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## On 2 nonsplit extension groups associated with $HS$ and $HS:2$

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**Abstract:** The group  $HS:2$  is the full automorphism group of the Higman–Sims group  $HS$ . The groups  $2^4 \cdot S_6$  and  $2^5 \cdot S_6$  are maximal subgroups of  $HS$  and  $HS:2$ , respectively. The group  $2^4 \cdot S_6$  is of order 11520 and  $2^5 \cdot S_6$  is of order 23040 and each of them is of index 3850 in  $HS$  and  $HS:2$ , respectively. The aim of this paper is to first construct  $\overline{G} = 2^5 \cdot S_6$  as a group of the form  $2^4 \cdot S_6.2$  (that is,  $\overline{G} = \overline{G}_1.2$ ) and then compute the character tables of these 2 nonsplit extension groups by using the method of Fischer–Clifford theory. We will show that the projective character tables of the inertia factor groups are not required. The Fischer–Clifford matrices of  $\overline{G}_1$  and  $\overline{G}$  are computed. These matrices together with the partial character tables of the inertia factors are used to compute the full character tables of these 2 groups. The fusion of  $\overline{G}_1$  into  $\overline{G}$  is also given.

**Key words:** Group extensions, Higman–Sims group, automorphism group, character table, Clifford theory, inertia groups, Fischer–Clifford matrices

### 1. Introduction

The Higman–Sims group,  $HS$ , is a sporadic simple group of order  $2^9 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 = 44352000$ . This is a group that was discovered in 1967 by Higman and Sims [16]. It is a simple group of index 2 in the group of automorphisms of the Higman–Sims graph. Higman and Sims were attending a presentation by Marshall Hall on the Hall–Janko group,  $J_2$ , which is a permutation group on 100 points with the stabilizer of a point a subgroup with the other 2 orbits of length 36 and 63. They then thought of a group of permutations on 100 points containing the Mathieu group  $M_{22}$ , which has a permutation representation on 22 and 77 points. From these 2 ideas they found  $HS$ , with a 1-point stabilizer isomorphic to  $M_{22}$ . Higman, in 1969 [15], independently discovered this group as a doubly transitive group acting on a certain “geometry” of 176 points. In his classical paper Conway [7] showed that  $HS$  is a subgroup of each of the Conway groups  $Co_1, Co_2$ , and  $Co_3$ . This group is also 1 of the 7 sporadic groups found in  $Co_1$  but not in the Mathieu groups, and this set of groups is also known as the *second generation* of sporadic groups. The group  $HS:2$  is of order  $88704000 = 2^{10} \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11$  and it is the full automorphism group of  $HS$ . The aim of this paper is to compute the Fischer–Clifford matrices of  $\overline{G}_1$  and  $\overline{G}$ . We use these matrices and the partial character tables of each inertia factor group to compute the full character table of each group. In fact, we will show that the projective character tables of the inertia factor groups are not required. This work is taken from the dissertation of the second author [34] and the notations used are consistent with that of the ATLAS [8] and the ATLAS of group representations V3 [36].

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The method used is based on Fischer–Clifford theory. Let  $\bar{G} = N \cdot G$ , where  $N \triangleleft \bar{G}$  and  $\bar{G}/N \cong G$  is a group extension. The character table of  $\bar{G}$  can be constructed once we have:

- the character tables (ordinary and projective) of the inertia factor groups,
- the fusions of classes of the inertia factors into classes of  $G$ ,
- the Fischer–Clifford matrices of  $\bar{G} = N \cdot G$ .

We will see later that for the groups under discussion in this paper, the projective characters of the inertia factor groups are not involved (only ordinary characters of the inertia factor groups are needed); hence, we are only dealing with the special case of Fischer–Clifford theory, which we outline in the following text.

Let  $\bar{g} \in \bar{G}$  be a lifting of  $g \in G$  under the natural homomorphism  $\bar{G} \rightarrow G$  and  $[g]$  be a conjugacy class of elements of  $G$  with representative  $g$ . Let  $\{\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_t\}$  be a set of representatives of the orbits of  $\bar{G}$  on  $\text{Irr}(N)$  such that for  $1 \leq i \leq t$ , we have inertia groups  $\bar{H}_i = I_{\bar{G}}(\theta_i)$  with the corresponding inertia factors  $H_i$ . For each  $[g]$  we obtain the matrix  $M(g)$  given by

$$M(g) = \begin{bmatrix} M_1(g) \\ M_2(g) \\ \vdots \\ M_t(g) \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $M_i(g)$  is the submatrix corresponding to the inertia group  $\bar{H}_i$  and its inertia factor  $H_i$ . If  $H_i \cap [g] = \emptyset$ , then  $M_i(g)$  will not exist and  $M(g)$  does not contain  $M_i(g)$ . The size of the matrix  $M(g)$  is  $c(g) \times c(g)$ , where  $c(g)$  is the number of conjugacy classes of elements of  $\bar{G}$  that correspond to the coset  $\bar{g}N$ . Then  $M(g)$  is the *Fischer–Clifford matrix* of  $\bar{G}$  corresponding to the coset  $\bar{g}N$ . The partial character table of  $\bar{G}$  on the classes  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{c(g)}\}$  is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_1(g)M_1(g) \\ C_2(g)M_2(g) \\ \vdots \\ C_t(g)M_t(g) \end{bmatrix},$$

where the Fischer–Clifford matrix  $M(g)$  is divided into blocks with each block corresponding to an inertia group  $\bar{H}_i$  and  $C_i(g)$  is the partial character table of  $H_i$  consisting of the columns corresponding to the classes that fuse into  $[g]$  in  $G$ . We obtain the characters of  $\bar{G}$  by multiplying the relevant columns of the characters of  $H_i$  by the rows of  $M(g)$ .

The theory of Fischer–Clifford matrices, which is based on Clifford theory (see [6]), was developed by B. Fischer ([11], [12], and [13]). This technique has also been discussed and applied to both split and nonsplit extension in several publications, for example in [1, 2, 4, 25, 29]. One can read more on Fischer–Clifford theory and projective characters in [10, 28, 27, 35] and [9, 18, 17, 20, 30, 31, 32], respectively. For the theory of characters one can also read [19].

### 1.1. The Conway groups

Leech created a lattice that gives the tightest lattice packing of spheres in 24 dimensions [21]. Conway analyzed the symmetry of this lattice in detail in [7] and discovered 3 previously unknown sporadic groups, namely the  $Co_1$ ,  $Co_2$ , and  $Co_3$ . Let us give a definition of the Leech lattice, which is given as Theorem 5.1 in [37].

**Definition 1.1** The *Leech lattice*  $\Lambda$  is a 24-dimensional even integral lattice containing no vectors of norm 2, 196560 vectors of norm 4, 16773120 vectors of norm 6, and 398034000 vectors of norm 8.

