

# On the capability, non-abelian tensor square and non-commuting graph of prime power groups

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## Abstract

In this paper, we give necessary and sufficient conditions under which finite non-abelian metacyclic  $p$ -group ( $p$  an odd prime)  $G$  is capable. We also, determine the non-abelian tensor square  $G \otimes G$  for the groups of order  $p^{\alpha+\beta}$  for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}$ . Finally, we obtain some conditions on the parameters of two prime power groups  $G_p$  and  $G_q$  in which the groups have isomorphic non-commuting graphs.

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## 1 Introduction

A group is metacyclic if there is a normal cyclic subgroup whose factor group is also cyclic. Meanwhile, a group is said to be capable if it is a central factor group. The term capability was introduced by Hall and Senior [6], where they defined a capable group as equal to its central factor group. Using the non-abelian tensor square, capability of 2-generator  $p$ -group of nilpotency class 2, where  $p$  is odd had already been computed by Bacon and Kappe [3]. Moreover, the Capability of 2-generator non-torsion groups of nilpotency class two determined by Kappe et al. [9]. On the other hand, Rashid et al. [12] used the Schur multiplier of a group of order  $8q$  in determining whether a group of this type is capable. Beuerle and Kappe also had given the capability of finite metacyclic groups using tensor square [2].

The non-abelian tensor squares of a 2-Engel group and 2-generator 2-groups of nilpotency class two have been found [3, 10]. It is determined the non-abelian tensor square for groups of order  $p^2q$  by Jafari et al. where  $p, q$  are primes and  $p < q$  [7]. Non-abelian tensor square of groups of order  $p^2q$ , special orthogonal groups and spin group are computed by some other researchers [13, 12]. In the recent studies, Beuerle and Kappe determined the non-abelian tensor squares and some homological functors of only infinite metacyclic groups [2]. Moreover, the non-commuting graph  $\Delta(G)$  which is defined as the graph whose vertex set is  $G \setminus Z(G)$  and edge set contains  $(x, y)$  such that  $xy \neq yx$  have been studied by some researchers. Abdollahi and Shahverdi [1] studied the relation between some graph theoretical properties of  $\Delta(G)$  and the group theory properties of  $G$ .

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In this research we deal with the capability and non-abelian tensor square of all finite non-abelian metacyclic  $p$ -groups where  $p$  is an odd prime. Moreover, necessary and sufficient conditions under which two non-abelian metacyclic prime power groups have isomorphic non-commuting graphs are given. To end this, the classification of finite metacyclic  $p$ -groups given by Beuerle [4] is used.

## 2 Preliminary results

In the case that  $p$  is an odd prime, Beuerle's classification [4] of non-abelian metacyclic  $p$ -group which can be given into three types, namely Type 1, 2 and 3 as follows:

**Type 1:**

$$G \cong \langle a, b \mid a^{p^\alpha} = b^{p^\beta} = 1, [a, b] = a^{p^{\alpha-\delta}} \rangle,$$

where  $p$  is an odd prime,  $\alpha, \beta, \delta \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\alpha \geq 2\delta$  and  $\beta \geq \delta \geq 1$ .

**Type 2:**

$$G \cong \langle a, b \mid a^{p^\alpha} = b^{p^\beta} = 1, [b, a] = a^{p^{\alpha-\delta}} \rangle,$$

where  $p$  is an odd prime,  $\alpha, \beta, \delta \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\delta \leq \alpha < 2\delta$ ,  $\delta \leq \beta$  and  $\delta \leq \min\{\alpha - 1, \beta\}$ .

**Type 3:**

$$G \cong \langle a, b \mid a^{p^\alpha} = 1, b^{p^\beta} = a^{p^{\alpha-\epsilon}}, [b, a] = a^{p^{\alpha-\delta}} \rangle,$$

where  $p$  is an odd prime,  $\alpha, \beta, \delta, \epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\delta + \epsilon \leq \alpha < 2\delta$ ,  $\delta \leq \beta$ ,  $\alpha < \beta + \epsilon$  and  $\delta \leq \min\{\alpha - 1, \beta\}$ .

