

# Generalized Dedekind's theorem and its application to integer group determinants

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## Abstract

In this paper, we give a refinement of a generalized Dedekind's theorem. In addition, we show that all possible values of integer group determinants of any group are also possible values of integer group determinants of its any abelian subgroup. By applying the refinement of a generalized Dedekind's theorem, we determine all possible values of integer group determinants of the direct product group of the cyclic group of order 8 and the cyclic group of order 2.

## 1 Introduction

For a finite group  $G$ , let  $x_g$  be an indeterminate for each  $g \in G$  and let  $\mathbb{Z}[x_g]$  be the multivariate polynomial ring in  $x_g$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . The group matrix  $M_G(x_g)$  and the group determinant  $\Theta_G(x_g)$  of  $G$  were defined by Dedekind as follows:

$$M_G(x_g) := (x_{gh^{-1}})_{g,h \in G}, \quad \Theta_G(x_g) := \det M_G(x_g) \in \mathbb{Z}[x_g].$$

When the elements of  $G$  are reordered arbitrarily, the group matrix  $M$  formed according to this reordering is of the form  $M = P^{-1}M_G(x_g)P$ , where  $P$  is an appropriate permutation matrix. Thus,  $\Theta_G(x_g)$  is invariant under any reordering of the elements of  $G$ . For a finite group  $G$ , let  $\widehat{G}$  be a complete set of representatives of the equivalence classes of irreducible representations of  $G$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Around 1880, for the case that  $G$  is abelian, Dedekind gave the irreducible factorization of  $\Theta_G(x_g)$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ : *Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group. Then*

$$\Theta_G(x_g) = \prod_{\chi \in \widehat{G}} \sum_{g \in G} \chi(g)x_g.$$

This is called Dedekind's theorem. In 1896, Frobenius [3] gave the irreducible factorization of  $\Theta_G(x_g)$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  for any finite group: *Let  $G$  be a finite group. Then*

$$\Theta_G(x_g) = \prod_{\varphi \in \widehat{G}} \det \left( \sum_{g \in G} \varphi(g)x_g \right)^{\deg \varphi}.$$

This is the most well known generalization of Dedekind's theorem. This generalization is obtained from the decomposition of the regular representation  $L$  of  $G$  as a direct sum of irreducible representations and the expression  $M_G(x_g) = \sum_{g \in G} x_g L(g)$ . Frobenius created the character theory of finite groups in the process of obtaining the irreducible factorization. For the history on the theory, see, e.g., [2, 4, 5, 6, 20]. On the other hand, another generalization of Dedekind's theorem was given in [21]: *Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group and let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . For every  $h \in H$ , there exists a homogeneous polynomial  $A_h \in \mathbb{C}[x_g]$  satisfying  $\deg A_h = |G/H|$  and*

$$\Theta_G(x_g) = \prod_{\chi \in \widehat{H}} \sum_{h \in H} \chi(h) A_h = \Theta_H(A_h). \quad (1)$$

If  $H = G$ , then we can take  $A_h = x_h$  for each  $h \in H$ . This generalization shows that the group determinant of an abelian group can be written by the group determinant of any subgroup. Let  $C_n = \{\overline{0}, \overline{1}, \dots, \overline{n-1}\}$  be the cyclic group of order  $n$ . The matrix  $M_{C_n}(x_g)$  is similar to the circulant matrix of order  $n$ . That is, the circulant determinant is a special case of the group determinant. For the circulant determinant, Laquer [12, Theorem 2] gave the following factorization in 1980: *Let  $n = rs$ , where  $r$  and  $s$  are relatively prime, and let  $x_j := x_{\overline{j-1}}$  for any  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Then*

$$\Theta_{C_n}(x_j) = \prod_{l=0}^{s-1} \Theta_{C_r}(y_j^l), \quad y_j^l := \sum_{k=0}^{s-1} \zeta_s^{l(kr+j-1)} x_{kr+j},$$

where  $\zeta_s$  is a primitive  $s$ -th root of unity. We call this theorem Laquer's theorem. In recently, Laquer's theorem was generalized as follows [24, Theorem 1.1]: *Let  $G = H \times K$  be a direct product of finite abelian groups. Then we have*

$$\Theta_G(x_g) = \prod_{\chi \in \widehat{K}} \Theta_H(y_h^\chi), \quad y_h^\chi = \sum_{k \in K} \chi(k) x_{hk}. \quad (2)$$

In this paper, we give a refinement of (1), which is a generalization of (2).

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group, let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  and let*

$$\widehat{G}_H := \left\{ \chi \in \widehat{G} \mid \chi(h) = 1, h \in H \right\}, \quad G = \bigsqcup_{t \in T} tH, \quad \widehat{G} = \bigsqcup_{\chi \in X} \chi \widehat{G}_H.$$

Then we have

$$\Theta_G(x_g) = \prod_{\chi \in X} \Theta_{G/H}(y_{tH}^\chi) = \Theta_H(z_h),$$

where

$$y_{tH}^\chi := \sum_{h \in H} \chi(th) x_{th}, \quad z_h := \frac{1}{|H|} \sum_{\chi \in X} \chi(h^{-1}) \Theta_{G/H}(y_{tH}^\chi).$$

For any  $f(x_g) \in \mathbb{Z}[x_g]$ , we denote by  $f(x_g)_h$  the sum of all monomials  $cx_{g_1}x_{g_2}\cdots x_{g_k}$  in  $f(x_g)$  satisfying  $g_1g_2\cdots g_k = h$ . The following theorem gives another expression for  $z_h$  in Theorem 1.1. When calculating  $z_h$ , the expression for  $z_h$  in the following theorem might be more useful than one in Theorem 1.1 (see Example 2.3).

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $y_{tH} := \sum_{h \in H} x_{th}$ . Then we have*

$$z_h = \Theta_{G/H}(y_{tH})_h \in \mathbb{Z}[x_g].$$

Theorem 1.1 is a refinement of (1) since  $\{\chi|_H \mid \chi \in X\} = \widehat{H}$  holds and we can take  $A_h = z_h$  in (1). Note that for a finite abelian group  $G$  and any subgroup  $K$ , there exists a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  satisfying  $K \cong G/H$ . That is, Theorem 1.1 implies that  $\Theta_G(x_g)$  can also be expressed as a product of the group determinants of any subgroup. Thus, Theorem 1.1 derives (2). We apply Theorems 1.1 and 1.2 to the study of the integer group determinant.

