

# The number of homomorphisms from a finite abelian group to a finite group

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## 1 Generating functions

Let  $A$  be a finitely generated group, and let  $\mathcal{F}_A$  be the set of all subgroups  $B$  such that the factor groups  $A/B$  are finite groups. Let  $G$  be a finite group, and let  $S_n$  be the symmetric group on  $n$  letters. For the wreath product  $G \wr S_n$ , put

$$h_n(A; G) = \begin{cases} |\text{Hom}(A, G \wr S_n)| & \text{if } n \geq 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 0. \end{cases}$$

For each subgroup  $B$  of  $A$ , let  $h(B, G) = |\text{Hom}(B, G)|$ .

**Theorem 1.1** *Let  $A$  be a finitely generated group, and let  $G$  be a finite group. Then,*

$$1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h_n(A; G)}{|G|^{nn!}} \cdot x^n = \exp \left( \sum_{B \in \mathcal{F}_A} \frac{h(B, G)}{|G| \cdot |A : B|} \cdot x^{|A : B|} \right).$$

This theorem is a consequence of the following fact that is proved in [6] when  $G = \{\varepsilon\}$  where  $\varepsilon$  is the identity element.

*Let  $A$  be a finitely generated group, and let  $G$  be a finite group. Then,*

$$\frac{h_n(A; G)}{|G|^{nn(n-1)!}} = \sum_{|A : B| \leq n} \frac{h(B, G)}{|G|} \cdot \frac{h_{n-|A : B|}(A; G)}{|G|^{n-|A : B|} (n - |A : B|)!},$$

where the summation is over all subgroups  $B$  of  $A$  such that  $|A : B|$  are less than  $n$ .

*Sketch of proof.* Let  $G^{(n)}$  denote the direct product of  $n$  copies of  $G$ . Then  $S_n$  naturally acts on  $G^{(n)}$ , and the wreath product  $G \wr S_n$  is the semidirect product of  $S_n$  and  $G$ . Define the action of  $G \wr S_n$  on the set  $G \times [n]$  where  $[n] = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n) \sigma \cdot (g, i) &= (g_{\sigma(i)} g, \sigma(i)) \in G \times [n], \\ (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n) &\in G^{(n)}, \quad \sigma \in S_n, \quad (g, i) \in G \times [n]. \end{aligned}$$

This action is semiregular, and hence,  $G \wr S_n$  is embedded in the symmetric group  $S_{|G|n}$  on  $|G|n$  letters. Let  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}(A, G \wr S_n)$ . Let us define the following:

- $r$  is a positive integer such that  $r \leq n$ ;
- $B$  is a subgroup of  $A$  such that  $|A : B| = r$ ;
- $\kappa \in \text{Hom}(B, G)$ ;
- $\pi$  is a mapping from the set of all cosets of  $B$  in  $A$  to  $[n]$  such that  $\pi(B) = 1$ ;
- $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_r)$  is an element of  $G^{(r)}$  where  $y_1 = \varepsilon$ ;
- $\psi \in \text{Hom}(A, G \wr S_{n-r})$ .

Let  $\mu_n$  be the homomorphism from  $G \wr S_n$  to  $S_n$  defined by

$$\mu_n : G \wr S_n \ni (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)\sigma \longrightarrow \sigma \in S_n.$$

Let  $B$  be the subset of  $A$  consisting of all elements  $a$  of  $A$  such that  $\mu_n \circ \varphi(a)(1) = 1$ , and let  $r = |A : B|$ . Define the homomorphism  $\kappa$  from  $B$  to  $G$  by

$$\varphi(b).(\varepsilon, 1) = (\kappa(b), 1)$$

where  $b \in B$ . Let  $a_1B, a_2B, \dots, a_rB$ , where  $a_1 = \varepsilon$ , be all cosets of  $B$  in  $A$ , i.e.,

$$A = a_1B \cup a_2B \cup \dots \cup a_rB.$$

Define an element  $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_r)$  of  $G^{(r)}$  and a mapping  $\pi$  from the set of all cosets  $\{a_1B, a_2B, \dots, a_rB\}$  to  $[n]$  by

$$\varphi(a_j).(\varepsilon, 1) = (y_j, \pi(a_jB))$$

for each  $j$ . In particular,  $y_1 = \varepsilon$ . Let  $\{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{n-r}\}$  where  $k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_{n-r}$  be the subset of  $[n]$  such that

$$[n] = \{\pi(a_1B), \pi(a_2B), \dots, \pi(a_rB)\} \cup \{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{n-r}\}.$$