We first construct the biggest Conway group  $Aut(\Lambda) = .O = 2.Co_1$  as a group of  $24 \times 24$  matrices. All the vectors of norm 8 in the Leech lattice fall into congruence classes of 48 pairs of mutually perpendicular vectors called the *crosses* and we get 8292375 such crosses. When  $.O$  acts on these crosses, the stabilizer of a cross is a group  $2^{12}:M_{24}$ , which is maximal in  $.O$ . So  $.O$  is a group of order  $8292375 \cdot 2^{12} \cdot |M_{24}|$ . The group  $.O$  is a perfect group with  $Z(.O) = 2$ . The quotient of this group by the center is a group denoted by  $.1 = Co_1$  and is of order

$$|Co_1| = 4157776806543360000 = 2^{21} \cdot 3^9 \cdot 5^4 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 23.$$

Note that the action of  $.O$  on crosses is transitive and  $Co_1$  is a simple group.

$.O$  also acts transitively on vectors of norm 4 having the products  $\pm 4$  or 0. These 3 orbits of  $2^{12}:M_{24}$  on vectors of norm 4 are fused into a single orbit under  $2.Co_1$ . The stabilizer of a vector of norm 4 is denoted by  $Co_2$ , where

$$|Co_2| = 42305421312000 = 2^{18} \cdot 3^6 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 23.$$

Lastly,  $.O$  is transitive on vectors of norm 6. The stabilizer of a vector of norm 6 is denoted by  $Co_3$  and is of order

$$|Co_3| = 423054213122000 = 2^{10} \cdot 3^7 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 23.$$

From the ATLAS [8] we see that  $Co_3 \leq Co_2 \leq Co_1$  with  $Co_2$  and  $Co_3$  both maximal subgroups of  $Co_1$  and  $Co_3$  a maximal subgroup of  $Co_2$ .

### 1.2. The Higman–Sims group

We get the Higman–Sims group  $HS$  by showing that  $Co_3$  acts transitively on the set  $S$  of 11178 vectors of norm 4 that have inner product  $-2$  with vector  $v$ , when  $v = (-2^{12}, 0^{12})$ . The monomial group  $2 \times M_{12}$  fixes  $v$  and has 6 orbits on  $S$ . When  $u = (-5, -1^{23})$ , the group  $M_{23}$  fixes  $u$  and has 5 orbits on  $S$ . The only way for both these sets of orbits to fuse into orbits for  $Co_3$  is a single orbit of length 11178. Thus, the stabilizer in  $Co_3$  of such a vector in  $S$  is a subgroup of index 11178. This is the Higman–Sims group  $HS$  of order

$$|HS| = 44352000 = 2^9 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11.$$

Moreover, if we let  $w = (5, 1, 1^{22})$  and  $x = (-1, -5, -1^{22})$ , the stabilizer of the set  $\{w, x\}$  is the monomial group  $M_{22}:2$  and we get an involution of the group, which interchanges the 2 vectors. This results in  $HS$  extending to  $HS:2$ , which is a full automorphism group of  $HS$ . A complete list of maximal subgroups of the Conway groups is provided in Table 5.3 of [37]. For further reading one can also go to [7, 21, 24, 37].

We use [36] to find two  $20 \times 20$  matrices  $a$  and  $b$  with  $a$  from class  $2A$ ,  $b$  from class  $5A$ , and  $HS = \langle a, b \rangle$ . Again using [36] we find two  $20 \times 20$  matrices  $c$ ,  $d$  from classes  $2C$  and  $5C$  of  $HS:2$ , respectively, with  $HS:2 = \langle c, d \rangle$ . From the  $HS$  computed,  $HS:2$  is an automorphism group of an isomorphic copy of it.

### 1.3. The groups $2^4 \cdot S_6$ and $2^5 \cdot S_6$

The group  $HS:2$  has 3 conjugacy classes of subgroups of order 11520. The first is a group  $2^4 \cdot S_6$  that sits maximally inside of  $HS$ . The second is a group  $2^4 \cdot S_6$  that is maximal in  $\overline{M}_{22}$  and hence sits inside  $HS:2$ ,

but not inside  $HS$ . The third is a group of the form  $2^5:A_6$  that is a maximal subgroup of  $2^5:S_6$ . The group we are interested in,  $2^4:S_6$ , is a maximal subgroup of  $HS \leq HS:2$ . For further reading on  $2^4:S_6$  as a maximal subgroup of  $\overline{M}_{22}$  one can read [23] and [35]. The group  $2^5:S_6$  is a group of order 23040 and it is a maximal subgroup of  $HS:2$ . The groups  $2^4:S_6$  and  $2^5:S_6$  are unique maximal subgroups of their form in  $HS$  and  $HS:2$ , respectively. Using generators  $a$  and  $b$  of  $HS$  and Programme G [34], we obtain elements  $a'_1$  and  $b'_1$  with  $o(a'_1) = 2$ ,  $o(b'_1) = 5$ , and  $\overline{G}'_1 = \langle a'_1, b'_1 \rangle = 2^4:S_6$ . Similarly using generators  $c$  and  $d$  of  $HS:2$  and Programme H [34], we obtain two elements  $c'$  and  $d'$  with  $o(c') = 2$ ,  $o(d') = 5$  and  $\overline{G}' = \langle c', d' \rangle = 2^5:S_6$ . Our aim is to construct  $\overline{G} = 2^5:S_6$  as  $\overline{G}_1.2$ , where  $\overline{G}_1 = 2^4:S_6$  and  $\overline{G} = \overline{G}_1.2 \cong 2^5:S_6$  are both inside  $HS:2$ . Since  $\overline{G}'_1$  is in  $HS$  we seek for its isomorphic copy  $\overline{G}_1$  in  $HS:2$ . The extension of  $\overline{G}_1$  is  $\overline{G}_1.2 = \overline{G}$  and  $\overline{G} \cong \overline{G}'$ .

Having obtained  $\overline{G}'$ , using GAP [14], we get 3 of its subgroups of order 11520. By methods of coset analysis [34], we determine that each of these 3 subgroups is of the form  $2^4:S_6$ . From these 3 subgroups, only 1,  $\overline{G}_1$ , is isomorphic to  $\overline{G}'_1$  in  $HS$ . The group  $\overline{G}_1$  has 7 generators, of which 5 are of order 2, 1 of order 5, and 1 of order 6. To this list of 7 generators we add 1 of the generators of  $HS:2$  of order 2, namely  $c$ . The group generated by these 8 elements is  $\overline{G} = 2^4:S_6.2 = 2^5:S_6$ .

The groups  $2^4:S_6$  and  $2^5:S_6$  will be discussed fully in Sections 2 and 3, respectively.

## 2. The group $\overline{G}_1 = 2^4:S_6$

From [36] we get two  $20 \times 20$  matrices  $a$  and  $b$  over  $GF(2)$  with  $o(a) = 2$ ,  $o(b) = 5$ ,  $o(ab) = 11$ , and  $HS = \langle a, b \rangle$ . Again from [34] we get Programme G, where there are 2 inputs with  $a = \text{input}[1]$  and  $b = \text{input}[2]$ . The program results in 2 outputs. Let  $a'_1 = \text{output}[1]$  and  $b'_1 = \text{output}[2]$ . Then we have  $o(a'_1) = 2$ ,  $o(b'_1) = 5$ ,  $o(a'_1 b'_1) = 6$ , and  $\overline{G}'_1 = \langle a'_1, b'_1 \rangle = 2^4:S_6$ . Up to isomorphism, there is only 1 group of the type  $2^4:S_6$  that is a maximal subgroup of  $HS$  and this has 21 conjugacy classes of elements, of which 2 are classes of involutions.