A group determinant called an integer group determinant when its variables are integers. For a finite group  $G$ , let

$$S(G) := \{\Theta_G(x_g) \mid x_g \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

It immediately follows from  $M_G(x_g) = \sum_{g \in G} x_g L(g)$  that  $S(G)$  is a monoid. Determining  $S(G)$  is an open problem. For the  $G = C_n$  cases, determining  $S(G)$  is called Olga Taussky-Todd's circulant problem since Olga Taussky-Todd suggested it at the meeting of the American Mathematical Society in Hayward, California [14]. Even Olga Taussky-Todd's circulant problem remains as an open problem.

For  $S(C_n)$ , the following relation is known [10, Lemma 3.6]: *Let  $n, q \geq 1$ . If  $q \mid n$ , then*

$$S(C_n) \subset S(C_q). \tag{3}$$

From Theorems 1.1 and 1.2, we obtain a generalization of (3).

**Corollary 1.3.** *Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group and let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Then*

$$S(G) \subset S(H).$$

Corollary 1.3 is generalized as follows.

**Theorem 1.4.** *Let  $G$  be a finite group and let  $H$  be an abelian subgroup of  $G$ . Then*

$$\{\alpha^{[G:H]} \mid \alpha \in S(H)\} \subset S(G) \subset S(H),$$

where  $[G : H]$  is the index of  $H$  in  $G$ .

For some types of groups, the problem was solved in [1, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 25, 28]. As a result, for every group  $G$  of order at most 15,  $S(G)$  is determined (see [15, 19]). For the groups of order 16, the complete descriptions of  $S(G)$  were obtained for  $D_{16}$  [1, Theorem 5.3],  $C_{16}$  [25] and  $C_2^4$  [28], where  $D_n$  denotes the dihedral group of order  $n$ .

Laquer [12] determined  $S(C_{2p})$ , where  $p$  is an odd prime, by using Laquer's theorem which provides an expression for the integer circulant determinant of  $C_{2p}$  as a product of two integer circulant determinants of  $C_p$ . In [28],  $S(C_2^4)$  is determined by using (2) which provides an expression for the integer group determinant of  $C_2^n$  as a product of two integer group determinants of  $C_2^{n-1}$ . We can generalize these approaches by using Theorem 1.1 to determine  $S(G)$  for any abelian groups. There are fourteen groups of order 16 up to isomorphism [7, 30], and five of them are abelian. The unsolved abelian groups of order 16 are  $C_8 \times C_2$ ,  $C_4^2$  and  $C_4 \times C_2^2$ . By applying Theorem 1.1, we determine  $S(C_8 \times C_2)$ .

**Theorem 1.5.** *Let  $A := \{(8k - 3)(8l - 3) \mid k, l \in \mathbb{Z}, k \equiv l \pmod{2}\} \subsetneq \{16m - 7 \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} S(C_8 \times C_2) = & \{16m + 1, m', 2^{10}(2m + 1), 2^{12}m \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}, m' \in A\} \\ & \cup \{2^{11}p(2m + 1) \mid p = a^2 + b^2 \equiv 1, a + b \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{8}, m \in \mathbb{Z}\} \\ & \cup \{2^{11}p(2m + 1) \mid p \equiv -3 \pmod{8}, m \in \mathbb{Z}\} \\ & \cup \{2^{11}p^2(2m + 1) \mid p \equiv 3 \pmod{8}, m \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $p$  denotes a prime.

The remaining two abelian groups could also be solved by using Theorem 1.1. (While this paper under review, it have been solved in [26, 29]. Also, as for non-abelian groups of order 16,  $D_8 \times C_2$ ,  $Q_8 \times C_2$  [16, Theorems 3.1 and 4.1],  $Q_{16}$  [17] and  $C_2^2 \rtimes C_4$  [27] have been solved, where  $Q_n$  denotes the generalized quaternion group of order  $n$ .)

Pinner and Smyth [19, p.427] noted the following inclusion relations for all groups of order 8:

$$S(C_2^3) \subsetneq S(C_4 \times C_2) \subsetneq S(Q_8) \subsetneq S(D_8) \subsetneq S(C_8).$$

From preceding results and Theorem 1.5, we have

$$S(C_2^4) \subsetneq S(C_8 \times C_2) \subsetneq S(D_{16}) \subsetneq S(C_{16}).$$

Determining the integer group determinants aims to investigate the structure of a group by means of the group determinant. It is expected that individual new results will help us understand more about groups.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we prove Theorems 1.1 and 1.2. In Sections 3 and 4, we prove Theorems 1.4 and 1.5, respectively.

## 2 Proofs of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2

For a finite group  $G$ , let  $x_g$  be an indeterminate for each  $g \in G$ , let  $\mathbb{C}[x_g]$  be the multivariate polynomial ring in  $x_g$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ , let  $\mathbb{C}G$  the group algebra of  $G$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ , and let  $\mathbb{C}[x_g]G := \mathbb{C}[x_g] \otimes \mathbb{C}G = \left\{ \sum_{g \in G} A_g g \mid A_g \in \mathbb{C}[x_g] \right\}$  be the group algebra of  $G$  over  $\mathbb{C}[x_g]$ . Also, for a finite abelian group  $G$  and a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ , let

$$\widehat{G}_H := \left\{ \chi \in \widehat{G} \mid \chi(h) = 1, h \in H \right\}.$$

It is easily verified that  $\widehat{G}_H = \left\{ \varphi \circ \pi \mid \varphi \in \widehat{G/H} \right\}$ , where  $\pi : G \rightarrow G/H$  is the canonical homomorphism. To prove Theorem 1.1, we use the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.1** ([21, Lemma 3.6]). *Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group and  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . For every  $h \in H$ , there exists a homogeneous polynomial  $A_h \in \mathbb{C}[x_g]$  satisfying  $\deg A_h = |G/H|$  and*

$$\prod_{\chi \in \widehat{G}_H} \sum_{g \in G} \chi(g) x_g g = \sum_{h \in H} A_h h \in \mathbb{C}[x_g] H.$$

If  $H = G$ , then we can take  $A_h = x_h$  for each  $h \in H$ .

