### 4. Applications

In this section, we obtain the periods of the generalized Pell  $p$ -sequences and the basic periods of the basic generalized Pell  $p$ -sequences in the binary polyhedral groups  $\langle n, 2, 2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle 2, n, 2 \rangle$  and  $\langle 2, 2, n \rangle$  as the applications of the above results.

**Definition 4.1.** The binary polyhedral group  $\langle l, m, n \rangle$ , for  $l, m, n > 1$ , is defined by the presentation

$$\langle x, y, z : x^l = y^m = z^n = xyz \rangle.$$

When  $l = 2$ , we obtain for  $\langle 2, m, n \rangle$  the presentation

$$\langle y, z : y^m = z^n = (yz)^2 \rangle.$$

The binary polyhedral group  $\langle l, m, n \rangle$  is finite if and only if the number

$$k = lmn \left( \frac{1}{l} + \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n} - 1 \right) = mn + nl + lm - lmn \text{ is positive. Its order is } 4/mn/k.$$

For more information on these groups see [4, pp.68-71].

We consider binary polyhedral groups both as 2-generator and as 3-generator groups.

Theorem 4.1. Let  $G_n$  be the group defined by the presentation  $\langle x, y, z: x^n = y^2 = z^2 = xyz \rangle$ .

$$i. \text{Per}Q^{(2)}(G_n; x, y, z) = \begin{cases} 3n, & n \text{ is even,} \\ 6n, & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } BQ^{(2)}(G_n; x, y, z) = \begin{cases} 3n, & n \text{ is even,} \\ 3n, & n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

$$ii. \text{Per}Q^{(3)}(G_n; x, y, z) = BQ^{(3)}(G_n; x, y, z) = \begin{cases} 4n, & n \text{ is even,} \\ 8n, & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

iii. Let  $p \geq 4$ .

1. If there is no  $m \in [3, p-1]$  such that  $m$  is an odd factor of  $n$  then,

$$\text{Per}Q^{(p)}(G_n; x, y, z) = BQ^{(p)}(G_n; x, y, z) = \begin{cases} n(p+1), & n \text{ is even,} \\ 2n(p+1), & n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

2. Let  $t$  be the biggest odd factor of  $n$  in  $[3, p-1]$ , then two cases occur:

i'. If  $t \cdot 3^j \notin [3, p-1]$  for  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$\text{Per}Q^{(p)}(G_n; x, y, z) = BQ^{(p)}(G_n; x, y, z) = \begin{cases} t(n(p+1)), & n \text{ is even,} \\ t(2n(p+1)), & n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

ii'. If  $s$  is the biggest odd number which is in  $[3, p-1]$  and  $s = t \cdot 3^j$  for  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$\text{Per}Q^{(p)}(G_n; x, y, z) = BQ^{(p)}(G_n; x, y, z) = \begin{cases} s(n(p+1)), & n \text{ is even,} \\ s(2n(p+1)), & n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. We first note that  $|x| = 2n$ ,  $|y| = 4$  and  $|z| = 4$ .

i. The sequence  $Q^{(2)}(G_n; x, y, z)$  is

$$x, y, z, x^{n+1}, yx^2, z^2, x, yx^4, z, x^{n+1}, yx^6, z^3, x, yx^8, z, \dots$$

This sequence can be said to form layers of length six. Using the above, the sequence  $Q^{(2)}(G_n; x, y, z)$  becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= x, x_1 = y, x_2 = z, x_3 = x^{n+1}, x_4 = yx^2, x_5 = z^3, \\ x_6 &= x, x_7 = yx^4, x_8 = z, x_9 = x^{n+1}, x_{10} = yx^6, x_{11} = z^3, \dots, \\ x_{6i} &= x, x_{6i+1} = yx^{4i}, x_{6i+2} = z, x_{6i+3} = x^{n+1}, x_{6i+4} = yx^{2+4i}, x_{6i+5} = z, \dots \end{aligned}$$

So, we need the smallest  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $4i = 2nv$  for  $v \in \mathbb{N}$ .

