

EXERCISE: Complete the following character table. Give brief explanations as to how each entry is obtained.

	Γ_1	Γ_2	Γ_3	Γ_4	Γ_5	Γ_6	Γ_7	Γ_8
size		3	3	16	3	3		3
χ_1			-1			-1		-1
χ_2					1			
χ_3	1		1	w	1	1		1
χ_4	1		1	w^2	1	1		1
χ_5	3		$-1+2i$		-1	1		$-1-2i$
χ_6								
χ_7	3		1		-1	$-1-2i$		1
χ_8					-1	$-1+2i$		
order	1		4	3	2	4		4

looking for g and g^{-1}

STEP 1: Let $g \in \Gamma_6$. Because $\chi_7(g) \notin \mathbb{R}$, g is not conjugate to its inverse. Let's look for the conjugacy class of g^{-1} : since $\chi_7(g^{-1}) = \overline{\chi_7(g)} = -1+2i$, g^{-1} is not in $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_3, \Gamma_5$ or Γ_8 . Also, g^{-1} does not belong to Γ_4 because the conjugacy class of g^{-1} has the same size as the conjugacy class of g . We conclude that $g^{-1} \in \Gamma_2$. It follows that $\chi_i(\Gamma_2) = \overline{\chi_i(\Gamma_6)}$ for all $i=1..8$. In particular, $\chi_2(\Gamma_2) = -1$; $\chi_3(\Gamma_2) = \chi_4(\Gamma_2) = \chi_5(\Gamma_2) = 1$; $\chi_7(\Gamma_2) = -1+2i$, and $\chi_8(\Gamma_2) = -1-2i$. Moreover, the elements in Γ_2 have order 2.

A similar argument shows that if $g \in \Gamma_4$ then $g^{-1} \in \Gamma_7$. Notice that w must be a cubic root of unity (because χ_3 is a 1-dimensional character, and $\chi_3(\Gamma_4) = w$), and it cannot be equal to 1. elements of Γ_4 have order 3 If $w=1$ then χ_3 and χ_4 differ by at most one entry; but $\chi_3 \perp \chi_4$ and $\|\chi_3\| = \|\chi_4\|$, so χ_3 and χ_4 actually becomes equal, which is a contradiction. ⁴ therefore we get: $\chi_3(\Gamma_7) = \overline{\chi_3(\Gamma_4)} = \bar{w} = w^2$

and $\chi_3(\Gamma_7) = \chi_4(\Gamma_4) = \omega^2 = \omega$. Moreover, Γ_7 has size 16 and
 looking for $\bar{\chi}$ ← The elements in Γ_7 have order 3.

STEP 2: If χ is an irreducible character with complex values, then $\bar{\chi}$ is a new irreducible character.

A quick glance at the character table shows that $\bar{\chi}_5 = \chi_6$ and $\bar{\chi}_7 = \chi_8$.

At this point we get:

	Γ_1	Γ_2	Γ_3	Γ_4	Γ_5	Γ_6	Γ_7	Γ_8
size		3	3	16	3	3	16	3

χ_1		-1	-1			-1		-1
χ_2								
χ_3	1	1	1	ω	1	1	ω^2	1
χ_4	1	1	1	ω^2	1	1	ω	1
χ_5	3	1	$-1+2i$		-1	1		$-1-2i$
χ_6	3	1	$-1-2i$		-1	1		$-1+2i$
χ_7	3	$-1+2i$	1		-1	$-1-2i$		1
χ_8	3	$-1-2i$	1		-1	$-1+2i$		1

order 1 4 4 3 2 4 3 4

Identify $\Gamma \rightarrow B$ and $\chi = \chi_{triv}$

STEP 3 - At this stage it is clear that the identity element of G must be in Γ_1 (← the unique conjugacy class of order 1) and that χ_2 must be the trivial character. We obtain: $\chi_2(\Gamma_j) = 1 \forall j=1..8$ and "size of $\Gamma_j = 1$ ".

STEP 4 - All the sizes of the conjugacy classes are known, so we can find $|G| = \sum_{i=1}^8 \#I_i = 48$.

Once the order of the group is known, we can also find the degree of the ^{missing} character:

$$|G| = \sum_{j=1}^8 (\deg \chi_j)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi_1(I_1) = 3.$$

The first, second, third, sixth and eighth columns are now complete.

