

tors in any group in which more than half the operators are of order 2.

A  $(2^\alpha, 2^\beta)$  isomorphism between  $G_1$  and the direct product of the dihedral rotation group of order  $2^{\beta+1}$  into an operator of order 2 can be established in such a manner as to obtain a group in which the number of operators of order 2 is either  $3 + 2^\alpha + 2^{\beta+1} + 2^{\alpha+\beta}$ , or  $3 + 2^{\alpha+1} + 2^{\beta+1} + 2^{\alpha+\beta-1}$ ,  $\beta > 0$ . In fact, it is possible to form other such isomorphisms, but these two seem especially useful in this connection. Moreover, by establishing a  $(2^\alpha, 2^\beta)$  isomorphism between  $G_1$  and a group of order  $2^{\beta+2}$  which is constructed in the same way as  $G_1$ , we arrive at groups which contain any of the following three numbers of operators of order 2:  $3 + 2^\alpha + 2^\beta + 2^{\alpha+\beta}$ ,  $3 + 2^{\alpha+1} + 2^{\beta+1} + 2^{\alpha+\beta-2}$ ,  $3 + 2^{\alpha+1} + 2^\beta + 2^{\alpha+\beta-1}$ .

From the above results it follows directly that there are groups of order  $2^m$  which contain any prescribed number of operators of order 2 which satisfies the conditions that it is  $\equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and less than 124. By other considerations this limit can readily be extended, but my methods seem too special to be given here. It would be interesting to find a number  $\equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  which could not equal the number of operators of order 2 in any group of order  $2^m$ , or to prove the non-existence of such a number.

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## ON THE ARITHMETIC NATURE OF THE COEFFICIENTS IN GROUPS OF FINITE MONOMIAL LINEAR SUBSTITUTIONS.

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PROFESSOR MASCHKE\* has proved (with a certain restriction) that the coefficients of finite linear substitution groups can, by proper transformations, be made rational functions of roots of unity. Professor Burnside † has also recently written on this subject. In this note it is proved that linear groups all of

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\* Maschke, *Math. Annalen* v. 50 (1898), p. 492.

† Burnside, *Proc. London Math. Society*, ser. 2, v. 3 (1905), p. 239.