If  $n$  is even,  $i = \frac{n}{2}$ . Thus,  $PerQ^{(2)}(G_n; x, y, z) = BQ^{(2)}(G_n; x, y, z) = 3n$  since  $x\theta = x$ ,  $y\theta = y$  and  $z\theta = z$  where  $\theta$  is inner automorphism induced by conjugation by  $x^n$ .

If  $n$  is odd,  $n = i$ . Thus,  $PerQ^{(2)}(G_n; x, y, z) = 6n$  and  $BQ^{(2)}(G_n; x, y, z) = 3n$  since  $x\theta = x^{n+1}$ ,  $y\theta = y$  and  $z\theta = z^{-1}$  where  $\theta$  is a outer automorphism of order 2.

ii. The sequence  $Q^{(3)}(G_n; x, y, z)$  is

$$x, y, z, x^{n+1}, x^3, yx^6, z^3, x, x^5, yx^{16}, z, x^{n+1}, x^7, yx^{30}, z^3, x, x^9, yx^{48}, z, x^{n+1}, \dots$$

This sequence can be said to form layers of length eight. Using the above, the sequence  $Q^{(3)}(G_n; x, y, z)$  becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= x, x_1 = y, x_2 = z, x_3 = x^{n+1}, x_4 = x^3, x_5 = yx^6, x_6 = z^3, x_7 = x, \\ x_8 &= x^5, x_9 = yx^{16}, x_{10} = z, x_{11} = x^{n+1}, x_{12} = x^7, x_{13} = yx^{30}, x_{14} = z^3, x_{18} = x, \dots, \\ x_{8i} &= x^{4+i}, x_{8i+1} = yx^{8^2+8i}, x_{8i+2} = z, x_{8i+3} = x^{n+1}, \\ x_{8i+4} &= x^{3+4i}, x_{8i+5} = yx^{8^2+16i+6}, x_{8i+6} = z^3, x_{8i+7} = x, \dots \end{aligned}$$

So, we need the smallest  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $4i = 2nv$  for  $v \in \mathbb{N}$ .

If  $n$  is even,  $i = \frac{n}{2}$ . Thus,  $PerQ^{(3)}(G_n; x, y, z) = 4n$ .

If  $n$  is odd,  $n = i$ . Thus,  $PerQ^{(3)}(G_n; x, y, z) = 8n$ .

Also,  $PerQ^{(3)}(G_n; x, y, z) = BQ^{(3)}(G_n; x, y, z)$  since  $x\theta = x$ ,  $y\theta = y$  and  $z\theta = z$  where  $\theta$  is the identity automorphism.

iii. If  $p \geq 4$ , we have the sequence

$$\begin{aligned} X_0 = X, X_1 = Y, X_2 = Z, X_3 = X^{p+1}, X_4 = X^2, X_5 = X^7, \dots, X_p = X^{2^p - 2^{-1}} \left( X_\alpha = X^{2^{\alpha-1}}, 4 \leq \alpha \leq p \right), \dots, \\ X_{(2^{p+2})/4} = X^{1 \cdot 4^{4+1}}, X_{(2^{p+2})/4+1} = YX^{1 \cdot 4^1}, X_{(2^{p+2})/4+2} = Z, X_{(2^{p+2})/4+3} = X^{p+1}, X_{(2^{p+2})/4+4} = X^{4 \cdot 4^3}, \\ X_{(2^{p+2})/4+5} = X^{1 \cdot 4^{4+7}}, \dots, X_{(2^{p+2})/4+p+1} = X^{1 \cdot 2^{4+4+2^p-1}} \left( X_{(2^{p+2})/4+\alpha} = X^{1 \cdot 2^{4+4+2^{\alpha-1}}}, 5 \leq \alpha \leq p+1 \right), \\ X_{(2^{p+2})/4+p+2} = YX^{1 \cdot 4^{4+2}}, X_{(2^{p+2})/4+p+3} = Z^3, X_{(2^{p+2})/4+p+4} = X, X_{(2^{p+2})/4+p+5} = X^{4^{4+1}}, \\ X_{(2^{p+2})/4+p+6} = X^{1 \cdot 4^{4+1}}, \dots, X_{(2^{p+2})/4+2p+1} = X^{1 \cdot 2^p \cdot 4^{4+1}} \dots \end{aligned}$$

where  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{2p-4} \in \mathbb{Z}$ . So we need an  $i$  such that  $4i = 2nV$  for  $V \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

