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Chapter 4

Linear Algebra

4.1 Bilinear Forms

Definition 4.1.1 [def:bilinear form] Let R be a ring, V an R -module and W a right R -module and $s : V \times W \rightarrow R, (v, w) \mapsto (v \mid w)$ a function. Let $A \subseteq V$ and $B \subseteq W$. Suppose that s is R -bilinear, that is $(\sum_{i=1}^n r_i v_i \mid \sum_{j=1}^m w_j s_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m r_i (v_i \mid w_j) s_j$ for all $v_i \in V, w_j \in W$ and $r_i, s_j \in R$. Then

- (a) [a] s is called a bilinear form.
- (b) [b] s is called symmetric if $V = W$ and $(v \mid w) = (w \mid v)$ for all $v, w \in V$.
- (c) [z] s is called symplectic if $V = W$ and $(v \mid v) = 0$ for all $v \in V$.
- (d) [c] Let $v \in V$ and $w \in W$ we say that v and w are perpendicular and write $v \perp w$ if $(v \mid w) = 0$.
- (e) [d] We say that A and B are perpendicular and write $A \perp B$ if $a \perp b$ for all $a \in A, b \in B$.
- (f) [e] $A^\perp = \{w \in W \mid A \perp w\}$ and ${}^\perp B = \{v \in V \mid v \perp B\}$. A^\perp is called the right perp of A and ${}^\perp B$ the left perp of B .
- (g) [f] If A is an R -submodule of V , define $s_A : W \rightarrow A^*$ by $s_A(w)(a) = (a \mid w)$ for all $a \in A, w \in W$.
- (h) [g] If B is an R -submodule of W , define $s_B : V \rightarrow B^*$ by $s_B(v)(b) = (v \mid b)$ for all $v \in V, b \in B$.
- (i) [h] s is called non-degenerate if $V^\perp = 0$ and ${}^\perp W = 0$.
- (j) [i] If V is free with basis \mathcal{V} and W is free with basis \mathcal{W} , then the $\mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{W}$ matrix $M_{\mathcal{V}}^{\mathcal{W}}(s) = ((v \mid w))_{v \in \mathcal{V}, w \in \mathcal{W}}$ is called the Gram Matrix of s with respect to \mathcal{V} and \mathcal{W} . Observe that the Gram Matrix is just the restriction of s to $\mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{W}$.

Let I be a set, R a ring, $W = \bigoplus_I R$ and $V = \bigoplus_I R$. Define $s : V \times W \rightarrow R$, $(v \mid w) = \sum_{i \in I} v_i w_i$. Note that this is well defined since almost all v_i are zero. Note also that if we view v and w as $I \times 1$ matrices we have $(v \mid w) = v^T w$.

As a second example let V be any R -module and $W = V^*$ and define $(v \mid w) = w(v)$. If V is a free R -module this example is essentially the same as the previous:

Lemma 4.1.2 [dual basis] *Let V be a free R module with basis \mathcal{V} . For $u \in V$ define $u^* \in V^*$ by $u^*(v) = \delta_{uv}$. Define*

$$\phi_{\mathcal{V}} : V \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\mathcal{V}} R, v \mapsto (w^*(v))_{w \in \mathcal{V}}$$

and

$$\phi_{\mathcal{V}*} : V^* \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\mathcal{V}} R, \alpha \mapsto (\alpha(v))_{v \in \mathcal{V}}$$

(a) [a] Both $\phi_{\mathcal{V}}$ and $\phi_{\mathcal{V}*}$ are R -isomorphisms.

(b) [b] Let $w \in V^*$ and $v \in V$ and put $\tilde{v} = \phi_{\mathcal{V}}(v)$ and $\tilde{w} = \phi_{\mathcal{V}*}(w)$. Then $w(v) = \tilde{v}^T \tilde{w}$.

Proof: (a) Since V is free with basis \mathcal{V} , the map $\bigoplus_{\mathcal{V}} R \rightarrow V, (r_v) \mapsto \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} r_v v$ is an R -isomorphism. Clearly $\phi_{\mathcal{V}}$ is the inverse of this map and so $\phi_{\mathcal{V}}$ is an R -isomorphism. To check that $\phi_{\mathcal{V}*}$ is an R -linear map of right R -modules recall first that V^* is a right R -module via $(wr)(v) = w(v)r$. Also $\bigoplus_{\mathcal{V}} R$ is a right R -module via $(r_v)_v r = (r_v r)_v$. We compute

$$\phi_{\mathcal{V}*}(wr) = ((wr)(v))_v = (w(v)r)_v = (w(v))_v r$$

and so $\phi_{\mathcal{V}*}$ is R -linear. Given $(r_v)_v \in \bigoplus_{\mathcal{V}} R$, then $w : V \rightarrow R, \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} s_v v \mapsto \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} s_v r_v$ is the unique element of V^* with $w(v) = r_v$ for all $v \in \mathcal{V}$, that is with $\phi_{\mathcal{V}*}(w) = (r_v)_v$. So $\phi_{\mathcal{V}*}$ is a bijection.

(b) For $u \in \mathcal{V}$ let $s_u = u^*(v)$ and $r_u = w(u)$. Then $v = \sum_{u \in \mathcal{V}} s_u u$ and so $w(v) = \sum_{u \in \mathcal{V}} s_u w(u) = \sum_{u \in \mathcal{V}} s_u r_u = \tilde{v}^T \tilde{w}$. \square

Definition 4.1.3 [dual map] *Let R be a ring and $\alpha : V \rightarrow W$ an R -linear map. Then the R -linear map $\alpha^* : W^* \rightarrow V^*, \phi \mapsto \phi \circ \alpha$ is called the dual of α .*

Lemma 4.1.4 [matrix of dual] *Let R be a ring and V and W free R modules with basis \mathcal{V} and \mathcal{W} , respectively. Let $\alpha : V \rightarrow W$ be an R -linear map and M its matrix with respect to \mathcal{V} and \mathcal{W} . Let $\delta \in W^*$. Then*

$$\phi_{\mathcal{V}*}(\alpha^*(\delta)) = M^T \phi_{\mathcal{W}*}(\delta)$$

Proof: Let $v \in \mathcal{V}$. Then the v -coordinate of $\phi_{\mathcal{V}*}(\alpha^*(\delta))$ is $\alpha^*(\delta)(v) = (\delta \circ \alpha)(v) = \delta(\alpha(v))$. By definition of $M = (m_{wv})_{w \in \mathcal{W}, v \in \mathcal{V}}$, $\alpha(v) = \sum_{w \in \mathcal{W}} m_{wv} w$ and so

$$\phi_{\mathcal{V}*}(\alpha^*(\delta)) = (\delta(\alpha(v)))_v = \left(\sum_{w \in \mathcal{W}} m_{wv} \delta(w) \right) = M^T \phi_{\mathcal{W}*}(\delta)$$

□

Lemma 4.1.5 [associated non-deg form] *Let R be a ring and $s : V \times W \rightarrow R$ an R -bilinear form. Let A be an R -subspace of V and B an R -subspace of W . Then*

$$\bar{s}_{AB} : A/A \cap {}^\perp B \times B/B \cap A^\perp, (a + (A \cap {}^\perp B), b + (B \cap A^\perp)) \rightarrow (a \mid b)$$

is a well-defined non-degenerate R -bilinear form.

Proof: Readily verified. □

Lemma 4.1.6 [basic bilinear] *Let R be a ring and let $s : V \times W \rightarrow R$ be an R -bilinear form.*

- (a) [a] *Let A be an R -subspace of V , then $A^\perp = \ker s_A$.*
- (b) [b] *Let B be an R -subspace of W then ${}^\perp B = \ker s_B$.*
- (c) [c] *s is non-degenerate if and only if s_V and s_W are 1-1.*

Proof: (a) and (b) are obvious and (c) follows from (a) and (b). □

Lemma 4.1.7 [finite dim non-deg] *Let \mathbb{F} be a division ring and $s : V \times W \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ a non-degenerate \mathbb{F} -bilinear form. Suppose that one of V or W is finite dimensional. Then both V and W are finite dimensional, both s_V and s_W are isomorphisms and $\dim_{\mathbb{F}} V = \dim_{\mathbb{F}} W$.*

Proof: Without loss $\dim_{\mathbb{F}} V < \infty$ and so $\dim V = \dim V^*$. By 4.1.6(c), s_V and s_W are 1-1 and so $\dim W \leq \dim V^* = \dim V$. So also $\dim W$ is finite and $\dim V \leq \dim W^* = \dim W$. Hence $\dim V = \dim W = \dim W^* = \dim V^*$. Since s_V and s_W are 1-1 this implies that s_V and s_W are isomorphisms. □

Corollary 4.1.8 [dual s-basis] *Let \mathbb{F} be a division ring, $s : V \times W \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ a non-degenerate \mathbb{F} -bilinear form, \mathcal{B} a basis for V . Suppose that \mathcal{B} is finite. Then for each $b \in \mathcal{B}$ there exists a unique $\tilde{b} \in W$ with $s(a, \tilde{b}) = \delta_{ab}$ for all $a, b \in \mathcal{B}$. Moreover, $(\tilde{b} \mid b \in \mathcal{B})$ is an \mathbb{F} -basis for W .*

Proof: By 4.1.7 $s_V : V \rightarrow V^*$ is an isomorphism. Let $b^* \in V^*$ with $b^*(a) = \delta_{ab}$ and define $\tilde{b} = s_V^{-1}(b^*)$. □

Definition 4.1.9 [def:s-dual basis] Let \mathbb{F} be a division ring, $s : V \times W \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ a non-degenerate \mathbb{F} -bilinear form, \mathcal{B} a basis for V . A tuple $(\tilde{b} \mid b \in \mathcal{B})$ such that for all $a, b \in \mathcal{B}$, $\tilde{b} \in W$ ($a \mid \tilde{b}$) = δ_{ab} and $(\tilde{b} \mid b \in \mathcal{B})$ is basis for W is called the basis for W dual to \mathcal{B} with respect to s .

Definition 4.1.10 [def:adjoint] Let R be ring, $s_i : V_i \times W_i \rightarrow R$ ($i = 1, 2$) R -bilinear forms and $\alpha : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ and $\beta : W_2 \rightarrow W_1$ R -linear maps. We say that α and β are adjoint (with respect to s_1 and s_2) or that β is an adjoint of α provided that

$$(\alpha(v_1) \mid w_2)_2 = (v_1 \mid \beta(w_2))_1$$

for all $v_1 \in V_1$, $w_2 \in W_2$.

Lemma 4.1.11 [basic adjoint] Let R be a ring, $s_i : V_i \times W_i \rightarrow R$, $(v, w) \rightarrow (v \mid w)_i$ ($i = 1, 2$) R -bilinear forms and $\alpha : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ and $\beta : W_2 \rightarrow W_1$ R -linear maps. Then α and β are adjoint iff $s_{1V_1} \circ \beta = \alpha^* \circ s_{2W_2}$.

Proof: Let $v_1 \in V_1$ and $w_2 \in W_2$. Then

$$(\alpha v_1 \mid w_2)_2 = s_{2W_2}(w_2)(\alpha)(v_1) = (\alpha^*(s_{2W_2}(w_2)))(v_1) = (\alpha^* \circ s_{2W_2})(w_2)(v_1)$$

and

$$(v_1 \mid \beta(w_2))_1 = s_{1V_1}(\beta(w_2))(v_1) = (s_{1V_1} \circ \beta)(w_2)(v_1)$$

and the lemma holds. \square

Lemma 4.1.12 [kernel of adjoint] Let R be a ring, $s_i : V_i \times W_i \rightarrow R$ ($i = 1, 2$) R -bilinear forms and $\alpha : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ and $\beta : W_2 \rightarrow W_1$ R -linear maps. Suppose α and β are adjoint. Then $\ker \alpha \leq {}^\perp \text{Im } \beta$ with equality if ${}^\perp W_2 = 0$.

Proof: Let $v_1 \in V_1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & v_1 \in \ker \alpha \\ \iff & \alpha(v_1) = 0 \\ \implies (\iff \text{ if } W_2^\perp = 0) & (\alpha(v_1) \mid w_2) = 0 \forall w_2 \in W_2 \\ \iff & (v_1 \mid \beta(w_2)) = 0 \forall w_2 \in W_2 \\ \iff & v_1 \in {}^\perp \text{Im } \beta \end{aligned}$$

\square

Lemma 4.1.13 [unique adjoint] Let R be a division ring, $s_i : V_i \times W_i \rightarrow R$ ($i = 1, 2$) R -bilinear forms and $\alpha : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ and $\beta : W_2 \rightarrow W_1$ R -linear maps. Suppose s_1 is non-degenerate and V_1 is finite dimensional over R .

(a) [a] There exists a unique adjoint α^{ad} of α with respect to s_1 and s_2 .

(b) [b] Suppose that also s_2 is non-degenerate and V_2 is finite dimensional. Let \mathcal{V}_i be a basis for V_i and $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}_i = (\tilde{v} \mid v \in \mathcal{V}_i)$ the basis W_i dual to \mathcal{V}_i with respect to s_i . If M is the matrix of α with respect to \mathcal{V}_1 and \mathcal{V}_2 , then M^T is the matrix for α^{ad} with respect to $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}_2$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}_1$.

Proof: (a) By 4.1.7 s_{1V_1} is an isomorphism and so by 4.1.11 $s_{1V_1}^{-1} \circ \alpha^* \circ s_{2V_2}$ is the unique adjoint of α . \square

(b) Let $v_i \in \mathcal{V}_i$. Then the (v_1, v_2) -coefficient of M is $(\alpha(v_1) \mid \tilde{v}_2)_2$. By definition of the adjoint $(\alpha(v_1) \mid \tilde{v}_2)_2 = (v_1 \mid \alpha^{\text{ad}}(\tilde{v}_2))_1$ and so (b) holds.

Corollary 4.1.14 [dual basis for subspace] Let \mathbb{F} be a field, V a finite dimensional \mathbb{F} -space and $s : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ a non-degenerate symmetric \mathbb{F} -bilinear form on V . Let W be an s -non-degenerate \mathbb{F} -subspace of V . Let \mathcal{V} be an \mathbb{F} -basis for V and \mathcal{W} an \mathbb{F} -basis for W . Let $\tilde{\mathcal{V}} = (\tilde{v} \mid v \in \mathcal{V})$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{W}} = (\tilde{w} \mid w \in \mathcal{W})$ be the corresponding dual basis for W and V , respectively. Let $M = (m_{vw})$ be the $\mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{W}$ matrix over \mathbb{F} defined by

$$v + W^\perp = \sum_{w \in \mathcal{W}} m_{vw} w + W^\perp$$

for all $v \in \mathcal{V}$. Then

$$\tilde{w} = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} m_{vw} \tilde{v}$$

Proof: Since W is non-degenerate, $V = W \oplus W^\perp$. Let $\alpha : V \rightarrow W$ be the orthogonal projection onto W , that is if $v = w + y$ with $w \in W$ and $y \in W^\perp$, then $w = \alpha(v)$. Observe that the matrix of α with respect to \mathcal{V} and \mathcal{W} is M^T . Let $\beta : W \rightarrow V, w \rightarrow w$, be the inclusion map. Then for all $v \in V, w \in W$:

$$(\alpha(v) \mid w) = (v \mid w) = (v \mid \beta w)$$

and so β is the adjoint of α . Thus by 4.1.13(b) the matrix for β with respect to $\tilde{\mathcal{W}}$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}$ is $M^{\text{TT}} = M$. So

$$\tilde{w} = \beta(\tilde{w}) = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} m_{vw} \tilde{v}.$$

\square

Lemma 4.1.15 [gram matrix] Let R be a ring, V a free R -module with basis \mathcal{V} and W a free right R -module with basis \mathcal{W} . Let $\phi_{\mathcal{V}} : V \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\mathcal{V}} R$, $\phi_{\mathcal{W}} : W \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\mathcal{W}} R$, $\phi_{\mathcal{V}*} V^* \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\mathcal{V}} R$ and $\phi_{\mathcal{W}*} W^* \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\mathcal{W}} R$ be the associated isomorphisms. Let $s : V \times W \rightarrow R$ be bilinear form and M its Gram Matrix with respect to \mathcal{V} and \mathcal{W} . Let $v \in V$, $w \in W$, $\tilde{v} = \phi_{\mathcal{V}}(v)$ and $\tilde{w} = \phi_{\mathcal{W}}(w)$,

- (a) [a] $(v \mid w) = \tilde{v}^T M \tilde{w}$.
- (b) [b] $\phi_{\mathcal{V}}(V^\perp) = \text{Null}(M)$, the Null space of M .
- (c) [c] $\phi_{\mathcal{V}}({}^\perp W) = \text{Null } M^T$
- (d) [d] $\phi_{\mathcal{W}*}(s_W(v)) = M^T \tilde{v}$.
- (e) [e] $\phi_{\mathcal{V}*}(s_V(w)) = M \tilde{w}$.

Proof: (a) We have $v = \sum_{a \in \mathcal{V}} \tilde{v}_a a$, $w = \sum_{b \in \mathcal{W}} \tilde{w}_b b$ and $M = ((a \mid b))_{ab}$. Since s is R -bilinear,

$$(v \mid w) = \sum_{a \in \mathcal{V}, b \in \mathcal{W}} \tilde{v}_a (a \mid b) \tilde{w}_b = \tilde{v}^T M \tilde{w}$$

- (b) By (a) $w \in V^\perp$ iff $\tilde{v}^T M \tilde{w} = 0$ for all \tilde{v} , iff $M \tilde{w} = 0$ and iff $\tilde{w} \in \text{Null}(M)$.
- (c) $v \in {}^\perp W$ iff $\tilde{v}^T M = 0$, iff $M^T \tilde{v} = 0$ iff $\tilde{v} \in \text{Null } M^T$.
- (d) Let $u = s_W(v)$ and $\tilde{u} = \Phi_{\mathcal{W}*}(v)$. Then by “right-module” version of 4.1.2

$$u(w) = \tilde{w}^T \cdot_{\text{op}} \tilde{u} = \tilde{u}^T \cdot \tilde{w}.$$

On the other hand

$$u(w) = s_W(v)(w) = (v \mid w) = \tilde{v}^T M \cdot \tilde{w} =$$

Thus $\tilde{u}^T = \tilde{v}^T M$ and so $\tilde{u} = M^T \tilde{v}$ and (d) holds.

- (e) Let $u = s_V(w)$ and $\tilde{u} = \Phi_{\mathcal{V}*}(w)$. Then by 4.1.2

$$u(v) = \tilde{v}^T \cdot \tilde{u}.$$

On the otherhand

$$u(v) = s_V(w)(v) = (v \mid w) = \tilde{v}^T \cdot M \tilde{w}.$$

So $\tilde{u} = M \tilde{w}$ and (e) holds. □

Lemma 4.1.16 [gram matrix of dual basis] Let \mathbb{F} be a division ring and $s : V \times W \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ a non-degenerate \mathbb{F} -bilinear form. Let \mathcal{V} and \mathcal{W} be \mathbb{F} -basis for V and W respectively and $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{W}}$, the corresponding dual basis for W and V . Let M be the Gram matrix for s with respect to \mathcal{V} and \mathcal{W} . Let N the Gram matrix for s with respect to $\tilde{\mathcal{W}}$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}$. Then

- (a) [a] M^T is the matrix for id_V with respect to \mathcal{V} and $\tilde{\mathcal{W}}$.
- (b) [b] N is the matrix for id_W with respect to \mathcal{W} and $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}$
- (c) [c] M and N are inverse to each other.

Proof: (a) We have $\text{id}_V : V \xrightarrow{s_W} W^* \xrightarrow{s_W^{-1}} V$. By 4.1.15(d), the matrix of s_W with respect to \mathcal{V} and \mathcal{W}^* is M . By definition of \tilde{W} the matrix of s_W^{-1} with respect to \mathcal{W}^* and \tilde{W} is the identity matrix. So (a) holds.

(b) Similar to (a), use s_V and 4.1.15(e).

(c) By (b) N^{-1} is the matrix of id_W with respect to $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}$ and \mathcal{W} . Note that id_V is the adjoint of id_W . So by (a) and 4.1.13(b), $N^{-1} = M^{\text{TT}} = M$. \square

Lemma 4.1.17 [circ and bilinear] *Let R be a commutative ring, G a group and let V and W be RG -modules. Let $s : V \times W \rightarrow R$ be R -bilinear form.*

(a) [a] *s is G -invariant iff $(a^\circ v \mid w) = (v \mid aw)$ for all $a \in \text{in}RG$.*

(b) [b] *Let $a \in RG$. Then $A_W(a) \leq (a^\circ V)^\perp$ with equality if $V^\perp = 0$.*

Proof: (a) Recall first for $a = \sum_{g \in G} a_g g \in Rg$, $a^\circ = \sum_{g \in G} a_g g^{-1}$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & s \text{ is } G \text{ invariant} \\ & \iff (gu \mid gw) = (u \mid w) \quad \forall g \in G, u \in V, w \in W \\ (u \rightarrow v = gu \text{ is a bijection}) & \iff (v \mid gw) = (g^{-1}v \mid w) \quad \forall g \in G, v \in V, w \in W \\ (s \text{ is } R \text{ bilinear}) & \iff (v \mid aw) = (a^\circ v \mid w) \quad \forall a \in RG, v \in V, w \in W \end{aligned}$$

(b) By (a) a and a° are adjoints. So (b) follows from 4.1.12 \square

Lemma 4.1.18 [extending scalars and bilinear] *Let $R \leq \tilde{R}$ be an extensions of rings and $s : V \times W \rightarrow R$ an R -bilinear form. There exists a unique \tilde{R} -bilinear form*

$$\tilde{s} : \tilde{R} \otimes_R V \times W \otimes_R \tilde{R} \rightarrow \tilde{R}, (a \otimes v, w \otimes b) = a((\mid v), w)b$$

for all $a, b \in \tilde{R}, v \in V, w \in W$.

Proof: Observe that the map

$$\tilde{R} \times V \times W \times \tilde{R} \text{ to } \tilde{R}, (a, v, b, w) \rightarrow a((\mid v), w)b$$

is R -balanced in (a, v) and (b, w) . The universal property of the tensor product now shows the existence of the map \tilde{s} . A simple calculation shows that \tilde{s} is \tilde{R} -bilinear. \square

Lemma 4.1.19 [extending scalars and intersections] *Let $\mathbb{F} \leq \mathbb{K}$ be an extension of division rings and V an \mathbb{F} space.*

(a) [a] *Let \mathcal{W} be a set of \mathbb{F} -subspaces of V . Then*

$$\bigcap_{W \in \mathcal{W}} \mathbb{K} \otimes W = \mathbb{K} \otimes \bigcap_{W \in \mathcal{W}} W$$

(b) [b] Let $s : V \otimes W \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ be an \mathbb{F} -bilinear form and extend s to a bilinear form $\tilde{s} : \mathbb{K} \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} V \times W \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} \mathbb{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ (see 4.1.18). Let X an \mathbb{F} -subspace of V . Then $\mathbb{K} \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} X^{\perp} = (\mathbb{K} \otimes X)^{\perp}$.

Proof: (a) Suppose first that $\mathcal{W} = \{W_1, W_2\}$. Then there exists \mathbb{F} -subspaces X_i of W_i with $W_i = X_i \oplus (W_1 \cap W_2)$. Observe that $W_1 + W_2 = (W_1 \cap W_2) \oplus X_1 \oplus X_2$. For X an \mathbb{F} -subspace of V let $\overline{X} = \mathbb{K} \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} X \leq \mathbb{K} \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} V$. Then $\overline{W}_i = \overline{W_1 \cap W_2} \oplus \overline{X}_i$ and $\overline{W_1 + W_2} = \overline{W_1 \cap W_2} \oplus \overline{X_1} \oplus \overline{X_2}$ and so $\overline{W_1} \cap \overline{W_2} = \overline{W_1 \cap W_2}$. So (a) holds if $|\mathcal{W}| = 2$. By induction it holds if \mathcal{W} is finite.

In the general case let $\bar{v} \in \bar{V}$. Then there exists a finite dimensional $U \leq V$ with $\bar{v} \in \bar{U}$. Moreover, there exists a finite subset \mathcal{X} of \mathcal{W} with $\bar{U} \cap \bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{X}} \overline{X} = \bar{U} \cap \bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{W}} \overline{X}$. By the finite case, $\bar{U} \cap \bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{X}} \overline{X} = \overline{U \cap \bigcap_{X \in \mathcal{X}} X}$ and so (a) is proved.

(b) Note that $X^{\perp} = \bigcap_{x \in X} x^{\perp}$. So by (a) we may assume that $X = \mathbb{F}x$ for some $x \in X$. If $X \perp V$, then also $\overline{X} \perp \bar{V}$ and we are done. Otherwise $\dim V/X^{\perp} = 1$ and so also $\dim \bar{V}/\overline{X^{\perp}} = 1$. From $\overline{X^{\perp}} \leq \overline{X}^{\perp} < \bar{V}$ we conclude that $\overline{X^{\perp}} = \overline{X}^{\perp}$. \square

Lemma 4.1.20 [symmetric form for p=2] Let \mathbb{F} be a field with $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = 2$. Define $\sigma : \mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}, f \mapsto f^2$ and let \mathbb{F}^{σ} be the \mathbb{F} -space with $\mathbb{F}^{\sigma} = \mathbb{F}$ as abelian group scalar multiplication $f \cdot_{\sigma} k = f^2 k$. Let s a symmetric form on V and define $\alpha : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^{\sigma} : v \mapsto (v | v)$. Then α is \mathbb{F} -linear, $W := \ker \alpha = \{v \in V \mid (v | v) = 0\}$ is an \mathbb{F} -subspace, $s|_W$ is a symplectic form and $\dim_{\mathbb{F}} V/W \leq \dim_{\mathbb{F}} \mathbb{F}^{\sigma} = \dim_{\mathbb{F}^2} \mathbb{F}$.

Proof: Since $(v+w | v+w) = (v | v) + (v | w) + (w | v) + (w | w) = (v | v) + 2(v | w) + (w | w) = (v | v) + (w | w)$ and $(fv | fv) = f^2(v | v) = f \cdot_{\sigma} (v | v)$ conclude that α is \mathbb{F} -linear. Thus $W = \ker \alpha$ is an \mathbb{F} -subspace of V and $V/W \cong \text{Im } \alpha$. Also $\dim_{\mathbb{F}} \text{Im } \alpha \leq \dim_{\mathbb{F}} \mathbb{F}^{\sigma}$. The map $(\sigma, \text{id}_{\mathbb{F}} : \mathbb{F} \times \mathbb{F}^{\sigma} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^2 \times \mathbb{F}, (f, k) \mapsto (f^2, k)$ provides an isomorphism of the \mathbb{F} space \mathbb{F}^{σ} and the \mathbb{F}^2 -space \mathbb{F} . So $\dim_{\mathbb{F}} \mathbb{F}^{\sigma} = \dim_{\mathbb{F}^2} \mathbb{F}$.

Clearly $s|_W$ is a symplectic form. \square

Lemma 4.1.21 [symplectic forms are even dimensional] Let \mathbb{F} be a field, V a finite dimensional \mathbb{F} -space and s a non-degenerate symplectic \mathbb{F} -form on V . Then there exists an \mathbb{F} -basis $v_i, i \in \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm n\}$ for V with $(v_i | v_j) = \delta_{i,-j} \cdot \text{sgn}(i)$. In particular $\dim_{\mathbb{F}} V$ is even.

Proof: Let $0 \neq v_1 \in V$. Since $v_1 \notin 0 = V^{\perp}$, there exists $v \in V$ with $(v_1 | v) \neq 0$. Let $v_{-1} = (v_1 | v)^{-1}v$. Then $(v_1 | v_{-1}) = 1 = -(v_{-1} | v_1)$. Let $W = \mathbb{F}\langle v_1, v_{-1} \rangle$. The Gram Matrix of s on W with respect to (v_1, v_{-1}) is $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. So the Gram matrix has determinant $1 \neq 0$. Thus W is non-degenerate and so $V = W \oplus W^{\perp}$. Hence also W^{\perp} is non-degenerate and the theorem follows by induction on $\dim_{\mathbb{F}} V$. \square

Lemma 4.1.22 [selfdual and forms] Let \mathbb{F} be field, G a group and V simple $\mathbb{F}G$ module. Suppose that V is self-dual (that is $V^* \cong V$ as $\mathbb{F}G$ -module).

- (a) [a] *There exists a non-degenerate G -invariant symplectic or symmetric form s on V .*
- (b) [b] *Suppose that $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = 2$ and \mathbb{F} is perfect. Then either $V \cong \mathbb{F}_G$ or s is symplectic.*

(a) Let $\alpha : V \rightarrow V^*$ be an $\mathbb{F}G$ -isomorphism and $t : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}, (v, w) \rightarrow \alpha(v)(w)$, the corresponding G -invariant \mathbb{F} -bilinear form. Since V is a simple $\mathbb{F}G$ -module any non-zero G -invariant bilinear form on V is non-degenerate.