In the following, we give some notations which are used in the next sections. For some integers  $m, n, r$  and  $s$  we consider the notation

$$G(m, n, r, s) = \langle x, y \mid x^m = 1, y^{-1}xy = x^r, y^n = x^s \rangle,$$

to show a metacyclic two generators group. From now till end, all groups are considered as finite non abelian metacyclic  $p$ -group of Types 1, 2 or 3. For a non-negative integer  $m$ , let  $C_m$  be the cyclic group of order  $m$  and  $v_m$  the set of integers relatively prime to  $m$ . For  $x$  and  $y$  not both zero, let  $(x, y) = \gcd(x, y)$ . We use the notation  $\text{Deg}\Delta(G)$  for the set of degrees of vertices of non-commuting graph  $\Delta(G)$ . The function  $\top_n$  in the following definition will be used in the subsequent sections [4]. It considerably facilitates our exposition.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $n, k$  be integers with  $n \geq 0$ ,  $k \in v_n$  and  $y \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then define a function  $\top_n : v_n \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  by

$$\top_n(k, y) = 1 + k + \dots + k^{y-1}.$$

The next four lemmas enable us to determine the exact prime powers dividing certain expressions. We first begin with a definition mentioned in [4].

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $p$  be a prime and  $x$  a non-negative integer. If  $x \neq 0$  then  $[x]_p$  be the largest integer such that  $p^{[x]_p}$  divides  $x$ .

The following lemma is an application of the binomial formula and is used to prove the subsequent theorem [4].

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $x, m$  and  $n$  be non-negative integers and  $p$  a prime with  $(p, x) = 1$ . Then

$$\left[ (p^n x + 1)^{p^m} - 1 \right]_p = m + n \text{ if } p \neq 2; \quad (2.1)$$

$$\left[ (2^n x + 1)^{2^m} - 1 \right]_2 = \begin{cases} m + n, & \text{if } n > 1 \text{ or } m = 0, \\ [x + 1]_2 + m + 1, & \text{if } n = 1 \text{ and } m > 0, \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

$$\left[ (2^n x - 1)^{2^m} - 1 \right]_2 = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n > 1 \text{ and } m = 0, \\ m + n, & \text{if } n > 1 \text{ or } m > 0, \\ [x - 1]_2 + m + 1, & \text{if } n = 1 \text{ and } x \neq 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } n = 1 \text{ and } x = 1. \end{cases} \quad (2.3)$$

The result of the next theorem is needed to prove some theorems in the next section for determining the capability of group  $G$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $p, c, d, e$  be positive integers with  $p$  a prime,  $c = p^d + 1$  or  $c = 2^d - 1$ ,  $d \geq 2$  and  $f$  a non-negative integer. Then

$$\left[ (c^{p^f e} - 1) \right]_p \geq \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } c = 2^d - 1 \text{ and } e \text{ is odd and } f = 0, \\ f + d & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

with equality if  $(e, p) = 1$ .

**Proof .** Let  $p, c, d, e$  and  $f$  be as given in the assumption. Using the binomial formula we expand  $c^e$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} c^e &= \sum_{i=0}^e \binom{e}{i} p^{di} (\pm 1)^{e-i} = \sum_{i=1}^e \binom{e}{i} p^{di} (\pm 1)^{e-i} + (\pm 1)^e \\ &= p^d \left( \sum_{i=1}^e \binom{e}{i} p^{d(i-1)} (\pm 1)^{e-i} \right) + (\pm 1)^e. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $c^e = p^{d'} x + (\pm 1)^e$  for some positive integers  $d'$  and  $x$  such that  $d' \geq d$ ,  $x \leq \sum_{i=1}^e \binom{e}{i} p^{d(i-1)} (\pm 1)^{e-i}$  and  $(p, x) = 1$ .

Now, if  $c = p^d + 1$  where  $p$  is odd, we have  $c^e = p^{d'} x + 1$ . Using Lemma 2.3 with  $n$  replaced by  $d'$ , we get  $\left[ (c^{p^f e} - 1) \right]_p = f + d'$ . In addition, assume  $c = p^d + 1$  and  $p = 2$ . So, we get  $c^e = 2^{d'} x + 1$ . Therefore, we obtain  $\left[ (c^{p^f e} - 1) \right]_p = f + d'$ . Moreover, suppose  $c = 2^d - 1$  and  $e$  is even. Hence, we get  $c^e = 2^{d'} x + 1$ . Therefore, from Lemma implies  $\left[ (c^{p^f e} - 1) \right]_p = f + d'$ . Finally, let  $c = 2^d - 1$  and  $e$  is odd. It follows that  $c^e = 2^{d'} x - 1$ . If  $f = 0$ , we get  $\left[ (c^{p^f e} - 1) \right]_p = 1$ . If  $f > 0$ , we have  $\left[ (c^{p^f e} - 1) \right]_p = f + d'$ . Thus, the desired results are followed.