STEP 5 - Use orthogonality of rows and columns to complete the table:

	I_1	I_2	I_3	I_4	I_5	I_6	I_7	I_8
χ_1	3	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1
χ_2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
χ_3	1	1	1	ω	1	1	ω^2	1
χ_4	1	1	1	ω^2	1	1	ω	1
χ_5	3	1	$-1+2i$	0	-1	1	0	$-1-2i$
χ_6	3	1	$-1-2i$	0	-1	1	0	$-1+2i$
χ_7	3	$-1+2i$	1	0	-1	$-1-2i$	0	1
χ_8	3	$-1-2i$	1	0	-1	$-1+2i$	0	1

The missing entry in the 5th column can be found by orthogonality with the first column:

$$\Rightarrow \chi_1(I_5) = 3.$$

Because $\langle \chi_1, \chi_1 \rangle = 1$, we then find: $|\chi_1(I_4)|^2 + |\chi_1(I_7)|^2 = 0$

$$\frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{i=1}^8 |\chi_1(I_i)|^2$$

\Rightarrow

$$\Rightarrow \chi_1(\Gamma_4) = \chi_1(\Gamma_7) = 0.$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \langle \chi_5, \chi_5 \rangle = 1 \Rightarrow \chi_5(\Gamma_4) = \chi_5(\Gamma_7) = 0.$$

$$\text{By conjugation, we also obtain: } \chi_6(\Gamma_4) = \chi_5(\Gamma_7) = 0.$$

$$\text{Finally, } \langle \chi_7, \chi_7 \rangle = 1 \Rightarrow \chi_7(\Gamma_4) = \chi_7(\Gamma_7) = 0,$$

hence $\chi_8(\Gamma_4)$ and $\chi_8(\Gamma_7)$ are also zero.

The character Table is now complete!

	Γ_1	Γ_2	Γ_3	Γ_4	Γ_5	Γ_6	Γ_7	Γ_8
size	1	3	3	16	3	3	16	3
χ_1	3	-1	-1	0	3	-1	0	-1
χ_2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
χ_3	1	1	1	w	1	1	w^2	1
χ_4	1	1	1	w^2	1	1	w	1
χ_5	3	1	$-1+2i$	0	-1	-1	0	$-1-2i$
χ_6	3	1	$-1-2i$	0	-1	-1	0	$-1+2i$
χ_7	3	$-1+2i$	1	0	-1	$-1-2i$	0	1
χ_8	3	$-1-2i$	1	0	-1	$-1+2i$	0	1
order	1	4	4	3	2	4	3	4

EXERCISE : Given The character Table

	Γ_1	Γ_2	Γ_3	Γ_4	Γ_5	Γ_6	Γ_7	Γ_8	Γ_9
χ_1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
χ_2	1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1
χ_3	-1	2	2	-1	-1	0	0	-1	2
χ_4	1	1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	-1
χ_5	1	1	1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	-1
χ_6	-1	2	2	1	-1	0	0	1	2
χ_7	-2	-2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
χ_8	1	-2	2	$\sqrt{3}i$	-1	0	0	$-\sqrt{3}i$	0
χ_9	1	-2	2	$-\sqrt{3}i$	-1	0	0	$\sqrt{3}i$	0

determine :

- which conjugacy class is $\{1\}$
- what is $|G|$
- The sizes of The conjugacy classes
- the orders of The kernels of The irreducible repr.s
- the irreducible faithful representations
- all The normal subgroups of G
- $Z(G)$ and $[G, G]$.

the group G has 9 conjugacy classes. the conjugacy class corresponding to the identity is Γ_3 (\leftarrow the only one with strictly positive integer entries).

the order of the group is 24:

$$|G| = \sum_{\text{all irred.}} (\dim \chi)^2 = \sum_{j=1}^9 \chi_j(\Gamma_3)^2 =$$

$$= 1 + 1 + 4 + 1 + 1 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 = 24.$$

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Once we know the order of the group, we can find the sizes of the conjugacy classes using the formula

$$\sum_{j=1}^8 \frac{|\chi_j(\Gamma_e)|^2}{\text{size of } \Gamma_e} = \frac{|G|}{\text{size of } \Gamma_e}, \quad \forall l=1..9.$$

If we denote by c_l the ^{size of} conjugacy class Γ_e , then

$$c_1 = c_4 = c_5 = c_8 = c_9 = 2$$

$$c_2 = c_3 = 1$$

$$c_6 = c_7 = 6.$$

As an immediate consequence of this calculation, we find that

$$Z(G) = \Gamma_2 \times \Gamma_3 \text{ has order 2.}$$

In particular, it follows that the element in Γ_2 has order 2

It is also convenient to keep track of the sizes h_e of the stabilizer of an element in Γ_e ($h_e = \frac{|\Gamma_e|}{|\Omega|}$):

$$h_1 = h_4 = h_5 = h_8 = h_9 = 12$$

$$h_2 = h_3 = 24$$

$$h_6 = h_7 = 4.$$

Because $h_6 = h_7 = 4$, an element in Γ_6 or Γ_7 can only have order 2 or 4.

