

# NSE CHARACTERIZATION OF THE ORTHOGONAL GROUP $O_7(3)$

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $G$  be a group and  $\omega(G)$  be the set of element orders of  $G$ . Let  $k \in \omega(G)$ ,  $s_k = |\{g \in G \mid o(g) = k\}|$  and  $nse(G) = \{s_k \mid k \in \omega(G)\}$ . In this paper, we prove that if  $G$  is a group and  $O_7(3)$  is the Orthogonal simple group over  $GF(3)$  such that  $nse(G) = nse(O_7(3))$ , then  $G \cong O_7(3)$ .

## 1. Introduction

Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $\omega(G)$  be the set of element orders of  $G$ . If  $k \in \omega(G)$ , then  $s_k$  is the number of elements of order  $k$  in  $G$ . Let  $nse(G) = \{s_k \mid k \in \omega(G)\}$ . If  $n$  is a positive integer, the set of all the prime divisors of  $n$  is denoted by  $\pi(n)$ . The number of the Sylow  $p$ -subgroups  $P_p$  of  $G$  is denoted by  $n_p$  or  $n_p(G)$ . We set  $\pi(G) = \pi(|G|)$ . To see notations concerning the finite simple group, we refer to reader [1]. A finite group  $G$  is called a simple  $K_n$ -group, if  $G$  is a simple group and  $|\pi(G)| = n$ . In 1987, J. G. Thompson posed the following problem related to algebraic number fields [13].

**Thompson's Problem.** Let  $T(G) = \{(k, s_k) \mid k \in \omega(G), s_k \in nse(G)\}$ . Suppose that  $T(G) = T(H)$  for some finite groups  $H$ . If  $G$  is a finite solvable group, is it true that  $H$  is necessarily solvable?

A finite group  $G$  is characterizable by order and  $nse$ ; if  $H$  is a finite group and  $|G| = |H|$  and  $nse(G) = nse(H)$ , then  $G \cong H$ . However, some groups are characterized by only the set  $nse(G)$ . The aim of this paper is to prove that the Orthogonal group  $O_7(3)$  is characterizable by  $nse$ . The following theorems have been appeared so far:

- (1) Theorem[11, 12]. Let  $G$  be a group and  $S$  be a simple  $K_i$ -group, where  $i = 3, 4$ .  $G \cong H$  if and only if  $|G| = |H|$  and  $nse(G) = nse(H)$ .
- (2) Theorem[4, 5]. The two groups  $A_{12}$  and  $A_{13}$  are characterizable by order and  $nse$ .
- (3) Theorem[7]. All sporadic simple groups are characterizable by  $nse$  and order.
- (4) Theorem[10].  $L_2(2^m)$  with  $2^m + 1$  prime or  $2^m - 1$  prime, is characterizable by  $nse$  and order.

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- (5) Theorem[12, 8].  $L_2(q)$ , where  $q \in \{7, 8, 9, 11, 13\}$  are characterizable by only the  $nse$ .  
 (6) Theorem[6].  $G_2(5)$  is characterizable by  $nse$ .

**Main Theorem.** Let  $G$  be a group such that  $nse(G) = nse(O_7(3))$ , where  $O_7(3)$  is the Orthogonal group over  $GF(3)$ . Then  $G \cong O_7(3)$ .

We will give some lemmas which will be used to prove the main theorem.

**Lemma 1.1.** [2]: Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $n$  be a positive integer dividing  $|G|$ . If  $L_n(G) = \{g \in G | g^n = 1\}$ , then  $n || L_n(G)|$ .

**Lemma 1.2.** [9]: Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $p \in \pi(G)$  be an odd number. Suppose that  $P$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  and  $n = p^s m$  with  $(p, m) = 1$ . If  $P$  is not cyclic, then the number of elements of order  $n$  is always a multiple of  $p^s$ .

**Lemma 1.3.** [12]: Let  $G$  be a group containing more than two elements. If the maximum number  $s$  of elements of the same order in  $G$  is finite, then  $G$  is finite and  $|G| \leq s(s^2 - 1)$ .