Now, assume that  $(e, p) = 1$ . It is observed that

$$\sum_{i=1}^e \binom{e}{i} p^{d(i-1)} (\pm 1)^{e-i} = p^d \left( \sum_{i=2}^e \binom{e}{i} p^{d(i-2)} (\pm 1)^{e-i} \right) + (\pm 1)^{e-1} e.$$

Hence,  $\sum_{i=1}^e \binom{e}{i} p^{d(i-1)} (\pm 1)^{e-i}$  is relatively prime to  $p$  and  $d = d'$ . Therefore, it is concluded that equality is obtained for  $(e, p) = 1$ .  $\square$

The following theorem is needed to prove some results in the next section for determining the capability of  $p$ -group  $G$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $a, p, c, d, e$  be positive integers with  $p$  a prime,  $c = p^d + 1$  or  $c = 2^d - 1$ ,  $d \geq 2$  and  $f$  a non-negative integer. Then

$$\left[ \mathbb{T}_{p^a}(c^e, p^f) \right]_p \geq \begin{cases} f, & \text{if } c = p^d + 1 \text{ or } e \text{ an even,} \\ 0, & \text{if } c = 2^d - 1 \text{ and } e \text{ an odd and } f = 0, \\ f + d - 1, & \text{if } c = 2^d - 1 \text{ and } e \text{ an odd and } f > 0. \end{cases}$$

with equality if  $(e, p) = 1$ .

**Proof .** Let  $a, p, c, d, e$  and  $f$  be as given in the assumption. By direct computation, we get  $c^{p^f e} - 1 = (c^e - 1) \mathbb{T}_{p^a}(c^e, p^f)$  and thus  $\left[ \mathbb{T}_{p^a}(c^e, p^f) \right]_p = \left[ c^{p^f e} - 1 \right]_p - \left[ c^e - 1 \right]_p$ . First, let  $d'$  and  $x$  be as stated in the proof of Lemma 2.4. Now, suppose that  $c = p^d + 1$  and  $p$  is odd. It follows that  $c^e = p^{d'} x + 1$ . Hence,  $\left[ \mathbb{T}_{p^a}(c^e, p^f) \right]_p = f + d' - d' = f$ . However, if  $c = p^d + 1$  and  $p = 2$ , we get  $c^e = 2^{d'} x + 1$ . Therefore, we obtain  $\left[ \mathbb{T}_{p^a}(c^e, p^f) \right]_p = f + d' - d' = f$ . Moreover, suppose  $c = 2^d - 1$  and  $e$  is even. It follows that  $c^e = 2^{d'} x + 1$ . Hence, we have  $\left[ \mathbb{T}_{p^a}(c^e, p^f) \right]_p = f + d' - d' = f$ . Finally, when  $c = 2^d - 1$  and  $e$  is odd, we have  $c^e = 2^{d'} x - 1$ . If  $f = 0$ , we get  $\left[ \mathbb{T}_{p^a}(c^e, p^f) \right]_p = 0 = f$ . If  $f > 0$ , then we obtain  $\left[ \mathbb{T}_{p^a}(c^e, p^f) \right]_p = f + d' - 1$ . Now the claim follows. The equality for  $(e, p) = 1$  is obtained from the equality in Lemma 2.4.  $\square$

Finite metacyclic groups which presented by Beyl *et al.* are given as follows [5]:

**Lemma 2.6.** Every finite group  $G$  having a cyclic normal subgroup of order  $m$  with cyclic factor group of order  $n$  has a presentation

$$G(m, n, r, s) = \langle x, y \mid x^m = 1, y^{-1}xy = x^r, y^n = x^s \rangle,$$

where  $r$  and  $s$  are positive integers satisfying  $r^n \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$  and  $(m, 1 + r + r^2 + \cdots + r^{n-1}) \equiv 0 \pmod{s}$ .

Next proposition computes the epicenter  $Z^*(G)$  for the finite metacyclic group  $G$ .

**Proposition 2.7.** [5] Let  $G = G(m, n, r, s)$  and  $k$  be the smallest positive divisor of  $n$  satisfying  $1 + r + r^2 + \cdots + r^{k-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{s}$ . Then  $Z^*(G)$  for the group  $G(m, n, r, s)$  is the cyclic group of order  $mn/ks$  generated by  $y^k$ .