Next, we look at the kernels of the irreducible representations. [Recall that these are normal subgroups of G].

$$\text{Ker } \chi_1 = G \rightarrow \text{SIZE } 24$$

$$\text{Ker } \chi_2 = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_4 \cup \Gamma_5 \cup \Gamma_8 \cup \Gamma_9 \rightarrow \text{SIZE } 12$$

$$\text{Ker } \chi_3 = \text{Ker } \chi_6 = \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_9 \rightarrow \text{SIZE } 4$$

$$\text{Ker } \chi_4 = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_5 \cup \Gamma_7 \rightarrow \text{SIZE } 12$$

$$\text{Ker } \chi_5 = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_5 \cup \Gamma_6 \rightarrow \text{SIZE } 12$$

$$\text{Ker } \chi_7 = \Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_5 \rightarrow \text{SIZE } 3$$

$$1 \cdot \chi \quad 1 \cdot \chi \quad - \Gamma_1 \quad - \Gamma_2 \quad - \Gamma_3 \quad - \Gamma_4 \quad - \Gamma_5 \quad - \Gamma_6 \quad - \Gamma_7 \quad - \Gamma_8 \quad - \Gamma_9 \quad - \Gamma_{10}$$

This shows that :

- χ_8 and χ_9 are faithful. there are no other irreducible faithful characters.
- Elements in Γ_8 have order 3.
- Elements in Γ_9 have order 2 or 4.

What can we say about the order of the elements in $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_4, \Gamma_8$?

Because they lie in a group of order 12, it could only be 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 or 12.

Clearly, the order is not 1 (bc none of these elements is the identity of G).

Because $\chi_4(\Gamma_4) = -1$ and $\text{degree}(\chi_4) = 1$, $o(\Gamma_4) \neq 3$
[Same for Γ_8].

Because $\chi_3(\Gamma_4) = -1$ and $\text{degree}(\chi_3) = 2$, $o(\Gamma_4) \neq 2, 4$
[Same for Γ_8].

$\Rightarrow o(\Gamma_4) = 6$ or 12 , $o(\Gamma_8) = 6$ or 12 .

A similar argument applies to Γ_1 : $\chi_3(\Gamma_1) = -1$

$\Rightarrow o(\Gamma_1) \neq 2, 4$; $\chi_8(\Gamma_1) = 1$ and $\text{deg} \chi_8 = 2 \Rightarrow o(\Gamma_1) \neq 3$

$\Rightarrow o(\Gamma_1) = 6$ or 12 .

We obtain the following table:



conjugacy class:	Γ_1	Γ_2	Γ_3	Γ_4	Γ_5	Γ_6	Γ_7	Γ_8	Γ_9
size	2	1	1	2	2	6	6	2	2
order	6 or 12	2	1	6 or 12	3	2 or 4	2 or 4	6 or 12	2 or 4

Next, we look at normal subgroups.

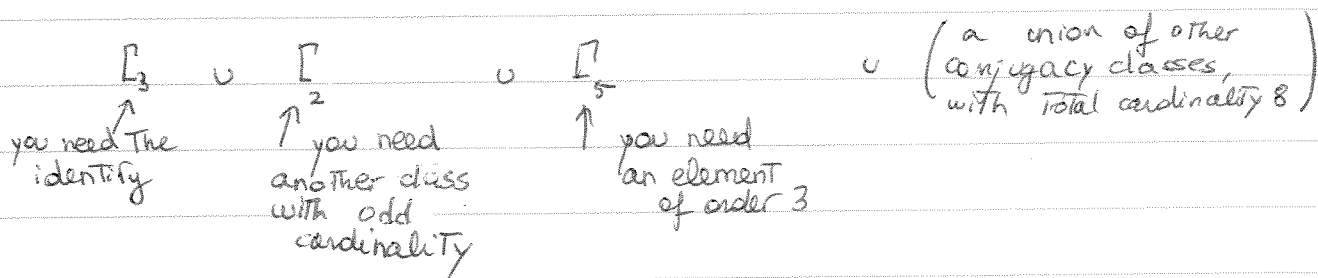
We already know that $H_1 = G$, $H_2 = \{0\}$, $H_3 = \Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_5$,
 $H_4 = \Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_9$, $H_5 = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_4 \cup \Gamma_5 \cup \Gamma_8 \cup \Gamma_9$
 $H_6 = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_5 \cup \Gamma_6$ and $H_7 = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_5 \cup \Gamma_7$ are
normal subgroups, because they are kernel of representations.

