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STRUCTURE OF THE UNIT GROUP OF FD_{10} *

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ABSTRACT. The structure of the unit group of the group algebra FD_{10} of the dihedral group D_{10} of order 10 over a finite field F has been obtained.

1. Introduction. Let FG be the group algebra of a group G over a field F . For a normal subgroup H of G , the natural homomorphism from G to G/H can be extended to an F -algebra homomorphism from FG onto $F[G/H]$ defined by $\sum_{g \in G} a_g g \mapsto \sum_{g \in G} a_g gH$. The kernel of this homomorphism, denoted by $\omega(H)$, is the ideal of FG generated by $\{h - 1 \mid h \in H\}$. It is clear that $FG/\omega(H) \cong F[G/H]$. The augmentation ideal $\omega(FG)$ of the group algebra FG is defined by

$$\omega(FG) = \left\{ \sum_{g \in G} a_g g \mid a_g \in F, \sum_{g \in G} a_g = 0 \right\}.$$

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Note that $\omega(G) = \omega(FG)$ and $\omega(H) = \omega(FH)FG = FG\omega(FH)$. Also $FG/\omega(G) \cong F$ showing that the Jacobson radical $J(FG)$ is contained in $\omega(FG)$. The equality occurs if G is a finite p -group and the characteristic of F is p . For an ideal $I \subseteq J(FG)$, the natural homomorphism from FG to FG/I induces an epimorphism from the unit group $\mathcal{U}(FG)$ of FG , to $\mathcal{U}(FG/I)$ with kernel $1+I$ and so that $\mathcal{U}(FG)/(1+I) \cong \mathcal{U}(FG/I)$.

For $g_1, g_2 \in G$, the commutator is $(g_1, g_2) = g_1^{-1}g_2^{-1}g_1g_2$. The lower central chain of G is given by

$$G = \gamma_1(G) \supseteq \gamma_2(G) \supseteq \cdots \supseteq \gamma_m(G) \supseteq \cdots$$

where $\gamma_{c+1}(G) = \langle \gamma_c(G), G \rangle$ is the group generated by (g, h) with $g \in \gamma_c(G), h \in G$, for $c \geq 1$. The group G is said to be nilpotent of class c if $\gamma_{c+1}(G) = \{1\}$ but $\gamma_c(G) \neq \{1\}$.

Passman and Smith [4] studied the structure of the unit group of the integral group ring $\mathbb{Z}D_{2p}$. The number of conjugacy classes of elements of finite order in the normalized unit group of the integral group ring $\mathbb{Z}D_{2p}$ has been determined by Bhandari and Luther [1]. However, the structure of the unit group $\mathcal{U}(FD_{2p})$ over a field F of positive characteristic is not known.

Recently the author, Sharma and Srivastava [3, 6, 7] have determined the structure of the unit group of FG for $G = S_3, S_4, A_4$. The work in this paper is on the unit group $\mathcal{U}(FD_{10})$ of the group algebra FD_{10} of the dihedral group D_{10} of order 10 over a finite field F . The presentation of D_{10} is given by

$$D_{10} = \langle a, b \mid a^5 = 1, b^2 = 1, b^{-1}ab = a^{-1} \rangle.$$

Consequently the commutator subgroup of D_{10} is $A = \langle a \rangle$. The distinct conjugacy classes of D_{10} are $\mathcal{C}_0 = \{1\}, \mathcal{C}_1 = \{a, a^{-1}\}, \mathcal{C}_2 = \{a^2, a^{-2}\}$ and $\mathcal{C}_3 = \{b, ab, a^2b, a^3b, a^4b\}$. Hence $\{\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_0, \widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1, \widehat{\mathcal{C}}_2, \widehat{\mathcal{C}}_3\}$ form an F -basis for the center $\mathcal{Z}(FD_{10})$ of the group algebra FD_{10} , where $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_i$ denotes the sum of all elements in the conjugacy class \mathcal{C}_i (cf. Lemma 4.1.1 [5]).

