



On the Structure of Some Groups Containing  $L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)$

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we will generate the wreath product  $L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)$  using only two permutations. Also, we will show the structure of some groups containing the wreath product  $L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)$ . The structure of the groups founded is determined in terms of wreath product  $(L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)) \text{ wr } C_k$ . Some related cases are also included. Also, we will show that  $S_{252k+1}$  and  $A_{252K+1}$  can be generated using the wreath product  $(L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)) \text{ wr } C_k$  and a transposition in  $S_{252k+1}$  and an element of order 3 in  $A_{252K+1}$ . We will also show that  $S_{252k+1}$  and  $A_{252K+1}$  can be generated using the wreath product  $L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)$  and an element of order  $k + 1$ .

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1. INTRODUCTION:

Hammam and Al-Amri [1], have shown that  $A_{2n+1}$  of degree  $2n + 1$  can be generated using a copy of  $S_n$  and an element of order 3 in  $A_{2n+1}$ . They also gave the symmetric generating set of Groups  $A_{kn+1}$  and  $S_{kn+1}$  using  $S_n$  [5].

Shafee [2] showed that the groups  $A_{kn+1}$  and  $S_{kn+1}$  can be generated using the wreath product  $A_m \text{ wr } S_a$  and an element of order  $k+1$ . Also she showed how to generate  $S_{kn+1}$  and  $A_{kn+1}$  symmetrically using  $n$  elements each of order  $k+1$ .

Al-Amri and Al-Shehri [3] have shown that  $S_{9k+1}$  and  $A_{9k+1}$  can be generated using the wreath product  $M_9 \text{ wr } C_k$  and an element of order 4 in  $S_{9k+1}$  and element of order 5 in  $A_{9k+1}$ .

The Linear groups  $L_2(13)$  and  $L_2(17)$  are two groups of the well known simple groups. In [6], they are fully described. In a matter of fact, they can be faintly presented in different ways. They have presentations in [6] as follows :

$$L_2(13) = \langle X, Y \mid X^{13} = Y^2 = (X^4 Y X^7 Y)^2 = (XY)^3 = 1 \rangle$$

$$L_2(17) = \langle X, Y \mid X^{17} = Y^2 = (X^4 Y X^9 Y)^2 = (XY)^3 = 1 \rangle$$

$L_2(13)$  can be generated using two permutations, the first is of order 13 and an involution as follows:  
 $L_2(13) = \langle (1,2,\dots,13)(1,5)(3,4)(6,8)(7,14)(9,13)(10,11) \rangle$ .

$L_2(17)$  can be generated using two permutations, the first is of order 17 and an involution as follow:  
 $L_2(17) = \langle (1,2,\dots,17)(1,16)(2,8)(3,11)(5,10)(6,14)(7,12)(9,15)(17,18) \rangle$

In this paper, we will generate the wreath product  $L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)$  using only two permutations. Also, we show the structure of some groups containing the wreath product  $L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)$ . The structure of the groups founded is

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determined in terms of wreath product  $(L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)) \text{ wr } C_k$ . Some related cases are also included. Also, we will show that  $S_{252k+1}$  and  $A_{252k+1}$  can be generated using the wreath product  $(L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)) \text{ wr } C_k$  and a transposition in  $S_{252k+1}$  and an element of order 3 in  $A_{252k+1}$ . We will also show that  $S_{252k+1}$  and  $A_{252k+1}$  can be generated using the wreath product  $L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)$  and an element of order  $k + 1$ .

**2. PRELIMINARY RESULTS:**

**Definition: 2.1** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be groups of permutations on non empty sets  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  respectively. The wreath product of  $A$  and  $B$  is denote by  $A \text{ wr } B$  and defined as  $A \text{ wr } B = A^{\Omega_2} \times_{\theta} B$ , i.e., the direct product of  $|\Omega_2|$  copies of  $A$  and a mapping  $\theta$  where  $\theta: B \rightarrow \text{Aut}(A^{\Omega_2})$  is defined by  $\theta(x) = x^y$ , for all  $x \in A^{\Omega_2}$ . It follows that  $|A \text{ wr } B| = (|A|)^{|\Omega_2|} |B|$ .

