

## REVISIT TO CONNECTED ALEXANDER QUANDLES OF SMALL ORDERS VIA FIXED POINT FREE AUTOMORPHISMS OF FINITE ABELIAN GROUPS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we provide a rigorous proof for the fact that there are exactly 8 connected Alexander quandles of order  $2^5$  by combining properties of fixed point free automorphisms of finite abelian 2-groups and the classification of conjugacy classes of  $GL(5, 2)$ . Furthermore we verify that six of the eight associated Alexander modules are simple, whereas the other two are semisimple.

### 1. Introduction

In knot theory, quandles were considered by G. Wraith and J. Conway in 1959 as a generalization of a group with the binary operation given by conjugation, and further developed by D. Joyce [4] in 1980 for invariants of knots. In particular, connected finite quandles receive attentions for generalization of the classical Fox's  $n$ -colorings of knots [14].

A family of connected finite quandles were already investigated in the other area of mathematics with terms such as distributive (both left and right) or left-distributive quasigroups which include all connected finite Alexander quandles, a major class of finite quandles in knot theory. For instance, Kepka and Nemeč [5] classified distributive quasigroups of order  $\leq 15$ . In particular, they explicitly described 44 nontrivial ones which agree with all connected finite Alexander quandles on the Ohtsuki's list [10]. Indeed, it is not difficult to see that a connected finite Alexander quandle bears another name, i.e., a medial idempotent quasigroup by using the Toyoda representation theorem [15] (the fundamental theorem in quasigroup theory).

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Beginning with Nelson [9], the classification of connected finite Alexander quandles has been further carried out by Murrillo and Nelson [7] for order  $2^4$ , by Grāna [1] and Hou [3] for prime power orders  $p^2$  and  $p^3$ ,  $p^4$ , respectively.

As of 2013 the classification of connected finite Alexander quandles is extended up to order  $2^5$  by using a computer in [11]. In this paper we provide a rigorous proof for the fact that there are exactly 8 connected Alexander quandles of order  $2^5$  by combining properties of fixed point free automorphisms of finite abelian 2-groups and the classification of conjugacy classes of  $\text{GL}(5, 2)$ . Furthermore, we verify that six among the eight associated Alexander modules are simple, whereas the other two are semisimple.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section we begin with definition of the Alexander module. Let  $A$  be a finite abelian group and let  $\text{Aut}(A)$  be the automorphism group of  $A$ . Then  $\phi$  in  $\text{Aut}(A)$  induces an action of  $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}[t, t^{-1}]$ , the ring of Laurent polynomials with integer coefficients on  $A$  by extending the action

$$t^{\pm 1} a = \phi^{\pm 1}(a) \text{ for every } a \in A$$

to that of  $f(t)$  in  $\Lambda$ . In this way we have a  $\Lambda$ -module  $A_\phi$ , being referred to as an *Alexander module*.

We here have a well known result.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $\phi, \psi$  be automorphisms of a finite abelian group  $A$ . Then*

- (1)  $A_\phi$  is isomorphic to  $A_\psi$  if and only if  $\phi$  is conjugate to  $\psi$  in  $\text{Aut}(A)$ , equivalently, there exists  $\pi$  in  $\text{Aut}(A)$  such that  $\pi \phi \pi^{-1} = \psi$ ;
- (2) If  $A$  is of odd order abelian group, then  $A$  is fixed point free.

Our interests in Alexander modules come from knot theory. Indeed there we have a quandle defined on a set  $Q$  with a binary operation  $\cdot$  such that for all  $x, y, z$  in  $Q$ ,

- 1)  $x \cdot x = x$ ,
- 2) a left multiplication  $L_x : Q \rightarrow Q$  defined by  $L_x(y) = x \cdot y$  is a permutation on  $Q$  for each  $x$  in  $Q$ ,
- 3)  $(x \cdot y) \cdot z = (x \cdot z) \cdot (y \cdot z)$ .

A quandle is said to be *connected* if and only if for any pair  $y, z$  in  $Q$  there exists  $x$  in  $Q$  such that  $L_x(y) = z$ . Let  $\phi$  be an automorphism of finite abelian group  $A$  with the operation written additively. Then defining

$$a \cdot_\phi b = \phi(a) + (1 - \phi)(b)$$

for all  $a, b$  in  $A$ , we have so called a finite *Alexander quandle* denoted by  $(A, \cdot_\phi)$ .