2. Unit group of FD_{10} .

Theorem 2.1. *Let $\mathcal{U}(FD_{10})$ be the unit group of the group algebra FD_{10} of the dihedral group D_{10} of order 10 over a finite field F . Let $V = 1 + J(FD_{10})$ where $J(FD_{10})$ denotes the Jacobson radical of the group algebra FD_{10} .*

- (1) *If $|F| = 5^n$, then $\mathcal{U}(FD_{10})/V \cong F^* \times F^*$ and V is a nilpotent group of class 4. Moreover, the center $\mathcal{Z}(V)$ of V is an elementary abelian 5-group of order 5^{3n} .*

- (2) Let $|F| = 2^n$. If the extension field F of F_2 contains a primitive 5th root of unity, then $\mathcal{U}(FD_{10})/V \cong F^* \times GL(2, F) \times GL(2, F)$ and V is an elementary abelian 2-group of order 2^n .
- (3) If $|F| = r^n$, where r is prime and $r \neq 2, 5$, then

$$\mathcal{U}(FD_{10}) \cong \begin{cases} GL(2, F) \times GL(2, F) \times F^* \times F^*, & \text{if } r \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}; \\ GL(2, F) \times GL(2, F) \times F^* \times F^*, & \text{if } r \equiv \pm 2 \pmod{5} \\ & \text{and } n \text{ is even;} \\ GL(2, \tilde{F}) \times F^* \times F^*, & \text{if } r \equiv \pm 2 \pmod{5} \\ & \text{and } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Here $F^* = F \setminus \{0\}$, $GL(2, F)$ is the general linear group of degree 2 over F and \tilde{F} is the quadratic extension of F .

Proof. (1) Since A is a normal subgroup of D_{10} of index 2, we have $J(FD_{10}) = J(FA)(FD_{10})$ (cf. Theorem 7.2.7 of [5]). The group A is of order 5 and $\text{char } F = 5$. This implies that $J(FA) = \omega(FA)$ and so $J(FD_{10}) = \omega(A)$. Note that $\omega(A)$ is a nilpotent ideal with nilpotency index 5. Therefore, the natural homomorphism from FD_{10} onto $FD_{10}/\omega(A)$ induces an epimorphism from $\mathcal{U}(FD_{10})$ to $\mathcal{U}(FD_{10}/\omega(A))$ with kernel $V = 1 + \omega(A)$ and so

$$\mathcal{U}(FD_{10})/V \cong \mathcal{U}(F[D_{10}/A]) \cong F^* \times F^*.$$

Further, as $\omega(A)^5 = 0$ and $\text{char } F = 5$, the order of any nontrivial element of V is 5. Clearly V is a nilpotent group. One can observe that $\gamma_2(V) \subseteq 1 + \omega(A)^2$, $\gamma_3(V) \subseteq 1 + \omega(A)^3$, $\gamma_4(V) \subseteq 1 + \omega(A)^4$ and so the nilpotency class of V is at most 4.

The element $x = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 + \alpha_2 \widehat{\mathcal{C}}_2 + \alpha_3 \widehat{\mathcal{C}}_3$ belongs to V of $\mathcal{Z}(FD_{10})$, if and only if $\alpha_0 + 2\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 = 1$. If $H = \mathcal{Z}(FD_{10}) \cap V$ then

$$H = \{1 + \alpha_1(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 - 2) + \alpha_2(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_2 - 2) + \alpha_3 \widehat{\mathcal{C}}_3 \mid \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \in F\}$$

is a central subgroup of V of order 5^{3n} . Let

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &= (a - a^{-1})(1 + b), & \omega_2 &= (a - a^{-1})(1 - b), \\ \omega_3 &= (a^2 - a^{-2})(1 + b), & \omega_4 &= (a^2 - a^{-2})(1 - b). \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\omega_i^2 = 0$, $1 \leq i \leq 4$, and $\omega_1\omega_3 = \omega_3\omega_1 = 0$, $\omega_2\omega_4 = \omega_4\omega_2 = 0$. Also observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1\omega_2 &= (a^2 + a^3 - 2)(2 - 2b), & \omega_2\omega_1 &= (a^2 + a^3 - 2)(2 + 2b), \\ \omega_3\omega_4 &= (a + a^4 - 2)(2 - 2b), & \omega_4\omega_3 &= (a + a^4 - 2)(2 + 2b). \end{aligned}$$

