

A DIFFERENT CHARACTERIZATION OF THE UNIT GROUP

$$\mathcal{U}_1(\mathbb{Z}[C_n \times C_6])$$

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ABSTRACT. Description of unit group in integral group ring of a given finite group as a subgroup of finite index is a classical problem. There are many kind of techniques for determining units. In this study, the unit group of the integral group ring of the group

$$C_n^* := C_n \times C_6 = \langle a, x : a^n = x^6 = 1, ax = xa \rangle$$

is established based on semisimplicity. At the end, we shall explicitly investigate a set of the unit generators for $n = 4$. This study introduces another way to get results in [6].

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $\mathbb{Z}G$ denote the integral group ring of a finite abelian group G with the coefficients from the ring of integers. Let $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}G)$ be the group of units in $\mathbb{Z}G$. Explicit construction of units in integral group ring is still an open problem for a specific finite abelian group. Higman [9] introduced a mostly used result as follows:

Theorem 1.1. *Let G be a finite abelian group. Then $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}G) = \pm G \times F$ where F is a torsion-free abelian group.*

The rank of torsion free part of unit group is determined by Ayoub and Ayoub [5].

Theorem 1.2. *The rank of torsion free part of unit group in the integral group ring of a finite abelian group G is*

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2}(|G| + n_2 + 1 - 2l)$$

where $|G|$ is the order of G , n_2 is the number of elements of order 2 in G and l is the number of all distinct cyclic subgroups of G .

Exemplarily, the structure of the unit groups of $\mathbb{Z}C_5$ and $\mathbb{Z}C_8$ were given by Karpilovsky with single torsion-free unit generator as follows [10] respectively:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_5) &= \pm C_5 \times \langle -1 + x + x^4 \rangle \\ \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_8) &= \pm C_8 \times \langle 2 + (x + x^7) - (x^3 + x^5) - x^4 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

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Aleev and Panina gave the structure of $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_7)$ and $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_9)$ in [1] as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_7) &= \pm C_5 \times \langle -1 + x + x^6, -1 + 2(x^2 + x^5) - (x^3 + x^4) \rangle \\ \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_9) &= \pm C_9 \times \langle -1 - (x + x^8) - (x^2 + x^7) + 2(x^4 + x^5), -1 - (x + x^8) + (x^2 + x^7) \rangle\end{aligned}$$

The torsion-free generator of $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_{12})$ was characterized by Bilgin [4] as

$$3 + 2(x + x^{11}) + (x^2 + x^{10}) - (x^4 + x^8) - 2(x^5 + x^7) - 2x^6.$$

Low introduced a general structure of $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}[C_n \times C_2])$ with respect to the unit group $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n)$ as follows [8]:

Theorem 1.3. *Since $C_2 = \langle x : x^2 = 1 \rangle$ and $C_n = \langle a : a^n = 1 \rangle$,*

$$\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}[C_n \times C_2]) = \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n) \times \langle 1 + (x - 1)P : 1 + 2P \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n) \rangle$$

Low also gave the following applications of Theorem 1.3 in case of commutative groups [8].

Lemma 1.4. *Let $C_5^* = C_5 \times C_2 = \langle c \rangle \times \langle x \rangle$. Then,*

$$\mathcal{U}_1(\mathbb{Z}C_5^*) = \langle 1 + (x - 1)P \rangle \times \langle v \rangle \times C_5^*$$

where $P = -3 - c + 3c^2 + 3c^3 - c^4$ and $v = (c + 1)^2 - \hat{c}$

Lemma 1.5. *Let $C_8^* = C_8 \times C_2 = \langle c \rangle \times \langle x \rangle$. Then,*

$$\mathcal{U}_1(\mathbb{Z}C_8^*) = \langle 1 + (x - 1)P \rangle \times \langle v \rangle \times C_8^*$$

where $P = -4 - 3c + 3c^3 + 4c^4 + 3c^5 - 3c^7$ and $v = 2 + c - c^3 - c^4 - c^5 + c^7$

He also introduced the another type of proofs of theorems 1.6, 1.7 and 1.8 [8].