An automorphism  $\phi$  of a group  $G$  is said to be *fixed point free* if  $\phi$  fixes only the identity element of  $G$ . A finite group  $G$  is said to be *fixed point free* if  $G$  has a fixed point free automorphism.

The following basic facts are well known.

**Theorem 2.2.** ([9]) *Let  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  be automorphisms of a finite abelian group  $A$ . Then  $(A, \cdot_\phi)$  is isomorphic to  $(A, \cdot_\psi)$  if and only if  $(1-t)A_\phi$  is isomorphic to  $(1-t)A_\psi$  as  $\Lambda$ -module.*

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $\phi$  be an automorphism of a finite abelian group  $A$ . The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\phi$  is fixed point free;
- (2)  $I - \phi \in \text{Aut}(A)$ ;
- (3)  $(1-t)A_\phi = A_\phi$ ;
- (4)  $(A, \cdot_\phi)$  is connected.

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  be fixed point free automorphisms of a finite abelian group  $A$ . Then the followings are equivalent:*

- (1)  $(A, \cdot_\phi)$  is isomorphic to  $(A, \cdot_\psi)$  (as quandles);
- (2)  $A_\phi$  is isomorphic to  $A_\psi$  (as  $\Lambda$ -modules);
- (3)  $\phi$  is conjugate to  $\psi$  in  $\text{Aut}(A)$ .

Thus the problem of classifying connected Alexander quandles up to isomorphism is equivalent to that of classifying fixed point free automorphisms of a finite abelian group up to conjugacy.

Here we have well known properties of fixed point free finite abelian groups.

**Lemma 2.5.** *If  $A$  is an abelian group of odd order, then  $A$  is fixed point free.*

**Lemma 2.6.** *If  $A$  is an elementary abelian group of order  $2^r$ , then  $A$  is fixed point free if and only if  $r \geq 2$ .*

**Lemma 2.7.** *If both  $A$  and  $B$  are fixed point free, so is  $A \times B$ . The converse is also true if both  $A$  and  $B$  are characteristic subgroups of  $A \times B$ .*

**Corollary 2.8.** *If  $A$  is an abelian group of order  $4k + 2$ , then  $A$  is not fixed point free.*

*Proof.* By the classification of finite abelian groups,  $A$  is a direct product of a group of order 2 and a group of order  $2k + 1$ . Since both are characteristic subgroups of  $A$ , the assertion follows from Lemma 2.6 and Lemma 2.7.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.9.** *There are no connected Alexander quandles of order  $4k + 2$ .*

For a finite abelian  $p$ -group  $A$ , the omega subgroups are defined to be the series of subgroups of  $A$ , indexed by the natural numbers as follows:

$$\Omega_i(A) = \{a \in A \mid a^{p^i} = 1\}$$

Since the Frattini subgroup  $\Phi(A)$  of  $A$  is a characteristic subgroup of  $A$ , we may associate with each automorphism of  $A$  its induced action on the factor group  $A/\Phi(A)$ , and we have the natural homomorphism  $\lambda : \text{Aut}(A) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(A/\Phi(A))$ .

Let  $A(p^m, n)$  be the direct product of  $n$ -copies of the cyclic group of order  $p^m$ ; equivalently,

$$A(p^m, n) \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p^m} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_{p^m} \text{ (with } n \text{ factors)}$$

In particular,  $A(p, n)$  denotes the elementary abelian  $p$ -group of order  $p^n$ .

**Lemma 2.10.** For  $A = A(p^m, n)$ ,

- (1) the homomorphism  $\lambda : \text{Aut}(A) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(A/\Phi(A)) \cong \text{GL}(n, p)$  is surjective;
- (2)  $\phi$  in  $\text{Aut}(A)$  is fixed point free if and only if  $\lambda(\phi)$  in  $\text{Aut}(A/\Phi(A))$  is fixed point free.

**Theorem 2.11.** (Gross [2]) Let  $A$  be an abelian 2-group isomorphic with  $A(2^{m_1}, n_1) \times A(2^{m_2}, n_2) \times \cdots \times A(2^{m_r}, n_r)$  where  $0 < m_1 < m_2 < \cdots < m_r$ . Then  $A$  is fixed point free if and only if  $n_i \geq 2$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ .

*Proof.* The ‘if’ part follows from Lemma 2.6, Lemma 2.7 and Lemma 2.10.

For ‘only if’ part, we simply denote  $A_i = A(2^{m_i}, n_i)$ ,  $H_i = \Omega_{m_i}(A)\Phi(A)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$  and  $H_0 = \Phi(A)$ . We recall  $A_i \cong \mathbb{Z}_p^{m_i} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_p^{m_i}$  (with  $n_i$  factors) for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ , and  $m_1 < m_2 < \cdots < m_r$ . Then

- 1)  $\Omega_{m_i}(A) \cong \Omega_{m_i}(A_1) \times \cdots \times \Omega_{m_i}(A_r)$ ,  $\Phi(A) \cong \Phi(A_1) \times \cdots \times \Phi(A_r)$ ;
- 2)  $\Omega_{m_i}(A_j) = P_j \supseteq \Phi(A_j)$  for  $j \leq i$ ,  $\Omega_{m_i}(A_j) \subseteq \Phi(A_j)$  for  $j \geq i + 1$ .

Thus for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ ,

- 3)  $H_i \cong A_1 \times \cdots \times A_{i-1} \times A_i \times \Phi(A_{i+1}) \times \cdots \times \Phi(A_r)$ ;
- 4)  $H_{i-1} \cong A_1 \times \cdots \times A_{i-1} \times \Phi(A_i) \times \Phi(A_{i+1}) \times \cdots \times \Phi(A_r)$ .

Consequently,

$$H_i/H_{i-1} \cong A_i/\Phi(A_i) \cong \mathbb{Z}_p \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_p \text{ (with } n_i \text{ summands)}$$

for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ . Thus we have a proof of ‘only if’ part from Lemma 2.6.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.12.** For an abelian group  $A$  of order  $2^2$ ,  $2^3$  or  $2^5$ ,  $A$  is fixed point free if and only if  $A$  is elementary abelian.

*Proof.* By the classification of finite abelian 2-groups, there are exactly following types of 2-groups with given orders:

- $\mathbb{Z}_{2^2}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_2^2$  of order  $2^2$ ,
- $\mathbb{Z}_{2^3}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_{2^2} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_2^3$  of order  $2^3$ ,
- $\mathbb{Z}_{2^4} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_{2^3} \times \mathbb{Z}_{2^2}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_{2^3} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_{2^2}^2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_{2^2} \times \mathbb{Z}_2^3$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_2^5$  of order  $2^5$ .

Thus if  $A$  are not elementary abelian, then  $A$  are not fixed point free by Theorem 2.11.  $\square$

### 3. Main results

The problem of classifying connected Alexander quandles of order  $2^5$  is boiled down to that of classifying conjugacy classes of fixed point free automorphisms of the elementary abelian group  $A(2, 5)$  of order  $2^5$ .

Note that the automorphism group of the elementary abelian group of order  $p^n$  is isomorphic to  $\text{GL}(n, p)$ , the general linear group of dimension  $n$  over the field  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . Each element  $g$  of  $\text{GL}(n, p)$  affords a  $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ -module via the action on the vector space  $V = \mathbb{Z}_p^n$  defined by  $tv = g(v)$  for every  $v$  in  $V$ . The module is denoted by  $V_g$ , or  $V$  in short. We say that a  $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ -module is *singular* if  $tv = 0$  for some non-zero vector  $v$  in  $V$ ; otherwise, *nonsingular*.

It is well known that the conjugacy classes in  $GL(n, p)$  are therefore in one to one correspondence with the isomorphism classes of nonsingular  $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ -modules of dimension  $n$ .

We now enumerate the conjugacy classes in  $GL(n, p)$  in terms of the nonsingular  $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ -modules of dimension  $n$  up to isomorphism; the presentation is largely based on the treatment of [6].

A finite sequence  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k)$  of positive integers such that  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_k$  is said to be a *partition* of the integer  $\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i$ , which is denoted by  $[\lambda]$ . It is also convenient to consider the partition of zero as the sequence  $(0)$ . We denote the set of partitions of nonnegative integers by  $P$ .