Are there any other normal subgroups?

Assume that $H \trianglelefteq G$. then $\#H \mid \#G$ and H is a union of conjugacy classes.

If $\#H = 24$, then $H = G$.

If $\#H = 12$, then possible candidates are:



So we could have

$$\Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_5 \cup \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_4 \cup \Gamma_8 \cup \Gamma_9$$

or

$$\Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_5 \cup \Gamma_6 \cup \begin{cases} \Gamma_1 \\ \Gamma_4 \\ \Gamma_8 \\ \Gamma_9 \end{cases}$$

or $\Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_5 \cup \Gamma_7 \cup H$ with arrows pointing to $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_4, \Gamma_8, \Gamma_9$.

Because the inverse of an element in Γ_4 is in Γ_8, Γ_4 and Γ_8 cannot exist separately. This cuts out the possibilities to:

- (i) $\Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_5 \cup \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_4 \cup \Gamma_8 \cup \Gamma_9$
- (ii) $\Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_5 \cup \Gamma_6 \cup \Gamma_1$
- (iii) $\Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_5 \cup \Gamma_7 \cup \Gamma_1$
- (iv) $\Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_5 \cup \Gamma_6 \cup \Gamma_9$
- (v) $\Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_5 \cup \Gamma_7 \cup \Gamma_9$.

Notice that (i) $\leftrightarrow H_5$, (ii) $\leftrightarrow H_6$ and (iii) $\leftrightarrow H_7$, so the first 3 possibilities actually give normal subgroups. Let's show that (iv) and (v) fail to give a normal subgroup.

If $H = \Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_5 \cup \Gamma_6 \cup \Gamma_9$ is a normal subgroup of G , then $H \cap H_6 = \Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_5 \cup \Gamma_6$ is also a normal subgroup of G . Contradiction! (because $H \cap H_6$ has order 10 and $10 \nmid 24 = |G|$).

Similarly, if $H = \Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_5 \cup \Gamma_7 \cup \Gamma_9$, we reach a contradiction by looking at $H \cap H_7$.

\Rightarrow the only ^{normal} subgroups of order 12 are H_5, H_6 and H_7 . Their intersections are also normal subgroups of G . So we find that $H_8 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_5$ is a normal subgroup of G (of order 6).

Are There other subgroups of order 6?

If $H \trianglelefteq G$ and $\#H = 6$ Then H must be of the form:

$$H = \Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_5 + \begin{matrix} \Gamma_1 \\ \Gamma_4 \\ \Gamma_8 \\ \Gamma_9 \end{matrix}$$

\uparrow identity \uparrow another conjugacy class with odd cardinality... \uparrow elements of order 3

We know that Γ_4 and Γ_8 cannot exist separately, so we just need to argue about

$$H = \Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_5 \cup \Gamma_9.$$

If $H \trianglelefteq G$, then $\Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_5 = H \cap H_6 \trianglelefteq G$ (of order 4). We reach a contradiction because a subgroup of order 4 cannot contain any element of order 3.

$\Rightarrow H_8 = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_5$ is the only normal subgroup of order 6.

Now we look for normal subgroups of order 8.

If $H \trianglelefteq G$ and $\#H = 8$, Then H ^{can only be} of the form:

$$H = \Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_7$$

(because no elements of order 3 or 6 or 12 are allowed)

Suppose that $H = \mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_7 < \mathbb{Z}_6$ is a normal subgroup of G . Then G/H is a well defined group of order 3, and it's necessarily abelian (so it has exactly 3 irreducible characters).

Every (linear) character of G/H lifts to a (linear) character of G with the property that H acts trivially. A quick look at the character table shows that \mathbb{Z}_6 and \mathbb{Z}_7 act trivially only in two linear characters, so we reach a contradiction.

$\Rightarrow G$ has no normal subgroups of order 8.

Finally, we consider normal subgroups of size 2, 3 and 4.

