

## *Smarandache idempotents in certain types of group rings*

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### **Abstract:**

In this paper we study S-idempotents of the group ring  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$  where  $G$  is a finite cyclic group of order  $n$ . We give a condition on  $n$  such that every nonzero idempotent element of the group ring  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$  is Smarandache idempotent and we find Smarandache idempotents of the group ring  $\mathcal{K}G$ , where  $\mathcal{K}$  is an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0 and  $G$  is a finite cyclic group.

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### **Introduction:**

Smarandache idempotent element in rings introduced by Vasantha Kandasamy [1]. A Smarandache idempotent (S-idempotent) of the ring  $\mathcal{R}$  is an element  $0 \neq x \in \mathcal{R}$  such that

- 1)  $x^2 = x$
- 2) There exists  $a \in \mathcal{R} \setminus \{0, 1, x\}$ 
  - i)  $a^2 = x$  and
  - ii)  $xa = a$  ( $ax = a$ ) or  $ax = x$  ( $xa = x$ ).

She introduced many Smarandache concepts [2]. Vasantha Kandasamy and Moon K. Chetry discuss S-idempotents in some type of group rings [3]. A prime number  $p$  of the form  $p = 2^k - 1$  where  $k$  is a prime number called Mersenne prime [4]. In section one of this paper we study S-idempotents of the group ring  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$  where  $G$  is a finite cyclic group of order  $n$ . If  $n = 2p$ ,  $p$  is a Mersenne prime, we show that every nonzero idempotent element is S-

idempotent and we find the number of S-idempotent element. In section two we study S-idempotents of the group ring  $\mathcal{K}G$  where  $\mathcal{K}$  is an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0 and  $G$  is a finite cyclic group, we show that every non trivial idempotent is S-idempotent.

### **1. S-idempotents of $\mathbb{Z}_2G$**

In this section we study S-idempotents in the group ring  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$  where  $G$  is a finite cyclic group of order  $n$ , specially where  $n=2p$ ,  $p$  is a Mersenne prime (i.e.  $p = 2^k - 1$  for some prime  $k$ ).

#### **Theorem 1.1.**

The group ring  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$  where  $G = \langle g \mid g^m = 1 \rangle$  is a cyclic group of an odd order  $m > 1$ , has at least two non trivial idempotent elements, moreover no non trivial idempotent element is S-idempotent.

**Proof:** Consider the element

$$\alpha = g + g^2 + g^3 + \dots + g^{\frac{m-1}{2}} + g^{\frac{m-1}{2}+1} + \dots$$

+  $g^{m-1}$ , of  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$ . Since the coefficient of each  $g^i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$  is in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ ,  $\alpha^2 = g^2 + g^4 + \dots + g^{m-1} + g + g^3 + \dots + g^{m-2}$ . Hence  $\alpha^2 = \alpha$ , that is  $\alpha$  is an idempotent element, so  $(1 + \alpha)$  is also an idempotent element. It remains to show that no idempotent element of  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$  is an S-idempotent. Suppose

$$\alpha = a_1 + a_2g + a_3g^2 + \dots + a_{\frac{m-1}{2}+1}g^{\frac{m-1}{2}} + \dots + a_m g^{m-1},$$

is a non trivial S-idempotent. Thus  $\alpha$  is different from 0 and 1, moreover there exists  $\beta$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_2G \setminus \{0, 1, \alpha\}$  such that  $\beta^2 = \alpha$ , let  $\beta = b_1 + b_2g + b_3g^2 + \dots + b_{\frac{m-1}{2}+1}g^{\frac{m-1}{2}} + \dots + b_m g^{m-1}$ ,

where  $b_i \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ . But  $\alpha^2 = \alpha$ , which means that

$$a_1 + a_2g^2 + a_3g^4 + \dots + a_{\frac{m-1}{2}+1}g^{m-1} + \dots + a_m g^{m-2} = b_1 + b_2g^2 + b_3g^4 + \dots + b_{\frac{m-1}{2}+1}g^{m-1} + \dots + b_m g^{m-2}.$$

It follows that  $a_i = b_i$  for each  $(1 \leq i \leq m)$ . Therefore  $\alpha = \beta$ , which is an obvious contradiction.