Using Proposition 2.7, Beyl *et al.* [5] established necessary and sufficient conditions for every finite metacyclic group to be capable.

**Theorem 2.8.** [5] The group  $G(m, n, r, s)$  is capable if and only if  $s = m$  and  $n$  is the smallest positive integer satisfying  $1 + r + r^2 + \cdots + r^{n-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ .

The following criterion now characterizes the capability of the groups.

**Theorem 2.9.** [5] A group  $G$  is capable if and only if  $Z^*(G) = 1$ .

**Definition 2.10.** For a group  $G$  the non-abelian tensor square,  $G \otimes G$ , is the group generated by the symbols  $g \otimes h$  where  $g, h \in G$ , subject to the relations;

$$gg' \otimes h = ({}^g g' \otimes {}^g h)(g \otimes h), \quad (2.4)$$

$$g \otimes hh' = (g \otimes h)({}^h g \otimes {}^h h'), \quad (2.5)$$

for all  $g, g', h, h' \in G$ , where  ${}^h g = hgh^{-1}$  denotes the conjugate of  $g$  by  $h$ .

### 3 Main results

In this section we determine all capable groups of finite non-abelian metacyclic  $p$ -groups where  $p$  is an odd prime.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $G$  be a finite non-abelian metacyclic  $p$ -group, where  $p$  is an odd prime. Then  $G$  is capable if and only if  $G$  is of Type (1) or Type (2) with  $\beta = \alpha$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $G$  is a finite non-abelian metacyclic  $p$ -group of Type (1). We represent  $G$  so that the presentation matches the one for all finite metacyclic groups given in Lemma 2.6. The presentation of  $G$  can be rewritten as follows:

$$G \cong \langle a, b \mid a^{p^\alpha} = 1, aba^{-1}b^{-1} = a^{p^{\alpha-\delta}}, b^{p^\beta} = a^{p^\alpha} \rangle,$$

where  $\alpha, \beta, \delta \in \mathbb{N}, \alpha \geq 2\delta$  and  $\beta \geq \delta \geq 1$ .

From the group presentation, it is easy to see that  $b^{-1}ab = a^{p^{\alpha-\delta}+1}$ . Thus,

$$G(p^\alpha, p^\beta, p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1, p^\alpha) \cong \langle a, b \mid a^{p^\alpha} = 1, b^{-1}ab = a^{p^{\alpha-\delta}+1}, b^{p^\beta} = a^{p^\alpha} \rangle,$$

where  $m = p^\alpha, n = p^\beta, r = p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1$  and  $s = p^\alpha$ . From the considerations above and using Theorem 2.4, we have  $\left[ (p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1)^{p^\beta} - 1 \right]_p = \beta + \alpha - \delta$ . So,  $p^{\beta+\alpha-\delta}$  divides  $(p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1)^{p^\beta} - 1$ . Since  $p^\alpha$  divides  $p^{\beta+\alpha-\delta}$  for all  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\delta$  satisfying the conditions of Type (1),  $p^\alpha$  divides  $(p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1)^{p^\beta} - 1$ . Thus,  $(p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1)^{p^\beta} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^\alpha}$  for all  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\delta$  satisfying the conditions of Type (1). Using Definition 2.1, we have

$$1 + (p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1) + (p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1)^2 + \cdots + (p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1)^{p^\beta-1} = \top_{p^\alpha}(p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1, p^\beta).$$

By Theorem 2.5,  $\left[ \top_{p^\alpha}(p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1, p^\beta) \right]_p = \beta$ . So,  $\beta$  is the greatest integer such that  $p^\beta$  divides  $\top_{p^\alpha}(p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1, p^\beta)$ . Thus,  $(p^\alpha, \top_{p^\alpha}(p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1, p^\beta)) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^\alpha}$  for  $\beta \geq \alpha$ . Now, Theorem 2.8, Proposition 2.7 and Theorem 2.9 are

applied to determine the capability. It is obvious that  $s = m = p^\alpha$ . For the second condition, three cases need to be considered:

Case 1: if  $\beta > \alpha$  then  $n = p^\beta$  satisfying  $\top_{p^\alpha}(p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1, p^\beta) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^\alpha}$ . But there exists a positive integer,  $n' = p^{\beta-1} < p^\beta = n$  satisfying  $\top_{p^\alpha}(p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1, p^{\beta-1}) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^\alpha}$ . Therefore,  $G$  is not capable.

