

## Solution to Exercise 2.2.6

Let  $\text{Irr}(G) = \{\mathbf{1}_G = \chi_1, \chi_2, \dots, \chi_6\}$  with  $\chi_i(1) \leq \chi_j(1)$  for  $i \leq j$ . From Remark 2.2.9 we conclude that  $\chi_i(g) \in \mathbb{Z}$  for  $i \in \{5, 6\}$  and all  $g \in G$ . Also, by Lemma 2.2.6  $|\chi_i(g)| = 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$  and  $g \in G$ . The Orthogonality Relations (Theorem 2.1.15) imply that

$$(\chi_5(g), \chi_6(g)) \in \{(0, 0), (2, -1), (-2, 0)\} \quad \text{for all } g \in G \setminus \{1\}$$

and, consequently  $|\mathbf{C}_G(g)| \in \{4, 9, 8\}$ .

By Corollary 1.5.12 we know that  $|G| = 72$  and  $|G'| = 18$ . Then  $G'$  contains an element  $g_2$  of order three and also an involution, say  $g_3$ . Since  $|\mathbf{C}_G(g_2)| \notin \{4, 8\}$  we know  $(\chi_5(g_2), \chi_6(g_2)) = (2, -1)$ . Similarly we get  $(\chi_5(g_3), \chi_6(g_3)) = (-2, 0)$ . Since  $(\chi_i, \chi_i)_G = 1$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq 6$ , we see that  $\chi_i(g) = 0$  for  $i = 5, 6$  and  $1 \neq g \notin g_2^G \cup g_3^G$ . This means that we have found the first four columns and the last two rows of the character table of  $G$ . In particular we see that  $\ker \chi_5$  is an elementary abelian group  $P_3$  of order 9, so that  $G/P_3$  is a non-abelian group of order 8 and hence isomorphic to  $Q_8$  or  $D_8$ . Using Example 2.1.19 we complete the character table of  $G$ :

$ \mathbf{C}_G(g_i) $	72	9	8	4	4	4
$g_i$	$g_1$	$g_2$	$g_3$	$g_4$	$g_5$	$g_6$
$\chi_1$	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\chi_2$	1	1	1	-1	1	1
$\chi_3$	1	1	1	1	-1	1
$\chi_4$	1	1	1	1	1	-1
$\chi_5$	2	2	-2	0	0	0
$\chi_6$	8	-1	0	0	0	0

where  $g_4, g_5, g_6$  are representatives of the conjugacy classes of  $G$ , which are not contained in  $G'$ . It is clear that  $G \cong P_3 \rtimes P_2$  with  $P_2 \in \text{Syl}_2(G)$ , which is isomorphic to  $Q_8$  or  $D_8$ .