

## UNITS IN $\mathbb{Z}(C_n \times C_5)$

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**Abstract** Let  $G$  be a group. Characterization of units in integral group ring  $\mathbb{Z}G$  is a classical open problem for various groups explicitly. In this work, we shall introduce a subgroup of unit group in the integral group ring of the direct product which is defined as

$$C_n \times C_5 = \langle a, x : a^n = x^5 = 1, ax = xa \rangle$$

in terms of the unit group in integral group ring of  $C_n$ .

### 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}G)$  denote the unit group of the integral group ring of the group  $G$  over integers. For many years, expression of  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}G)$  as a set of generators of finite index has become a classical hard problem for various types of  $G$ . In this study, we describe the subgroups of the unit group of integral group ring  $\mathbb{Z}(C_n \times C_5)$  where

$$C_n \times C_5 = \langle a, x : a^n = x^5 = 1, ax = xa \rangle$$

by using the known unit group  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n)$ . One can notice that if  $G$  is a finite group, then the center  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}G))$  is a finitely generated abelian group of the form  $\pm \mathcal{Z}(G) \times F$  where  $F$  is a free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module with rank  $\frac{1}{2}(|G| + n_2 + 1 - 2l)$  [13]. Here,  $n_2$  is the number of elements of order 2 of  $G$  and  $l$  is the number of all the distinct cyclic subgroups of  $G$ . We can achieve a such  $F$  for a few cases of the group  $G$ .  $F$  had been determined for the alternating groups  $A_5$  and  $A_6$  in [1] and [6]. Aleev also had introduced the unit groups of integral group rings of the cyclic groups  $C_7$  and  $C_9$  [8]. Hoechsmann had attained the set of generators of units in group rings for abelian groups [5]. Ferraz displayed that

$$\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}[\theta]) = \langle -1, \theta, 1 + \theta, \dots, (1 + \theta + \dots + \theta^{\frac{p-1}{2}}) \rangle$$

therefore  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_p) = \pm \langle g \rangle \times \langle S \rangle$  such that

$$S = \{ (1 + g^t + g^{2t} + \dots + g^{t(r-1)})(1 + g^{t^i} + g^{2t^i} + \dots + g^{(t-1)t^i}) - k\hat{g} : i = 1, \dots, \frac{p-3}{2} \}$$

where  $t$  is a positive integer such that  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}_p) = \langle t \rangle$ ,  $r$  is the least positive integer such that  $tr \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ ,  $k = \frac{tr-1}{p}$ ,  $p$  is a prime between 5 and 67,  $\theta$  is a  $p$ th primitive root of unity [9]. Ferraz and Marcuz also have considered the groups  $G = C_p \times C_2$  and  $G = C_p \times C_2 \times C_2$  where  $p$  is a prime between 5 and 67. They determined the unit groups of the integral group rings of these groups [10]. Li displayed that  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}[G \times C_2]) = K \rtimes D$  such that

$$K = \{ u = 1 + \alpha(1 - x) : \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}G, u \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}[G \times C_2]) \}$$

and

$$D = \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}G) \subset \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}[G \times C_2])$$

Moreover, any element which is of the form  $1 + \alpha(1 - x)$  is a unit in  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}[G \times C_2])$  if and only if  $1 + 2\alpha \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}G)$  [7]. Low effectuated the following split exact sequences for  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}[G \times C_p])$  where  $p$  is a prime:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} K & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}[G \times C_p]) & \xrightarrow{\pi} & \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}G) \\ \cong \downarrow & & \sigma \downarrow & & \rho \downarrow \\ M & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]G) & \xrightarrow{\rho} & \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}_2G). \end{array}$$

and stated that

$\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}[G \times C_p]) = M \rtimes \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}G)$ . Since  $M \subset \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}[\zeta]G)$ , it should be note that complete characterization of  $M$  depends on getting the set of unit generators of finite index in group rings whose coefficients are from complex integral domains [4]. He also had said that  $M$  could not be characterized explicitly [4].

