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## **TRANSITIVE 3-GROUPS OF DEGREE** $3^n(n = 2, 3)$

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**Abstract.** In this paper we achieve a classification of transitive 3-groups of degrees 9 and 27. Other unique properties of these groups are discovered as a result.

#### INTRODUCTION

Let G be a group acting on a non-empty set  $\Omega$ . The action of G on  $\Omega$  is said to be transitive if for any  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  in  $\Omega$  there exists some g in G such that  $\beta = \alpha g$ . In this case  $|\Omega|$  is called the degree of G on  $\Omega$ . In [4], M. S. Audu, determined the number of transitive p-groups of degree  $p^2$  and in [10], E. Apine, achieved a classification of transitive and faithful p-groups (abelian and non-abelian) of degrees at most  $p^3$ whose center is elementary abelian of rank two. In this paper, we determine, up to equivalence, the actual transitive p-groups (abelian and non-abelian) of degrees  $p^2$ and  $p^3$  for p = 3 and achieve a classification according to small degrees.

#### 1. RESULTS

### 1.1 TRANSITIVE 3-GROUPS OF DEGREE $3^2 = 9$

Let G be a transitive 3-group of degree  $3^2$ , then  $|G| = 3^n$ , n=1,2,3,4. Clearly,  $n \neq 1$  and when n = 2, then |G|=9, G is essentially abelian and either  $G \cong C_9$ or  $G \cong C_3 \times C_3$ . For transitivity,  $|\alpha^G| = 9$ ,  $|G_\alpha| = 1$ ,  $\forall \alpha \in \Omega$  If  $G \cong C_9$ , then  $G \cong G_{1,2} = \langle a \rangle$ , with generator, say, a = (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9). If  $G \cong C_3 \times C_3$ , then  $G \cong G_{2,2} = \langle a,b : a^3 = 1, b^3 = 1$ ,  $ab = ba \rangle$  with generators, say, a = (1,4,7)(2,5,8)(3,6,9) and b = (1,2,3)(4,5,6)(7,8,9).

Clearly  $G_{1,3}$  and  $G_{2,2}$  are transitive on  $\Omega$  and we have:

**Lemma 1.1.1.** There are, up isomorphism, two transitive 3-groups of degree 9 and order 9, namely the abelian groups  $G_{1,2}$  and  $G_{2,3}$  described above.

When n=3, then |G|=27 and for transitivity we must have  $|\alpha^G=9, |G_{\alpha}|=3, \forall \alpha \in \Omega$ . Here G is non-abelian and we have the following possibilities for  $G: G \cong G_{1,3} = < a, b: a^9 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^4 > \text{ or } G \cong G_{2,3} = < G_{2,2}, c > \text{ with } c^3=1, G_{2,2} \leq G_{2,3}.$ 

Consider first  $G_{1,3} = \langle a, b : a^9 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^4 \rangle$  with a = (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9), then, b = (2,5,8)(3,9,6) (obtained by a Gap-programme (see PROGRAMME 1)).

For the case  $G_{2,3}$ , we obtain a presentation as follows:

 $G_{2,3} = \langle a, b, c : a^3 = 1, ab = ba, c^3 = 1, ac = cab, bc = cb \rangle$ , with, say, generators a = (1, 3, 2)(4, 6, 5)(7, 9, 8), b = (1, 5, 8)(3, 4, 7)(6, 9, 2) and c = (2, 9, 6)(3, 4, 7) (obtained by a modification to PROGRAMME 1). Clearly the above groups are transitive on  $\Omega$  and thus:

**Lemma 1.1.2.** There are, up to isomorphism, two transitive 3-groups of degree 9 and order 27, namely the non-abelian groups  $G_{1,3}$  and  $G_{2,3}$  described above.

When n = 4, |G| = 81 and for transitivity,  $|\alpha^G, |G_\alpha| = 9 \ \forall \alpha \in \Omega$ .

Thus G is non-abelian and the following are the possibilities for G:  $G \cong G_{1,4} = \langle G_{1,3}, c \rangle$ , where  $c^3 = 1$ ,  $G_{1,3} \trianglelefteq G_{1,4}$  or  $G \cong G_{2,4} = \langle G_{2,3}, d \rangle$ , where  $d^3 = 1$ ,  $G_{2,3} \trianglelefteq G_{2,4}$ For  $G_{1,4}$ , we have as a presentation:

 $G_{1,4} = \langle a, b, c : a^9 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^4, c^3 = 1, ac = ca^7b, bc = cb \rangle$ , where a and b

are the same generators as those of  $G_{1,3}$  and c = (3, 6, 9).

For  $G_{2,4}$ , we have as a presentation:  $G_{2,4} = \langle a, b, c, d : a^3 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba, c^3 = 1, ac = cab, bc = cb, d^3 = 1, ad = dac,$   $bd = db, cd = dc \rangle$ , with the same generators a, b, c as those of  $G_{2,3}$  and d = (3,4,7). Here we notice that  $G_{1,4} \cong G_{2,4}$ . Thus we have:

**Lemma 1.1.3.** There is, up to isomorphism, only one transitive 3-group of degree 9 and order 81, namely the non-abelian group  $G_{1,4}$  described above.

	$ G  = 3^n$	Number of	Number of	Number of
		transitive	transitive non-	transitive 3-
		abelian 3-group of	abelian 3-group of	groups of degree
		degree 9 up to	degree 9 up to	9 up to
		isomorphism	isomorphism	isomorphism
n = 1	3	0	0	0
n = 2	9	2	0	2
n = 3	27	0	2	2
n = 4	81	0	1	1
Total		2	3	5

We summarize our findings into the table below:

Hence we have:

**Proposition 1.1.4.** There are, up to isomorphism, 5 transitive 3-groups of degree  $3^2$ , 2 of these are abelian and of the remaining 3 non-abelian, 2 are of exponent 9 and 1 is of exponent 3.

### 1.2 TRANSITIVE 3-GROUPS OF DEGREE $3^3 = 27$

Let G be a transitive 3-group of degree 27, then  $|G| = 3^n$ , n = 1, 2, ..., 13. Clearly  $n \neq 1, n \neq 2$ . When n = 3, then |G| = 27 and for transitivity we must have  $|\alpha^G|=27$ ,  $|G_{\alpha}|=1, \forall \alpha \in \Omega$ .

Assuming first G abelian, then either  $G \cong C_{27}$  or  $G \cong C_3 \times C_9$  or  $G \cong C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3$ . If  $G \cong C_{27}$ , then  $G \cong G_{1,3} = \langle a \rangle$ , where we may take a = (1, 2, ..., 27). If  $G \cong C_3 \times C_9$ , then  $G \cong G_{2,3} = \langle a, b : a^9 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba \rangle$ , with, say, a = (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9)(10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18)(19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27), and b = (1,17,19)(2,18,20)(3,10,21)(4,11,22)(5,12,23)(6,13,24)(7,14,25)(8,15,26)(9,16,27).