Define $r(v, w) = t(v, w) + t(w, v)$. Then r is a symmetric form. If $r \neq 0$, then (a) holds with $s = r$. If $r = 0$ then $t(v, w) = -t(w, v)$ for all $v, w \in V$. If $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = 2$, then t is symmetric and (a) holds with $s = t$. If $\text{char } \mathbb{F} \neq 2$, then $t(v, v) = -t(v, v)$ implies that t is symplectic. So again (a) holds with $s = t$.

(b) Let s be as in (a) and observe that in either case of (a), s is symmetric. Let $\alpha : V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}\sigma$ be as in 4.1.20. View $\mathbb{F}\sigma$ as an $\mathbb{F}G$ -module with G acting trivially. Then by 4.1.20 α is \mathbb{F} linear and since S is G -invariant also $\mathbb{F}G$ -linear. Since \mathbb{F} is perfect, $\dim_{\mathbb{F}} F^\sigma = 1$. So $\mathbb{F}\sigma \cong \mathbb{F}_G$ has $\mathbb{F}G$ -module and either $\alpha = 0$ or α is onto. If $\alpha = 0$, s is symplectic. If α is onto $\ker \alpha \neq V$ is an $\mathbb{F}G$ -submodule of V . Since V is simple, $\ker \alpha = 0$ and so $V \cong \text{Im } \alpha = F^\sigma \cong \mathbb{F}_G$. \square

Chapter 5

Representations of the Symmetric Groups

5.1 The Symmetric Groups

For $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ let $\Omega_n = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ and $\text{Sym}(n) = \text{Sym}(\Omega_n)$. Let $g \in \text{Sym}(n)$ and let $O(g) = \{O_1, \dots, O_k\}$ be the sets of orbits for g on Ω_n . Let $|O_i| = n_i$ and choose notation such that $n_1 \geq n_2 \geq n_3 \geq \dots \geq n_k$. Define $n_i = 0$ for all $i > k$. Then the sequence $(n_i)_{i=1}^\infty$ is called the cycle type of g . Pick $a_{i0} \in O_i$ and define $a_{ij} = g^j(a_{i0})$ for all $j \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $a_{ij} = a_{ik}$ if and only if $j \equiv k \pmod{n_i}$. We denote the element g by

$$g = (a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots, a_{1n_1})(a_{21}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{2n_2}) \dots (a_{k1}, a_{k2}, \dots, a_{kn_k}).$$

Lemma 5.1.1 [conjugacy classes in sym(n)] *Two elements in $\text{Sym}(n)$ are conjugate if and only if they have the same cycle type.*

Proof: Let g be as above and $h \in \text{Sym}(n)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} hgh^{-1} = \\ (h(a_{11}), h(a_{12}), \dots, h(a_{1n_1}))(h(a_{21}), h(a_{22}), \dots, h(a_{2n_2})) \dots (h(a_{k1}), h(a_{k2}), \dots, h(a_{kn_k})) \end{aligned}$$

and the lemma is now easily proved. □

Definition 5.1.2 [def:partition of n] *A partition of $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is a non decreasing sequence $\lambda = (\lambda_i)_{i=1}^\infty$ of non-negative integers with $n = \sum_{i=1}^\infty \lambda_i$.*

Note that if λ is a partition of n then necessarily $\lambda_i = 0$ for almost all i . For example $(4, 4, 4, 3, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, \dots)$ is a partition of 22. We denote such a partition by $(4^3, 3^2, 1^4)$.

Observe that the cycle type of $g \in \text{Sym}(n)$ is a partition of n . Together with 3.1.3(f) we conclude

Lemma 5.1.3 [number of partitions] *Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. The following numbers are equal:*

- (a) [a] *The numbers of partitions of n .*
- (b) [b] *The numbers of conjugacy classes of $\text{Sym}(n)$.*
- (c) [c] *The number of isomorphism classes of simple $\mathbb{C}\text{Sym}(n)$ -modules.* □

Our goal now is to find an explicit 1-1 correspondence between the set of partitions of n and the simple $\mathbb{C}\text{Sym}(n)$ -modules. We start by associating a $\text{Sym}(n)$ -module M^λ to each partition λ of n . But this module is not simple. In later section we will determine a simple submodule of M^λ .

Definition 5.1.4 [def:lambda partition] *Let I be a set of size n and λ a partition of n . A λ -partition of I is a sequence $\Delta = (\Delta_i)_{i=1}^\infty$ of subsets of I such that*

- (a) [a] $I = \bigcup_{i=1}^\infty \Delta_i$
- (b) [b] $\Delta_i \cap \Delta_j = \emptyset$ for all $1 \leq i < j < \infty$.
- (c) [c] $|\Delta_i| = \lambda_i$.

For example $(\{1, 3, 5\}, \{2, 4\}, \{6\}, \emptyset, \emptyset, \dots)$ is a $(3, 2, 1)$ partition of I_6 where $I_n = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$. We will write such a partition as

$$\begin{array}{c} \overline{135} \\ \overline{24} \\ \overline{1} \end{array}$$

The lines in this array are a reminder that the order of the elements in the row does not matter. On the otherhand since sequences are ordered

$$\begin{array}{c} \overline{135} \\ \overline{246} \end{array} \neq \begin{array}{c} \overline{246} \\ \overline{135} \end{array}$$

Let \mathcal{M}^λ be the set of all λ -partitions of I_n . Note that $\text{Sym}(n)$ acts on λ via $\pi\Delta = (\pi(\Delta_i))_{i=1}^\infty$. Let \mathbb{F} be a fixed field and let $M^\lambda = M_{\mathbb{F}}^\lambda = \mathbb{F}\mathcal{M}(\lambda)$. Then M^λ is an $\mathbb{F}\text{Sym}(n)$ -module. Note that for $M^{(n-1,1)} \cong \mathbb{F}I_n$. Let $(\cdot | \cdot)$ the unique bilinear form on M^λ with orthonormal basis \mathcal{M}^λ . Then by $(\cdot | \cdot)$ is $\text{Sym}(n)$ -invariant and non-degenerate.

5.2 Diagrams, Tableaux and Tabloids

Definition 5.2.1 [def:diagram] *Let $D \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_+ \times \mathbb{Z}_+$*

- (a) [z] *Let $(i, j), (k, l) \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \times \mathbb{Z}^+$. Then $(i, j) \leq (k, l)$ provided that $i \leq k$ and $j \leq l$*

- (b) [a] D is called a diagram i if for all $d \in D$ and $e \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \times \mathbb{Z}_+$ with $e \leq d$ one has $e \in D$.
- (c) [b] The elements of diagram are called the nodes of the diagram.
- (d) [c] $r : \mathbb{Z}^+ \times \mathbb{Z}^+ \times (i, j) \rightarrow i$ and $c : \mathbb{Z}^+ \times \mathbb{Z}^+ \times (i, j) \rightarrow j$.
- (e) [e] The i -th row of D is $D_i := D \cap \{i\} \times \mathbb{Z}^+$ and the j -column of D is $D^j := \mathbb{Z}^+ \times \{j\}$.
- (f) [d] $\lambda(D) = (|D_i|)_{i=1}^\infty$ and $\lambda'(D) = (|D^j|)_j^\infty$

Definition 5.2.2 [def:diagram2] $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_+^\infty$ define

$$[\lambda] = \{(i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \times \mathbb{Z}_+ \mid 1 \leq j \leq \lambda_i\}.$$

Lemma 5.2.3 [basic diagram] Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then the map $D \rightarrow \lambda_D$ is a bijection between the Diagram of size n and the partitions of n . The inverse is by $\lambda \rightarrow [\lambda]$.

Proof: Let D be a diagram of size n and put $\lambda = \lambda(D)$. Let $i \in \mathbb{N}$ and let j be maximal with $(i, j) \in D$. By maximality of j and the definition of a diagram, $(i, k) \in D$ iff $k \leq j$. Thus $j = |D_i| = \lambda_i$ and $D = [\lambda]$. Let $k \leq i$. Since $(i, \lambda_i) \in D$, the definition of a diagram implies (k, λ_i) and so $\lambda_i \leq \lambda_k$. Thus λ is non-increasing. Clearly $\sum_{i=1}^\infty \lambda_i = |D| = n$ and so λ is a partition of n .

Conversely suppose that λ is a partition of n . Let $(i, j) \in D$ and $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \times \mathbb{Z}_+$ with $a \leq i$ and $b \leq j$. Then $a \leq i \leq \lambda_j \leq \lambda_b$ and so $(a, b) \in [\lambda]$. Thus $[\lambda]$ is a diagram. Clearly $|[\lambda]_i| = \lambda_i$, that is $\lambda([\lambda]) = \lambda$. \square

We draw diagrams as in the following example:

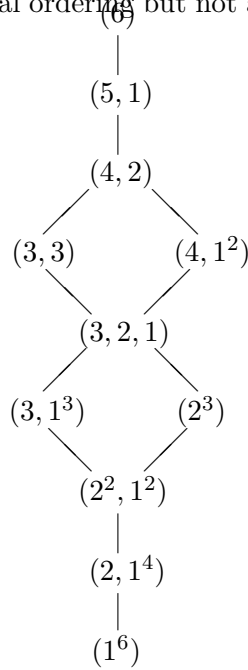
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 \end{array}$$

Definition 5.2.4 [def:dominates] Let λ and μ be partitions of $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. We say that λ dominates μ and write $\lambda \supseteq \mu$ if

$$\sum_{i=1}^j \lambda_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^j \mu_i$$

for all $j \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

Note that “dominates” is a partial ordering but not a total ordering. For $n = 6$ we have



On rare occasions it will be useful to have a total ordering on the partition.

Definition 5.2.5 [def:lexicographic ordering] Let λ and μ be partitions of $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. We write $\lambda > \mu$ provided that there exists $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ with $\lambda_i > \mu_i$ and $\lambda_j = \mu_j$ for all $1 \leq j < i$.

Observe that “ $<$ ” is a total ordering on the partitions of n , called the *lexicographic* ordering. If $\lambda \triangleright \mu$ and i is minimal with $\lambda_i \neq \mu_i$, then $\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \lambda_j = \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \mu_j$ and $\sum_{j=1}^i \lambda_j \geq \sum_{j=1}^i \mu_j$. Thus $\lambda_i \geq \mu_i$ and so $\lambda > \mu$.

Definition 5.2.6 [def:conjugate partition]

- (a) [a] Let $D \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^+ \times \mathbb{Z}^+$. Then $D' = \{(j, i) \mid (i, j) \in D\}$. D' is called the conjugate of D .
- (b) [b] Let λ be a partition of n . Then $\lambda' = (|\lambda|^i)$ is the number of nodes in the i 'th column of $[\lambda]$.

Lemma 5.2.7 [basic conjugate]

- (a) [a] The conjugate of a diagram is a diagram.
- (b) [b] Let D be a diagram. Then the rows of D' are the conjugates of the columns of D : $D'_i = (D^i)'$.
- (c) [c] Let λ be a partition of n . Then λ' is a partition of n and $[\lambda]' = [\lambda']$.

Proof: (a) follows immediately from the definition of a diagram.

(b) is obvious.

(c) By (b) $|\lambda'_i| = |\lambda^i| = \lambda'_i$. Thus $\lambda' = \lambda([\lambda]')$. So (c) follows from 5.2.3. \square

Lemma 5.2.8 [reverse ordering] *Let λ and μ be partitions of n . Then $\lambda \supseteq \mu$ if and only if $\lambda' \leq \mu'$.*

Proof: Let $j \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and put $i = \mu'_j$. Define the following subsets of $\mathbb{Z}^+ \times \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$\begin{aligned} Top &= \{(a, b) \mid a \leq i\} & Bottom &= \{(a, b) \mid a > i\} \\ Left &= \{(a, b) \mid b \leq j\} & Right &= \{(a, b) \mid b > j\} \end{aligned}$$

Since λ dominates μ :

$$(1) \quad |Top \cap [\lambda]| \geq |Top \cap [\mu]|$$

By definition of $i = \mu'_j$, $\lambda_i \geq j$ and $\lambda_{i+1} > j$. Thus

$$Top \cap Left \subseteq [\mu] \text{ and } Bottom \cap Right \cap [\mu] = \emptyset$$

Hence

$$(2) \quad |Top \cap Left \cap [\lambda]| \leq |Top \cap Left \cap [\mu]|$$

and

$$(3) \quad |Bottom \cap Right \cap [\lambda]| \geq |Bottom \cap Right \cap [\mu]|$$

From (1) and (2) we conclude

$$(4) \quad |Top \cap Right \cap [\lambda]| \geq |Top \cap Right \cap [\mu]|$$

(3) and (4) imply:

$$|Right \cap [\lambda]| \geq |Bottom \cap [\mu]|$$

Since $|\lambda| = n = |\mu|$ we conclude

$$|Left \cap [\lambda]| \geq |Left \cap [\mu]|$$

Thus $\sum_{c=1}^j \lambda'_c \leq \sum_{c=1}^j \mu'_c$ and $\lambda' \leq \mu'$. \square

Definition 5.2.9 [def:tableau] Let λ be a partition of n . A λ -tableau is a function $t : [\lambda] \rightarrow I_n$.

We denote tableaux as in the following example

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 5 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & \end{array}$$

denotes the $[3, 2]$ -tableau $t : (1, 1) \rightarrow 4, (1, 2) \rightarrow 1, (1, 3) \rightarrow 4, (2, 1) \rightarrow 2, (2, 2) \rightarrow 3$.

Definition 5.2.10 [def:partition of tableau] Let $t : D \rightarrow I_n$ be a tableau. Then $\Delta(t) = (t(D_i))_{i=1}^\infty$ and $\Delta'(t) = (t(D^i))_{i=1}^\infty$. $\Delta(t)$ is called the row partition of t and $\Delta'(t)$ the column partition of t .

Note that if t is a λ -tableau, then $\Delta(t)$ is a λ partition of I_n and $\Delta'(t)$ is a λ -partition of I_n . For example

$$\text{if } t = \begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 6 & 1 & \\ 5 & & \end{array} \text{ then } \Delta(t) = \begin{array}{ccc} \overline{2} & \overline{4} & \overline{3} \\ \overline{6} & \overline{1} & \\ \overline{5} & & \end{array}$$

Definition 5.2.11 [def:tabloids] Let s, t be λ -tableaux.

- (a) [a] s and t are called row-equivalent if $\Delta(t) = \Delta(s)$. An equivalence class of this relations is called a tabloid and the tabloid containing t is denoted by \bar{t} .
- (b) [b] s and t are called column-equivalent if $\Delta'(t) = \Delta'(s)$. The equivalence class of this relations containing t is denoted by $|t|$.

For example if $t = \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{array}$ then

$$\bar{t} = \left\{ \begin{array}{cc} \overline{1} & \overline{4} \\ \overline{2} & \overline{3} \end{array}, \begin{array}{cc} \overline{4} & \overline{1} \\ \overline{2} & \overline{3} \end{array}, \begin{array}{cc} \overline{1} & \overline{4} \\ \overline{3} & \overline{2} \end{array}, \begin{array}{cc} \overline{4} & \overline{1} \\ \overline{3} & \overline{2} \end{array} \right\}$$

Lemma 5.2.12 [action on tableaux] Let λ be partition of n . Let $\pi \in \text{Sym}(n)$ and s, t be λ tableaux.

- (a) [a] $\text{Sym}(n)$ acts transitively on the set of λ -tableaux via $\pi t = \pi \circ t$.
- (b) [b] $\pi \Delta(t) = \Delta(\pi t)$.
- (c) [c] s and t are row equivalent iff πs and πt are row equivalent. In particular, $\text{Sym}(n)$ acts on the set of λ -tabloids via $\pi \bar{t} = \overline{\pi t}$.

Proof: (a) Clearly $\pi t = \pi \circ t$ defines an action of $\text{Sym}(n)$ on the set of λ tableaux. Since s, t a bijections from $[\lambda] \rightarrow I_n$, $\rho := s \circ t^{-1} \in \text{Sym}(n)$. Then $\rho \circ t = s$ and so the action is transitive.

(b) Let $D = [\lambda]$. Then $\Delta(t) = (D_i)_{i=1}^\infty$ and so

$$\pi \Delta(t) = \pi(t(D_i)_{i=1}^\infty) = (\pi(t(D_i)_{i=1}^\infty)) = ((\pi t)(D_i))_{i=1}^\infty = \Delta(\pi t)$$

(c) s is row-equivalent to t iff $\Delta(s) = \Delta(t)$ and so iff $\pi \Delta(s) = \pi \Delta(t)$. So by (b) iff $\Delta(\pi s) = \Delta(\pi t)$ and iff πt and πs are row-equivalent. \square

Let $\Delta = (\Delta_i)_{i=1}^\infty$ be λ -partition of I_n . Let $\pi \in \text{Sym}(n)$. Recall that $\pi \in C_G(\Delta)$ means $\pi \Delta = \Delta$ and so $\pi(\Delta_i) = \Delta_i$ for all i .

$C_{\text{Sym}(n)}(\Delta) = \bigcap_{i=1}^\infty N_{\text{Sym}(n)}(\Delta_i) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^\infty \text{Sym}(\Delta_i)$. So $C_{\text{Sym}(n)}(\Delta)$ has order $\lambda! := \prod_{i=1}^\infty \lambda_i!$.

Definition 5.2.13 [def: row stabilizer] Let t be a tableau. The $R_t = C_{\text{Sym}(n)}(\Delta(t))$ and $C_t = C_{\text{Sym}(n)}(\Delta'(t))$. R_t is called the row stabilizer and C_t the column stabilizer of t .

Lemma 5.2.14 [char row equiv] Let s and t be λ -tableaux. The s and t are row equivalent iff $s = \pi t$ for some $\pi \in R_t$.

Proof: Then by 5.2.12(a), $s = \pi t$ for some $\pi \in \text{Sym}(n)$. Then s is row-equivalent to t if and only if $\Delta(t) = \Delta(\pi t)$. By 5.2.12(b), $\Delta(\pi t) = \pi \Delta(t)$ and so s and t are row equivalent iff $\pi \in R_t$. \square

Lemma 5.2.15 [basic combinatorial lemma] Let λ and μ be partitions of n , t a λ -tableau and s a μ -tableau. Suppose that for all i, j , $|\Delta(t)_i \cap \Delta'(s)_j| \leq 1$ (That is no two entrees from the same row of t lie in the same column of s). Then $\lambda \leq \mu$. Moreover if $\lambda = \mu$, then there exists λ -tableau r such that r is row equivalent to t and r is column equivalent to s .

Proof: Fix a column C of s . Changing the order the entrees of C neither effects the assumptions nor the conclusions of the lemma. So we may assume that if i appears before j in C , then i also lies earlier row than j in the tableau t . We do this for all the columns of s . It follows that an entree in the k -row of t must lie in one of the first k -rows of s . Thus $\sum_{r=1}^k \lambda_r \leq \sum_{r=1}^k \mu_r$ and μ dominates λ .

Suppose now that $\lambda = \mu$. Since $\lambda_1 = \mu_1$ and the first row of t is contained in the first row of s , the first row of $\Delta(t)_1 = \Delta(s)_1$. Proceeding by induction we see that $\Delta(t)_k = \Delta(s)_k$ for all s and t . So s and t are row equivalent. \square

5.3 The Specht Module

Definition 5.3.1 [def:fh] Let G be a group, $H \subseteq G$, R a ring and $f \in RG$. Then $f_H = \sum_{h \in H} f_h h$.

Lemma 5.3.2 [basic fh] Let G be a group, R a ring and $f \in RG$. Suppose that f view as a function is a multiplicative homomorphism.

- (a) [a] Let $A, B \subseteq G$ such that the maps $A \times B \rightarrow G, (a, b) \rightarrow G$ is 1-1, then $f_{AB} = f_A f_B$.
- (b) [b] Let $A \leq B \leq G$ and T a left-transversal to A in B . Then $f_B = f_T f_A$.
- (c) [c] Let $A_1, A_2, A_n \leq G$ and $A = \langle A_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n \rangle$ Suppose $A = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n A_i$, then $f_A = f_{A_1} f_{A_2} \cdots f_{A_n}$.
- (d) [d] Suppose f is a class function, then for all $g \in G$ and $H \subseteq G$, $g f_H g^{-1} = f_{gHg^{-1}}$.

Proof: (a) Since the map $(a, b) \rightarrow ab$ is 1-1, every element in AB can be uniquely written has ab with $a \in A$ and $b \in B$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} f_A f_B &= \sum_{a \in A} f_a a \cdot \sum_{b \in B} f_b b = \sum_{a \in A, b \in B} f_a f_b ab \\ &= \sum_{a \in A, b \in B} f_{ab} ab = \sum_{c \in AB} f_c c = f_{AB} \end{aligned}$$

(b) is a special case of (a).

(c) follows from (a) and induction on n .

(d) Readily verified.

Since the map $\bar{t} \rightarrow \Delta(t)$ is a well defined bijection between the λ tabloids and the the λ partitions of I_n we will often identify \bar{t} with $\Delta(t)$. In particular, we have $\bar{t} \in M^\lambda$.

Definition 5.3.3 [polytabloid] Let t be λ -tableau.

- (a) [a] $k_t = \text{sgn}_{C_t} = \sum_{\pi \in C_t} \text{sgn} \pi \pi \in F\text{Sym}(n)$.
- (b) [b] $e_t = k_t \bar{t} = \sum_{\pi \in C_t} \text{sgn} \pi \pi \bar{t} \in M^\lambda$. e_t is called a polytabloid.
- (c) [c] S^λ is the F -subspace of M^λ spanned by the λ -polytabloids. S^λ is called a Specht module.
- (d) [d] F^λ is the left ideal in $F\text{Sym}(n)$ generated by the k_t, t a λ -tableau.

As a first example consider $t = \begin{smallmatrix} 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 \end{smallmatrix}$.

The $C_t = \text{Sym}(\{1, 3\}) \times \text{Sym}(\{2, 4\})$,

$k_t = \frac{(1 - (13)) \cdot (1 - (24))}{2} = \frac{1 - (13) - (24) + (13)(24)}{2}$ and

$$e_t = \frac{\begin{smallmatrix} 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 \end{smallmatrix}}{2} - \frac{\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 \end{smallmatrix}}{2} - \frac{\begin{smallmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{smallmatrix}}{2} + \frac{\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 \end{smallmatrix}}{2}$$

As a second example consider $\lambda = (n-1, 1)$ and $t = \begin{smallmatrix} i & \cdots \\ j \end{smallmatrix}$. Then $C_i = \text{Sym}(\{i, j\} = \{1, (i, j)\})$ $k_t = 1 - (i, j)$ and

$$e_t = \frac{\overline{i \dots}}{\overline{j}} - \frac{\overline{j \dots}}{\overline{i}}$$

$$\text{For } i \in I_n \text{ put } x_i := (I_n \setminus \{i\}) = \frac{1 \ 2 \dots i-1 \ i+1 \dots n}{i}$$

Then $M^{(n-1,1)}$ is the \mathbb{F} space with basis $(x_i, i \in I_n)$ and $e_t = x_j - x_i$. Thus

$$S^{(n-1,1)} = F\langle x_j - x_i \mid i \neq j \in I_n \rangle = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n f_i x_i \mid f_i \in F \mid \sum_{i=1}^n f_i = 0 \right\} = (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n)^\perp$$

The reader should convince herself that if $\text{char } \mathbb{F} \nmid n$, then $S^{(n-1,1)}$ is a simple $\mathbb{F}\text{Sym}(n)$ -module and if $\text{char } \mathbb{F} \mid n$, then $x := \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \in S^{(n-1,1)}$ and $S^{(n-1,1)}/\mathbb{F}x$ is a simple $\mathbb{F}\text{Sym}(n)$ -module.

Lemma 5.3.4 [transitive on polytabloids] *Let $\pi \in \text{Sym}(n)$ and t a tableau.*

- (a) [z] $\pi k_t \pi^{-1} = k_{\pi t}$
- (b) [a] $\pi e_t = e_{\pi t}$.
- (c) [b] $\text{Sym}(n)$ acts transitively on the set of λ -polytabloids.
- (d) [c] S^λ is a $F\text{Sym}(n)$ -submodule of M^λ .
- (e) [d] If $\pi \in C_t$, then $k_{\pi t} = k_t = \text{sgn } \pi k_t$ and $e_{\pi t} = \text{sgn } \pi e_t$.

Proof:

(a) We have $C_{\pi t} = \pi C_t \pi^{-1}$ and so by 5.3.2(d) applied to the class function sgn on $\text{Sym}(n)$,

$$k_{\pi t} = \text{sgn}_{C_{\pi t}} = \text{sgn}_{\pi C_t \pi^{-1}} = \pi \text{sgn}_{C_t} \pi^{-1} = \pi k_t \pi^{-1}$$

(b) Using (b), $e_{\pi t} = k_{\pi t} \overline{\pi t} = \pi k_t \pi^{-1} \pi \bar{t} = \pi k_t \bar{t} = \pi e_t$

(c) and (d) follow from (b).

(e) Since $\pi \in C_t$, $C_{\pi t} = C_t = C_t \pi$. Thus $k_t = k_{\pi t}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} k_t &= \sum_{\alpha \in C_t} \text{sgn } \alpha \cdot \alpha = \sum_{\beta \in C_t} \text{sgn}(\beta \pi) \cdot (\beta \pi) \\ &= \text{sgn } \pi \sum_{\beta \in C_{\pi t}} \text{sgn } \beta \cdot \beta = \text{sgn } \pi k_t \pi \end{aligned}$$

The second statement follows from the first and $\pi \bar{t} = \overline{\pi t}$. □

Lemma 5.3.5 [action of es on ml] *Let λ and μ be partitions of n .*

- (a) [a] *If $F^\mu M^\lambda \neq 0$, then $\lambda \trianglelefteq \mu$.*
 (b) [b] *If t and s are λ -tableau with $k_s \bar{t} \neq 0$, then $k_s \bar{t} = \pm e_s$.*

Proof: Let s be a μ tableau and t and λ -tableau with $k_s \bar{t} \neq 0$.

Suppose first that there exists a $i \neq j \in I_n$ such that i and j are on the same row of t and in the same column of s . Let $H = \text{Sym}(\{i, j\}) = \{1, (i, j)\}$. Then

$$\text{sgn}_H \bar{t} = \bar{t} + \text{sgn}((i, j))(i, j) \bar{t} = \bar{t} + \bar{t} = 0.$$

Since i, j are in the same column of s , $H \leq C_s$ and we can choose a transversal \mathcal{T} to H in C_s . Then

$$k_s \bar{t} = (\text{sgn} \mathcal{T}) \text{sgn} H \bar{t} = 0,$$

contrary to our assumption. Thus no such i, j exists. So by 5.2.15 $\lambda \trianglelefteq \mu$. Moreover, if $\lambda = \mu$, there exists a λ tableau r which is row equivalent to t and columns equivalent to s . Hence $k_r = k_s$ and $\bar{r} = \bar{s}$. Moreover $\pi s = r$ for some $\pi \in C_s$ and so by 5.3.4(e),

$$k_s \bar{t} = e_r = \text{sgn} \pi e_s$$

□

Lemma 5.3.6 [es self dual] *Let λ and μ be partitions of n and s an μ -tableau. Then*

- (a) [a] $k_S = k_S^\circ$
 (b) [b] $(k_S M^\lambda)^\perp = A_{M^\lambda}(k_s)$.
 (c) [c] $k_s M^\mu = F e_s$ and $A_{M^\mu}(k_s) = e_s^\perp$.
 (d) [d] $k_s v = (v \mid e_s) e_s$ for all $v \in M^\mu$.

Proof: (a) If $\pi \in C_s$ then also $\pi^{-1} \in C_s$. Moreover $\text{sgn} \pi = \text{sgn} \pi^{-1}$ and (a) holds.

(b) Follows from (a) and 4.1.17

(c) By 5.3.5 $e_S M^\lambda = F e_s$ and so by (b) $A_{M^\lambda}(k_s) = e_s^\perp$.

(d) By (c) $k_s v = f e_s$ for some $f \in F$. Hence

$$(v \mid e_s) = (v \mid k_s \bar{t}) = (k_s v \mid \bar{t}) = (f e_t \mid \bar{t}) = f$$

□

Lemma 5.3.7 [fl and ml] $F^\lambda M^\lambda = S^\lambda$ and $A_{M^\lambda}(F^\lambda) = S^{\lambda\perp}$.

Proof: This follows immediately from 5.3.6(b) and 5.3.6(c). \square

Lemma 5.3.8 [submodules of \mathbf{ml}] *Supp F is a field and let λ be a partition of n and V be an $\mathbb{F}\text{Sym}(n)$ -submodule of M^λ . Then either $F^\lambda V = S^\mu$ and $S^\mu \leq V$ or $F^\lambda V = 0$ and $S^\lambda \leq V$.*

Proof: If $F^\lambda V = 0$, then by 5.3.7, $V \leq S^{\lambda\perp}$.

