

Theorem 5.5: Let  $G$  be a nonabelian 2-group with

$$\langle G^2 \rangle = \langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle, \text{ where } |a| = n, |b| = 2.$$

Suppose  $\langle G^2 \rangle$  contains exactly one element  $c$  which is not a square; also suppose that either  $c \notin G'$  or  $|G'| > 2$ , and  $[G:G'] = 4$ .  $G$  is not an  $S$ -group.

The proof of this theorem is similar to that for Theorem 5.4. An example is the group  $G$  of order  $3_2$  with presentation

$$\begin{aligned} a^4 = b^2 = c^2 = d^2 = 1, \quad d^{-1}ad = a, \\ d^{-1}cd = eb, \quad c^{-1}ac = a^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $a^2$  and  $b$  are central elements. Here

$$G' = \langle G^2 \rangle = \langle a^2, b \rangle,$$

and the element  $a^2b$  is not a square. By Theorem 5.5  $G$  is not an  $S$ -group.

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## A PRIMER ON STERN'S DIATOMIC SEQUENCE—II

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### PART II: SPECIAL PROPERTIES

In 1929, D. H. Lehmer, at Brown University, presented a summary [1] of discovered results concerning Stern's sequence. Also, in July 1967, some additional results were reported by D. A. Lind [2]. In order to standardize the results, we will define Stern's sequence to be  $s(i, j)$  where

- (1)  $s(i, 0) = 1$ , for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
- (2)  $s(0, j) = 0$ , for  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

- (3)  $s(n, 2k) = s(n, k)$ , for  $n, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$   
 (4)  $s(n, 2k + 1) = s(n - 1, k) + s(n - 1, k + 1)$ .

A table follows:

STERN NUMBER TABLE

Row	Column																		
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	1	3	2	3	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	1	4	2	5	1	5	3	4	1	3	2	3	1	2	1	1	0	0	0
5	1	5	4	7	3	8	5	7	2	7	5	8	3	7	4	5	1	4	3
6	1	6	5	9	4	11	7	10	3	11	8	13	5	12	7	9	2	9	7
7	1	7	6	11	5	14	9	13	4	15	11	18	7	17	10	13	3	14	11
8	1	8	7	13	6	17	11	16	5	19	14	23	9	22	13	17	4	19	15
9	1	9	8	15	7	20	13	19	6	23	17	28	11	27	16	21	5	24	19
10	1	10	9	17	8	23	15	22	7	27	20	33	13	32	19	25	6	29	23
11	1	11	10	19	9	26	17	25	8	31	23	38	15	37	22	29	7	34	27
12	1	12	11	21	10	29	19	28	9	35	26	43	17	42	25	33	8	39	31
13	1	13	12	23	11	32	21	31	10	39	29	48	19	47	28	37	9	44	35
14	1	14	13	25	12	35	23	34	11	43	32	53	21	52	31	41	10	49	39
15	1	15	14	27	13	38	25	37	12	47	35	58	23	57	34	45	11	54	43
16	1	16	15	29	14	41	27	40	13	51	38	63	25	62	37	49	12	59	47
17	1	17	16	31	15	44	29	43	14	55	41	68	27	67	40	53	13	64	51
18	1	18	17	33	16	47	31	46	15	59	44	73	29	72	43	57	14	69	55

The authors will attempt to move quickly through the properties of these numbers without proof.

- (1) The number of terms in row  $n$  is  $2^n + 1$ .
- (2) The sum of all terms in row  $n$  is  $3^n + 1$ .
- (3) The average value of all terms approaches  $(3/2)^n$ .
- (4) The table is symmetric:  
 $s(n, k) = s(n, 2^n + 2 - k)$  for  $2^n + 2 - k \geq 0$ .
- (5) In three successive terms  $a, b, c$ ,  $(a + c)/b$  is an integer.  
 (See Part I [3], Sections 4 and 11.)
- (6) Given  $a, b$ , and  $c$  again, then  $b$  occurs at  
 $s(n - k, (a + c - b)/2b)$ . (See [3], Section 4.)
- (7) Any two consecutive terms are relatively prime.  
 (See [3], Section 5.)
- (8) Any ordered pair can only appear once in the table.  
 (See [3], Section 6.)
- (9) If  $a/b = (k, k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m, r_{m-1})$ , then  $a$  and  $b$  appear together  
 in line  $(k + k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_m + r_{m-1} - 1)$ .  
 (See [3], Section 10.)
- (10) The number of times that an element  $k$  can appear in the row  $k - 1$ ,  
 and all succeeding rows, is Euler's function  $\phi(k)$ .

- (11) " $p$ " is a prime if and only if it appears exactly  $(p - 1)$  times in line  $(p - 1)$ .
- (12)  $s(n, r)$  will appear again at locations  $s(n + k, 2^k(r - 1) + 1)$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ .
- (13) If the sequence  $r_1, r_2$  occurs in row  $n$ ,  $r_1 > r_2$ , the smallest element in row  $n + k$  positioned between  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  is  
 $s(n + k, 2^k r) = r_1 + k r_2$ .
- (14) In any row, there are two equal terms greater than all others in the row.
- (15) For Fibonacci followers:  
 $s(n, r) = F_{n+1}$ , for  $r = (2^{n-1} + 2 + \{1 + (-1)^n\})/3 - 1$ ,  
 and it is the largest element in the row.  
 (See [3], p. 65; notation changed to standard form.)

Not all of the discovered results are considered here, since there are remote connections to so many areas of number theory.

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## SUMS OF PRODUCTS: AN EXTENSION

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The purpose of this note is to extend the results of Berzsenyi [1] and Zeilberger [3] on sums of products by using the generalized sequence

$$\{W_n(a, b; p, q)\}$$

described by the author in [2], the notation of which will be assumed.

Equation (4.18) of [2, p. 173] tells us that

$$(1) \quad W_{n-r}W_{n+r+t} - W_nW_{n+t} = eq^{n-r}U_{r-1}U_{r+t-1}.$$

Putting  $n - r = k$  and summing appropriately, we obtain

$$(2) \quad \sum_{k=0}^n W_k W_{k+2r+t} = \sum_{k=0}^n W_{k+r} W_{k+r+t} + eU_{r-1}U_{r+t-1} \sum_{k=0}^n q^k.$$

Values  $t = 1, t = 0$  give, respectively,

$$(3) \quad \sum_{k=0}^n W_k W_{k+2r+1} = \sum_{k=0}^n W_{k+r} W_{k+r+1} + eU_{r-1}U_r \sum_{k=0}^n q^k,$$

and