Case 2: if  $\beta < \alpha$  then  $\top_{p^\alpha}(p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1, p^\beta) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p^\alpha}$ . Thus,  $G$  is not capable in this case as well.

Case 3: if  $\beta = \alpha$  then  $n = p^\beta$  satisfies  $\top_{p^\alpha}(p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1, p^\beta) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^\alpha}$ . Now, let  $p^i$ ,  $0 \leq i < \beta$  be a divisor of  $n = p^\beta$ . Thus,  $[\top_{p^\alpha}(p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1, p^i)]_p = i$ . Since  $\beta = \alpha$  and  $i < \beta$ ,  $p^\alpha \nmid p^i$ . So,  $\top_{p^\alpha}(p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1, p^i) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p^\alpha}$ . Hence, the smallest positive divisor of  $n = p^\beta$  satisfying  $\top_{p^\alpha}(p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1, p^\beta) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^\alpha}$  is  $n$  itself. Proposition 2.7, shows that  $G$  has a trivial  $Z^*(G)$ , so using Theorem 2.9, the group  $G$  is capable.

Now, if  $G$  is the group of Type (2), using Lemma 2.2 the presentation of  $G$  can be rewritten as follows:

$$G(p^\alpha, p^\beta, p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1, p^\alpha) \cong \langle x, y | x^{p^\alpha} = 1, y^{-1}xy = x^{p^{\alpha-\delta}+1}, y^{p^\beta} = x^{p^\alpha} \rangle,$$

where  $m = p^\alpha$ ,  $n = p^\beta$ ,  $r = p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1$  and  $s = p^\alpha$ . Similar as for Type (1), we get that  $G$  is capable if and only if  $\beta = \alpha$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $G$  be a  $p$ -group of Type (3). Then  $G$  is not capable for all  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\delta$  and  $\epsilon$ .

**Proof .** Suppose that  $G$  is a group of Type (3), the presentation of  $G$  can be rewritten as follows:

$$G(p^\alpha, p^\beta, p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1, p^{\alpha-\epsilon}) \cong \langle x, y | x^{p^\alpha} = 1, y^{-1}xy = x^{p^{\alpha-\delta}+1}, y^{p^\beta} = x^{p^{\alpha-\epsilon}} \rangle,$$

where  $m = p^\alpha$ ,  $n = p^\beta$ ,  $r = p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1$  and  $s = p^{\alpha-\epsilon}$ . Using Theorem 2.4, we have  $(p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1)^{p^\beta} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^\alpha}$  for all  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\delta$  satisfying the conditions of the group  $G$ . Since  $\alpha < \beta + \epsilon$ , we conclude that  $(p^\alpha, \top_{p^\alpha}(p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1, p^\beta)) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{\alpha-\epsilon}}$  for all  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\delta$  and  $\epsilon$  satisfying the conditions of the group. Since  $s \neq m$ , by Theorem 2.8, we get that  $G$  is not capable for all  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\delta$  and  $\epsilon$ .  $\square$

Now, we compute the non-abelian tensor square of the groups of Types 1, 2 and 3. We start by computing the non-abelian tensor square of Type (1). It is shown that  $G \otimes G$  is a direct product of cyclic groups.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $G$  be a finite non-abelian metacyclic  $p$ -group of Type (1). Then

$$G \otimes G \cong \begin{cases} C_{p^{\alpha-\delta}} \times C_{p^\beta}^3, & \text{if } \beta \leq \alpha - \delta, \\ C_{p^{\alpha-\delta}} \times C_{p^\beta} \times C_{p^{\alpha-\delta}} \times C_{p^\beta}, & \text{if } \alpha - \delta \leq \beta \leq \alpha, \\ C_{p^{\alpha-\delta}} \times C_{p^\alpha} \times C_{p^{\alpha-\delta}} \times C_{p^\beta}, & \text{if } \alpha \leq \beta. \end{cases}$$

and is generated by  $a \otimes a$ ,  $b \otimes a$ ,  $(b \otimes a)(a \otimes b)$ ,  $b \otimes b$  of orders  $p^{\alpha-\delta}$ ,  $p^{\min\{\alpha, \beta\}}$ ,  $p^{\min\{\alpha-\delta, \beta\}}$  and  $p^\beta$  respectively.