Theorem 1.6. *In $\mathcal{U}_1(\mathbb{Z}D_{12})$, D_{12} has a torsion free normal complement which is a semi-direct product of a free group of rank 5 by a free group of rank 3. Moreover, this normal complement is generated by bicyclic units.*

Theorem 1.7. *In $\mathcal{U}_1(\mathbb{Z}[D_8 \times C_2])$, $D_8 \times C_2$ has a torsion-free normal complement which is a semi-direct product of a free group of rank 9 by a free group of rank 3.*

Theorem 1.8. *Let $P = \langle a, b : a^4 = b^4 = 1, [b, a] = a^2 \rangle$ be the group of order 16. Then,*

$$\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}[P \times C_2]) = \pm [F_{65} \rtimes F_9] \rtimes (P \times C_2)$$

where F_i denotes a free group of rank i .

In [3], Kelebek obtained a structure of the unit group $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}[C_n \times K_4])$ as follows

Theorem 1.9. $\mathcal{U}_1(\mathbb{Z}[C_n \times K_4]) = \mathcal{U}_1(\mathbb{Z}C_n) \times (1 + K^x) \times (1 + K^y) \times (1 + K^{xy})$

where

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

In [6], Kusmus has constructed the structure of unit group of the integral group ring $\mathbb{Z}[C_n \times C_6]$ for $C_n = \langle a : a^n = 1 \rangle$ and $C_6 = \langle x : x^6 = 1 \rangle$ by extending some group epimorphisms to integral group ring homomorphisms. In the next section, we shall introduce a different way of describing subgroups which have torsion-free

generators of the same unit group in [6] by using Pierce Decomposition as a main result by $\mathcal{U}_1 \times \mathcal{U}_2 \times \mathcal{U}_3 \times \mathcal{U}_4 \leq \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n^*)$ where

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{U}_1 &= \langle 1 + P.\widehat{x} : 1 + 6P \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n) \rangle \\ \mathcal{U}_2 &= \langle 1 + P.\widehat{-x} : 1 + 6P \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n) \rangle \\ \mathcal{U}_3 &= \langle 1 + P\alpha + Q\beta : 1 + 6[2P^2 + 2Q^2 + 2PQ + P + Q] \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n) \rangle \\ \mathcal{U}_4 &= \langle 1 + P\gamma + Q\delta : 1 + 6[2P^2 + 2Q^2 + 2PQ + P + Q] \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n) \rangle\end{aligned}$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= (1 + x^3)(1 - x^2), & \gamma &= (1 - x^3)(1 - x^2) \\ \beta &= (1 + x^3)(1 - x^4), & \delta &= (1 - x^3)(1 - x^4)\end{aligned}$$

2. DECOMPOSITION OF $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}[C_n \times C_6])$

In this section, some remarkable objects from the theory of modules are given. In a fruitful way, some exact sequences and split extensions are constructed over the ideals of the integral group ring $\mathbb{Z}[C_n \times C_6]$. If e and f are central idempotent elements in a ring R , we know that ef , $(1 - e)f$, $(1 - f)e$ and $(1 - e)(1 - f)$ are also idempotent elements. Moreover, $\{ef, (1 - e)f, (1 - f)e, (1 - e)(1 - f)\}$ is a complete set of orthogonal idempotent elements of R . We also know that a commutative ring R with unity can be split into its ideals by a complete set of orthogonal idempotent elements as follows:

$$R = Ref \oplus Re(1 - f) \oplus R(1 - e)f \oplus R(1 - e)(1 - f) \quad (2.1)$$

Now, we are ready to apply this result to the integral group ring $\mathbb{Z}[C_n \times C_6]$ by using a complete set of orthogonal idempotent elements of $\mathbb{Q}C_6$. Let $C_6 = \langle x : x^6 = 1 \rangle$. Then, we can produce two orthogonal idempotent elements of $\mathbb{Q}C_6$ as $e = \frac{\widehat{x^2}}{3} = \frac{1+x^2+x^4}{3}$ and $f = \frac{\widehat{x^3}}{2} = \frac{1+x^3}{2}$. Thus, we get the following orthogonal idempotent elements:

$$\begin{aligned}e_1 = ef &= \frac{1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4+x^5}{6} = \frac{\widehat{x}}{6} \\ e_2 = (1 - f)e &= \frac{1-x+x^2-x^3+x^4-x^5}{6} = \frac{\widehat{-x}}{6} \\ e_3 = (1 - e)f &= \frac{(1+x^3)(2-x^2-x^4)}{6} = \frac{2-x-x^2+2x^3-x^4-x^5}{6} \\ e_4 = (1 - e)(1 - f) &= \frac{(1-x^3)(2-x^2-x^4)}{6} = \frac{2+x-x^2-2x^3-x^4+x^5}{6}\end{aligned}$$