Kelebek constructed the normalized unit group of  $\mathbb{Z}[C_n \times K_4]$  for the group

$$C_n \times K_4 = \langle a, x, y : a^n = x^2 = y^2 = 1, ax = xa, ay = ya, xy = yx \rangle$$

as

$$\mathcal{U}_1(\mathbb{Z}[C_n \times K_4]) = \mathcal{U}_1(\mathbb{Z}C_n) \times \mathcal{U}_1(1 + K^x) \times \mathcal{U}_1(1 + K^y) \times \mathcal{U}_1(1 + K^{xy})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}_1(1 + K^x) &= \{1 + P(x - 1) : 1 - 2P \in \mathcal{U}_1(\mathbb{Z}C_n)\} \\ \mathcal{U}_1(1 + K^y) &= \{1 + P(y - 1) : 1 - 2P \in \mathcal{U}_1(\mathbb{Z}C_n)\} \\ \mathcal{U}_1(1 + K^{xy}) &= \{1 + P(x - 1)(y - 1) : 1 + 4P \in \mathcal{U}_1(\mathbb{Z}C_n)\} \end{aligned}$$

## 2 Structure Theorem

Let  $C_n = \langle a : a^n = 1 \rangle$  and  $C_5 = \langle x : x^5 = 1 \rangle$  be distinct cyclic groups. We can define the group epimorphism  $\varphi : C_n \times C_5 \rightarrow C_n$  by  $\varphi(a, x) = a$  or  $\varphi(x) = 1$ .  $\varphi$  can be extend to the integral group rings as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi : \mathbb{Z}(C_n \times C_5) &\longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}C_n \\ \sum_{j=0}^4 A_j x^j &\mapsto \sum_{j=0}^4 A_j \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_n}(C_5)$  denote the kernel of  $\varphi$ . Then we can rearrange the form of  $\Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_n}(C_5)$  as follows.

**Proposition 2.1.**  $\Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_n}(C_5) = \langle 1 - x \rangle \oplus \langle 1 - x^2 \rangle \oplus \langle 1 - x^3 \rangle \oplus \langle 1 - x^4 \rangle$  over  $\mathbb{Z}C_n$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_n}(C_5) &= \{ \sum_{j=0}^4 A_j x^j : \sum_{j=0}^4 A_j = 0, A_j \in \mathbb{Z}C_n \} \\ &= \{ \sum_{j=0}^4 A_j x^j : A_0 = -A_1 - A_2 - A_3 - A_4 \} \\ &= \{ -\sum_{j=1}^4 A_j (1 - x^j) : A_j \in \mathbb{Z}C_n \} \\ &= \langle 1 - x \rangle + \langle 1 - x^2 \rangle + \langle 1 - x^3 \rangle + \langle 1 - x^4 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Let us show the sum is direct. Say  $\sum_{j=1}^4 A_j (1 - x^j) = \sum_{j=1}^4 B_j (1 - x^j)$ . Then  $A_j = B_j$  for all  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Hence

$$\Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_n}(C_5) = \langle 1 - x \rangle \oplus \langle 1 - x^2 \rangle \oplus \langle 1 - x^3 \rangle \oplus \langle 1 - x^4 \rangle$$

Hence we can write a split exact sequence as

$$\langle 1 - x \rangle \oplus \langle 1 - x^2 \rangle \oplus \langle 1 - x^3 \rangle \oplus \langle 1 - x^4 \rangle \xrightarrow{\iota} \mathbb{Z}(C_n \times C_5) \xrightarrow{\varphi} \mathbb{Z}C_n$$

Keeping in mind that  $\mathbb{Z}(C_n \times C_5) = (\mathbb{Z}C_n)C_5 = (\mathbb{Z}C_5)C_n$ , we can also define another group epimorphism  $\psi : C_n \times C_5 \rightarrow C_5$  by  $\psi(a, x) = x$  or  $\psi(a) = 1$ . Then, extending  $\psi$  linearly to the integral group rings, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \psi : \mathbb{Z}(C_n \times C_5) &\longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}C_5 \\ \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} B_j a^j &\mapsto \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} B_j \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_5}(C_n)$  be the kernel of  $\psi$ . Then we can introduce the following proposition without giving the proof which is straightforward from the previous one.

**Proposition 2.2.**  $\Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_5}(C_n) = \langle 1 - a \rangle \oplus \dots \oplus \langle 1 - a^{n-1} \rangle$  over  $\mathbb{Z}C_5$ .