So suppose $F^\lambda V \neq 0$. Then $k_s V \neq 0$ for some λ -tableau s . So 5.3.6 implies $k_s V = F e_s = k_s M^\lambda$. Since by 5.3.4(a) implies $k_s V = k_s M^\lambda$ for all λ -tableaux s . Thus $F^\lambda V = F^\lambda M^\lambda = S^\lambda$ and $S^\lambda \leq V$. \square

If $\mathbb{F} \leq \mathbb{K}$ is a field extensions we view $M^\lambda = M_{\mathbb{F}}^\lambda$ has a subset of S^μ . Note also that $M_{\mathbb{K}}^\lambda$ is canonically isomorphic to $\mathbb{K} \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} M^\lambda$. Put $D^\lambda = S^\lambda / (S^\lambda \cap S^{\lambda\perp})$.

Lemma 5.3.9 [dl=fldl] *Let λ be a partition of n . If F is a field then $F^\lambda D^\lambda = D^\lambda$.*

Proof: By 5.3.8 either $F^\lambda S^\lambda = S^\lambda$ or $S^\lambda \leq S^{\lambda\perp}$. In the first case $F^\lambda D^\lambda = D^\lambda$ and in the second $D^\lambda = 0$ and again $F^\lambda D^\lambda = D^\lambda$.

Proposition 5.3.10 [dl=du] *Let λ and μ be partitions of n with $D^\lambda = 0$. Suppose F is a field. If D^λ is isomorphic to an $\mathbb{F}\text{Sym}(n)$ -section of M^μ , then $\lambda \leq \mu$. In particular, $D^\lambda \cong D^\mu$ then $\lambda = \mu$.*

Proof: By 5.3.9 $F^\lambda D^\lambda = D^\lambda \neq 0$. Hence also $F^\lambda D^\mu \neq 0$ and $F^\lambda M^\mu \neq 0$. So by 5.3.5(a), $\lambda \leq \mu$. If $D^\lambda \cong D^\mu$, the D^μ is a section of M^λ and so $\mu \leq \lambda$ and $\mu = \lambda$. \square

Lemma 5.3.11 [scalar extensions of \mathbf{ml}] *Let λ be a partition of n and $\mathbb{F} \leq \mathbb{K}$ a field extension.*

- (a) [a] $S_{\mathbb{K}}^\lambda = \mathbb{K} S^\lambda \cong \mathbb{K} \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} S^\lambda$.
- (b) [b] $S_{\mathbb{K}}^{\lambda\perp} = \mathbb{K} (S^{\lambda\perp}) \cong \mathbb{K} \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} S^{\lambda\perp}$.
- (c) [d] $S_{\mathbb{K}}^\lambda \cap S_{\mathbb{K}}^{\lambda\perp} = \mathbb{K} (S^\lambda \cap S^{\lambda\perp}) = \mathbb{K} \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} S^\lambda \cap S^{\lambda\perp}$.
- (d) [c] $D_{\mathbb{K}}^\lambda \cong \mathbb{K} \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} D^\lambda$.

Proof: (a) is obvious.

(b) follows from (a) and 4.1.19(b)

(a) follows from (a), (b) and 4.1.19(a).

(d) follows from (a) and (c). \square

Lemma 5.3.12 [dl absolutely simple] *Let λ be a partition of n and suppose $D^\lambda \neq 0$. Then D^λ is an absolutely simple $\mathbb{F}\text{Sym}(n)$ -module.*

Proof: By 5.3.11(d) it suffices to show that D^λ is simple. So let V be an $\mathbb{F}\text{Sym}(n)$ -submodule of S^λ with $S^\lambda \cap S^{\lambda\perp} \leq V$. By 5.3.8 either $S^\lambda \leq V$ or $V \leq S^{\lambda\perp}$. In the first case $V = S^\lambda$ and in the second $V \leq S^\lambda \cap S^{\lambda\perp}$ and $V = S \cap S^{\lambda\perp}$. Thus $D^\lambda = S^\lambda / (S^\lambda \cap S^{\lambda\perp})$ is simple. \square

5.4 Standard basis for the Specht module

Proposition 5.4.1 [garnir relations] *Let t be a λ -tableau, $i < j \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $X \subseteq \Delta'(t)_i$ and $Y \subseteq \Delta'(t)_j$. Let \mathcal{T} be any transversal to $\text{Sym}(X) \times \text{Sym}(Y)$ in $\text{Sym}(X \cup Y)$.*

(a) [a] $\text{sgn}_{\mathcal{T}} e_t$ is independent from the choice of the transversal \mathcal{T} .

(b) [b] If $|X \cup Y| > \lambda'_i$. Then

$$\text{sgn}_{\mathcal{T}} e_t = 0$$

Proof: (a) Let $\pi \in \text{Sym}(X \cup Y)$ and $\rho \in \text{Sym}(X) \times \text{Sym}(Y) \leq C_t$. Then

$$\text{sgn}(\pi\rho) \cdot \pi\rho \cdot e_t = \text{sgn}(\pi)\pi \cdot \text{sgn}(\rho)\rho e_t \stackrel{5.3.4(e)}{=} \text{sgn}(\pi)\pi e_t$$

and so (a) holds.

(b) Since $|X \cap Y| > \lambda'_i \geq \lambda'_j$, there exists $i \in X$ and j in Y such that i and j are in the same row of t . So $(1 - (ij))\overline{\pi t} = 0$. If $\pi \in \text{Sym}(X \cup Y)$, then π and $\pi \cdot (ij)$ lie in different cosets of $\text{Sym}(X) \times \text{Sym}(Y)$. Hence we can choose $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \text{Sym}(X \cup Y)$ such that $\mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{R} \cdot (i, j) = \emptyset$ and $\mathcal{R} \cup \mathcal{R} \cdot (ij)$ is a transversal to $\text{Sym}(X) \cup \text{Sym}(Y)$. By (a) we may assume $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{R} \cup \mathcal{R} \cdot (ij)$ and so

$$\text{sgn}_{\mathcal{T}} = \text{sgn}_{\mathcal{R}} \text{sgn}_{\{1, (ij)\}} = \text{sgn}_{\mathcal{R}} \cdot (1 - (ij))$$

and

$$\text{sgn}_{\mathcal{T}} e_t = \text{sgn}_{\mathcal{R}} \cdot (1 - (ij)) e_t = 0.$$

\square

Definition 5.4.2 [def:garnir] *Let t be a λ -tableau, $i < j \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $X \subseteq \Delta'(t)_i$ and $Y \subseteq \Delta'(t)_j$.*

(a) [a] \mathcal{T}_{XY} is the set of all $\pi \in \text{Sym}(X \cup \text{Sym} Y)$ such that the restrictions of $\pi \circ t$ to $\pi^{-1}(X)$ and $\pi^{-1}(Y)$ are increasing.

(b) [b] $G_{XYt} = \text{sgn}_{\mathcal{T}_{XY}} \cdot G_{XYt}$ is called a Garnir element in $\mathbb{F}\text{Sym}(n)$.

Lemma 5.4.3 [basic garnir] *Let t be a λ -tableau, $i < j \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $X \subseteq \Delta'(t)_i$ and $Y \subseteq \Delta'(t)_j$.*

(a) [a] \mathcal{T}_{XY} is a transversal to $\text{Sym}(X) \times \text{Sym}(Y)$ in $\text{Sym}(X \cup Y)$.

(b) [b] If $|X \cup Y| > \lambda'_i$. Then

$$G_{XY}e_t = 0.$$

Proof: (a) Just observe that if $\pi \in \text{Sym}(X \cup \text{Sym}(Y))$, then there exists a unique element $\rho \in \text{Sym}(X) \cup \text{Sym}(Y)$ such that the restriction of $\pi\rho$ to $t^{-1}(X)$ and to $t^{-1}(Y)$ are increasing.

(b) follows from (a) and 5.4.1(b). \square

Consider $n = 5$, $\lambda = (3, 2)$, $t = \frac{\overline{123}}{\overline{45}}$, $X = \{2, 5\}$, $Y = \{3\}$

Then $G_{XY}e_t = 0$ gives

$$\frac{\overline{123}}{\overline{45}} - \frac{\overline{132}}{\overline{45}} - \frac{\overline{125}}{\overline{43}} = 0$$

Definition 5.4.4 [def:increasing tableau] Let λ be a partition of n and t a λ -tableau.

(a) [a] $r_t = r \circ t^{-1}$ and $c_t = s \circ t^{-1}$. So $i \in I_n$ lies in row $r_t(i)$ and column $c_t(i)$ of t .

(b) [b] We say that t is row-increasing c_t is increasing on each row $\Delta_i(t)$ of t

(c) [c] We say that t is column-increasing if r_t is increasing on column $\Delta'_i(t)$.

Note that r_t only depends on \overline{t} and so we will also write $r_{\overline{t}}$ for r_t . Indeed $\overline{r} = \overline{s}$ iff $r_t = r_s$.

Lemma 5.4.5 [basic increasing] Let λ be a partition of n and t a λ -tableau.

(a) [a] \overline{t} contains a unique row-increasing tableau.

(b) [b] $|t|$ contains a unique column-increasing tableau.

(c) [c] Let $\pi \in \text{Sym}(n)$ and $i \in I$. Then $r_t(i) = r_{\pi t}(\pi i)$.

Proof: (a) and (b) are readily verified.

(c) $r_{\pi t} \circ \pi = r \circ (\pi \circ t)^{-1} \circ \pi = r \circ t^{-1} = r_t$. \square

Definition 5.4.6 [def:standart tableau] Let λ be a partition of n and t a λ -tableau. A standard tableau is row- and column-increasing tableau. A tabloid is called standard if it contains a standard tableau. If t is a standard tableau, then e_t is called standard polytabloid.

By 5.4.5(a), a standard tabloid contains a unique standard tableau.

We will show that the standard polytabloids form a basis of S^λ for any ring F .

For this we need to introduce a total order on the tabloids

Definition 5.4.7 [def:order tabloids] Let \overline{t} and \overline{s} be the distinct λ -tabloids. Let $i \in I_n$ be maximal with $r_{\overline{t}}(i) \neq r_{\overline{s}}(i)$. Then $\overline{t} < \overline{s}$ provided that $r_{\overline{t}}(i) < r_{\overline{s}}(i)$.

Lemma 5.4.8 [basic order tabloids] $<$ is a total ordering on the set of λ tabloids.

Proof: Any tabloid \bar{t} is uniquely determined by the tuple $(r_{\bar{t}}(i))_{i=1}^n$. Moreover the ordering is just a lexicographic ordering in terms of its associated tuple. \square

Lemma 5.4.9 [proving maximal I] Let A and B be totally ordered sets and $f : A \rightarrow B$ be a function. Suppose A is finite and $\pi \in \text{Sym}(A)$ with $f \neq f \circ \pi$. Let $a \in A$ be maximal with $f(a) \neq f(\pi(a))$. If f is non-decreasing then $f(a) > f(\pi(a))$ and if f is non-increasing then $f(a) < f(\pi(a))$.

Proof: Reversing the ordering on F if necessary we may assume that f is non-decreasing. Let $J = \{j \in J \mid f(j) > f(a)\}$ and let $j \in J$. Since f is non-decreasing, $j > a$ and so by maximality of f , $f(\pi j) = f(j) > f(a)$. Hence $\pi(J) \subseteq J$. Since J is finite this implies $\pi(J) = J$ and so since π is 1-1, $\pi(I \setminus J) \subseteq I \setminus J$. Thus $\pi(a) \notin J$, $f(\pi(a)) \leq f(a)$ and since $f(\pi(a)) \neq f(a)$, $f(\pi(a)) < f(a)$. \square

The above lemma is false if I is not finite (even if there exists a maximal a): Define $f : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ by $f(i) = 0$ if $i \leq 0$ and $f(i) = 1$ otherwise. Define $\pi : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$, $i \rightarrow i + 1$. Then f is non-decreasing and $a = 0$ is the unique element with $f(a) \neq f(\pi(a))$. But $f(a) = 0 < 1 = f(\pi(a))$.

Although the lemma stays true if there exists a maximal a and f is increasing (decreasing). Indeed in this case $J = C_I(\pi)$ and so $\pi(I \setminus J) = I \setminus J$.

Lemma 5.4.10 [proving maximal] Let t be a λ -tableau and $X \subseteq I_n$.

(a) [a] Suppose that r_t is non-decreasing on X . Then $\overline{\pi t} \leq \bar{t}$ for all $\pi \in \text{Sym}(X)$.

(b) [b] Suppose that r_t is non-increasing on X . Then $\overline{\pi t} > \bar{t}$ for all $\pi \in \text{Sym}(X)$.

Proof: (a) Suppose that $\overline{\pi t} \neq \bar{t}$. Let i be maximal in I_n with $r_t(i) \neq r_{\pi t}(i)$. Note that $r_{\pi t}(i) = r_t(\pi^{-1}(i))$. Since r_t is non-decreasing 5.4.9 gives $r_t(i) < r_t(\pi^{-1}(i)) = r_{\pi t}(i)$. Thus $\bar{t} < \overline{\pi t}$.

(b) Similar to (a). \square

Lemma 5.4.11 [maximal in et] Let t be column-increasing λ tableau. Then \bar{t} is the maximal tabloid involved in e_t .

Proof: Any tabloid involved in e_t is of the form $\overline{\pi t}$ with $\pi \in C_t$. Since r_t is increasing on each column, we can apply 5.4.10 to the restriction of π to each of the columns. So the result holds. \square

Lemma 5.4.12 [linear independent and order] *Let \mathbb{F} be ring, V a vector space with a totally ordered basis \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{L} a subset of V . Let $b \in \mathcal{B}$ and $v \in V$. We say that b is involved in v if the b -coordinate of v is non-zero. Let b_v be maximal element of \mathcal{V} involved in v . Suppose that the $b_l, l \in \mathcal{L}$ are pair wise distinct and the coefficient f_l of b_l in l is not a left zero divisor.*

- (a) [a] \mathcal{L} is linearly independent.
- (b) [b] Suppose in addition that each $f_l, l \in \mathcal{L}$ is a unit and \mathcal{L} is finite. Put $\mathcal{C} = \{b_l \mid l \in \mathcal{L}\}$ and $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{B} \setminus \mathcal{C}$.
 - (a) [a] $\mathcal{L} \cup \mathcal{D}$ is an R -basis for M .
 - (b) [b] Suppose R is commutative and $(\cdot \mid \cdot)$ be the unique R bilinear form on M with orthonormal basis \mathcal{B} . Then
 - (a) [a] For each $d \in \mathcal{D}$ there exists a unique $e_d \in d + R\mathcal{C}$ with $e_d \in \mathcal{L}^\perp$.
 - (b) [b] $(e_d \mid d \in \mathbb{D})$ is an R -basis for \mathcal{L}^\perp .
 - (c) [c] $\mathcal{L}^{\perp\perp} = R\mathcal{L}$.

Proof: (a) Let $0 \neq (f_l) \in \bigoplus_{\mathcal{L}} F$. Choose $l \in \mathcal{L}$ with b_l maximal with respect to $f_l \neq 0$. Then $b_l > b_k$ for $l \neq k \in \mathcal{L}$ with $f_k \neq 0$. So b_l is involved in $f_l l$, but in not other $f_k k$. Thus $\sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}} f_l l \neq 0$ and \mathcal{L} is linearly independent.

(b) We assume without loss that $f_l = 1$ for all $l \in \mathcal{L}$.

(b:a) Let $m = \sum_{b \in \mathcal{B}} m_b b \in M$. We need to show that $m \in R(\mathcal{D} \cup \mathcal{L})$. If $m_b = 0$ for all $b \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathcal{L}}$, this is obvious. Otherwise pick $b \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathcal{L}}$ maximal with $m_b \neq 0$ and let $l \in \mathcal{L}$ with $b = b_l$. Then by induction on b , $m - m_b l \in R(\mathcal{D} \cup \mathcal{L})$.

(b:b) We will first show that

$$(*) \quad R \cap \mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{L}^\perp = 0$$

Let $0 \neq m = \sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}} m_l b_l$ and choose l with $m_l \neq 0$ and b_l minimal. Then $(m \mid l) = m_l \neq 0$ and $m \notin \mathcal{L}^\perp$.

(b:b:a) This is just the Gram Schmidt process. For completeness here are the details. Let $\mathcal{L} = \{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n\}$ and $b_i = b_{l_i}$ with $b_1 < b_2 < \dots < b_n$. Put $e_0 = d$ and suppose inductively that we have found $e_i \in d + Rb_1 + \dots + Re_i$ with $e_i \perp l_j$ for all $1 \leq j \leq i$. If $i < n$ put $e_{i+1} = e_i - (e_i \mid l_{i+1})b_{l_{i+1}}$. Then $(e_{i+1} \mid l_{i+1}) = 1$ and since $b_{i+1} \perp l_j$ for all $j \leq i$. Put $e_d = e_n$. By (*), e_d is unique.

(b:b:b) Clearly $(e_d \mid d \in \mathcal{D})$ is R -linearly independent. Moreover if $m = \sum_{b \in \mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{B}} m_b b \in \mathcal{L}^\perp$, then $\tilde{m} := m - \sum_{d \in \mathcal{D}} m_d e_d \in R\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{L}^\perp$. So (*) implies $\tilde{m} = 0$ and (b:b:b) holds.

(b:b:c) $m = \sum_{b \in \mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{B}} m_b b \in \mathcal{L}^{\perp\perp}$. By (b:a) there exists $\tilde{m} \in R\mathcal{L}$ with $m = \tilde{m} \in R\mathcal{D}$ and so we may assume that $m_c = 0$ for all $c \in \mathcal{C}$. Then $0 = (m \mid e_d) = m_d$ for all $d \in \mathcal{D}$ and so $m = 0$. \square

Theorem 5.4.13 [standard basis] *Let F be a ring and λ a partition of n . The standard polytabloids form a basis of S^λ . Moreover, $S^{\lambda^{\perp\perp}} = S^\lambda$ and there exists an R -basis for S^λ indexed by the nonstandard λ -polytabloids.*

By 5.4.10(a) and 5.4.12 the standard polytabloids are linearly independent. Let t be λ -tableau. Let $|t|$ be the column equivalence class of t . Total order the column equivalence classes analog to 5.4.7. We show by downwards induction that e_t is a F -linear combination of the standard polytableaux. Since $e_t = \pm e_s$ for any s column-equivalent to t we may assume that t is column increasing. If t is also row-increasing, t is standard tableau and we are done. So suppose t is not row-increasing so there exists $(i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \times$ such that $t(i, j) > t(i, j+1)$. Let $X = \{t(k, j) \mid i \leq k \leq \lambda'_i\}$ and $Y = \{t(k, j+1) \mid 1 \leq k \leq j\}$. Then $|X \cup Y| = \lambda'_j + 1$ and so by 5.4.1

$$\sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{T}_{XY}} \text{sgn} \pi e_{\pi t} = 0$$

Since c_t is increasing on X and on Y and since $t(i, j) > t(i, j+1)$, r_t is non-increasing on $X \cup Y$. So by 5.4.10 $|\pi t| > |—|$ for all $1 \neq \pi \in \text{Sym}(X \cup Y)$. Thus by downwards induction $e_{\pi t}$ is an R -linear combination of the standard polytabloids. Hence the same is true for $e_t = -\sum_{1 \neq \pi \in \mathcal{T}} \text{sgn} \pi e_{\pi t}$.

The remaining statements now follow from 5.4.12. □

5.5 The number of simple modules

Definition 5.5.1 [def:p-regular class] *Let p be an integer. An element g in a group G is called p -singular if p divides $|g|$. Otherwise g is called p -regular. A conjugacy class is called p -regular if its elements are p -regular.*

The goal of this section is to show that if \mathbb{K} is an algebraically closed field, G is a finite group and $p = \text{char } K$ then the number of isomorphism classes of simple $\mathbb{K}G$ -modules equals the number of p -regular conjugacy classes.

Lemma 5.5.2 [cyclic permutation]

- (a) [a] *Let G be a group, $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $a_1, \dots, a_n \in G$. Then for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$ $a_{i+1}a_{i+2} \dots a_{i+n}$ is conjugate $a_1a_2 \dots a_n$ in G .*
- (b) [b] *Let R be a group, $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $a_1, \dots, a_n \in R$. Then for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$, $a_{i+1}a_{i+2} \dots a_{i+n} \equiv a_1a_2 \dots a_n \pmod{S(R)}$*

Proof: (a) We have $a_1^{-1} \cdot a_1a_2 \dots a_n \dots a_1 = a_2 \dots a_na_1$. So (a) follows by induction on n .
 (b) $a_1 \cdot a_2 \dots a_n - a_2 \dots a_n \cdot a_1 \in S(R)$ So (b) follows by induction on n . □

Definition 5.5.3 [def: sr] Let R be ring and $p = \text{char } R$. Then $S(R) = \langle xy - yx \mid x, y \in R \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}}$. Let $\tilde{p} = p$ if $p \neq 0$ and $\tilde{p} = 1$ if $p = 0$. $T(R) = \{r \in R \mid r^{\tilde{p}^m} \in S(R) \text{ for some } m \in \mathbb{N}\}$.

Lemma 5.5.4 [sr for group rings] Let R be a commutative ring and G a group. Then $S(RG)$ consists of all $a = \sum_{r_{gg}} \in RG$ with $\sum_{g \in C} r_g = 0$ for all conjugacy classes C of G .

Proof: Let U consists of $a = \sum_{r_{gg}} \in RG$ with $\sum_{g \in C} r_g = 0$ for all conjugacy classes C of G . Note that both $S(R)$ and U are R -submodules. As an R -modules $S(R)$ is spanned by the $gh - hg$ with $g, h \in G$. By 5.5.2 gh and hg are conjugate in G . Thus $gh = hg \in U$ and $S(R) \subseteq U$. U is spanned by the $g - h$ where g, h in G are conjugate. Then $h = aga^{-1}$ and $g - h = a^{-1} \cdot ag = ag \cdot a^{-1}$ and so $g - h \in S(R)$ and $U \subseteq S(R)$. \square

Lemma 5.5.5 [basic sr] Let R be a ring with $p := \text{char } R$ a prime.

- (a) [a] $(a + b)^{p^m} \equiv a^{p^m} + b^{p^m} \pmod{S(R)}$ for all $a, b \in R$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}$.
- (b) [b] $T(R)$ is an additive subgroup of R .
- (c) [c] Suppose that $R = \bigoplus_{i=1}^s R_i$. Then $S(R) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^s S_i$ and $T(R) = \bigoplus T(R_i)$.
- (d) [d] Let I be an ideal in R . Then $S(R/I) = S(R) + I/I$.
- (e) [e] Let I be a nilpotent ideal in R . Then $I \leq T(R)$, $T(R/I) = T(R)/I$ and $R/T(R) \cong (R/I)/T(R/I)$.

Proof: (a) Let $A = \{a, b\}^p$ and let $H = \langle h \rangle$ be a cyclic group of order p acting on A via $h(a_i) = (a_{i+1})$. Then H has two fixed points on A namely the constant sequence (a) and (b) . Since the length of any orbit of H divides $|H|$, all other orbits have length p . Let C be an orbit of length p for H on A . For $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_p) \in A$ put $\prod a = a_1 a_2 \dots a_p$. Then by 5.5.2 $\prod a \equiv \prod b \pmod{S(R)}$ for all $a, b \in C$ and so $\sum_{b \in C} \prod b \equiv p \prod a = 0 \pmod{S(R)}$. Hence for $(a + b)^p = \sum_{\alpha \in A} \prod a \equiv a^p + b^p \pmod{S(R)}$. (a) now follows by induction on m .

(b) Follows from (a).

(c) Obvious.

(d) Obvious.

(e) Since I is nilpotent, $I^k = 0$ for some integer k . Choose m with $p^m \geq k$. Then for all $i \in I$, $i^{p^m} = 0 \in S(R)$ and so $i \in T(R)$. Thus $I \leq T(R)$. Since $S(R) + I/I = S(T/I)$ we have $T(R)/I \leq T(R/I)$. Conversely if $t + I \in T(R/I)$, then $t^{p^l} \in S(R) + I$. Since both $S(R)$ and I are in $T(R)$, (b) implies $t^{p^l} \in T(R)$ and so also $t \in T(R)$. \square

Lemma 5.5.6 [tr for group rings] Let \mathbb{F} be an integral domain with $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = p$. Let G be a periodic group and let C_p be the set of p -regular conjugacy classes of G . For $C \in C_p$ let $g_C \in C$. Then $(g_C + S(\mathbb{F}G) \mid C \in C_p)$ is a \mathbb{F} -basis for $\mathbb{F}G/S(\mathbb{F}G)$.

Proof: Let $g \in G$ and write $g = ab$ with $[a, b] = 1$, $a^{p^m} = 1$ and b , p -regular. Then $g^{p^m} - b^{p^m} = 0$ and so by 5.5.5(b), $g \equiv b \pmod{T(\mathbb{F}G)}$. Also by 5.5.4 $b \equiv g_C$ where $C = Gb$. $(g_C + (\mathbb{F}G) \mid C \in \mathcal{C}_p)$ is a spanning set for $\mathbb{F}G/S(\mathbb{F}G)$. Now let $r_C \in R$ with

$$\sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}_p} r_C g_C \in T(\mathbb{F}G)$$

Then there exists $m \in \mathbb{N}$ with $(\sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}_p} r_C g_C)^{p^m} \in S(\mathbb{F}G)$. Since g_C is p -regular, $p \nmid |g_C|$ and so p is invertible in $\mathbb{Z}/|g_C|\mathbb{Z}$. Hence there exists $m_C \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $|g_C| \mid p^{m_C} - 1$. Put $k = m \prod_{C \in \mathcal{C}_p} m_C$. Then $g_C^{p^k} = g_C$ and $(\sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}_p} r_C g_C)^{p^k} \in S(\mathbb{F}G)$. By 5.5.5(b),

$$\sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}_p} r_C^{p^k} g_C = \sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}_p} r_C^{p^k} g_C^p \in S(\mathbb{F}G)$$

Thus 5.5.4 shows that $r_C^{p^k} = 0$ for all $C \in \mathcal{C}_p$. So also $r_C = 0$ and $(g_C + (\mathbb{F}G) \mid C \in \mathcal{C}_p)$ is a linearly independent. \square

Lemma 5.5.7 [sr for matrix ring] Let R be a commutative ring and $p = \text{char } R$.

- (a) [a] $S(M_n(R))$ consists of the trace zero matrices and $M_n(R)/S(M_n(R)) \cong R$.
- (b) [b] $p = \text{char } \mathbb{K}$ is a prime, then $T(M_n(R)) = \{a \in M_n(R) \mid \text{tr}(a)^{p^m} = 0 \text{ for some } m \in \mathbb{N}\}$.
- (c) [c] If R is a field, then $S(M_n(R)) = T(M_n(R))$ and $M_n(R)/T(M_n(R)) \cong R$.

Proof: Since $\text{tr}(xy) = \text{tr}(yx)$ and so $S(M_n(R)) \leq \ker \text{tr}$. $\ker \text{tr}$ is generated by the matrices E_{ij} and $E_{ii} - E_{jj}$ with $i \neq j$. $E_{ij} = E_{ii}E_{ij} - E_{ij}E_{ii}$ and so $E_{ij} \in S(M_n(R))$. $E_{ii} - E_{jj} = E_{ij}E_{ji} - E_{ji}E_{ij}$ and so $E_{ii} - E_{jj} \in \ker \text{tr}$.

Suppose now that p is a prime and let $a \in M_n(R)$. Let $b = \text{tr}(a)E_{11}$ and $c = a - b$. Then $\text{tr } c = 0$, $c \in S(M_n(R))$ and so by 5.5.5 $a \in T(M_n(R))$ if and only if $b \in T(M_n(R))$. Since $\text{tr}(b^{p^m}) = \text{tr}(a)^{p^m}$ the lemma is proved. \square

Theorem 5.5.8 [pmodular simple] Let G be a finite group, \mathbb{F} an algebraically closed field and $p = \text{char } \mathbb{F}$. Then the number of isomorphism classes of simple $\mathbb{F}G$ -modules equals the number of p -regular conjugacy classes.

Proof: By 5.5.6 the number of p' conjugacy classes is $\dim_{\mathbb{F}} \mathbb{F}G/T(\mathbb{F}G)$.

Let $A = \mathbb{F}G/J(\mathbb{F}G)$. By 6.3.4 $J(\mathbb{F}G)$ is nilpotent and so by 5.5.5(e), $\mathbb{F}G/T(\mathbb{F}G) \cong A/T(A)$.

By 2.5.24 $R \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^n M_{d_i}(\mathbb{F})$, where n is the number of isomorphism classes of simple $\mathbb{F}G$ -modules.

Thus by 5.5.5(c) and 5.5.7(c), $R/T(R) \cong \mathbb{F}^n$. So $\dim_{\mathbb{F}} \mathbb{F}G/T(\mathbb{F}G)$ is the number of isomorphism classes of simple $\mathbb{F}G$ -modules. \square

5.6 p -regular partitions

Definition 5.6.1 [def:p-regular partition] *Let p and n be positive integers with p being a prime. A partition λ of n is called p -singular, if there exists $i \in \mathbb{N}$ with $\lambda_{i+1} = \lambda_{i+2} = \dots = \lambda_{i+p}$. Otherwise λ is called p -regular.*

Lemma 5.6.2 [p-regular=p-regular] *Let p, n be positive integers with p being a prime. The number of p -regular conjugacy classes of $\text{Sym}(n)$ equals the number of p -regular partitions of $\text{Sym}(n)$.*

Proof: Let $g \in G$ and μ its cycle-type. Then g is p -regular iff none of the μ_i is divisible by p . Any such partions we can uniquely determined by a sequence $(z_i)_{p \nmid i}$ of non-negative integers with $\sum i z_i = n$, where j_i is the number of k 's with $\mu_k = i$. Any p -regular partion we can write as a sequence $(z_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ with $0 \leq j_i < p$.

