

Idempotents of $M_2 (Z_{21}[x])$

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ABSTRACT

In this article we will discuss the idempotents of $M_2 (Z_{21}[x])$.

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INTRODUCTION

Idempotents in ring theory plays a vital role in the ring theory.

Here, we will find the idempotents in matrix ring $M_2 (Z_{21}[x])$ where $Z_{21}[x]$ is the polynomial ring over the ring Z_{21} . For any ring R , $I (R)$ will denote for set of all idempotents in R . For any positive integer n , $M_n (R)$ will denote the ring of $n \times n$ matrices over a ring R .

For a 2×2 matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ over a commutative ring R , determinate of A is $ad-bc$ and trace of A is $a+d$.

Definition: Let R be a ring. An element $a \in R$ is said to be idempotent in R if $a^2 = a$

Theorem 1 If R is a commutative ring then $I(R[x]) = I (R)$

Theorem 2 Any non trivial idempotent in $M_2 (Z_{21} [x])$ is one of the following form

1 $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 0 \\ 0 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$

2 $\begin{bmatrix} a(x) & b(x) \\ c(x) & 1 - a(x) \end{bmatrix}$, where $a(x), b(x), c(x) \in Z_{21}[x]$ such that $a(x)\{1-a(x)\} = b(x) c(x)$.

3 $\begin{bmatrix} 7a(x) & 7b(x) \\ 7c(x) & 7(1 - a(x)) \end{bmatrix}$,

where $a(x), b(x), c(x)$ are polynomial in $Z_{21}[x]$ such that $a(x) (1-a(x))-b(x) c(x) = 3f(x)$ for some $f(x) \in Z_{21}[x]$

- 4 $\begin{bmatrix} 15a(x) & 15b(x) \\ 15c(x) & 5(3 + 2a(x)) \end{bmatrix}$, where $a(x) (5+a(x)) - 5b(x)c(x) = 7g(x)$ for some $g(x) \in Z_{21}[x]$
- 5 $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7b(x) \\ 7c(x) & 10 \end{bmatrix}$ or $\begin{bmatrix} 10 & 7b(x) \\ 7c(x) & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ where $9-7b(x)c(x)=15$
- 6 $\begin{bmatrix} 17 & 7b(x) \\ 7c(x) & 17 \end{bmatrix}$ where $16-7b(x)c(x)=15$
- 7 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 + 7a(x) & 7b(x) \\ 7c(x) & 15 + 15a(x) \end{bmatrix}$ where $a(x), b(x), c(x)$ are polynomials in $Z_{21}[x]$ such that $(1+7a(x))(15+15a(x)) - 7b(x) 5c(x) = 15$.
- 8 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 + 3a(x) & 3b(x) \\ 3c(x) & 7 - 3a(x) \end{bmatrix}$, where $a(x), b(x), c(x)$ are polynomial in $Z_{21}[x]$ such that $(1+3a(x))(7-3a(x)) - 9b(x) c(x) = 7$

Proof: As the idempotents in $Z_{21}[x]$ are the idempotents in Z_{21} . Therefore the idempotents in $Z_{21}[x]$ are 0, 1, 7, 15 let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a(x) & b(x) \\ c(x) & d(x) \end{bmatrix}$ be a non trivial idempotent of $M_2(Z_{21}[x])$. For our convenience, we will take $a(x) = a, b(x) = b, c(x) = c, d(x) = d$
 Now A is idempotent, so $a^2+bc=a, b(a+d)=b, c(a+d)=c$ and $bc+d^2=d$. Also determinant of A is an idempotent in Z_{21} so the determinant of A is 0 or 1 or 7 or 15.
 If determinant of A is 1 Then $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, a trivial idempotent in $M_2(Z_{21}[x])$. Hence the determinant of A is 0 or 7 or 15. Also, trace of A is in Z_{15} i.e. $a+d \in Z_{21}$.

Case 1: Determinant of A is 0 i.e. $ad-bc = 0$

Since A is an idempotent

Therefore, $a^2+bc+bc+d^2 = a^2+2bc+d^2 = a^2+2ad+d^2 = (a+d)^2$

Thus $(a+d)$ is an idempotent in Z_{21} . Thus $(a+d)$ is either 0 or 1 or 7 or 15.

If $a+d=0$, then we get A to be a zero matrix, which is trivial idempotent in $M_2(Z_{21}[x])$

If $a+d=1$ then $d=1-a$ and hence $ad-bc=0$ gives $a^2+bc=a, (a+d) b=b$. Also $(a+d) c=c$ and $bc+d^2=1-a$. Thus $A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & 1-a \end{bmatrix}$. Thus in this case, matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} a(x) & b(x) \\ c(x) & 1-a(x) \end{bmatrix}$, where $a(x), b(x), c(x) \in Z_{21}[x]$ such that $a(x)\{1-a(x)\} = b(x) c(x)$.