**Theorem: 2.2 [4]** Let  $G$  be the group generated by the  $n$ -cycle  $(1, 2, \dots, n)$  and the 2-cycle  $(n, a)$ . If  $1 < a < n$  is an integer with  $n = am$ , then  $G \cong S_m \text{ wr } C_a$ .

**Theorem 2.3 [4]** Let  $1 \leq a \neq b < n$  be any integers. Let  $n$  be an odd integer and let  $G$  be the group generated by the  $n$ -cycle  $(1, 2, \dots, n)$  and the 3-cycle  $(n, a, b)$ . If the  $hcf(n, a, b) = 1$ , then  $G = A_n$ . While if  $n$  can be an even then  $G = S_n$ .

**Theorem: 2.4 [4]** Let  $1 \leq a < n$  be any integer. Let  $G = \langle (1, 2, \dots, n), (n, a) \rangle$ . If  $h.c.f.(n, a) = 1$ , then  $G = S_n$ .

**Theorem: 2.5 [4]** Let  $1 \leq a \neq b < n$  be any integers. Let  $n$  be an even integer and let  $G$  be the group generated by the  $(n-1)$ -cycle  $(1, 2, \dots, n - 1)$  and 3-cycle  $(n, a, b)$ . Then  $G = A_n$ .

**3. THE RESULTS:**

**Theorem: 3.1** The wreath product  $L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)$  can be generated using two permutations, the first is of order 252 and the second is of order 4.

**Proof:** Let  $G = \langle X, Y \rangle$ , where:  $X = (1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 252)$ , which is a cycle of order 252,  $Y = (1, 9)(2, 6)(4, 5)(7, 8)(12, 20, 23, 31)(13, 17)(15, 16)(18, 19)(24, 28)(26, 27)(29, 30)(34, 42, 56, 64)(35, 39)(37, 38)(40, 41)(45, 53)(46, 50)(48, 49)(51, 52)(57, 61)(59, 60)(62, 63)(67, 75)(68, 72)(70, 71)(73, 74)$ , which is the product of two cycles each of order 4 and twenty four transpositions. Let  $\alpha_1 = ((XY)^6 [X, Y]^5)^{18}$ . Then

$$\alpha_1 = (17, 22, 33, 44, 55, 66, 252),$$

which is a cycle of order 7. Let  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_1^{-1} X$ . It is easy to show that

$$\alpha_2 = (1, 2, 3 \dots 17) (18, 19, 20 \dots 22) \dots (67, 68, 69 \dots 252),$$

which is the product of seven cycles each of order 17. Let:  $\beta_1 = (Y^2)^{(XY)^{18}} = (9, 20)(12, 23)(31, 53)(34, 56)$ ,  $\beta_2 = \beta_1 Y^{-1} = (1, 9, 12, 20)(2, 6)(4, 5)(7, 8)(13, 17)(15, 16)(18, 19)(23, 31, 45, 53)(24, 28)(26, 27)(29, 30)(34, 42)(35, 39)(37, 38)(40, 41)(46, 50)(48, 49)(51, 52)(56, 64)(57, 61)(59, 60)(62, 63)(67, 75)(68, 72)(70, 71)(73, 74)$ ,  $\beta_3 = (Y^3 \beta_2)^2 = (1, 45)(12, 23)$ ,  $\beta_4 = \beta_3^{(\alpha_2^{-1} \alpha_1^3)} = (11, 44)(55, 66)$  and  $\beta_5 = \beta_4^{\beta_3^{\alpha_2^{-1}}} = (17, 221)(68, 85)$ . Let  $\alpha_3 = \beta_5^{\beta_3^{(\alpha_2^{-1} \alpha_1)}}$ .