We define a homomorphism  $\nu$  from  $\varphi(A)$  to  $G \wr S_{n-r}$  by

$$\nu : \varphi(A) \ni (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)\sigma \longrightarrow (g_{k_1}, g_{k_2}, \dots, g_{k_{n-r}})\sigma \in G \wr S_{n-r}.$$

Put  $\psi = \nu \circ \varphi$ . Thus, we get  $r, B, \kappa, \pi, (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_r)$  and  $\psi$ . Then, the correspondence

$$\varphi \longrightarrow \{r, B, \kappa, \pi, (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_r), \psi\}$$

is a bijection. Therefore, we have that

$$h_n(A; G) = \sum_{|A:B| \leq n} h(B, G) \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-|A:B|)!} |G|^{|A:B|-1} h_{n-|A:B|}(A; G).$$

The result follows from this.  $\square$

Suppose that  $A$  is a finitely generated *abelian* group. We denote by  $\Phi_2(A)$  the intersection of all maximal subgroups of index 2 in  $A$ . The wreath product  $G \wr A_n$  is a subgroup of  $G \wr S_n$ . For each subgroup  $C$  of  $A$  containing  $\Phi_2(A)$ , let

$$h_n^+(A : C; G) = \# \{ \varphi \in \text{Hom}(A, G \wr S_n) \mid \varphi(C) \subset G \wr A_n \}.$$

In particular,  $h_n^+(A : \Phi_2(A); G) = h_n(A; G)$ , and  $h_n^+(A : A; G) = h(A; G \wr A_n)$ .

Define the subgroup  $Al_n(G)$  of  $G \wr S_n$  by

$$Al_n(G) = \{ (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)\sigma \in G \wr S_n \mid \text{ord}_2(|g_1 g_2 \cdots g_n|) < \text{ord}_2(|G|) \},$$

where  $\text{ord}_2(x)$  is the largest integer such that  $2^{\text{ord}_2(x)}$  divides  $x$  for each nonzero integer  $x$ . If 2 divides  $|G|$  and if a Sylow 2-subgroup of  $G$  is not a cyclic group, then  $Al_n(G) = G \wr S_n$ . If 2 does not divide  $|G|$ , let  $Al_n(G) = G \wr A_n$ . As was mentioned earlier,  $G \wr S_n$  is embedded in  $S_{|G|n}$ . Then,  $Al_n(G)$  is identified with  $A_{|G|n} \cap G \wr S_n$ . Thus,  $Al_n(C_2) = W(D_n)$  where  $W(D_n)$  is the Weyl group. For each subgroup  $C$  of  $A$  containing  $\Phi_2(A)$ , let

$$h_n^-(A : C; G) = \# \{ \varphi \in \text{Hom}(A, G \wr S_n) \mid \varphi(C) \subset Al_n(G) \}.$$

In particular,  $h_n^-(A : \Phi_2(A); G) = h_n(A; G)$ , and  $h_n^-(A : A; C_2) = h(A; W(D_n))$ .