**Lemma 1.4.** [3]: Let  $G$  be a finite solvable group and  $|G| = mn$ , where  $m = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_r^{\alpha_r}$ ,  $(m, n) = 1$ . Let  $\pi = \{p_1, \dots, p_r\}$  and  $h_m$  be the number of Hall  $\pi$ -subgroups of  $G$ . Then  $h_m = q_1^{\beta_1} \cdots q_s^{\beta_s}$  satisfies the following conditions for all  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\}$ :

- (1)  $q_i^{\beta_i} \equiv 1 \pmod{p_j}$  for some  $p_j$ ;
- (2) The order of some chief factor of  $G$  is divided by  $q_i^{\beta_i}$ .

**Lemma 1.5.** [14]: Let  $G$  be a simple  $K_4$ -group. Then  $G$  is isomorphic to one of the following groups:

- (1)  $A_7, A_8, A_9$  and  $A_{10}$ ;
- (2)  $M_{11}, M_{12}$  or  $J_2$ ;
- (3) one of the following:
  - (i)  $L_2(r)$ , where  $r$  is a prime and  $r^2 - 1 = 2^a \cdot 3^b \cdot v^c$  with  $a, b, c \geq 1$ , and  $v$  is a prime number greater than 3.
  - (ii)  $L_2(2^m)$ , where  $2^m - 1 = u, 2^m + 1 = 3t^b$ , with  $m \geq 2, u, t$  are primes,  $t > 3, b \geq 1$ .
  - (ii)  $L_2(3^m)$ , where  $3^m + 1 = 4t, 3^m - 1 = 2u^c$  or  $3^m + 1 = 4t^b, 3^m - 1 = 2u, m \geq 2, u$  and  $t$  are odd primes,  $b \geq 1, c \geq 1$ .
- (iv) One of the following 28 simple groups:  
 $L_2(16), L_2(25), L_2(49), L_2(81), L_3(4), L_3(5), L_3(7), L_3(8), L_3(17), L_4(3), S_4(4),$   
 $S_4(5), S_4(7), S_4(9), S_6(2), O_8^+(2), G_2(3), U_3(4), U_3(5), U_3(7), U_3(8), U_3(9), U_4(3),$   
 $U_5(2), Sz(8), Sz(32), {}^2D_4(2)$  or  ${}^2F_4(2)$ .

**Lemma 1.6.** [5]: Every simple  $K_5$ -group is isomorphic to one of the following simple groups:

- (1)  $L_2(q)$  with  $|\pi(q^2 - 1)| = 4$ ;
- (2)  $L_3(q)$  with  $|\pi(q^2 - 1)(q^3 - 1)| = 4$ ;
- (3)  $U_3(q)$  with  $q$  satisfies  $|\pi(q^2 - 1)(q^3 + 1)| = 4$ ;
- (4)  $O_5(q)$  with  $|\pi(q^4 - 1)| = 4$ ;

- (5)  $Sz(2^{2m+1})$  with  $|\pi(2^{2m+1} - 1)(2^{4m+1} + 1)| = 4$
- (6)  $R(q)$ , where  $q$  is an odd power of 3,  $|\pi(q^2 - 1)| = 3$  and  $|\pi(q^2 - q + 1)| = 1$ ;
- (7) The following 30 simple groups:  
 $A_{11}, A_{12}, M_{22}, J_3, HS, He, McL, L_4(4), L_4(5), L_4(7), L_5(2), L_5(3), L_6(2), O_7(3),$   
 $O_9(2), PSP_8(2), U_4(4), U_4(5), U_4(7), U_4(9), U_5(3), U_6(2), O_8^+(3), O_8^-(2), {}^3D_4(3),$   
 $G_2(4), G_2(5), G_2(7)$  or  $G_2(9)$ .

**Lemma 1.7.** [1]: Let  $G$  be a simple  $K_n$ -group with  $n = 4, 5$  and  $13 \nmid |G|$  and  $|G| \nmid 2^9 \cdot 3^9 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$ . Then  $G$  is one of the following groups:  $L_2(13), L_2(25), L_2(27), L_2(64), L_3(9), L_4(3), G_2(3), Sz(8), S_6(3)$  and  $O_7(3)$ .