Hence

$$\alpha_3 = (17, 34) (51, 85).$$

Let  $\alpha_4 = YX^{-1}\alpha_3^{-1}X$ . We can conclude that

$$\alpha_4 = (1,9)(2,6)(4,5)(7,8)(12,20)(13,17)(15,16)(18,19)(23,31)(24,28)(26,27)(29,30)(34,42)(35,39)(37,38)(40,41)(45,53)(46,50)(48,49)(51,52)(56,64)(57,61)(59,60)(62,63)(67,75)(68,72)(70,71)(73,74),$$

which is the product of twenty eight transpositions. Let  $K = \langle \alpha_2, \alpha_4 \rangle$ . Let  $\theta : K \rightarrow L_2(17)$  be the mapping defined by

$$\theta(17i+j) = j \quad \forall 0 \leq i \leq 6, \forall 1 \leq j \leq 11$$

Since  $\theta(\alpha_2) = (1, 2, \dots, 17)$  and  $\theta(\alpha_4) = (1, 9)(2, 6)(4, 5)(7, 8)$ , then  $K \cong \theta(K) = L_2(17)$ . Let  $H_0 = \langle \alpha_1, \alpha_3 \rangle$ . Then  $H_0 \cong L_2(13)$ . Moreover,  $K$  conjugates  $H_0$  into  $H_1$ ,  $H_1$  into  $H_2$  and so it conjugates  $H_{10}$  into  $H_0$ ,

where

$$H_i = \langle (i, 17+i, 34+i, 51+i, 68+i, 85+i, 102+i, \dots, 221+i)(i, 17+i)(34+i, 68+i) \rangle$$

$\forall 1 \leq i \leq 10$ . Hence we get  $L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17) \subseteq G$ . On the other hand, Since  $X = \alpha_1 \alpha_2$  and  $Y = \alpha_4 \alpha_3^X$ , then  $G \subseteq L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)$ . Hence  $G = L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17) \diamond$

**Theorem: 3.2** The wreath product  $(L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)) \text{ wr } C_k$  can be generated using two permutations, the first is of order  $252k$  and an involution, for all integers  $k \geq 1$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\sigma = (1, 2, \dots, 252k)$  and  $\tau = (k, 9k)(2k, 6k)(4k, 5k)(7k, 8k)(12k, 20k, 23k, 31k)(13k, 17k)(15k, 16k)(18k, 19k)(24k, 28k)(26k, 27k)(29k, 30k)(34k, 42k, 56k, 64k)(35k, 39k)(37k, 38k)(40k, 41k)(45k, 53k)(46k, 50k)(48k, 49k)(51k, 52k)(57k, 61k)(59k, 60k)(62k, 63k)(67k, 75k)(68k, 72k)(70k, 71k)$ . If  $k=1$ , then we get the group  $L_2(13) \text{ wr } L(17)$  which can be considered as the trivial wreath product  $L_2(13) \text{ wr } L(17) \text{ wr } \langle \text{id} \rangle$ . Assume that  $k > 1$ . Let  $\alpha = \prod_{i=0}^{11} \tau^{\sigma^{ik}}$ , we get an element  $\delta = \alpha^{45} = (k, 2k, 3k, \dots, 252k)$ . Let  $G_i = \langle \delta^{\sigma^i}, \tau^{\sigma^i} \rangle$ , be the groups

acts on the sets  $\Gamma_i = \{i, k+i, 2k+i, \dots, 251k+i\}$ , for all  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . Since  $\bigcap_{i=1}^k \Gamma_i = \emptyset$ , then we get the direct product

$G_1 \times G_2 \times \dots \times G_k$ , where, by theorem 3.1 each  $G_i \cong L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)$ . Let  $\beta = \delta^{-1} \sigma = (1, 2, \dots, k)(k+1, k+2, \dots, 2k) \dots (76k+1, 76k+2, \dots, 252k)$ . Let  $H = \langle \beta \rangle \cong C_k$ .  $H$  conjugates  $G_1$  into  $G_2$ ,  $G_2$  into  $G_3, \dots$  and  $G_k$  into  $G_1$ . Hence we get the wreath product  $(L_2(13) \text{ wr } L(17)) \text{ wr } C_k \subseteq G$ . On the other hand, since  $\delta \beta = (1, 2, \dots, k, k+1, k+2, \dots, 2k, \dots, 251k+1, 251k+2, \dots, 252k) = \sigma$ , then  $\sigma \in (L_2(13) \text{ wr } L(17)) \text{ wr } C_k$ .