The group ring  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$ , where  $G$  is acyclic group of an odd order may contains more than two idempotent elements as it is shown by the following example.

**Example 1.1.**

Consider the group ring  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$  where  $G = \langle g \mid g^7 = 1 \rangle$  is a cyclic group of order 7. By Theorem 1.1,  $g + g^2 + g^3 + g^4 + g^5 + g^6$  and  $1 + g + g^2 + g^3 + g^4 + g^5 + g^6$  are

idempotent elements, In addition  $(g + g^2 + g^4)^2 = g^2 + g^4 + g$  and  $(1 + g + g^2 + g^4)^2 = 1 + g^2 + g^4 + g$ , so  $1 + g + g^2 + g^4$  and  $g + g^2 + g^4$  are idempotent elements. Therefore  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$  has more than two idempotent elements.

The proof of the following result is not difficult.

**Theorem 1.2.**

If  $\alpha$  is an S-idempotent of the group ring  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$  where  $G$  is a cyclic group of order  $n$ , then  $(1 + \alpha)$  is an S-idempotent of  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$ .

**Theorem 1.3.**

The group ring  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$ , where  $G = \langle g \mid g^{2n} = 1 \rangle$  is a cyclic group of order  $2n$ ,  $n$  is an odd prime, has at least two S-idempotents.

**Proof:** Let  $\alpha = g^2 + g^4 + \dots + g^{n-1} + g^{n+1} + \dots + g^{2n-2}$ . Thus

$\alpha^2 = g^4 + g^8 + \dots + g^{2n-2} + g^2 + g^6 + \dots + g^{2n-4} = \alpha$ . Hence  $\alpha$  is an idempotent element, so  $(1 + \alpha)$  is also an idempotent element. We will show that  $\alpha$  is S-idempotent, so let

$$\beta = g + g^{n+2} + g^3 + g^{n+4} + \dots + g^{\frac{n-1}{2}} + g^{\frac{3n+1}{2}} + \dots + g^{n-2} + g^{2n-1}.$$

It is clear that  $\beta^2 = \alpha$ . We claim that  $\alpha\beta = \beta$ . For this purpose we describe the multiplication  $\alpha\beta$  by the following array say  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{g^3} & g^5 & \dots & g^{n-2} & g^n & g^{n+2} & \dots & g^{2n-3} & g^{2n-1} \\ \boxed{g^{n+4}} & g^{n+6} & \dots & g^{2n-1} & g^{2n+1} & g^{2n+3} & \dots & g^{n-2} & g^n \\ g^5 & g^7 & \dots & g^n & g^{n+2} & g^{n+4} & \dots & g^{2n-1} & \boxed{g} \\ g^{n+6} & g^{n+8} & \dots & g & g^3 & g^5 & \dots & g^n & \boxed{g^{n+2}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \boxed{g^{\frac{3n+1}{2}}} & g^{\frac{3n+5}{2}} & \dots & g^{\frac{5n-9}{2}} & g^{\frac{5n-5}{2}} & g^{\frac{5n-1}{2}} & \dots & g^{\frac{7n-11}{2}} & g^{\frac{7n-7}{2}} \\ \boxed{g^{\frac{n+3}{2}}} & g^{\frac{n+7}{2}} & \dots & g^{\frac{3n-7}{2}} & g^{\frac{3n-3}{2}} & g^{\frac{3n+1}{2}} & \dots & g^{\frac{5n-9}{2}} & g^{\frac{5n-5}{2}} \\ g^{\frac{3n+5}{2}} & g^{\frac{3n+9}{2}} & \dots & g^{\frac{5n-5}{2}} & g^{\frac{5n-1}{2}} & g^{\frac{5n+3}{2}} & \dots & g^{\frac{7n-7}{2}} & \boxed{g^{\frac{7n-3}{2}}} \\ g^{\frac{n+7}{2}} & g^{\frac{n+11}{2}} & \dots & g^{\frac{3n-3}{2}} & g^{\frac{3n+1}{2}} & g^{\frac{5n+3}{2}+1} & \dots & g^{\frac{5n-5}{2}} & \boxed{g^{\frac{5n-1}{2}}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \boxed{g^{n-2}} & g^n & \dots & g^{2n-7} & g^{2n-5} & g^{2n-3} & \dots & g^{n-8} & g^{n-6} \\ \boxed{g^{2n-1}} & g & \dots & g^{n-6} & g^{n-4} & g^{n-2} & \dots & g^{2n-7} & g^{2n-5} \\ g^n & g^{n+2} & \dots & g^{2n-5} & g^{2n-3} & g^{2n-1} & \dots & g^{n-6} & \boxed{g^{n-4}} \\ g & g^3 & \dots & g^{n-4} & g^{n-2} & g^n & \dots & g^{2n-5} & \boxed{g^{2n-3}} \\ g & g^3 & \dots & g^{p-4} & g^{p-2} & g^p & \dots & g^{2p-5} & \boxed{g^{2p-3}} \end{bmatrix}$$