If  $G \cong C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3$ , then  $G \cong G_{3,3} = \langle a, b, c : a^3 = 1, b^3 = 1, c^3 = 1, ab = ba$ , ac = ca, bc = cb >, with, say,

$$\begin{split} a &= (1,4,7)(2,5,8)(3,6,9)(10,13,16)(11,14,17)(12,15,18)(19,22,25)(20,23,26)(21,24,27), \\ b &= (1,5,6)(2,3,7)(4,8,9)(10,14,15)(11,12,16)(13,17,18)(19,23,24)(20,21,25)(22,26,27), \\ c &= (1,13,26)(2,14,24)(3,15,19)(4,16,20)(5,17,27)(6,18,22)(7,10,23)(8,11,21)(9,12,25). \end{split}$$

We next assume G non-abelian. Then the following are the possibilities for G:  $G \cong G_{4,3} = \langle a, b : a^9 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^4 \rangle$  or  $G \cong G_{5,3} = \langle K, c \rangle$ , with  $c^3 = 1$ ,  $K \cong C_3 \times C_3, K \trianglelefteq G_{6,3}$ .

Taking a = (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9)(10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18)(19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27)and

b = (1,10,19)(2,14,26)(3,18,24)(4,13,22)(5,17,20)(6,12,27)(7,16,25)(8,11,23)(9,15,21) satisfy the requirement of  $G_{4,3}$ .

For  $G_{5,3}$ , we obtain a presentation as follow:

$$\begin{split} G_{5,3} = &< a, b, c: a^3 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba, c^3 = 1, ac = cb, bc = ca^2b^2 > \text{with generators:} \\ a = (1,4,7)(2,5,8)(3,6,9)(10,13,16)(11,14,17)(12,15,18)(19,22,25)(20,23,26)(21,24,27), \\ b = (1,5,6)(2,3,7)(4,8,9)(10,14,15)(11,12,16)(13,17,18)(19,23,24)(20,21,25)(22,26,27), \\ c = (1,10,19)(2,11,20)(3,13,23)(4,14,21)(5,12,22)(6,17,25)(7,15,26)(8,16,24)(9,18,27) \\ \end{split}$$
 We easily check that the above-named groups are transitive on  $\Omega$  and we conclude:

**Lemma 1.2.1.** There are, up to isomorphism, five transitive 3-groups of degree  $3^3$  and order 27, namely the groups  $G_{1,3}$  (of exponent 27),  $G_{2,3}$  and  $G_{4,3}$  (of exponent 9) and  $G_{3,3}$  and  $G_{5,3}$  (of exponent 3) described above.

When n = 4, then |G| = 81 and for transitivity we must have  $|\alpha^G| = 27, |G_{\alpha}| = 3, \forall \alpha \in \Omega.$ 

Thus G must not be abelian and we have the following possibilities for G:  $G \cong G_{1,4} = \langle a, b : a^{27} = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^{10} \rangle$  or  $G \cong G_{2,4} = \langle G_{2,3}, c \rangle$ , with  $c^3 = 1, G_{2,3} \leq G_{2,4}$ . or  $G \cong G_{3,4} = \langle G_{3,3}, d \rangle$  with  $d^3 = 1, G_{3,3} \leq G_{3,4}$  or  $G_{4,4} = \langle G_{4,3}, c \rangle$ with  $c^3 = 1, G_{4,3} \leq G_{4,4}$ . or  $G \cong G_{5,4} = \langle G_{5,3}, d \rangle$  where  $d^3 = 1, G_{5,3} \leq G_{5,4}$  or  $G \cong$ 

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 $G_{6,4} = \langle a, b : a^9 = 1, b^9 = 1, ab = ba^4 \rangle$  or  $G \cong G_{7,4} = \langle K, c \rangle$ , with  $c^9 = 1$ ,  $K \cong C_3 \times C_3, K \trianglelefteq G_{7,4}$ . Of these groups only four satisfy the requirements for G, namely  $G_{1,4}, G_{3,4}, G_{4,4}$  and  $G_{5,4}$ .

Now taking a = (1, 2, ..., 27) and by an argument similar to the case n = 3, we get b = (1,19,10)(3,12,21)(4,22,13)(6,15,24)(7,25,16)(9,18,27).

For  $G_{4,4}$ , we have a presentation as follows:

 $G_{4,4} = \langle a, b, c : a^9 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^4, c^3 = 1, ac = ca, bc = ca^6b \rangle$ , where the generators a and b are the same for  $G_{4,3}$  and

c = (1,4,7)(2,5,8)(3,6,9)(19,25,22)(20,26,23)(21,27,24)

(obtained by a Gap-programme(see PROGRAMME 2)). For  $G_{3,4}$ , we have a presentation as follow:

 $G_{3,4} = \langle a, b, c : a^3 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba, c^3 = 1, ac = ca, bc = cb, d^3 = 1, ad = dab, bd = db, cd = dc \rangle$ , where a, b and c are the same generators of  $G_{3,3}$  and d = (1,27,18)(2,24,14)(3,19,15)(4,21,11)(5,22,12)(6,26,16) (7,23,10)(8,20,12)(9,20,16).

For  $G_{5,4}$ , we have the presentation as follows:  $G_{5,4} = \langle a, b, c, d : a^3 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba, c^3 = 1, ac = cb, bc = ca^2b^2, d^3 = 1, ad = da,$  bd = db, cd = dc > when a, b, c are the same generators of  $G_{6,3}$  and d = (1, 27, 11)(2, 19, 18)(3, 23, 13)(4, 21, 14)(5, 22, 12)(6, 26, 16)(7, 24, 17)(8, 25, 15)(9, 20, 10).

We easily check that the above-named groups are transitive on  $\Omega$  and we conclude:

**Lemma 1.2.2.** There are, up to isomorphism, four transitive 3-groups of degree  $3^3$  and order 81, namely the non-abelian groups  $G_{1,4}$  (exponent 27),  $G_{4,4}$  (exponent 9),  $G_{3,4}$  and  $G_{5,4}$  (both of exponent 3) described above.