Hence  $G = \langle \sigma, \tau \rangle \cong (L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)) \text{ wr } C_k \diamond$

**Theorem: 3.3** The wreath product  $(L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)) \text{ wr } S_k$  can be generated using three permutations, the first is of order  $252k$ , the second and the third are involutions, for all  $k \geq 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\sigma = (1, 2, \dots, 252k)$ ,  $\tau = (k, 9k)(2k, 6k)(4k, 5k)(7k, 8k)(12k, 20k, 23k, 31k)(13k, 17k)(15k, 16k)(18k, 19k)(24k, 28k)(26k, 27k)(29k, 30k)(34k, 42k, 56k, 64k)(35k, 39k)(37k, 38k)(40k, 41k)(45k, 53k)(46k, 50k)(48k, 49k)(51k, 52k)(57k, 61k)(59k, 60k)(62k, 63k)(67k, 75k)(68k, 72k)(70k, 71k)$  and  $\mu = (1, 2)(k+1, k+2)(2k+1, 2k+2) \dots (251k+1, 251k+2)$ . Since by Theorem 3.2,  $\langle \sigma, \tau \rangle = (L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)) \text{ wr } C_k$  and  $(1, 2, \dots, k)(k+1, k+2, \dots, 2k) \dots (251k+1, \dots, 252k) \in (L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)) \text{ wr } C_k$  then  $\langle (1, \dots, k)(k+1, \dots, 2k) \dots (251k+1, \dots, 252k), \mu \rangle \cong S_k$ .

Hence  $G = \langle \sigma, \tau, \mu \rangle \cong (L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)) \text{ wr } S_k \diamond$

**Corollary: 3.4** The wreath product  $(L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)) \text{ wr } A_k$  can be generated using three permutations, the first is of order  $252k$ , the second is an involution and the third is of order 3, for all odd integers  $k \geq 3$ .

**Theorem: 3.5** The wreath product  $(L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)) \text{ wr } (S_m \text{ wr } C_a)$  can be generated using three permutations, the first is of order  $252k$ , the second and the third are involutions, where  $k = am$  be any integer with  $1 < a < k$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\sigma = (1, 2, \dots, 252k)$ ,  $\tau = (k, 9k)(2k, 6k)(4k, 5k)(7k, 8k)(12k, 20k, 23k, 31k)(13k, 17k)(15k, 16k)(18k, 19k)(24k, 28k)(26k, 27k)(29k, 30k)(34k, 42k, 56k, 64k)(35k, 39k)(37k, 38k)(40k, 41k)(45k, 53k)(46k, 50k)(48k, 49k)(51k, 52k)(57k, 61k)(59k, 60k)(62k, 63k)(67k, 75k)(68k, 72k)(70k, 71k)$  and  $\mu = (k, a)(2k, k+a)(3k, 2k+a) \dots (252k, 251k+a)$ . Since by Theorem 3.2,  $\langle \sigma, \tau \rangle \cong (L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)) \text{ wr } C_k$  and  $(1, \dots, k)(k+1, \dots, 2k) \dots (251k+1, \dots, 252k) \in (L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)) \text{ wr } C_k$  then  $\langle (1, \dots, k)(k+1, \dots, 2k) \dots (251k+1, \dots, 252k), \mu \rangle \cong (S_m \text{ wr } C_a)$ .