As an application of (2.1), since $6\mathbb{Z}C_n^*$ is a subring of $\mathbb{Z}C_n^*$, we can write

$$6\mathbb{Z}C_n^* = \mathbb{Z}C_n^*\widehat{x} \oplus \mathbb{Z}C_n^*\widehat{-x} \oplus \mathbb{Z}C_n^*(1+x^3)(2-x^2-x^4) \oplus \mathbb{Z}C_n^*(1-x^3)(2-x^2-x^4) \quad (2.2)$$

Let us denote these components by

$$\begin{aligned}I_1 &:= \mathbb{Z}C_n^*\widehat{x} \\ I_2 &:= \mathbb{Z}C_n^*\widehat{-x} \\ I_3 &:= \mathbb{Z}C_n^*(1+x^3)(2-x^2-x^4) \\ I_4 &:= \mathbb{Z}C_n^*(1-x^3)(2-x^2-x^4)\end{aligned}$$

This equality (2.2) yields the following at the group level:

$$\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n^*) \supset \mathcal{U}(1 + I_1) \times \mathcal{U}(1 + I_2) \times \mathcal{U}(1 + I_3) \times \mathcal{U}(1 + I_4)$$

To observe the last inclusion, it is easy to check that

$$\begin{aligned}\rho : \quad \mathbb{Z}C_n^* &\longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_6C_n^* \\ \sum_{j=0}^5 P_j x^j &\mapsto \sum_{j=0}^5 \overline{P}_j x^j\end{aligned}$$

is an epimorphism with $\text{Ker}(\rho) = 6\mathbb{Z}C_n^*$. Thus, a short exact sequence can be constructed as

$$6\mathbb{Z}C_n^* \xrightarrow{\iota} \mathbb{Z}C_n^* \xrightarrow{\rho} \mathbb{Z}_6C_n^*$$

This short exact sequence can be moved to the unit group level by the restriction:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho : \quad \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n^*) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}_6C_n^*) \\ \sum_{j=0}^5 P_j x^j &\mapsto \sum_{j=0}^5 \bar{P}_j x^j \end{aligned}$$

as

$$\mathcal{U}(1 + 6\mathbb{Z}C_n^*) \xrightarrow{\iota} \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n^*) \xrightarrow{\rho} \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}_6C_n^*)$$

Because $\text{Ker}\rho \supset I_k$ for all $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$, $\epsilon(I_k) = 0$ and we investigate units which are lifted from the sets $1 + I_k$. We now expose the properties of ideals I_k for $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$ in details.

Proposition 2.1. $I_1 = \mathbb{Z}C_n(\widehat{x})$.

Proof. Let $P = \sum_{j=0}^5 P_j x^j \in \mathbb{Z}C_n^*$, then

$$P\widehat{x} = \left(\sum_{j=0}^5 P_j x^j\right)\widehat{x} = \left(\sum_{j=0}^5 P_j\right)\widehat{x} \in \mathbb{Z}C_n(\widehat{x})$$

On the other hand, an element $Q \in \mathbb{Z}C_n$ can be written as the sum of 6 elements as $Q = \sum_{j=0}^5 P'_j$. Also, we know that $\widehat{x} = x.\widehat{x} = x^2.\widehat{x} = x^3.\widehat{x} = x^4.\widehat{x} = x^5.\widehat{x}$. Thus, we can write that $Q\widehat{x} = \left(\sum_{j=0}^5 P'_j\right)(\widehat{x}) = \left(\sum_{j=0}^5 P'_j x^j\right)\widehat{x} \in \mathbb{Z}C_n^*(\widehat{x})$. \square Similarly, we can easily check without giving the proof that

$$I_2 = \mathbb{Z}C_n^*(\widehat{-x}) = \mathbb{Z}C_n(\widehat{-x})$$

Proposition 2.2.