From the structure theorem for finitely generated modules over a principal ideal domain, we see that every nonsingular  $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ -module  $V$  of dimension  $n$  is a direct sum of cyclic modules of the form  $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]/(f^m)$  where  $m$  is a positive integer and  $f$  is an irreducible monic polynomial in  $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ .

Let  $\Gamma$  be the set of all irreducible monic polynomials in  $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$  with  $t$  being excluded. It follows that each  $f$  in  $\Gamma$  maps to a partition  $\lambda(f)$  such that  $\sum_{f \in \Gamma} [\lambda(f)] \deg(f) = n$ , which yields a function from  $\Gamma$  into  $P$ .

On the other hand, for each  $f$  in  $\Gamma$  and a partition  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k)$  in  $P$ , we can associate the  $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ -modules

$$W_{f,\lambda} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^k \mathbb{Z}_p[t]/(f^{\lambda_i})$$

Note that  $\dim_{\mathbb{Z}_p} W_{f,\lambda} = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \deg(f) = [\lambda] \deg(f)$ .

Now taking mutually distinct irreducible polynomials  $f$  in  $\Gamma$  and a partition  $\lambda(f)$  so that

$$\dim_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \left( \bigoplus_{f \in \Gamma} W_{f,\lambda(f)} \right) = \sum_{f \in \Gamma} [\lambda(f)] \deg(f) = n,$$

we have a nonsingular  $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ -module  $V = \bigoplus_{f \in \Gamma} W_{f,\lambda(f)}$  of dimension  $n$ . It is also well known that the function from  $\Gamma$  into  $P$  which maps  $f$  to  $\lambda(f)$  is an invariant of the isomorphism class of  $V$ .

Summing up the above discussion, we have:

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $P$  be the set of partitions of nonnegative integers. There exists a one-to-one correspondence between the conjugacy classes of  $GL(n, p)$  and the functions from  $\Gamma$  into  $P$  which map each  $f \in \Gamma$  to a partition  $\lambda(f) \in P$  such that  $\sum_{f \in \Gamma} [\lambda(f)] \deg(f) = n$ .*

Based upon Lemma 3.1, we can enumerate a rational canonical form corresponding to the decomposition:  $V = \bigoplus_{f \in \Gamma} W_{f,\lambda(f)}$  with

$$W_{f,\lambda(f)} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^k \mathbb{Z}_p[t]/(f^{\lambda_i})$$

where  $\lambda(f) = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k)$  is a partition for each  $f$  in  $\Gamma$  such that

$$\sum_{f \in \Gamma} [\lambda(f)] \deg(f) = n.$$

**Example 1.** The rational canonical form

$$\begin{pmatrix} b & 1 & & & \\ & b & 1 & & \\ & & b & 1 & \\ & & & b & \\ & & & & c \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $b, c$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^\times$  has the minimal polynomial  $(t - b)^4(t - c)$  corresponding to the module  $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]/(t - b)^4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_p[t]/(t - c)$ .

**Example 2.** The rational canonical form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & & \\ -b_0 & -b_1 & 0 & 0 & & \\ & & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ & & -b_0 & -b_1 & 0 & 0 \\ & & & & 0 & 1 \\ & & & & -b_0 & -b_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

has the minimal polynomial  $(t^2 + b_1t + b_0)^3$  corresponding to the module  $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]/(t^2 + b_1t + b_0)^3$  for an irreducible polynomial  $t^2 + b_1t + b_0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ .

To count the number of irreducible polynomials of degree  $d$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ , we need the following well known result.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $I_p(d)$  is the number of irreducible polynomials of degree  $d$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ . Then*

$$p^n = \sum_{d|n} d I_p(d).$$

**Example 3.** If  $n$  is a prime then  $I_p(n) = \frac{p^n - p}{n}$ , since  $p^n = I_p(1) + nI_p(n)$ . The followings are a list of irreducible polynomials over  $Z_2$  with degree 2, 3 and 5.

$$\begin{aligned} & t^2 + t + 1, t^3 + t^2 + 1, t^3 + t + 1, \\ & t^5 + t^4 + t^3 + t^2 + 1, t^5 + t^3 + t^2 + t + 1, t^5 + t^3 + 1, \\ & t^5 + t^4 + t^3 + t + 1, t^5 + t^2 + 1, t^5 + t^4 + t^2 + t + 1. \end{aligned}$$