Since

$$\psi(\Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_n}(C_5)) = \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}}(C_5) = \langle 1 - x \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \langle 1 - x^2 \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \langle 1 - x^3 \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \langle 1 - x^4 \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}}$$

and

$$\varphi(\Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_5}(C_n)) = \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}}(C_n) = \langle 1 - a \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \dots \oplus \langle 1 - a^{n-1} \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}}$$

it can be written that

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} K & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_5}(C_n) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}}(C_n) \\ \iota \downarrow & & \iota \downarrow & & \iota \downarrow \\ \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_n}(C_5) & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \mathbb{Z}(C_n \times C_5) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \mathbb{Z}C_n \\ \psi \downarrow & & \psi \downarrow & & \psi \downarrow \\ \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}}(C_5) & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \mathbb{Z}C_5 & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

Let us determine the ideal  $K$ . As

$$\varphi\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} A_j(1 - a^j)\right) = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \varphi(A_j)(1 - a^j)$$

Then for all  $A_j \in \mathbb{Z}C_n$ ,

$$\varphi(A_j) = 0 \iff A_j \in \langle 1 - x \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \langle 1 - x^2 \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \langle 1 - x^3 \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \langle 1 - x^4 \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} Ker(\varphi)|_{\Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_5}(C_n)} &= \{ \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} A_j(1 - a^j) : \varphi(A_i) = 0, A_i \in \mathbb{Z}C_n \} \\ &= \{ \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} A_j(1 - a^j) : A_i \in Ker(\varphi) \} \\ &= \{ \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^4 \alpha_{jk}(1 - a^j)(1 - x^k) : \alpha_{jk} \in \mathbb{Z} \} \\ &= \langle (1 - a^j)(1 - x^k) : j = 1, \dots, n - 1; k = 1, \dots, 4 \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}} \end{aligned}$$

If we move all the split exact sequences to unit level, we get the following sequences.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{U}(1 + K) & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \mathcal{U}(1 + \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_5}(C_n)) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \mathcal{U}(1 + \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}}(C_n)) \\ \iota \downarrow & & \iota \downarrow & & \iota \downarrow \\ \mathcal{U}(1 + \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_n}(C_5)) & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}(C_n \times C_5)) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n) \\ \psi \downarrow & & \psi \downarrow & & \psi \downarrow \\ \mathcal{U}(1 + \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}}(C_5)) & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_5) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}) \end{array}$$

As the embedding functions can be regarded as the reverse directions of  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$ , all these sequences split. This gives us the way on which we can state the unit group of  $\mathbb{Z}(C_n \times C_5)$  as follows:

**Corollary 2.3.**

$$\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}(C_n \times C_5)) = \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_5) \times \mathcal{U}(1 + \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_5}(C_n)) = \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n) \times \mathcal{U}(1 + \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_n}(C_5))$$

Let  $F(G)$  denote the torsion-free part of the unit group of the integral group ring  $\mathbb{Z}G$ . Since  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}) = \{\pm 1\}$ , we obtain the following corollary:

**Corollary 2.4.**

$$F(C_n) \subseteq \mathcal{U}(1 + \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}}(C_n))$$

and

$$F(C_5) \subseteq \mathcal{U}(1 + \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}}(C_5))$$

**Corollary 2.5.**

$$\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}(C_n \times C_5)) = (C_n \times C_5) \times F(C_n) \times F(C_5) \times \mathcal{U}(1 + K)$$

By splitting  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}(C_n \times C_5))$  into its subgroups, it is clear that the complete characterization of the unit group  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}(C_n \times C_5))$  depends on determining the subgroup  $\mathcal{U}(1 + K) = \mathcal{U}(1 + \langle (1 - a^j)(1 - x^k) \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}})$ . For some orders  $n$ , the rank of  $\mathcal{U}(1 + K)$  can be calculated however we now need to give a very useful result of Tóth [12].

**Proposition 2.6.** *Let  $C_{n_1}$  and  $C_{n_2}$  be two cyclic groups have orders  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  respectively and  $\phi$  be Euler's totient function. Then for every  $n_1, n_2 \geq 1$  the number of cyclic subgroups of  $C_{n_1} \times C_{n_2}$  is*

$$c(n_1, n_2) = \sum_{d_1 | n_1, d_2 | n_2} \phi(\gcd(d_1, d_2))$$

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $n = 5p^k$  where  $p (\neq 5)$  is prime. Then, the rank of torsion-free part of the unit subgroup  $\mathcal{U}(1 + K)$  is determined by the following formula:*

$$s(p, k) := 10p^k - 4k - 5.$$

*Proof.* We explain the proof with two cases:

**Case 1.** Let  $p = 2$ . Then, the rank of torsion-free part of the unit group  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}(C_n \times C_5))$  can easily be calculated by Ayoub and Ayoub [14]. It is trivial that the order of  $C_n \times C_5$  is  $25p^k$ . We also need the number  $n_2$  and  $l$  to complete the proof. These numbers can be seen at the table below:

$ g $	1	5	$p$	$p^2$	...	$p^k$	$5p$	$5p^2$	...	$5p^k$
$a^j$	1	$a^{p^k}$	$a^{5p^{k-1}}$	$a^{5p^{k-2}}$	...	$a^5$	$a^{p^{k-1}}$	$a^{p^{k-2}}$	...	$a$
$xa^j$	—	$x, xa^{p^k}$	—	—	—	—	$xa^{p^{k-1}}$	$xa^{p^{k-2}}$	...	$xa$
$x^2a^j$	—	$x^2, x^2a^{p^k}$	—	—	—	—	$x^2a^{p^{k-1}}$	$x^2a^{p^{k-2}}$	...	$x^2a$
$x^3a^j$	—	$x^3, x^3a^{p^k}$	—	—	—	—	$x^3a^{p^{k-1}}$	$x^3a^{p^{k-2}}$	...	$x^3a$
$x^4a^j$	—	$x^4, x^4a^{p^k}$	—	—	—	—	$x^4a^{p^{k-1}}$	$x^4a^{p^{k-2}}$	...	$x^4a$

This table show us that  $n_2 = 1$ . We also have  $6k + 10$  elements which satisfy  $\langle x \rangle = \langle x^4 \rangle$ ,  $\langle x^2 \rangle = \langle x^3 \rangle$ ,  $\langle xa^{p^{k-1}} \rangle = \langle x^4a^{p^{k-1}} \rangle$ ,  $\langle x^2a^{p^{k-1}} \rangle = \langle x^3a^{p^{k-1}} \rangle$ . This means there are  $6k + 6$  distinct cyclic subgroups of the group  $C_n \times C_5$ . Actually, we can also calculate the number of cyclic subgroups of  $C_n \times C_5$  from [12] since  $i = 0, 1$  as follows

$$c(5p^k, 5) = \sum_{d_1 | 5p^k, d_2 | 5} \phi(\gcd(d_1, d_2)) = \sum_{j=1}^k \phi(\gcd(5^i p^j, 1)) + \phi(\gcd(5^i p^j, 5)).$$

Thus, we confirm that  $c(5p^k, 5) = (2k + 2)\phi(1) + (k + 1)\phi(5) = 6k + 6$ . Hence, the rank of torsion-free part of the unit group  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}(C_n \times C_5))$  is obtained as  $25p^{k-1} - 6k - 5$ . Besides, it can be easily computed that the rank of the unit group  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n)$  as  $5p^{k-1} - 2k - 1$  and Karpilovsky displayed that the unit group  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_5)$  has a single generator. All the these parameters give us from Corollary 2.5. that the rank of  $\mathcal{U}(1 + K)$  is  $10p^k - 4k - 5$ .

**Case 2.** Let  $p \neq 2$ . Then since the order of  $C_n \times C_5$  is odd, the parameter  $n_2$  is 0. We know also

that there are  $6k + 6$  distinct cyclic subgroups of  $C_n \times C_5$ . Hence, the rank of  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}(C_n \times C_5))$  is  $\frac{25p^k - 12k - 11}{2}$  and then the rank of  $\mathcal{U}(1 + K)$  is obtained as  $10p^k - 4k - 5$ . ■

**Example.**

$p$	$k$	$n$	Group	Rank of $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}(C_n \times C_5))$	$s(p, k)$
2	1	10	$C_{10} \times C_5$	14	11
2	2	20	$C_{20} \times C_5$	33	27
3	1	15	$C_{15} \times C_5$	26	21
3	2	45	$C_{45} \times C_5$	95	77
5	1	25	$C_{25} \times C_5$	51	41
5	2	125	$C_{125} \times C_5$	295	237
7	1	35	$C_{35} \times C_5$	83	61
7	2	245	$C_{245} \times C_5$	595	477

As we stated before, an explicit characterization of the unit group  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}(C_n \times C_5))$  can be introduced if  $\mathcal{U}(1 + K)$ ,  $\mathcal{U}(1 + \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_5}(C_n))$  or  $\mathcal{U}(1 + \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_n}(C_5))$  can be expressed clearly. Now, let us state and prove our main result as follows:

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $C_n \times C_5 = \langle a, x : a^n = x^5 = 1, ax = xa \rangle$ . Then*

$$\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}(C_n \times C_5)) = \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n) \times \left\{ 1 + \sum_{i=1}^4 A_i(1 - x^i) : A_i \in \mathbb{Z}C_n \right\}$$

if and only if the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 + A_1 + \sum A_i & A_1 - A_4 & A_1 - A_3 & A_1 - A_2 \\ -A_1 + A_2 & 1 + A_2 + \sum A_i & A_2 - A_4 & A_2 - A_3 \\ -A_2 + A_3 & -A_1 + A_3 & 1 + A_3 + \sum A_i & A_3 - A_4 \\ -A_3 + A_4 & -A_2 + A_4 & -A_1 + A_4 & 1 + A_4 + \sum A_i \end{bmatrix}$$

is invertible in  $\mathcal{M}_4(\mathbb{Z}C_n)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $v_i := 1 - x^i$ . Then

$$\Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_n}(C_5) = \langle v_1 \rangle \oplus \langle v_2 \rangle \oplus \langle v_3 \rangle \oplus \langle v_4 \rangle$$

is a  $\mathbb{Z}C_n$ -algebra of the following multiplication:

$\cdot$	$v_1$	$v_2$	$v_3$	$v_4$
$v_1$	$2v_1 - v_2$	$v_1 + v_2 - v_3$	$v_1 + v_3 - v_4$	$v_1 + v_4$
$v_2$	$v_1 + v_2 - v_3$	$2v_2 - v_4$	$v_2 + v_3$	$-v_1 + v_2 + v_4$
$v_3$	$v_1 + v_3 - v_4$	$v_2 + v_3$	$-v_1 + 2v_3$	$-v_2 + v_3 + v_4$
$v_4$	$v_1 + v_4$	$-v_1 + v_2 + v_4$	$-v_2 + v_3 + v_4$	$-v_3 + 2v_4$

One can clearly see that  $\Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_n}(C_5)$  is also closed under addition and scalar multiplication. As

$$\mathcal{U}(1 + \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_n}(C_5)) = [1 + \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_n}(C_5)] \cap \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n)$$

we must investigate the units of the form  $u = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^4 A_i v_i$ . An element of the form  $u = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^4 A_i v_i$  is a unit if and only if  $\exists u^{-1} = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^4 B_i v_i$  such that  $A_i, B_i \in \mathbb{Z}C_n$  and

$uu^{-1} = 1$ . By the above multiplication table, we can get

$$\begin{aligned}
 uu^{-1} = 1 &+ v_1[A_1 + B_1 + 2A_1B_1 + A_2B_1 + A_3B_1 \\
 &+ A_4B_1 + A_1B_2 - A_4B_2 + A_1B_3 - A_3B_3 + A_1B_4 - A_2B_4] \\
 &+ v_2[A_2 + B_2 - A_1B_1 + A_2B_1 + A_1B_2 + 2A_2B_2 + A_3B_2 \\
 &+ A_4B_2 + A_2B_3 - A_4B_3 + A_2B_4 - A_3B_4] \\
 &+ v_3[A_3 + B_3 - A_2B_1 + A_3B_1 - A_1B_2 + A_3B_2 + A_1B_3 \\
 &+ A_2B_3 + 2A_3B_3 + A_4B_3 + A_3B_4 - A_4B_4] \\
 &+ v_4[A_4 + B_4 - A_3B_1 + A_4B_1 - A_2B_2 + A_4B_2 - A_1B_3 + A_4B_3 \\
 &+ A_1B_4 + A_2B_4 + A_3B_4 + 2A_4B_4] = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that this equation is hold if and only if

- i)  $A_1 + B_1 + 2A_1B_1 + A_2B_1 + A_3B_1 + A_4B_1 + A_1B_2 - A_4B_2 + A_1B_3 - A_3B_3 + A_1B_4 - A_2B_4 = 0$
- ii)  $A_2 + B_2 - A_1B_1 + A_2B_1 + A_1B_2 + 2A_2B_2 + A_3B_2 + A_4B_2 + A_2B_3 - A_4B_3 + A_2B_4 - A_3B_4 = 0$
- iii)  $A_3 + B_3 - A_2B_1 + A_3B_1 - A_1B_2 + A_3B_2 + A_1B_3 + A_2B_3 + 2A_3B_3 + A_4B_3 + A_3B_4 - A_4B_4 = 0$
- iv)  $A_4 + B_4 - A_3B_1 + A_4B_1 - A_2B_2 + A_4B_2 - A_1B_3 + A_4B_3 + A_1B_4 + A_2B_4 + A_3B_4 + 2A_4B_4 = 0$