Going back to [36], we get two  $20 \times 20$  matrices  $c$  and  $d$  with  $o(c) = 2$ ,  $o(d) = 5$ , and  $HS:2 = \langle c, d \rangle$ . From [34] we again get Programme H where  $c = \text{input}[1]$  and  $d = \text{input}[2]$ . Again from the program we get 2 outputs. Let  $c'_1 = \text{output}[1]$  and  $d'_1 = \text{output}[2]$ . We get that  $o(c'_1) = 2$ ,  $o(d'_1) = 10$ ,  $o(c'_1 d'_1) = 6$ , and  $\overline{G}' = \langle c'_1, d'_1 \rangle = 2^5:S_6$ . Programmes  $G$  and  $H$  can also be found in [36].

Using GAP [14], we get 8 normal subgroups of  $\overline{G}'$ . Three of these groups (we call them  $S1, S2, S3$ ) are of order 11520 and for each group the conjugacy class  $2A$  has 15 elements; when  $S_6$  acts on  $2^4$ , we get 2 orbits of length 1 and 15 and hence all these groups are of the form  $2^4:S_6$ . One of them ( $S2 = 2^4:S_6$ ), however, has 5 classes of involutions and is thus not a maximal subgroup of  $HS$ . The other one ( $S3$ , a split extension of  $2^5$  by  $A_6$ ) has 24 conjugacy classes and again is not a maximal subgroup of  $HS$ . The group  $S2$ , from [23] and [35], is actually a maximal subgroup of  $\overline{M}_{22}$ . This leaves us with the group  $S1 = \overline{G}_1 \cong \overline{G}'_1$ . See Remark 2.1 for more details on groups  $S1$ ,  $S2$ , and  $S3$ . The group  $\overline{G}_1$  has 7 generators  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6$ , and  $a_7$  with  $a_1$  of order 2,  $a_2$  of order 5,  $a_3$  of order 6, and the rest of order 2. We use GAP to compute normal subgroups of  $\overline{G}_1$  and it has only 1 proper normal subgroup, the elementary abelian group  $N_1 = 2^4$ . Our aim is to act  $\overline{G}_1$  on  $N_1$  and to do this we use Programme C [34]; this requires us to consider  $N_1$  as a full row space  $V_1$  of dimension 4 over  $GF(2)$ . The action of  $\overline{G}_1$  on  $V_1$  is multiplication of  $V_1$  from the right. For this multiplication to be possible, this then requires us to rewrite  $\overline{G}_1$  from a  $20 \times 20$  representation to  $4 \times 4$ . To do this, we act

$\overline{G}_1$  on  $N_1$  by acting the 7 generators  $a_i, i = 1, \dots, 7$  of  $\overline{G}_1$  on the 4 generators  $\lambda_i, i = 1, \dots, 4$  of  $N_1$ .

Writing this action as maps we get:

$$a_1 : \lambda_1 \rightarrow \lambda_2, \lambda_2 \rightarrow \lambda_1, \lambda_3 \rightarrow \lambda_1\lambda_3\lambda_4, \lambda_4 \rightarrow \lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_4;$$

$$a_2 : \lambda_1 \rightarrow \lambda_2, \lambda_2 \rightarrow \lambda_4, \lambda_3 \rightarrow \lambda_1\lambda_2, \lambda_4 \rightarrow \lambda_2\lambda_3\lambda_4;$$

$$a_3 : \lambda_1 \rightarrow \lambda_2\lambda_3\lambda_4, \lambda_2 \rightarrow \lambda_4, \lambda_3 \rightarrow \lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3, \lambda_4 \rightarrow \lambda_2.$$

For the rest, that is  $a_4$  to  $a_7$ , we get:

$$a_i : \lambda_1 \rightarrow \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rightarrow \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \rightarrow \lambda_3, \lambda_4 \rightarrow \lambda_4.$$

Writing this in matrix form we get:

$$\alpha_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \alpha_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \alpha_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For the rest,  $\alpha_4$  to  $\alpha_7$ , we get:

$$\alpha_i = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $G_1 = \langle \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \rangle \cong S_6$ ; that is, the action of  $\overline{G}_1$  on  $N_1$  is isomorphic to  $S_6$ .

**Remark 2.1** Note that  $N_1 = 2^4$  is generated by 4 commuting involutions from the class 2A of HS. From ATLAS we can see that  $S1 = \overline{G}_1 = N_{HS}(N_1)$ ,  $S2 = N_{\overline{M}_{22}}(N_1)$ , and  $N_{HS:2}(N_1) = 2^5 \cdot S_6 = \overline{G}$ . As observed,  $S1, S2, S3$  are nonisomorphic maximal subgroups of  $\overline{G}$  and that  $S2$  and  $S3$  do not sit inside  $HS$ . Our computations show that

$$\begin{aligned} S1 &= 2^4 \cdot S_6 = \overline{G} \cap HS \leq_{max} HS \leq_{max} HS: 2; \\ S2 &= 2^4 \cdot S_6 = \overline{G} \cap \overline{M}_{22} \leq_{max} \overline{M}_{22} \leq_{max} HS: 2; \\ S3 &= 2^4 \cdot (A_6 \times 2) \cong 2^5 \cdot A_6 \leq_{max} \overline{G} \leq_{max} HS: 2; \\ S1 \cap S2 &= S2 \cap S3 = S1 \cap S3 = N_{M_{22}}(N_1) = 2^4 \cdot A_6 \leq_{max} M_{22} \leq_{max} HS. \end{aligned}$$

We compute the character table of  $S1 = \overline{G}_1$  in Section 2.2 (Table 4) by using Fischer–Clifford theory. The character tables of  $S2$  and  $S3$  are given in Table 1 and Table 2 of [34], respectively. It is also interesting to note that the character tables of  $S1$  and  $S2$  have the same number of conjugacy classes. A pictorial view of Remark 2.1 is given in the Figure, where  $A = 2^4 \cdot A_6$ .

**Lemma 2.2**  $\overline{G} = S1 \cup S2 \cup S3$ .

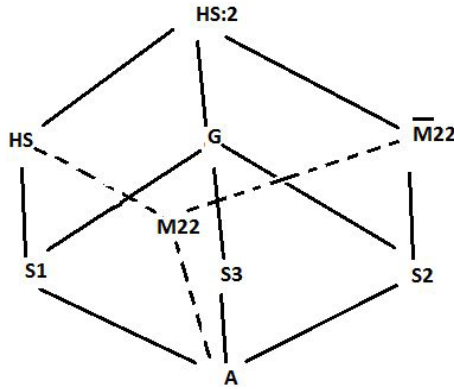


Figure. S1, S2, and S3.