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &= (1 + x^3)(1 - x^2)\mathbb{Z}C_n \oplus (1 + x^3)(1 - x^4)\mathbb{Z}C_n \\ I_4 &= (1 - x^3)(1 - x^2)\mathbb{Z}C_n \oplus (1 - x^3)(1 - x^4)\mathbb{Z}C_n \end{aligned}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &= \{(\sum_{i=0}^5 P_i x^i)(1 + x^3)[3 - (1 + x^2 + x^4)] : P_i \in \mathbb{Z}C_n\} \\ &= \{3[(P_0 + P_3)(1 + x^3) + (P_1 + P_4)(x + x^4) + (P_2 + P_5)(x^2 + x^5)] - \\ &\quad (\sum P_i)(1 + x^2 + x^4) : P_i \in \mathbb{Z}C_n\} \\ &= \{Q_0 + Q_1 x + Q_2 x^2 + Q_0 x^3 + Q_1 x^4 + Q_2 x^5 : Q_i \in \mathbb{Z}C_n, Q_0 + Q_1 + Q_2 = 0\} \\ &= \{(-Q_1 - Q_2) + Q_1 x + Q_2 x^2 + (-Q_1 - Q_2)x^3 + Q_1 x^4 + Q_2 x^5 : Q_i \in \mathbb{Z}C_n\} \\ &= \{Q_1(-1 + x - x^3 + x^4) + Q_2(-1 + x^2 - x^3 + x^5) : Q_i \in \mathbb{Z}C_n\} \\ &= \{Q_2(1 + x^3)(1 - x^2) + Q_1(1 + x^3)(x^4 - 1) : Q_i \in \mathbb{Z}C_n\} \\ &= (1 + x^3)(1 - x^2)\mathbb{Z}C_n \oplus (1 + x^3)(1 - x^4)\mathbb{Z}C_n \square \end{aligned}$$

The same procedure can be applied for the proof of the second equality in the proposition. \square

Now, let us characterize the unit subgroups $\mathcal{U}(1 + I_k)$ for $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$ explicitly.

Lemma 2.3.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}(1 + I_1) &= \{1 + P(\widehat{x}) : 1 + 6P \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n)\} \\ \mathcal{U}(1 + I_2) &= \{1 + P(\widehat{-x}) : 1 + 6P \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n)\} \end{aligned}$$

Proof.

Keeping in mind the fact that $\mathcal{U}(1 + I_k) = (1 + I_k) \cap \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n^*)$, let us consider an element $1 + P(\widehat{x}) \in 1 + I_1$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
u = 1 + P(\widehat{x}) \text{ is a unit} &\iff \exists v = 1 + Q(\widehat{x}) : uv = 1 \\
&\iff (1 + P(\widehat{x}))(1 + Q(\widehat{x})) = 1 \\
&\iff 1 + \widehat{x}[P + Q + 6PQ] = 1 \\
&\iff P + Q + 6PQ = 0 \\
&\iff 1 + 6P + 6Q + 36PQ = 1 \\
&\iff (1 + 6P)(1 + 6Q) = 1 \\
&\iff 1 + 6P \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n) \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

The other one is similarly proved.

Lemma 2.4.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{U}(1 + I_3) &= \{1 + (1 + x^3)(1 - x^2)P + (1 + x^3)(1 - x^4)Q : P, Q \in \mathbb{Z}C_n\} \\
\mathcal{U}(1 + I_4) &= \{1 + (1 - x^3)(1 - x^2)P + (1 - x^3)(1 - x^4)Q : P, Q \in \mathbb{Z}C_n\}
\end{aligned}$$

such that $1 + 6[2P^2 + 2Q^2 + 2PQ + P + Q] \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n)$.

Proof.