Therefore, since

$$\vec{X} := [A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4]^T, \vec{Y} := [B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4]^T$$

and

$$A := \begin{bmatrix} 1 + A_1 + \sum A_i & A_1 - A_4 & A_1 - A_3 & A_1 - A_2 \\ -A_1 + A_2 & 1 + A_2 + \sum A_i & A_2 - A_4 & A_2 - A_3 \\ -A_2 + A_3 & -A_1 + A_3 & 1 + A_3 + \sum A_i & A_3 - A_4 \\ -A_3 + A_4 & -A_2 + A_4 & -A_1 + A_4 & 1 + A_4 + \sum A_i \end{bmatrix}$$

we conclude from the uniqueness of the inverse of a unit that  $A\vec{Y} = -\vec{X}$  has a unique solution in integral group ring  $\mathbb{Z}C_n$ . That is  $A \in GL(4, \mathbb{Z}C_n)$ . ■

The relation between the units in  $\mathbb{Z}(C_n \times C_5)$  and the units in  $\mathbb{Z}C_n$  comes from the determinant of this matrix which is very complicated. Hence, we consider some restrictions on the parameters  $A_j$ 's.

**Lemma 2.9.**

$$S := \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^4 A_j v_j : A_1 = A_4, A_2 = A_3, \forall A_j \in \mathbb{Z}C_n \right\}$$

is a  $\mathbb{Z}C_n$ -subalgebra of  $\Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_n}(C_5)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A_1 = A_4$  and  $A_2 = A_3$  in  $\Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_n}(C_5)$ . Then,

$$S = \langle v_1 + v_4 \rangle \oplus \langle v_2 + v_3 \rangle$$

and we attain the following multiplications:

.	$v_1 + v_4$	$v_2 + v_3$
$v_1 + v_4$	$4(v_1 + v_4) - (v_2 + v_3)$	$(v_1 + v_4) + (v_2 + v_3)$
$v_2 + v_3$	$(v_1 + v_4) + (v_2 + v_3)$	$4(v_2 + v_3) - (v_1 + v_4)$

It is clear that addition and scalar multiplication are also closed in  $S$ . ■

Since

$$\mathcal{U}(1 + S) = (1 + S) \cap \mathcal{U}(1 + \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_n}(C_5))$$

we need to get units of the form

$$1 + A_1(v_1 + v_4) + A_2(v_2 + v_3)$$

Then  $u = 1 + A_1(v_1 + v_4) + A_2(v_2 + v_3)$  is a unit in  $\mathcal{U}(1 + S)$  if and only if there is an element  $u^{-1} = 1 + B_1(v_1 + v_4) + B_2(v_2 + v_3)$  such that  $uu^{-1} = 1$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} uu^{-1} = 1 &+ (v_1 + v_4)[A_1 + B_1 + 4A_1B_1 + A_1B_2 + A_2B_1 - A_2B_2] \\ &+ (v_2 + v_3)[A_2 + B_2 - A_1B_1 + A_1B_2 + A_2B_1 + 4A_2B_2] = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 + B_1 + 4A_1B_1 + A_1B_2 + A_2B_1 - A_2B_2 &= 0 \\ A_2 + B_2 - A_1B_1 + A_1B_2 + A_2B_1 + 4A_2B_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 + 4A_1 + A_2 & A_1 - A_2 \\ -A_1 + A_2 & 1 + A_1 + 4A_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -A_1 \\ -A_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

has a unique solution in  $\mathbb{Z}C_n$ . Thus,

$$1 + 5(A_1^2 + A_2^2 + 3A_1A_2 + A_1 + A_2) \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n)$$