**Proof** First we see that  $\overline{G} \supseteq S1 \cup S2 \cup S3$ , but we also have

$$S1 \cup S2 \cup S3 = (S1 - A) \cup (S2 - A) \cup (S3 - A) \cup A.$$

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} |S1 \cup S2 \cup S3| &= |S1 - A| + |S2 - A| + |S3 - A| + |A| \\ &= 3 \times (16 \times 6! - 16 \times \frac{6!}{2}) + (16 \times \frac{6!}{2}) \\ &= 3 \times 16 \times 6! - 2 \times 16 \times \frac{6!}{2} \\ &= 2 \times 16 \times 6! \\ &= |2^5 \cdot S_6|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $2^5 \cdot S_6 = S1 \cup S2 \cup S3$ . □

**Theorem 2.3** *HS:2 has only 3 conjugacy classes of subgroups of type  $2^4 \cdot A_6 \cdot 2$ . In particular, S1 and S2 are of type  $2^4 \cdot A_6 \cdot 2_1$  and S3 is of type  $2^4 \cdot (A_6 \times 2)$ .*

**Proof** From the ATLAS we can see that if  $H \leq HS:2$  is of type  $2^4 \cdot A_6 \cdot 2$ , then  $H$  must sit in one of the maximal subgroups of  $HS:2$  of type  $HS, \overline{M}_{22}$  or  $2^5 \cdot S_6$ . Also, since  $N_{HS:2}(S1) \supseteq N_{\overline{G}}(S1) = \overline{G}$  and  $\overline{G}$  is maximal but not normal in  $HS:2$ , we have  $N_{HS:2}(S1) = \overline{G}$ . Hence,  $[HS:2 : N_{HS:2}(S1)] = [HS:2 : \overline{G}] = 3850$ . Similarly, since  $N_{HS:2}(S2) = N_{HS:2}(S3) = \overline{G}$ , we have  $[HS:2 : N_{HS:2}(S2)] = [HS:2 : N_{HS:2}(S3)] = 3850$ . Hence, we have 3 conjugacy classes for the subgroups of type  $2^4 \cdot A_6 \cdot 2$  in  $HS:2$ . Thus, the total number of subgroups of type  $2^4 \cdot A_6 \cdot 2$  in  $HS:2$  is  $3 \times 3850 = 11550$ . □

### 2.1. Conjugacy classes and inertia factors of $\overline{G}_1$

Using GAP [14], we compute the conjugacy classes of  $2^4 \cdot S_6$ . The action of  $\overline{G}_1$  on  $N_1$  is viewed as the action of  $G_1$  on  $V_1$ . If  $G_1$  acts on  $N_1$ , we get 2 orbits of length 1 and 15. From the ATLAS [8], by checking on the

indices of maximal subgroups of  $S_6$ , we can see that there are 2 inertia factor groups, namely  $S_6$  and  $S_4 \times 2$ . The full inertia groups are of the form  $\overline{H}_i = 2^4 \cdot H_i$  of indices 1 and 15 in  $2^4 \cdot S_6$ , respectively. We note that  $H_1 \cong S_6$  and  $H_2 \cong S_4 \times 2$ . The character tables of  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are easy to compute. The fusion of  $S_4 \times 2$  into  $S_6$  is given in Table 1. This technique has been used by various authors and several MSc and PhD students of the first author, such as Ali [1, 2], Mpono [28, 25], Rodrigues [33], and Whitely [35].

**Table 1.** The fusion of  $S_4 \times 2$  into  $S_6$ .

$[x]_{S_4 \times 2}$	$\longrightarrow$	$[g_1]_{S_6}$
1A		1A
2A		2C
2B		2B
2C		2B
2D		2A
2E		2A
3A		3A
4A		4A
4B		4B
6A		6A

We computed the conjugacy classes of  $2^4 \cdot S_6$  by using GAP [14] and then fused them into  $HS$ . Having the length of each coset, we use the fusion map to convert the conjugacy classes of  $2^4 \cdot S_6$  into the form that is required for the computation of Fischer–Clifford matrices (that is, into a form normally obtained by coset analysis). We give the conjugacy classes of  $2^4 \cdot S_6$  in Table 2.

### 2.2. Fischer–Clifford matrices and character table of $\overline{G}_1$

Most of the arguments used here and in the subsequent sections are very similar to the ones given in [26]. From the fusions and orbit lengths and centralizer orders, we compute the Fischer–Clifford matrix  $M(1A)$  of  $\overline{G}_1$ ;

that is,  $M(1A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 15 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Having computed  $M(1A)$ , we want to determine the type of partial character tables we are going to use for our computations. We will show that the ordinary character table of  $H_2$  is required. We follow the methods used in [1, 2] and we use the character table of  $HS$ . Let  $Irr(HS) = \{\Psi_i : 1 \leq i \leq 24\}$ , where the notation is the same as that used in the ATLAS [8]. From the list we take the values of  $\Psi_2$  and  $\Psi_3$  on 1A and 2A. We get:

$[x]_{HS}$	1A	2A
$\Psi_2$	22	6
$\Psi_3$	77	13

Let  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  be the rows of the Fischer–Clifford matrix  $M(1A)$ . Since

$$\langle (\psi_2)_N, 1_N \rangle = \frac{1}{16}(22 + 15 \times 6) = \frac{112}{16} = 7,$$

we get the following decomposition:  $22 = 7 + 15k$ . Thus,  $k = 1$  and hence  $(\Psi_2)_N = 7\gamma_1 + \gamma_2$ . Let  $[x_1, \dots, x_t]$  be the transpose of the partial entries for the projective characters of  $H_2 \cong S_4 \times 2$  on  $1A \in S_6$ . Then



**Table 2.** Conjugacy classes of  $2^4 \cdot S_6$ .

$[g]_{S_6}$	$[x]_{2^4 \cdot S_6}$	$C_{2^4 \cdot S_6}(x)$	$\longrightarrow HS$
1A	1A	11520	1A
	2A	768	2A
2A	2B	96	2B
	4A	384	4A
	4B	128	4B
2B	2C	64	2A
	4C	64	4B
	4D	32	4B
2C	2D	192	2A
	4E	64	4B
3A	3A	192	3A
	6A	24	6B
3B	3B	18	3A
4A	4F	16	4B
	8A	16	8A
4B	4G	16	4C
	8B	16	8A
5A	5A	5	5C
6A	6B	12	6A
	12A	12	12A
6B	6C	6	6B

$C_2(1A)M_2(1A)$  is a  $t \times 2$  matrix; from the first entry of the first column we get  $15x_1 = 15$ . Hence,  $x_1 = 1$  and this shows that the partial character table of  $H_2$  that we need comes from the ordinary character table of  $H_2$ . Thus, we use the ordinary character table of  $S_4 \times 2$ .

To compute the Fischer–Clifford matrices, we use their general properties (which can also be found in [1], [28], and [35]) and the fusion of  $S_4 \times 2$  into  $S_6$ , the centralizer orders of  $2^4 \cdot S_6$ , the fusion of  $\bar{G}$  into  $HS$ , together with restriction of  $HS$  to  $\bar{G}$  that forces the signs of the Fischer–Clifford matrices. We give these in Table 3. Note the change of sign in  $M(2A)$ .