We shall present the generating functions for  $h_n^+(A : C; G)$  and  $h_n^-(A : C; G)$ . For each subgroup  $D$  of  $A$  containing  $\Phi_2(A)$  and for each  $B \in \mathcal{F}_A$ , define

$$f_A^D(B, G) = \begin{cases} -h(B, G) & \text{if a Sylow 2-subgroup of } A/B \text{ is a cyclic group} \\ & \text{that is not } \{\varepsilon\} \text{ and that } A = DB, \\ h(B, G) & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$h_A^D(B, G) = \# \{ \kappa \in \text{Hom}(B, G) \mid \text{ord}_2(|\kappa(a^{|A:B|})|) = \text{ord}_2(|G|) \text{ for some } a \in D \},$$

$$g_A^D(B, G) = \begin{cases} h(B, G) - 2h_A^D(B, G) & \text{if either a Sylow 2-subgroup of } |G| \text{ is} \\ & \text{a cyclic group that is not } \{\varepsilon\} \text{ or } B \in \mathcal{I}_A^D, \\ h(B, G) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For each subgroup  $D$  of  $A$  containing  $\Phi_2(A)$ , let

$$E_A^D(+, G; x) = \exp \left( \sum_{B \in \mathcal{F}_A} \frac{f_A^D(B, G)}{|G| \cdot |A : B|} \cdot x^{|A:B|} \right),$$

$$E_A^D(-, G; x) = \exp \left( \sum_{B \in \mathcal{F}_A} \frac{g_A^D(B, G)}{|G| \cdot |A : B|} \cdot x^{|A:B|} \right).$$

It follows from definition that

$$f_A^{\Phi_2(A)}(B, G) = g_A^{\Phi_2(A)}(B, G) = h(B, G)$$

where  $B \in \mathcal{F}_A$ . Put  $E_A(G; x) = E_A^{\Phi_2(A)}(+, G; x) = E_A^{\Phi_2(A)}(-, G; x)$ .

**Theorem 1.2** ([4]) *Let  $A$  be a finitely generated abelian group and  $C$  a subgroup of  $A$  containing  $\Phi_2(A)$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{K}_A^C$  the set of all subgroups  $D$  of  $C$  that contain  $\Phi_2(A)$  as a subgroup of index 2. Let  $G$  be a finite group. Then,*

$$1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h_n^+(A : C; G)}{|G|^{n!}} \cdot x^n = \frac{1}{|C : \Phi_2(A)|} \left\{ E_A(G; x) + \sum_{D \in \mathcal{K}_A^C} E_A^D(+, G; x) \right\}.$$

*Suppose that a Sylow 2-subgroup of  $G$  is a cyclic group that is not  $\{\varepsilon\}$ . Then*

$$1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h_n^-(A : C; G)}{|G|^{n!}} \cdot x^n = \frac{1}{|C : \Phi_2(A)|} \left\{ E_A(G; x) + \sum_{D \in \mathcal{K}_A^C} E_A^D(-, G; x) \right\}.$$

*Remark.* In the paper [2], N. Chigira proved this theorem in the case where  $A$  is a cyclic group.

*Example.* Let  $A = C_2^{(t)}$ . For each subgroup  $B$  of  $A$ ,  $h(B, C_2) = |B|$ , and hence

$$E_A(C_2; x) = \exp \left( \sum_{B \leq A} \frac{|B|}{2|A : B|} \cdot x^{|A:B|} \right).$$

For each cyclic subgroup  $D$  of order 2 in  $A$  and for each subgroup  $B$  of  $A$ ,

$$f_A^D(B, C_2) = \begin{cases} -|B| & \text{if } |B| = 2^{t-1} \text{ and if } A = DB, \\ |B| & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$h_A^D(B, C_2) = \begin{cases} 2^{t-1} & \text{if } B = A, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Therefore, for any cyclic subgroup  $D$  of order 2 in  $A$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E_A^D(+, C_2; x) &= E_A(C_2; x) \exp(-2^{2t-3}x^2), \\ E_A^D(-, C_2; x) &= E_A(C_2; x) \exp(-2^{t-1}x). \end{aligned}$$

Since the number of cyclic subgroups of order 2 in  $A$  is  $2^t - 1$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h(C_2^{(t)}, C_2 \wr A_n)}{n!} \cdot x^n &= \frac{1}{2^t} E_{C_2^{(t)}}(C_2; x) \left\{ 1 + (2^t - 1) \exp(-2^{2t-3}x^2) \right\}, \\ 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h(C_2^{(t)}, W(D_n))}{2^n n!} \cdot x^n &= \frac{1}{2^t} E_{C_2^{(t)}}(C_2; x) \left\{ 1 + (2^t - 1) \exp(-2^{t-1}x) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