Let $\alpha = (1 + x^3)(1 - x^2)$ and $\beta = (1 + x^3)(1 - x^4)$. Then, we can get the following multiplication table:

$$\begin{array}{c|cc}
\cdot & \alpha & \beta \\
\hline
\alpha & 4\alpha - 2\beta & 2\alpha + 2\beta \\
\beta & 2\alpha + 2\beta & -2\alpha + 4\beta
\end{array}$$

Let us search which types of elements of the form $1 + \alpha P + \beta Q$ are units. $u = 1 + \alpha P + \beta Q$ is a unit

$$\iff \exists v = 1 + R\alpha + S\beta : uv = 1$$

$$\iff (1 + \alpha P + \beta Q)(1 + R\alpha + S\beta) = 1$$

$$\iff \alpha(P + R) + \beta(Q + S) + 2(\alpha + \beta)(PS + QR) + (-2\alpha + 4\beta)QS + (4\alpha - 2\beta)PR = 0$$

$$\iff \alpha(P + R + 2PS + 2QR - 2QS + 4PR) + \beta(Q + S + 2PS + 2QR + 4QS - 2PR) = 0$$

$$\iff P + R + 2PS + 2QR - 2QS + 4PR = 0 \text{ and } Q + S + 2PS + 2QR + 4QS - 2PR = 0$$

$$\iff \begin{bmatrix} 1 + 4P + 2Q & 2P - 2Q \\ -(2P - 2Q) & 1 + 2P + 4Q \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ S \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -P \\ -Q \end{bmatrix} \text{ has a unique solution in } \mathbb{Z}C_n$$

$$\iff 1 + 6[2P^2 + 2Q^2 + 2PQ + P + Q] \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n)$$

$\mathcal{U}(1 + I_4)$ can easily be obtained as previous one similarly. To sum up, we can state the main result of this section as follows:

Corollary 2.5. $\mathcal{U}_1 \times \mathcal{U}_2 \times \mathcal{U}_3 \times \mathcal{U}_4 \leq \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n^*)$ where

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{U}_1 &= \langle 1 + P.\widehat{x} : 1 + 6P \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n) \rangle \\
\mathcal{U}_2 &= \langle 1 + P.\widehat{-x} : 1 + 6P \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n) \rangle \\
\mathcal{U}_3 &= \langle 1 + P\alpha + Q\beta : 1 + 6[2P^2 + 2Q^2 + 2PQ + P + Q] \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n) \rangle \\
\mathcal{U}_4 &= \langle 1 + P\gamma + Q\delta : 1 + 6[2P^2 + 2Q^2 + 2PQ + P + Q] \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n) \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= (1+x^3)(1-x^2), & \gamma &= (1-x^3)(1-x^2) \\ \beta &= (1+x^3)(1-x^4), & \delta &= (1-x^3)(1-x^4)\end{aligned}$$

3. TORSION-FREE UNIT GENERATORS FOR $n = 4$

In this section, we apply Corollary 2.1 to a non-cyclic abelian group of order 24. In other words, we deal with $\mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2, \mathcal{U}_3, \mathcal{U}_4$ for integral group ring $\mathbb{Z}[C_4 \times C_6]$ since $C_4 = \langle a : a^4 = 1 \rangle$ and $C_6 = \langle x : x^6 = 1 \rangle$. At first, we can easily see that \mathcal{U}_1 and \mathcal{U}_2 are trivial because of $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_4) = \pm C_4$. Then, characterization of \mathcal{U}_3 and \mathcal{U}_4 completes the framework. However, invention of elements P and Q satisfying

$$1 + 6[2P^2 + 2Q^2 + 2PQ + P + Q] \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_n)$$

is a hard problem. Hence, we consider the following assumption:

$$2P^2 + 2Q^2 + 2PQ + P + Q = 0 \implies [3(P+Q) + 1]^2 + 3(P-Q)^2 = 1 \quad (3.1)$$

Now, let us consider (3.1) in $\mathbb{Z}C_4$. Let $P = x_0 + x_1a + x_2a^2 + x_3a^3 \in \mathbb{Z}C_4$ and $Q = y_0 + y_1a + y_2a^2 + y_3a^3 \in \mathbb{Z}C_4$. Since ε is the augmentation map, we denote

$$\varepsilon(P) = x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = m \text{ and } \varepsilon(Q) = y_0 + y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = n$$

In this case, the integer solution of the equation $[3(m+n) + 1]^2 + 3(m-n)^2 = 1$ is only $m = n = 0$. That is

$$\begin{aligned}x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \\ y_0 + y_1 + y_2 + y_3 &= 0\end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

Besides, consider the following group homomorphism:

$$\begin{aligned}\psi : C_4 &\longrightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ a^j &\mapsto i^j\end{aligned}$$