If we also consider the conditions  $A_1 = A_4$  and  $A_2 = A_3$  in the matrix  $A$ , we get the LU decomposition of  $A$  by using a computer software as

$$L = (l_{ij})_{4 \times 4} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{A_1 - A_2}{1 + 3A_1 + 2A_2} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{A_1 - A_2}{1 + 3A_2 + 2A_1} & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{A_1 - A_2}{1 + 3A_1 + 2A_2} & \frac{A_1 - A_2}{1 + 3A_2 + 2A_1} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$U = (u_{ij})_{4 \times 4} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + 3A_1 + 2A_2 & 0 & A_1 - A_2 & A_1 - A_2 \\ 0 & 1 + 3A_2 + 2A_1 & -\frac{2A_1^2 + A_1A_2 - 3A_2^2 + A_1 - A_2}{1 + 3A_1 + 2A_2} & \frac{(A_1 - A_2)^2}{1 + 3A_1 + 2A_2} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{5A_1^2 + 15A_1A_2 + 5A_2^2 + 5A_1 + 5A_2}{1 + 3A_1 + 2A_2} & -\frac{5A_1^3 + 10A_1^2A_2 - 10A_1A_2^2 - 5A_1^3 + 5A_2^2 - 5A_1^2 + A_1 - A_2}{(1 + 3A_1 + 2A_2)(1 + 3A_2 + 2A_1)} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{5A_1^2 + 15A_1A_2 + 5A_2^2 + 5A_1 + 5A_2}{1 + 3A_2 + 2A_1} \end{bmatrix}$$



Since the entries  $l_{ij}$  and  $u_{ij}$  are elements in  $\mathbb{Z}C_n$  for all  $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , we conclude that  $1 + 3A_1 + 2A_2$  and  $1 + 3A_2 + 2A_1$  must be units.

**Corollary 2.10.** *Let  $A_1, A_2 \in \mathbb{Z}C_n$  such that*

$$i) 1 + 5(A_1^2 + A_2^2 + 3A_1A_2 + A_1 + A_2) \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n)$$

$$ii) 1 + 3A_1 + 2A_2 \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n)$$

iii)  $1 + 3A_2 + 2A_1 \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n)$ . Then

$$\mathcal{U}(1 + \Delta_{\mathbb{Z}C_n}(C_5)) \supset \mathcal{U}(1 + S) = \{1 + A_1(v_1 + v_4) + A_2(v_2 + v_3) : v_j = 1 - x^j\}$$

**Remark.** One can notice that if  $u_1 = 1 + 3A_1 + 2A_2$ ,  $u_2 = 1 + 3A_2 + 2A_1$  and  $v = 1 + 5(A_1^2 + A_2^2 + 3A_1A_2 + A_1 + A_2)$  are units in  $\mathbb{Z}C_n$ ,

$$u_1u_2 - (A_1 - A_2)^2 = v$$

Here, the term  $-(A_1 - A_2)^2$  may not be a special element in  $\mathbb{Z}C_n$ . However, if we especially consider  $-(A_1 - A_2)^2$  as a nilpotent element in  $\mathbb{Z}C_n$ , this last equality is satisfied since the sum of a unit and a nilpotent element is also a unit. Besides, we can say the nilpotent element is only 0 in  $\mathbb{Z}C_n$  from Proposition 4 in [11]. Thus, if  $-(A_1 - A_2)^2$  is a nilpotent element in  $\mathbb{Z}C_n$ , then  $A_1 = A_2 = \alpha$ . Let us define

$$\mathcal{U}(1 + S)_0 = \{1 + A_1(v_1 + v_4) + A_2(v_2 + v_3) : v_j = 1 - x^j, A_1 = A_2\}$$

Therefore we can illustrate to find generators of  $\mathcal{U}(1 + S)_0 \subset \mathcal{U}(1 + S)$  satisfy the condition  $1 + 5\alpha \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Example** Let  $n = 8$ . Then we know from [13] that  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_8) = \pm C_8 \times \langle u \rangle$  where  $u = 2 + a - a^3 - a^4 - a^5 + a^7$ . A straightforward computation gives us that

$$u^7 = 1 + 5(1960 + 1386a - 1386a^3 - 1960a^4 - 1386a^5 + 1386a^7)$$

Hence, by taking

$$\alpha = 1960 + 1386a - 1386a^3 - 1960a^4 - 1386a^5 + 1386a^7$$

we can say that  $\mathcal{U}(1 + S)_0$  is generated by  $1 + \alpha(v_1 + v_2 + v_3 + v_4)$ .  $\square$

More examples can be introduced for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  for which the generators of  $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n)$  are obvious explicitly.

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