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* From Dedekind's theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta_G(x_g) &= \prod_{\chi \in \widehat{G}} \sum_{g \in G} \chi(g) x_g \\ &= \prod_{\chi \in X} \prod_{\chi' \in \widehat{G}_H} \sum_{t \in T} \sum_{h \in H} (\chi \chi')(th) x_{th} \\ &= \prod_{\chi \in X} \prod_{\chi' \in \widehat{G}_H} \sum_{t \in T} \chi'(t) \sum_{h \in H} \chi(th) x_{th} \\ &= \prod_{\chi \in X} \prod_{\chi' \in \widehat{G/H}} \sum_{tH \in G/H} \chi'(tH) y_{tH}^\chi \\ &= \prod_{\chi \in X} \Theta_{G/H}(y_{tH}^\chi). \end{aligned}$$

Next, we show that for any  $\chi \in X$ , there exists  $A_h \in \mathbb{C}[x_g]$  satisfying

$$\Theta_{G/H}(y_{tH}^\chi) = \sum_{h \in H} \chi(h) A_h.$$

For any  $\chi \in X$ , let  $F_\chi : \mathbb{C}[x_g]G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[x_g]G$  be the  $\mathbb{C}[x_g]$ -algebra homomorphism defined by  $F_\chi(g) = \chi(g)g$ . Then, from Lemma 2.1, there exists  $A_h \in \mathbb{C}[x_g]$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{h \in H} \chi(h) A_h h &= F_\chi \left( \sum_{h \in H} A_h h \right) \\ &= F_\chi \left( \prod_{\chi' \in \widehat{G}_H} \sum_{g \in G} \chi'(g) x_g g \right) \\ &= F_\chi \left( \prod_{\chi' \in \widehat{G}_H} \sum_{t \in T} \sum_{h \in H} \chi'(t) x_{th} th \right) \\ &= \prod_{\chi' \in \widehat{G}_H} \sum_{t \in T} \sum_{h \in H} \chi'(t) \chi(th) x_{th} th. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $F: \mathbb{C}[x_g]G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[x_g]$  be the  $\mathbb{C}[x_g]$ -algebra homomorphism defined by  $F(g) = 1$ . Applying  $F$  to the both sides of the above, we have

$$\sum_{h \in H} \chi(h)A_h = \prod_{\chi' \in \widehat{G}_H} \sum_{t \in T} \sum_{h \in H} \chi'(t)\chi(th)x_{th} = \prod_{\chi' \in \widehat{G/H}} \sum_{tH \in G/H} \chi'(tH)y_{tH}^{\chi'} = \Theta_{G/H}(y_{tH}^{\chi'}).$$

From the above, it follows that there exists  $A_h \in \mathbb{C}[x_g]$  satisfying

$$\Theta_G(x_g) = \prod_{\chi \in X} \Theta_{G/H}(y_{tH}^{\chi}) = \prod_{\chi \in X} \sum_{h \in H} \chi(h)A_h = \prod_{\chi \in \widehat{H}} \sum_{h \in H} \chi(h)A_h = \Theta_H(A_h). \quad (4)$$

Finally, we show that  $A_h$  in (4) is expressed as

$$A_h = \frac{1}{|H|} \sum_{\chi \in X} \chi(h^{-1})\Theta_{G/H}(y_{tH}^{\chi})$$

for any  $h \in H$ . From orthogonality relations for characters, for any  $h \in H$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\chi \in X} \chi(h^{-1})\Theta_{G/H}(y_{tH}^{\chi}) &= \sum_{\chi \in X} \chi(h^{-1}) \sum_{h' \in H} \chi(h')A_{h'} \\ &= \sum_{\chi \in X} \sum_{h' \in H} \chi(h^{-1}h')A_{h'} \\ &= \sum_{h' \in H} \sum_{\chi \in \widehat{H}} \chi(h^{-1}h')A_{h'} \\ &= |H|A_h. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark 2.2.** From the proof of Theorem 1.1,  $A_h$  in Lemma 2.1 equals to  $z_h$  in Theorem 1.1.

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.* From Lemma 2.1 and Remark 2.2, we have

$$\sum_{h \in H} z_h h = \prod_{\chi \in \widehat{G}_H} \sum_{g \in G} \chi(g)x_g g = \prod_{\chi \in \widehat{G/H}} \sum_{g \in G} \chi(gH)x_g g = \prod_{\chi \in \widehat{G/H}} \sum_{tH \in G/H} \sum_{h' \in H} \chi(tH)x_{th'}th'.$$

Therefore, we have

$$z_h = \left( \prod_{\chi \in \widehat{G/H}} \sum_{tH \in G/H} \chi(tH) \sum_{h' \in H} x_{th'} \right)_h = \Theta_{G/H}(y_{tH})_h \in \mathbb{Z}[x_g].$$

□

From Theorems 1.1 and 1.2, we can take  $z_h \in \mathbb{Z}[x_g]$  satisfying  $\Theta_G(x_g) = \Theta_H(z_h)$ . Thus, Corollary 1.3 is obtained.

**Example 2.3.** Using Theorems 1.1 and 1.2, we calculate  $\Theta_{C_4}(x_g)$ . Let  $G = C_4$  and  $H = \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\}$ . Then,  $G/H = \{\bar{0}H, \bar{1}H\}$ . We write  $x_{\bar{i}}$  as  $x_i$  for any  $0 \leq i \leq 3$ . From Theorem 1.2, we have

$$z_{\bar{0}} = \Theta_{G/H}(y_{tH})_{\bar{0}} = x_0^2 + x_2^2 - 2x_1x_3, \quad z_{\bar{2}} = \Theta_{G/H}(y_{tH})_{\bar{2}} = 2x_0x_2 - x_1^2 - x_3^2$$

since  $y_{\bar{0}H} = x_0 + x_2$ ,  $y_{\bar{1}H} = x_1 + x_3$  and

$$\Theta_{G/H}(y_{tH}) = y_{\bar{0}H}^2 - y_{\bar{1}H}^2 = (x_0^2 + 2x_0x_2 + x_2^2) - (x_1^2 + 2x_1x_3 + x_3^2).$$

Therefore, from Theorem 1.1, we have

$$\Theta_G(x_g) = \Theta_H(z_h) = z_{\bar{0}}^2 - z_{\bar{2}}^2 = (x_0^2 + x_2^2 - 2x_1x_3)^2 - (2x_0x_2 - x_1^2 - x_3^2)^2.$$

### 3 Proof of Theorem 1.4

The lower bound in Theorem 1.4 is derived from [23, Lemma 3.2]. Also, the upper bound immediately follows from the following lemma essentially provided in [22, Theorem 1.4].