When n=5, then |G| = 243 and for transitivity we must have

 $|\alpha^G|=27, |G_{\alpha}|=9, \forall \alpha \in \Omega$ . Thus G must be non-abelian and we have the following possibilities for G:

 $G \cong G_{1,5} = \langle G_{1,4}, c \rangle \text{ with } c^3 = 1, G_{1,4} \trianglelefteq G_{1,5} \text{ or } G \cong G_{2,5} = \langle G_{4,4}, d \rangle \text{ with } d^3 = 1,$  $G_{4,4} \trianglelefteq G_{2,5} \text{ or } G \cong G_{3,5} = \langle G_{3,4}, d \rangle \text{ with } e^3 = 1, G_{5,4} \trianglelefteq G_{4,5} \text{ or } G \cong G_{5,5} = \langle K, c \rangle \text{ with } c^3 = 1,$ 

 $K \cong C_{27} \times C_3, K \trianglelefteq G_{9,5} \text{ or } G \cong G_{6,5} = \langle G_{2,3}, c \rangle \text{ with } c^9 = 1,$  $G_{2,3} \trianglelefteq G_{6,5} \text{ or } G \cong G_{7,5} = \langle K, c \rangle \text{ with } c^{27} = 1,$ 

$$\begin{split} & K \cong C_3 \times C_3, \ K \trianglelefteq G_{7,5} \text{ or } G \cong G_{8,5} = < K, d > \text{where } d^3 = 1, \\ & K \cong C_9 \times C_3 \times C_3, \ K \trianglelefteq G_{8,5} \text{ or } G \cong G_{9,5} = < K, d > \text{where } c^3 = 1, \\ & K \cong C_9 \times C_9, \ K \trianglelefteq G_{9,5} \text{ or } G \cong G_{10,5} = < K, d >, \text{ where } d^3 = 1, \\ & K \cong C_9 \times C_3 \times C_3, \ K \trianglelefteq G_{10,5} \text{ or } G \cong G_{11,5} = < G_{6,3}, d > \text{ where } d^9 = 1, \\ & G_{6,3} \trianglelefteq G_{11,5} \text{ or } G \cong G_{12,5} = < K, d >, \text{ where } d^9 = 1, \\ & K \cong C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3, \ K \trianglelefteq G_{12,5} \text{ or } G \cong G_{13,5} = < K, d >, \text{ where } d^3 = 1, \\ & K \cong C_9 \times C_3 \times C_3, \ K \trianglerighteq G_{12,5} \text{ or } G \cong G_{13,5} = < K, d >, \text{ where } d^3 = 1, \\ & K \cong C_9 \times C_3 \times C_3, \ K \trianglerighteq G_{13,5}. \end{split}$$

For obvious reasons, only  $G_{1,5}$ ,  $G_{3,5}$ ,  $G_{4,5}$  and  $G_{2,5}$  satisfy the requirements for G. For  $G_{1,5}$ , we obtain as a presentation:

 $G_{1,5} = \langle a, b, c : a^{27} = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^{10}, c^3 = 1, bc = cb, ac = ca^{10}b^2 \rangle$ , where a, b are the same generators of  $G_{1,4}$  and c = (1,19,10)(4,22,13)(7,25,16) (obtained by a modification to PROGRAMME 2).

For  $G_{3,5}$ , we have a presentation as follows:

 $G_{3,5} = \langle a, b, c, d, e : a^3 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba, c^3 = 1, ac = ca, bc = cb, d^3 = 1, ad = dab, bd = db, cd = dc, e^3 = 1, ae = ea, be = eb, ce = eb^2c, de = eb^2d >$ , where a, b, c, d are the same generators of  $G_{3,4}$  and

e = (1,14,21)(2,12,22)(3,16,26)(4,17,24)(5,15,25)(6,10,20)(7,11,27)(8,18,19)(9,13,23).

For  $G_{4,5}$ , we have a presentation as follows:

 $G_{4,5} = \langle a, b, c, d, e : a^3 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba, c^3 = 1, ac = cb, bc = ca^2b^2, d^3 = 1, ad = da, bd = db, cd = dc, e^3 = 1, ae = ea, be = eb, ce = ec, de = eab^2d >$ , where a, b, c, d are the same generators of  $G_{5,4}$  and

e = (1,3,8)(2,4,6)(5,7,9)(10,13,16)(11,14,17)(12,15,18)(19,23,24)(20,21,25)(22,26,27).For  $G_{2,5}$ , we have:

 $\begin{aligned} G_{2,5} = &\langle a, b, c, d : a^9 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^4, \ c^3 = 1, ac = ca, bc = ca^6b, d^3 = 1, ad = da, \\ bd = da^6bc^2, cd = da^6c \rangle, \text{ where the generators } a, b, c \text{ are the same for } G_{4,4} \text{ and} \\ d = &(1,27,11)(2,19,12)(3,20,13)(4,21,14)(5,22,15)(6,23,16)(7,24,17) \ (8,25,18)(9,26,10). \\ \text{Hence we have:} \end{aligned}$ 

**Lemma 1.2.3.** There are, up to isomorphism, four transitive 3-groups of degree  $3^3$  and order 243, namely the non-abelian groups  $G_{1,5}$  (exponent 27),  $G_{2,5}$  (of exponent 9),  $G_{3,5}$  and  $G_{4,5}$  (of exponent 3) described above.

When n=6, then G = 729 and for transitivity we must have

 $|\alpha^G|=27, G_{\alpha}|=27, \forall \alpha \in \Omega$ . Thus G must be non-abelian and we have the following possibilities for G:  $G \cong G_{1,6} = \langle G_{1,5}, d \rangle$  with  $d^3=1, G_{1,5} \leq G_{9,6}$  or  $G \cong G_{2,6} = \langle G_{2,5}, e \rangle$  with  $e^3=1$ ,