Hence  $G = \langle \sigma, \tau, \mu \rangle \cong (L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)) \text{ wr } (S_m \text{ wr } C_a)$ .  $\diamond$

**Theorem: 3.6**  $S_{252k+1}$  and  $A_{252k+1}$  can be generated using the wreath product  $(L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)) \text{ wr } C_k$  and a transposition in  $S_{252k+1}$  for all integers  $k > 1$  and an element of order 3 in  $A_{252k+1}$  for all odd integers  $k > 1$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\sigma = (1, 2, \dots, 252k)$ ,  $\tau = (k, 9k)(2k, 6k)(4k, 5k)(7k, 8k)(12k, 20k, 23k, 31k)(13k, 17k)(15k, 16k)(18k, 19k)(24k, 28k)(26k, 27k)(29k, 30k)(34k, 42k, 56k, 64k)(35k, 39k)(37k, 38k)(40k, 41k)(45k, 53k)(46k, 50k)(48k, 49k)(51k, 52k)(57k, 61k)(59k, 60k)(62k, 63k)(67k, 75k)(68k, 72k)(70k, 71k)$ ,  $\mu = (252k+1, 1)$  and  $\mu' = (1, k, 252k+1)$  be four permutations, of order  $252k$ , 2, 2 and 3 respectively. Let  $H = \langle \sigma, \tau \rangle$ . By theorem 3.2  $H \cong (L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)) \text{ wr } C_k$ .

**Case: 1** Let  $G = \langle \sigma, \tau, \mu \rangle$ . Let  $\alpha = \sigma\mu$ , then  $\alpha = (1, 2, \dots, 252k, 252k+1)$  which is a cycle of order  $252k+1$ . By theorem 2.4  $G \langle \sigma, \tau, \mu' \rangle \cong \langle \alpha, \mu' \rangle \cong S_{252k+1}$ .

**Case: 2** Let  $G = \langle \sigma, \tau, \mu' \rangle$ . By theorem 2.5  $\langle \sigma, \mu' \rangle \cong A_{252k+1}$ . Since  $\tau$  is an even permutation, then  $G \cong A_{252k+1}$ .

**Theorem: 3.7**  $S_{252k+1}$  and  $A_{252k+1}$  can be generated using the wreath product  $L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)$  and an element of order  $k+1$  in  $S_{252k+1}$  and  $A_{252k+1}$  for all integers  $k \geq 1$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G = \langle \sigma, \tau, \mu \rangle$ , where,  $\sigma = (1, 2, 3, \dots, 252)(252(k-(k-1))+1, \dots, 252(k-(k-1))+252) \dots (252(k-1)+1, \dots, 252(k-1)+252)$ ,  $\tau = (1, 9)(2, 6)(4, 5)(7, 8)(12, 20, 23, 31)(13, 17)(15, 16)(18, 19)(24, 28)(26, 27)(29, 30)(34, 42, 56, 64)(35, 39)(37, 38)(40, 41)(45, 53)(46, 50)(48, 49)(51, 52)(57, 61)(59, 60)(62, 63)(67, 75)(68, 72)(70, 71)(73, 74) \dots (252(k-1)+1, 252(k-1)+9) \dots (252(k-1)+73, 252(k-1)+74)$ , and  $\mu = (252, 154, \dots, 252k, 252k+1)$ , where  $k-i > 0$ , be three permutations of order 252, 4 and  $k+1$  respectively. Let  $H = \langle \sigma, \tau \rangle$ . Define the mapping  $\theta$  as follows;

$$\theta_{(17(k-i)+j)} = j \forall 1 \leq i \leq k, \forall 1 \leq j \leq 11$$

Hence  $H = \langle \sigma, \tau \rangle \cong L_2(13) \text{ wr } L_2(17)$ . Let  $\alpha = \mu\sigma$  it is easy to show that  $\alpha = (1, 2, 3, \dots, 252k+1)$ , which is a cycle of order  $252k+1$ . Let  $\mu' = \mu^\sigma = (1, 253, \dots, 252(k-1)+1, 252k+1)$  and  $\beta = [\mu, \mu'] = (1, 252, 252k+1)$ . Since  $h.c.f(1, 252, 252k+1) = 1$ , then by theorem 2.3  $G = \langle \sigma, \tau, \mu \rangle \cong \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle S_{252k+1}$  or  $A_{252k+1}$  depending on whether  $k$  is an odd or an even integer respectively.  $\diamond$

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