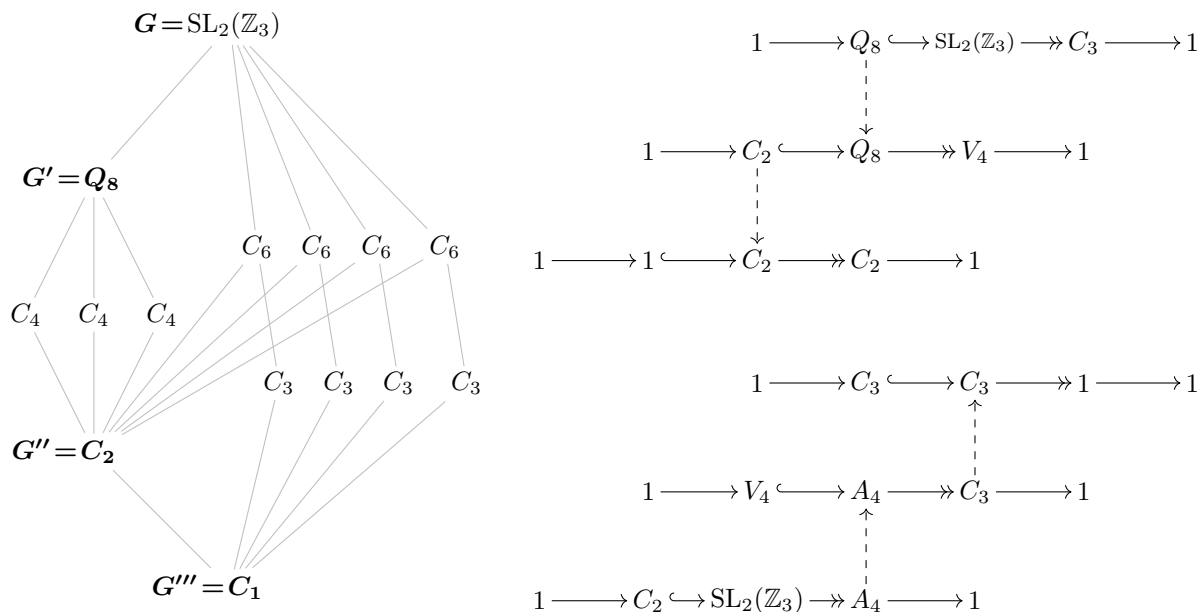


1. The group  $G = \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}_3)$  is solvable with derived length 3. This means that it can be constructed as a sequence of abelian extensions. Moreover, this can be done two ways:

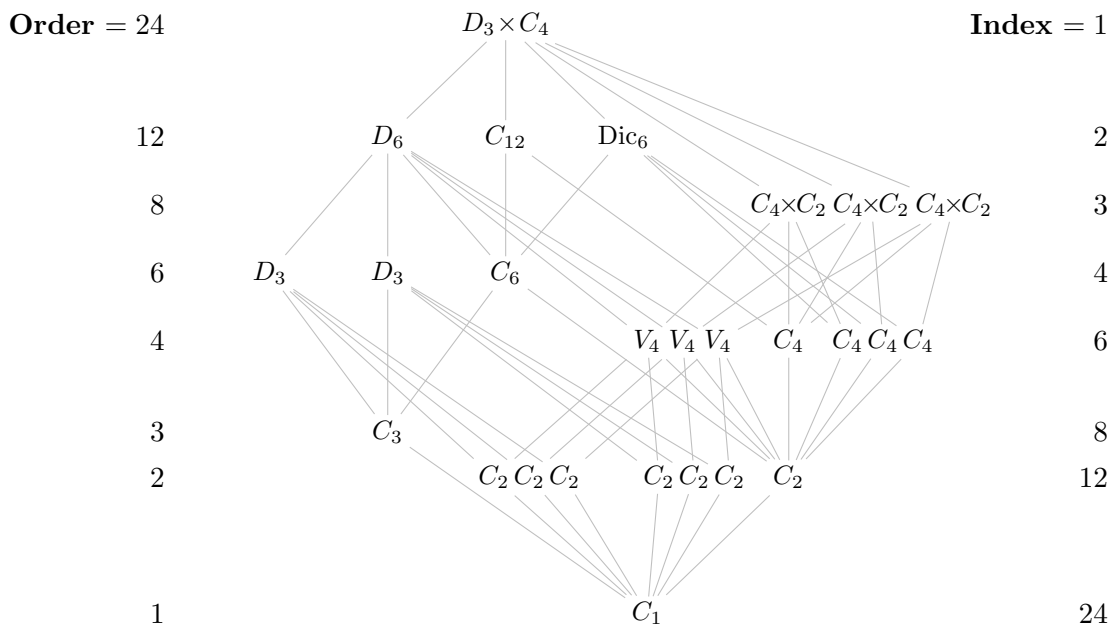
- From “top-to-bottom”:  $G = G_0 \supseteq G_1 \supseteq G_2 \supseteq G_3 = \langle 1 \rangle$ .
- From “bottom-to-top”:  $\langle 1 \rangle = G_3 \leq G_2 \leq G_1 \leq G_0 = G$ .