**Example 4.** (1)  $I_p(4) = \frac{p^4 - p^2}{4}$ , since

$$p^4 = I_p(1) + 2I_p(2) + 4I_p(4) = p + (p^2 - p) + 4I_p(4).$$

$$(2) I_p(6) = \frac{p^6 - p^3 - p^2 + p}{6}, \text{ since}$$

$$p^6 = I_p(1) + 2I_p(2) + 3I_p(3) + 6I_p(6) = p + (p^2 - p) + (p^3 - p) + 6I_p(6).$$

**Lemma 3.3.** *Among irreducible polynomial in  $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$  with degree  $n$ , the number of ways of choosing  $r$  polynomials allowing duplicate choices is  $\binom{I_p(n) + r - 1}{r}$ .*

**Theorem 3.4.** *There are exactly eight connected Alexander quandles of order  $2^5$ . The associated Alexander modules are isomorphic to one of the following modules:*

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{Z}_2[t]/(t^3 + t + 1) \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2[t]/(t^2 + t + 1), && \mathbb{Z}_2[t]/(t^5 + t^4 + t^3 + t^2 + 1), \\ &\mathbb{Z}_2[t]/(t^3 + t^2 + 1) \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2[t]/(t^2 + t + 1), && \mathbb{Z}_2[t]/(t^5 + t^3 + t^2 + t + 1), \\ &\mathbb{Z}_2[t]/(t^5 + t^3 + 1), && \mathbb{Z}_2[t]/(t^5 + t^4 + t^3 + t + 1), \\ &\mathbb{Z}_2[t]/(t^5 + t^2 + 1), && \mathbb{Z}_2[t]/(t^5 + t^4 + t^2 + t + 1). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* In Table 1, we have a list of rational canonical forms of  $GL(5, p)$ . The completeness of enumeration can be checked by comparing the total number of rational canonical forms with  $c_5 = p^5 - p^2 - p + 1$ , given explicitly in [6]. One immediately realizes that for  $p = 2$  rational canonical forms with linear factors in their minimal polynomials must have nontrivial fixed points because those linear factors are  $t + 1$ . Thus there are only two types of rational canonical forms with no linear factors:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & & \\ -b_0 & -b_1 & -b_2 & & \\ & & & 0 & 1 \\ & & & -c_0 & -c_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $t^3 + b_2t^2 + b_1t + b_0, t^2 + b_1t + b_0$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}_2[t]$ .

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -b_0 & -b_1 & -b_2 & -b_3 & -b_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $t^5 + b_4t^4 + b_3t^3 + b_2t^2 + b_1t + b_0$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}_2[t]$ .

From the two rational canonical forms of type  $A$  we have the semisimple modules, and from the six rational canonical forms of type  $B$  we have the simple modules. Thus we have the assertion of the theorem from Corollary 2.12.  $\square$

**Remark.** In a website [11] maintained by M. Saito, the above 8 modules are described by polynomials of degree 5. Indeed we have following factorizations over  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} t^5 + t^4 + 1 &= (t^3 + t + 1)(t^2 + t + 1), \\ t^5 + t + 1 &= (t^3 + t^2 + 1)(t^2 + t + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we see that

$$C[32, 16] = \mathbb{Z}_2[t]/(t^5 + t^4 + 1) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2[t]/(t^3 + t + 1) \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2[t]/(t^2 + t + 1),$$

$$C[32, 17] = \mathbb{Z}_2[t]/(t^5 + t + 1) \cong \mathbb{Z}_2[t]/(t^3 + t^2 + 1) \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2[t]/(t^2 + t + 1).$$