**Table 3.** The Fischer–Clifford matrices of  $2^4 \cdot S_6$ .

$M(1A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 15 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	$M(2A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
$M(2B) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$M(2C) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
$M(3A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	$M(3B) = [ 1 ]$
$M(4A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	$M(4B) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
$M(6A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	$M(5A) = M(6B) = [ 1 ]$

For example, we calculate the partial character table corresponding to coset  $2A \in S_6$ . Let  $C_1(2A), C_2(2A)$  be the partial character tables of the inertia factors for the classes that fuse to  $2A \in S_6$ . We have  $M_1(2A) =$

$[1\ 1\ 1]$ ,  $M_2(2A) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then the portions of the character table of  $\bar{G} = 2^4 \cdot S_6$  corresponding to the coset  $2A$  are:

$$C_1(2A)M_1(2A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -3 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -3 \\ 3 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} [1\ 1\ 1] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -3 & -3 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & -3 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 \\ -2 & -2 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_2(2A)M_2(2A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \\ -3 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -6 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -5 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & -3 \\ -1 & 7 & -1 \\ 1 & -7 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & -5 \\ -3 & 9 & 1 \\ 3 & -9 & -1 \\ -3 & -3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We get the character table of  $2^4 \cdot S_6$  in Table 4, which can be compared to the one in GAP.

**Table 4.** The character table of  $2^4 \cdot S_6$ .

	1A		2A			2B			2C		3A		3B	4A		4B		5a	6A			6B
	1a	2a	2b	4a	4b	2c	4c	4d	2d	4e	3a	6a	3b	4f	8a	4g	8b	5a	6b	12a	6c	
$\chi_1$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\chi_2$	1	1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1
$\chi_3$	5	5	-3	-3	-3	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	1	
$\chi_4$	5	5	3	3	3	1	1	1	-1	-1	2	2	-1	1	1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	
$\chi_5$	5	5	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	3	3	-1	-1	2	1	1	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	
$\chi_6$	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	-3	-3	-1	-1	2	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	1	1	0	
$\chi_7$	9	9	-3	-3	-3	1	1	1	-3	-3	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	-1	0	0	0	
$\chi_8$	9	9	3	3	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	-1	-1	1	1	-1	0	0	0	
$\chi_9$	10	10	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-1	
$\chi_{10}$	10	10	2	2	2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	1	
$\chi_{11}$	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	-2	-2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
$\chi_{12}$	15	-1	-1	-5	3	3	-1	-1	3	-1	3	-1	0	1	-1	1	-1	0	1	-1	0	
$\chi_{13}$	15	-1	1	5	-3	3	-1	-1	-3	1	3	-1	0	-1	1	1	-1	0	-1	1	0	
$\chi_{14}$	15	-1	-1	7	-1	-1	3	-1	3	-1	3	-1	0	-1	1	-1	1	0	1	-1	0	
$\chi_{15}$	15	-1	1	-7	1	-1	3	-1	-3	1	3	-1	0	1	-1	-1	1	0	-1	1	0	
$\chi_{16}$	30	-2	2	-2	-2	2	2	-2	-6	2	-3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	
$\chi_{17}$	30	-2	-2	2	2	2	2	-2	6	-2	-3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1	0	
$\chi_{18}$	45	-3	3	3	-5	1	-3	1	3	-1	0	0	0	1	-1	-1	1	0	0	0	0	
$\chi_{19}$	45	-3	-3	9	1	-3	1	1	-3	1	0	0	0	1	-1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	
$\chi_{20}$	45	-3	3	-9	-1	-3	1	1	3	-1	0	0	0	-1	1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	
$\chi_{21}$	45	-3	-3	-3	5	1	-3	1	-3	1	0	0	0	-1	1	-1	1	0	0	0	0	

We compute the permutation characters of  $HS:2$  when acting on  $S1, S2$ , and  $S3$ . For interest's sake we also include  $\chi(HS|S1)$  and later we also give  $\chi(2^5 \cdot S_6|Si)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

$$\chi(HS|S1) = 1a + 22a + 77aa + 154a + 175a + 693a + 770a + 825a + 1056a = \chi(HS:2|2^5 \cdot S_6),$$

$$\chi(HS:2|S1) = 1a + 1b + 22a + 22b + 77aa + 77bb + 154a + 154b + 175a + 175b + 693a + 693b + 770a + 770b + 825a + 825b + 1056a + 1056b,$$

$$\chi(HS:2|S2) = 1a + 22aa + 77aaa + 154a + 175a + 231a + 693a + 770aa + 825aa + 1056a + 1925a,$$

$$\chi(HS:2|S3) = 1a + 22a + 22b + 77aa + 77b + 154a + 175a + 231a + 693a + 770a + 770b + 825a + 825b + 1056a + 1925b.$$

**3. Group  $\overline{G} = 2^5 \cdot S_6$**

Having completed the computation of the full character table of  $2^4 \cdot S_6$ , we now turn our attention to  $2^5 \cdot S_6$ . We compute  $2^5 \cdot S_6 = 2^4 \cdot S_6.2$  by adding the generator  $c$  of  $HS:2$ ; that is, from  $\overline{G}_1$  we get  $\overline{G} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7, c \rangle$ . Since  $2^5 \cdot S_6$  is the only group of its type that is a maximal subgroup of  $HS:2$ , we have  $\overline{G} \cong \overline{G}'$ , where  $\overline{G}'$  was computed using Programme H. Our aim is to compute the full character table of  $2^5 \cdot S_6$ . We first want to let  $\overline{G}$  act on the elementary abelian group  $N = 2^5$ . We use GAP [14] to compute  $N = 2^5$  as a normal subgroup of  $\overline{G}$ .

For the action of  $\overline{G}$  we use Programme C [34]. We consider  $N$  as a full row vector space  $V$  of dimension 5 over  $GF(2)$ . For us to be able to act on a 5-dimensional vector space  $V$  it becomes necessary to rewrite  $\overline{G}$  from a  $20 \times 20$  to a  $5 \times 5$  representation. To do this we first take the 8 generators of  $\overline{G}$ , namely  $a_1$  to  $a_7$  and  $c$ . We let these act on generators  $\gamma_i, 1 = 1, \dots, 5$  of our elementary abelian group  $N = 2^5$ .