It is known that $\{(a^i - 1), (a^i - 1)b \mid 1 \leq i \leq 4\}$ forms a basis of $\omega(A)$ as an F -vector space. Since, for $\omega_i \in \omega(A)$, $1 \leq i \leq 4$ and

$$\begin{aligned} (a - 1) &= 2(\omega_3\omega_4 + \omega_4\omega_3) - (\omega_1 + \omega_2), \\ (a^2 - 1) &= 2(\omega_1\omega_2 + \omega_2\omega_1) - (\omega_3 + \omega_4), \\ (a^3 - 1) &= 2(\omega_1\omega_2 + \omega_2\omega_1) + (\omega_3 + \omega_4), \\ (a^4 - 1) &= 2(\omega_3\omega_4 + \omega_4\omega_3) + (\omega_1 + \omega_2), \\ (a - 1)b &= 3(\omega_3\omega_4 - \omega_4\omega_3) + 4(\omega_1 - \omega_2), \\ (a^2 - 1)b &= 3(\omega_1\omega_2 - \omega_2\omega_1) + 4(\omega_3 - \omega_4), \\ (a^3 - 1)b &= 3(\omega_1\omega_2 - \omega_2\omega_1) + (\omega_3 - \omega_4), \\ (a^4 - 1)b &= 3(\omega_3\omega_4 - \omega_4\omega_3) + (\omega_1 - \omega_2), \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\omega(A) = F\omega_1 + F\omega_2 + F\omega_3 + F\omega_4 + F\omega_1\omega_2 + F\omega_2\omega_1 + F\omega_3\omega_4 + F\omega_4\omega_3.$$

In fact this sum is a direct sum.

For $1 \leq i \leq 3$, let $u_i = 1 + \omega_i$. Then $(u_1, u_2) \equiv 1 + y \pmod{\mathcal{Z}(V)}$, where $y = \omega_1\omega_2 - \omega_2\omega_1 + \omega_1\omega_2\omega_1 - \omega_2\omega_1\omega_2$. Since $y \in \omega(A)^2$, we have $(1 + y)^{-1} \equiv 1 - y \pmod{\mathcal{Z}(V)}$ and so $(u_1, u_2, u_3) \equiv 1 + y\omega_3 - \omega_3y \pmod{\mathcal{Z}(V)}$. Hence V is a nilpotent group of class 4.

Assume $x \in \omega(A)$ with

$$x = \alpha_1\omega_1 + \alpha_2\omega_2 + \alpha_3\omega_3 + \alpha_4\omega_4 + \beta_1\omega_1\omega_2 + \beta_2\omega_2\omega_1 + \beta_3\omega_3\omega_4 + \beta_4\omega_4\omega_3, \quad \alpha_i, \beta_i \in F.$$

If $1 + x \in \mathcal{Z}(V)$ then $\omega_1x = x\omega_1$ and hence $\alpha_2 = \alpha_4 = 0$ and $\beta_1 = \beta_2, \beta_3 = \beta_4$. Thus

$$x = \alpha_1\omega_1 + \alpha_3\omega_3 + \beta_1(\omega_1\omega_2 + \omega_2\omega_1) + \beta_2(\omega_3\omega_4 + \omega_4\omega_3).$$

Since x commute with ω_2 , we have $\alpha_1 = \alpha_3 = 0$ and therefore $x = \beta_1(\omega_1\omega_2 + \omega_2\omega_1) + \beta_2(\omega_3\omega_4 + \omega_4\omega_3)$, where $(\omega_1\omega_2 + \omega_2\omega_1) = 4(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_2 - 2)$ and $\omega_3\omega_4 + \omega_4\omega_3 = 4(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 - 2)$. Thus for any $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in F$, $1 + x \in H$. Hence $H = \mathcal{Z}(V)$ and so $\mathcal{Z}(V)$ is an elementary abelian 5-group of order 5^{3n} . Note that $\mathcal{Z}(V) = \mathcal{V}_1 \times \mathcal{V}_2$, where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{V}_1 &= \{1 + \alpha_1(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 - 2) + \alpha_2(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_2 - 2) \mid \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in F\}, \\ \mathcal{V}_2 &= \{1 + \alpha\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_3 \mid \alpha \in F\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $f(x)$ be a monic irreducible polynomial of degree n over the prime field F_5 such that $F_5[x]/\langle f(x) \rangle \cong F$. Assume α is the residue class of x modulo $\langle f(x) \rangle$. We claim that

$$\mathcal{V}_1 = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \langle 1 + \alpha^i(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 - 2) \rangle \times \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \langle 1 + 2\alpha^i(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 - 2) \rangle.$$