That is  $\mathcal{A} = [a_{ij}]_{(n-1) \times (n-1)}$ , where  $a_{ij}$  is the summand of  $\alpha\beta$  which is equal to the product of the  $i$ th summand of  $\beta$  with the  $j$ th summand of  $\alpha$ . This means  $\alpha\beta = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} a_{ij}$ . If we take the first and the third rows of this array we will see that  $g^i$  occurs twice for each  $i$  except ( $i = 1, 3$ ). By adding the terms of this two rows it remains only  $g + g^3$  (observing that the coefficient of each  $g^i$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, m$  is in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ ). Again by adding the second and

the fourth rows in this array, according to the same argument it remains only  $g^{p+2} + g^{p+4}$ . Proceeding in this manner we will get the  $(p-3)$ th and the  $(p-1)$ th rows, and adding their terms it remains only  $g^{2p-3} + g^{2p-1}$ . Thus we get

$$\alpha\beta = g + g^{n+2} + g^3 + g^{n+4} + \dots + g^{\frac{n-1}{2}} + g^{\frac{3n+1}{2}} + \dots + g^{n-2} + g^{2n-1} = \beta.$$

Hence  $\alpha$  is S-idempotent. By Theorem 1.2,  $(1 + \alpha)$  is also S-idempotent. This complete the proof.

**Lemma 1.4.**

In  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$ , where  $G = \langle g \mid g^{2^p} = 1 \rangle$ ,  $p$  is a Mersenne prime (i.e.  $p = 2^k - 1$  for some prime  $k$ )  $g^{2^l} = g^{2^{k+1}l}$  and the elements of  $\mathcal{S} = \{g^{2^l}, g^{2^{2l}}, g^{2^{3l}}, \dots, g^{2^{k-1}l}, g^{2^{kl}}\}$  are distinct for each odd number  $l$  less than  $p$ . **Proof:** Since  $2^{k+1}l - 2l = 2l(2^k - 1) = 2lp$ ,  $2^{k+1}l \equiv 2l \pmod{2p}$ , which implies that  $g^{2^l} = g^{2^{k+1}l}$ . Now suppose that  $g^{2^l} = g^{2^{tl}}$  (for some  $1 < t \leq k$ ). This means  $2^{tl} \equiv 2l \pmod{2p}$ , hence  $(2^k - 1)l \mid (2^{t-1} - 1)l$  yields either  $(2^k - 1) \mid l$  or  $(2^k - 1) \mid (2^{t-1} - 1)$ . But  $(2^k - 1) \mid l$  contradicts the hypothesis that  $l < p$ , and if  $(2^k - 1) \mid (2^{t-1} - 1)$ , hence  $k < t - 1$ , contradiction with  $1 < t \leq k$ .

**Lemma 1.5.**

If  $p = 2^k - 1$  is a Mersenne prime, then  $k \mid (2^k - 2)$ .

