

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{F}_5 D_{12} &\cong \mathbb{F}_5(C_2 \times C_2) \oplus NCP \\ \mathbb{F}_5 D_{12} &\cong \mathbb{F}_5 \oplus \mathbb{F}_5 \oplus \mathbb{F}_5 \oplus \mathbb{F}_5 \oplus NCP\end{aligned}$$

\therefore NCP has dimension 8. So $NCP \cong M_2(\mathbb{F}_5) \oplus M_2(\mathbb{F}_5)$ or $NCP \cong M_2(\mathbb{F}_{5^2})$.

So $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{F}_5 D_{12}) \cong C_4 \times C_4 \times C_4 \times C_4 \times GL_2(\mathbb{F}_5) \times GL_2(\mathbb{F}_5)$ or
 $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{F}_5 D_{12}) \cong C_4 \times C_4 \times C_4 \times C_4 \times GL_2(\mathbb{F}_{5^2})$.

$$|\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{F}_5 D_{12})| = (p-1)^4 \{(p^2-1)(p^2-p)\}^2 = 4^4 \{(24)(20)\}^2 = 2^{18} 3^2 5^2$$

or

$$|\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{F}_5 D_{12})| = (p-1)^4 \{(q^2-1)(q^2-q)\} = 4^4 \{(5^2-1)((5^2)^2-5^2)\}$$

Note that $D_{12} < \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{F}_5 D_{12})$ so $12 \mid |\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{F}_5 D_{12})|$. But 12 divides the order of both cases so this does not help to differentiate between them. Also, $U = \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{F}_5 D_{12}) \cong \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{F}_5(D_6 \times C_2)) > \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{F}_5 D_6)$ and $U > \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{F}_5 C_2)$.

Lemma 4.35 $Z(M_n(K)) = I_{n \times n} \cdot K$. Thus $\dim_K(Z(M_n(K))) = 1$.

Definition 4.36 Let G be a finite group and R a commutative ring. Let $\{C_i\}_{i \in I}$ be the set of conjugacy classes of G . Then

$$\widehat{C}_i = \sum_{c \in C_i} c \in RG$$

is called the **class sum** of C_i .

Theorem 4.37 Let G be a group and R a commutative ring. Then the set of class sums $\{\widehat{C}_i\}$ of G forms a basis for $Z(RG)$ over R . Thus $Z(RG)$ has dimension t over R , where t is the number of conjugacy classes of G .

Proof. Let \widehat{C}_i be a class sum. Let $g \in G$. Then $\widehat{C}_i^g = \widehat{C}_i$. $\therefore \widehat{C}_i \in Z(RG)$. Let $\alpha = \sum a_g g \in Z(RG)$. Let $h \in G$. Then $\alpha^h = \alpha$ so $a_{gh} = a_g$ (coefficient of $g =$ coefficient of g^h). Thus the entire conjugacy class C_i has the same coefficient in the expansion of α . $\therefore \alpha = \sum_{i \in I} c_i \widehat{C}_i$ ($c_i \in R$).

$\therefore Z(RG) \subset \{\text{linear combinations of } \widehat{C}_i \text{ over } R\}$.