## 2. Main Result

The main theorem is proved by representing some lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** If  $s_n$  is the number of elements of order  $n$  in a group  $G$ , then  $s_n = k\varphi(n)$  such that  $k$  is the number of cyclic subgroups of order  $n$  in  $G$ .

*Proof.* It is straightforward. □

**Lemma 2.2.** If  $n > 2$ , then  $\varphi(n)$  is even.

*Proof.* It is straightforward. □

**Lemma 2.3.** If  $m \in \omega(G)$ , then  $\varphi(m) \mid s_m$  and  $m \mid \sum_{d \mid m} s_d$ .

*Proof.* It follows from Lemma1.1. □

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $G$  be a group such that  $nse(G) = nse(O_7(3))$ , where  $O_7(3)$  is the Orthogonal group over  $GF(3)$ . Then  $G \cong O_7(3)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $nse(G) = nse(O_7(3))$ , it can be concluded that  $G$  is finite group. We have:

$$nse(O_7(3)) = \{1, 354159, 5307848, 41395536, 38211264, 275871960, 327525120,$$

$$573168960, 382112640, 343901376, 732382560, 705438720, 305690112,$$

$$297198720, 229267584, 327525120\}.$$

According to Lemma1.1,  $\pi(G) \subseteq \{2, 3, 5, 7, 13, 23, 317, 401, 1009\}$ .

In this argument, first we show that  $\pi(G) = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 13\}$ . According to Lemma2.2,  $s_2 = 354159$  and  $2 \in \pi(G)$ . Since  $s_{23}, s_{317}, s_{401}$  and  $s_{1009}$  are not equal to none of  $nse(G)$  values, hence  $23, 317, 401$  and  $1009 \notin \pi(G)$ , so  $\pi(G) \subseteq \{2, 3, 5, 7, 13\}$ . We have the following:

- (1) If  $2^a \in \omega(G)$ , then  $2^{a-1} \mid s_{2^a}$  and  $1 \leq a \leq 11$ ;
- (2) If  $3^a \in \omega(G)$ , then  $2 \cdot 3^{a-1} \mid s_{3^a}$  and  $1 \leq a \leq 11$ ;

- (3) If  $5^a \in \omega(G)$ , then  $4 \cdot 5^{a-1} | s_{5^a}$  and  $1 \leq a \leq 2$ ;
- (4) If  $7^a \in \omega(G)$ , then  $6 \cdot 7^{a-1} | s_{7^a}$  and  $1 \leq a \leq 3$ ;
- (5) If  $13^a \in \omega(G)$ , then  $12 \cdot 13^{a-1} | s_{13^a}$  and  $1 \leq a \leq 3$ .

To show that  $\pi(G) = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 13\}$ , we investigate several cases.

Case(1)  $\pi(G) = \{2\}$ .

If  $\pi(G) = \{2\}$ , then  $\omega(G) \subseteq \{1, 2, 2^2, \dots, 2^{11}\}$  and  $4585351680 + 5307848k_1 + 41395536k_2 + 38211264k_3 + 275871960k_4 + 327525120k_5 + 573168960k_6 + 382112640k_7 + 343901376k_8 + 732382560k_9 + 705438720k_{10} + 305690112k_{11} + 297198720k_{12} + 229267584k_{13} + 327525120k_{14} = 2^n$ , such that  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{14}$  and  $n$  are nonnegative integers. But this equation  $0 < \sum_{i=1}^{14} k_i \leq 12 - 10 = 2$  has no solution in integers.

Case(2)  $\pi(G) = \{2, 3\}$ .

In this case,  $|G| = 2^n \cdot 3^m$  such that  $1 \leq n \leq 11$ . If  $3^3 \in \omega(G)$ , then  $\exp(P_3)$  can be 3, 9 and 27. If  $\exp(P_3) = 3$ , then by Lemma 2.3,  $|P_3||1 + s_3(s_3 = 5307848)$  and  $|P_3|3^8$ . If  $|P_3| = 3$ , then  $n_3 = s_3/\varphi(3) = 5307848/2 = 2653924$  and  $[G : N_G(P_3)] = 2653924$ . So,  $13 \in \pi(G)$ . If  $|P_3| = 9$ , then  $|G| = 2^n \cdot 3^2$  such that  $0 \leq n \leq 11$ .