Let $f = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{\infty} (1-x^{pi})}{\prod_{i=1}^{\infty} (1-x^i)}$ viewed as an element of $\mathbb{Z}(x)$, the ring of formal integral power series.

We compute f in two different ways:

- (i) [1] Let $A = \mathbb{N} \setminus p\mathbb{N}$. For each i cancel the factor $1 - x^{pi}$ in the numerator and denominator of f to obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \prod_{p \in A} \frac{1}{1-x^i} = \prod_{p \in A} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} x^{ij} \\ &= \sum_{(j_i) \in \oplus_A \mathbb{N}} \prod_{i \in A} x^{ij_i} = \sum_{(j_i) \in \oplus_A \mathbb{N}} x^{\sum_{i \in A} ij_i} \end{aligned}$$

Thus the coefficient of x^n is the number of partions of n , none of whose parts is divisible by p . So the coefficient of x^n is the number of p -regular conjugacy classes in $\text{Sym}(n)$.

- (ii) [2] Let $B = \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1-x^{pi}}{1-x^i} = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} x^{ij} \\ &= \sum_{(j_i) \in \oplus_{\infty} B} \prod x^{ij_i} = \sum_{(j_i) \in \oplus_{\infty} B} x^{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} ij_i} \end{aligned}$$

So the coefficient of x^n in f is the number of p -regular partitions.

□

Definition 5.6.3 [def:glambda] *Let λ be a partition of n and $F = \mathbb{Z}$. Then*

$$g^\lambda = \gcd \{ (e_t \mid e_s) \mid t, s \lambda - \text{tableaux} \}$$

Lemma 5.6.4 [glambda and dlambda] *Let λ be a partition of n . Then $D^\lambda = 0$ iff $\text{char } F \mid g^\lambda$.*

Proof: Since S^λ is spanned by the λ -polytabloid we have

$$\begin{aligned}
D^\lambda &= 0 \\
\iff S^\lambda &= S^\lambda \cap S^{\lambda^\perp} \\
\iff S^\lambda &\perp S^\lambda \\
\iff e_t &\perp e_s \quad \forall \lambda - \text{tableaux } s, t \\
\iff (e_t &| e_s) \quad \forall \lambda - \text{tableaux } s, t \\
\iff \text{char } F &| (e_t | e_s)_{\mathbb{Z}} \quad \forall \lambda - \text{tableaux } s, t \\
\iff \text{char } F &| g^\lambda
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 5.6.5 [glambda] *Let λ be a partition of n and for $F = \mathbb{Z}$ define*

$$g^\lambda = \gcd \{ (e_t | e_s) \mid t, s \lambda - \text{tableaux} \}$$

Let $z_j = |\{i \mid \lambda_i = j\}|$. Then g^λ divides $\prod_{j=1}^\infty (z_j!)^j$ and $\prod_{j=1}^\infty z_j!$ divides g^λ .

Define two λ -tabloids $\underline{\bar{t}}$ and $\underline{\bar{s}}$ to be equivalent $\{\Delta_i(t) \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}^+ = \{\Delta_i(s) \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}\}\}$, that is if $\underline{\bar{t}}$ and $\underline{\bar{s}}$ have the rows but in possible different orders. Define $Z_j = \{i \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \mid \lambda_i = j\}$ and $Z = (Z_j)_{j=1}^\infty$. Then Z is partition of \mathbb{Z}^+ . Note that $\underline{\bar{t}}$ and $\underline{\bar{s}}$ are this is the case if and only if there exists $\pi = \pi(\underline{\bar{t}}, \underline{\bar{s}}) \in \text{Sym}(\mathbb{Z}^+)$ with $\Delta_{\pi i}(t) = \Delta_i(s)$. Then $\lambda_{\pi t} = |\Delta_{\pi t}| = |\Delta_i(s)| = \lambda_i$ and so $\pi Z = Z$. Conversely if $\pi \in \text{Sym}(Z) := C_{\text{Sym}(\mathbb{Z}^+)}(Z) = \bigoplus_{j \in \mathbb{Z}^+} \text{Sym}(Z_j)$, then there exists a unique tabloid $\underline{\bar{s}}$ with $\Delta_i(s) = \Delta_{\pi i}(t)$ and $\underline{\bar{s}}$ is equivalent to $\underline{\bar{t}}$.

Hence

1° [1] *Each equivalence class contains $|\text{Sym}(Z)| = z! := \prod_{j=1}^\infty z_j!$ tabloids.*

For a tabloid $\underline{\bar{r}}$ and a tableau t let $\epsilon_t(\underline{\bar{r}})$ be the coefficient of $\underline{\bar{r}}$ in e_t . So $e_t = \sum \epsilon_t(\underline{\bar{r}}) \underline{\bar{r}}$.

2° [2] *Let $\underline{\bar{r}}$ and $\underline{\bar{s}}$ are equivalent λ -tableaux. Then there exists $\epsilon = \epsilon(\underline{\bar{r}}, \underline{\bar{s}}) \in \{\pm 1\}$ such that for any λ -tableaux t , $\epsilon_t(\underline{\bar{s}}) = \epsilon \cdot \epsilon_t(\underline{\bar{r}})$.*

Let $\pi = \pi(\underline{\bar{r}}, \underline{\bar{s}})$. Let π_j be the restriction of π to Z_j and define $\epsilon = \prod_j \text{sgn} \pi_j$. We may assume that $\underline{\bar{r}}$ is involved in e_t and so $\underline{\bar{r}} = \overline{\rho t}$ for some $\rho \in C_t$. Without loss $r = \rho t$. Define $\pi^* \in \text{Sym}(n)$ by $\pi^*(r(i, j) = r(\pi(i), j))$. Then $\pi^* \in C_t$, $\text{sgn} \pi^* = \epsilon$ and $\overline{\pi^* r} = \underline{\bar{s}}$. Thus $\underline{\bar{s}} = \overline{\pi^* \rho}$, the coefficient of $\underline{\bar{r}}$ in e_t is $\text{sgn} \rho$ and the coefficient of $\underline{\bar{s}}$ is $\text{sgn}(\pi^* \text{sgn} \rho) = \epsilon \text{sgn} \rho$.

3° [3] *$z!$ divides g^λ .*

Let t, u be λ tableaux. Let A be an equivalence class of tabloids and $\bar{r} \in A$. Let $\bar{s} \in A$ and choose ϵ as in (2°). Then

$$\epsilon_t(\bar{s})\epsilon_u(\bar{s}) = \epsilon \cdot \epsilon_t(\bar{s}) \cdot \epsilon \cdot \epsilon_s(\bar{r}) = \epsilon_t(\bar{r})\epsilon_t(\bar{s})$$

Thus $\sum_{s \in A} \epsilon_t(\bar{s})\epsilon_u(\bar{s}) = |A|\epsilon_t(\bar{r})\epsilon_u(\bar{r})$

By (1°), $|A| = z!$. Summing over all the A 's we conclude that $z!$ divides $(e_t | e_s)$. Thus (3°) holds.

Let t be λ -tableau. Define $\sigma \in \text{Sym}(n)$ by $\sigma(t(i, j)) = t(i, \lambda_i + 1 - j)$ and put $\tilde{t} = \sigma t$. So \tilde{t} is the tableaux obtained by reversing the rows of t . We will show that $(e_t | () | e_{\tilde{t}}) = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} (z_i!)^j$.

Put $U_i := U_i(t) := \bigcup_{k \in Z_i} \Delta_k(t)$, the union of the rows of t of size i . Note that $U_i = U_i(\tilde{t})$ and $U = (U_i)$ is partition of I_n . Also put $U_i^j := U_i^j(t) = U_i \cap \Delta'_j$, the part of column j of t lying in U_i . Then $U_i^j(\tilde{t}) = U_i^{i+1-j} = \sigma(U_i^j)$. Let $P = (U_i^j) | i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then P is a partition of I_n refining both U and column partition. $\Delta'(t)$. Hence $\text{Sym}(U) \leq C_t$. Also σ permutes the U_{ij} and so σ normalizes $\text{Sym}(U)$ and so $\text{Sym}(U) \leq \sigma C_t \sigma^{-1} = C_{\tilde{t}}$. Observe $|U_i^j(t)| = z_j$ if $j \leq i$ and $U_i^j(t) = \emptyset$ otherwise. Thus

$$4^\circ \quad [4] \quad |\text{Sym}(U)| = \prod_{i,j} |U_i^j(t)|! = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} (z_i!)^i.$$

We show next

$$5^\circ \quad [5] \quad \text{Let } \pi \in \text{Sym}(U). \text{ Then } \epsilon_t(\overline{\pi t}) = \epsilon_{\tilde{t}}(\overline{\pi t}) = \text{sgn } \pi.$$

Since $\pi \in C_t$ we have $\epsilon_t(\overline{\pi t}) = \text{sgn } \pi$.

Since $\pi \in C_{\tilde{t}}$ we have $\epsilon_{\tilde{t}}(\overline{\pi t}) = \text{sgn } \pi$.

Since σ fixes the rows of t , $\pi \sigma \pi^{-1}$ fixes the rows of πt . Thus

$$\overline{\pi t} = \overline{\pi \sigma \pi^{-1} \pi t} = \overline{\pi \sigma t} = \overline{\pi \tilde{t}}$$

and so (5°) holds.

$$6^\circ \quad [6] \quad \text{Let } \pi \in C_t \text{ such that } \overline{\pi t} \text{ is involved in } e_{\tilde{t}}. \text{ Then } \pi \in \text{Sym}(U).$$

Since $\overline{\pi t}$ is involved in $e_{\tilde{t}}$ there exists $\tilde{\pi} \in C_{\tilde{t}}$ with $\overline{\pi t} = \overline{\tilde{\pi} t}$. Hence for all $k \in I_n$, $r_{\pi t}(k) = r_{\tilde{\pi} t}(k)$ and so $r_t(\pi^{-1}k) = r_{\tilde{t}}(\tilde{\pi}^{-1}k)$. Put $\alpha = \pi^{-1}$ and $\tilde{\alpha} = \tilde{\pi}^{-1}$. Then for all $k \in I$.

$$(*) \quad \alpha \in C_t, \quad \tilde{\alpha} \in C_{\tilde{t}} \quad \text{and} \quad r_t(\alpha(k)) = r_{\tilde{t}}(\tilde{\alpha}(k))$$

We need to show that $\alpha(U_i^j) = U_i^j = \tilde{\alpha}(U_i^j)$ for all i, j . The proof uses double induction. First on j and then downwards on i .

For $I, J \subset \mathbb{Z}^+$ let $U_I^J = \bigcup \{U_i^j \mid i \in I, j \in J\}$. If $I = \mathbb{Z}^+$ or $J = \mathbb{Z}^+$ we drop the subscript I , respectively superscript. For example $U^{\leq j} = \bigcup U_i^k \mid i, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \mid k \leq j$ consists of the first j columns of t .

Suppose that $\alpha(U_k^l) = U_k^l = \tilde{\alpha}(U_k^l)$ whenever $l < j$ or $l = j$ and $k > i$. Then $\alpha(U_{>i}^j) = \alpha(U_{>i}^j)$ and $\alpha(U^j) = U^j$ implies $\alpha(U_i^j) \subseteq U_{\leq i}^j$. Hence by (*) also

$$(**) \quad \tilde{\alpha}(U_i^j) \subseteq U_{\leq i}^j$$

Let $c = i + 1 - j$. Then $U_i^j = \tilde{U}_i^c$ and

$$\tilde{U}_{<i}^c = \bigcup_{k < i} U_k^{c+1-k}$$

and so by induction $\tilde{\alpha}\tilde{U}_{<i}^c = U_{<i}^c$. Hence $\tilde{\alpha}(U_i^j) \subseteq \tilde{\alpha}(\tilde{U}_{\geq i}^c) = \tilde{U}_{\geq i}^c \subseteq \tilde{U}_{\geq i} = U_{\geq i}$. So by (**) $\tilde{\alpha}(U_i^j) \subseteq U_i \cap \tilde{U}^c = \tilde{U}_i^c = U_i^j$ and $\tilde{\alpha}(U_i^j) = U_{ij}$. Hence by (*) also $\alpha(U_i^j) \subseteq U_i \cap U^j = U_i^j$ and $\alpha(U_i^j) = U_i^j$.

So (6°) is proved.

From (5°) and (6°) we conclude that $(e_t \mid e_{\bar{t}}) = |\text{Sym}(U)| = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} (z_i!)^i$. Since g^λ divides $(e_t \mid e_{\bar{t}})$ the lemma is proved. \square

Proposition 5.6.6 [dlambda not zero] *Suppose F is an integral domain and λ is a partition of n . Let $p = \text{char } F$. Then $D^\lambda \neq 0$ iff λ is p -regular.*

Proof: Since F is an integral domain, $p = 0$ or p is a prime. Let $\lambda = (i_i^z)_{i=1}$. Then $p \mid \prod_i z_i!$ iff $p \leq z_i$ for some i , iff $p \mid \prod_i (z_i!)^i$ and iff λ is p -singular.

So 5.6.5 implies that $p \mid g_\lambda$ iff λ is p -singular. And so by 5.6.4, $D_\lambda = 0$ iff λ is p -singular.

\square

Theorem 5.6.7 [all simple sym(n)-modules] *Let F be a field, n a positive integer and $p = \text{char } F$.*

- (a) [a] *Let λ be a p -regular partition of n . Then D_λ is an absolutely simple, selfdual $FSym(n)$ -module.*
- (b) [b] *Let I be a simple $FSym(n)$ -module. Then there exists a unique p -regular partition λ of n with $I \cong D^\lambda$.*

Proof: (a) By 5.6.6 $D^\lambda \neq 0$. By 4.1.5, s induces a non-degenerate G -invariant form on D^λ and so by 4.1.6(c), D^λ is isomorphic to its dual. By 5.3.12, D^λ is absolutely simple.

(b) If λ and μ are distinct p -regular partition then by 5.3.10 and (a), D^λ and D^μ are non-isomorphic simple $FSym(n)$ -modules. The number of simple $FSym(n)$ -modules is less or equal to the number simple $Sym(n)$ -modules over the algebraic closure of \mathbb{F} . The latter number is by 5.5.8 equal to the number of p' -conjugacy classes and so by 5.6.2 equal to the number of p -regular partitions of n . So (b) holds. \square

5.7 Series of R -modules

Definition 5.7.1 [def:series] *Let R be a ring and M an R -module. Let \mathcal{S} be a set of R -submodules of M . Then \mathcal{S} is called an R -series on M provided that:*

- (a) [a] $0 \in \mathcal{S}$ and $M \in \mathcal{S}$.
- (b) [b] \mathcal{S} is totally ordered with respect to inclusion.
- (c) [c] For all $\emptyset \neq T \subset \mathcal{S}$, $\bigcap T \in \mathcal{S}$ and $\bigcup T \in \mathcal{S}$.

For example $\mathbb{Z} > 2\mathbb{Z} > 6\mathbb{Z} > 30\mathbb{Z} > 210\mathbb{Z} > \dots > 0$ is an \mathbb{Z} -series on \mathbb{Z} .

Definition 5.7.2 [def:jumps] *Let R be a ring, M an R -module and \mathcal{S} an R -series on M . For $0 \neq A \in \mathcal{S}$ put $A^- = \bigcup \{B \in \mathcal{S} \mid B \subset A\}$. If $A \neq A^-$ then (A^-, A) is called a jump of \mathcal{S} and A/A^- a factor of \mathcal{S} . \mathcal{S} is called a composition series for R on M provided that all its factors are simple R -modules.*

The above example is composition series and its sets of factors is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$, p a prime.

Lemma 5.7.3 [basic series] *Let R be a ring, M an R -module, \mathcal{S} an R -series on M .*

- (a) [a] *Let $A, B \in \mathcal{S}$ with $B \subset A$. Then (B, A) is a jump iff $A = C$ or $B = C$ for all $C \in \mathcal{S}$ with $B \subseteq C \subseteq A$.*
- (b) [b] *Let $U \subset M$. Then there exists a unique $A \in \mathcal{S}$ minimal with $U \subseteq A$. If U is finite and contains a non-zero element then $A^- \neq A$ and $A \cup U \not\subseteq A^-$.*
- (c) [c] *Let $0 \neq m \in M$. Then there exists a unique jump (B, A) if \mathcal{S} with $v \in A$ and $v \notin B$.*

Proof: (a) Suppose first that (B, A) is a jump. Then $B = A^-$. Let $C \in \mathcal{S}$ with $B \subseteq C \subseteq A$. Suppose $C \subset A$. Then $C \subseteq A^- = B$ and $C = B$.

Suppose next that $A = C$ or $B = C$ for all $C \in \mathcal{S}$ with $B \subseteq C \subseteq A$. Since $B \subseteq A$, $B \subseteq A^-$. Let $C \in \mathcal{S}$ with $C \subset A$. Since \mathcal{S} is totally ordered, $C \subseteq B$ or $B \subseteq C$. In the latter case, $B \subseteq C \subset A$ and so by assumption $B = C$. So in any case $C \subseteq B$ and thus $A^- \subseteq B$. We conclude that $B = A^-$ and so (B, A) is a jump.

(b) Put $A = \bigcup \{S \in \mathcal{S} \mid U \subseteq S\}$. By $A \in \mathcal{S}$ and so clearly is minimal with respect to $U \subseteq A$ and is unique with respect to this property. Suppose now that U is finite and contains a non-zero element. Then $A \neq 0$. Suppose that $A = A^-$. Then for each $u \in U$ we can choose $B_u \in \mathcal{S}$ with $u \in B_u$ and $B_u \subset A$. Since U is finite $\{B_u, u \in U\}$ has a maximal element B . Then $U \subseteq B \subset A$, contradicting the minimality of A .

Thus $A \neq A^-$ and by minimality of A , $U \not\subseteq A^-$.

(c) Follows from (b) applied to $U = \{m\}$. □

Lemma 5.7.4 [series and basis] *Let R be a ring, M a free R -module with basis \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{S} be an R -series on M . Then the following four statements are equivalent. one of the follwing holds:*

- (a) [a] *For each $A \in \mathcal{S}$, $A \cap \mathcal{B}$ spans A over R .*
- (b) [b] *For each $B \in \mathcal{S}$, $(a + B \mid a \in \mathcal{B} \setminus B)$ is R -linear independent in V/B . Then*
- (c) [c] *For each jump (B, A) of \mathcal{S} , $(a + B \mid a \in \mathcal{B} \cap A \setminus B)$ is R -linear independent in A/B .*
- (d) [d] *For all $A, B \in \mathcal{S}$ with $B \subseteq A$, $(a + B \mid a \in \mathcal{B} \cap A \setminus B)$ is an basis R -basis for A/B .*

Proof: (a) \implies (b): $(r_a) \in \bigoplus_{a \in \mathcal{B} \setminus A} R$ with $\sum_{a \in \mathcal{B} \setminus A} r_a a \in B$. Then by (a) applied to B there exists $(r_a) \in \bigoplus_{a \in \mathcal{B} \cap A}$ with

$$\sum_{a \in \mathcal{B} \setminus A} r_a a = \sum_{a \in \mathcal{B} \cap A} r_a a$$

Since \mathcal{B} is linearly independent over R this implies $r_a = 0$ for all $a \in \mathcal{B}$ and so (b) holds.

(b) \implies (c): Obvious.

(c) \implies (a): Let $a \in A$. Since \mathcal{B} spans M over R there exists afinite subset \mathcal{C} of \mathcal{B} and $(r_c) \in \bigoplus_{c \in \mathcal{C}} R^\#$ with $a = \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} r_c c$. Let $D \in \mathcal{S}$ by minimal with $\mathcal{C} \subseteq D$. Then (D^-, D) is a jump and $\mathcal{C} \setminus D^- \neq \emptyset$. Suppose that $D \not\subseteq A$. Since \mathcal{S} is totally ordered, $A \subseteq D^-$. Thus

$$0_{D/D^-} = a + D^- = \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} r_c c + D^- = \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C} \setminus D^-} r_c c + D^-$$

a contradiction to (c).

(a) \implies (d): (a) implies that $(a + B \mid a \in \mathcal{A})$ and so also $(a + B \mid a \in \mathcal{A})$ spans A/B .

Since (a) implies (b), $(a + B \mid a \in \mathcal{B} \setminus B)$ and so also $(a + B \mid a \in \mathcal{B} \cap A \setminus B)$ is R -linear independent. So (d) holds.

(d) \implies (a): Just apply (d) with $B = 0$. □

5.8 The Branching Theorem

Definition 5.8.1 [def:removable node] *Let λ be partion of n*

- (a) [a] *A node $d \in [\lambda]$ is called removable if $[\lambda] \setminus \{d\}$ is a Ferrers diagram.*
- (b) [b] *$d_i = (r_i, c_i), 1 \leq i \leq k$ are the the removable nodes of $[\lambda]$ ordered such that $r_1 < r_2 < \dots < r_k$. $\lambda^{(i)} = \lambda([\lambda] \setminus \{d_i\})$ and $\lambda \downarrow = \{\lambda^{(i)} \mid 1 \leq i \leq k\}$*
- (c) [c] *$e \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$ is called an exterior node of $[\lambda]$ if $D \cup \{e\}$ is a Ferrers diagram . $\lambda \uparrow$ is the set of partions of n obtained by extending $[\lambda]$ by an exterior node.*

Lemma 5.8.2 [basic removable] *Let λ be a partition of n and $(i, j) \in D$. Then the following are equivalent*

- (a) [a] (i, j) is a removable node of $[\lambda]$.
- (b) [b] $j = \lambda_i$ and $\lambda_i > \lambda_{i+1}$.
- (c) [c] $i = \lambda'_j$ and $\lambda'_j > \lambda'_{j+1}$.
- (d) [d] $j = \lambda_i$ and $i = \lambda'_j$.

Proof: Obvious. □

Definition 5.8.3 [def:restrictable] *Let λ be partition of n and t be a λ -tableau. We say that t is restrictable if $t^{-1}(n)$ is a removable node of $[\lambda]$. In this case $t|_{t^{-1}(I_{n-1})}$ is denoted by $t \downarrow$. \bar{t} is called restrictable if \bar{t} contains a restrictable tableau s . In this case we define $\bar{t} \downarrow = \underline{s \downarrow}$*

Lemma 5.8.4 [basic restrictable] *Let λ be a partition of n . If t is restrictable then $t \downarrow$ is a tableau. If t is standard then t is restrictable and $t \downarrow$ is standard. Let $\pi \in \text{Sym}(n-1)$. Then t is restrictable iff πt is restrictable. In this case $(\pi t) \downarrow = \pi(t \downarrow)$. \bar{t} is restrictable iff $\pi \bar{t}$ is restrictable. In this case $(\pi \bar{t}) \downarrow = \pi(\bar{t} \downarrow)$.*

Proof: Obvious.

Theorem 5.8.5 [restricting specht] *Let λ be a partition of n . For $0 \leq i \leq k$ let V_i be the F -submodule of S^λ spanned by all e_t where t is a restrictable λ -tableau with n in one of the rows r_1, r_2, \dots, r_i . Then*

$$0 = V_0 < V_1 \dots < V_{k-1} < V_k = S^\lambda$$

as a series of $F\text{Sym}(n-1)$ -submodules with factors $V_i/V_{i-1} \cong S^{\lambda^{(i)}}$.

Proof: Clearly the set of restrictable λ tableaux with n in row r_i is invariant under the action of $\text{Sym}(n-1)$. Thus each V_i is an $F\text{Sym}(n-1)$ submodule of S^λ . Also clearly $V_{i-1} \leq V_i$ and it remains to show that $V_i/V_{i-1} \cong S^{\lambda^{(i)}}$. For this define an F -linear map

$$(1) \quad \theta_i : M^\lambda \rightarrow M^{\lambda^{(i)}}, \quad \bar{t} \mapsto \begin{cases} \bar{t} \downarrow & \text{if } n \text{ is in row } r_i \text{ of } t \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Clearly θ_i commutes with the action of $\text{Sym}(n-1)$ and so θ_i is $F\text{Sym}(n-1)$ linear. Let n be a restrictable tableau with n in row r_j . Then for all $\pi \in C_t$ n is in a row less or equal to r_i , with equality iff π fixes n , that is if $\pi \in C_{t \downarrow}$. Thus

$$(2) \quad \theta_i(e_t) = \begin{cases} e_{t\downarrow} & \text{if } j = i \\ 0 & \text{if } j < i \end{cases}$$

If s is a $\lambda^{(i)}$ -tableau, then $s = t \downarrow$ for a (unique) restrictable λ tableau t with n in row r_i . Hence

$$(3) \quad V_{i-1} \leq V_i \cap \ker \theta_i \quad \text{and} \quad V_i/V_i \cap \ker \theta_i \cong \text{Im } \theta_i = S^{\lambda^{(i)}}$$

Let \mathcal{B} be the set of standard λ -polytabloids and \mathcal{B}_i the e_t with t standard and n in row r_i . Then by (1) $\theta_i(\mathcal{B}_i)$ is the standard basis for $S^{\lambda^{(i)}}$ and so is linear independent. Thus also the image of \mathcal{B}_i in $V_i/V_i \cap \ker \theta_i$ is linearly independent. Consider the series of F -modules

$$0 = V_0 \leq V_1 \cap \ker \theta_1 \leq V_1 \leq V_2 \cap \ker \theta_2 < V_2 < \dots < V_{k-1} \leq V_k \cap \ker \theta_k < V_k < S^\lambda$$

Each $e_t \in \mathcal{B}$ lies in a unique \mathcal{B}_i and so in $V_i \setminus (V_i \cap \ker \theta_i)$. Thus $\mathcal{B} \cap V_i \cap \ker \theta_i \subseteq V_{i-1}$. So we can apply 5.7.4 to the series of F -modules and conclude that $V_i \cap \ker \theta_i/V_{i-1}$ is as the emptyset as an R -basis. Hence $V_{i-1} = V_i \cap \ker \theta_i$. For the same reason $V_k = S^\lambda$ and theorem now follows from (3). \square

Theorem 5.8.6 (Branching Theorem) [branching theorem] *Let F be a field with $\text{char } F = 0$ and λ a partition of n .*

(a) [a]

$$S^\lambda \downarrow_{\text{Sym}(n-1)} = \bigoplus_{\mu \in \lambda \downarrow} S^\mu$$

(b) [b]

$$S^\lambda \uparrow_{\text{Sym}(n-1)} = \bigoplus_{\mu \in \lambda \uparrow} S^\mu$$

Proof: (a) Follows from 5.8.5 and Maschke's Theorem 2.3.2

(b) Follows from (a) and Frobenius Reciprocity 2.7.4.

5.9 $S^{(n-2,2)}$

In this section we investigate the Specht modules $S^{(n)}$, $S^{(n-1,1)}$ and $S^{n-2,2}$.

Lemma 5.9.1 [s(n)] $M^{(n)} = S^{(n)} \cong D^{(n)} \cong F$.

Proof: There there a unique (n) -tabloid \bar{t} and $\pi \bar{t} = \bar{t}$ for all $\pi \in \text{Sym}(n)$. Moreover $e_t = \bar{t}$ and so $S^{(n)} = M^{(n)}$. Also $S^{(n)\perp} = 0$ and the lemma is proved. \square

Lemma 5.9.2 [**s(n-1)**] Let x_i the unique $(n-1, 1)$ -tabloid with i in row 2. Let $z = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ be the sum of all λ -tabloids. Then

(a) [a] $S^{(n-1,1)} = \{\sum_{i=1}^n f_i x_i \mid f_i \in F, \sum_{i=1}^n f_i = 0\}.$

(b) [b] $S^{(n-1,1)\perp} = Fz.$

(c) [c] $S^{(n-1,1)\perp} \cap S^{(n-1,1)} = \{fx \mid f \in F, nf = 0\}.$

Proof: (a) If t is tableau with $t(1, 1) = i$ and $t(2, 1) = j$, then $e_t = x_i - x_j$. This easily implies (a).

(b) $\sum_{f_i z_i} \perp x_i - x_j$ iff $f_i = f_j$.

(c) Follows from (a) and (b). □

Corollary 5.9.3 [**dim d(n-1)**] Let F be a field and $p = \text{char } F$.

(a) [a] If $p \nmid n$, then $S^{(n-1,1)} \cong D^{(n-1,1)}$ has dimension $n-1$ over D .

(b) [b] If $p \mid n$, then $D^{(n-1,1)}$ has dimension $n-2$ over F .