For that take $u_{\alpha^i} = 1 + \alpha^i(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 - 2)$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} (\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 - 2)^2 &= (\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_2 - 2)^2 = (\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 + \widehat{\mathcal{C}}_2 - 4), \\ (\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 - 2)(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_2 - 2) &= -(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 + \widehat{\mathcal{C}}_2 - 4) \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} u_{\alpha^i} u_{\alpha^j} &= (1 + \alpha^i(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 - 2))(1 + \alpha^j(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 - 2)) \\ &= 1 + (\alpha^i + \alpha^j + \alpha^{i+j})(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 - 2) + \alpha^{i+j}(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_2 - 2). \end{aligned}$$

By induction one can prove that

$$u_{\alpha^{i_1}} u_{\alpha^{i_2}} \dots u_{\alpha^{i_l}} = 1 + (\delta_1 + \delta_2)(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 - 2) + \delta_2(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_2 - 2),$$

where $\delta_1 = \sum_{j=1}^l \alpha^{i_j}$ and $\delta_2 = \sum_{\substack{j,k=1 \\ j \neq k}}^l \alpha^{i_j} \alpha^{i_k}$. We claim that for any $0 \leq l \leq (n-1)$,

$$\langle 1 + \alpha^l(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 - 2) \rangle \cap \prod_{\substack{i=0 \\ i \neq l}}^{n-1} \langle 1 + \alpha^i(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 - 2) \rangle = \{1\}.$$

Let, if possible, $u_{\alpha^l} = u_{\alpha^{i_1}} u_{\alpha^{i_2}} \dots u_{\alpha^{i_k}}$ so that $\alpha^l = \delta_1 + \delta_2$ and $\delta_2 = 0$. Thus $\alpha^l = \delta_1$. Since $0 \leq i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k, l \leq n-1$ and $\{1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^{n-1}\}$ is a linearly independent set, we reach a contradiction. Hence $\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \langle 1 + \alpha^i(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 - 2) \rangle$ is a direct product of cyclic

groups of order 5. Similarly one can show that $\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \langle 1 + 2\alpha^i(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 - 2) \rangle$ is also a direct

product of cyclic groups of order 5. As $\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \langle 1 + 2\alpha^i(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 - 2) \rangle$ and $\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \langle 1 + \alpha^i(\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 - 2) \rangle$

do not have any common element, we have $\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \langle 1 + \alpha^i (\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 - 2) \rangle \times \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \langle 1 + 2\alpha^i (\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_1 - 2) \rangle$ is a direct product of cyclic groups of order 5^{2n} . Note that this is a subgroup of \mathcal{V}_1 with $|\mathcal{V}_1| = 5^{2n}$. Hence the result follows. Further, the structure of \mathcal{V}_2 is given as follows:

$$\mathcal{V}_2 = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \langle 1 + \alpha^i (1 + a + a^2 + a^3 + a^4)b \rangle.$$

(2) Assume the field F contains a primitive 5-th root of unity, say ε . We define a matrix representation of D_{10} ,

$$\theta : D_{10} \longrightarrow \mathcal{U}(F \oplus \mathbb{M}(2, F) \oplus \mathbb{M}(2, F))$$

by the assignment

$$a \mapsto \left(1, \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon^{-2} \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad b \mapsto \left(1, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

and extend it to an algebra homomorphism

$$\theta^* : FD_{10} \longrightarrow F \oplus \mathbb{M}(2, F) \oplus \mathbb{M}(2, F)$$

where $\mathbb{M}(2, F)$ is the algebra of 2×2 matrices over the field F . Let $x = \sum_{i=0}^4 \alpha_i a^i +$