## 2 The number of homomorphisms from a cyclic $p$ -group to a symmetric group

Let  $A$  be a finite abelian group. It follows from [7] that

$$|\mathrm{Hom}(A, G)| \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathrm{gcd}(|A|, |G|)}$$

for any finite group  $G$ . This result is a generalization of the theorem of Frobenius:

$$\#\{x \in G | x^d = 1\} \equiv 0 \pmod{\mathrm{gcd}(d, |G|)}.$$

Let  $h_n(A) = |\mathrm{Hom}(A, S_n)|$ . Let us study  $\mathrm{ord}_p(h_n(A))$  where  $p$  is a prime integer. We denote by  $m_A(d)$  the number of subgroups of index  $d$  in  $A$ . Put

$$E_A(x) = \exp\left(\sum_{d=1}^{|A|} \frac{m_A(d)}{d} \cdot x^d\right).$$

Then, it follows from Theorem 1.1 that

$$E_A(x) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h_n(A)}{n!} \cdot x^n.$$

As a special case, we obtain

$$E_{C_{p^l}}(x) = \exp\left(\sum_{k=0}^l \frac{1}{p^k} \cdot x^{p^k}\right),$$

where  $C_{p^l}$  is a cyclic  $p$ -group of order  $p^l$ . The  $p$ -adic power series  $E_p(x)$  is defined by

$$E_p(x) = \exp\left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p^k} \cdot x^{p^k}\right),$$

which is called the *Artin-Hasse exponential*. It is well known that  $E_p(x) \in \mathbf{Z}_p[[x]]$ , where  $\mathbf{Z}_p$  is the ring of  $p$ -adic integers. Put  $E_p(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ . Then, this fact yields that  $\mathrm{ord}_p(a_n) \geq 0$  for any  $n$ . If  $n < p^{l+1}$ , then  $a_n = h_n(C_{p^l})/n!$  and then

$$\mathrm{ord}_p(h_n(C_{p^l})) \geq \mathrm{ord}_p(n!),$$

where

$$\mathrm{ord}_p(n!) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{n}{p^j} \right].$$

Furthermore, we have the following.

**Theorem 2.1** ([5]) *For each positive integer  $n$ ,*

$$\mathrm{ord}_p(h_n(C_{p^l})) \geq \sum_{j=1}^l \left[ \frac{n}{p^j} \right] - l \left[ \frac{n}{p^{l+1}} \right],$$

*and equality holds if  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{l+1}}$ .*

To prove this theorem, we use the decomposition:

$$E_{C_{p^{l+1}}}(x) = \exp\left(\frac{1}{p^{l+1}} \cdot x^{p^{l+1}}\right) E_{C_{p^l}}(x).$$

*Example.* For each positive integer  $n$ ,

$$\text{ord}_2(h_n(C_2)) = \begin{cases} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \\ \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

### 3 The number of subgroups of a finite abelian $p$ -group

Let  $P$  be a finite abelian  $p$ -group. The partition  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r, \dots)$  where

$$\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_r \geq \lambda_{r+1} = \lambda_{r+2} = \dots = 0$$

is called the *type* of  $P$  if  $P$  is isomorphic to the direct product of cyclic groups

$$C_{p^{\lambda_1}} \times C_{p^{\lambda_2}} \times \dots \times C_{p^{\lambda_r}}.$$