**Table 1. Rational Canonical Forms of the conjugacy classes in  $GL(5, p)$**

Canonical forms	Conditions	Number of classes
$\begin{pmatrix} b & & & & \\ & c & & & \\ & & d & & \\ & & & e & \\ & & & & f \end{pmatrix}$	$0 < b \leq c \leq d \leq e \leq f < p$	$\binom{(p-1)+5-1}{5}$
$\begin{pmatrix} b & 1 & & & \\ & b & & & \\ & & c & & \\ & & & d & \\ & & & & e \end{pmatrix}$	$b \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times, 0 < c \leq d \leq e < p$	$(p-1)\binom{(p-1)+3-1}{3}$
$\begin{pmatrix} b & 1 & & & \\ & b & & & \\ & & c & 1 & \\ & & & c & \\ & & & & d \end{pmatrix}$	$d \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times, 0 < b \leq c < p$	$\binom{(p-1)+2-1}{2}(p-1)$
$\begin{pmatrix} b & 1 & & & \\ & b & 1 & & \\ & & b & & \\ & & & c & \\ & & & & d \end{pmatrix}$	$b \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times, 0 < c \leq d < p$	$(p-1)\binom{(p-1)+2-1}{2}$
$\begin{pmatrix} b & 1 & & & \\ & b & 1 & & \\ & & b & & \\ & & & c & 1 \\ & & & & e \end{pmatrix}$	$b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$	$(p-1)^2$
$\begin{pmatrix} b & 1 & & & \\ & b & 1 & & \\ & & b & 1 & \\ & & & b & \\ & & & & c \end{pmatrix}$	$b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$	$(p-1)^2$
$\begin{pmatrix} b & 1 & & & \\ & b & 1 & & \\ & & b & 1 & \\ & & & b & 1 \\ & & & & b \end{pmatrix}$	$b \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$	$(p-1)$
$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & \\ -b_0 & -b_1 & & & \\ & & c & & \\ & & & d & \\ & & & & e \end{pmatrix}$	$t^2 + b_1t + b_0$ irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ $0 < c \leq d \leq e < p$	$\frac{p^2-p}{2}\binom{(p-1)+3-1}{3}$
$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & \\ -b_0 & -b_1 & & & \\ & & c & 1 & \\ & & & c & \\ & & & & d \end{pmatrix}$	$t^2 + b_1t + b_0$ irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ $c, d \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$	$\frac{p^2-p}{2}(p-1)^2$
$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & \\ -b_0 & -b_1 & & & \\ & & c & 1 & \\ & & & c & 1 \\ & & & & e \end{pmatrix}$	$t^2 + b_1t + b_0$ irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ $c \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$	$\frac{p^2-p}{2}(p-1)$



Canonical forms	Conditions	Number of classes
$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ -b_0 & -b_1 & & \\ & & 0 & 1 \\ & & -c_0 & -c_1 \\ & & & d \end{pmatrix}$	$t^2 + b_1t + b_0$ irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ $t^2 + c_1t + c_0$ irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ $(b_1, b_0) \leq (c_1, c_0)$ in lexicographic order $d \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$	$\binom{\frac{1}{2}(p^2 - p) + 1}{2} (p-1)$
$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -b_0 & -b_1 & 0 & 0 \\ & & 0 & 1 \\ & & -b_0 & -b_1 \\ & & & c \end{pmatrix}$	$t^2 + b_1t + b_0$ irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ $c \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$	$\frac{p^2 - p}{2} (p-1)$
$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -b_0 & -b_1 & -b_2 \\ & & c \\ & & & d \end{pmatrix}$	$t^3 + b_2t^2 + b_1t + b_0$ irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ $0 < c \leq d < p$	$\frac{p^3 - p}{3} \binom{(p-1) + 2 - 1}{2}$
$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -b_0 & -b_1 & -b_2 \\ & & c \\ & & & 1 \\ & & & & c \end{pmatrix}$	$t^3 + b_2t^2 + b_1t + b_0$ irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ $c \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$	$\frac{p^3 - p}{3} (p-1)$
$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -b_0 & -b_1 & -b_2 \\ & & 0 & 1 \\ & & & -c_0 & -c_1 \end{pmatrix}$	$t^3 + b_2t^2 + b_1t + b_0$ irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ $t^2 + c_1t + c_0$ irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$	$\frac{p^3 - p}{3} \frac{p^2 - p}{2}$
$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -b_0 & -b_1 & -b_2 & -b_3 \\ & & & c \end{pmatrix}$	$t^4 + b_3t^3 + b_2t^2 + b_1t + b_0$ irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$ $c \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$	$\frac{p^4 - p^2}{4} (p-1)$
$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -b_0 & -b_1 & -b_2 & -b_3 & -b_4 \end{pmatrix}$	$t^5 + b_4t^4 + b_3t^3 + b_2t^2 + b_1t + b_0$ irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_p[t]$	$\frac{p^5 - p}{5}$

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