$$\begin{array}{l} G_{1,5} \leq G_{2,6} \mbox{ or } G \cong G_{3,6} = < G_{3,5}, f > \mbox{with } f^3 = 1, \\ G_{3,5} \leq G_{3,6} \mbox{ or } G \cong G_{4,6} = < G_{4,5}, f > \mbox{with } f^3 = 1, \\ G_{4,5} \leq G_{4,6} \mbox{ or } G \cong G_{13,6} = < K, c > \mbox{with } c^{27} = 1, \\ K \cong C_9 \times C_3, \ K \leq G_{13,6} \mbox{ or } G \cong G_{14,6} = < G_{4,3}, c > \mbox{with } c^{27} = 1, \\ G_{4,3} \leq G_{14,6} \mbox{ or } G \cong G_{15,6} = < G_{3,3}, d > \mbox{where } d^{27} = 1, \\ G_{3,3} \leq G_{15,6} \mbox{ or } G \cong G_{16,6} = < G_{5,2}, d > \mbox{where } d^{27} = 1, \\ G_{5,2} \leq G_{16,6} \mbox{ or } G \cong G_{17,6} = < K, d > \mbox{with } d^3 = 1, \\ K \cong C_9 \times C_9 \times C_3, \ K \leq G_{17,6} \mbox{ or } G \cong G_{18,6} = < K, e > \mbox{where } e^9 = 1, \\ K \cong C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3, \ K \leq G_{18,6} \mbox{ or } G \cong G_{19,6} = < K, e > \mbox{where } e^3 = 1, \\ K \cong C_9 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3, \ K \leq G_{19,6} \mbox{ or } G \cong G_{20,6} = < G_{3,4}, e >, \mbox{ where } e^9 = 1, \\ G_{3,4} \leq G_{20,6} \mbox{ or } G \cong G_{21,6} = < K, f >, \mbox{ where } e^9 = 1, \\ G_{5,4} \leq G_{21,6} \mbox{ or } G \cong G_{22,6} = < K, f >, \mbox{ where } f^3 = 1, \\ K \cong C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3, \ K \leq G_{22,6} = < K, f >, \mbox{ where } f^3 = 1, \\ K \cong C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3, \ K \leq G_{22,6} = < K, f > \mbox{ where } f^3 = 1, \\ K \cong C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3, \ K \leq G_{22,6} = < K, f > \mbox{ where } f^3 = 1, \\ K \cong C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3, \ K \leq G_{22,6} = < K, f > \mbox{ where } f^3 = 1, \\ K \cong C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3, \ K \leq G_{22,6} = < K, f > \mbox{ where } f^3 = 1, \\ K \cong C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3, \ K \leq G_{22,6} = < K, f > \mbox{ where } f^3 = 1, \\ K \cong C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3, \ K \leq G_{22,6} = < K, f > \mbox{ where } f^3 = 1, \\ K \cong C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3, \ K \leq G_{22,6} = < K, f > \mbox{ where } f^3 = 1, \\ K \cong C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3, \ K \leq G_{22,6} = < K, f > \mbox{ where } f^3 = 1, \\ K \cong C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3, \ K \leq G_{22,6} = < K, f > \mbox{ where } f^3 = 1, \\ K \cong C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3 \times C_3$$

It is readily seen that of the above groups,  $G_{9,6}$ ,  $G_{10,6}$ ,  $G_{11,6}$  and  $G_{12,6}$  are acceptable.

For  $G_{9,6}$ , we have a presentation:

 $G_{9,6} = \langle a, b, c, d : a^{27} = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^{10}, c^3 = 1, bc = cb, ac = ca^{10}b^2, d^3 = 1,$  $ad = da^{19}c^2, bd = db, cd = dc \rangle$ , where a, b, c are the same for  $G_{10,5}$  and d = (1,10,19)(3,21,12)(4,22,13)(5,14,23)(8,26,17)(9,18,27)

For  $G_{10,6}$ , we have a presentation:

 $G_{10,6} = \langle a, b, c, d, e, f : a^3 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba, c^3 = 1, ac = ca, bc = cb, d^3 = 1, ad = dab, bd = db, cd = dc, e^3 = 1, ae = ea, be = eb, ce = eb^2c, de = eb^2d, f^3 = 1, af = fa, bf = fb, cf = fab^2e, ef = fabc^2e^2 >$ , where a, b, c, d, e are the same generators of  $G_{16,5}$  and

f = (1,3,8)(2,4,6)(5,7,9)(10,12,17)(11,13,15)(14,16,18)(19,20,27)(21,22,23) (24,25,26). For  $G_{11,6}$ , we have a presentation as follows:  $G_{11,6} = \langle a, b, c, d, e, f : a^3 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba, c^3 = 1, ac = cb, bc = ca^2b^2, d^3 = 1,$   $ad = da, bd = db, cd = dc, e^3 = 1, ae = ea, be = eb, ce = ec, de = eab^2d,$  $f^3 = 1, af = fa, bf = fb, cf = fac, df = fde^2, ef = fe >$ , where a, b, c, d, e are the same generators of  $G_{5,4}$  and

f = (1,5,6)(2,3,7)(4,8,9)(10,16,13)(11,17,14)(12,18,15).

We notice here that  $G_{10,6}$  and  $G_{11,6}$  are non-isomorphic and are of exponent 9.

For  $G_{12,6}$ , we have a representation as follows:

 $G_{12,6} = \langle a, b, c, d, e : a^9 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^4, c^3 = 1, ac = ca, bc = ca^6b, d^3 = 1, ad = da, bd = da^6bc^2, cd = da^6c, e^3 = 1, ae = ea, be = eb, ce = ea^3c, de = ecd >$ , where the generators a, b, c and d are the same for  $G_{2,5}$  and

e = (1,10,19)(2,11,20)(3,12,21)(4,13,22)(5,14,23)(6,15,24)(7,16,25) (8,17,26)(9,18,27).

Clearly,  $G_{12,6}$  is neither isomorphic to  $G_{10,6}$  nor to  $G_{11,6}$ . Moreover, Gap-programme and computations in Sym(27) show that there are no transitive *p*-groups of degree  $p^3$ , exponent *p* and orders greater than and equal to  $3^6$ . Hence we have:

**Lemma 1.2.4.** There are, up to isomorphism, four transitive 3-groups of degree  $3^3$  and order 729, namely the non-abelian groups  $G_{9,6}$  (of exponent 27),  $G_{11,6}, G_{12,6}$  and  $G_{10,6}$  (of exponent 9) described above.

When n=7, then |G| = 2187 and for transitivity we must have  $|\alpha^G|=27, |G_{\alpha}|=81, \forall \alpha \in \Omega.$ 

Thus, G must be non-abelian and arguing in a fashion similar to the case n=6, we have the following five representations for G as follows:

 $G_{1,7} = \langle a, b, c, d, e : a^{27} = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^{10}, c^3 = 1, bc = cb, ac = ca^{10}b^2,$  $d^3 = 1, ad = da^{19}c^2, bd = db, cd = dc, e^3 = 1, ae = eab^2d, be = eb, ce = ec, de = ed >,$ where a, b, c, d are the same generators of  $G_{9,6}$  and

e = (1,19,10)(2,20,11)(5,14,23)(7,16,25).

 $G_{2,7} = \langle a, b, c, d, e, f, g : a^3 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba, c^3 = 1, ac = cb, bc = ca^2b^2,$  $d^3 = 1, ad = da, bd = db, cd = dc, e^3 = 1, ae = ea, be = eb, ce = ec, de = eab^2d,$  $f^3 = 1, af = fa, bf = fb, cf = fac, df = fde^2, ef = fe, g^3 = 1, ag = ga,$  $bg = gb, cg = ga^2bce, dg = ga^2b^2de, eg = ge, fg = gf >$ , where a, b, c, d, e, fare the same generators of  $G_{11,6}$  and g = (1,4,7)(2,5,8)(3,6,9)(10,15,14)(11,16,12)(13,18,17).