We write  $|\lambda| = s$  if  $\lambda$  is the type of a finite abelian  $p$ -group of order  $p^s$ . For the partition  $\lambda$ , let  $\alpha_\lambda(i; p)$  denote the number of subgroups of order  $p^i$  in a finite abelian  $p$ -group of type  $\lambda$ , which is a polynomial in  $p$  with nonnegative coefficients and depends only on  $\lambda$  and  $i$ . It is well known that  $\alpha_\lambda(i; p) = \alpha_\lambda(s - i; p)$  if  $|\lambda| = s$ . It follows from [3] that for each partition  $\lambda$ , if  $|\lambda| = s$ , then

$$\alpha_\lambda(i; p) - \alpha_\lambda(i - 1; p) = p^i \alpha_{\hat{\lambda}}(i; p) - p^{s-i+1} \alpha_{\hat{\lambda}}(s - i + 1; p),$$

where  $\hat{\lambda} = (\lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r, \dots)$ . Using this fact, we have the following theorem in [1]:

*Let  $\lambda$  be a partition. Let  $|\lambda| = s$  and  $t = s - \lambda_1$ . Then  $\alpha_\lambda(i; p) - \alpha_\lambda(i - 1; p)$  has nonnegative coefficients; moreover*

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_\lambda(i; p) &\equiv \alpha_\lambda(i - 1; p) + p^i \pmod{p^{i+1}} && \text{if } 0 \leq i \leq \min\left\{t, \left\lfloor \frac{s}{2} \right\rfloor\right\}, \\ \alpha_\lambda(i; p) &= \alpha_\lambda(i - 1; p) && \text{if } t < i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{s}{2} \right\rfloor. \end{aligned}$$

*Example.* Let  $\lambda = (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$  that is the type of  $C_p^{(6)}$ . Let  $\alpha_\lambda(i; p) = \sum_{j=0}^i a_{i,j} p^j$ . Then, we get the coefficients  $a_{i,j}$  as follows.

	$a_{i,0}$	$a_{i,1}$	$a_{i,2}$	$a_{i,3}$	$a_{i,4}$	$a_{i,5}$	$a_{i,6}$	$a_{i,7}$	$a_{i,8}$	$a_{i,9}$
$\alpha_\lambda(0; p)$	1									
$\alpha_\lambda(1; p)$	1	1	1	1	1	1				
$\alpha_\lambda(2; p)$	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	
$\alpha_\lambda(3; p)$	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	1	1
$\alpha_\lambda(4; p)$	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	
$\alpha_\lambda(5; p)$	1	1	1	1	1	1				
$\alpha_\lambda(6; p)$	1									

4 A decomposition of  $E_P(x)$

Let  $P$  be a finite abelian  $p$ -group of type  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r, \dots)$  where  $|\lambda| = s$ . Then  $\alpha_\lambda(s - k; p) = m_P(p^k)$ , and

$$E_P(x) = \exp \left( \sum_{k=0}^s \frac{\alpha_\lambda(s - k; p)}{p^k} x^{p^k} \right).$$

Let  $\alpha_\lambda(i; p) = \sum_j a_{i,j} p^j$ . Define the integers  $l(\lambda)$  and  $m(\lambda)$  by

$$l(\lambda) = \max \left\{ \lambda_1, \left\lceil \frac{s+1}{2} \right\rceil \right\},$$

$$m(\lambda) = s - l(\lambda).$$

To simplify the notation, write  $l = l(\lambda)$  and  $m = m(\lambda)$ .

**Definition 4.1** For each pair  $(v, u)$  of nonnegative integers such that  $v \leq s$ , let

$$c_{u,v} = \begin{cases} b_{u,v} - b_{u-1,v} & \text{if } 0 \leq v \leq m \text{ and if } 0 \leq u \leq s - v, \\ a_{u,v} - a_{u-1,v} & \text{if } m < v \leq s \text{ and if } 0 \leq u \leq s - v, \\ a_{v,u} & \text{if } s - v < u \end{cases}$$

where  $b_{u,v} = a_{u,v} - a_{u-1,v-1}$ .

We have a decomposition of the series  $E_P(x)$  as follows.