Writing these as maps we get:

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 : \gamma_1 &\rightarrow \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \rightarrow \gamma_3\gamma_4, \gamma_3 \rightarrow \gamma_1\gamma_3, \gamma_4 \rightarrow \gamma_1\gamma_2\gamma_3, \gamma_5 \rightarrow \gamma_1\gamma_2\gamma_3\gamma_4\gamma_5; \\ a_2 : \gamma_1 &\rightarrow \gamma_2\gamma_3\gamma_4, \gamma_2 \rightarrow \gamma_3, \gamma_3 \rightarrow \gamma_1\gamma_3, \gamma_4 \rightarrow \gamma_2, \gamma_5 \rightarrow \gamma_2\gamma_5; \\ a_3 : \gamma_1 &\rightarrow \gamma_1\gamma_2, \gamma_2 \rightarrow \gamma_1\gamma_2\gamma_3\gamma_4, \gamma_3 \rightarrow \gamma_4, \gamma_4 \rightarrow \gamma_1\gamma_4, \gamma_5 \rightarrow \gamma_1\gamma_2\gamma_3\gamma_4\gamma_5; \\ c : \gamma_1 &\rightarrow \gamma_3, \gamma_2 \rightarrow \gamma_2, \gamma_3 \rightarrow \gamma_1, \gamma_4 \rightarrow \gamma_4, \gamma_5 \rightarrow \gamma_5. \end{aligned}$$

For the rest,  $a_4$  to  $a_7$ , we get:

$$a_i : \gamma_1 \rightarrow \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \rightarrow \gamma_2, \gamma_3 \rightarrow \gamma_3, \gamma_4 \rightarrow \gamma_4, \gamma_5 \rightarrow \gamma_5.$$

Writing this in matrix form we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \beta_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \beta_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \beta_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

For the rest,  $\beta_5$  to  $\beta_8$ , we get that  $\beta_i = I_5$ .

Let  $G = \langle \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4 \rangle$ ; then  $G \cong S_6$ , which means that the action of  $\overline{G}$  on  $N$  is isomorphic to  $S_6$ .

### 3.1. Conjugacy classes and inertia factors of $\overline{G}$

The action of  $\overline{G}$  on  $N$  is reflected by the action of  $G$  on  $V$ . When  $G$  acts on  $V$  we get 4 orbits of conjugacy classes of elements of  $N$ , of lengths 1, 6, 10, and 15. Let  $G^t$  be the set of all transpose of elements of  $G$ . The group  $G^t$  can also be generated by transpose matrices of each generator of  $G$ . When  $G^t$  acts on  $V$ , which is the equivalent of  $G$  acting on  $Irr(N)$ , by Brauer’s theorem [5] we get 4 orbits, but these are of lengths 1, 1, 15, and 15. These have corresponding point stabilizers  $H_1, H_2, H_3$ , and  $H_4$ . Let the full inertia groups be  $\overline{H}_i = 2^5 \cdot H_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . From the ATLAS [8], the corresponding inertia factor groups are  $S_6, S_6, S_4 \times 2$ , and  $S_4 \times 2$ . We have  $H_1 \cong H_2 \cong S_6$  and  $H_3 \cong H_4 \cong S_4 \times 2$ . The character tables of  $S_6$  and that of  $HS:2$  are obtained from the ATLAS [8]. We also give the fusion of  $S_4 \times 2$  into  $S_6$  in Table 5.

**Table 5.** The fusion of  $S_4 \times 2$  into  $S_6$ .

$[x]_{S_4 \times 2}$	$\rightarrow$	$[g_1]_{S_6}$
1A		1A
2A		2C
2B		2B
2C		2B
2D		2A
2E		2A
3A		3A
4A		4A
4B		4B
6A		6A

We computed the conjugacy classes of  $2^5 \cdot S_6$  by using GAP [14] and then fused them into  $HS:2$ . Having the length of each coset, we use the fusion map to convert the conjugacy classes of  $2^5 \cdot S_6$  into the form that is required for the computation of Fischer-Clifford matrices (that is, into a form normally obtained by coset analysis). We give the conjugacy classes of  $2^5 \cdot S_6$  in Table 6.

### 3.2. Fischer–Clifford matrices and character table of $\overline{G}$

From the fusions and orbit lengths and centralizer orders, we compute the Fischer–Clifford matrix  $M(1A)$ :

$$M(1A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 15 & 5 & -3 & -1 \\ 15 & -5 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Having computed  $M(1A)$ , we want to determine the type of partial character tables we are going to use for our computations. We follow the methods used in [34], which can also be found in [1]. We use the character table of  $HS:2 = \langle a, b \rangle$ . Let  $Irr(HS : 2) = \{\Psi_i : 1 \leq i \leq 39\}$ ; the notation is the same as that used in the ATLAS [8]. We list the values of  $\Psi_i, \leq i \leq 6$  on 1A, 2A, 2B, and 2C:

$C_{\overline{G}}(x)$	23040	3840	2304	1536
$[x]_{HS:2}$	1A	2A	2B	2C
$\Psi_2$	1	-1	-1	1
$\Psi_3$	22	0	8	6
$\Psi_4$	22	0	-8	6
$\Psi_5$	77	5	21	13
$\Psi_6$	77	-5	-21	13

**Table 6.** Conjugacy classes of  $2^5 \cdot S_6$ .

$[g]_{S_6}$	$[x]_{2^5 \cdot S_6}$	$ C_{2^5 \cdot S_6}(x) $	$\longrightarrow$	$HS:2$
1A	1A	23040		1A
	2A	3840		2D
	2B	2304		2C
	2C	1536		2A
2A	2D	768		2C
	4A	768		4A
	2E	256		2D
	4B	256		4B
	4C	192		4A
	2F	192		2B
2B	2G	128		2A
	2H	128		2D
	4D	128		4D
	4E	128		4B
	4F	64		4C
	4G	64		4A
2C	2I	384		2A
	2J	384		2C
	4H	64		4B
	4I	64		4D
3A	3A	144		3A
	6A	144		6C
	6B	48		6E
	6C	48		6B
3B	3B	36		3A
	6D	36		6A
4A	4J	32		4A
	8A	32		8C
	4K	32		4B
	8B	32		8A
4B	4L	32		4C
	8C	32		8A
	4M	32		4D
	8D	32		8D
5A	5A	10		5C
	10A	5		10D
6A	6E	24		6D
	6F	24		6A
	12A	24		12A
	12B	24		12B
6B	6G	12		6E
	6H	12		6A

Let  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \gamma_4$  be the rows of the Fischer-Clifford matrix  $M(1A)$ . First we get

$$\langle (\Psi_2)_N, 1_N \rangle = \frac{1}{32}(1 - 6 - 10 + 15) = 0,$$

$$\langle (\Psi_3)_N, 1_N \rangle = \frac{1}{32}(22 \times 1 + 6 \times 0 + 10 \times 8 + 15 \times 6) = \frac{1}{32}(22 + 80 + 90) = 6,$$

$$\langle (\Psi_4)_N, 1_N \rangle = \frac{1}{32}(22 \times 1 + 6 \times 0 + 10 \times (-8) + 15 \times 6) = \frac{1}{32}(22 - 80 + 90) = 1,$$

$$\langle (\Psi_5)_N, 1_N \rangle = \frac{1}{32}(77 \times 1 + 6 \times 5 + 10 \times 21 + 15 \times 13) = \frac{1}{32}(77 + 30 + 210 + 195) = 16.$$

Restricting the character  $\Psi_3$  to  $N$ , since  $\langle (\Psi_3)_N, 1_N \rangle = 6$ , we get the following equations, where  $a, b, c$  represent coefficients of  $\gamma_2, \gamma_3, \gamma_4$ , respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} 22 &= 6 + a + 15b + 15c, \\ 0 &= 6 - a + 5b - 5c, \\ 8 &= 6 - a - 3b + 3c, \\ 6 &= 6 + a - b - c. \end{aligned}$$