**Proof .** Let  $G$  be a metacyclic group of Type (1) with  $p$  an odd prime. From the presentation of  $G$ , we consider  $m = p^\alpha$ ,  $n = p^\beta$  and  $r = p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1$ . Thus from [8],  $G \otimes G$  can be written as a direct product of four cyclic groups with generators  $a \otimes a$ ,  $b \otimes a$ ,  $(b \otimes a)(a \otimes b)$  and  $b \otimes b$  of orders  $(m, r - 1)$ ,  $(m, \top_m(r, n))$ ,  $(m, r - 1, \top_m(r, n))$  and  $n$  respectively.

All that remains to be done is to calculate the orders of the factors explicitly. The order of the first factor is  $(m, r - 1) = (p^\alpha, p^{\alpha-\delta}) = p^{\alpha-\delta}$ . The order of the second factor is  $(m, \top_m(r, n)) = (p^\alpha, \top_{p^\alpha}(p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1, p^\beta))$ . The order of the third factor is  $(m, r - 1, \top_m(r, n)) = (p^\alpha, p^{\alpha-\delta}, \top_{p^\alpha}(p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1, p^\beta))$ . The order of the fourth factor is  $p^\beta$ . Lemma 2.5 leads to  $(p^\alpha, \top_{p^\alpha}(p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1, p^\beta)) = p^{\min\{\alpha, \beta\}}$  and  $(p^\alpha, p^{\alpha-\delta}, \top_{p^\alpha}(p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1, p^\beta)) = p^{\min\{\alpha-\delta, \beta\}}$ . Thus, we conclude that if  $\beta \leq \alpha - \delta$  then  $G \otimes G \cong C_{p^{\alpha-\delta}} \times C_{p^\beta}^3$ , if  $\alpha - \delta \leq \beta \leq \alpha$  then  $G \otimes G \cong C_{p^{\alpha-\delta}} \times C_{p^\beta} \times C_{p^{\alpha-\delta}} \times C_{p^\beta}$  and if  $\alpha \leq \beta$  then  $G \otimes G \cong C_{p^{\alpha-\delta}} \times C_{p^\alpha} \times C_{p^{\alpha-\delta}} \times C_{p^\beta}$ , the desired result.  $\square$

Using a similar method and observing the condition  $\alpha - \delta < \beta$  on the parameters of Type (2), the following theorem for computing the non-abelian tensor square of groups of Type (2) can be proved.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $G$  be a finite non-abelian metacyclic  $p$ -group of Type (2). Then

$$G \otimes G \cong \begin{cases} C_{p^{\alpha-\delta}} \times C_{p^\beta} \times C_{p^{\alpha-\delta}} \times C_{p^\beta}, & \text{if } \beta \leq \alpha, \\ C_{p^{\alpha-\delta}} \times C_{p^\alpha} \times C_{p^{\alpha-\delta}} \times C_{p^\beta}, & \text{if } \alpha \leq \beta. \end{cases}$$

generated by  $a \otimes a$ ,  $b \otimes a$ ,  $(b \otimes a)(a \otimes b)$ ,  $b \otimes b$  of orders  $p^{\alpha-\delta}$ ,  $p^{\min\{\alpha, \beta\}}$ ,  $p^{\alpha-\delta}$  and  $p^\beta$  respectively.

The non-abelian tensor square of groups of Type (3) is given in the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $G$  be a finite non-abelian metacyclic  $p$ -group of Type (3). Then

$$G \otimes G \cong C_{p^{\alpha-\delta}} \times C_{p^{\alpha-\epsilon}} \times C_{p^{\alpha-\delta}} \times C_{p^\beta}.$$

**Proof .** Suppose that  $G$  is a  $p$ -group of Type (3) and  $p$  is an odd prime

$$G \cong \langle a, b | a^{p^\alpha} = 1, b^{p^\beta} = a^{p^{\alpha-\epsilon}}, [b, a] = a^{p^{\alpha-\delta}} \rangle.$$

Observe that  $[b, a] = a^{p^{\alpha-\delta}} = bab^{-1} = a^{p^{\alpha-\delta}+1}$  and we consider  $r = p^{\alpha-\delta} + 1$ , then  $G$  is of type  $G_p(\alpha, \beta, \epsilon, \delta, +)$ . From [4] and observing the conditions on the parameters of groups of Type (3) that  $\alpha - \epsilon < \beta$  and  $\alpha - \delta < \beta$ , the result now follows.  $\square$