**Proof:** Since  $k$  is prime, according to Fermat's Little Theorem,  $k \mid (2^k - 2)$ .

Combining the last two lemmas we deduce that in the group ring  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$ , where  $G$  is a cyclic group generated by  $g$  of order  $2p$ ,  $p$  is a Mersenne prime (i.e.  $p = 2^k - 1$  for some prime  $k$ ), if  $m = \frac{2^k - 2}{k}$ , then  $\alpha = g^2 + g^4 + \dots + g^{p-1} + g^{p+1} + \dots + g^{2p-2}$ , can be partitioned to sum of  $m$  elements say  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$  each  $\alpha_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ) is of the form

$$\alpha_i = g^{2^l} + g^{2^{2l}} + \dots + g^{2^{k-1}l} + g^{2^{kl}},$$

where  $l$  is an odd number.

**Theorem 1.6.**

Let  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$  be a group ring, where  $G = \langle g \mid g^{2^p} = 1 \rangle$  is a cyclic group of order  $2p$ ,  $p$  is a Mersenne prime. Then every element of the form  $\alpha = g^{2^l} + g^{2^{2l}} + \dots + g^{2^{kl}}$ , is an S-idempotent ( $l$  is an odd number).

**Proof:** Let  $\alpha = g^{2^l} + g^{2^{2l}} + \dots + g^{2^{kl}}$ . By Lemma 1.4, all elements in  $\mathcal{S} = \{g^{2^l}, g^{2^{2l}}, \dots, g^{2^{kl}}\}$  are distinct, moreover  $g^{2^l} = g^{2^{k+1}l}$ . Hence  $\alpha^2 = \alpha$ . Now, let  $\beta = g^{t_1} + g^{t_2} + g^{t_3} + \dots + g^{t_k}$  and  $x_i$ ,  $i \geq 2$  be the smallest positive integer such that  $x_i < 2p$ . Thus  $x_i \equiv 2^{i-1}l \pmod{2p}$ , this means  $x_i = 2^{i-1}l - 2pr$ , for some  $r \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Define  $t_i$  by

$$t_i = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} x_i & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} x_i \text{ is odd } (2 \leq i \leq k) \\ \frac{1}{2} x_i + p & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} x_i \text{ is even } (2 \leq i \leq k). \end{cases}$$

If  $\frac{1}{2} x_i$  is odd, then  $(g^{t_i})^2 = (g^{2^{i-1}l - pr})^2 = g^{2^i l}$ . Hence  $\beta^2 = \alpha$ . If  $\frac{1}{2} x_i$  is even, then  $(g^{t_i})^2 = g^{2^i l}$ , and  $\beta^2 = \alpha$  for each  $(2 \leq i \leq k)$ . We will show that  $\alpha\beta = \beta$ . For this purpose as before we describe the multiplication  $\alpha\beta$  in the following array say  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} g^{3l} & g^{5l} & g^{9l} & \dots & g^{l(2^{k-2}+1)} & g^{l(2^{k-1}+1)} & \boxed{g^{l(2^k+1)}} \\ \boxed{g^{t_2+2l}} & g^{t_2+4l} & g^{t_2+8l} & \dots & g^{t_2+2^{k-2}l} & g^{t_2+2^{k-1}l} & g^{t_2+2^k l} \\ g^{t_3+2l} & \boxed{g^{t_3+4l}} & g^{t_3+8l} & \dots & g^{t_3+2^{k-2}l} & g^{t_3+2^{k-1}l} & g^{t_3+2^k l} \\ g^{t_4+2l} & g^{t_4+4l} & \boxed{g^{t_4+8l}} & \dots & g^{t_4+2^{k-2}l} & g^{t_4+2^{k-1}l} & g^{t_4+2^k l} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ g^{t_{k-1}+2l} & g^{t_{k-1}+4l} & g^{t_{k-1}+8l} & \dots & \boxed{g^{t_{k-1}+2^{k-2}l}} & g^{t_{k-1}+2^{k-1}l} & g^{t_{k-1}+2^k l} \\ g^{t_k+2l} & g^{t_k+4l} & g^{t_k+8l} & \dots & g^{t_k+2^{k-2}l} & \boxed{g^{t_k+2^{k-1}l}} & g^{t_k+2^k l} \end{bmatrix} = [a_{ij}]_{k \times k},$$

where  $a_{ij}$  is the summand of  $\alpha\beta$  which is equal to the product of the  $i$ th summand of  $\beta$  with  $j$ th summand of  $\alpha$ . This means  $\alpha\beta = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^k a_{ij}$ . We complete the proof by the following three steps.