 $G_{3,7} = \langle a, b, c, d, e, f : a^9 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^4, c^3 = 1, ac = ca, bc = ca^6b, d^3 = 1,$  $ad = da, bd = da^6bc^2, cd = da^6c, e^3 = 1, ae = ea, be = eb, ce = ea^3c, de = ecd, f^3 = 1,$  $af = fa^7b^2c^2e, bf = fa^3b^2ce^2, cf = fc, df = fd, ef = fbc >$ , where a, b, c, d, e, are the same generators of  $G_{12,6}$  and

f = (1,4,7)(3,6,9)(10,13,16)(11,14,17)(20,23,26)(21,24,27).

 $G_{4,7} = \langle a, b, c, d, e, f, g : a^3 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba, c^3 = 1, ac = ca, bc = cb, d^3 = 1,$  $ad = dab, bd = db, cd = dc, e^3 = 1, ae = ea, be = eb, ce = eb^2c, de = eb^2d, f^3 = 1,$  $af = fa, bf = fb, cf = fab^2e, ef = fabc^2e^2, g^3 = 1, ag = gab^2c^2d^2, bg = gb, cg = gc,$  $eg = ga^2cde, fg = gabdef \rangle$ , where a, b, c, d, e, f are the same generators of  $G_{10,6}$ and

$$\begin{split} g &= (1,27,18)(2,24,14)(3,19,15)(4,21,12)(5,22,13)(6,26,17)(7,23,10) \ (8,25,16)(9,20,11). \\ G_{5,7} &= < a, b, c, d: a^9 = 1, b^9 = 1, ab = ba, c^9 = 1, ac = ca, bc = cb, d^3 = 1, ad = da, \\ bd &= dab^8c^4, cd = db^2 >, \text{with generators } a, b, c \text{ and } d \text{ given as:} \\ a &= (1, 2, \dots, 9)(10, 11, \dots, 18)(19, 20, \dots, 27), \ b &= (1, 2, \dots, 9), \\ c &= (10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 11, 13, 15, 17) \\ d &= (1,27,11)(2,19,12)(3,20,13)(4,21,14)(5,22,15)(6,23,16)(7,24,17)(8,25,18) \ (9,26,10). \end{split}$$

Now we easily see that  $G_{3,7} \cong G_{4,7}$ . Hence, we have:

**Lemma 1.2.5.** There are, up to isomorphism, four transitive 3-groups of degree  $3^3$  and order 2187, namely the non-abelian groups  $G_{1,7}$ ,  $G_{5,7}$  (both of exponent 27),  $G_{2,7}$ ,  $G_{3,7}$  (both of exponent 9) described above.

When n = 8, then |G| = 6561 and for transitivity we must have  $|\alpha^G| = 27, |G_{\alpha}| = 243, \forall \alpha \in \Omega.$ 

Thus G must be non-abelian and arguing in a fashion similar to case n=6, we have the following presentations for G:

 $G_{1,8} = \langle a, b, c, d, e, f : a^{27} = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^{10}, c^3 = 1, bc = bc, ac = ca^{10}b^2,$  $d^3 = 1, ad = da^{19}c^2, bd = db, cd = dc, e^3 = 1, ae = eab^2d, be = eb, ce = ec,$  $de = ed, f^3 = 1, af = fa^{10}bcde^2, bf = fb, cf = fc, df = fd, ef = fe >$ , where a, b, c, d, e, are the same for  $G_{1,7}$  and f = (1,10,19)(3,12,21)(4,22,13)(6,24,15).  $G_{2,8} = \langle a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h : a^3 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba, c^3 = 1, ac = cb, bc = ca^2b^2,$  $d^3 = 1, ad = da, bd = db, cd = dc, e^3 = 1, ae = ea, be = eb, ce = ec, de = eab^2d,$  $af = fa, bf = fb, cf = face^2, df = fa^2de, ef = fe, g^3 = 1, ag = ga, bg = gb,$  $cg = gce^2, dg = gabde^2, eg = ge, fg = gf, h^3 = 1, ah = ha, bh = hb, ch = hce^2g,$ dh = habdfg, eh = he, fh = hf, gh = hg >, where a, b, c, d, e, f, g are the same generators for  $G_{11,7}$  and h = (1,3,8)(2,4,8)(5,7,9).

 $G_{3,8} = \langle a, b, c, d, e, f, g : a^9 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^4, c^3 = 1, ac = ca, bc = ca^6 b,$   $d^3 = 1, ad = da, bd = da^6 bc^2, cd = da^6 c, e^3 = 1, ae = ea, be = eb, ce = ea^3 c,$   $de = ecd, f^3 = 1, af = fa^7 b^2 c^2 e, bf = fa^3 b^2 ce^2, cf = fc, df = fd, ef = fbc,$   $g^3 = 1, ag = gac, bg = ga^3 ce, cg = gc, dg = ga^3 bc^2 de^2, eg = gb^2 ce^2, fg = gf >$ , where the generators a, b, c, d, e, f, are the same generators for  $G_{3,7}$  and g = (1,4,7)(2,8,5)(19,22,25) (21,27,24).

We easily see that  $G_{3,8} \cong G_{2,8}$ .  $G_{4,8} = \langle a, b, c, d, e : a^9 = 1, b^9 = 1, ab = ba, c^9 = 1, ac = ca, bc = cb, d^3 = 1, ad = da, bd = dab^8c^4, cd = db^2, e^3 = 1, ae = ea^4, be = eb^4, ce = ec^4, de = ea^6d >$ , where the generators a, b, c and d are the same for  $G_{1,7}$  and e = (2,5,8)(3,9,6)(11,14,17)(12,18,15)(20,23,26)(21,27,24).

Hence we have:

**Lemma 1.2.6.** There are, up to isomorphism, three transitive 3-groups of degree  $3^3$  and order 6561, namely the non-abelian groups  $G_{1,8}$ ,  $G_{4,8}$  (both of exponent 27) and  $G_{3,8}$  (of exponent 9) described above.