Proof: Follows immediately from 5.9.2. □

To analyze $S^{(n-2,2)}$ we introduce the following notation: Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n \geq 4$ and $\lambda = (n-2, 2)$. Let \mathcal{P} be the set for subsets of size two in I_n . For $P \in \mathcal{P}$ let x_P be the λ -partition $(P, I_n \setminus P)$. Then $(x_P \mid P \in \mathcal{P})$ is an F -basis for M^λ . For a, b, c, d pairwise distinct elements in I_n put $e_{ab|cd} = x_{ac} + x_{bd} - x_{ad} - x_{bc}$. So $e_{ab|cd} = e_t$ for any λ tableau of the form $\frac{a \ c \ \dots}{b \ d}$.

For $i \in I_n$ define $x_i := \sum_{i \in P \in \mathcal{P}} x_P$ and $y_i = \sum_{i \notin P \in \mathcal{P}} x_P$. Also let $z = \sum_{P \in \mathcal{P}} x_P$ and observe that $x_i + y_i = z$ for all $i \in I$.

Lemma 5.9.4 [**basis for s(n-2,2)perp**]

(a) [a] $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, y_n$ is an F -basis for $S^{\lambda\perp}$.

(b) [b] $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, z$ is an F -basis for $S^{\lambda\perp}$.

(c) [c] $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n-1}, z$ is an F -basis for $S^{\lambda\perp}$.

(d) [d] If 2 is invertible in F then x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is an F -basis for $S^{\lambda\perp}$.

(e) [e] If $n-2$ is invertible in F , then y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n is an F -basis for $S^{\lambda\perp}$.

Proof: (a) We will first show that $x_i \perp e_{ab|cd}$ for all appropriate i, a, b, c, d . If $i \notin \{a, b, c, d\}$, x_i and $e_{ab|cd}$ have do not share a tabloid and so $(x_i | e_{ab|cd}) = 0$. So suppose $i = a$, then x_i and $e_{ab|cd}$ share x_{ac} and x_{ad} with opposite signs and so again $x_i \perp e_{ab|cd}$. Clearly $z \perp e_{ab|cd}$ and so also $y_i \perp e_{ab|cd}$. Thus x_i, y_i and z are all contained in $S^{\lambda\perp}$.

Now let $a = \sum_{P \in \mathcal{P}} r_P x_P \in S^{\lambda\perp}$. We need to show that a is a unique F -linear combination of $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, y_n$. For $n \neq i \in I_n$, x_i is the only one involving x_{in} . So replacing a by $a - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} r_{in} x_i$ we assume that $r_{in} = 0$ for all $i \neq n$. And we need to show that a is scalar multiple of y_n . That is we need to show that $r_{ij} = r_{kl}$ whenever $\{i, j\}, \{k, l\} \in \mathcal{P}$ with $n \notin \{i, j, k, l\}$. Suppose first that $P \cap Q \neq \emptyset$ and say $i = k$ and without loss $j \neq l$. Since $a \in S^{\lambda\perp}$, $a \perp e_{in|jl}$. Thus $r_{ij} + r_{nl} - r_{il} - r_{nj} = 0$. By assumption $r_{nl} = r_{nj} = 0$ and so $r_{ij} = r_{il} = r_{kl}$. In the general case we conclude $r_{ij} = r_{ik} = r_{kl}$ and (a) is proved.

(b) Observe that $z = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i - y_n$. Thus (b) follows from (a).

(c) Since $y_i = z - x_i$ this follows from (b).

(d) Observe that $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 2z$ and so $x_n = -\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i + 2z$. So (d) follows from (b).

(e) We have $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i = \sum_{i=1}^n (z - x_i) = nz - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = (n-2)z$. So $y_n = -\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} y_i + (n-2)z$ and (e) follows from (c). \square

It might be interesting to observe that y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}, x_n is only a basis if $n-2$ is invertible. Indeed $x_n = -\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i + 2z = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (y_i - z) + 2z = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} y_i + (n-2)z$.

We now proceed to compute $S^\lambda \cap S^{\lambda\perp}$ if F is a field.

Lemma 5.9.5 [**s(n-2) cap s(n-2)perp**] Suppose F is field and put $p = \text{char } F$.

(a) [a] Suppose $p = 0$ or p is odd and $n \not\equiv 1, 2 \pmod p$ or $p = 2$ and $n \equiv 3 \pmod 4$. Then ${}_n S^\lambda \cap S^{\lambda\perp} = 0$.

(b) [b] Suppose p is odd and $n \equiv 1 \pmod p$ or $p = 2, n \equiv 1 \pmod 4$. Then $S^\lambda \cap S^{\lambda\perp} = Fz$.

(c) [c] Suppose p is odd and $n \equiv 2 \pmod p$ or $p = 2$ and $n \equiv 2 \pmod 4$, then $S^\lambda \cap S^{\lambda\perp} = \langle Fy_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n \rangle$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i = 0$.

(d) [d] Suppose $p = 2$ and $n \equiv 0 \pmod 4$. Then $S^\lambda \cap S^{\lambda\perp} = \langle Fy_i y_j \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq n \rangle$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n y_n = 0$.

Proof: Since F is a field and $(\cdot | \cdot)$ is non-degenerate, $S^{\lambda\perp\perp} = S^\lambda$ and so $S^\lambda \cap S^{\lambda\perp} = S^{\lambda\perp\perp} \cap S^{\lambda\perp}$ is the radical of the restriction of $(\cdot | \cdot)$ to S^λ .

By 5.9.4 $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n-1}, z$ is basis for $S^{\lambda\perp}$. Let $a = r_0 z + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} r_i y_i$. Then

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} (y_i | y_i) &= \binom{n-1}{2} \\ (y_i | y_j) &= \binom{n-2}{2} \quad i \neq j \\ (y_i | z) &= \binom{n-1}{2} \\ (z | z) &= \binom{n}{2} \end{aligned}$$

So $(a \mid y_j) = r_0 \binom{n-1}{2} + r_j \binom{n-1}{2} + \sum_{i \neq j=1}^{n-1} r_i \binom{n-2}{2}$. Put $r = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} r_i$. Since $\binom{n-1}{2} - \binom{n-2}{2} = \binom{n-2}{1} = n-1$ we conclude $a \in S^\lambda$ if and only if

$$(1) \quad (a \mid y_j) = \binom{n-1}{2} r_0 + (n-2)r_j + \binom{n-2}{2} r = 0 \forall 1 \leq j < n$$

and

$$(2) \quad (a \mid z) = r_0 \binom{n}{2} + r \binom{n-1}{2} = 0$$

.

Subtracting (1) for two different values of j gives

$$(3) \quad (n-2)r_j = (n-2)r_k \forall 1 \leq j < k \leq n-1$$

and so

$$(4) \quad (n-2)r = (n-1)(n-2)r_j$$

Subtracting (2) from (1) gives

$$(5) \quad (n-1)r_0 + (n-2)r_j = (n-2)r$$

and using (4)

$$(6) \quad (n-1)r_0 = (n-2)^2 r_j$$

Note also that (1) and (2) are equivalent to (2), (3) and (6).

Suppose first that $n-2 = 0$ in F . Then $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i = (n-2)z = 0$ and $\langle y_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n \rangle_F = \langle y_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \rangle_F$ and

Also $n-1 \neq 0$. So (3) and (6) hold if and only if $r_0 = 0$. If $p \neq 2$ or $p = 2$ and $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, then also $\binom{n-1}{2} = 0$ in F and so also (6) holds. Thus (c) holds in this case. If $p = 2$ and $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, then $\binom{n-1}{2} = 1$ and so (6) holds if and only if $r = 0$. Observe also that $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i = 0$ and n even implies $\langle y_i + y_j \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq n \rangle_F = \langle y_i + y_j \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq n-1 \rangle_F$ and so (d) holds.

Suppose next that $n-2 \neq 0$ in F . Then (3) just says $r_j = r_k$. Assume that $n-1 = 0$ in \mathbb{F} . Then (6) holds iff $r_j = 0$ for all j . Hence (2) says $r_0 \binom{n}{2} r = 0$. If $p \neq 2$ or $p = 2$ and $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, $\binom{n}{2} = 0$ and (b) holds. If $p = 2$ and $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, then $\binom{n}{2} = 1$. So $r_0 = 1$ and (a) holds.

Assume next that $n-1 \neq 0$ and so $p \neq 2$. Multiplying (2) with $\frac{2}{n-1}$ gives $nr_0 = -(n-2)r$. Adding to (5) gives $r_0 = 0$. So also $0 = (n-2)r = (n-2)(n-1)r_j$ and $r_j = 0$. Thus (a) holds. \square

Corollary 5.9.6 [dimension of $\mathbf{d}(n-2,2)$] Suppose F is a field, then $\dim_F S^{(n-2,2)} = \frac{n(n-3)}{2}$. Moreover,

- (a) [a] Suppose $p = 0$ or p is odd and $n \not\equiv 1, 2 \pmod p$ or $p = 2$ and $n \equiv 3 \pmod 4$. Then $\dim_F D^{(n-2,2)} = \frac{n(n-3)}{2}$.
- (b) [b] Suppose p is odd and $n \equiv 1 \pmod p$ or $p = 2$, $n \equiv 1 \pmod 4$. Then $\dim_F D^{(n-2,2)} = \frac{n(n-3)}{2} - 1$.
- (c) [c] Suppose p is odd and $n \equiv 2 \pmod p$ or $p = 2$ and $n \equiv 2 \pmod 4$. Then $\dim_F D^{(n-2,2)} = \frac{(n-1)(n-4)}{2} - 1$.
- (d) [d] Suppose $p = 2$ and $n \equiv 0 \pmod 4$. Then $\dim_F D^{(n-2,2)} = \frac{(n-1)(n-4)}{2}$.

Proof: Since $\dim D^\lambda = \dim S^\lambda - \dim(S^\lambda \cap S^{\lambda\perp})$, this follows from 5.9.5 and some simple calculations. \square

Definition 5.9.7 [def:shape] Let M be an R -module.

- (a) [a] A shape of height n of M is inductively defined as follows:
 - (i) [i] A shape of height 1 of M is any R -module isomorphic to M .
 - (ii) [ii] A shape of height h of M is one of the following.
 - (a) [1] A triple (A, \oplus, B) such that there exists R -submodules X, Y of M with $M = X \oplus Y$ such that A is a shape of height i of X , B is a shape of height j of Y and $k = i + j$.
 - (b) [2] A triple $(A, |, B)$ such that there exists R -submodules X of Y such that A is shape of height i of X , B is a shape of height j of M/X and $k = i + j$.
- (b) [b] If $M \sim S$ means that S is a shape of M . A shape (A, \oplus, B) as in (a:ii:a) is denoted by $A \oplus B$. A shape $(A, |, B)$ as in (a:ii:a) is denoted by $A | B$ or $\frac{A}{B}$.
- (c) [c] A factor of a S shape of M is inductively defined as follows: If S has height 1, then S itself the only factor of S . If $S = A | B$ or $S = A \oplus B$, then any factor of A or B is a factor of S .
- (d) [d] A simple shape of M is a shape all of its factors are simple.

Observe that if $M \sim A | (B | C)$ then also $M \sim (A | B) | C$ and we just write $M | A | B | C$. Similar $M \sim (A \oplus B \oplus C)$ means $M \sim (A \oplus B) \oplus C$ and equally well $A \oplus B(\oplus C)$. We also have $M \sim A \oplus B$ iff $M \sim B \oplus A$. But $M \sim A | B$ does not imply $M \sim B | A$. We have $M \sim A \oplus (B | C)$ implies $M | (A \oplus B) | C$ and $M \sim B | (A \oplus C)$. But $M \sim (A \oplus B) | C$ does not imply $M \sim A \oplus (B \sim C)$.

For example if F is a field with $\text{char } F = p$ then by 5.9.2 $M^{(n-1,1)} \sim D^{(n)} \oplus D^{(n-1,1)}$ if $p \nmid n$ and $M^{(n-1,1)} \sim D^{(n)} \mid D^{(n-1,1)} \mid D^{(n)}$ if $p \mid n$.

It might also be worthwhile to define the following binary operation on classes of R -modules. If A, B are classes of R -modules, then $A \oplus B$ denotes the set of all R -modules M such that $M \cong X \oplus Y$ with $X \in A$ and $Y \in B$. $A \mid B$ is the class of all R -modules M such that M has an R -submodule X with $X \in A$ and $M/X \in B$. A shape of M then can be interpreted as a class of R -modules containing M obtained from the isomorphism classes of R modules and repeated application of the operations \oplus and \mid .

To improve readability we write $D(a, b, c, \dots)$ for $D^{(a,b,c,\dots)}$ in the next lemma.

Corollary 5.9.8 [shape of $\mathbf{m}(n-2,2)$] *Suppose F is a field. Then $D^{(n-2,2)}$ has simple shapes as follows:*

(a) [a] *Suppose $p = 0$ or p is odd and $n \not\equiv 0, 1, 2 \pmod p$ or $p = 2$ and $n \equiv 3 \pmod 4$. Then*

$$M^{(n-2,2)} \sim D(n-2, 2) \oplus D(n-1, 1) \oplus D(n)$$

(b) [b] *Suppose $p \neq 0, 2$ and $n \equiv 0 \pmod p$. Then*

$$M^{(n-2,2)} \sim D(n-2, 2) \oplus \frac{D(n)}{\frac{D(n-1,1)}{D(n)}}$$

(c) [c] *Suppose p is odd and $n \equiv 1 \pmod p$ or $p = 2, n \equiv 1 \pmod 4$. Then*

$$M^{(n-2,2)} \sim \frac{D(n)}{\frac{D(n-2,2)}{D(n)}} \oplus D(n-1, 1)$$

(d) [d] *Suppose p is odd and $n \equiv 2 \pmod p$. Then*

$$M^{(n-2,2)} \sim \frac{D(n-1,1)}{\frac{D(n-2,2)}{D(n-1,1)}} \oplus D(1)$$

(e) [e] *Suppose $p = 2$ and $n \equiv 2 \pmod 4$. Then*

$$M^{(n-2,2)} \sim \frac{D(n-1,1)}{\frac{D(n)}{\frac{D(n-2,2)}{D(n)}}} \oplus D(1)$$

(f) [f] Suppose $p = 2$ and $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$. Then

$$M^{(n-2,2)} \sim \frac{D(n-1,1) \oplus D(n)}{D(n-2,2)} \frac{D(n-1,1) \oplus D(n)}{D(n-1,1) \oplus D(n)}$$

Proof: This is straightforward from 5.9.5. As an example we consider the case $p = 2$ and $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$. Observe that $(z | z) = \binom{n}{2} \neq 0$ and so $M^\lambda = \mathbb{F}z$. Thus $M^\lambda \sim D(n) \oplus z^\perp$, and the restriction of $(\cdot | \cdot)$ to z^\perp is a non-degenerate.

5.9.5 $B := S^\lambda \cap S^{\lambda^\perp} = \langle y_i | 1 \leq i \leq n \rangle$. So B has the submodule, $A = \langle y_i y_j | 1 \leq i < j \leq n \rangle$. Since $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i = 0$, $B \cong D(n-1,1)$. Since n is even, $A/B \neq 1$ and $A/B \cong D(n)$. $S^\lambda/A = D^\lambda = D(n-2,2)$. Since $S^{\lambda^\perp} = A + \mathbb{F}z$, $S^\lambda = z^\perp \cap A^\perp$. So $z^\perp \cap B^\perp / S^\lambda \cong (A/B)^* \cong D(n)^* \cong D(n)$. Moreover, $z^\perp / z^\perp \cap A^\perp \cong A^* \cong D(n-1,1)^* \cong D(n-1,1)$. Thus (e) holds. \square

5.10 The dual of a Specht module

Definition 5.10.1 [def:twisted module] Let R be a ring, G a group, M an RG -module and $\epsilon : G \rightarrow Z(R)^\#$ a multiplicative homomorphism. Then M_ϵ is the RG -module which is equal to M as an R -module and $g \cdot_\epsilon m = \epsilon(g)gm$ for all $g \in G, m \in M$.

Note that this definition is consistent with our definition of the RG -module R_ϵ .

Proposition 5.10.2 [slambda prime] Let λ be a partition of n . Then

$$S^{\lambda*} \cong M^\lambda / S^{\lambda^\perp} \cong S_{\text{sgn}}^{\lambda'}$$

as $FSym(n)$ -module.

Proof: Fix a λ tableau s . Let $\pi \in R_s = C_G(\bar{s})$. Since $R_s = C_{s'}$, 5.3.4(e) gives $\pi e_{s'} = \text{sgn} \pi e_{s'} = \pi \cdot_{\text{sgn}} e_{s'}$. Hence there exists a unique $FSym(n)$ -linear homomorphism

$$(1) \quad \alpha_s : M^\lambda \rightarrow M^{\lambda'} \text{ with } \bar{s} \rightarrow e_{s'}$$

Let t be any λ -tabloids. Then there exists $\pi \in Symn$ with $\pi s = t$ (namely $\pi = ts^{-1}$) and so

$$\alpha_s(\bar{t}) \alpha_s(\overline{\pi \bar{s}}) = \pi \cdot_{\text{sgn}} e_{s'} = \text{sgn}(\pi) e_{\pi s'} = \text{sgn}(ts^{-1}) e_{t'}$$

that is

$$(2) \quad \alpha_s(\bar{t}) = \text{sgn}(ts^{-1}) e_{t'}$$

Observe that (2) implies

$$(3) \quad \text{Im } \alpha_s = S^{\lambda'}$$

Since $\lambda'' = \lambda$ we also obtain a unique $F\text{Sym}(n-1)$ linear map

$$(4) \quad \alpha_{s'} : M^\lambda \rightarrow M^\lambda, \underline{t'} \rightarrow \text{sgn}(ts^{-1})e_t$$

Then

$$(5) \quad \text{Im } \alpha_{s'} = S^\lambda$$

We claim that $\alpha_{s'}$ is the adjoint of α_s . That is

$$(6) \quad (\alpha_s(\underline{t}) \mid \underline{r'}) = (\underline{t} \mid \alpha_{s'}(t))\underline{r}$$

for all λ -tableaux t, r .

Indeed suppose that $\underline{r'}$ is involved in $\alpha_s(\underline{t}) = \text{sgn}ts^{-1}e_{t'}$. Then there exists $\beta \in C_{t'}$ with $\underline{r'} = \underline{\beta t'}$ and so there exists $\delta \in R_{r'}$ with $\delta r' = \beta t'$. Moreover

$$(\alpha_s(\underline{t}) \mid \underline{r'}) = \text{sgn}(ts^{-1})\text{sgn}\beta$$

Observe that $\delta \in C_r$ and $\beta \in R_t$. Thus $\underline{t} = \underline{\beta t} = \underline{\delta r}$ and so \underline{t} is involved in e_r and

$$(\underline{t} \mid \alpha_{s'}(\underline{r'})) = \text{sgn}(rs^{-1})\text{sgn}\delta$$

$\delta r = \beta t$ implies $\delta rs^{-1} = \beta ts^{-1}$ and so

$$\text{sgn}(rs^{-1})\text{sgn}\delta = \text{sgn}(ts^{-1})\text{sgn}\beta$$

and so (6) holds.

Let $m \in M^\lambda$. $(\cdot \mid \cdot)$ is non-degenerate, (6) implies $\alpha_s(m) = 0$ iff $(\alpha_s(m) \mid m') = 0$ for all $m' \in M^{\lambda'}$ iff $(m \mid \alpha_{s'}(m')) = 0$ and iff $m \in (\text{Im } \alpha_{s'})^\perp$. So by (5) $\ker \alpha_s = S^{\lambda\perp}$ and so

$$M^\lambda / S^{\lambda\perp} \cong M^\lambda / \ker \alpha_s \cong \text{Im } \alpha_s = S^\lambda$$

□

Lemma 5.10.3 [tensor and twist] *Let R be a ring, G a group, M an RG -module and $\epsilon : G \rightarrow Z(R)^\#$ a multiplicative homomorphism. Then*

$$M_\epsilon \cong R_\epsilon \otimes_R M$$

as an RG -module.

Proof: Observe first that there exists an R -isomorphism $\alpha : R_\epsilon \otimes_R M \rightarrow M$ with $r \otimes m \rightarrow rm$. Moreover, if $g \in G, r \in R$ and $m \in M$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(g(r \otimes m)) &= \alpha(g \cdot_\epsilon r \otimes gm) &= & \alpha(\epsilon(g)r) \otimes gm \\ &= \epsilon(g)rgm &= & \epsilon(g)grm \\ &= g \cdot_\epsilon rm &= & g \cdot_\epsilon \alpha(r \otimes m) \end{aligned}$$

and so α is an RG -isomorphism. □

Corollary 5.10.4 [slambda prime II]

(a) [a] $S^{(1^n)} \cong F_{\text{sgn}}$.

(b) [b] Let λ be a partition of n . Then $S^{\lambda*} \cong S^{(1^n)} \otimes S^{\lambda'}$

Proof: (a) By 5.9.1 $S^{(n)} \cong F$ and so by 5.10.2 $F \cong F^* \cong S^{(n)*} \cong S_{\text{sgn}}^{(n)'} = S_{\text{sgn}}^{(1^n)}$.

(b) $S^{\lambda*} \cong S_{\text{sgn}}^{\lambda'} \cong F_\epsilon \otimes S^{\lambda'} \cong S^{(1^n)} \otimes S^{\lambda'}$. □

Chapter 6

Brauer Characters

6.1 Brauer Characters

Let p be a fixed prime. Let \mathbb{A} be the ring of algebraic integers in \mathbb{C} . Let I be an maximal ideal in \mathbb{A} containing $p\mathbb{A}$ and put $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{A}/I$. Then \mathbb{F} is a field with $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = p$.

$$*: \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}, a \mapsto a + I$$

be the corresponding ring homomorphism.

Let $\tilde{\mathbb{A}}$ be the localization of \mathbb{A} with respect to the maximal ideal I , that is $\tilde{\mathbb{A}} = \{\frac{a}{b} \mid a \in \mathbb{A}, b \in \mathbb{A} \setminus I\}$. Observe that $*$ extends to a homomorphism

$$*: \tilde{\mathbb{A}} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}, \frac{a}{b} \mapsto a^*(b^*)^{-1}$$

In particular $\tilde{I} := \ker * = \{\frac{a}{b} \mid a \in I, b \in \mathbb{A} \setminus I\}$ is an maximal ideal in $\tilde{\mathbb{A}}$, $\tilde{\mathbb{A}}/\tilde{I} \cong \mathbb{F}$ and is the kernel of the homomorphism $\tilde{I} \cap \mathbb{A} = I$. Let U be the set of elements of finite p' -order in \mathbb{A}^\times .

Lemma 6.1.1 [f=fpbar]

(a) [a] *The restriction $U \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^\times, u \mapsto u^*$ is an isomorphism of multiplicative groups.*

(b) [b] *\mathbb{F} is an algebraic closure of its prime field $\mathbb{Z}^* \cong \mathbb{F}_p$.*

Proof: Let $u \in U$ and m the multiplicative order of u . Then

$$\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} x^i = \frac{x^m - 1}{x - 1} = \prod_{i=1}^{m-1} (x - u^i)$$

Substituting 1 for x we see that $1 - u$ divides m in \mathbb{A} . Thus $1 - u^*$ divides m^* in \mathbb{F} . Since $p \nmid 0$ and $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = p$, $m^* \neq 0$ and so also $1 - u^* \neq 0$. Thus $*$ is 1-1 on U .

If $a \in \mathbb{A}$ then $f(a) = 0$ for some monic $f \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$. Then also $f^*(a) = 0$ and $f^* \neq 0$. So a^* is algebraic over \mathbb{Z}^* . Let \mathbb{K} be an algebraic closure of \mathbb{F} and so of \mathbb{Z}^* . Let $0 \neq k \in \mathbb{K}$. Then $k^m = 1$ where $m = |\mathbb{Z}^*[k]| - 1$ is coprime to p . Since U^* contains all m roots of $x^m - 1$ we get $k \in U^*$. Thus $\mathbb{K}^* \subseteq U^* \subseteq \mathbb{F}^* \subseteq \mathbb{K}^*$ and the lemma is proved. \square

Definition 6.1.2 [def:brauer character] Let G be a finite group and M an $\mathbb{F}G$ -module. \tilde{G} is the set of p -regular elements in G . Let $g \in \tilde{G}$ and choose $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n \in U$ such that $\eta_M(g) = \prod_{i=1}^n (x - \xi_i^*)$, where $\eta_M(g)$ is the characteristic polynomial of g on M . Put $\phi_M(g) = \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$. Then the function

$$\phi_M : \tilde{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}, g \rightarrow \phi_M(g)$$

is called the Brauer character of G with respect to M .

Recall that if $H \subseteq G$ then we view RH as R an R -submodule of RG . Also note that $\phi_M = \sum_{g \in \tilde{G}} \phi_M(g)g \in \mathbb{A}\tilde{G} \subseteq \mathbb{A}G$. Observe also that 1_{G° is the Brauer character of the trivial module \mathbb{F}_G .

Lemma 6.1.3 [basic brauer] Let M be a G -module.

- (a) [a] ϕ_M is a class function.
- (b) [b] $\bar{\phi}_M(g) = \phi_M(g^{-1})$.
- (c) [c] $\bar{\phi}_M = \phi_{M^*}$.
- (d) [d] If $H \leq G$ then $\phi|_H = \phi_{M|_H}$.
- (e) [e] \mathcal{F} be the sets of factors of some $\mathbb{F}G$ -series on M . Then

$$\phi_M = \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \phi_F$$

Proof: Readily verified. See 3.2.8. \square

Definition 6.1.4 [def tilde a]

- (a) [a] For $g \in G$ let $g_p, g_{p'}$ be defined by $g_p, g_{p'} \in \langle g \rangle$, $g = g_p g_{p'}$, g_p is a p - and $g_{p'}$ is a p' -element.
- (b) [b] For $a = \sum_{g \in G} a_g g \in \mathbb{C}G$, $\tilde{a} = a|_{\tilde{G}} = \sum_{g \in \tilde{G}} a_g g$.
- (c) [c] For $a = \mathbb{C}\tilde{G}$ define $\check{a} \in \mathbb{C}G$ by $\check{a}(g) = a(g_{p'})$.

Recall that $\chi_M(g) = \text{tr}_M(g)$ is the trace of g on M .

Lemma 6.1.5 [brauer and trace] *Let M be a $\mathbb{F}G$ -module. Then $(\check{\phi}_M)^* = \chi_M$.*

Proof: Let $W_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ be the factors of an $\mathbb{F}\langle g \rangle$ composition series on M . Then since \mathbb{F} is algebraically closed, W_i is 1-dimensionaly and g acts as a scalar μ_i on W_i . Since \mathbb{F} contains no non-trivially p -root of unity g_p acts trivially on W_i and so also $g_{p'}$ acts as μ_i on W_i . Pick $\xi_i \in U$ with $\xi_i^* = \mu_i$. Then

$$\check{\phi}_M(g) = \phi_M(g_{p'}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$$

and so

$$(\check{\phi}_M(g))^* = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i = \chi_M(g)$$

□

Let \mathcal{S}_p be a set of representatives for the simple $\mathbb{F}G$ -modules.

6.2 Algebraic integers

Definition 6.2.1 [def:tracekf] *Let $\mathbb{F} : \mathbb{K}$ be a finite separable field extension and \mathbb{E} a splitting field of \mathbb{F} over \mathbb{K} . Let Σ be set of \mathbb{F} -linear monomorphism from \mathbb{F} to \mathbb{K} .*

$$\text{tr} = \text{tr}_{\mathbb{K}}^{\mathbb{F}} : \mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{K} \mid f \rightarrow \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \sigma(f)$$

Lemma 6.2.2 [basic tracekf] *Let $\mathbb{F} : \mathbb{K}$ be a finite separable field extension. Then $s : \mathbb{F} \times \mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{K}, (a, b) \rightarrow \text{tr}(ab)$ is a non-degenerate symmetric \mathbb{K} -bilinear form.*

Proof: Clearly s is \mathbb{K} -bilinear and symmetric. Suppose that $a \neq f \in \mathbb{F}^\perp$. Then $\text{tr}(ab) = 0$ for all $b \in \mathbb{F}$ and since $a \neq 0$, $\text{tr}(f) = 0$ for all $f \in F$. Thus $\sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \sigma$, contradiction the linear independence of field monomorphism [Gr, III.2.4].

Corollary 6.2.3 [trace dual basis] *Let $\mathbb{F} : \mathbb{K}$ be a finite separable field extension and \mathcal{B} a \mathbb{K} basis for \mathbb{F} . Then $b \in \mathcal{B}$ there exists a unique $\tilde{b} \in \mathbb{F}$ with $\text{tr}(a\tilde{b}) = \delta_{ab}$ for all $ab \in \mathbb{F}$.*

Proof: 6.2.2 and 4.1.8. □

Definition 6.2.4 [def:integral] *Let S be a commutative ring and R a subring.*

- (a) [a] $a \in R$ is called integral over S if there exists a monic $f \in S[x]$ with $f(a) = 0$.
- (b) [b] $\overline{\text{Int}}_S(R)$ is the set of elements in S intgeral over R .

- (c) [c] R is integrally closed in S if $\text{Int}_R(S)$.
- (d) [d] If R is an integral domain, then R is called integrally closed if R is integrally closed in its field of fractions \mathbb{F}_R .