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $G$  be a finite group and let  $H$  be an abelian subgroup of  $G$ . Then, there exists a homogeneous polynomial  $A_h \in \mathbb{Z}[x_g]$  satisfying  $\deg A_h = [G : H]$  and*

$$\Theta_G(x_g) = \Theta_H(A_h),$$

where  $[G : H]$  is the index of  $H$  in  $G$ .

The proof in [22] is not concise. We give a brief proof of Lemma 3.1. For the purpose, we use the following identity [9, p. 82, Theorem 2.6]; see also [8, 11]: *Given the block matrix  $M$  of the form*

$$\begin{pmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} & \cdots & M_{1n} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} & \cdots & M_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ M_{n1} & M_{n2} & \cdots & M_{nn} \end{pmatrix},$$

where the matrices  $M_{ij}$  are pairwise commuting of size  $m \times m$  then

$$\det M = \det \left( \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) M_{1\sigma(1)} M_{2\sigma(2)} \cdots M_{n\sigma(n)} \right).$$

*Proof of Lemma 3.1.* Let  $G = \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{mn}\}$ , let  $H = \{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_m\}$  and let  $G = t_1H \sqcup t_2H \sqcup \cdots \sqcup t_nH$ , where  $g_i = t_k h_l \in G$  with  $i = (k-1)m + l$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n$  and  $1 \leq l \leq m$ . Then, the group matrix  $\left(x_{g_i g_j^{-1}}\right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq mn}$  of  $G$  can be expressed as the block matrix:

$$\left(x_{g_i g_j^{-1}}\right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq mn} = (M_{kl})_{1 \leq k, l \leq n},$$

where  $M_{kl}$  is the matrix obtained by replacing each  $x_{h_i h_j^{-1}}$  in the group matrix  $(x_{h_i h_j^{-1}})_{1 \leq i, j \leq m}$  of  $H$  to  $x_{(t_k h_i)(t_l h_j)^{-1}}$ . That is,  $M_{kl} = (x_{(t_k h_i)(t_l h_j)^{-1}})_{1 \leq i, j \leq m}$ . Since  $H$  is abelian,  $M_{kl}$  are pairwise commuting. Therefore, there exists  $A_h \in \mathbb{Z}[x_g]$  satisfying

$$\Theta_G(x_g) = \det \left( x_{g_i g_j^{-1}} \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq mn} = \det \left( \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) M_{1\sigma(1)} M_{2\sigma(2)} \cdots M_{n\sigma(n)} \right) = \Theta_H(A_h)$$

since  $\sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) M_{1\sigma(1)} M_{2\sigma(2)} \cdots M_{n\sigma(n)}$  is also of the form of a group matrix of  $H$ .  $\square$

## 4 Proof of Theorem 1.5

In this section, by applying Theorem 1.1, we determine  $S(\mathbb{C}_8 \times \mathbb{C}_2)$ .

### 4.1 Relations with group determinants of subgroups

We denote the variable  $x_{\bar{i}}$  by  $x_i$  for any  $\bar{i} \in C_n$  and let  $D_n(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) := \Theta_{C_n}(x_g)$ . Also, for any  $g = (\bar{r}, \bar{s}) \in \mathbb{C}_8 \times \mathbb{C}_2$  with  $r \in \{0, 1, \dots, 7\}$  and  $s \in \{0, 1\}$ , we denote the variable  $y_g$  by  $y_j$ , where  $j := r + 8s$ , and let  $D_{8 \times 2}(y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{15}) := \Theta_{\mathbb{C}_8 \times \mathbb{C}_2}(y_g)$ . From the  $G = \mathbb{C}_8 \times \mathbb{C}_2$  and  $H = \{(\bar{0}, \bar{0}), (\bar{0}, \bar{1})\}$  case of Theorem 1.1, we have

$$D_{8 \times 2}(y_0, \dots, y_{15}) = D_8(y_0 + y_8, \dots, y_7 + y_{15}) D_8(y_0 - y_8, \dots, y_7 - y_{15}).$$

Let  $\zeta_n$  be a primitive  $n$ -th root of unity. From the  $G = \mathbb{C}_8$  and  $H = \{\bar{0}, \bar{4}\}$  case of Theorem 1.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_8(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_7) &= D_4(x_0 + x_4, x_1 + x_5, x_2 + x_6, x_3 + x_7) \\ &\quad \times D_4(x_0 - x_4, \zeta_8(x_1 - x_5), \zeta_8^2(x_2 - x_6), \zeta_8^3(x_3 - x_7)). \end{aligned}$$

From the  $G = \mathbb{C}_4$  and  $H = \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}\}$  case of Theorem 1.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_4(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) &= D_2(x_0 + x_2, x_1 + x_3) D_2(x_0 - x_2, \zeta_4(x_1 - x_3)) \\ &= D_2(x_0^2 + x_2^2 - 2x_1 x_3, -x_1^2 - x_3^2 + 2x_0 x_2). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\tilde{D}_4(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) := D_4(x_0, \zeta_8 x_1, \zeta_8^2 x_2, \zeta_8^3 x_3)$ . Then we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.1.** *The following hold:*

- (1)  $D_4(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) = \{(x_0 + x_2)^2 - (x_1 + x_3)^2\} \{(x_0 - x_2)^2 + (x_1 - x_3)^2\};$
- (2)  $\tilde{D}_4(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_0^2 - x_2^2 + 2x_1 x_3)^2 + (x_1^2 - x_3^2 - 2x_0 x_2)^2.$



Lemma 4.1 (2) shows that  $\tilde{D}_4(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{Z}$  holds for any  $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Throughout this paper, we assume that  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{15} \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and for any  $0 \leq i \leq 3$ , put

$$\begin{aligned} b_i &:= (a_i + a_{i+8}) + (a_{i+4} + a_{i+12}), & c_i &:= (a_i + a_{i+8}) - (a_{i+4} + a_{i+12}), \\ d_i &:= (a_i - a_{i+8}) + (a_{i+4} - a_{i+12}), & e_i &:= (a_i - a_{i+8}) - (a_{i+4} - a_{i+12}). \end{aligned}$$

