

A Note on Group Rings which Are F-Rings

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The author in [1] calls a ring R to be a F-ring if there is a finite set X of non zero elements in R such that $aR \cap X \neq \emptyset$ for any non-zero a in R. If in addition X is contained in the centre of R; R is called an FZ-ring. In this note we obtain conditions under which a group ring is a F-ring. For more about F-rings please refer [1]. Throughout this paper RG (or FG) denotes the group ring of the group G over the ring R(or the field F).

Example 1: let $Z_2 = (0,1)$ be the field of characteristic 2 and $G = \langle g/g^2 = 1 \rangle$. Then the group ring Z_2G is a F-ring. For take $x = \{1+g\} \subset Z_2G$. Clearly $a \cdot Z_2G \cap X \neq \emptyset$ for any non-zero a in R. Trivially Z_2G is a FZ-ring.

Example 2: let $G = \langle g/g^3 = 1 \rangle$ and $Z_2 = (0,1)$. Then Z_2G is a F-ring (FZ-ring) with $X = \{1+g, 1+g^2, g+g^2, 1+g+g^2\}$.

Example 3: let $Z_2 = (0,1)$ and

$$S_3 = \left\{ \begin{aligned} &1 = p_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ & 3 \end{pmatrix}^3 \quad p_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{pmatrix} \quad p_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ & 3 \end{pmatrix}^3 \quad p_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ & 3 \end{pmatrix}^3 \quad p_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{pmatrix} \\ &p_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ & 3 \end{pmatrix}^3 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Be the symmetrical group of order 3. Z_2S_3 is a F-ring but Z_2S_3 is not a FZ-ring. For take $X = \{ \text{elements taken two time (i.e. } p_i + p_j), \text{ element taken four at a time (i.e. } p_i + p_j + p_k + p_r) \text{ and } (1 + p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + p_4 + p_5) \}$. Clearly $aZ_2S_3 \cap X \neq \emptyset$ for any non-zero a in Z_2S_3 . Since S_3 is non commutative and X is not in the center of Z_2S_3 ; Z_2S_3 is not a FZ- ring.

THEOREM 1: Let $Z_2 = (0,1)$ be the field of characteristics two and S_n be the symmetric group of degree n. Then the group ring Z_2S_n is a F-ring.

PROOF: Take

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \dots \in \dots \leq \leq ! \\ &= \dots \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Clearly for every non zero $a \in Z_2S_n; aZ_2S_n \cap X \neq \emptyset$. Hence Z_2S_n is a F-ring.

THEOREM 2: let $Z_2 = (0,1)$ and G be any finite group . Then the group ring Z_2G is a F-ring.

PROOF: For take

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} &= \sum \dots \in \dots \leq \leq \\ &= \dots \end{aligned} \right\}$$

if the order of G is even; adjoin to X the element $\alpha = \sum_{h \in G} h$; $h \in G$ if order of G is odd. Clearly $aZ_2G \cap \mathbb{Z}G \neq \mathbb{Z}G$.

REMARK: If order of G is infinite or G is torsion free Z_2G need not be a, F-ring.

THEOREM 3. Let G be a finite group and K be a field of characteristic zero. Then the group ring KG is an F-ring.

PROOF: Take $X =$

$$\left\{ \sum_{h \in G} ah \mid a \in K, h \in G \right\}$$

Clearly X is a finite subset of KG with $0 \in KG \cap X \neq X$ for any non zero $a \in K$.

REMARK: if the order of G is infinite and G is torsion free we cannot conclude KG to be a F-ring.

THEOREM 4: Let $Z_p = \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$ be the field of characteristic p , $p > 2$; p a prime and G be a finite group of order n . If $p \nmid n$ then Z_pG is a F-ring.

PROOF: Take $X =$

$$\sum_{h \in G} ah \mid a \in Z_p, h \in G \neq \sum_{h \in G} ah \mid a \in Z_p, h \in G$$

Clearly X is finite and $a \cdot Z_pG \cap Z_pG \neq Z_pG$



PROBLEM: if $p \mid n$ we are not able to conclude anything completely.

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