**Step 1:** Considering the first and the  $k$ th column in this array we claim that

$$a_{1j} = a_{(j+1)k} \quad \dots(1),$$

for each  $(1 \leq j \leq k-1)$ , equivalently

$$g^{(2^j+1)l} = g^{t_{j+1}+2^k l}.$$

Let  $\omega = t_{j+1} + 2^k l - (2^j + 1)l$ . Now,  $x_{j+1} \equiv 2^{j+1}l \pmod{2p}$ , thus  $x_{j+1} = 2^{j+1}l - 2pr$ , for some  $r \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . If  $\frac{1}{2}x_{j+1}$  is odd, then  $\frac{1}{2}x_{j+1} = 2^j l - pr$  is odd (this hold only if  $r$  is odd), hence  $t_{j+1} = 2^j l - pr$ . So,  $\omega = 2^j l - pr + 2^k l - 2^j l - l \equiv 0 \pmod{2p}$ . Therefore  $(2^j + 1)l \equiv t_{j+1} + 2^k l \pmod{2p}$ . This yields (1). If  $\frac{1}{2}x_{j+1}$  is even, then  $\frac{1}{2}x_{j+1} = 2^j l - pr$  is even (this hold only if  $r$  is even), hence  $t_{j+1} = 2^j l - pr + p$ . So,  $\omega = (1-r)p + lp \equiv 0 \pmod{2p}$ . Hence  $(2^j + 1)l \equiv t_{j+1} + 2^k l \pmod{2p}$ . This also yields (1). This implies that  $a_{1j} + a_{(j+1)k} = 0 \pmod{2p}$ ,

therefore by adding the terms of the first row and the  $k$ th column it remains only  $a_{1k} = g^{l(2^k+1)}$ .

**Step 2:** Consider the subarray  $B = (b_{ij})_{(k-1) \times (k-1)}$  of  $\mathcal{A} = (a_{ij})_{k \times k}$ , where  $b_{ij} = a_{(i+1)j}$  for each  $(1 \leq i, j \leq k-1)$ , by neglecting the first row and the  $k$ th column, we will show that

$$b_{ij} = b_{ji} \quad \dots(2),$$

for all  $(1 \leq i, j \leq k-1)$  such that  $(i \neq j)$ , equivalently  $g^{t_{(i+1)}+2^j l} = g^{t_{(j+1)}+2^i l}$ . Let  $\omega = t_{i+1} + 2^j l - t_{j+1} - 2^i l$ . Now,  $x_{i+1} = 2^{i+1}l - 2pr$  and  $x_{j+1} = 2^{j+1}l - 2ps$ , for some  $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Thus  $\frac{1}{2}x_{i+1} = 2^i l - pr$  and  $\frac{1}{2}x_{j+1} = 2^j l - ps$ . If  $\frac{1}{2}x_{i+1}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}x_{j+1}$  are even, hence  $2^i l - pr$  and  $2^j l - ps$  are even (this hold only if  $r$  and  $s$  are even), it follows  $t_{i+1} = 2^i l - pr + p$  and  $t_{j+1} = 2^j l - ps + p$ . So,  $\omega = (s-r)p \equiv 0 \pmod{2p}$ . Hence  $t_{i+1} + 2^j l \equiv t_{j+1} + 2^i l \pmod{2p}$ . This yields (2). If  $\frac{1}{2}x_{i+1}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}x_{j+1}$  are odd, it is clearly  $\omega = (s-r)p \equiv 0 \pmod{2p}$ . Hence  $t_{i+1} + 2^j l \equiv t_{j+1} + 2^i l \pmod{2p}$ .