Also, let  $\mathbf{a} := (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{15})$  and let

$$\mathbf{b} := (b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3), \quad \mathbf{c} := (c_0, c_1, c_2, c_3), \quad \mathbf{d} := (d_0, d_1, d_2, d_3), \quad \mathbf{e} := (e_0, e_1, e_2, e_3).$$

The following relations will be frequently used in this paper:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{8 \times 2}(\mathbf{a}) &= D_8(a_0 + a_8, a_1 + a_9, \dots, a_7 + a_{15}) D_8(a_0 - a_8, a_1 - a_9, \dots, a_7 - a_{15}) \\ &= D_4(\mathbf{b}) \tilde{D}_4(\mathbf{c}) D_4(\mathbf{d}) \tilde{D}_4(\mathbf{e}). \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 4.2.** For any  $0 \leq i \leq 3$ , the following hold:

- (1)  $b_i \equiv c_i \equiv d_i \equiv e_i \pmod{2}$ ;
- (2)  $b_i + c_i + d_i + e_i \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

**Lemma 4.3.** We have  $D_{8 \times 2}(\mathbf{a}) \equiv D_4(\mathbf{b}) \equiv \tilde{D}_4(\mathbf{c}) \equiv D_4(\mathbf{d}) \equiv \tilde{D}_4(\mathbf{e}) \pmod{2}$ .

*Proof.* From Lemma 4.1, we have  $D_4(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) \equiv x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \equiv \tilde{D}_4(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) \pmod{2}$ . Therefore, from Remark 4.2 (1), the lemma is proved.  $\square$

## 4.2 Impossible odd numbers

Let  $\mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}}$  be the set of all odd numbers and  $A := \{(8k - 3)(8l - 3) \mid k, l \in \mathbb{Z}, k \equiv l \pmod{2}\}$ .

**Lemma 4.4.** We have  $S(C_8 \times C_2) \cap \mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}} \subset \{16m + 1 \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cup A$ .

To prove Lemma 4.4, we use the following three lemmas.

**Lemma 4.5.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} &D_4(\mathbf{b}) \tilde{D}_4(\mathbf{c}) D_4(\mathbf{d}) \tilde{D}_4(\mathbf{e}) \\ &= D_4(b_1, b_2, b_3, b_0) \tilde{D}_4(c_1, c_2, c_3, -c_0) D_4(d_1, d_2, d_3, d_0) \tilde{D}_4(e_1, e_2, e_3, -e_0) \\ &= D_4(b_2, b_3, b_0, b_1) \tilde{D}_4(c_2, c_3, -c_0, -c_1) D_4(d_2, d_3, d_0, d_1) \tilde{D}_4(e_2, e_3, -e_0, -e_1) \\ &= D_4(b_3, b_0, b_1, b_2) \tilde{D}_4(c_3, -c_0, -c_1, -c_2) D_4(d_3, d_0, d_1, d_2) \tilde{D}_4(e_3, -e_0, -e_1, -e_2). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* From Lemma 4.1, we have

$$D_4(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) = -D_4(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_0), \quad \tilde{D}_4(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) = \tilde{D}_4(x_1, x_2, x_3, -x_0).$$

Therefore, the lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.6.** For any  $k, l, m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the following hold:

$$(1) D_4(2k+1, 2l, 2m, 2n) \equiv 8m+1 \pmod{16};$$

$$(2) \tilde{D}_4(2k+1, 2l, 2m, 2n) \equiv 8m+1 \pmod{16}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $D := D_4(2k+1, 2l, 2m, 2n)$  and  $\tilde{D} := \tilde{D}_4(2k+1, 2l, 2m, 2n)$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \{4(k+m)^2 + 4(k+m) + 1 - 4(l+n)^2\} \{4(k-m)^2 + 4(k-m) + 1 + 4(l-n)^2\} \\ &\equiv 8m+1 \pmod{16}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{D} &= \{4k(k+1) + 1 - 4m^2 + 8ln\}^2 + \{4l^2 - 4n^2 - 8km - 4m\}^2 \\ &\equiv 8m+1 \pmod{16}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 4.7.** For any  $k, l, m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the following hold:

$$(1) D_4(2k, 2l+1, 2m+1, 2n+1) \equiv 8(k+l+n) - 3 \pmod{16};$$

$$(2) \tilde{D}_4(2k, 2l+1, 2m+1, 2n+1) \equiv 8(k+l+n) + 1 \pmod{16}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $D := D_4(2k, 2l+1, 2m+1, 2n+1)$  and  $\tilde{D} := \tilde{D}_4(2k, 2l+1, 2m+1, 2n+1)$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \{4(k+m)^2 + 4(k+m) + 1 - 4(l+n+1)^2\} \{4(k-m)^2 - 4(k-m) + 1 + 4(l-n)^2\} \\ &\equiv 8(k+l+n) - 3 \pmod{16}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{D} &= \{4k^2 - 4m(m+1) + 8ln + 4l + 4n + 1\}^2 + \{4l(l+1) - 4n(n+1) - 8km - 4k\}^2 \\ &\equiv 8(k+l+n) + 1 \pmod{16}. \end{aligned}$$

□

*Proof of Lemma 4.4.* Let  $D_{8 \times 2}(\mathbf{a}) = D_4(\mathbf{b})\tilde{D}_4(\mathbf{c})D_4(\mathbf{d})\tilde{D}_4(\mathbf{e}) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}}$ . Then,  $b_0 + b_2 \not\equiv b_1 + b_3 \pmod{2}$  holds since  $D_4(\mathbf{b})$  is odd. We prove the following:

(i) If exactly three of  $b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3$  are even, then  $D_{8 \times 2}(\mathbf{a}) \in \{16m+1 \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ ;

(ii) If exactly one of  $b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3$  is even, then  $D_{8 \times 2}(\mathbf{a}) \in A$ .