When n=9, then |G|=19683 and for transitivity we must have  $|\alpha^G|=27, G_{\alpha}|=729, \forall \alpha \in \Omega.$ 

Thus, G must be non-abelian and arguing in a fashion similar to case n=6, we have as presentations for G:

 $G_{1,9} = \langle a, b, c, d, e, f, g : a^{27} = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^{10}, c^3 = 1, bc = bc, ac = ca^{10}b^2, d^3 = 1, ad = da^{19}c^2, bd = db, cd = dc, e^3 = 1, ae = eab^2d, be = eb, ce = ec, de = ed, f^3 = 1, af = fa^{10}bcde^2, bf = fb, cf = fc, df = fd, ef = fe, g^3 = 1, ag = ga^{19}cd^2e^2f^2, bg = gb, cg = gc, dg = gd, eg = ge, fg = gf >, where a, b, c, d, e, f are the same for G_{1,8} and g=(1,10,19)(2,11,20)(9,18,27).$ 

 $G_{2,9} = \langle a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h : a^9 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^4, c^3 = 1, ac = ca, bc = ca^6 b,$ 

 $d^{3} = 1, ad = da, bd = da^{6}bc^{2}, cd = da^{6}c, e^{3} = 1, ae = ea, be = eb, ce = ea^{3}c,$   $de = ecdf^{3} = 1, af = fa^{7}b^{2}c^{2}e, bf = fa^{3}b^{2}ce^{2}, cf = fc, df = fd, ef = fbc, g^{3} = 1,$   $ag = gac, bg = ga^{3}ce, cg = gc, dg = ga^{3}bc^{2}de^{2}, eg = gb^{2}ce^{2}, fg = gf, h^{3} = 1,$   $ah = ha^{3}b^{2}c^{2}d^{2}, bh = ha^{4}b^{2}c^{2}dg, ch = hc, dh = hbde^{2}g^{2}, eh = ha^{4}bcdeg, hg = gh,$  fh = hf >, where the generators a, b, c, d, e, f, g are the same for  $G_{3,8}$  and h = (1,4,7)(3,6,9)(12,18,15)(21,27,24).

 $\begin{aligned} G_{3,9} = &< a, b, c, d, e, f : a^9 = 1, b^9 = 1, ab = ba, c^9 = 1, ac = ca, bc = cb, d^3 = 1, \\ ad = da, bd = dab^8 c^4, cd = db^2, e^3 = 1, ae = ea^4, be = eb^4, ce = ec^4, de = ea^6d, f^3 = 1, \\ af = fa^4 b^3 c^3, bf = fb^7, cf = fc, df = fa^3 b^6 c^6 de^2, ef = fe >, \\ \text{where the generators } a, \\ b, c, d, e, \text{ are the same for } G_{1,8} \text{ and } f = (1,7,4)(2,5,8)(19,22,25)(20,26,23). \end{aligned}$ 

Hence, we have:

**Lemma 1.2.7.** There are, up to isomorphism, three transitive 3-groups of degree  $3^3$  and order 19683, namely the non-abelian groups  $G_{1,9}$ ,  $G_{3,9}$  (both of exponent 27) and  $G_{2,9}$  (of exponent 9) described above.

When n=10, then |G| = 59049 and for transitivity we must have  $|\alpha_G|=27, |G_{\alpha}|=2187.$ 

Thus G must be non-abelian and arguing in a fashion similar to case n=6, we have the following presentations for G:

$$\begin{split} G_{1,10} = & < a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h : a^{27} = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^{10}, c^3 = 1, bc = bc, ac = ca^{10}b^2, \\ d^3 = 1, ad = da^{19}c^2, bd = db, cd = dc, e^3 = 1, ae = eab^2d, be = eb, ce = ec, de = ed, \\ f^3 = 1, af = fa^{10}bcde^2, bf = fb, cf = fc, df = fd, ef = fe, g^3 = 1, ag = ga^{19}cd^2e^2f^2, \\ bg = gb, cg = gc, dg = gd, eg = ge, fg = gf, h^3 = 1, ah = hac^2dg^2, bh = hb, ch = hc, \\ dh = hd, eh = he, fh = hf, gh = hg >, where a, b, c, d, e, f, g are the same for G_{1,9} \\ and h = (1,10,19)(3,21,12)(4,22,13)(7,16,25). \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} G_{3,10} = &< a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, k : a^9 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^4, c^3 = 1, ac = ca, bc = ca^6 b, \\ d^3 = 1, ad = da, bd = da^6 bc^2, cd = da^6 c, e^3 = 1, ae = ea, be = eb, ce = ea^3 c, de = ecd, \\ f^3 = 1, af = fa^7 b^2 c^2 e, bf = fa^3 b^2 ce^2, cf = fc, df = fd, ef = fbc, g^3 = 1, ag = gac, \\ bg = ga^3 ce, cg = gc, dg = ga^3 bc^2 de^2, eg = gb^2 ce^2, fg = gf, h^3 = 1, ah = ha^3 b^2 c^2 d^2, \\ bh = ha^4 b^2 c^2 dg, ch = hc, dh = hbde^2 g^2, eh = ha^4 bcdeg, hg = gh, fh = hf, k^3 = 1, \\ ak = kd^2 e^2 g, bk = ka^4 bcdef, ck = kc, dk = kcdf^2 g^2, ek = ka^7 de^2 f, fk = kf, gk = kg, \end{split}$$

hk = kh >, where the generators a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h are the same for  $G_{3,9}$  and k=(1,4,7)(10,13,16)(12,18,15)(21,27,24).

 $\begin{aligned} G_{2,10} = &\langle a, b, c, d, e, f, g : a^9 = 1, b^9 = 1, ab = ba, c^9 = 1, ac = ca, bc = cb, d^3 = 1, \\ ad = da, bd = dab^8 c^4, cd = db^2, e^3 = 1, ae = ea^4, be = eb^4, ce = ec^4, de = ea^6d, f^3 = 1, \\ af = fa^4 b^3 c^3, bf = fb^7, cf = fc, df = fa^3 b^6 c^6 de^2, ef = fe, ag = gab^3, bg = gb^4, \\ cg = gc, dg = gb^3 c^6 df^2, eg = ge, fg = gf \rangle, \\ \text{where the generators } a, b, c, d, e, f \text{ are the same for } G_{1,9} \text{ and } g = (1,7,4)(3,6,9). \end{aligned}$ 

Hence we have:

**Lemma 1.2.8.** There are, up to isomorphism, three transitive 3-groups of degree  $3^3$  and order 59049, namely the non-abelian groups  $G_{1,10}$ ,  $G_{2,10}$  (of exponent 27) and  $G_{3,10}$  (of exponent 9) described above.

When n=11, then |G|=177147 and for transitivity we must have  $|\alpha^G|=27, |G_{\alpha}|=6561 \quad \forall \alpha \in \Omega.$ 

Thus G must be non-abelian and arguing in a fashion similar to case n=6, we have the following presentations for G as follows:

fm = mf, gm = mg, hm = mh, km = mk >, where the generators a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, kare the same for  $G_{3,10}$  and m = (1,4,7)(10,13,16)(11,14,17)(12,15,18).