Also, calculations show that:

$4585351680 + 5307848 k_1 + 41395536k_2 + 38211264k_3 + 275871960k_4 + 327525120k_5 + 573168960k_6 + 382112640k_7 + 343901376k_8 + 732382560k_9 + 705438720k_{10} + 305690112k_{11} + 297198720k_{12} + 229267584k_{13} + 327525120k_{14} = 2^n \cdot 3^2$ , such that  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{14}$  and  $n$  are nonnegative integers and  $0 < \sum_{i=1}^{14} k_i \leq 36$ . Since  $4585351680 \leq 2^n \cdot 3^2 \leq 36 \cdot 732382560$ , then  $n > 11$ . Similarly, it is shown that  $|P_3| \neq 3^3, \dots, 3^7$ . Now, it is assumed that  $|P_3| = 3^8$  and  $|G| = 2^n \cdot 3^8, 1 \leq n \leq 11$ .

We have:

$4585351680 + 5307848 k_1 + 41395536k_2 + 38211264k_3 + 275871960k_4 + 327525120k_5 + 573168960k_6 + 382112640k_7 + 343901376k_8 + 732382560k_9 + 705438720k_{10} + 305690112k_{11} + 297198720k_{12} + 229267584k_{13} + 327525120k_{14} = 2^n \cdot 3^2$ ,

such that  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{14}$  and  $n$  are nonnegative integers and  $0 < \sum_{i=1}^{14} k_i \leq 108$ . But,  $4585351680 \leq 2^n \cdot 3^8 \leq 108 \cdot 732382560$  and  $n > 11$ . If  $\exp(P_3) = 3^2$ , then according to Lemma 1.1  $|P_3||1 + s_3 + s_9$ . There are several cases for  $s_9$ . Namely, 38211264, 275871960, 327525120, 573168960, 382112640, 343901376, 732382560, 705438720, 305690112, 297198720 and 229267584. We have  $n_3 = [G : N_G(P_3)] = s_9/\varphi(9)$ , it is obtained 5, 7 or  $13 \in \pi(G)$ . If  $\exp(P_3) = 3^3$ , then  $|P_3||1 + s_3 + s_9 + s_{27}$  and  $s_{27}$  is one of the following numbers: 41395536, 38211264, 327525120, 573168960, 382112640, 343901376, 732382560, 705438720, 305690112, 297198720 and 229267584. Since  $n_3 = [G : N_G(P_3)] = s_{27}/\varphi(27)$ , it results that 5, 7, 13, 23, 37, 107, 331 or 2299753  $\in \pi(G)$ . Hence,  $3^3 \notin \omega(G)$  and  $\exp(P_3) = 3, 3^2$ . If  $\exp(P_3) = 3, 3^2$ , then similar as above, we have a contradiction and  $\pi(G) \neq \{2, 3\}$ .

Case (3)  $\pi(G) = \{2, 5\}$ .

If  $5^2 \in \omega(G)$ , then  $s_5 = 38211264$  or  $229267584$  and  $\exp(P_5) = 5, 5^2$ .

If  $\exp(P_5) = 5$ , then  $|P_5||1 + s_5$  and  $|P_5| = 5$ . Since  $n_5 = [G : N_G(P_5)] = s_5/\varphi(5)$ , is concluded 3, 7 and  $13 \in \pi(G)$ . If  $\exp(P_5) = 5^2$ , by Lemma 2.3  $|P_5||1 + s_5 + s_{25}(s_{25} = 275871960, 573168960, 732382560)$

and  $|P_5||5^2$ . It is obvious  $|P_5| \neq 5$  and we suppose that  $|P_5| = 25$ . If  $|P_5| = 25$ , then 3, 7, 13 or 23  $\in \pi(G)$ .

Therefore  $5^2 \notin \omega(G)$  and  $|G| = 2^n \cdot 5$  such that  $1 \leq n \leq 11$ . Hence,  $4585351680 + 5307848k_1 + 41395536k_2 + 38211264k_3 + 275871960k_4 + 327525120k_5 + 573168960k_6 + 382112640k_7 + 343901376k_8 + 732382560k_9 + 705438720k_{10} + 305690112k_{11} + 297198720k_{12} + 229267584k_{13} + 327525120k_{14} = 2^n \cdot 5$ , such that

$k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{14}$  and  $n$  are nonnegative integers and  $0 < \sum_{i=1}^{14} k_i \leq 24$ . But,  $4585351680 \leq 2^n \cdot 5 \leq 24 \cdot 732382560$  and  $n > 11$ .

