

IDEMPOTENT-NILPOTENT UNITS
OF COMMUTATIVE GROUP RINGS

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Abstract. Suppose that R is a commutative unital ring and G is a multiplicative abelian group. We find a criterion when the decomposition of normalized invertible elements $V(RG) = Id(RG) \times (1 + I(N(R)G; G))$ holds. In particular, when $supp(G) \cap inv(R) \neq \emptyset$, we establish such a necessary and sufficient condition only in terms of R and G . This strengthens a result due to Karpilovsky (Arch. Math., 1983) as well as results of the author (Bull. Greek Math. Soc., 2009), (Comm. Algebra, 2010) and (Comment. Math. Univ. Carolin., 2012).

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