$\sum_{i=0}^4 \beta_i a^i b \in \text{Ker } \theta^*$, where $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in F$. Thus $\theta^*(x) = 0$ gives the following system of equations:

$$(1) \quad \sum_{i=0}^4 \alpha_i + \sum_{i=0}^4 \beta_i = 0$$

$$(2) \quad \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \varepsilon + \alpha_2 \varepsilon^2 + \alpha_3 \varepsilon^3 + \alpha_4 \varepsilon^4 = 0$$

$$(3) \quad \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \varepsilon^4 + \alpha_2 \varepsilon^3 + \alpha_3 \varepsilon^2 + \alpha_4 \varepsilon = 0$$

$$(4) \quad \alpha_0 + \alpha_1\varepsilon^2 + \alpha_2\varepsilon^4 + \alpha_3\varepsilon + \alpha_4\varepsilon^3 = 0$$

$$(5) \quad \alpha_0 + \alpha_1\varepsilon^3 + \alpha_2\varepsilon + \alpha_3\varepsilon^4 + \alpha_4\varepsilon^2 = 0$$

$$(6) \quad \beta_0 + \beta_1\varepsilon + \beta_2\varepsilon^2 + \beta_3\varepsilon^3 + \beta_4\varepsilon^4 = 0$$

$$(7) \quad \beta_0 + \beta_1\varepsilon^4 + \beta_2\varepsilon^3 + \beta_3\varepsilon^2 + \beta_4\varepsilon = 0$$

$$(8) \quad \beta_0 + \beta_1\varepsilon^2 + \beta_2\varepsilon^4 + \beta_3\varepsilon + \beta_4\varepsilon^3 = 0$$

$$(9) \quad \beta_0 + \beta_1\varepsilon^3 + \beta_2\varepsilon + \beta_3\varepsilon^4 + \beta_4\varepsilon^2 = 0.$$

Since ε is a primitive 5-th root of unity, we have ε is a root of the equation $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 \in F_2[x]$. From equations (2), (3), (4) and (5) and using $\text{char } F = 2$ we get $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 = 0$. Also multiplying equation (2) by ε^4 , (3) by ε , (4) by ε^3 , and (5) by ε^2 and after adding we get $\alpha_0 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 = 0$. Thus $\alpha_0 = \alpha_1$. Similarly we get $\alpha_0 = \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = \alpha_4$. By using the same arguments in equations (6), (7), (8) and (9), we get $\beta_0 = \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = \beta_4$. Hence from equation (1) we get all coefficients of x are the same and therefore $\text{Ker } \theta^* = F\widehat{D}_{10}$, where \widehat{D}_{10} is the sum of all elements in D_{10} . Since $\dim_F(\text{Ker } \theta^*) = 1$, we have

$$FD_{10}/\text{Ker } \theta^* \cong F \oplus \mathbb{M}(2, F) \oplus \mathbb{M}(2, F).$$

As θ^* is onto, $\theta^*(J(FD_{10})) \subseteq J(F \oplus \mathbb{M}(2, F) \oplus \mathbb{M}(2, F)) = 0$ implies that $J(FD_{10}) \subseteq \text{Ker } \theta^*$. Further, since $\widehat{D}_{10}^2 = 0$, we have $\text{Ker } \theta^* \subseteq J(FD_{10})$ and therefore $J(FD_{10}) = F\widehat{D}_{10}$.

Since $J(FD_{10})$ is a nilpotent ideal, we have

$$\mathcal{U}(FD_{10})/V \cong F^* \times GL(2, F) \times GL(2, F)$$

where $V = 1 + J(FD_{10})$. Here V is an elementary abelian 2-group of order 2^n whose structure is given as

$$V = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \langle 1 + \alpha^i \widehat{D}_{10} \rangle,$$

where α is the residue class of $x \pmod{\langle f(x) \rangle}$. Here $f(x)$ is a monic irreducible polynomial of degree n over F_2 .

(3) Since the group algebra FD_{10} is a semi-simple Artinian ring, by Wedderburn structure theorem we get

$$FD_{10} \cong \mathbb{M}(n_1, D_1) \oplus \mathbb{M}(n_2, D_2) \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathbb{M}(n_j, D_j)$$

where the D_i 's are finite dimensional division algebras over F . Since F is a finite field, we have the D_i 's are finite division rings and so the D_i 's are finite field extensions of F .