This also establishes (2). If  $\frac{1}{2} x_{i+1}$  is odd and  $\frac{1}{2} x_{j+1}$  is even, it is also clear that  $\omega=(s-r-1)p \equiv 0 \pmod{2p}$ . Thus  $t_{i+1} + 2^i l \equiv t_{j+1} + 2^i l \pmod{2p}$ . This also yields (2). If  $\frac{1}{2} x_{i+1}$  is even and  $\frac{1}{2} x_{j+1}$  is odd, thus by using similar argument we get  $t_{i+1} + 2^i l \equiv t_{j+1} + 2^i l \pmod{2p}$ . This also yields (2). For all cases we get  $b_{ij} + b_{ji} = 0 \ (1 \leq i, j \leq k-1)$ .

**Step 3:** From Step 1 and Step 2 we get that  $\alpha\beta = a_{1k} + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} b_{ii}$  and it is not difficult to show that  $\alpha\beta = \beta$  which means that  $\alpha$  is an S-idempotent.

We call an S-idempotent of  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$  of the form  $\alpha = g^{2l} + g^{2^2l} + \dots + g^{2^{k-1}l}$ , where  $l$  is an odd number a basic S-idempotent.

**Example 1.2.**

Consider the group ring  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$  where  $G = \langle g \mid g^{62} = 1 \rangle$  is a cyclic group of order 62 (i.e.  $p=31$  and  $k=5$ ). By Theorem 1.7, if  $l=1$ , then  $\alpha = g^2 + g^4 + g^8 + g^{16} + g^{32}$  and  $\beta = g + g^{33} + g^{35} + g^{39} + g^{47}$ . It is clear that  $\beta^2 = \alpha$ . Let us describe the multiplication  $\alpha\beta$  by the following array say  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} g^3 & g^5 & g^9 & g^{17} & g^{33} \\ g^{35} & g^{37} & g^{41} & g^{49} & g^3 \\ g^{37} & g^{39} & g^{43} & g^{51} & g^5 \\ g^{41} & g^{43} & g^{47} & g^{55} & g^9 \\ g^{49} & g^{51} & g^{55} & g & g^{17} \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence applying Theorem 1.6, we get  $\alpha\beta = g + g^{33} + g^{35} + g^{39} + g^{47} = \beta$ .

**Theorem 1.7.**

If  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are two basic S-

idempotents in  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$ , where  $G$  is a cyclic group of order  $2p$ ,  $p$  a Mersenne prime, then  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2$  is S-idempotent.

**Proof:** Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  be two distinct basic S-idempotents in  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$ , so there exist  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  such that  $\beta_1^2 = \alpha_1, \alpha_1\beta_1 = \beta_1, \beta_2^2 = \alpha_2$  and  $\alpha_2\beta_2 = \beta_2$ .

Now,  $(\beta_1 + \beta_2)^2 = \beta_1^2 + \beta_2^2 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$ , and  $(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)(\beta_1 + \beta_2) = \alpha_1\beta_1 + \alpha_1\beta_2 + \alpha_2\beta_1 + \alpha_2\beta_2 = \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \alpha_1\beta_2 + \alpha_2\beta_1$ .

We show that  $\alpha_1\beta_2 + \alpha_2\beta_1 = 0$ . By describing the multiplications  $\alpha_1\beta_2$  and  $\alpha_2\beta_1$  by the two arrays  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  respectively and using similar argument of Theorem 1.6, we get  $\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B} = 0$  that is  $\alpha_1\beta_2 + \alpha_2\beta_1 = 0$ . Therefore  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2$  is an S-idempotent.

**Theorem 1.8.**

If  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  are  $n$  basic S-idempotents in  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$  where  $G$  is a cyclic group of order  $2p$ ,  $p$  is a Mersenne prime, then  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_n$  is S-idempotent.