1. If there is no  $m \in [3, p-1]$  such that  $m$  is an odd factor of  $n$ , then there are two sub-cases:

*First case:* If  $n$  is even, then  $i = \frac{n}{2}$ . So, we get

$$\text{Per}Q^{(p)}(G_n; X, Y, Z) = n(p+1).$$

*Second case:* If  $n$  is odd, then  $i = n$ . So, we get

$$\text{Per}Q^{(p)}(G_n; X, Y, Z) = 2n(p+1).$$

2. If  $t$  is the biggest odd factor of  $n$  in  $[3, p-1]$ , then two cases occur.

i'. If  $t \cdot 3^j \notin [3, p-1]$  for  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then there are two sub-cases:

*First case:* If  $n$  is even, then  $i = t \cdot \frac{n}{2}$ . So, we get

$$\text{Per}Q^{(p)}(G_n; X, Y, Z) = t(n(p+1)).$$

*Second case:* If  $n$  is odd, then  $i = t \cdot n$ . So, we get

$$\text{Per}Q^{(p)}(G_n; X, Y, Z) = t(2n(p+1)).$$

ii'. If  $s$  is the biggest odd number which is in  $[3, p-1]$  and  $s = t \cdot 3^j$  for  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then there are two sub-cases:

*First case:* If  $n$  is even, then  $i = s \cdot \frac{n}{2}$ . So, we get

$$\text{Per}Q^{(p)}(G_n; X, Y, Z) = s(n(p+1)).$$

*Second case:* If  $n$  is odd, then  $i = s \cdot n$ . So, we get

$$\text{Per}Q^{(p)}(G_n; X, Y, Z) = s(2n(p+1)).$$

Also,  $PerQ^{(p)}(G_n; x, y, z) = BQ^{(p)}(G_n; x, y, z)$  for  $p \geq 4$  since  $x\theta = x$ ,  $y\theta = y$  and  $z\theta = z$  where  $\theta$  is the identity automorphism.  $\square$

Theorem 4.2. If the group  $G_n$  is defined by the presentation

$$\langle y, z: y^n = z^2 = (yz)^2 \rangle, \text{ then}$$

$$i. PerQ^{(2)}(G_n; y, z) = \begin{cases} 3n, & n \text{ is even,} \\ 6n, & n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

iii. Let  $p \geq 3$ .

1. If there is no  $m \in [3, p]$  such that  $m$  is an odd factor of  $n$  then,

$$PerQ^{(p)}(G_n; y, z) = \begin{cases} n(p+1), & n \text{ is even,} \\ 2n(p+1), & n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

2. Let  $t$  be the biggest odd factor of  $n$  in  $[3, p]$ , then two cases occur:

i'. If  $t \cdot 3^j \in [3, p]$  for  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$PerQ^{(p)}(G_n; y, z) = \begin{cases} t(n(p+1)), & n \text{ is even,} \\ t(2n(p+1)), & n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

ii'. If  $s$  is the biggest odd number which is in  $[3, p]$  and  $s = t \cdot 3^j$  for  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$PerQ^{(p)}(G_n; y, z) = \begin{cases} s(n(p+1)), & n \text{ is even,} \\ s(2n(p+1)), & n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Also, } BQ^{(p)}(G_n; y, z) = \begin{cases} \frac{PerQ^{(p)}(G_n; y, z)}{2}, & n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, \\ PerQ^{(p)}(G_n; y, z), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ for } p \geq 2.$$

If the group  $G_n$  is defined by the presentation  $\langle x, y, z: x^2 = y^n = z^2 = xyz \rangle$ , then

$$PerQ^{(p)}(G_n; x, y, z) = \begin{cases} n(p+1), & n \text{ is even,} \\ 2n(p+1), & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \text{ and } BQ^{(p)}(G_n; x, y, z) = \begin{cases} n(p+1), & n \text{ is even,} \\ n(p+1), & n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. We proceed similarly to the proof of the Theorem 4.1. Firstly, let us consider the 2-generator case. We first note that  $|y| = 2n$ ,  $|z| = 4$  and