Further, we can observe that $r \equiv \pm 1$ or $\pm 2 \pmod{5}$. If $r \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}$, then $(a^i + a^{-i})^r = (a^i + a^{-i})$ for $i = 1, 2$. Hence for any element $x \in \mathcal{Z}(FD_{10})$, $x^{r^n} = x$ and so

$$FD_{10} \cong \mathbb{M}(2, F) \oplus \mathbb{M}(2, F) \oplus F \oplus F.$$

Now if $r \equiv \pm 2 \pmod{5}$ then $r^2 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}$. Now if n is even then $r^n \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p}$ which implies that $x^{r^n} = x$ for all $x \in \mathcal{Z}(F_r D_{2p})$ and so $FD_{10} \cong \mathbb{M}(2, F) \oplus \mathbb{M}(2, F) \oplus F \oplus F$. If n is odd then $r^{2n} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ and so $x^{r^{2n}} = x$ for any element in the center of FD_{10} . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} FD_{10} &\cong \mathbb{M}(2, \tilde{F}) \oplus \tilde{F} \\ \text{or } &\cong \mathbb{M}(2, \tilde{F}) \oplus F \oplus F. \end{aligned}$$

Since A is a derived subgroup of D_{10} , we have $FD_{10} \cong F(D_{10}/A) \oplus \omega(A)$. Further, $FD_{10}/\omega(A) \cong F(D_{10}/A) \cong FC_2 \cong F \oplus F$. So finally we have $FD_{10} \cong \omega(A) \oplus F \oplus F$. As $\omega(A)$ is a two-sided ideal of the group algebra FD_{10} then it will direct sum of simple module and each simple module is isomorphic to a matrix ring over F . Thus the group algebra $FD_{10} \cong \mathbb{M}(2, \tilde{F}) \oplus F \oplus F$. Hence

$$\mathcal{U}(FD_{10}) \cong \begin{cases} GL(2, F) \times GL(2, F) \times F^* \times F^*, & \text{if } r \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}; \\ GL(2, F) \times GL(2, F) \times F^* \times F^*, & \text{if } r \equiv \pm 2 \pmod{5} \\ & \text{and } n \text{ is even;} \\ GL(2, \tilde{F}) \times F^* \times F^*, & \text{if } r \equiv \pm 2 \pmod{5} \\ & \text{and } n \text{ is odd. } \quad \square \end{cases}$$

Remark 1. Although our methods were theoretical, the use of the GAP package LAGUNA [2] helped us to verify certain long and involved computations.

Remark 2. We have not handled the case when the extension field F of F_2 does not have a primitive 5-th root of unity. However, we have the following proposition in the case of F_2 .

Proposition 2.2. $\mathcal{U}(F_2D_{10}) \cong V'(A) \rtimes \langle b \rangle$, the semi-direct product of $V'(A)$ with $\langle b \rangle$ where $V'(A) = (1 + \omega(A)) \cap \mathcal{U}(F_2D_{10})$.

Proof. Since A is a normal subgroup of D_{10} , the natural homomorphism $D_{10} \twoheadrightarrow D_{10}/A$ induces an algebra homomorphism, say θ , from F_2D_{10} onto $F_2[D_{10}/A]$. The kernel of this map is $\omega(A)$ and so $F_2D_{10}/\omega(A) \cong F_2C_2$. Assume $\theta^* = \theta|_{V'(F_2D_{10})}$, the restriction of θ on $V'(F_2D_{10})$, where

$$V'(F_2D_{10}) = \left\{ \sum_{g \in G} a_g g \in \mathcal{U}(F_2D_{10}) \mid \sum a_g = 1 \right\}.$$

Note that if $u \in V'(F_2D_{10})$ then $\theta^*(u) \in V'(F_2[D_{10}/A])$ and therefore $\theta^* : V'(F_2D_{10}) \rightarrow V'(F_2[D_{10}/A])$ is a group homomorphism with $\text{Ker } \theta^* = V'(A) = (1 + \omega(A)) \cap V'(F_2D_{10})$. Further, assume

$$\theta' = \theta|_{\mathcal{U}(FD_{10})} : \mathcal{U}(FD_{10}) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(F[D_{10}/A])$$

is a group homomorphism. It is easy to observe that the kernel of θ' is $V'(A)$ and so $\mathcal{U}(F_2D_{10})/V'(A) \cong \text{Im } \theta' \subseteq \mathcal{U}(F_2\langle b \rangle) = \langle b \rangle$. Hence

$$\mathcal{U}(F_2D_{10}) \cong V'(A) \rtimes \langle b \rangle. \quad \square$$

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