**Proof:** Follows from Theorem 1.7.

By combining all previous results concerning the group ring  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$ , where  $G$  is a cyclic group of order  $2p$ ,  $p$  is a Mersenne prime we get the following result

**Theorem 1.9.**

Consider the group ring  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$  where  $G$  is a cyclic group of order  $2p$ ,  $p$  is a Mersenne prime. Then

- 1) Every non trivial idempotent is S-idempotent
- 2) The number of non trivial S-idempotents is  $2(2^m - 1)$ , where  $m = \frac{p-1}{k}$ .

**Proof:** 1) Follows from Theorems 1.6, 1.7, 1.8 and Theorem 1.2.

2) From Theorems 1.6, 1.7, and 1.8, by using the concepts of probability theory we conclude that the number of S-idempotent in  $\mathbb{Z}_2G$  is

$$\lambda = 2 \left( \binom{m}{1} + \binom{m}{2} + \dots + \binom{m}{m} \right) = 2(2^m - 1), \text{ where } m = \frac{p-1}{k}.$$

**2. S-idempotents in the group ring of a finite cyclic group over a field of characteristic zero**

In this section, we study the group ring  $\mathcal{K}G$  where  $\mathcal{K}$  is an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0 and  $G$  is a finite cyclic group of order  $n$ . We get that every nontrivial idempotent element in this group ring  $\mathcal{K}G$  is an S-idempotent element.

**Theorem 2.1.**

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be algebraically closed field of characteristic 0 and  $G$  is a finite cyclic group of order  $n$ . Then every nontrivial idempotent element in  $\mathcal{K}G$  is an S-idempotent.

**Proof:** By [5],  $\mathcal{K}G$  has  $2^n - 2$  nontrivial

idempotent elements, let  $\alpha = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} r_i g^i \in \mathcal{K}G$  be an idempotent element.

Put  $\beta = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-r_i) g^i \in \mathcal{K}G$ . Hence

$$\beta^2 = \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-r_i) g^i \right)^2 = \left( (-1) \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} r_i g^i \right)^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} r_i g^i = \alpha$$

$$\text{Now, } \alpha\beta = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} r_i g^i \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-r_i) g^i = (-1) \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} r_i g^i \right)^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-r_i) g^i = \beta.$$

Therefore every nontrivial idempotent in  $\mathcal{K}G$  is an S-idempotent.

Recall that  $\beta$  called Smarandache Co-idempotent of  $\alpha$  [1]. The following example shows that the Smarandache co-idempotent need not be unique in general.

**Example 2.1.**

Let  $G$  be a cyclic group of order 3, and  $\mathcal{K}$  is an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0, and let  $\alpha = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} r_i g^i \in \mathcal{K}G$ . If  $\alpha$  is an idempotent element, then by [5], the values of  $r_0, r_1$  and  $r_2$  are followings

$r_0$	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	1
$r_1$	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{6}$	$\frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{6}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{6}$	$\frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{6}$	0
$r_2$	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{6}$	$\frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{6}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{6}$	$\frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{6}$	0

Consider the S-idempotents,

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3}g - \frac{1}{3}g^2, \quad \alpha_2 = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}i}{6}g + \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}i}{6}g^2 \text{ and } \alpha_3 = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}i}{6}g + \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}i}{6}g^2.$$

For each  $(1 \leq i \leq 3)$ ,  $\alpha_i$  has three Co-idempotents we denote them by  $\beta_{ij}$   $(1 \leq j \leq 3)$ . They are  $\beta_{11} = \frac{-2}{3} + \frac{1}{3}g + \frac{1}{3}g^2$ ,

$$\beta_{12} = \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{3}g - \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{3}g^2, \quad \beta_{13} = \frac{-\sqrt{3}i}{3} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{3}g,$$

$$\beta_{21} = \frac{-2}{3} - \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}i}{6}g + \frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{6}g^2,$$

$$\beta_{22} = \frac{-3 + \sqrt{3}i}{6}g + \frac{-3 - \sqrt{3}i}{6}g^2, \quad \beta_{23} = \frac{3 - \sqrt{3}i}{6}g + \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}i}{6}g^2, \quad \beta_{31} = \frac{-2}{3} - \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}i}{6}g - \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}i}{6}g^2,$$

$$\beta_{32} = \frac{-3 - \sqrt{3}i}{6}g + \frac{3 + \sqrt{3}i}{6}g^2, \quad \beta_{33} = \frac{3 + \sqrt{3}i}{6}g + \frac{-3 - \sqrt{3}i}{6}g^2, \text{ respectively. We see that}$$

