PROJECTIONS OF THE PRIME-POWER ABELIAN GROUP OF ORDER p^m AND TYPE (m-1, 1)

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1. Introduction. A function f of the subgroups of the group G upon the subgroups of the group H is called a projectivity of G upon H(f(G) = H) if the following hold.

(1) For every subgroup S of G, f(S) is a subgroup of H.

(2) If S' is a subgroup of H, then there exists a subgroup S of G such that f(S) = S'.

(3) If S and T are subgroups of G, $S \leq T$ is a necessary and sufficient condition that $f(S) \leq f(T)$.

The correspondence f is a (1-1) correspondence which preserves the partial ordering of the set of subgroups of the group G.

Further, a projectivity f is called index-preserving if [T:S] = [f(T):f(S)] for subgroups S of cyclic subgroups T of G; and f is called strictly index-preserving if [T:S] = [f(T):f(S)] for subgroups S of subgroups T of G.

If G is the direct product of cyclic groups of order p, p a prime number, R. Baer¹ has given necessary and sufficient conditions that a group H be a projection of G. In particular he has shown that if the projectivity of G upon H is index-preserving, then G and H are isomorphic. Thus in a study of the projections of the prime-power abelian group of order p^m and type (m-1, 1), we need consider only the case m > 2.

Rottlaender² investigated the case m = 3 and found necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of a strictly index-preserving projectivity of the prime-power abelian group G of order p^3 and type (2, 1) upon a group H.

In this note, Baer's general results are used to find the necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of a projectivity of the prime-power abelian group G of order p^m and type (m-1, 1) upon a group H.

2. The necessary conditions. If G is an abelian group of the type under consideration, $G = \{u_1\} \times \{u_2\}$ where u_1 is of order p^{m-1} , m > 2,

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¹ R. Baer, *The significance of the system of subgroups for the structure of the group*, American Journal of Mathematics, vol. 61 (1939), pp. 1–44. Hereafter this paper will be referred to as B.

² Ada Rottlaender, Nachweis der Existenz nicht-isomorpher Gruppen von gleicher Situation der Untergruppen, Mathematische Zeitschrift, vol. 28 (1928), pp. 641-653.