First, we prove (i). If  $\mathbf{b} \equiv (1, 0, 0, 0) \pmod{2}$ , then there exist  $m_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfying  $b_2 = 2m_0$ ,  $c_2 = 2m_1$ ,  $d_2 = 2m_2$ ,  $e_2 = 2m_3$  and  $\sum_{i=0}^3 m_i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  from Remark 4.2. Therefore, from Lemma 4.6,  $D_{8 \times 2}(\mathbf{a}) \equiv \prod_{i=0}^3 (8m_i + 1) \equiv 8 \sum_{i=0}^3 m_i + 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$ . From this and Lemma 4.5, the remaining three cases are also proved. Next, we prove (ii). If  $\mathbf{b} \equiv (0, 1, 1, 1) \pmod{2}$ , then there exist  $k_i, l_i, n_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfying  $(b_0, b_1, b_3) = (2k_0, 2l_0+1, 2n_0+1)$ ,  $(c_0, c_1, c_3) = (2k_1, 2l_1+1, 2n_1+1)$ ,  $(d_0, d_1, d_3) = (2k_2, 2l_2+1, 2n_2+1)$ ,  $(e_0, e_1, e_3) = (2k_3, 2l_3+1, 2n_3+1)$  and  $\sum_{i=0}^3 k_i \equiv \sum_{i=0}^3 l_i \equiv \sum_{i=0}^3 n_i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  from Remark 4.2. Therefore, from Lemma 4.7, we have  $D_4(\mathbf{b})\tilde{D}_4(\mathbf{c}) \equiv (8r_0 - 3)(8r_1 + 1) \equiv 8r_0 + 8r_1 - 3 \pmod{16}$  and  $D_4(\mathbf{d})\tilde{D}_4(\mathbf{e}) \equiv (8r_2 - 3)(8r_3 + 1) \equiv 8r_2 + 8r_3 - 3 \pmod{16}$ , where  $r_i := k_i + l_i + n_i$ . Thus, there exist  $s_0, s_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfying  $D_4(\mathbf{b})\tilde{D}_4(\mathbf{c}) = 16s_0 + 8r_0 + 8r_1 - 3$ ,  $D_4(\mathbf{d})\tilde{D}_4(\mathbf{e}) = 16s_1 + 8r_2 + 8r_3 - 3$ . Let  $k := 2s_0 + r_0 + r_1$  and  $l := 2s_1 + r_2 + r_3$ . Then  $D_{8 \times 2}(\mathbf{a}) = (8k - 3)(8l - 3) \in A$  since  $k \equiv l \pmod{2}$  holds from  $\sum_{i=0}^3 r_i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . From this and Lemma 4.5, the remaining three cases are also proved. □

### 4.3 Impossible even numbers

We will use Kaiblinger's [10, Theorem 1.1] results  $S(C_4) = \mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}} \cup 2^4\mathbb{Z}$  and  $S(C_8) = \mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}} \cup 2^5\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Lemma 4.8.** *We have  $S(C_8 \times C_2) \cap 2\mathbb{Z} \subset 2^{10}\mathbb{Z}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $D_{8 \times 2}(\mathbf{a}) = D_8(a_0 + a_8, \dots, a_7 + a_{15})D_8(a_0 - a_8, \dots, a_7 - a_{15}) \in 2\mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $D_8(a_0 + a_8, \dots, a_7 + a_{15}) \equiv D_8(a_0 - a_8, \dots, a_7 - a_{15}) \pmod{2}$  holds from  $a_i + a_{i+8} \equiv a_i - a_{i+8} \pmod{2}$ , we have  $D_8(a_0 + a_8, \dots, a_7 + a_{15}), D_8(a_0 - a_8, \dots, a_7 - a_{15}) \in S(C_8) \cap 2\mathbb{Z} = 2^5\mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore,  $D_{8 \times 2}(\mathbf{a}) \in 2^{10}\mathbb{Z}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.9.** *Let  $p_i = a_i^2 + b_i^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  be a prime with  $a_i \pm b_i \in \{8m \pm 1 \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq r$ , let  $p_{r+1}, \dots, p_{r+s} \equiv -1 \pmod{8}$  be primes, let  $q_1, \dots, q_t \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$  be distinct primes, and let  $k_1, \dots, k_{r+s}$  be non-negative integers. Then*

$$2^{11}p_1^{k_1} \cdots p_r^{k_r} p_{r+1}^{k_{r+1}} \cdots p_{r+s}^{k_{r+s}} Q \notin S(C_8 \times C_2)$$

for any  $Q \in \{\pm 1, \pm q_1 \cdots q_t\}$ .

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_0 &:= (b_0 + b_2)^2 - (b_1 + b_3)^2, & \alpha_1 &:= (b_0 - b_2)^2 + (b_1 - b_3)^2, \\ \alpha_2 &:= (d_0 + d_2)^2 - (d_1 + d_3)^2, & \alpha_3 &:= (d_0 - d_2)^2 + (d_1 - d_3)^2, \\ \beta &:= (c_0^2 - c_2^2 + 2c_1c_3) - \zeta_4(c_1^2 - c_3^2 - 2c_0c_2), & \gamma &:= (e_0^2 - e_2^2 + 2e_1e_3) - \zeta_4(e_1^2 - e_3^2 - 2e_0e_2). \end{aligned}$$

Then we have  $\alpha_0\alpha_1 = D_4(\mathbf{b})$ ,  $\alpha_2\alpha_3 = D_4(\mathbf{d})$ ,  $\beta\bar{\beta} = \tilde{D}_4(\mathbf{c})$ ,  $\gamma\bar{\gamma} = \tilde{D}_4(\mathbf{e})$ , where  $\bar{x}$  denotes the complex conjugate of  $x \in \mathbb{C}$ . To prove Lemma 4.9, we use the following remark and two lemmas.

**Remark 4.10.** *From Remark 4.2 (1) and*

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 \in 2\mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}} &\iff b_0 + b_2 \equiv b_1 + b_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \\ \alpha_3 \in 2\mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}} &\iff d_0 + d_2 \equiv d_1 + d_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \\ \beta\bar{\beta} \in 2\mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}} &\iff c_0 + c_2 \equiv c_1 + c_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \\ \gamma\bar{\gamma} \in 2\mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}} &\iff e_0 + e_2 \equiv e_1 + e_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \end{aligned}$$

we have  $\alpha_1 \in 2\mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}} \iff \alpha_3 \in 2\mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}} \iff \beta\bar{\beta} \in 2\mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}} \iff \gamma\bar{\gamma} \in 2\mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}}$ .