Solving we get:  $a = 1, b = 0$ , and  $c = 1$ . So we have the following decomposition:

$$(\Psi_3)_N = 6\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_4.$$

By considering the coefficients of  $\gamma_2$  and  $\gamma_4$  in the above decomposition, we deduce that we have irreducible characters  $\chi_2$  and  $\chi_4 \in Irr(\overline{G})$  with  $deg(\chi_2) = 1$  and  $deg(\chi_4) = 15$ . Since  $deg(\chi_2) = 1$ , we only need to use the ordinary character table of  $H_2$ . For  $deg(\chi_4) = 15$ , if  $[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t]$  is the transpose of the partial entries for the projective characters of  $H_4$  on  $1A$ , then  $C_4(1A)M_4(1A)$  is a  $t \times 4$  matrix with first set entry  $15x_1 = 15$ , and hence  $x_1 = 1$ . This shows that the partial character table of  $H_4$  that we used contains a character of degree 1. Thus, the partial character table comes from an ordinary character table of  $H_4$ . Similarly, one can show that  $\langle (\Psi_3)_N, \gamma_2 \rangle = 6$ . This gives us  $(\Psi_3)_N = \gamma_1 + 6\gamma_2 + \gamma_3$ . So again,  $H_1$  and  $H_3$  have partial character tables that each contain a character of degree 1. Therefore, the partial character tables of  $H_1$  and  $H_3$  are from ordinary character tables of  $S_6$  and  $S_4 \times 2$ , respectively.

Using fusions, centralizer orders of  $\overline{G}$ , and properties of Fischer–Clifford matrices, we complete Table 7 of Fischer–Clifford matrices. The fusion of  $\overline{G}$  into  $HS:2$  together with the restriction of characters of  $HS:2$  to  $\overline{G}$  forces the signs of the Fischer–Clifford matrices and the order of the elements of the conjugacy classes of  $\overline{G}$ .

To compute the character table of  $\overline{G}$ , as an example consider the following. Let  $C_1(2A), C_2(2A), C_3(2A), C_4(2A)$  be the partial character tables of the inertia factors for the classes that fuse to  $2A \in S_6$ . Then the portions of the character table of  $\overline{G} = 2^5 \cdot S_6$  corresponding to the coset  $2A$  are:

$$C_1(2A)M_1(2A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -3 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -3 \\ 3 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -3 & -3 & -3 & -3 & -3 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & -3 & -3 & -3 & -3 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ -2 & -2 & -2 & -2 & -2 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Table 7.** The Fischer–Clifford matrices of  $2^5 \cdot S_6$ .

$M(1A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 15 & 5 & -3 & -1 \\ 15 & -5 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	$M(2A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -6 & 6 & 2 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -6 & -6 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
$M(2B) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 & 2 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$M(2C) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -3 & 3 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
$M(3A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & -3 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 3 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	$M(3B) = M(5A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
$M(4A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$M(4B) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
$M(6A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	$M(6B) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$C_2(2A)M_2(2A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -3 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -3 \\ 3 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} [-1 \ 1 \ -1 \ 1 \ -1 \ 1] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & -3 & 3 & -3 & 3 & -3 \\ -3 & 3 & -3 & 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 & 3 & -3 & 3 & -3 \\ -3 & 3 & -3 & 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 & -2 & 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 & -2 & 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_3(2A)M_3(2A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \\ -3 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 6 & 2 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 7 & 3 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 5 & -7 & -3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 7 & -5 & -1 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -7 & 5 & 1 & -3 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & -2 & -2 & 2 & 2 \\ -2 & -2 & -2 & -2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & -9 & -5 & -1 & 3 & 3 \\ 9 & -3 & 1 & 5 & -3 & -3 \\ -9 & 3 & -1 & -5 & 3 & -3 \\ -3 & 9 & 5 & 1 & -3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_4(2A)M_4(2A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \\ -3 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -6 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -7 & 3 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 5 & 7 & -3 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 7 & 5 & -1 & -3 & -1 & 1 \\ -7 & -5 & 1 & 3 & 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 & -2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 & -2 & -2 & 2 \\ 3 & 9 & -5 & 1 & 3 & -3 \\ 9 & 3 & 1 & -5 & -3 & 3 \\ -9 & -3 & -1 & 5 & 3 & -3 \\ -3 & -9 & 5 & -1 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

We give the fusion of  $\overline{G}_1$  into  $\overline{G}$  in Table 8 and the character table of  $\overline{G}$  in Table 9. Note that  $\chi(2^5 \cdot S_6|S1) = \chi_1 + \chi_2$ ,  $\chi(2^5 \cdot S_6|S2) = \chi_1 + \chi_{12}$  and  $\chi(2^5 \cdot S_6|S3) = \chi_1 + \chi_{13}$ .

**Table 8.** The fusion of  $2^4 \cdot S_6$  into  $2^5 \cdot S_6$ .

$[x]_{2^4 \cdot S_6}$	$\longrightarrow$	$[g_1]_{2^5 \cdot S_6}$	$[x]_{2^4 \cdot S_6}$	$\longrightarrow$	$[g_1]_{2^5 \cdot S_6}$
1A		1A	4E		4H
2A		2C	4F		4K
2B		2F	4G		4L
2C		2G	5A		5A
2D		2I	6A		6B
3A		3A	6B		6F
3B		3B	6C		6G
4A		4A	8A		8C
4B		4B	8B		8B
4C		4E	12A		12A
4D		4F			