Lemma 6.2.5 [basic integral] Let S be a commutative ring, R a subring and $a \in S$. Then the following are equivalent:

- (a) [a] a is integral over S .
- (b) [b] $R[a]$ is finitely generated S -submodule of R .
- (c) [c] There exists a faithful, finitely R -generated $R[a]$ module M

Proof: (a) \implies (b): Let $f \in R[x]$ be monic with $f(a) = 0$. Then $a^n \in R\langle 1, \dots, a^{n-1} \rangle$ and so $R[a] = R\langle 1, a, \dots, a^{n-1} \rangle$ is finitely R -generated.

(a) \implies (b): Take $M = R[a]$.

(b) \implies (c): Let $\mathcal{B} \subseteq M$ be finite with $M = R\mathcal{B}$. Choose a matrix $D = (d_{ij}) \in M_{\mathcal{B}}(R)$ with $ai = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{B}} d_{ij}j$ for all $i \in \mathcal{B}$. Let f be the characteristic polynomial of D . Then $f \in R[x]$ and f is monic. By Cayley-Hamilton [La, XV Theorem 8] $f(D) = 0$. Since $f(a)i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{B}} f(D)_{ij}j$ for all $i \in \mathcal{B}$ we get $f(a)M = 0$. Since $A_R(M) = 0$ we have $f(a) = 0$. \square

Lemma 6.2.6 [integral closure] Let S be a commutative ring and R a subring of S .

- (a) [a] Let $a \in S$. If a is integral over R , then also $R[a]$ is integral over R .
- (b) [b] Let T be a subring of S with $R \subseteq T$. Then S is integral over R iff T is integral over R and S is integral over T .
- (c) [c] $\text{Int}_S(R)$ is a subring of R and $\text{Int}_R(S)$ is integrally closed in S .

Proof: (a) Let $b \in R[a]$. By 6.2.5(b), $R[a]$ is finitely R -generated. Since $R[a]$ is a faithful $R[b]$ -module, 6.2.5(c) implies that b is integral over R .

(b) One direction is obvious. So suppose $S : T$ and $T : R$ are integral and let $a \in S$. Let $f = \sum_{i=1}^n t_i x^i \in T[x]$ be monic with $f(a) = 0$. Put $R_0 = R$ and inductively $R_i = R_{i-1}[a_i]$. Then a_i is integral over R_{i-1} , R_i is finitely R_{i-1} -generated. Also $f \in R_n[x]$ and so $R_n[a]$ is finitely R_n -generated. It follows that $R_n[a]$ is finitely R -generated and so by 6.2.5(c), a is integral over R .

(c) Let $a, b \in \text{Int}_S(R)$. By (a) $R[a] : R$ and $R[a, b] : R[a]$ are integral. So by (b) $R[a, b] : R$ is integral and so $R[a, b] \subseteq \text{Int}_S(R)$ and $\text{Int}_S(R)$ is a subring. Since both $\text{Int}_S(\text{Int}_S(R) : \text{Int}_S(R))$ and $\text{Int}_S(R)$ are integral, (b) implies that $\text{Int}_S(R)$ is integrally closed in R . \square

Lemma 6.2.7 [f integral] *Let R be a integral domain with field of fraction F and let K be a field extension of F . Let $a \in F$ be integral over R and f the minimal polynomial of a over F .*

(a) [a] *All coefficients of f are integral over R .*

(b) [b] *If $\mathbb{K} : F$ is finite seperable, then $\text{tr}(a)$ is integral over R .*

Proof: (a) Let \mathcal{A} be the set of roots of f in some splitting of f over \mathbb{K} . Alos let $g \in R[x]$ be monic with $f(a) = 0$. Then $f \mid g$ in $F[x]$ and so $f(b) = 0$ for all $b \in \mathcal{A}$. Thus \mathcal{A} is integral over R . Since $f \in R[\mathcal{A}][x]$, (a) holds.

(b) Let Σ be the set of monomorphism from \mathbb{K} to the splitting field of \mathbb{K} over $0F$. Then each $\sigma(a), \sigma \in \Sigma$ is a root of f . Thus $\text{tra} = \prod_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \sigma(a) \in R[\mathcal{A}]$. \square

Lemma 6.2.8 [k=int/r] *Suppose R is an integral domain with field of fraction F . Let \mathbb{K} be an algebraic field extension of F . Then $\mathbb{K} = \{\frac{i}{r} \mid i \in \text{Int}_{\mathbb{K}}(R), r \in R^\# \}$. In particular, \mathbb{K} is the field of fraction of $\text{Int}_R(S)$.*

Proof: Let $k \in \mathbb{K}$. Then there exists a non-zero $f \in F[x]$ with $f(k) = 0$. Multiplying f with the product of the denominatos of its coefficients we may assume that $f \in R[x]$. Let $f = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$ with $a_n \neq 0$. Put $g(x) = a_n^{n-1} f(\frac{x}{a_n}) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i a_n^{n-1-i} x^i$. Then $g \in R[x]$, g is monic and $g(a_n k) = a_n^{n-1} f(k) = 0$. Thus $a_n k \in \text{Int}_{\mathbb{K}}(R)$ and $k = \frac{a_n k}{a_n}$. \square

Definition 6.2.9 [def:lattice] *Let R be a ring, S a subring of R , M an R -module and L an S -module of M . Then L is called a $R : S$ -lattice for M provided that there exists an S -basis \mathcal{B} for L such that \mathcal{B} is also an R -basis for M .*

Lemma 6.2.10 [intfr noetherian] *Suppose R is an integral domain with field of fraction F . Let \mathbb{K} be a finite seperable extension of F .*

(a) [a] *There exists an $F : R$ -lattice in \mathbb{K} containing $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{K}}(R)$.*

(b) [b] *If R is Noetherian, so is $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{K}}(R)$.*

(c) [c] *If R is a PID, $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{K}}(R)$ is an $F : R$ -lattice in \mathbb{K} .*

(a) Let \mathcal{B} be a F basis for \mathbb{K} . For each $b \in \mathcal{B}$ there exists $i_b \in \text{Int}_{\mathbb{K}}(R)$ and $r_b \in R^\#$ with $b = \frac{i_b}{r_b}$. So replacing \mathcal{B} by $b \prod_{d \in \mathcal{B}} r_d$ we may assume that $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \text{Int}_{\mathbb{K}}(R)$. By 6.2.2 and 4.1.8 there exists $b^* \in \mathbb{K}$ with $\text{tr}(b^* d) = \delta_{bd}$ for all $b, d \in \mathcal{B}$ and $(b^* \mid b \in \mathcal{B})$ is a F -basis for \mathbb{K} . Thus $L = \text{Int}_{\mathbb{K}}(R) \langle b^* \mid b \in \mathcal{B} \rangle$ is an $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{K}}(R)$ -lattice in \mathbb{K} . Let $i \in \text{Int}_{\mathbb{K}}(R)$. Then $i = \sum_{b \in \mathcal{T}} \text{tr}(bi) b^*$. Since $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{K}}(R)$ is a subring $bi \in \text{Int}_{\mathbb{K}}(R)$. So by 6.2.7(b) $\text{tr}(bi) \in \text{Int}_{\mathbb{K}}(R)$ and so $i \in L$.

(b) By (a) $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{K}}(R)$ is contained in a finitely generated R -module. Since R is Noetherian we conclude that $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{K}}(R)$ is a Noetherian R - and so also a Noetherian $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{K}}(R)$ -module.

(c) By (a) $\text{Int}_{\mathbb{K}}(S)$ is a finitely generated, torsion free R -module and so is free with R -basis say \mathcal{D} . It is easy to see that \mathcal{D} is also linearly independent over \mathbb{F} . From 6.2.8, $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{F}\text{Int}_{\mathbb{K}}(S)$ and so $\mathbb{F}\mathcal{D} = \mathbb{K}$ and \mathcal{D} is also an \mathbb{F} basis. \square

Definition 6.2.11 [def:algebraic number field] *An algebraic number field is a finite field extension of \mathbb{Q} .*

Lemma 6.2.12 [primes are maximal] *Let \mathbb{K} be an algebraic number field and J a non-zero prime ideal in $R := \text{Int}_{\mathbb{K}}(\mathbb{Z})$. R/J is a finite field and in particular J is a maximal ideal in R .*

Proof: Let $0 \neq j \in J$ and let $f \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ monic of minimal degree with $f(j) = 0$. Let $f(x) = g(x)x + a$ with $a \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $f(j) = 0$ gives $a = -g(j)j \in J$. By minimality of $\deg f$, $g(j) \neq 0$ and so also $a \neq 0$. Thus $J \cap \mathbb{Z} \neq 0$ and so $\mathbb{Z} + J/J$ is finite. By 6.2.10(a) R is a finite generate \mathbb{Z} -module. Thus R/J is a finitely generated $\mathbb{Z} + J/J$ -module and so R/J is a finite. Since J is prime, R/J is an integral domain and so R/J is a finite field. \square

Definition 6.2.13 [def:dedekind domain] *A Dedekind domain is an integrally closed Noetherian domain in which every non-zero prime ideal is maximal.*

Corollary 6.2.14 [algebraic integers are dedekind] *The set of algebraic integers in an algebraic number field form a Dedekind domain.*

Proof: Let \mathbb{K} be an algebraic number field and $R := \text{Int}_{\mathbb{K}}(\mathbb{Z})$. By 6.2.8 \mathbb{K} is the field of fraction of R . So by 6.2.6(c) R is integrally closed. By 6.2.10 R is Noetherian and by 6.2.12 all prime ideals in R are maximal. \square

Lemma 6.2.15 (Noetherian Induction) [noetherian induction] *R be a ring and M be an Noetherian R -module and \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} sets of R -submodules of M . Suppose that for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $D \in \mathcal{B}$ for all $A < D \in \mathcal{A}$, then $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$.*

Proof: Suppose not. Then $\mathcal{A} \setminus \mathcal{B}$ has a maximal element element A . But then $D \in \mathcal{B}$ for all $A < D \in \mathcal{A}$ and so by assumption $A \in \mathcal{B}$, a contradiction. \square

Lemma 6.2.16 [contains product of prime] *Let R be a commutative Noetherian ring and J an ideal in R . Then there exist prime ideals $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n \in R$ with $J \subseteq P_i$ and $\prod_{i=1}^n P_i \subseteq J$.*

Proof: If J is a prime ideal the lemma holds with $n = 1$ and $P_1 = J$. So suppose J is not a prime ideal. Then there exists ideal $J < J_k < R$, $k = 1, 1$ with $J_1 J_2 \subseteq R$. By Noetherian induction we may assume that there exists prime ideals $J_k \subseteq P_{ik}$ in R with $\prod_{i=1}^{n_k} P_{ik} \subseteq J_k$. Thus $\prod_{k=1}^2 \prod_{i=1}^{n_k} P_{ik} \subseteq J_1 J_2 \subseteq J$. \square

Definition 6.2.17 [def:division] *Let M be an R module and $N \subseteq M$ and $J \subseteq R$. Then $N \div_M J =: \{m \in M \mid Jm \subseteq N\}$.*

For example $0 \div_M J = A_M(J)$ and if N is an R -submodule of M , then $N \leq N \div_M J$ and $N \div_M J/N = A_{M/N}(J)$. If R is an integral domain with field of fraction \mathbb{K} and $a, b \in \mathbb{K}$ with $b \neq 0$, then $Ra \div_{\mathbb{K}} Rb = R\frac{a}{b}$.

Definition 6.2.18 [def:fractional ideal] *Let R be a integral domain with field of fraction \mathbb{K} . A fractional ideal of R is a non-zero R -submodule J of R such that $kJ \subseteq R$ for some $k \in K^\#$. $\mathcal{FI}(R)$ is the set of fractional ideals of R . Observe that $\mathcal{FI}(R)$ is an abelian monoid under multiplication with identity element R . A fractional ideal is called invertible if its invertible in the monoid $\mathcal{FI}(R)$. $\mathcal{FI}^*(R)$ is the group of invertible elements in $\mathcal{FI}(R)$.*

Lemma 6.2.19 [basic monoid] *Let H be a monoid.*

- (a) [a] *Every h has at most one inverse.*
- (b) [b] *Let $a, b \in H$. If H is abelian and ab is invertible, then a and b are invertible.*

Proof: (a) If $ah = 1$ and $hb = 1$, then $b = (ah)b = a(hb) = a$.

(b) Let h be an inverse of a . Then $1 = h(ab) = (ha)b$ and so since H is abelian, ha is an inverse of b . By symmetry hb is an inverse for a . \square

Lemma 6.2.20 [basic invertible] *Let R be a integral domain with field of fraction \mathbb{K} and let J be a fractional ideal of R .*

- (a) [a] *If $T \neq 0$ is an R -submodule of J , then T is a fraction ideal of R and $R \div_{\mathbb{K}} J \subseteq R \div_{\mathbb{K}} T$.*
- (b) [b] *$R \div_{\mathbb{K}} J$ is a fractional ideal of R .*
- (c) [c] *J is invertible iff and only if $(R \div_{\mathbb{K}} J)J = R$. In this case its inverse is $(R \div_{\mathbb{K}} J)J$.*

Proof: By definition of a fractiona ideal there exists $k \in \mathbb{K}^\#$ with $kJ \subseteq R$.

(a) Note that $kT \subseteq R$ and so T is a fractional ideal. If $lK \subseteq R$ then also $lT \subseteq R$ and (a) is proved.

(b) Since $k \in R \div_{\mathbb{K}} J$, $R \div_{\mathbb{K}} J \neq 0$. Let $t \in J^\#$. Then by (a) applied to $T = Rt$,

$$R \div_{\mathbb{K}} J \subseteq R \div_{\mathbb{K}} Rrt = R\frac{1}{t}$$

and so $t(R \div_{\mathbb{K}} J) \subseteq R$ and $R \div_{\mathbb{K}} J$ is a fractional ideal.

(c) If $(R \div_{\mathbb{K}} J)J = R$, then $R \div_{\mathbb{K}} J$ is an inverse for J in $\mathcal{FI}(R)$. Suppose now that $T \in \mathcal{FI}(R)$ with $TJ = R$. Then clearly $T \subseteq R \div_{\mathbb{K}} J$. Thus

$$R = TJ \subseteq (R \div_{\mathbb{K}} J)J \subseteq R$$

Thus both T and $R \div_{\mathbb{K}} J$ are inverse of J and so $T = R \div_{\mathbb{K}} J$. \square

Lemma 6.2.21 [partial inverse] *Let R be an Dedekind domain with field of fraction \mathbb{K} and J proper ideal in R . Then $R < R \div_{\mathbb{K}} J$.*

Proof: Let P be a maximal ideal in R with $J \leq P$. Let $a \in J^\sharp$. By 6.2.16 there exists non-zero prime ideals P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n with $\prod_{i=1}^n P_i \leq Ra$. We also assume that n is minimal with this property. Since $Ra \leq P$ and P is a prime ideal we must have $P_i \leq P$ for some i . By definition of a Dedekind domain, P_i is a maximal ideal and so $P_i = P$. Let $Q = \prod_{i \neq j=1}^n P_j$. Then $PQ \leq Ra$ and by minimality of n , $Q \not\leq Ra$. Thus $Ja^{-1}Q \leq PQa^{-1} \leq R$ and $a^{-1}Q \not\leq R$. So $a^{-1}Q \leq R \div_{\mathbb{K}} J$ and hence $R \div_{\mathbb{K}} J \not\leq R$. Clearly $R \leq R \div_{\mathbb{K}} J$ and the lemma is proved.

Proposition 6.2.22 [fi for dedekind] *Let R be an Dedekind domain with field of fraction \mathbb{K} . Let P be a nonzero prime ideal in the Dedekind domain R and J a non-zero ideal with $J \subseteq P$. Then P invertible and $J < JP^{-1} \leq R$.*

Proof: Put $Q := R \div_{\mathbb{K}} J$. Then $R \leq Q$ and $J \subseteq JQ \subseteq R$. Suppose that $J = JQ$. Since R is Noetherian, J is finitely R -generated. Since \mathbb{K} is an integral domain and $J \neq 0$, J is a faithful Q -module. Thus 6.2.5(c) implies that Q is integral over R . By definition of a Dedekind domain, R is integrally closed in \mathbb{K} and so $Q \leq R$. But this contradicts 6.2.21

Thus $J < JQ^{-1}$ and in particular $P < PQ \leq R$. By definition of a Dedekind Domain P is a maximal ideal in R and so $PQ = P$. Thus $Q = P^{-1}$ and the proposition is proved. \square

Theorem 6.2.23 [structure of dedekind] *Let R be a Dedekind domain and let \mathcal{P} be the set of non-zero prime ideals in R . Then the map*

$$\tau : \oplus_{\mathcal{P}} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{FI}(R) \mid (z_P) \rightarrow \prod_{P \in \mathcal{P}} P^{z_P}$$

is an isomorphism of monoids. In particular, $\mathcal{FI}(R)$ is a group. Moreover $\tau(z) \leq R$ if and only if $z \in \oplus_{\mathcal{P}} \mathbb{N}$.

Proof: Clearly τ is an homomorphism. Suppose there exists $0 \neq z \in \ker \tau$. Let $X = \{P \in \mathcal{P} \mid z_P < 0\}$ and $Y = \{P \in \mathcal{P} \mid z_P > 0\}$. Then $X \cap Y = \emptyset$ and $X \cup Y \neq \emptyset$. Moreover, $\tau(z) = R$ implies

$$\prod_{P \in X} P^{-z_P} = \prod_{P \in Y} P^{z_P}$$

In particular both X and Y are not empty. Let $Q \in X$. Then

$$\prod_{P \in Y} P^{z_P} \leq Q$$

a contradiction since $P \not\leq Q$ for all $P \in Y$ and since R/Q is a prime ideal.

Thus τ is 1-1.

Next let J be a proper ideal in R and P a maximal ideal in R with $J \leq P$. By 6.2.22 $J < JP^{-1} \leq R$. By Noetherian induction $JP^{-1} = P_1 \dots P_n$ for some prime ideals P_1, \dots, P_n and so $J = PP_1 \dots P_n$, that is $J = \tau(z)$ for some $z \in \bigoplus_{\mathcal{P}} \mathbb{N}$.

Finally let J be an arbitrary fraction ideal in \mathbb{K} . Then by definition there exists $kJ \subseteq R$ for some $k \in \mathbb{K}^\#$. Then $k = \frac{r}{s}$ with $r, s \in R^\#$ and so $rJ = skJ \subseteq R$. Let $u, v \in \bigoplus_{\mathcal{P}} \mathbb{N}$ with $\tau(u) = Rr$ and $\tau(v) = rJ$. Then

$$\tau(v - u) = (Rr)^{-1}(rJ) = Rr^{-1}rJ = J \text{ and so } \tau \text{ is onto.}$$

□

The next proposition shows that Dedekind domains are not far away from being principal domains.

Proposition 6.2.24 [nearly principal] *Let R be a Dedekind domain.*

(a) [a] *Let A and B be fractional ideals of R with $B \leq A$. Then A/B is a cyclic R -module.*

(b) [b] *Let A be a fractional ideal of R . Then there exists $a, b \in A$ with $A = Ra + Rb$.*

Proof: (a) Replacing A and B by kA and kB for a suitable $k \in R$ we may assume that $B \leq A \leq R$. Let \mathcal{Q} be a finite set of prime ideals in R with $A = \prod_{P \in \mathcal{Q}} P^{a_P}$ and $B = \prod_{P \in \mathcal{Q}} P^{b_P}$ for some $a_P, b_P \in \mathbb{N}$. Choose $x_P \in P^{a_P} \setminus P^{a_P+1}$. Observe that $P^{a_P+1} + Q^{a_Q+1} = R$ for distinct $P, Q \in \mathcal{Q}$. So by the Chinese Remainder Theorem 2.5.15(e) there exists $x \in R$ with $x + P^{a_P+1} = x_P + P^{a_P+1}$ for all $P \in \mathcal{Q}$. Thus $x \in \bigcap_{P \in \mathcal{Q}} P^{a_P} = A$ and $x \notin P^{a_P+1}$. Since $B \leq Rx + B$, $Rx + B = \prod_{P \in \mathcal{Q}} P^{c_P}$ for some $c_P \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $Rx + B \leq A$, $c_P \geq a_P$. Since $x \notin P^{a_P+1}$, $c_P \leq a_P$. Thus $a_P = c_P$ for all $P \in \mathcal{Q}$ and so $A = Rx + B$.

(b) Let $0 \neq b \in A$ and put $B = Ra$. By (a) $A/B = Ra + B/B$ for some $a \in A$. Thus $A = Ra + Rb$. □

6.3 The Jacobson Radical II

Lemma 6.3.1 (Nakayama) [nakayama] *Let R be a ring and M a non zero finitely generated R -module then $J(R)M \neq 0$.*

Let $\mathcal{B} \subseteq M$ be minimal with $R\mathcal{B} = M$. Let $b \in \mathcal{B}$, then $M \neq R(\mathcal{B} \setminus \{b\})$ and replacing M by $M/R(\mathcal{B} \setminus \{b\})$ we may assume that $M = Rb$. Then $M \cong R/A_R(b)$. Let J be maximal left ideal of R with $A_R(b) \leq J$. Then $J(R) + A_R(b) \leq J < R$ and so also $J(R) < M$. □

Lemma 6.3.2 [jr and inverses] *Let R be a ring and $x \in R$.*

(a) [a] *$x \in J(R)$ iff $rx - 1$ has a left inverse for all $x \in R$.*

(b) [b] *x is left invertible in R iff $x + J(R)$ is left invertible in $R/J(R)$.*

(c) [c] *The $J(R)$ is equal to the right Jacobson radical $J(R^{\text{op}})$.*

(d) [d] x is invertible in R iff $x + J(R)$ is invertible in $R/J(R)$.

Proof: (a) Let $x \in R$ and let \mathcal{M} be the set of maximal left ideals in R . The the following are equivalent

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 x \notin J(R) & \\
 x \notin M & \text{for some } M \in \mathcal{M} \\
 Rx + M = R & \text{for some } M \in \mathcal{M} \\
 rx + m = 1 & \text{for some } M \in \mathcal{M}, m \in M, r \in R \\
 rx - 1 \in M & \text{for some } r \in R, M \in \mathcal{M} \\
 R(rx - 1) \neq R & \text{for some } r \in R \\
 (rx - 1) \text{ is not left invertible} & \text{for some } r \in R
 \end{array}$$

(b) If x is left invertible, then $x + J(R)$ is left invertible. Suppose now that $x + J(R)$ is left invertible. Then $1 - yx \in J(R)$ for some $y \in R$. By (a) $yx = 1 - (1 - yx)$ has a left inverse. Hence also x has a left inverse.

As a step towards (c) and (d) we prove next:

1° [1] If $x - 1 \in J(R)$. Then x is invertible.

By (b) there exists $k \in R$ with $kx = 1$. Thus $k - 1 = k - kx = k(1 - x) \in J(R)$ and so by (b) again k has a left inverse l . So by 2.2.2 $x = l$ and k is an inverse of x .

(c) Let $j \in J(R)$ and $r \in J(R)$. Since $J(R)$ is an ideal, $jr \in J(R)$. Thus by (1°) $1 + jr$ is invertible. So by (a) applied to R^{op} , $j \in J(R^{\text{op}})$. Hence $J(R) \leq J(R^{\text{op}})$. By symmetry $J(R) \leq J(R^{\text{op}})$.

(d) Follows from (b) applied to R and R^{op} . \square

Lemma 6.3.3 [jr cap za] Let A be a ring, R a subring and suppose that A is finite generated as an R -module. Then $J(R) \cap Z(A) \leq J(A)$.

Proof: Let M be a simple A -module. Then M is cyclic as an A -module and so finitely generated as an R -module. Thus by 6.3.1, $J(R)M \neq M$. Hence also $(J(R) \cap Z(A))M < M$ and since $(J(R) \cap Z(A))M$ is an A -submodule we conclude that $J(R) \cap Z(A) \leq A_A(M)$. Thus $J(R) \cap Z(A) \leq J(A)$. \square

Proposition 6.3.4 [jza] Let A be a ring.

(a) [a] If K is a nilpotent left ideal in A , then $K \leq J(A)$

(b) [b] If A is artinian, $J(A)$ is the largest nilpotent ideal in A .

(c) [c] If A is artian and finitely $Z(A)$ -generated then $J(A) \cap Z(A) = J(Z(A))$.

Proof:

(a) Let $k \in K$. Then rk is nilpotent and so $1 + rk$ is invertible in R . So by 6.3.2(a), $k \in J(A)$.

(b) Since A is Artinian we can choose $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $J(A)^n$ minimal. Then $J(A)J(A)^n = J(A)^n$. Suppose $J(A)^n \neq 0$ and choose a left ideal K in A minimal with $J(A)^n K \neq 0$. Let $k \in K$ with $J(A)^n k \neq 0$. Then $J(A)^n J(A)k = J(A)^n k \neq 0$ and so by minimality of K , $K = J(A)k$. Thus $k = jk$ for some $j \in J(A)$. Thus $(1 - j)k = 0$. By 6.3.2 $1 - j$ is invertible and so $k = 0$, a contradiction.

(c) By (b) $J(A) \cap Z(A)$ is a nilpotent ideal in $Z(A)$ and so by (a) $J(A) \cap Z(A) \leq J(Z(A))$. By 6.3.3 $J(Z(A)) \leq J(A) \cap Z(A)$ and (c) is proved. \square

Lemma 6.3.5 [invertible in ere] Let R be a ring, $S \leq Z(R)$ and suppose that R is a finitely generated S -module. Let $e \in R$ be an idempotent and $x \in eRe$ with $x + J(S)R = e + J(S)R$. Then there exists a unique $y \in eRe$ with $xy = yx = e$.

Proof: Since $(ere)(ete) = e(eter)e$, eRe is a ring with identity e . We need to show that x is invertible in eRe . If $R = ST$ for a finite subset T of R then also $eRe = eS(eTe)$ and so eRe is a finitely generated eS -module. Also $eS = eSe \leq Z(eRe)$ and so by 6.3.3 $J(eS) \leq J(eRe)$. Since $e : S \rightarrow eS$ is an onto ring homomorphism, $eJ(S) \leq J(eS) \leq J(eRe)$. Since $x \in eRe$ and $x - e \in J(S)R$

$$x - e = e(x - e)e \in eJ(S)Re = eJ(S)eRe \leq J(eRe)eRe \leq J(eRe)$$

Thus $x - e \in J(eRe)$ and by 6.3.2 x has an inverse in eRe . \square

6.4 A basis for $\mathbb{C}\tilde{G}$

Lemma 6.4.1 [from oq to f] Let X be non-empty finite subset of $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\sharp$. Then there exists $b \in \mathbb{Q}(X)$ with $bX \subseteq \mathbb{A}$ and $bX \not\subseteq I$.

Proof: By 6.2.22 applied with $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{Q}(X)$ we have $I^{-1}I = \mathbb{A}$. So there exists $b \in I^{-1}$ with $bX \not\subseteq I$. \square

Corollary 6.4.2 [f linearly independent] Let V be an $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ -space and $(v_i)_{i=1}^n \in V^n$. Let $W = \mathbb{A} \langle v_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n \rangle$ and suppose that $(v_i + IW)_{i=1}^n$ is \mathbb{F} -linearly independent in W/IW . Then $(v_i)_{i=1}^n$ is linearly independent over $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$.

Proof: Suppose there exists $a_i \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ not all zero with $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i = 0$. By 6.4.1 there exists $b \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ with $ba_i \in \mathbb{A}$ and $ba_j \notin I$ for some $1 \leq j \leq n$. Then $\sum_{i=1}^n (ba_i + I)(v_i + IW) = 0$ but $ba_j + I \neq I$, a contradiction. \square

Lemma 6.4.3 [linear independence of characters]

- (a) [a] $(\chi_M \mid M \in \mathcal{S}_p)$ is \mathbb{F} -linear independent in $\mathbb{F}G$.
- (b) [b] $(\phi_M \mid M \in \mathcal{S}_p)$ is \mathbb{C} -linearly independent in $\mathbb{C}\tilde{G}$.

Proof: (a) Let $f_M \in \mathbb{F}$ with $\sum f_M \chi_M = 0$. Pick $e_M \in \text{End}_{\mathbb{F}}(M)$ with $\text{tr}_M(e_M) = 1$. 2.5.18 there exists $a_M \in \mathbb{F}G$ such that a_M acts as e_M on M and trivially on N for all $M \neq N \in \mathcal{S}_p$. Then

$$0 = \sum_{N \in \mathcal{S}_p} f_N \chi_N(e_M) = f_M$$

and so (a) holds.