**Lemma 4.11.** *If  $D_{8 \times 2}(\mathbf{a}) \in 2^{11}\mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}}$ , then we have  $(\alpha_i, \alpha_j) \in 2^3\mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}} \times 2^4\mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}}$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_3, \beta\bar{\beta}, \gamma\bar{\gamma} \in 2\mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}}$ , where  $\{i, j\} = \{0, 2\}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $D_{8 \times 2}(\mathbf{a}) = \alpha_0\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\beta\bar{\beta}\gamma\bar{\gamma} \in 2^{11}\mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}}$ . Then, from Lemma 4.3,  $\alpha_0\alpha_1 \equiv \alpha_2\alpha_3 \equiv \beta\bar{\beta} \equiv \gamma\bar{\gamma} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  holds. In particular,  $\alpha_0\alpha_1, \alpha_2\alpha_3 \in S(C_4) \cap 2\mathbb{Z} = 2^4\mathbb{Z}$ . From this and Remark 4.10, we have  $\beta\bar{\beta}, \gamma\bar{\gamma} \in 2\mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}}$ . Therefore,  $\alpha_1, \alpha_3 \in 2\mathbb{Z}_{\text{odd}}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.12.** *Let  $b_0 + b_2 \equiv b_1 + b_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . Then the following hold:*

- (1)  $\alpha_0 \equiv \alpha_1 + 4(b_0b_2 + b_1b_3) - 2 \pmod{16}$ ;
- (2)  $\alpha_2 \equiv \alpha_3 + 4(d_0d_2 + d_1d_3) - 2 \pmod{16}$ ;
- (3)  $\operatorname{Re}(\beta) \equiv (-1)^{c_2} + 2(c_0c_2 + c_1c_3) \pmod{8}$ ;
- (4)  $\operatorname{Re}(\gamma) \equiv (-1)^{e_2} + 2(e_0e_2 + e_1e_3) \pmod{8}$ ;
- (5)  $(b_0b_2 + b_1b_3) + (c_0c_2 + c_1c_3) + (d_0d_2 + d_1d_3) + (e_0e_2 + e_1e_3) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

*Proof.* We obtain (1) from  $\alpha_0 = \alpha_1 + 4(b_0b_2 + b_1b_3) - 2(b_1 + b_3)^2$ . In the same way, we can obtain (2). We obtain (3) from  $\operatorname{Re}(\beta) = (c_0 - c_2)^2 - 2c_2^2 + 2(c_0c_2 + c_1c_3)$ . In the same way, we can obtain (4). We prove (5). There are four cases:

$$\mathbf{b} \equiv (0, 0, 1, 1), (0, 1, 1, 0), (1, 1, 0, 0) \text{ or } (1, 0, 0, 1) \pmod{2}.$$

If  $\mathbf{b} \equiv (0, 0, 1, 1) \pmod{2}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & (b_0b_2 + b_1b_3) + (c_0c_2 + c_1c_3) + (d_0d_2 + d_1d_3) + (e_0e_2 + e_1e_3) \\ & \equiv (b_0 + b_1) + (c_0 + c_1) + (d_0 + d_1) + (e_0 + e_1) \\ & \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \end{aligned}$$

from Remark 4.2. In the same way, the remaining three cases can also be proved.  $\square$

*Proof of Lemma 4.9.* We prove by contradiction. Assume that there exist  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{15} \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfying  $D_{8 \times 2}(\mathbf{a}) = \alpha_0\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3\beta\bar{\beta}\gamma\bar{\gamma} = 2^{11}p_1^{k_1} \cdots p_r^{k_r} p_{r+1}^{k_{r+1}} \cdots p_{r+s}^{k_{r+s}} Q$ , where  $Q$  is  $\pm 1$  or  $\pm q_1 \cdots q_t$ . Since  $\alpha_1, \alpha_3, \beta\bar{\beta}$  and  $\gamma\bar{\gamma}$  are integers expressible in the form  $x^2 + y^2$ , in the prime factorization of them, every prime of the form  $4k + 3$  occurs an even number of times. From this fact and Lemma 4.11, there exist  $l_f, m_f, n_f, u_f, v_f \geq 0$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_i &= 2^3 p_1^{k_1 - l_1 - w_1} \cdots p_r^{k_r - l_r - w_r} p_{r+1}^{k_{r+1} - l_{r+1} - 2w_{r+1}} \cdots p_{r+s}^{k_{r+s} - l_{r+s} - 2w_{r+s}} Q_1, \\ \alpha_j &= 2^4 p_1^{l_1} \cdots p_r^{l_r} p_{r+1}^{l_{r+1}} \cdots p_{r+s}^{l_{r+s}} Q_2, \\ \alpha_1 &= 2p_1^{m_1} \cdots p_r^{m_r} p_{r+1}^{2m_{r+1}} \cdots p_{r+s}^{2m_{r+s}}, \\ \alpha_3 &= 2p_1^{n_1} \cdots p_r^{n_r} p_{r+1}^{2n_{r+1}} \cdots p_{r+s}^{2n_{r+s}}, \\ \beta\bar{\beta} &= 2p_1^{u_1} \cdots p_r^{u_r} p_{r+1}^{2u_{r+1}} \cdots p_{r+s}^{2u_{r+s}}, \\ \gamma\bar{\gamma} &= 2p_1^{v_1} \cdots p_r^{v_r} p_{r+1}^{2v_{r+1}} \cdots p_{r+s}^{2v_{r+s}}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\{i, j\} = \{0, 2\}$ ,  $w_f := m_f + n_f + u_f + v_f$  and  $Q_1Q_2 = Q$ . From the above, we have  $\alpha_i \equiv 8, \alpha_j \equiv 0, \alpha_1 \equiv \alpha_3 \equiv 2 \pmod{16}$ . Therefore, from Lemma 4.12 (1) and (2),

$$(b_0b_2 + b_1b_3, d_0d_2 + d_1d_3) \equiv (2, 0) \text{ or } (0, 2) \pmod{4}.$$

Note that  $c_0c_2 + c_1c_3 \equiv e_0e_2 + e_1e_3 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  since  $b_0 + b_2 \equiv b_1 + b_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . From [25, Lemma 4.8], we have  $\operatorname{Re}(\beta), \operatorname{Re}(\gamma) \in \{8m \pm 1 \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . From this and Lemma 4.12 (3) and (4), it follows that  $c_0c_2 + c_1c_3 \equiv e_0e_2 + e_1e_3 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . Therefore, we have

$$(b_0b_2 + b_1b_3) + (c_0c_2 + c_1c_3) + (d_0d_2 + d_1d_3) + (e_0e_2 + e_1e_3) \equiv 2 \pmod{4}.$$

This contradicts Lemma 4.12 (5).  $\square$

## 4.4 Possible numbers

Lemmas 4.4, 4.8 and 4.9 imply that  $S(C_8 \times C_2)$  does not include every integer that is not mentioned in Lemmas 4.13 and 4.14.