**Table 9.** The character table of  $2^5 \cdot S_6$ .

	1A				2A						2B					
	1a	2a	2b	2c	2d	4a	2e	4b	4c	2f	2g	2h	4d	4e	4f	4g
$\chi_1$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\chi_2$	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\chi_3$	5	5	5	5	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\chi_4$	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\chi_5$	5	5	5	5	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\chi_6$	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\chi_7$	9	9	9	9	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\chi_8$	9	9	9	9	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\chi_9$	10	10	10	10	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
$\chi_{10}$	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
$\chi_{11}$	16	16	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{12}$	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1
$\chi_{13}$	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1
$\chi_{14}$	5	-5	-5	5	3	-3	3	-3	3	-3	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1
$\chi_{15}$	5	-5	-5	5	-3	3	-3	3	-3	3	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1
$\chi_{16}$	5	-5	-5	5	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1
$\chi_{17}$	5	-5	-5	5	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1
$\chi_{18}$	9	-9	-9	9	3	-3	3	-3	3	-3	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1
$\chi_{19}$	9	-9	-9	9	-3	3	-3	3	-3	3	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1
$\chi_{20}$	10	-10	-10	10	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2
$\chi_{21}$	10	-10	-10	10	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2
$\chi_{22}$	16	-16	-16	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{23}$	15	5	-3	-1	-5	7	3	-1	-1	-1	-1	3	3	-1	-1	-1
$\chi_{24}$	15	5	-3	-1	5	-7	-3	1	1	1	-1	3	3	-1	-1	-1
$\chi_{25}$	15	5	-3	-1	7	-5	-1	3	-1	-1	3	-1	-1	3	-1	-1
$\chi_{26}$	15	5	-3	-1	-7	5	1	-3	1	1	3	-1	-1	3	-1	-1
$\chi_{27}$	30	10	-6	-2	-2	-2	-2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	-2	-2
$\chi_{28}$	30	10	-6	-2	2	2	2	2	-2	-2	2	2	2	2	-2	-2
$\chi_{29}$	45	15	-9	-3	3	-9	-5	-1	3	3	-3	1	1	-3	1	1
$\chi_{30}$	45	15	-9	-3	9	-3	1	5	-3	-3	1	-3	-3	1	1	1
$\chi_{31}$	45	15	-9	-3	-9	3	-1	-5	3	3	1	-3	-3	1	1	1
$\chi_{32}$	45	15	-9	-3	-3	9	5	1	-3	-3	-3	1	1	-3	1	1
$\chi_{33}$	15	-5	3	-1	-5	-7	3	1	-1	1	-1	-3	3	1	1	1
$\chi_{34}$	15	-5	3	-1	5	7	-3	-1	1	-1	1	3	3	1	-1	1
$\chi_{35}$	15	-5	3	-1	7	5	-1	-3	-1	1	3	1	-1	-3	-1	1
$\chi_{36}$	15	-5	3	-1	-7	-5	1	3	1	-1	3	1	-1	-3	-1	1
$\chi_{37}$	30	-10	6	-2	-2	2	-2	2	2	-2	2	-2	2	-2	-2	0
$\chi_{38}$	30	-10	6	-2	2	-2	2	-2	-2	2	2	-2	2	-2	-2	2
$\chi_{39}$	45	-15	9	-3	3	9	-5	1	3	-3	-3	-1	1	3	1	-1
$\chi_{40}$	45	-15	9	-3	9	3	1	-5	-3	3	1	3	-3	-1	1	-1
$\chi_{41}$	45	-15	9	-3	-9	-3	-1	5	3	-3	1	3	-3	-1	1	-1
$\chi_{42}$	45	-15	9	-3	-3	-9	5	-1	-3	3	-3	-1	1	3	1	-1



Table 9. Continued.

	2C				3A				3B		4A			
	2i	2j	4h	4i	3a	6a	6b	6c	3b	6d	4j	8a	4k	8b
$\chi_1$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\chi_2$	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1
$\chi_3$	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
$\chi_4$	-1	-1	-1	-1	2	2	2	2	-1	-1	1	1	1	1
$\chi_5$	3	3	3	3	-1	-1	-1	-1	2	2	1	1	1	1
$\chi_6$	-3	-3	-3	-3	-1	-1	-1	-1	2	2	-1	-1	-1	-1
$\chi_7$	-3	-3	-3	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
$\chi_8$	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	-1	-1
$\chi_9$	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{10}$	-2	-2	-2	-2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{11}$	0	0	0	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{12}$	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	-1	-1	1	1
$\chi_{13}$	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	-1
$\chi_{14}$	1	-1	1	-1	2	-2	2	-2	-1	1	1	1	-1	-1
$\chi_{15}$	-1	1	-1	1	2	2	2	-2	-1	1	-1	-1	1	1
$\chi_{16}$	3	-3	3	-3	-1	1	-1	1	2	-2	-1	-1	1	1
$\chi_{17}$	-3	3	-3	3	-1	1	-1	1	2	-2	1	1	-1	-1
$\chi_{18}$	-3	3	-3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	1	1
$\chi_{19}$	3	-3	3	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	-1	1
$\chi_{20}$	2	-2	2	-2	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{21}$	-2	2	-2	2	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{22}$	0	0	0	0	-2	2	-2	2	-2	2	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{23}$	3	3	-1	-1	3	-3	-1	1	0	0	-1	1	-1	1
$\chi_{24}$	-3	-3	1	1	3	-3	-1	1	0	0	1	-1	1	-1
$\chi_{25}$	3	3	-1	-1	3	-3	-1	1	0	0	1	-1	1	-1
$\chi_{26}$	-3	-3	1	1	3	-3	-1	1	0	0	-1	1	-1	1
$\chi_{27}$	-6	-6	2	2	-3	3	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{28}$	6	6	-2	-2	-3	3	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{29}$	3	3	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1	-1	1
$\chi_{30}$	-3	-3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1	-1	1
$\chi_{31}$	3	3	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	1	-1
$\chi_{32}$	-3	-3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	1	-1
$\chi_{33}$	-3	3	1	-1	3	3	-1	-1	0	0	1	-1	-1	1
$\chi_{34}$	3	-3	-1	1	3	3	-1	-1	0	0	-1	1	1	-1
$\chi_{35}$	-3	3	1	-1	3	3	-1	-1	0	0	-1	1	1	-1
$\chi_{36}$	3	-3	-1	1	3	3	-1	-1	0	0	1	-1	-1	1
$\chi_{37}$	6	-6	-2	2	-3	-3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{38}$	-6	6	2	-2	-3	-3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{39}$	-3	3	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	-1	1
$\chi_{40}$	3	-3	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	-1	1
$\chi_{41}$	-3	3	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1	1	-1
$\chi_{42}$	3	-3	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1	1	-1

Table 9. Continued.

	4B				5A		6A				6B	
	4l	8c	4m	8d	5a	10a	6e	6f	12a	12b	6g	6h
$\chi_1$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\chi_2$	1	1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
$\chi_3$	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
$\chi_4$	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1
$\chi_5$	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0
$\chi_6$	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
$\chi_7$	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\chi_8$	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\chi_9$	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	-1	-1
$\chi_{10}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1
$\chi_{11}$	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{12}$	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	-1	1
$\chi_{13}$	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1
$\chi_{14}$	-1	-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1
$\chi_{15}$	-1	-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1
$\chi_{16}$	-1	-1	1	1	0	0	-1	1	-1	1	0	0
$\chi_{17}$	-1	-1	1	1	0	0	1	-1	1	-1	0	0
$\chi_{18}$	1	1	-1	-1	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{19}$	1	1	-1	-1	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{20}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1
$\chi_{21}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1
$\chi_{22}$	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{23}$	-1	1	-1	1	0	0	-1	1	1	-1	0	0
$\chi_{24}$	-1	1	-1	1	0	0	1	-1	-1	1	0	0
$\chi_{25}$	1	-1	1	-1	0	0	-1	1	1	-1	0	0
$\chi_{26}$	1	-1	1	-1	0	0	1	-1	-1	1	0	0
$\chi_{27}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1	1	-1	0	0
$\chi_{28}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	-1	1	0	0
$\chi_{29}$	1	-1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{30}$	-1	1	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{31}$	-1	1	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{32}$	1	-1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{33}$	1	-1	-1	1	0	0	1	1	-1	-1	0	0
$\chi_{34}$	1	-1	-1	1	0	0	-1	-1	1	1	0	0
$\chi_{35}$	-1	1	1	-1	0	0	1	1	-1	-1	0	0
$\chi_{36}$	-1	1	1	-1	0	0	-1	-1	1	1	0	0
$\chi_{37}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-1	-1	0	0
$\chi_{38}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	1	1	0	0
$\chi_{39}$	-1	1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{40}$	1	-1	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{41}$	1	-1	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\chi_{42}$	-1	1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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