**Theorem 4.1** ([5]) For any  $u$  and  $v$ ,  $c_{u,v} \geq 0$ , and

$$E_P(x) = F_P(x) \cdot \prod_{v=0}^s \prod_{u=s-v+1}^{\infty} \exp(p^{u+v-s} x^{p^{s-v}})^{c_{u,v}},$$

$$F_P(x) = \left\{ \prod_{v=0}^m \prod_{u=0}^v E_{C_{p^{l-u}} \times C_{p^{m-v}}} (x^{p^v})^{c_{u,v}} \right\} \cdot \left\{ \prod_{v=m+1}^s \prod_{u=0}^{s-v} E_{C_{p^{s-u-v}}} (x^{p^v})^{c_{u,v}} \right\}.$$

In the proof of this theorem, we use the preceding results that relate to the number of subgroups.

*Example.* Let  $P = C_p^{(6)}$ . Then  $l = m = 3$ , and

$$F_P(x) = E_{C_{p^3} \times C_{p^3}}(x) E_{C_{p^2} \times C_p}(x^{p^2}) E_{C_p \times C_p}(x^{p^2}) E_{C_p}(x^{p^4}) \exp(x^{p^4}) \exp(x^{p^5}).$$

*Remark.* Let  $l$  be an integer, and let  $m$  be an integer such that  $l \geq m$ . Then,

$$\alpha_{(l,m)}(i; p) = \begin{cases} 1 + p + \dots + p^i & 0 \leq i < m, \\ 1 + p + \dots + p^m & m \leq i \leq l, \\ 1 + p + \dots + p^{l+m-i} & l < i \leq l + m. \end{cases}$$

Using this fact, we have that

$$E_{C_{p^l} \times C_{p^m}}(x) = E_{C_{p^{l+m}}}(x) E_{C_{p^{l+m-2}}}(x) \cdots E_{C_{p^{l-m}}}(x).$$

## 5 The number of homomorphisms from a finite abelian group to a symmetric group

Using Theorem 4.1, we have the following.

**Theorem 5.1 ([5])** *Let  $A$  be a finite abelian group such that the type of a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $A$  is  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r, \dots)$  where  $|\lambda| = s$ . Let*

$$l(\lambda) = \max \left\{ \lambda_1, \left\lfloor \frac{s+1}{2} \right\rfloor \right\}.$$

*Then for each positive integer  $n$ ,*

$$\text{ord}_p(h_n(A)) \geq \sum_{j=1}^{l(\lambda)} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p^j} \right\rfloor - (2l - s) \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p^{l(\lambda)+1}} \right\rfloor,$$

*and the equality holds if  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{l(\lambda)+1}}$ , except for the cases where  $p = 2$  and  $2l(\lambda) = s \geq 2$ . Suppose that  $p = 2$  and that  $2l(\lambda) = s \geq 2$ . Then for each positive integer  $n$ ,*

$$\text{ord}_2(h_n(A)) \geq \sum_{j=1}^{l(\lambda)} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2^j} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2^{l(\lambda_1)+2}} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2^{l(\lambda_1)+3}} \right\rfloor,$$

*and the equality holds if  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2^{l(\lambda)+1}}$  and if  $n \not\equiv 2^{l(\lambda)+1} + 2^{l(\lambda)+2} \pmod{2^{l(\lambda)+3}}$ .*



**Corollary 5.1** ([5]) *Let  $A$  be a finite abelian group such that the type of a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $A$  is  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r, \dots)$  where  $|\lambda| = s$ . Let*

$$l(\lambda) = \max \left\{ \lambda_1, \left\lfloor \frac{s+1}{2} \right\rfloor \right\}.$$

*Then the  $p$ -adic power series*

$$E_A(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{h_n(A)}{n!} \cdot x^n$$

*converges for*

$$\text{ord}_2(x) > 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{l(\lambda)} \frac{1}{2^i} - \frac{1}{2^{l(\lambda)+2}} + \frac{1}{2^{l(\lambda)+3}} \quad \text{if } p = 2 \text{ and if } 2l(\lambda) = s,$$

$$\text{ord}_p(x) > \frac{1}{p-1} - \sum_{i=1}^{l(\lambda)} \frac{1}{p^i} + \frac{2l(\lambda) - s}{p^{l(\lambda)+1}} \quad \text{otherwise.}$$

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