$|yz| = 4$ . The sequences  $Q^{(2)}(G_n; y, z)$  and  $Q^{(\rho)}(G_n; y, z)$  ( $\rho > 2$ ) are in the following forms, respectively:

$$X_0 = y, X_1 = z, X_2 = y^{\rho+1}, X_3 = y^3, X_4 = zy^\rho, X_5 = y, X_6 = y^5, \dots,$$

$$X_{6l} = y^{A^{l+1}}, X_{6l+1} = zy^{8^l + 8^l}, X_{6l+2} = y^{\rho+1}, X_{6l+3} = y^{A^{l+3}}, X_{6l+4} = zy^{8^{\rho-2}}, X_{6l+5} = y, \dots$$

and

$$X_0 = y, X_1 = z, X_2 = y^{\rho+1}, X_3 = y^3, \dots, X_{\rho+1} = y^{2^{\rho-1}} \left( X_\alpha = y^{2^{\alpha-1}}, 3 \leq \alpha \leq \rho+1 \right),$$

$$X_{\rho+2} = zy^{2^{\rho-1}-2}, X_{\rho+3} = y, X_{\rho+4} = y^5, \dots, X_{2\rho+1} = y^{2^{\rho-1}(\rho-2)+1} \left( X_{\rho+3+\beta} = y^{2^{\rho-1}\beta+1}, 1 \leq \beta \leq \rho-2 \right), \dots,$$

$$X_{(2\rho+2)l} = y^{A^{4l+1}}, X_{(2\rho+2)l+1} = zy^{A^{4l}}, X_{(2\rho+2)l+2} = y^{\rho+1}, X_{(2\rho+2)l+3} = y^{A^{4l+3}},$$

$$X_{(2\rho+2)l+4} = y^{A^{4l+7}}, \dots, X_{(2\rho+2)l+\rho+1} = y^{A^{4l}(2^{\rho-1})} \left( X_{(2\rho+2)l+\alpha} = y^{A^{4l}(2^{\alpha-1})}, 4 \leq \alpha \leq \rho+1 \right),$$

$$X_{(2\rho+2)l+\rho+2} = zy^{A^{4l}(2^{\rho-1}-2)}, X_{(2\rho+2)l+\rho+3} = y, X_{(2\rho+2)l+\rho+4} = y^{A^{4l+5}}, X_{(2\rho+2)l+\rho+5} = y^{A^{4l+17}}, \dots,$$

$$X_{(2\rho+2)l+2\rho+1} = y^{A^{4l+2^{\rho-1}(2^{\rho-2}+1)}} \left( X_{(2\rho+2)l+\rho+4+\beta} = y^{A^{4l+2^{\rho-1}\beta+1}}, 1 \leq \beta \leq \rho-3 \right), \dots$$

where  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{2\rho-2}, i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then we obtain

$$BQ^{(\rho)}(G_n; y, z) = \frac{\text{Per}Q^{(\rho)}(G_n; y, z)}{2} \text{ for } n \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \text{ since } y\theta = y^{-1} \text{ and}$$

$z\theta = z^{-1}$  where  $\theta$  is a outer automorphism of order 2,

$\text{Per}Q^{(\rho)}(G_n; y, z) = BQ^{(\rho)}(G_n; y, z)$  for  $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  since  $y\theta = y$  and

$z\theta = z$  where  $\theta$  is the identity automorphism.