 $\begin{aligned} G_{2,11} &= \langle a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h : a^9 = 1, b^9 = 1, ab = ba, c^9 = 1, ac = ca, bc = cb, \\ d^3 &= 1, ad = da, bd = dab^8 c^4, cd = db^2, e^3 = 1, ae = ea^4, be = eb^4, ce = ec^4, \\ de &= ea^6 d, f^3 = 1, af = fa^4 b^3 c^3, bf = fb^7, cf = fc, df = fa^3 b^6 c^6 de^2, ef = fe, \\ ag &= gab^3, bg = gb^4, cg = gc, dg = gb^3 c^6 df^2, eg = ge, fg = gf, h^3 = 1, \\ ah &= hab^6 c^3 e, bh = hb, ch = ha^6 b^3 c^7 e^2 fg^2, dh = ha^6 c^3 def^2, he = eh, hf = fh, \\ hg &= gh >, \text{ where the generators } a, b, c, d, e, f, g \text{ are the same for } G_{1,10} \text{ and} \\ h &= (1,7,4)(2,8,5)(12,15,18)(20,23,26). \end{aligned}$ 

Hence we have:

**Lemma 1.2.9.** There is, up to isomorphism, three transitive 3-groups of degree  $3^3$  and order 177147, namely the non-abelian groups  $G_{1,11}$ ,  $G_{2,11}$  (of exponent 27) and  $G_{3,11}$  (of exponent 9) described above.

When n=12, then |G| = 531441 and for transitivity we must have  $|\alpha^G| = 27, |G_{\alpha}| = 19683, \forall \alpha \in \Omega.$ 

Thus G must be non-abelian and, arguing in a fashion similar to case n=6, we have the following presentations for G:

$$\begin{split} G_{1,12} &= < a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, k, m : a^{27} = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^{10}, c^3 = 1, bc = bc, \\ ac &= ca^{10}b^2, d^3 = 1, ad = da^{19}c^2, bd = db, cd = dc, e^3 = 1, ae = eab^2d, be = eb, ce = ec, \\ de &= ed, f^3 = 1, af = fa^{10}bcde^2, bf = fb, cf = fc, df = fd, ef = fe, g^3 = 1, \\ ag &= ga^{19}cd^2e^2f^2, bg = gb, cg = gc, dg = gd, eg = ge, fg = gf, h^3 = 1, \\ ah &= hac^2dg^2, bh = hb, ch = hc, dh = hd, eh = he, fh = hf, gh = hg, k^3 = 1, \\ ak &= kab^2d^2e^2fgh, bk = kb, ck = kc, dk = kd, ek = ke, fk = kf, gk = kg, \\ hk &= kh, m^3 = 1, am = ma^{16}bcdefg^2h, bm = mb, cm = mc, dm = ma^9bd, \\ em &= ma^{18}bc, fm = mb^2cf, gm = mcd^2eg, hm = ma^{18}b^2c^2f^2h, km = mbcde^2k >, \\ where a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, k are the same for G_{1,11} and \end{split}$$

m = (1,10,19)(2,17,5)(3,6,27)(7,16,25)(8,23,20)(9,12,15)(11,26,14)(18,21,24).

 $\begin{aligned} G_{3,12} &= < a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, k, m, n : a^9 = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^4, c^3 = 1, ac = ca, \\ bc &= ca^6b, \ d^3 = 1, ad = da, bd = da^6bc^2, cd = da^6c, e^3 = 1, ae = ea, be = eb, \\ ce &= ea^3c, de = ecd, \ f^3 = 1, af = fa^7b^2c^2e, bf = fa^3b^2ce^2, cf = fc, df = fd, \end{aligned}$ 

 $ef = fbc, g^3 = 1, ag = gac, bg = ga^3ce, cg = gc, dg = ga^3bc^2de^2, eg = gb^2ce^2,$   $fg = gf, h^3 = 1, ah = ha^3b^2c^2d^2, bh = ha^4b^2c^2dg, ch = hc, dh = hbde^2g^2,$   $eh = ha^4bcdeg, hg = gh, fh = hf, k^3 = 1, ak = kd^2e^2g, bk = ka^4bcdef, ck = kc,$   $dk = kcdf^2g^2, ek = ka^7de^2f, fk = kf, gk = kg, hk = kh, m^3 = 1, am = ma^8cdefgh^2,$   $bm = ma^4bdef^2g^2h^2k^2, cm = mc, dm = mbc^2de^2fg^2h^2k, em = mae^2de^2f^2g^2k^2,$   $fm = mf, gm = mg, hm = mh, km = mk, n^3 = 1, an = nab^2d^2e, bn = nbcdf^2g,$   $cn = na^6bc^2e^2, dn = nd, en = na^3bc^2df^2g, fn = nf, gn = nbce^2fg, hn = na^6b^2cef^2gk,$   $kn = na^6b^2cef^2gh^2k^2, mn = nbe^2f^2h^2km >$ , where the generators a, b, c, d, e, f, g,h, k, m are the same for  $G_{3,11}$  and

$$n = (1,11,27)(2,25,15)(4,14,21)(5,19,18)(7,17,24)(8,22,12).$$

 $G_{2,12} = \langle a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, k : a^9 = 1, b^9 = 1, ab = ba, c^9 = 1, ac = ca, bc = cb,$   $d^3 = 1, ad = da, bd = dab^8c^4, cd = db^2, e^3 = 1, ae = ea^4, be = eb^4, ce = ec^4,$   $de = ea^6d, f^3 = 1, af = fa^4b^3c^3, bf = fb^7, cf = fc, df = fa^3b^6c^6de^2, ef = fe,$   $ag = gab^3, bg = gb^4, cg = gc, dg = gb^3c^6df^2, eg = ge, fg = gf, h^3 = 1,$   $ah = hab^6c^3e, bh = hb, ch = ha^6b^3c^7e^2fg^2, dh = ha^6c^3def^2, he = eh, hf = fh,$   $hg = gh, ak = ka^4c^3f, bk = kb^7g^2, ck = kc, dk = kc^6de^2fgh^2, ek = ke, fk = kf,$  gk = kg, hk = kh >, where the generators a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h are the same for  $G_{1,11}$ and k = (2,8,5)(21,24,27).

Hence we have:

**Lemma 1.2.10.** There are, up to isomorphism, three transitive 3-groups of degree  $3^3$  and order 531441, namely the non-abelian groups  $G_{1,12}$ ,  $G_{2,12}$  (of exponent 27) and  $G_{3,12}$  (of exponent 9) described above.