If $a+d=7$ gives $d=7-a$ and hence $ad-bc = 0$ gives $a^2+bc=7a$ and so, $6a=0$. Also $(a+d) b=b$ implies $6b=0$ and $(a+d)c=c$ implies $6c=0$

Therefore, $a=7a'(x), b=7b'(x)$ and $c=7c'(x)$, where $a'(x), b'(x), c'(x)$ are polynomial in $Z_{21}[x]$

Since $ad-bc=0$, we get $7a'(x)(7-7a'(x))=7b'(x)7c'(x)$, which is equivalent to $a'(x)(1-a'(x))-b'(x)c'(x)=3f(x)$ for some polynomial $f(x) \in Z_{21}[x]$

Hence $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7a(x) & 7b(x) \\ 7c(x) & 7(1-a(x)) \end{bmatrix}$, where $a(x), b(x), c(x)$ are polynomial in $Z_{21}[x]$ such that $a(x) (1-a(x))-b(x) c(x) = 3f(x)$ for some $f(x) \in Z_{21}[x]$

If $a+d=15$ then $d=15-a$

Now $ad-bc = 0$ gives $a^2+bc=15a$. Thus $14a=0$

Also $(a+d)b=b$ gives $14b=0$ and $(a+d)c=c$ gives $14c=0$
 Therefore, $a=15a'(x)$, $b=15b'(x)$ and $c=15c'(x)$ and $d=15+6a'(x)$, where $a'(x)$, $b'(x)$ and $c'(x)$ are polynomial in $Z_{21}[x]$
 Now since $ad-bc=0$, we get $15a'(x)(15+6a'(x))=15b'(x)15c'(x)$ which is equivalent to $a'(x)(5+2a'(x))-5b'(x)5c'(x)=7g(x)$ for some $g(x) \in Z_{21}[x]$.
 hence, idempotent matrix is $A = \begin{bmatrix} 15a(x) & 15b(x) \\ 15c(x) & 5(3+2a(x)) \end{bmatrix}$, where $a(x)(5+a(x))-5b(x)c(x) = 7g(x)$ for some $g(x) \in Z_{21}[x]$.

Case 2: Determinant of A is 7. This means $ad-bc=7$.

So, we get $a^2+bc+bc+d^2 = a^2+2(ad-7)+d^2 = (a+d)^2-14=(a+d)^2+7$

Trace of matrix A is idempotent if $a+d=8$ or 64

If $a+d=8$ then $ad-bc=7$ implies $7a=7$ i.e. $a=1+3a(x)$ for some polynomial $a(x)$ in $Z_{21}[x]$.

Also $(a+d)b=b$ gives $7b=0$ and $(a+d)c=c$ gives $7c=0$

i.e. $b=3b(x)$ and $c=3c(x)$ for some polynomials $b(x)$ and $c(x)$ in $Z_{15}[x]$.

Hence matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1+3a(x) & 3b(x) \\ 3c(x) & 7-3a(x) \end{bmatrix}$, where $a(x)$, $b(x)$, $c(x)$ are polynomial in $Z_{21}[x]$

such that $(1+3a(x))(7-3a(x))-9b(x)c(x)=7$

If $a+d=14$ then $d=14-a$

Now $ad-bc=7$ gives $13a=7$ i.e. $a=7$

Also $b(a+d)=b$ gives $13b=0$ i.e. $b=0$ and $c(a+d)=c$ gives $13c=0$ i.e. $c=0$

Thus $a=7$ $b=0$ $c=0$ $d=7$

Hence matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

Case 3: Determinate of A is 15 i.e. $ad-bc=15$

Since A is idempotent, therefore $a^2+bc+bc+d^2 = a^2+2(ad-15)+d^2=(a+d)^2-30=(a+d)^2+12$

Trace of matrix A is idempotent if $a+d=6$ or 9 or 13 or 16

If $a+d=6$ then $ad-bc=15$ implies $5a=15$

Also $b(a+d)=b$ gives $5b=0$ i.e. $b=0$ and $c(a+d)=c$ gives $5c=0$ i.e. $c=0$

Thus $a=3$, $b=0$, $c=0$ and $d=3$

Hence, matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ which is not possible as determinant of A is 15

If $a+d=9$ then $ad-bc=15$ implies $8a=15$ i.e. $a=15$

Also $b(a+d)=b$ gives $8b=0$ i.e. $b=0$ and $c(a+d)=c$ gives $8c=0$ i.e. $c=0$

Thus $a=15$, $b=0$, $c=0$ and $d=15$

Hence, matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 0 \\ 0 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$.

If $a+d=13$ then $ad-bc=15$ implies $12a=15$ i.e. $a=3$ or 10 or 17

Also $b(a+d)=b$ gives $12b=0$ i.e. $b=0$ and $c(a+d)=c$ gives $12c=0$ i.e. $c=0$

Therefore $b=7b(x)$ and $c=7c(x)$ for some polynomials $b(x)$ and $c(x)$ in $Z_{21}[x]$.

Hence matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7b(x) \\ 7c(x) & 10 \end{bmatrix}$ or $A = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 7b(x) \\ 7c(x) & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ where $9-7b(x)c(x)=15$ and

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 7b(x) \\ 7c(x) & 17 \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } 16 - 7b(x)c(x) = 15$$

If $a+d=16$ then $ad-bc=15$ implies $15a=15$ i.e. $a=1$ or 8 or 15 i. e. $a=1+7a(x)$ for some polynomial $a(x)$ in $Z_{21}[x]$.

Also $b(a+d)=b$ gives $15b=0$ i.e. $b=7b(x)$ and $c(a+d)=c$ gives $15c=0$ i.e. $c=7c(x)$ for some polynomials $b(x)$ and $c(x)$ in $Z_{21}[x]$.

Hence matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + 7a(x) & 7b(x) \\ 7c(x) & 15 + 15a(x) \end{bmatrix}$ where $a(x)$, $b(x)$, $c(x)$ are polynomials in $Z_{21}[x]$ such that $(1+7a(x))(15+15a(x)) - 7b(x)7c(x) = 15$.

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