**Lemma 4.13.** *For any  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the following are elements of  $S(C_8 \times C_2)$ :*

- (1)  $16m + 1$ ;
- (2)  $(16m - 3)(16n - 3)$ ;
- (3)  $(16m + 5)(16n + 5)$ ;
- (4)  $2^{10}(2m + 1)$ ;
- (5)  $2^{12}(2m + 1)$ ;
- (6)  $2^{12}(2m)$ .

**Lemma 4.14.** *The following hold:*

- (1) *Suppose that  $p$  is a prime with  $p \equiv -3 \pmod{8}$ , then  $2^{11}p(2m + 1) \in S(C_8 \times C_2)$ ;*
- (2) *Suppose that  $p$  is a prime with  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$ , then  $2^{11}p^2(2m + 1) \in S(C_8 \times C_2)$ ;*
- (3) *Suppose that  $p$  is a prime with  $p = a^2 + b^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  and  $a + b \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{8}$ , then  $2^{11}p(2m + 1) \in S(C_8 \times C_2)$ .*

*Proof of Lemma 4.13.* We obtain (1) from  $D_{8 \times 2}(m + 1, m, \dots, m) = 16m + 1$ . From

$$\begin{aligned} D_{8 \times 2}(\overbrace{m + n, \dots, m + n}^5, m + n - 1, m + n - 1, m + n - 1, m - n, \dots, m - n) \\ = (16m - 3)(16n - 3), \\ D_{8 \times 2}(\overbrace{m + n + 1, \dots, m + n + 1}^5, m + n, m + n, m + n, m - n, \dots, m - n) \\ = (16m + 5)(16n + 5), \end{aligned}$$

we obtain (2) and (3), respectively. We obtain (4) from

$$\begin{aligned} D_{8 \times 2}(m + 1, m + 1, m + 1, m, m, m, m + 1, m, \dots, m) &= 2^{10}(4m + 1), \\ D_{8 \times 2}(\overbrace{m, \dots, m}^6, m + 1, m - 1, m, m, m - 1, m, m - 1, m - 1, m, m - 1) &= 2^{10}(4m - 1). \end{aligned}$$

We obtain (5) from  $D_{8 \times 2}(m + 2, m, \overbrace{m + 1, \dots, m + 1}^6, m, \dots, m) = 2^{12}(2m + 1)$ . From

$$\begin{aligned} D_{8 \times 2}(m + 1, m, m, m + 1, m + 1, m, m + 1, m, m - 1, m - 1, m, m - 1, m, m, m - 1, m) \\ = 2^{12}(2m), \end{aligned}$$

we obtain (6). □

To prove Lemma 4.14, we use the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.15** ([25, Proof of Theorem 5.1]). *The following hold:*

(1) *Suppose that  $p \equiv -3 \pmod{8}$  is a prime, then there exist  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfying*

$$2p = (8k + 3)^2 + (8l + 1)^2;$$

(2) *Suppose that  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$  is a prime, then there exist  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfying*

$$p = (4k - 1)^2 + 2(4l - 1)^2;$$

(3) *Suppose that  $p = a^2 + b^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  is a prime with  $a + b \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{8}$ , then there exist  $k, l, m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfying*

$$2p = \{(4k - 1)^2 - (4m - 2)^2 + 2(2l - 1)(4n)\}^2 \\ + \{(2l - 1)^2 - (4n)^2 - 2(4k - 1)(4m - 2)\}^2.$$

*Proof of Lemma 4.14.* First, we prove (1). Let

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= k + m + 2, & a_1 &= l + m + 1, & a_2 &= -k + m, & a_3 &= -l + m + 1, \\ a_4 &= k + m + 1, & a_5 &= l + m, & a_6 &= -k + m + 1, & a_7 &= -l + m, \\ a_8 &= k - m, & a_9 &= l - m, & a_{10} &= -k - m, & a_{11} &= -l - m - 1, \\ a_{12} &= k - m, & a_{13} &= l - m, & a_{14} &= -k - m - 1, & a_{15} &= -l - m. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $D_{8 \times 2}(\mathbf{a}) = 2^{10} \{(8k + 3)^2 + (8l + 1)^2\} (2m + 1)$ . Therefore, from Lemma 4.15 (1), we obtain (1). We prove (2). Let

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= k + l + m, & a_1 &= k - l + m, & a_2 &= -l + m + 1, & a_3 &= -l + m + 1, \\ a_4 &= -k - l + m + 2, & a_5 &= -k + l + m + 1, & a_6 &= l + m + 1, & a_7 &= l + m, \\ a_8 &= k + l - m, & a_9 &= k - l - m, & a_{10} &= -l - m, & a_{11} &= -l - m, \\ a_{12} &= -k - l - m, & a_{13} &= -k + l - m - 1, & a_{14} &= l - m - 1, & a_{15} &= l - m \end{aligned}$$

and  $s := 4k - 1$ ,  $t := 4l - 1$ . Then  $D_{8 \times 2}(\mathbf{a}) = 2^{11} (s^2 + 2t^2)^2 (2m + 1)$ . Therefore, (2) is proved from Lemma 4.15 (2). We prove (3). Let  $l' := \frac{l}{2}$  if  $l$  is even;  $\frac{l-1}{2}$  if  $l$  is odd and

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= k + r + 1, & a_1 &= l' + r, & a_2 &= m + r, & a_3 &= n + r, \\ a_4 &= -k + r + 1, & a_5 &= -l' + r + \frac{(-1)^l + 1}{2}, & a_6 &= -m + r + 2, & a_7 &= -n + r + 1, \\ a_8 &= k - r - 1, & a_9 &= l' - r, & a_{10} &= m - r, & a_{11} &= n - r, \\ a_{12} &= -k - r, & a_{13} &= -l' - r + \frac{(-1)^l - 1}{2}, & a_{14} &= -m - r, & a_{15} &= -n - r - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $D_{8 \times 2}(\mathbf{a}) = 2^{10} \widetilde{D}_4(4k - 1, 2l - 1, 4m - 2, 4n)(2r + 1)$ . Therefore, (3) is proved from Lemma 4.15 (3).  $\square$

From Lemmas 4.4, 4.8, 4.9, 4.13 and 4.14, Theorem 1.5 is proved.

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