(b) Since all coefficients of ϕ_M are in \mathbb{A} , $(\phi_M \mid M \in \mathcal{S}_p)$ is \mathbb{C} -linearly independent iff $(\phi_M \mid M \in \mathcal{S}_p)$ is $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ -linearly independent and iff $(\check{\phi}_M \mid M \in \mathcal{S}_p)$ is $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ -linearly independent. By 6.1.5 $(\check{\phi}_M)^* = \chi_M$ and so by (a) $(\check{\phi}_M)^* \mid M \in \mathcal{S}_p)$ is \mathbb{F} -linearly independent. So (b) follows from 6.4.2. \square

Lemma 6.4.4 [existence of a lattice] *Let V be an $\rtimes Q$ -space and W a finitely generated \mathbb{A}_I submodule of V with $V = \mathbb{Q}W$. Then W is an \mathbb{A}_I -lattice in V .*

Proof: Note that $W/I_I W$ is a finite dimensional vector space over $\mathbb{A}_I/I_I = \mathbb{F}$ and so has a basis $u_i + I_I W, 1 \leq i \leq n$. By 6.4.2 $(u_i)_{i=1}^n$ is linearly independent over $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ and so also over \mathbb{A}_I . Let $U = \mathbb{A}_I \langle u_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n \rangle$. Then $W = U + I_I W$. Since I_I is the unique maximal ideal in \mathbb{A}_I , $I_I = (\mathbb{A}_I)$. Thus by the Nakayama Lemma 6.3.1 applied to W/U gives $W = U$. Hence also $V = \overline{\mathbb{Q}}W = \overline{\mathbb{Q}}V \langle u_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n \rangle$ \square

Lemma 6.4.5 [existence of oq lattice] *Let $\mathbb{E} : \mathbb{K}$ be a field extension and M a simple $\mathbb{K}G$ -module. If \mathbb{K} is algebraically closed then there exists an G -invariant \mathbb{K} lattice L in M . For any such L , L is a simple $\mathbb{K}G$ -module and $M \cong \mathbb{E} \otimes_{\mathbb{K}} L$.*

Proof: Since G is finite there exists a simple $\mathbb{K}G$ -submodule L in M . Moreover there is a non-zero $\mathbb{E}G$ -linear map $\alpha : \mathbb{E} \otimes_{\mathbb{K}} L \rightarrow M, e \otimes l \rightarrow el$. Since \mathbb{K} is algebraically closed, $\mathbb{E} \otimes_{\mathbb{K}} L$ is a simple $\mathbb{E}G$ -module. The same is true for M and so α is an isomorphism. In particular, any \mathbb{K} basis for L is also a \mathbb{E} -basis for M and so L is a K -lattice in M .

Now let L is any \mathbb{K} -lattice in G . If $N \neq L$ is a $\mathbb{K}G$ -submodule then $\mathbb{E}N$ is a $\mathbb{E}G$ -submodule of M . Thus $\mathbb{E}N = M$ and $\dim_{\mathbb{K}} N = \dim_{\mathbb{E}} \mathbb{E}N = \dim_{\mathbb{E}} M = \dim_{\mathbb{K}} L$ and so $N = L$ and L is a simple $\mathbb{K}G$ -module. \square

Lemma 6.4.6 [existence of ai lattice] *Let M be an $\mathbb{C}G$ -module. Then there exists a G -invariant \mathbb{A}_I -lattice L in M .*

Proof: By 6.4.5 there exists a G -invariant $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ -lattice V in M . Let X be a $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ -basis for V and put $L = \mathbb{A}_I G X$. Since G and X are finite, L is finitely \mathbb{A}_I -generated. Thus by 6.4.4, L is an \mathbb{A}_I -lattice in V and so also in M . \square

Lemma 6.4.7 [characters are brauer characters] *Let M be an $\mathbb{C}G$ -module and L a G -invariant \mathbb{A}_I -lattice in M . Let M° be the $\mathbb{F}G$ -module, $L/I_I L$. Then $\chi_M^* = \chi_{M^\circ}$ and $\tilde{\chi}_M = \phi_{M^\circ}$*

Proof: Let \mathcal{B} be an \mathbb{A}_I basis for L , $g \in G$ and D the matrix for g with respect to \mathcal{B} . Then D^* is the matrix for g with respect to the basis $(b + I_L L)_{b \in \mathcal{B}}$ for M° . Since $\eta_M(g) = \det(xI_n - D)$ we conclude that $\eta_M(g)^* = \eta_{M^\circ}(g)$. In particular $\chi_M(g)^* = \chi_{M^\circ}(g)$ and if $\eta_M(g) = \prod_{i=1}^n (x - \xi_i)$ then $\eta_{M^\circ}(g) = \prod_{i=1}^n (x - \xi_i^*)$. So if $g \in G^\circ$, then $\chi_M(g) = \phi_{M^\circ}(g)$. \square

Definition 6.4.8 [def:Irr G]

- (a) [a] $\text{Irr}(G) = \{\chi_M \mid M \in \mathcal{S}\}$ is the set of simple characters of G .
- (b) [b] $\text{IBr}(G) = \{\phi_M \mid M \in \mathcal{S}_p\}$ is the set of simple Brauer characters of G .
- (c) [c] $Z\mathbb{C}\tilde{G} := \mathbb{C}\tilde{G} \cap Z(\mathbb{C}G)$ is the set of complex valued class function on \tilde{G} .
- (d) [d] If M be an $\mathbb{C}G$ -module and L an G invariant $\mathbb{C} : \mathbb{A}_I$ lattice in M , then $M^\circ = L/I_I L$ is called a reduction modulo p of M .

Theorem 6.4.9 [ibr basis]

- (a) [a] $Z\mathbb{C}(\tilde{G})$ is the \mathbb{C} -span of the Brauer characters.
- (b) [b] $\text{IBr}(G)$ is a \mathbb{C} -basis for $Z\mathbb{C}(\tilde{G})$
- (c) [c] $|\mathcal{S}|_p = |\text{IBr}(G)|$ is the number of p' -conjugacy classes.

Proof: (a) Observe that the map $\tilde{\cdot} : Z(\mathbb{C}G) \rightarrow Z\mathbb{C}(\tilde{G})$ is an orthogonal projection and so onto. On the otherhand since $Z(\mathbb{C}G)$ is an \mathbb{C} -span of the G -characters we conclude from 6.4.7 that the image of $\tilde{\cdot}$ is contained in \mathbb{C} -span of the Brauer characters. So (a) holds.

(b) By 6.1.3(e) every Brauer character is a sum of simple Brauer characters. So by (a), $\text{IBr}(G)$ spans $Z\mathbb{C}(\tilde{G})$. By 6.4.3(b) $\text{IBr}(G)$ is linearly independent over \mathbb{C} and so (b) holds.

(c) Both $\text{IBr}(G)$ and $\{a_C \mid C \text{ a } p' \text{ conjugacy class}\}$ are bases for $Z\mathbb{C}(\tilde{G})$ \square

Definition 6.4.10 [def:decomposition matrix]

- (a) [a] $D = D(G) = (d_{\phi\chi})$ is the matrix of $\tilde{\cdot} : Z\mathbb{C}G \rightarrow Z\mathbb{C}\tilde{G}$ with respect to $\text{Irr}(G)$ and $\text{IBr}(G)$. D is called the decomposition matrix of G .

- (b) [b] $C = C(G) = (c_{\phi\psi})$ is the inverse of Gram matrix of $(\cdot | \cdot)$ with respect to $\text{IBr}(G)$. C is called the Cartan matrix of G .
- (c) [c] For $\phi \in \text{IBr}(G)$, $\Phi_\phi = \sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)} d_{\phi\chi} \chi$ is called the projective indecomposable character associated to ϕ . For $M \in \mathcal{S}_p$ put $\Phi_M = \Phi_{\phi_M}$.

Lemma 6.4.11 [basic decomposition]

- (a) [a] Let $\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)$. Then $\tilde{\chi} = \sum_{\phi \in \text{IBr}(G)} d_{\phi\chi} \phi$.
- (b) [z] Let $M \in \mathcal{S}(G)$, M° a p -reduction of M , $N \in \mathcal{S}_p(G)$ and \mathcal{F} a $\mathbb{F}G$ -composition series on M . Then $d_{\phi_N \chi_M}$ is the number of factors of $|caF|$ isomorphic to N .
- (c) [b] Let $\phi, \psi \in \text{IBr}(G)$. Then $\Phi_\phi \in Z\mathbb{C}\tilde{G}$ and $(\Phi_\phi | \psi) = \delta_{\phi\psi}$. So $(\Phi_\phi | \phi \in \text{IBr}(G))$ is the dual basis for $Z\mathbb{C}\tilde{G}$.
- (d) [c] $C^{-1} = ((\phi | \psi))_{\phi\psi}$
- (e) [d] $C = ((\Phi_\phi | \Phi_\psi))$ is Gram matrix of $(\text{cot} | \cdot)$ with respect to $(\Phi_\phi | \phi \in \text{IBr}(G))$.
- (f) [e] Let $\phi \in \Psi$. Then $\Phi_\phi = \tilde{\Phi}_\phi = \sum_{\psi \in \text{IBr}(G)} c_{\phi\psi} \psi$.
- (g) [f] $C = DD^T$.

Proof: (a) Immediate from the definition of D .

(b) For $N \in \mathcal{S}_p(G)$ Let a_N be the number of composition factors of G isomorphic to N . Then by 6.1.3(e), $\phi_{M^\circ} = \sum_{N \in \mathcal{S}_p(G)} a_N \phi_N$.

By 6.4.7 $\phi_{M^\circ} = \tilde{\chi}_M$. So (a) and the linearly independence of $\text{IBr}(G)$ implies $d_{\phi_N \chi_M} = a_N$.

(c) Follows from 4.1.14

(d) Immediate from the definition of C .

(e) and (f) follows from 4.1.16

(g) From (d) and the definition of Φ_π :

$$c_{\phi\psi} = \left(\sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)} d_{\phi\chi} \chi \mid \sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)} d_{\psi\chi} \chi \right) = \sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)} d_{\phi\chi} d_{\psi\chi}$$

and so (g) holds.

Corollary 6.4.12 [dphichi not zero] For each $\phi \in \text{IBr}(G)$, there exists $\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)$ with $d_{\phi\chi} \neq 0$. In otherwords, for each $M \in \mathcal{S}_p$ there exists a $\tilde{M} \in \mathcal{S}$ such that M is isomorphic to a composition factor of \tilde{M} .

Proof: Follows from the fact that $\tilde{\cdot}: Z(\mathbb{C}G) \rightarrow Z\mathbb{C}\tilde{G}$ is onto. □

Corollary 6.4.13 [projective is regular] *Let $M \in \mathcal{S}_p$ and $P \in \text{Syl}_p(M)$. Then $\dim \Phi_M$ is divisible $|P|$. Moreover, Φ_M restricted to P is an integral multiple of the regular character for P .*

Proof: Since $\Phi_M = \tilde{\Phi}_M$ we have $\Phi_M(g) = 0$ for all $g \in P^\#$. Thus $(\Phi_M|_P|1_P)_P = \frac{1}{|P|}\Phi_M(1)$ and so $|P|$ divides $\Phi_M(1)$. Therefore

$$\Phi_M(1) = \frac{\Phi_M(1)}{|P|}\chi_{\text{reg}}^P$$

□

Theorem 6.4.14 [pprime=0] *Suppose G is a p' group.*

- (a) [a] $\text{Irr}(G) = \text{IBr}(G)$ and $D = (\delta_{\phi\psi})$.
- (b) [b] For $M \in \mathcal{S}$ let M° be a reduction modulo p . Then M° is a simple $\mathbb{F}G$ -module and the map $\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_p, M \rightarrow M^\circ$ is bijection.

Proof: By 3.1.3(c) $|G| = \sum_{\phi \in \text{IBr}(G)} \phi(1)^2 = \sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)} \chi(1)^2$ Thus

$$\begin{aligned} |G| &= \sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)} \chi(1)^2 = \sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)} \left(\sum_{\phi \in \text{IBr}(G)} d_{\phi\chi} \phi(1) \right)^2 \\ &\geq \sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)} \sum_{\phi \in \text{IBr}(G)} d_{\phi\chi}^2 \phi(1)^2 = \sum_{\phi \in \text{IBr}(G)} \left(\sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)} d_{\phi\chi}^2 \right) \phi(1)^2 \\ &\geq \sum_{\phi \in \text{IBr}(G)} \phi(1)^2 = |G| \end{aligned}$$

Hence equality holds everywhere. In particular $\sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)} d_{\phi\chi}^2 = 1$ for all $\phi \in \text{IBr}(G)$. So there exists a unique $\chi_\phi \in \text{Irr}(G)$ with $d_{\phi\chi_\phi} \neq 0$. Moreover $d_{\phi\chi_\phi} = 1$.

Also $\left(\sum_{\phi \in \text{IBr}(G)} d_{\phi\chi} \right)^2 = \sum_{\phi \in \text{IBr}(G)} (d_{\phi\chi})^2$ and so for each $\chi \in \text{IBr}(G)$ there exists unique $\phi_\chi \in \text{IBr}(G)$ with $d_{\phi_\chi\chi} \neq 0$. Hence $\chi = \chi_{\phi_\chi}$, $d_{\phi_\chi\chi} = 1$, $\chi = \tilde{\chi} = \phi_\chi = \chi_\chi$ and (a) holds.

(b) follows from (a) and 6.4.11(b). □

Proposition 6.4.15 [fong] *Suppose that $p = 2$ and $\phi \in \text{IBr}(G)$. If ϕ is real valued and $\phi(1)$ is odd, then $\phi = 1_{\tilde{G}}$.*

Proof: Let $M \in \mathcal{S}_p$ with $\phi = \phi_M$. Then $\phi_{M^*} = \overline{\phi}_M = \Phi_M$ and some $M \cong M^*$. Thus the proposition follows from 4.1.22 and 4.1.21. □

Lemma 6.4.16 [opg trivial] *Let $M \in \mathcal{S}_p$. Then $O_p(G) \leq C_G(M)$.*

Proof: Let W be a simple $\mathbb{F}O_p(G)$ submodule in M . The number of p' conjugacy classes of $O_p(G)$ is 1. So up to isomorphism $O_p(G)$ has a unique simple module, namely $\mathbb{F}_{O_p(G)}$. Thus $0 \neq W \leq C_M(O_p(G))$. Since $C_M(O_p(G))$ is an $\mathbb{F}G$ -submodule we conclude $M = C_M(O_p(G))$ and $O_p(G) \leq C_G(M)$. \square

6.5 Blocks

Lemma 6.5.1 [omegam] *Let \mathbb{K} be an algebraically closed field and M a simple $\mathfrak{S}G$ -module.*

(a) [a] *$a \in Z(\mathbb{K}G)$ there exists a unique $\omega_M \in \mathbb{K}$ with $\rho_M(a) = \omega_M(a)\text{id}_M$.*

(b) [b] *$\omega_M : Z(\mathbb{K}G) \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ is a ring homomorphism.*

(c) [c] *$\chi_M(a) = \dim_{\mathbb{K}} M \cdot \omega_M(a) = \chi_M(1)\omega_M(a)$.*

(d) [d] *If $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$ then and $a \in Z(\mathbb{A}G)$, then $\omega_M(a) \in \mathbb{A}$.*

Proof: (a) follows from Schurs Lemma 2.5.3.

(b) and (c) are obvious.

(d) By 3.2.13 $\omega_M(a_C) \in \mathbb{A}$ for all $C \in \mathcal{C}$. Since $(a_C \mid C \in \mathcal{C})$ is a \mathbb{A} -basis for $Z(\mathbb{A}G)$, (d) follows from (b). \square

Definition 6.5.2 [def:lambda phi]

(a) [a] *Let $M \in \mathcal{S}$ and $\chi = \chi_M$. Then $\omega_\chi = \omega_M$.*

(b) [b] *Let $M \in \mathcal{S}$ and $\chi = \chi_M$. Then $\lambda_\chi : Z(\mathbb{F}G) \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ is defined by $\lambda_\chi(a^*) = \omega_\chi(a)^*$ for all $a \in Z(\mathbb{A}_I G)$.*

(c) [c] *Let $M \in \mathcal{S}_p$ and $\phi = \phi_M$. Then $\lambda_\phi = \omega_M$.*

(d) [d] *Define the relation \sim_p on $\text{Irr}(G) \cup \text{IBr}(G)$ by $\alpha \sim_p \beta$ if $\lambda_\alpha = \lambda_\beta$. A block (or p -block) of G is an equivalence class of \sim_p .*

(e) [e] *$\text{Bl}(G)$ is the set of blocks of G .*

(f) [f] *If B is a block of G then $\text{Irr}(B) = B \cap \text{Irr}(G)$ and $\text{IBr}(B) = B \cap \text{IBr}(G)$.*

(g) [g] *For $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \text{Irr}(G)$, put $\mathcal{A}^\dagger = \{\phi \in \text{IBr}(G) \mid d_{\phi\chi} \neq 0 \text{ for some } \chi \in \mathcal{A}\}$.*

(h) [h] *For $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \text{IBr}(G)$, put $\mathcal{B}^\dagger = \{\chi \in \text{Irr}(G) \mid d_{\phi\chi} \neq 0 \text{ for some } \phi \in \mathcal{B}\}$.*

Proposition 6.5.3 [d and lambda]

- (a) [a] Let $\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)$ and $\phi \in \text{IBr}(G)$. If $d_{\phi\chi} \neq 0$ then $\lambda_\phi = \lambda_\chi$.
- (b) [b] Let B be a block of G then $\text{IBr}(B) = \text{Irr}(B)^\dagger$ and $\text{Irr}(B) = \text{IBr}(B)^\dagger$.

Proof: (a) Let $M \in \mathcal{S}$ with $\chi = \chi_M$ and $N \in \mathcal{S}_p$ with $\phi = \phi_N$. Let L be an G -invariant A_I -lattice in M . Since $d_{\phi\chi} \neq 0$, N is isomorphic to $\mathbb{F}G$ composition factor of $M^\circ = L/I_IL$. Let $a \in Z(\mathbb{A}G)$. Then a acts as the scalar $\omega_\chi(a)$ on M and on L . Thus a acts as the scalar $\omega_\chi(a)^* = \lambda_\chi(a^*)$ on M° and on N . Thus $\lambda_\chi(a^*) = \lambda_\phi(a^*)$ and (a) holds.

(b) $\phi \in \text{IBr}(G)$ with $d_{\phi\chi}$ for some $\chi \in \text{Irr}(B)$ then by (a) $\phi \in B$. Thus $\text{Irr}(B)^\dagger \subseteq \text{IBr}(B)$. Conversely if $\phi \in \text{IBr}(B)$ we can choose (by 6.4.12) $\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)$ with $d_{\phi\chi} \neq 0$. Then by (a) $\chi \in B$ and so $\text{IBr}(B) \subseteq \text{Irr}(B)^\dagger$. Thus $\text{IBr}(B) = \text{Irr}(B)^\dagger$. Similarly $\text{Irr}(B) = \text{IBr}(B)^\dagger$. \square

Let $\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)$ and $\phi \in \text{IBr}(G)$. Then λ_χ is defined by ??(??) and λ_ϕ by ??(??). If $\lambda = \phi$ then 6.5.3(a) shows that $\lambda_\chi = \lambda_\phi$.

Definition 6.5.4 [brauer graph] Let $\chi, \psi \in \text{Irr}(G)$. We say that ϕ and ψ are linked if there exists $\phi \in \text{IBr}(G)$ with $d_{\phi\chi} \neq 0 \neq d_{\phi\psi}$. The graph on $\text{IBr}(G)$ with edges the linked pairs is called the Brauer graph of G . We say χ and ψ are connected if ϕ and ψ lie in the same connected component of the Brauer graph.

Corollary 6.5.5 [blocks and connected component]

- (a) [a] Let $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \text{Irr}(G)$. Then $\mathcal{A}^{\dagger\dagger}$ consist of all simple characters linked to some element of \mathcal{A} .
- (b) [b] Let $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \text{Irr}(G)$. Then \mathcal{A} is union of connected components of the Brauer graph iff and only if $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}^{\dagger\dagger}$.
- (c) [c] If B is a block then $\text{Irr}(B)$ is a union of connected components of the Brauer Graph.

Proof: (a) Let $\psi \in \text{Irr}(G)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \psi \text{ is linked to some element of } \mathcal{A} \\
 & \quad \text{iff} \\
 & \text{there exists } \chi \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } \phi \in \text{IBr}(G) \text{ with } d_{\phi\chi} \neq 0 \neq d_{\phi\psi} \\
 & \quad \text{iff} \\
 & \text{there exists } \phi \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger \text{ with } d_{\phi\psi} \neq 0 \\
 & \quad \text{iff} \\
 & \psi \in \mathcal{A}^{\dagger\dagger}
 \end{aligned}$$

So (a) holds.

(b) follows immediately from (a).

(c) By 6.5.3 $\text{Irr}(B)^{\dagger\dagger} = \text{IBr}(B)^\dagger = \text{Irr}(B)$.

Proposition 6.5.6 [osima] *Let $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \text{Irr}(G)$ with $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}^{\dagger\dagger}$. Let $x \in \tilde{G}$ and $y \in G$. Then*

$$\sum_{\chi \in \mathcal{A}} \chi(x)\chi(y) = \sum_{\phi \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger} \phi(x)\Phi_\phi(y)$$

Proof: We compute

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\chi \in \mathcal{A}} \chi(x)\chi(y) = \sum_{\chi \in \mathcal{A}} \left(\sum_{\phi \in \text{IBr}(G)} d_{\phi\chi} \phi(x) \right) \chi(y) \\ &= \sum_{\chi \in \mathcal{A}} \left(\sum_{\phi \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger} d_{\phi\chi} \phi(x) \right) \chi(y) = \sum_{\chi \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger} \left(\sum_{\phi \in \mathcal{A}} d_{\phi\chi} \chi(y) \right) \phi(x) \\ &= \sum_{\chi \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger} \left(\sum_{\phi \in \text{Irr}(G)} d_{\phi\chi} \chi(y) \right) \phi(x) = \sum_{\chi \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger} \Phi_\phi(y) \phi(x) \end{aligned}$$

□

Corollary 6.5.7 (Weak Block Orthogonality) [weak block orthogonality] *Let B be block of G , $x \in \tilde{G}$ and $y \in G \setminus \tilde{G}$. Then*

$$\sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(B)} \chi(x) \overline{\chi(y)} = 0$$

Since $\text{Irr}(G)^{\dagger\dagger} = \text{Irr}(G)$ we can apply 6.5.6:

$$\sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(B)} \chi(x) \overline{\chi(y)} = \sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(B)} \chi(x) \chi(y^{-1}) = \sum_{\phi \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger} \phi(x) \Phi_\phi(y^{-1})$$

Since $y^{-1} \notin \tilde{G}$ 6.4.11(c) implies $\Phi_\phi(y^{-1}) = 0$ and so the Corollary is proved. □

Definition 6.5.8 [def:ea]

(a) [a] For $M \in \mathcal{S}$ and $\chi = \chi_M$ put $e_\chi = e_M$ (see 3.1.3(d)).

(b) [b] For $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \text{Irr}(G)$, put $e_\mathcal{A} = \sum_{\chi \in \mathcal{A}} e_\chi$.

Corollary 6.5.9 [ea in ai(tilde g)] *Let $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \text{Irr}(G)$ with $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}^{\dagger\dagger}$. Then $e_\mathcal{A} \in ZA_I \tilde{G}$.*

Proof: Let $\chi \in \mathcal{A}$ and $g \in G$. By 3.2.12(a), g coefficients of e_χ is $\frac{1}{|G|} \chi(1) \overline{\chi}(x)$ Let f_g be the g -coefficient of $e_\mathcal{A}$. Then by 6.5.6

$$f_g = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{\chi \in \mathcal{A}} \chi(1) \chi(x^{-1}) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{\phi \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger} \phi(1) \Phi_\phi(g^{-1})$$

If $g \notin \tilde{G}$ we conclude that $f_g = 0$ and so

$$(*) \quad e_{\mathcal{A}} \in \mathbb{C}\tilde{G}$$

Suppose now that $g \in \tilde{G}$. Then using 6.5.6 one more time:

$$f_g = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{\chi \in \mathcal{A}} \chi(g^{-1})\chi(1) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{\phi \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger} \phi(g^{-1})\Phi_\phi(1) = \sum_{\phi \in \mathcal{A}^\dagger} \phi(g^{-1}) \frac{\Phi_\phi(1)}{|G|}$$

By 6.4.13 $\frac{\Phi_\phi(1)}{|G|} \in \mathbb{A}_I$. Also $\phi(g^{-1}) \in \mathbb{A} \in \mathbb{A}_I$ and so $f_g \in \mathbb{A}_I$. Thus $e_{\mathcal{A}} \in \mathbb{A}G$. Together with (*) and the fact that $e_{\mathcal{A}}$ is class function we see that the Corollary holds. \square

Lemma 6.5.10 [unions of blocks] *Let $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \text{Irr}(G)$ with $e_{\mathcal{A}} \in Z(\mathbb{A}_I(G))$. Then $\mathcal{A} = \bigcup_{i=1}^k \text{Irr}(B_i)$ for some blocks B_1, \dots, B_k .*

Proof: Let $\chi, \psi \in \text{Irr}(G)$. Then $\omega_\chi(e_\psi) = \delta_{\chi\psi}$ and so $\omega_\chi(e_{\mathcal{A}}) = 1$ if $\chi \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\omega_\chi(e_{\mathcal{A}}) = 0$ otherwise. By assumption $e_{\mathcal{A}} \in Z(\mathbb{A}_I(G))$ and so $\lambda_\chi(e_{\mathcal{A}}^*) = \omega_\chi(e_{\mathcal{A}})$ and so

$$(*) \quad \chi \in \mathcal{A} \text{ iff } \lambda_\chi(e_{\mathcal{A}}^*) = 1$$

Let B be the block containing χ and $\psi \in \text{Irr}(B)$. Then $\lambda_\chi(e_{\mathcal{A}}^*) = \lambda_\psi(e_{\mathcal{A}}^*)$ and so by (*), $\chi \in \mathcal{A}$ iff $\psi \in \mathcal{A}$. \square

Theorem 6.5.11 [block=connected components] *If B is block, then $\text{Irr}(B)$ is connected in the Brauer Graph. So the connected components of the Brauer graph are exactly the $\text{Irr}(B)$, B a block.*

Proof: If B is a block then by 6.5.5(c), $\text{Irr}(B)$ is the union of connected components. Conversely if \mathcal{A} is a connected component then by 6.5.9 $e_{\mathcal{A}} \in Z(\mathbb{A}_I(G))$ and so by 6.5.10 \mathcal{A} is a union of blocks. \square

Definition 6.5.12 [def:fb]

- (a) [a] *Let B be a block. Then $e_B = e_{\text{Irr}(B)}^*$ and $f_B = e_{\text{Irr}(B)}$.*
- (b) [b] *Let \mathcal{A} be set of blocks. Then $e_{\mathcal{A}} = \sum_{B \in \mathcal{A}} e_B$ and $f_{\mathcal{A}} = \sum_{B \in \mathcal{A}} f_B$.*
- (c) [c] *Let B be block, then $\mathbb{F}B := \mathbb{F}Ge_B$.*
- (d) [d] *If \mathcal{A} is a set of blocks, then $\mathbb{F}\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{F}Ge_{\mathcal{A}}$.*
- (e) [e] *Let B be a block then $\lambda_B = \lambda_\phi$ for any $\phi \in \text{IBr}(G)$.*

(f) [f] Let B be a block, then $\mathcal{S}_p(B) = \{M \in \mathcal{S}_p \mid \phi_M \in B\}$ and $\mathcal{S}(B) = \{M \in \mathcal{S} \mid \chi_M \in B\}$

Lemma 6.5.13 [omega chi fy] Let X, Y be blocks and $\chi \in X$. Then $\omega_\chi(f_Y) = \delta_{XY}$ and $\lambda_X(e_Y) = \delta_{XY}$

Proof: This follows from $\omega_\chi(e_\psi) = \delta_{\chi\psi}$ for all $\chi\psi \in \text{Irr}(G)$. □

Theorem 6.5.14 [structure of fg]

- (a) [a] $\sum_{B \in \text{Bl}(G)} e_B = 1$.
- (b) [b] $e_B \in Z(\mathbb{F}G)$ for all blocks B
- (c) [c] $e_X e_Y = 0$ for any distinct blocks X and Y .
- (d) [d] $e_B^2 = e_B$ for all blocks B
- (e) [e] $\mathbb{F}G = \bigoplus_{B \in \mathcal{B}} \mathbb{F}B$.
- (f) [f] $Z(\mathbb{F}G) = \bigoplus_{B \in \mathcal{B}} Z(\mathbb{F}B)$.
- (g) [g] $J(\mathbb{F}G) = \bigoplus_{B \in \mathcal{B}} J(\mathbb{F}B)$.
- (h) [h] Let X, Y be blocks. Then $\lambda_X(e_Y) = \delta_{XY}$.
- (i) [i] Let X and Y be distinct blocks. Then $\mathbb{F}X$ annihilates all $M \in \mathcal{S}_p(Y)$.
- (j) [j] Let B be a block. Then $\mathfrak{S}_p(B)$ is set of representatives for the isomorphism classes of simple $\mathbb{F}B$ -modules.

