



# Problem 4. «Orthomorphisms»

A young cryptographer Bob wants to build a new block cipher based on the Lai-Massey scheme. The Lai-Massey scheme depends on a finite group  $G$  with the neutral element  $e$  and an orthomorphism of  $G$ . Bob decides to use a nonabelian group and chooses a dihedral group  $D_{2^m}$ ,  $m \geq 4$ , generated by  $a, u$  with presentation

$$a^{2^{m-1}} = e, u^2 = e, ua = a^{-1}u.$$

Let  $\theta$  be a permutation of a finite group  $G$ . Then  $\theta$  is called an **orthomorphism of  $G$**  if the mapping  $\pi : \alpha \mapsto \alpha^{-1}\theta(\alpha)$  is a permutation of  $G$ .

Bob needs to construct an orthomorphism of  $D_{2^m}$ . He considers the set  $DM_m$  consisting of all mappings  $\theta_{(q_1, q_2, b_1, b_2)}^{(r_1, r_2, c_1, c_2)}$  on  $D_{2^m}$  given by

$$\theta_{(q_1, q_2, b_1, b_2)}^{(r_1, r_2, c_1, c_2)} : a^i \mapsto \begin{cases} a^{r_1 i + c_1} & \text{if } i \in \{0, \dots, 2^{m-2} - 1\}, \\ a^{r_2 i + c_2} u & \text{if } i \in \{2^{m-2}, \dots, 2^{m-1} - 1\}, \end{cases}$$

$$\theta_{(q_1, q_2, b_1, b_2)}^{(r_1, r_2, c_1, c_2)} : a^i u \mapsto \begin{cases} a^{q_1 i + b_1} u, & \text{if } i \in \{0, \dots, 2^{m-2} - 1\}, \\ a^{q_2 i + b_2}, & \text{if } i \in \{2^{m-2}, \dots, 2^{m-1} - 1\}, \end{cases}$$

and depending on  $b_i, c_i, r_i, q_i \in \{0, \dots, 2^{m-1} - 1\}$  for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ , where the operations addition and multiplication are over the residue ring  $\mathbb{Z}_{2^{m-1}}$ .

**Q1** Let  $m = 4$ . Help Bob to describe all orthomorphisms of  $DM_m$  and find their number.

**Q2** For each  $m \geq 4$ , help Bob to describe all orthomorphisms of  $DM_m$ , i. e. give necessary and sufficient conditions on  $b_i, c_i, r_i, q_i$  for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$  such that  $\theta_{(q_1, q_2, b_1, b_2)}^{(r_1, r_2, c_1, c_2)}$  is an orthomorphism of  $D_{2^m}$ .