We now investigate the non- commuting graphs of the groups of types 1, 2 and 3. These groups can be fallen in the following presentation:

$$\mathcal{G} \cong \langle a, b | a^{p^\alpha} = 1, b^{p^\beta} = a^{p^{\alpha-\epsilon}}, a^b = a^{p^{\alpha-\delta}+1} \rangle, \quad (3.1)$$

for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\delta, \epsilon \geq 0$  are integers, where  $\beta \geq \gamma \geq 1$  and  $p$  is an odd prime. In what follows,  $\text{Deg}(\Delta(\mathcal{G}))$  stands for the set of all degrees of vertices of graph  $\Delta(\mathcal{G})$ . Also, we call  $\text{ccz}(\mathcal{G})$  for the set of all conjugacy class sizes of group  $\mathcal{G}$ .

The following theorems gives necessary and sufficient conditions under which two non-abelian prime power groups  $G_p$  and  $G_q$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  type, have isomorphic non-commuting graphs.

**Theorem 3.6.** Consider  $p$ -group  $G_p = G(\alpha_1, \beta_1, \delta_1, \epsilon_1)$  and  $q$ -group  $G_q = G(\alpha_2, \beta_2, \delta_2, \epsilon_2)$  in the  $\mathcal{G}$  group Type. Then  $\Delta(G_p) \simeq \Delta(G_q)$  if and only if  $\alpha_1 + \beta_1 = \alpha_2 + \beta_2$  and  $\delta_1 = \delta_2$ .

**Proof .** Let  $f : \Delta(G_p) \rightarrow \Delta(G_q)$  be an isomorphism from  $\Delta(G_p)$  to  $\Delta(G_q)$ . Suppose that  $x_1, x_2 \in G_p \setminus Z(G_p)$ , such that  $\deg(x_1)$  and  $\deg(x_2)$  are two minimum elements of the set  $\text{Deg}\Delta(G_p)$  such that  $\deg(x_1) \leq \deg(x_2)$ . Moreover, if  $y_i = f(x_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , then  $\deg(y_1)$  is the minimum of  $\text{Deg}\Delta(G_q)$  and  $\deg(y_2) = \min \text{Deg}\Delta(G_q) - \{\deg(y_1)\}$ . Since  $\deg(x_1) = \deg(y_1)$ , it follows by Theorem 3.1 [11] that:

$$\begin{aligned} p^{\alpha_1+\beta_1} - p^{\alpha_1+\beta_1-1} &= q^{\alpha_2+\beta_2} - q^{\alpha_2+\beta_2-1} \\ p^{\alpha_1+\beta_1} - p^{\alpha_1+\beta_1-2} &= q^{\alpha_2+\beta_2} - q^{\alpha_2+\beta_2-2}. \end{aligned}$$

By dividing the first sides of the above equations by their second sides, we obtain  $p/p + 1 = q/q + 1$ . It follows that  $p = q$ . Hence,  $\alpha_1 + \beta_1 = \alpha_2 + \beta_2$ . Form which it follows that  $|G_p| = |G_q|$ , as well as  $|Z(G_p)| = |Z(G_q)|$ . Thus, clearly we arrive at  $\delta_1 = \delta_2$ . Conversely, suppose that  $\alpha_1 + \beta_1 = \alpha_2 + \beta_2$  and  $\delta_1 = \delta_2$  and  $\mu : Z(G_p) \rightarrow Z(G_q)$  is a bijection, then the map  $\varphi : G_p \setminus Z(G_p) \rightarrow G_q \setminus Z(G_q)$  defined by  $\varphi(a^i b^j z) = a_1^i b_1^j \mu(z)$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq p^\delta$  is an isomorphism between  $\Delta(G_p)$  and  $\Delta(G_q)$ . Therefore,  $\Delta(G_p) \simeq \Delta(G_q)$ .  $\square$

To illustrate the above theorem, we consider the following example.

**Example 3.7.** By taking  $p = 7, q = 5, \alpha_1 = 3, \alpha_2 = 4, \beta_1 = 2, \beta_2 = 1, \delta_1 = \delta_2 = 1$  and  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = 0$  in Theorem 3.6, two non-commuting graphs  $\Delta G_7(3, 2, 1, 0)$  and  $\Delta G_5(4, 1, 1, 0)$  are isomorphic.

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