If we linearly extend ψ over integers, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\psi} : \mathbb{Z}C_4 &\longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}[i] \\ P = \sum_{j=0}^3 x_j a^j &\mapsto (x_0 - x_2) + (x_1 - x_3)i \\ Q = \sum_{j=0}^3 y_j a^j &\mapsto (y_0 - y_2) + (y_1 - y_3)i\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the equation

$$[3(\bar{\psi}(P) + \bar{\psi}(Q)) + 1]^2 + 3[\bar{\psi}(P) - \bar{\psi}(Q)]^2 = 1$$

yields

$$(3[(x_0 - x_2 + y_0 - y_2) + (x_1 - x_3 + y_1 - y_3)i] + 1)^2 + 3[(x_0 - x_2 - y_0 + y_2) + (x_1 - x_3 - y_1 + y_3)i]^2 = 1$$

Notice that this equation has nonzero integer solutions if and only if

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 - x_3 + y_1 - y_3 &= 0 \\ x_0 - x_2 - y_0 + y_2 &= 0\end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

In addition, consider the ring homomorphism:

$$\begin{aligned}\vartheta : \mathbb{Z}C_4 &\longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}\langle a^2 \rangle \\ P = \sum_{i=0}^3 x_i a^i &\mapsto (x_0 + x_2) + (x_1 + x_3)a^2 \\ Q = \sum_{i=0}^3 y_i a^i &\mapsto (y_0 + y_2) + (y_1 + y_3)a^2\end{aligned}$$

Also, let $\vartheta(P) = P'$ and $\vartheta(Q) = Q'$. Then,

$$\bar{\psi}(P') = \bar{\psi}[(x_0 + x_2) + (x_1 + x_3)a^2] = x_0 + x_2 - x_1 - x_3 = X$$

and

$$\bar{\psi}(Q') = \bar{\psi}[(y_0 + y_2) + (y_1 + y_3)a^2] = y_0 + y_2 - y_1 - y_3 = Y$$

Thus, if we substitute X and Y into the equation (3.1), we conclude that $X = Y = 0$. This means

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 + x_2 - (x_1 + x_3) &= 0 \\ y_0 + y_2 - (y_1 + y_3) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

Hence, by the equations (3.2) and (3.4), we attain

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 + x_2 &= 0, & y_0 + y_2 &= 0 \\ x_1 + x_3 &= 0, & y_1 + y_3 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

The equation (3.5) shows that $(3[x_0 - x_2 + y_0 - y_2] + 1)^2 + 3[(x_1 - x_3 - y_1 + y_3)i]^2 = 1$. From the equations (3.2)-(3.5) and [7], we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} [3(2x_0 + 2x_0) + 1]^2 - 3(2x_1 + 2x_1)^2 = 1 &\implies (12x_0 + 1)^2 - 48x_1^2 = 1 \\ &\implies (12x_0 + 1) + 4x_1\sqrt{3} \in \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]) \\ &\implies (12x_0 + 1) + 4x_1\sqrt{3} = (2 + \sqrt{3})^k \\ &\implies 12x_0 + 1 = 97, 4x_1 = 56 \\ &\implies x_0 = 8, x_1 = 14 \\ &\implies P = 8 + 14a - 8a^2 - 14a^3 \end{aligned}$$

As $x_0 = y_0$ and $x_1 = -y_1$, we get

$$Q = 8 - 14a - 8a^2 + 14a^3$$

In consequent, we can state the main result in this section as follows:

Corollary 3.1. *Let $C_4^* := C_4 \times C_6 = \langle a, x : a^4 = x^6 = 1, ax = xa \rangle$. Then,*

$$\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{Z}C_4^*) = \pm C_4^* \times \langle u, v \rangle$$

where the torsion-free unit generators are

$$\begin{aligned} u &= 1 + (1 + x^3)(1 - x^2)[8 + 14a - 8a^2 - 14a^3] + (1 + x^3)(1 - x^4)[8 - 14a - 8a^2 + 14a^3] \\ v &= 1 + (1 - x^3)(1 - x^2)[8 + 14a - 8a^2 - 14a^3] + (1 - x^3)(1 - x^4)[8 - 14a - 8a^2 + 14a^3] \end{aligned}$$

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