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Título: The exponent of the non-abelian q-tensor square and related constructions of p-groups.

Resumo: The group  $\nu^q(G)$  is a certain extension of the non-abelian q-tensor square,  $G \otimes^q G$ , by  $G \times G$ , where q is a non-negative integer and G is an arbitrary group. In this presentation we obtain bounds for the exponent of these constructions when G belongs to some family of finite p-group. For instance, if G is a powerful p-group we prove that  $\exp(G \otimes^q G)$  divides  $\exp(G)$  if p is odd or if p = 2 and either q is odd or 4 divides q, and  $\exp(G \otimes^q G)$  divides  $2\exp(G)$  if p = 2 and 4 does not divide q. In the potent's family we give a bound for the  $\exp(\nu^q(G))$  in terms of the  $\exp(G)$ . Moreover, we obtain an upper bound for p-groups of maximal class. These bounds extend some existing bounds found in the literature for the particular case q = 0.