Case (4)  $\pi(G) = \{2, 7\}$ .

We have  $7|1 + s_7$  and  $s_7 = 327525120$ . If  $7^2 \in \omega(G)$ , then  $s_{7^2} = 41395536$  or  $732382560$ . Since  $|P_7||1 + s_7 + s_{7^2}$ , is derived  $|P_7||7^2$ . If  $|P_7| = 7$ , then  $7k + 1 = n_7 = s_7/\varphi(7) = 5458520$  and 3, 5, 13  $\in \pi(G)$ . If  $|P_7| = 7^2$ , then  $n_7 = s_{7^2}/\varphi(7^2) = [G : N_G(P_7)] = 985608, 17437680$  and 3, 5, 13, 5449  $\in \pi(G)$ . Therefore,  $7^2 \notin \omega(G)$  and  $|G| = 2^n \cdot 7$  such that  $1 \leq n \leq 11$ . Hence,  $4585351680 + 5307848k_1 + 41395536k_2 + 38211264k_3 + 275871960k_4 + 327525120k_5 + 573168960k_6 + 382112640k_7 + 343901376k_8 + 732382560k_9 + 705438720k_{10} + 305690112k_{11} + 297198720k_{12} + 229267584k_{13} + 327525120k_{14} = 2^n \cdot 7$ , such that

$k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{14}$  and  $n$  are nonnegative integers and  $0 < \sum_{i=1}^{14} k_i \leq 24$ . But,  $4585351680 \leq 2^n \cdot 7 \leq 24 \cdot 732382560$  and  $n > 11$ .

Case (5)  $\pi(G) = \{2, 13\}$ .

We have  $13|1 + s_{13}$  and  $s_{13} = 705438720$ . If  $13^2 \in \omega(G)$ , then  $s_{13^2} = 343901376$ . Since  $|P_{13}||1 + s_{13} + s_{13^2}$ , is derived  $|P_{13}||13^2$ . If  $|P_{13}| = 13$ , then  $13k + 1 = n_{13} = s_{13}/\varphi(13) = 58786550$  and 3, 5, 39191  $\in \pi(G)$ . If  $|P_{13}| = 13^2$ , then  $n_{13} = s_{13^2}/\varphi(13^2) = [G : N_G(P_{13})] = 2204496$  and 3, 5  $\in \pi(G)$ . Therefore,  $13^2 \notin \omega(G)$  and  $|G| = 2^n \cdot 13$  such that  $1 \leq n \leq 11$ . Hence,  $4585351680 + 5307848k_1 + 41395536k_2 + 38211264k_3 + 275871960k_4 + 327525120k_5 + 573168960k_6 + 382112640k_7 + 343901376k_8 + 732382560k_9 + 705438720k_{10} + 305690112k_{11} + 297198720k_{12} + 229267584k_{13} + 327525120k_{14} = 2^n \cdot 13$ , such that

$k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{14}$  and  $n$  are nonnegative integers and  $0 < \sum_{i=1}^{14} k_i \leq 24$ . But,  $4585351680 \leq 2^n \cdot 13 \leq 24 \cdot 732382560$  and  $n > 11$ .

Case (6)  $\pi(G) = \{2, 3, 5\}$ .

In this case,  $|G| = 2^n \cdot 3^m \cdot 5$  and  $1 \leq n, m \leq 11$ . We have:

$4585351680 + 5307848k_1 + 41395536k_2 + 38211264k_3 + 275871960k_4 + 327525120k_5 + 573168960k_6 + 382112640k_7 + 343901376k_8 + 732382560k_9 + 705438720k_{10} + 305690112k_{11} + 297198720k_{12} + 229267584k_{13} + 327525120k_{14} = 2^n \cdot 3^m \cdot 5$ , such that

$k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{14}$  and  $n, m$  are nonnegative integers and  $0 < \sum_{i=1}^{14} k_i \leq 288$ . But,  $4585351680 \leq 2^n \cdot 3^m \cdot 5 \leq 288 \cdot 732382560$  and  $n, m > 11$ .