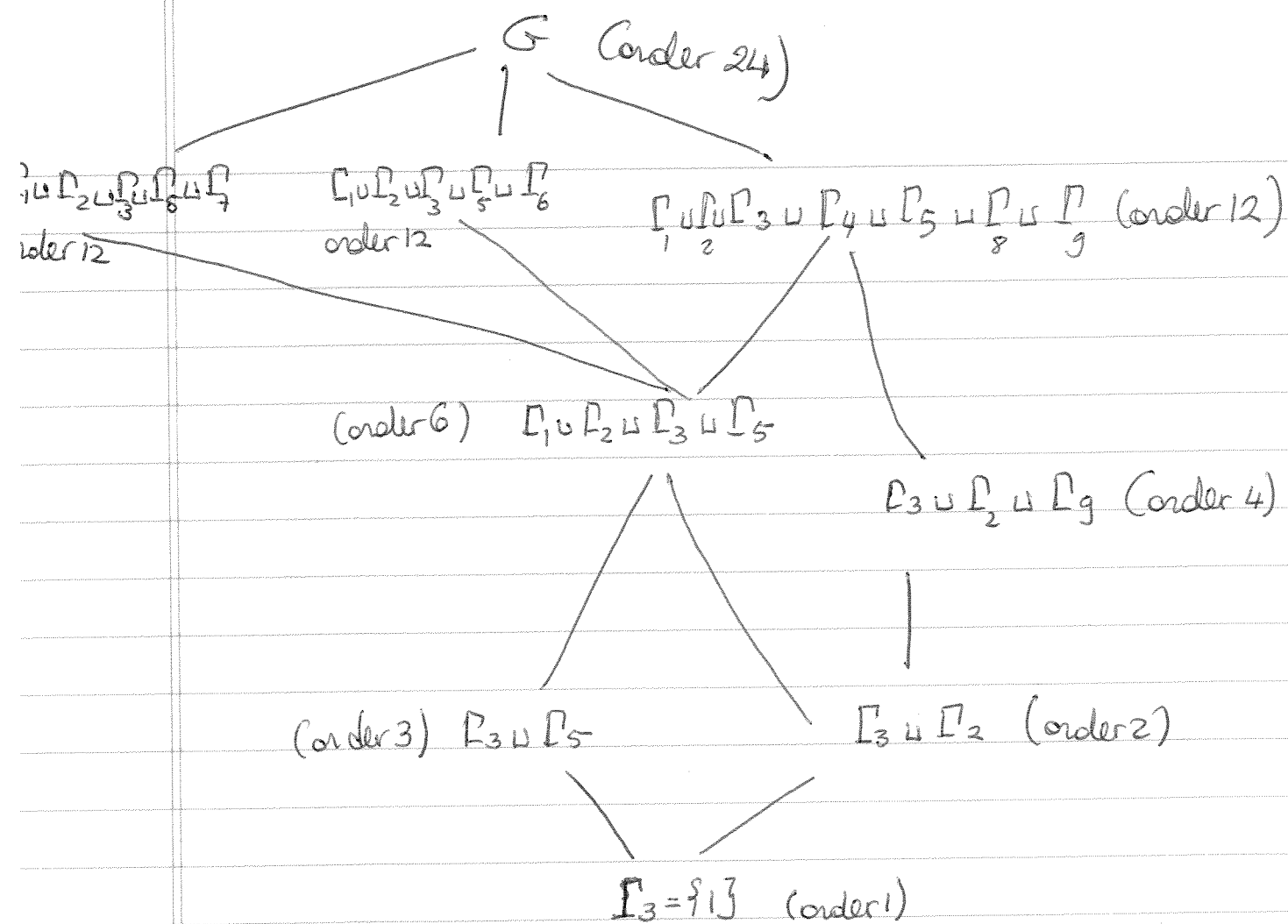
If $H \trianglelefteq G$ and $\#H=2$, then $H = \mathbb{Z}_2 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_3$. This is actually a normal subgroup, because we can recognize $Z(G)$.

If $H \trianglelefteq G$ and $\#H=3$, then the only possibility is $\mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_5$, which is indeed a normal subgroup (= H_3).

If $H \trianglelefteq G$ and $\#H=4$, then H could ^{only} be

$H = \mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_9$ (because H must contain an element of order 2 and cannot contain elements of order ≥ 6).

$H = \mathbb{Z}_3 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2 \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_9$ is actually a subgroup (= H_4).



Notice that $Z(G) = [2] \cup [3]$ (union of all the classes of size 1), and $[G, G] = [1] \cup [2] \cup [3] \cup [5]$ (order 6). We obtain $[G, G]$ as the intersection of the kernels of the linear characters.

Notice that $Z(G) \cong C_2$ and $[G, G] \cong C_6$ ($[G, G]$ has order 6 and is not isomorphic to S_3 because it has a normal subgroup of order 3).