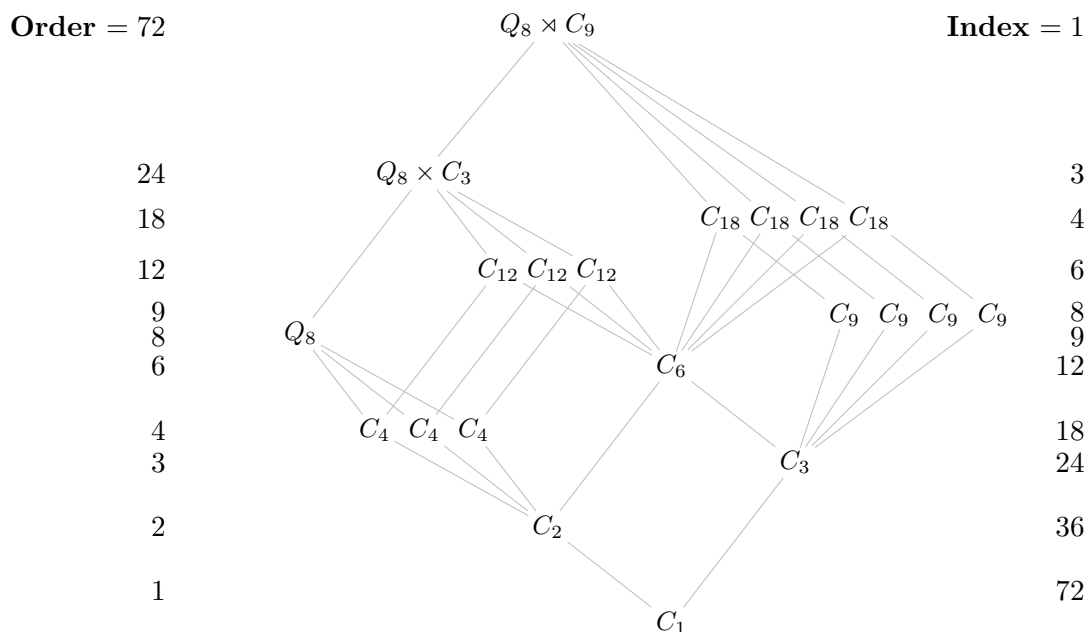
These extensions can be encoded by short exact sequences, as shown below.



Carry out this construction for the symmetric group  $G = S_4$ , which has derived length 3.

2. For both of the following groups  $G$  shown below, find all compositions series (up to isomorphism) and the composition factors. Then repeat the previous exercise, and find the abelianization of  $G$ .





3. Given a group  $G$ , prove the following elementary properties about its commutator subgroup,  $G' = \langle xyx^{-1}y^{-1} \mid x, y \in G \rangle$ .

- (a)  $G' \trianglelefteq G$  and  $G/G'$  is abelian.
- (b) If  $G' \leq H \leq G$ , then  $H \trianglelefteq G$ .
- (c) If  $N \trianglelefteq G$ , then  $N' \trianglelefteq G$ .
- (d) If  $N \trianglelefteq G$ , then  $G/N$  is abelian if and only if  $G' \trianglelefteq N$ .
- (e) If  $\phi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  is a homomorphism, then

$$\phi([h, k]) = [\phi(h), \phi(k)] \quad \text{and} \quad \phi([H, K]) = [\phi(H), \phi(K)],$$

for all  $h, k \in G_1$ , and  $H, K \leq G_1$ .