If  $\pi(G) = \{2, 3, 7\}$ , then due to the values of  $n$   $3 \cdot 7 \notin \omega(G)$  and  $|P_3||s_7 = 2^8 \cdot 3^9 \cdot 5 \cdot 13$  and so  $|P_3||3^9$ . Similar to case (6), we have a contradiction.

Case (7)  $\pi(G) = \{2, 3, 13\}$ .

First, we obtain  $2 \cdot 13 \notin \omega(G)$  if  $2, 13 \in \pi(G)$ . If  $2 \cdot 13 \in \omega(G)$ , set  $P$  and  $Q$  are Sylow 13-subgroup of  $G$  and are conjugate in  $G$ . Also  $C_G(P)$  and  $C_G(Q)$  are conjugate in  $G$ . Therefore we have  $s_{2 \cdot 13} =$

$\varphi(2 \cdot 13) \cdot n_{13} \cdot k$  where  $k$  is the number of cyclic subgroups of order 2 in  $C_G(P)$ . Since  $n_{13} = s_{13}/\varphi(13)$ ,  $s_{13}|s_{26}$  and so  $s_{13} = s_{26} = 705438720$ . According to Lemma2.3  $26|1 + s_2 + s_{13} + s_{26}$ , a contradiction. Hence  $2 \cdot 13 \notin \omega(G)$ , it follows that the Sylow 2-subgroup of  $G$  acts fixed point freely on the set of elements of order 13,  $|P_2|_{s_{13}} = 2^{10} \cdot 3^9 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$  and so  $|P_2||2^{10}$ . If  $3 \cdot 13 \in \omega(G)$ , then by Lemma2.3  $3 \cdot 13|1 + s_3 + s_{13} + s_{39}$ . Hence  $3 \cdot 13 \notin \omega(G)$ , it follows that the Sylow 3-subgroup of  $G$  acts fixed point freely on the set of elements of order 13,  $|P_3|_{s_{13}} = 2^{10} \cdot 3^9 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$  and so  $|P_3||3^9$ . In this case,  $\pi(G) = \{2, 3, 13\}$  and  $|G| = 2^n \cdot 3^m \cdot 13$  and  $1 \leq n \leq 10$ ,  $1 \leq m \leq 9$ .

So,

$$4585351680 + 5307848k_1 + 41395536k_2 + 38211264k_3 + 275871960k_4 + 327525120k_5 + 573168960k_6 + 382112640k_7 + 343901376k_8 + 732382560k_9 + 705438720k_{10} + 305690112k_{11} + 297198720k_{12} + 229267584k_{13} + 327525120k_{14} = 2^n \cdot 3^m \cdot 13,$$

such that

$k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{14}$  and  $n, m$  are nonnegative integers and  $0 < \sum_{i=1}^{14} k_i \leq 220$ . But,  $4585351680 \leq 2^n \cdot 3^m \cdot 13 \leq 220 \cdot 732382560$  and  $n > 10$ ,  $m > 9$ .

In the remaining cases, in the same way, we obtain a contradiction. Therefore,  $\pi(G) = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 13\}$  and  $|G| = 2^n \cdot 3^m \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$  such that  $1 \leq n \leq 10$ ,  $1 \leq m \leq 9$ .