When n=13, then |G|=1594323 and for transitivity we must have  $|\alpha^G|=27, |G_{\alpha}|=19683, \forall \alpha \in \Omega.$ 

Thus G must be non-abelian and arguing in a fashion similar to case n=6, we have the following presentations for G:

 $\begin{aligned} G_{1,13} = &\langle a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, k, m, n : a^{27} = 1, b^3 = 1, ab = ba^{10}, c^3 = 1, bc = bc, \\ ac = ca^{10}b^2, d^3 = 1, ad = da^{19}c^2, bd = db, cd = dc, e^3 = 1, ae = eab^2d, be = eb, \\ ce = ec, de = ed, f^3 = 1, af = fa^{10}bcde^2, bf = fb, cf = fc, df = fd, ef = fe, g^3 = 1, \\ ag = ga^{19}cd^2e^2f^2, bg = gb, cg = gc, dg = gd, eg = ge, fg = gf, h^3 = 1, ah = hac^2dg^2, \end{aligned}$ 

 $bh = hb, ch = hc, dh = hd, eh = he, fh = hf, gh = hg, k^{3} = 1, ak = kab^{2}d^{2}e^{2}fgh, \\ bk = kb, ck = kc, dk = kd, ek = ke, fk = kf, gk = kg, hk = kh, m^{3} = 1, \\ am = ma^{16}bcdefg^{2}h, bm = mb, cm = mc, dm = ma^{9}bd, em = ma^{18}bc, \\ fm = mb^{2}cf, gm = mcd^{2}eg, hm = ma^{18}b^{2}c^{2}f^{2}h, km = mbcde^{2}k, n^{3} = 1, \\ an = na^{16}cd^{2}fh^{2}km^{2}, bn = nb, cn = nc, dn = nb^{2}cd, en = ne, fn = nb^{2}cf, \\ gn = na^{9}c^{2}defg, hn = na^{18}b^{2}c^{2}d^{2}e^{2}f^{2}h, kn = na^{18}bd^{2}e^{2}f^{2}k, mn = na^{18}b^{2}d^{2}fm >, \\ where a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, k, m and n are the same for G_{1,12} and \\ n = (1,10,19)(12,24,27)(6,9,21)(3,15,18)(8,26,17)(7,25,16)(5,23,14).$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} G_{3,13}=< a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,k,m,n,p:a^9=1,b^3=1,ab=ba^4,c^3=1,ac=ca,\\ bc=ca^6b,d^3=1,ad=da,bd=da^6bc^2,cd=da^6c,e^3=1,ae=ea,be=eb,\\ ce=ea^3c,de=ecd,f^3=1,af=fa^7b^2c^2e,bf=fa^3b^2ce^2,cf=fc,df=fd,\\ ef=fbc,g^3=1,ag=gac,bg=ga^3ce,cg=gc,dg=ga^3bc^2de^2,eg=gb^2ce^2,\\ fg=gf,h^3=1,ah=ha^3b^2c^2d^2,bh=ha^4b^2c^2dg,ch=hc,dh=hbde^2g^2,\\ eh=ha^4bcdeg,hg=gh,fh=hf,k^3=1,ak=kd^2e^2g,bk=ka^4bcdef,ck=kc,\\ dk=kcdf^2g^2,ek=ka^7de^2f,fk=kf,gk=kg,hk=kh,m^3=1,am=ma^8cdefgh^2,\\ bm=ma^4bdef^2g^2h^2k^2,cm=mc,dm=mbc^2de^2fg^2h^2k,em=mae^2de^2f^2g^2k^2,\\ fm=mf,gm=mg,hm=mh,km=mk,n^3=1,an=nab^2d^2e,bn=nbcdf^2g,\\ cn=na^6bc^2e^2,dn=nd,en=na^3bc^2df^2g,fn=nf,gn=nbce^2fg,hn=na^6b^2cef^2gk^2,\\ kn=na^6b^2cef^2gh^2k^2,mn=nbe^2f^2h^2kn^2,fp=pf,gp=pa^6fg,hp=pb^2efg^2h^2k^2,\\ kp=pb^2efg^2h,np=pn>,\\ \text{where the generators } a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,k,m,n \text{ are the same for } G_{3,12} \\ \text{and} \end{array}$ 

p = (1,4,7)(2,12,19)(5,15,22)(8,18,25)(11,14,17)(21,24,27).

 fl = lf, gl = lg, hl = lh, kl = lk >, where the generators a, b, c, d, e, f, g, k are the same for  $G_{1,12}$  and l=(21,27,24).

Hence we have:

**Lemma 1.2.11.** There are, up to isomorphism, three transitive 3-groups of degree  $3^3$  and order 1594323, namely the non-abelian groups  $G_{1,13}$ ,  $G_{2,13}$  (of exponent 27) and  $G_{3,13}$  (of exponent 9) described above.

We summarize our findings:

	$ G  = 3^{n}$	Number of	Number of	Number of
		transitive	transitive non-	transitive 3-
		abelian 3-group of	abelian 3-group of	groups of degree
		degree 27 up to	degree 27 up to	27  up to
		isomorphism	isomorphism	isomorphism
n=1	3	0	0	0
n=2	9	0	0	0
n=3	27	3	2	5
n=4	81	0	4	4
n=5	243	0	4	4
n=6	729	0	4	4
n=7	2187	0	4	4
n=8	6561	0	3	3
n=9	19683	0	3	3
n=10	59049	0	3	3
n=11	177147	0	3	3
n=12	531441	0	3	3
n=13	1594323	0	3	3
Total		3	36	39

We may state:

**Proposition 1.2.12.** There are, up to isomorphism, 39 transitive 3 - groups of degree  $3^3$ , three of these are abelian. Of the remaining 36 non - abelian, 17 are of exponent 27, 13 are of exponent 9 and 6 are of exponent 3.

PROGRAMME 1:	PROGRAMME 2:
PROGRAMME 1: gap>s8:=Group((1,2),(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8));; gap> a:=(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8);; b:=(1,7)(3,5)(4,8);; gap> h:=Subgroup(s8,[a,b]);; gap> diff:= Difference(s8,h);; gap> req:= [];; gap> for c in diff do > if c^2=() then > if b^c=b then > if b^c=b then > Add(req,c); > fi; > fi; > fi; > od; gap>req; [(1,3)(4,8)(5,7),(1,7)(2,6)(3,5)]	PROGRAMME 2: gap>s8:=SymmetricGroup(8);; gap>a:=(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8);; b:=(1,7)(3,5)(4,8);;c:=(1,3)(4,8)(5,7);; gap>H:=Subgroup(s8,[a,b,c]);; gap>diff:=Difference(s8,H);; gap>req:=[];; gap>for r in diff do > if r^2=() then > if Order(s8,r)<>4 then > if Order(s8,r)<>8 then > if a^r in H then > if b^r in H then > if size(Subgroup(s8,[a,b,c,r]))=64 then > Add(req,r); > fi; > fi;
	((1,6)(2,5)(3,8)(4,7),(1,7)(2,4)(3,5)(6,8),(1,7)(2,8)(3,5)(4,6),(1,8)(2,3)(4,5)(6,7)]

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