$\alpha_1\beta_{1j} = \beta_{1j}$ ,  $\alpha_2\beta_{2j} = \beta_{2j}$  and  $\alpha_3\beta_{3j} = \beta_{3j}$ ,  $\beta_{1j}^2 = \alpha_1$ ,  $\beta_{2j}^2 = \alpha_2$  and  $\beta_{3j}^2 = \alpha_3$ , for each  $(1 \leq i \leq 3)$ .

**Theorem 2.2.**

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0 and  $G = \mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$ . Then every nontrivial idempotent element in  $\mathcal{K}G$  is an S-idempotent.

**Proof:** If  $m, n$  are relatively prime, then the proof is given in Theorem 2.1, since  $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n \cong \mathbb{Z}_{mn}$  is cyclic. If  $m$  and  $n$  are not relatively prime, for each  $(k, j) \in G$  let  $(k, j) = g_{kn+j}$  ( $0 \leq k \leq m-1, 0 \leq j \leq n-1$ ), and let

$\alpha = \sum_{i=0}^{mn-1} r_i g_i \in \mathcal{K}G$  be an idempotent element [6]. Take  $\beta = \sum_{i=0}^{mn-1} (-r_i) g_i \in \mathcal{K}G$ , then it is clear that

$$\beta^2 = \alpha \text{ and } \alpha\beta = \beta.$$

Therefore every idempotent element in  $\mathcal{K}G$  is an S-idempotent.

Finally we concern the group ring  $\mathcal{R}G$  where  $\mathcal{R}$  is an integral domain and  $G$  is a finite group of order  $n$ . We give a condition under which  $\mathcal{R}G$  contains S-idempotents.

**Theorem 2.3.**

Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be an integral domain, and let

$G$  be a finite group of order  $n$ . If some prime divisor  $p$  of  $n$  is a unit in  $\mathcal{R}$  and

- 1)  $p^3 = p^{-1}$  or
- 2)  $p = p^{-1}$  or
- 3)  $p = 2$ .

Then the group ring  $\mathcal{R}G$  has S-idempotent.

**Proof:** 1) Since  $p$  is a prime dividing  $n$ , and  $p$  is a unit in  $\mathcal{R}$  then by [7]  $\alpha = p^{-1} \sum_{x \in H} x$  is a nontrivial idempotent where  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  of order  $p$ . Let  $\beta = p \sum_{x \in H} x$ . Then  $\alpha\beta = p^{-1} p \sum_{x \in H} x \sum_{x \in H} x = p \sum_{x \in H} x = \beta$ , and  $\beta^2 = p^2 (\sum_{x \in H} x)^2 = p^3 \sum_{x \in H} x = p^{-1} \sum_{x \in H} x = \alpha$ .

Hence  $\alpha$  is a S-idempotent.

2) we have  $\alpha = p^{-1} \sum_{x \in H} x$  is a nontrivial idempotent. Let  $\beta = \sum_{x \in H} x$ . Then

$$\alpha\beta = p^{-1} \sum_{x \in H} x \sum_{x \in H} x = \sum_{x \in H} x = \beta, \text{ and } \beta^2 = (\sum_{x \in H} x)^2 = p \sum_{x \in H} x = p - 1x \in Hx = \alpha.$$

Therefore  $\alpha$  is a S-idempotent.

3) Since  $p = 2$  divides  $n$ , then  $|G| = 2k$  and  $\alpha = 2^{-1}(1 + g^k)$ . Let  $\beta = (1 + g^k) - \alpha$ . Then it is clear that  $\beta^2 = \alpha$  and  $\alpha\beta = \beta$ . So  $\alpha$  is an S-idempotent.

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