Also we know  $2^9 \cdot 3^9 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 = 4585351680 = \sum_{s_k \in nse(G)} s_k \leq |G| = 2^n \cdot 3^m \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \leq 2^{10} \cdot 3^9 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$ . So, we can assume that  $|G| = 2^9 \cdot 3^9 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$  or  $|G| = 2^{10} \cdot 3^9 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$ . The second step is  $G \cong O_7(3)$ . We show that there is no group such that  $|G| = 2^{10} \cdot 3^9 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$  and  $nse(G) = nse(O_7(3))$ . If  $G$  is a solvable group, then  $n_{13} = s_{13}/\varphi(13) = 2^8 \cdot 3^8 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$  and by Lemma1.4  $3 \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$ . So, there is a contradiction, and  $G$  is not solvable. Hence,  $G$  has a normal series  $1 \triangleleft K \triangleleft L \triangleleft G$  such that  $L/K$  is isomorphic to a simple  $K_i$ -group with  $i = 3, 4, 5$  and  $169 \nmid |G|$ . If  $L/K$  is isomorphic to a simple  $K_3$ -group, from [4, 14],  $L/K \cong A_5, L_3(2), A_6, L_2(8), L_3(3), U_3(3)$  and  $U_4(2)$ . By [1]  $n_2(L/K) = n_2(A_5) = 15$ , according to [11],  $n_2(G) = 15t$ ,  $2 \nmid t$  and  $n_2 = s_2 = 354159 = 15t$ . There is no solution for  $t$ , and for the other groups, we can similarly rule it out.

If  $L/K$  is isomorphic to a simple  $K_n$ -group with  $n = 4, 5$ , then by Lemma1.4,  $L/K$  is isomorphic to

$$L_2(13), L_2(25), L_2(27), L_2(64), L_3(9), L_4(3), G_2(3), Sz(8), S_6(3)$$

and  $O_7(3)$ .

If  $L/K \cong L_2(13)$ , then  $14 = n_{13}(L/K) = n_{13}(L_2(13))$  and  $n_{13}(G) = 14t$  such that  $13 \nmid t$  for some integer  $t$ . Hence,  $s_{13} = 12 \cdot 14$  and  $t = 4199040 = 2^7 \cdot 3^8 \cdot 5$ . We have  $2^7 \cdot 3^8 \cdot 5 || K || 2^7 \cdot 3^8 \cdot 5$  so,  $|K| = 2^7 \cdot 3^8 \cdot 5$  and  $N_K(P_{13}) = 1$ . Therefore  $K \times P_{13}$  is a Frobenius group and  $|P_{13}||\text{Aut}(K)|$ , a contradiction.

If  $L/K \cong S_6(3)$ , then  $s_2(L/K) = s_2(S_6(3)) = 196911$  and  $s_2(G) = 196911t$ . Thus  $s_2(G) = 196911t = 354159$ , a contradiction. Similarly, for the other groups  $L_2(25), L_2(27), L_2(64), L_3(9), L_4(3), G_2(3)$  and  $Sz(8)$ , we can obtain a contradiction. The last case is  $L/K \cong O_7(3)$ . If  $\bar{G} = G/K$  and  $\bar{L} = L/K$ , then

$$\bar{L} \cong \bar{L}(C_{\bar{G}}(\bar{L})) / (C_{\bar{G}}(\bar{L})) \leq (\bar{G} / (C_{\bar{G}}(\bar{L}))) = (N_{\bar{G}}(\bar{L})) / (C_{\bar{G}}(\bar{L})) \leq \text{Aut}(\bar{L}).$$

We define that  $M = \{xk | xk \in C_{\overline{G}}(\overline{L})\}$ . We have:  $G/M \cong \overline{G}/C_{\overline{G}}(\overline{L})$  and  $O_7(3) \leq G/M \leq \text{Aut}(O_7(3))$ . Also,  $G/M \cong O_7(3)$  or  $G/M \cong 2 \cdot O_7(3)$ . If  $G/M \cong O_7(3)$ , then according to assumptions  $|M| = 2$  and  $M = Z(G)$ . Hence,  $G$  has an element of order  $2 \cdot 13$ , which is a contradiction. If  $G/M \cong 2 \cdot O_7(3)$ ,  $M = 1$  and  $G$  has a pure normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $H \cong O_7(3)$ ,  $nse(G) = nse(O_7(3))$ . We know  $n_{13}(O_7(3)) = 2^8 \cdot 3^8 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$  so,  $n_{13}(O_7(3)) < n_{13}(G)$ . According to assumptions  $n_{13}(G) = 2^{10} \cdot 3^9 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$  and  $s_{13}(G) = 651174204 \notin nse(G)$ . Therefore,  $|G| = 2^9 \cdot 3^9 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 = |O_7(3)|$  and according to this argument  $G \cong O_7(3)$ .

□

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