Secondly, let us consider the 3-generator case. We first note that  $|x| = 4$ ,

$|y| = 2n$  and  $|z| = 4$ . The sequences  $Q^{(2)}(G_n; x, y, z)$  and

$Q^{(\rho)}(G_n; x, y, z)$  ( $\rho > 2$ ) are in the following forms, respectively:

$$X_0 = x, X_1 = y, X_2 = z, \dots,$$

$$X_{6l-3} = x^3, X_{6l-2} = y^{\rho+1}, X_{6l-1} = xy^{A^{l-1}},$$

$$X_{6l} = x, X_{6l+1} = y, X_{6l+2} = xy^{A^{l+1}}, \dots$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_0 &= X, X_1 = Y, X_2 = Z, X_3 = X^3, \dots, X_p = X^3, X_{p+1} = X^3, X_{p+2} = Y^{n+1}, X_{p+3} = XY^3, X_{p+4} = X, \dots, X_{2p+1} = X, \dots \\
 X_{(2p+2)l-(p+1)} &= X^3, X_{(2p+2)l-p} = Y^{n+1}, X_{(2p+2)l-p+1} = XY^{l+1}, X_{(2p+2)l-p+2} = X, \dots, X_{(2p+2)l-1} = X, \\
 X_{(2p+2)l} &= X, X_{(2p+2)l+1} = Y, X_{(2p+2)l+2} = Z, X_{(2p+2)l+3} = X^3, \dots, X_{(2p+2)l+p} = X^3, \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then we obtain

$PerQ^{(p)}(G_n; X, Y, Z) = BQ^{(p)}(G_n; X, Y, Z)$  if  $n$  is even since  $X\theta = X$ ,  $Y\theta = Y$  and  $Z\theta = Z$  where  $\theta$  is the identity automorphism,

$$BQ^{(p)}(G_n; X, Y, Z) = \frac{PerQ^{(p)}(G_n; X, Y, Z)}{2} \text{ if } n \text{ is odd since } X\theta = X^{-1},$$

$Y\theta = Y^{n+1}$  and  $Z\theta = Z$  where  $\theta$  is a outer automorphism of order 2.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.** If the group  $G_n$  is defined by the presentation

$$\langle Y, Z : Y^2 = Z^n = (YZ)^2 \rangle, \text{ then}$$

$$PerQ^{(p)}(G_n; Y, Z) = \begin{cases} n(p+1), & n \text{ is even,} \\ 2n(p+1), & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

and

$$BQ^{(p)}(G_n; Y, Z) = \begin{cases} \frac{PerQ^{(p)}(G_n; Y, Z)}{2}, & n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, \\ PerQ^{(p)}(G_n; Y, Z), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

If the group  $G_n$  is defined by the presentation  $\langle X, Y, Z : X^2 = Y^2 = Z^n = XYZ \rangle$ , then

$$PerQ^{(p)}(G_n; X, Y, Z) = \begin{cases} n(p+1), & n \text{ is even,} \\ 2n(p+1), & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

and

$$BQ^{(p)}(G_n; X, Y, Z) = \begin{cases} \frac{PerQ^{(p)}(G_n; X, Y, Z)}{2}, & n \text{ is odd and } p=2, \\ PerQ^{(p)}(G_n; X, Y, Z), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** Firstly, let us consider the 2-generator case. We first note that  $|Y| = 4$ ,  $|Z| = 2n$  and  $|YZ| = 4$ .

$BQ^{(\theta)}(G_n; y, z) = \frac{PerQ^{(\theta)}(G_n; y, z)}{2}$  for  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  since  $y\theta = y^{-1}$  and

$z\theta = z^{\theta+1}$  where  $\theta$  is a outer automorphism of order 2,

$PerQ^{(\theta)}(G_n; y, z) = BQ^{(\theta)}(G_n; y, z)$  for  $n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  since  $y\theta = y$  and  $z\theta = z$  where  $\theta$  is identity automorphism.

Secondly, let us consider the 3-generator case. We first note that  $|x| = 4$ ,  $|y| = 4$  and  $|z| = 2n$ .

$BQ^{(2)}(G_n; x, y, z) = \frac{PerQ^{(2)}(G_n; x, y, z)}{2}$  if  $n$  is odd since  $x\theta = x$ ,  $y\theta = y^{-1}$

and  $z\theta = z^{\theta+1}$  where  $\theta$  is a outer automorphism of order 2,

$BQ^{(\theta)}(G_n; x, y, z) = PerQ^{(\theta)}(G_n; x, y, z)$  in other cases since  $x\theta = x$ ,  $y\theta = y$  and  $z\theta = z$  where  $\theta$  is the identity automorphism.

The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 4.1 and is omitted.  
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