Proof: (a) $\sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)} e_\chi = 1$ and so also $\sum_{B \in \text{Bl}(G)} e_{\text{Irr}(B)} = 1$. Applying $*$ gives (a).
 (b) Since $e_\chi \in Z(\mathbb{C}G)$, $e_{\text{Irr}(G)} \in Z(\mathbb{A}_I G)$ and so (b) holds.
 (c) $e_\chi e_\psi = 0$ for distinct simple characters. So $e_{\text{Irr}(X)} e_{\text{Irr}(Y)} = 0$ and so (c) holds.
 (d) follows from $e_{\text{Irr}(B)}^2 = e_{\text{Irr}(B)}$.
 (e) (a) implies $\mathbb{F}G = \sum_{B \in \text{Bl}(G)} \mathbb{F}B$. Let $B \in \mathcal{B}$ and $\mathcal{B} = \text{Bl}(G) \setminus \{B\}$. Then by (c) $\mathbb{F}B \cdot \mathbb{F}\mathcal{B} = 0$. Moreover if $x \in \mathbb{F}B$ then $e_B x = x$ and if $x \in \mathbb{F}\mathcal{B}$ then $e_B x = 0$. Thus $\mathbb{F}B \cap \mathbb{F}\mathcal{B} = 0$ and so (d) holds.
 (f) follows from (d).
 (g) follows from (d) and 2.5.16(e).
 (h) Let $\chi \in \text{Irr}(X)$. Then $\lambda_X(e_Y) = \lambda_X(e_{\text{Irr}(Y)}^*) = \omega_X((e_{\text{Irr}(Y)})^*) = \delta_{XY}^* = \delta_{XY}$.
 (i) Let $M \in \mathcal{S}_p(Y)$. Then e_X acts as the scalar $\lambda_\phi(e_X) = \lambda_Y(e_X)$ on M . So by (h) e_X annihilates M . Thus also $\mathbb{F}X = \mathbb{F}G e_X$ annihilates M .
 (j) Any simple $\mathbb{F}B$ -module is also a simple $\mathbb{F}G$ -module. So (j) follows from (i). □

Theorem 6.5.15 [zfb is local] $Z(\mathbb{F}B)$ is a local ring with unique maximal ideal $J(Z(\mathbb{F}B)) = \ker \lambda_B \cap Z(\mathbb{F}B)$.

Proof: Let $M \in \mathcal{S}_p(B)$ and $z \in Z(\mathbb{F}(B))$. Then z acts as the scalar $\lambda_B(z)$ on M . So z annihilates M if and only if $z \in \ker \lambda_B$. Thus $Z(\mathbb{F}(B)) \cap A_{\mathbb{F}B}(M) = Z(\mathbb{F}B) \cap \ker \lambda_B$ and so

$$J(Z(\mathbb{F}B)) \stackrel{6.3.4}{=} Z(\mathbb{F}B) \cap J(\mathbb{F}(B)) \stackrel[6.5.14(j)]{2.4.7}{=} Z(\mathbb{F}(B)) \cap \bigcap_{M \in \mathcal{S}_p(B)} A_{\mathbb{F}B}(M) = Z(\mathbb{F}B) \cap \ker \lambda_B$$

So $J(Z(\mathbb{F}B)) = \ker \lambda_B \cap Z(\mathbb{F}B)$. Since $Z(\mathbb{F}B)/\ker \lambda_B \cap Z(\mathbb{F}B) \cong \text{Im } \lambda_B = \mathbb{F}$ we conclude that $J(Z(\mathbb{F}B))$ is a maximal ideal in $Z(\mathbb{F}(B))$. This clearly implies that $J(Z(\mathbb{F}B))$ is the unique maximal ideal in $\mathbb{F}(B)$. \square

Corollary 6.5.16 [blocks indecomposable] Let B be a block.

(a) [a] Then $\mathbb{F}B$ is indecomposable as a ring.

(b) [b] Let e be an idempotent in $Z\mathbb{F}(G)$ then e_T for some $T \subseteq \text{Bl}(G)$.

Proof: (a) Suppose $\mathbb{F}B = X \oplus Y$ for some proper ideals X and Y . Then both X and Y have an identity. Thus $Z(X) \neq 0$, $Z(Y) \neq 0$ and $Z(\mathbb{F}B) = Z(X) \oplus Z(Y)$, a contradiction to 6.5.15.

(b) Since $e = \sum_{B \in \text{Bl}(B)} ee_B$ and each non-zero ee_B is an idempotent we may assume that $e = ee_B \in \mathbb{F}B$ for some block B . Then $\mathbb{F}B = e\mathbb{F}B \oplus (e - e_B)\mathbb{F}B$ and (a) implies $e - e_B = 0$ and so $e = e_B$. \square

Lemma 6.5.17 [phi fb] Let B be a block then

$$\phi_{\mathbb{F}B} = \sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(B)} \chi(1)\tilde{\chi} = \sum_{\phi \in \text{IBr}(B)} \Phi_{\phi}(1)\phi$$

Proof: By 3.2.11(c) $\chi_{\mathbb{C}G} = \sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)} \chi(1)\chi$. So by 6.4.7 applied to the \mathbb{A}_I -lattice $\mathbb{A}_I G$ in $\mathbb{C}G$,

$$(1) \quad \phi_{\mathbb{F}G} G = \tilde{\chi}_{\mathbb{C}G} = \sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)} \chi(1)\tilde{\chi} = \sum_{B \in \text{Bl}(G)} \sum_{\chi \in B} \chi(1)\tilde{\chi}$$

Observe that

$$(2) \quad \sum_{\chi \in B} \chi(1)\tilde{\chi} = \sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(B)} \chi(1) \left(\sum_{\phi \in \text{Irr}(B)} d_{\phi\chi} \phi \right) = \sum_{\phi \in \text{IBr}(B)} \Phi_{\phi}(1)\phi$$

and so by (1)

$$(3) \quad \phi_{\mathbb{F}G} = \sum_{B \in \text{Bl}(G)} \sum_{\phi \in \text{IBr}(B)} \Phi_{\phi}(1) \phi$$

Now let B a block. If M is composition factor for $\mathbb{F}G$ of $\mathbb{F}B$ then e_B acts identity on M . So by 6.5.14 $\phi_M \in B$. It follows that

$$(4) \quad \phi_{\mathbb{F}B} = \sum_{\phi \in \text{IBr}(B)} d_{\phi} \phi$$

for some $d_{\phi} \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $\mathbb{F}G = \sum_{B \in \text{Bl}(G)} \mathbb{F}B$ we conclude

$$(5) \quad \phi_{\mathbb{F}G} = \sum_{B \in \text{Bl}(G)} \sum_{\phi \in \text{IBr}(B)} d_{\phi} \phi$$

From (3) and (5) and the linear independence of $\text{IBr}(G)$ we get $d_{\phi} = \Phi_{\phi}(1)$ for all $\phi \in \text{IBr}(G)$. The lemma now follows from (4) and (2). \square

6.6 Brauer's First Main Theorem

Definition 6.6.1 [def: defect group c] *Let C be a conjugacy class of G .*

- (a) [z] *A defect group of C is a Sylow p -subgroup of $C_G(x)$ for some $x \in C$.*
- (b) [a] *$\text{Syl}(C)$ is the set of all defect groups of G .*
- (c) [b] *We fix $g_C \in C$ and $D_C \in \text{Syl}_p(C_G(g_C))$.*
- (d) [d] *Let \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} be set of subgroups of G . We write $\mathcal{A} \prec \mathcal{B}$ if for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$ there exists $B \in \mathcal{B}$ with $A \leq B$.*
- (e) [e] *Let \mathcal{A} be a set subgroups of G . Then $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{A}} = \{C \in \mathcal{C} \mid \text{Syl}(C) \prec \mathcal{A}\}$ and $Z_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbb{F}G) = \mathbb{F}\langle a_C \mid C \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{A}} \rangle$.*
- (f) [f] *For $A \subseteq Z(\mathbb{F}G)$ set $\mathcal{C}_A = \{C \in \mathcal{C}(G) \mid a(g_C) \neq 0 \text{ for some } a \in A\}$.*
- (g) [g] *For $A, B, C \in \mathcal{C}$ put $K_{ABC} = \{(a, b) \in A \times B \mid ab = g_C\}$.*

Lemma 6.6.2 [trivial zdfg] *Let $z \in Z(\mathbb{F}G)$ and \mathcal{D} a set of subgroups of G . Then $z \in Z_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbb{F}G)$ iff $a_C \in Z_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbb{F}G)$ for all $C \in \mathcal{C}_z$ and iff $\text{Syl}(C) \prec \mathcal{D}$ for all $C \in \mathcal{C}_z$.*

Proof: Since $z = \sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}(G)} z(g_C) a_C$ and $(a_C \mid C \in \mathcal{C}(G))$ is linearly independent this follows immediately from the definition of $Z_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbb{F}G)$. \square

Lemma 6.6.3 [syl c prec syl a] *Let $A, B, C \in \mathcal{C}$*

(a) [a] $|K_{ABC}| \equiv |\{(a, b) \in \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B} \mid a, b \in C_G(D_C), ab = g_C\}| \pmod{p}$.

(b) [b] *If $p \nmid |K_{ABC}|$ then $\text{Syl}(C) \prec \text{Syl}(A)$.*

Proof: (a) Observe that $C_G(g_C)$ acts on K_{ABC} by coordinate wise conjugation. All non-trivial orbits of D_C on K_{ABC} have length divisible by p and so (a) holds.

(b) By (a) there exists $a \in \mathcal{A}$ with $D_C \in C_G(a)$ and so $D_C \leq D$ for some $D \in \text{Syl}_p(C_G(a))$. Since G acts transitively on $\text{Syl}(C)$, $\text{Syl}(C) \prec \text{Syl}(A)$. \square

Proposition 6.6.4 [zdfg ideal] *Let \mathcal{D} be set of subgroups of G . Then $Z_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbb{F}G)$ is an ideal in G .*

Proof: Let $A, B \in \mathcal{C}$ with $\text{Syl}(A) \prec \mathcal{D}$. Then in $\mathbb{F}G$:

$$a_A a_B = \sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}} |K_{ABC}| a_C = \sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}, p \nmid |K_{ABC}|} |K_{ABC}| a_C$$

By 6.6.3 $\text{Syl}(C) \prec \text{Syl}(A) \prec \mathcal{D}$ whenever $p \nmid |K_{ABC}|$. Then $a_C \in Z_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbb{F}G)$ and so $a_A a_B \in Z_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbb{F}G)$. \square

Definition 6.6.5 [def:fa]

(a) [a] \mathfrak{G} be the set of sets of subgroups of G . \mathfrak{G}_\circ consist of all $\mathcal{A} \in \mathfrak{G}$ such that $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ with $A \subseteq B$ implies $A = B$.

(b) [b] *If $\mathcal{A} \in \mathfrak{G}$, then $\max(\mathcal{A})$ is the set maximal elements of \mathcal{A} with respect to inclusion.*

(c) [c] *Let $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \mathfrak{G}$. Then $\mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{B} := \max(\{A \cap B \mid A \in \mathcal{A}, B \in \mathcal{B}\})$.*

(d) [d] *Let $\mathcal{A}, \alpha B \in \mathfrak{G}$. The $\mathcal{A} \vee \mathcal{B} = \max(\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B})$.*

Lemma 6.6.6 [basis fa] *Let $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{D} \in \mathfrak{G}$.*

(a) [a] \prec is reflexive and transitive.

(b) [b] $\mathcal{A} \prec \max \mathcal{A}$ and $\max \mathcal{A} \prec \mathcal{A}$.

(c) [c] $\max(\mathcal{A}) \in \mathfrak{G}_\circ$ and if \mathcal{A} is G -invariant so is $\max \mathcal{A}$.

(d) [d] $\mathcal{A} \prec \mathcal{B}$ iff $\max(\mathcal{A}) \prec \max(\mathcal{B})$.

- (e) [e] If all elements in \mathcal{A} have the same size, $\mathcal{A} \in \mathfrak{G}_\circ$.
- (f) [f] If \mathcal{A} is conjugacy class of subgroups of G , then $\mathcal{A} \in \mathfrak{G}_\circ$.
- (g) [g] $\mathcal{C}_\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{C}_{\max(\mathcal{A})}$ and $Z_\mathcal{A}(\mathbb{F}G) = Z_{\max(\mathcal{A})}(\mathbb{F}G)$.
- (h) [h] Restricted to \mathfrak{G}_\circ , \prec is a partial ordering.
- (i) [i] $(\mathcal{A} \vee \mathcal{B}) \prec \mathcal{D}$ iff $\mathcal{A} \prec \mathcal{D}$ and $\mathcal{B} \prec \mathcal{D}$.
- (j) [j] $\mathcal{D} \prec (\mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{B})$ iff $\mathcal{D} \prec \mathcal{A}$ and $\mathcal{D} \prec \mathcal{B}$.

Proof:

- (a) Obvious.
- (b) Clearly $\max \mathcal{A} \prec \mathcal{A}$. Let $A \in \mathcal{A}$ since G is finite we can choose $B \in \mathcal{A}$ of maximal size with $A \subseteq B$. Then $B \in \max(\mathcal{A})$ and so $\mathcal{A} \prec \max \mathcal{A}$.
- (c) If $A, B \in \max(\mathcal{A})$ with $A \subseteq B$, then $A = B$ by maximality of A .
- (d) Follows from (a) and (b).
- (e) is obvious.
- (f) follows from (e).
- (g) The first statement follows from (d) and the second from the first.
- (h) Let $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \mathfrak{A}(G)$ with $\mathcal{A} \prec \mathcal{B}$. Let $A \in \mathcal{A}$ and choose $B \in \mathcal{B}$ with $A \leq B$. Then choose $D \in \mathcal{A}$ with $B \leq D$. Then $A \leq D$ and so $A = D$ and $A = B$. Thus $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$. By symmetry $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$. So $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B}$. (h) now follows from (a).
- (i) By (d) $(\mathcal{A} \vee \mathcal{B}) \prec \mathcal{D}$ iff $(\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}) \prec \mathcal{D}$ and so iff $\mathcal{A} \prec \mathcal{D}$ and $\mathcal{B} \prec \mathcal{D}$.
- (j) By (d) $\mathcal{D} \prec (\mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{B})$ iff $\mathcal{D} \prec \{A \cap B \mid A \in \mathcal{A}, B \in \mathcal{B}\}$ and so iff $\mathcal{D} \prec \mathcal{A}$ and $\mathcal{D} \prec \mathcal{B}$. \square

Lemma 6.6.7 [basic zdfg] Let $\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{E} \in \mathfrak{D}_\circ$.

- (a) [a] If $\mathcal{D} \prec \mathcal{E}$, then $\mathcal{C}_\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_\mathcal{E}$ and $Z_\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{F}G) \leq Z_\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{F}G)$.
- (b) [b] $(\mathcal{D} \wedge \mathcal{E}) \prec \mathcal{D}$.
- (c) [c] $\mathcal{C}_\mathcal{D} \cap \mathcal{C}_\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{D} \wedge \mathcal{E}}$ and $Z_\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{F}G) \cap Z_\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{F}G) = Z_{\mathcal{D} \wedge \mathcal{E}}(\mathbb{F}G)$
- (d) [d] Let $A \subseteq Z(\mathbb{F}(G))$. Let $\mathfrak{G}_\circ(A) := \{\mathcal{A} \in \mathfrak{G}_\circ \mid Z_\mathcal{A}(\mathbb{F}G) = A\}$. Then there exists a unique $\mathcal{E} \in \mathfrak{G}_\circ(A)$ with $\mathcal{E} \prec \mathcal{D}$ for all $\mathcal{D} \in \mathfrak{G}_\circ(A)$. We denote this \mathcal{E} by $\text{Syl}(A)$.
- (e) [e] If $A \subseteq B \subseteq Z(\mathbb{F}(G))$, then $\text{Syl}(A) \prec \text{Syl}(B)$.
- (f) [f] For all $C \in \mathcal{C}$, $\text{Syl}(a_C) = \text{Syl}(C)$
- (g) [g] $\text{Syl}(Z(\mathbb{F}G)) = \text{Syl}(G)$
- (h) [h] For all $A \subseteq Z(\mathbb{F}(G))$, $\text{Syl}(A) \prec \text{Syl}(G)$, that is $\text{Syl}(A)$ is a set of p subgroups of G .
- (i) [i] Let $A, B \subseteq Z(\mathbb{F}G)$. Then $\text{Syl}(A \cup B) = \text{Syl}(A) \vee \text{Syl}(B)$.

(j) [j] Let $A \subset Z(\mathbb{F}G)$ then $\text{Syl}(A) = \text{Syl}(\{a_C \mid C \in \mathcal{A}\}) = \bigvee_{C \in \mathcal{C}_A} \text{Syl}(C)$.

Proof: (a) and (b) are obvious.

(c) Let $C \in \mathcal{C}$. Then $C \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{D}} \cap \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{E}}$ iff $\text{Syl}(C) \prec \mathcal{D}$ and $\text{Syl}(C) \prec \mathcal{E}$. Thus by ?? iff $\text{Syl}(C) \prec \mathcal{D} \wedge \mathcal{E}$ and iff $C \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{D} \wedge \mathcal{E}}$. So the first statement in (b) holds.

Since $\{a_C \mid C \in \mathcal{C}\}$ is \mathbb{F} -linearly independent

$$Z_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbb{F}G) \cap Z_{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbb{F}G) = \mathbb{F}\{a_C \mid C \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{D}} \cap \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{E}}\}$$

So the second statement in (c) follows from the first.

(d) Put $\mathcal{E} = \bigwedge_{\mathcal{D} \in \mathfrak{G}_o(A)} \mathcal{D}$. By (c), $A \leq Z_{\mathcal{E}}(\mathbb{F}G)$ and by (b) $\mathcal{E} \prec \mathcal{D}$ for all $\mathcal{D} \in \mathfrak{A}$. Since \prec is antisymmetric on \mathfrak{G}_o , \mathcal{E} is unique.

(e) Observe that $\text{Syl}(B) \in \mathfrak{G}_o$ and so (e) follows from (d).

(f) Since $\text{Syl}(C) \prec \text{Syl}(C)$, $C \in \mathcal{C}_{\text{Syl}(C)}$ and so $a_C \in Z_{\text{Syl}(C)}(\mathbb{F}G)$. Since $a_C \in Z_{\text{Syl}(a_C)}(\mathbb{F}G)$ we conclude from 6.6.2 that $C \in \mathcal{C}_{\text{Syl}(a_C)}$ and so $\text{Syl}(C) \prec \text{Syl}(a_C)$. Since \prec is anti-symmetric (f) holds.

(g) Let $S \in \text{Syl}(G)$, $1 \neq x \in Z(S)$ and $C = {}^Gx$. Then clearly $\text{Syl}(C) = \text{Syl}(G)$ and so by (e) and (f), $\text{Syl}(Z(\mathbb{F}G)) \prec \text{Syl}(G)$. Clearly $\text{Syl}(C) \prec \text{Syl}(G)$ for all $C \in \mathcal{C}$. So $\mathcal{C}_{\text{Syl}(G)} = \mathcal{C}$ and $Z_{\text{Syl}(G)}(\mathbb{F}G) = Z(\mathbb{F}G)$. (d) implies $\text{Syl}(Z(\mathbb{F}G)) \subseteq \text{Syl}(G)$ and so (g) holds.

(h) follows from (e) and (g).

(i) We have $Z_{\text{Syl}(A) \vee \text{Syl}(B)}(\mathbb{F}G) = Z_{\text{Syl}(A) \cup \text{Syl}(B)}(\mathbb{F}G) = Z_{\text{Syl}(A)}(\mathbb{F}G) + Z_{\text{Syl}(B)}(\mathbb{F}G)$ and so $A \cup B \subseteq Z_{\text{Syl}(A) \vee \text{Syl}(B)}(\mathbb{F}G)$. Thus $\text{Syl}(A \cup B) \prec \text{Syl}(A) \vee \text{Syl}(B)$. Since $A \leq Z_{\text{Syl}(A \cup B)}(\mathbb{F}G)$, $\text{Syl}(A) \prec \text{Syl}(A \cup B)$ and by symmetry $\text{Syl}(B) \prec \text{Syl}(A \cup B)$. Thus $\text{Syl}(A) \vee \text{Syl}(B) \prec \text{Syl}(A \cup B)$ and (i) holds.

(j) By 6.6.2 $\text{Syl}(A) = \text{Syl}(\{a_C \mid C \in \mathcal{C}_A\})$. By (i) and (f) $\text{Syl}(\{a_C \mid C \in \mathcal{C}_A\}) = \bigvee_{C \in \mathcal{C}_A} \text{Syl}(a_C)$. \square

Lemma 6.6.8 [eb in sum k] Let B be a block and \mathcal{K} a set of ideals in $Z(\mathbb{F}G)$ with $e_B \in \sum \mathcal{K}$. Then $Z(\mathbb{F}B) \leq K$ for some $K \in \mathcal{K}$.

Proof: Since $e_B = e_B^2 \in \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}} e_B K$ there exists $K \in \mathcal{K}$ with $e_B K \not\leq J(Z(\mathbb{F}B))$. Since by 2.2.4 all elements in $Z(\mathbb{F}B) \setminus J(Z(\mathbb{F}B))$ are invertible, $Z(\mathbb{F}B) = e_B K \leq K$. \square

Definition 6.6.9 [sybl] Let B be a block. Then $\text{Syl}(B) := \text{Syl}(e_B)$. The members of $\text{Syl}(B)$ are called the defect groups of B .

Proposition 6.6.10 [sylo theorem for blocks] Let B be block of G . Then G acts transitively on $\text{Syl}(B)$.

Proof: Let \mathfrak{D} be the set of orbits for G on $\text{Syl}(B)$. Then clearly $\mathcal{C}_{\text{Syl}(B)} = \bigcup_{\mathcal{D} \in \mathfrak{D}} \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{D}}$ and so

$$e_B \in Z_{\text{Syl}(B)}(\mathbb{F}G) = \sum_{\mathcal{D} \in \mathfrak{D}} Z_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbb{F}G)$$

So by 6.6.8 $e_B \in Z_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbb{F}G)$ for some $\mathcal{D} \in \mathfrak{D}$. Thus by 6.6.7(d) implies $\text{Syl}(B) = \text{Syl}(e_B) \prec \mathcal{D}$. Since $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \text{Syl}(e_B)$ we get $\text{Syl}(e_B) = \mathcal{D}$. \square

Definition 6.6.11 [def: defect class] *Let B be a block and $C \in \mathcal{C}(G)$. Then C is called a defect class of B provided that $\lambda_B(a_C) \neq 0 \neq \epsilon_B(g_C)$.*

Lemma 6.6.12 [existence of defect class] *Every block has at least one defect class.*

Proof: We have $e_B = \sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}(G)} e_B(g_C) a_C$ and so

$$1 = \lambda_B(e_B) = \sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}(G)} e_B(g_C) \lambda(a_C).$$

Proposition 6.6.13 [min-max] *Let B be a block of G and C a conjugacy class.*

- (a) [a] *If $\lambda_B(a_C) \neq 0$, then $\text{Syl}(B) \prec \text{Syl}(C)$.*
- (b) [b] *If $\epsilon_B(a_C) \neq 0$ then $\text{Syl}(C) \prec \text{Syl}(B)$*
- (c) [c] *If C is a defect class of B , then $\text{Syl}(C) = \text{Syl}(B)$.*

Proof: (a) Since $\lambda_B(a_C) \neq 0$ and $a_C \in Z_{\text{Syl}(C)}(\mathbb{F}G)$ we have $Z_{\text{Syl}(C)}(\mathbb{F}G) \not\subseteq \ker \lambda_B$. Since λ_B has codimension 1 on $Z(\mathbb{F}G)$ we conclude

$$Z(\mathbb{F}G) = \ker \lambda_B + Z_{\text{Syl}(C)}(\mathbb{F}G)$$

Since $e_B \notin \ker \lambda_B$ 6.6.8 implies $e_B \in Z_{\text{Syl}(C)}(\mathbb{F}G)$. Thus by 6.6.7(d), $\text{Syl}(B) \prec \text{Syl}(C)$.

(b) This follows from 6.6.7(j).

(c) Follows from (a) and (b). \square

Lemma 6.6.14 [ac in jzfg] *Let $C \in \mathcal{C}(G)$ with $C \cap C_G(O_p(G)) = 1$, then $a_C \in J(Z(\mathbb{F}(G)))$ and so $\lambda_B(a_C) = 0$ for all blocks B .*

Proof: Let $M \in \mathcal{S}_p(G)$ and let P be an orbit for $O_p(G)$ on C and $g \in P$. By assumption $|P| \neq 1$ and so $p \mid |P|$. By 6.4.16 $\rho_M(O_p(G)) = 1$ and so $\rho_M(g) = \rho_M(g^p)$ for all $g \in O_p(G)$. Thus $\rho_M(a_P) = |P| \rho_M(g) = 0$ and so also $\rho_M(a_C) = 0$. Thus $a_C \in J(\mathbb{F}(G))$. 6.3.4 completes the proof. \square

Lemma 6.6.15 [defect classes] *All defect class of G are contained in $C_G(O_p(G))$.*

Proof: Let C be a defect class of the block B . Then $\lambda_B(a_C) \neq 0$ and so $a_C \notin J(Z(\mathbb{F}B))$. Thus by 6.6.14 $C \cap C_G(O_p(G)) \neq \emptyset$. Since G is transitive on C , $C \subseteq C_G(O_p(G))$. \square

Proposition 6.6.16 [opg in defect group]

- (a) [a] $O_p(G)$ is contained in any defect group of any block of G .
- (b) [b] If P is a defect group of some block of G and $P \trianglelefteq G$ then $P = O_p(G)$.
- (a) Let B be a block, C a defect class of B . By 6.6.15 $O_p(G) \leq C_G(g_C)$ and so $O_p(G) \leq D_C$.
- (b) Follows immediately from (a) \square

Definition 6.6.17 [def:brauer map] Let P be a p -subgroup. Then $\text{Br}_P : Z(\mathbb{F}G) \rightarrow Z(\mathbb{F}C_G(P)), a \mapsto a|_{C_G(P)}$ is called the Brauer map of P .

Proposition 6.6.18 [basic brauer map]

- (a) [a] Let $K \subseteq G$. Then $\text{Br}_P(a_K) = a_{K \cap C_G(P)}$.
- (b) [b] Br_P is an algebra homomorphism.
- (c) [c] If $C_G(P) \leq H \leq N_G(P)$ then $\text{Im } \text{Br}_P \leq Z(\mathbb{F}H)$ and so we obtain algebra homomorphism

$$\text{Br}_P^H : Z(\mathbb{F}G) \rightarrow Z(\mathbb{F}H), a \mapsto \text{Br}_P(a)$$

Proof: (a) is obvious.

(b) Let $A, B \in \mathcal{C}(G)$. We need to show that $\text{Br}_P(a_A a_B) = \text{Br}_P(a_A) \text{Br}_P(a_B)$. Let $g \in C_G(P)$. Then the coefficient of g in $\text{Br}_P(a_A a_B)$ is the order of the set

$$\{(a, b) \in A \times B \mid ab = g\}$$

The coefficient of g in $\text{Br}_P(a_A a_B)$ is the order of

$$\{(a, b) \in A \times B \mid a \in C_G(P), b \in C_G(P), ab = g\}$$

Since P centralizes g , P acts on the first set and the second set consists of the fixedpoints of P . So the size of the two sets are equal modulo p and (b) holds.

(c) Let $\alpha : \mathbb{F}G \rightarrow \mathbb{F}C_G(P)$ be the restriction map. Since $C_G(P) \trianglelefteq H$, $\alpha(hah^{-1}) = \alpha(hah^{-1})$ for all $a \in G$ and all $h \in H$. Hence the same is true for all $a \in \mathbb{F}G$, $h \in H$. Thus $\text{Im } \text{Br}_P = \alpha(Z(\mathbb{F}G)) \leq Z(\mathbb{F}H)$. \square

Lemma 6.6.19 [kernel of brauer map] Let P be a p -subgroup of G .

(a) [a] Let $C \in \mathcal{C}(G)$. Then $C \cap C_G(P) \neq \emptyset$ iff $P \prec \text{Syl}(C)$.

(b) [b]

$$\ker \text{Br}_P = \mathbb{F}\langle a_C \mid C \in \mathcal{C}(G), P \not\prec \text{Syl}(C) \rangle$$

Proof: (a) $C \cap C_G(P) \neq \emptyset$ iff $P \leq C_G(g)$ for some $g \in C$ and so iff $P \leq D$ for some $D \in \text{Syl}(C)$, that is iff $P \prec \text{Syl}(C)$.

(b) Let $z = \sum_{g \in G} z(g)g = \sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}(G)} z(g_C)a_C \in \mathbb{Z}(\mathbb{F}(G))$. Then $\text{Br}_P(z) = 0$ iff $z(g) = 0$ for all $g \in P$, iff $z(g_C) = 0$ for all $C \in \mathcal{C}$ with $C \cap P \neq \emptyset$ and iff $z \in \mathbb{F}\langle a_C \mid C \cap P = \emptyset \rangle$. So (a) implies (b). \square

Proposition 6.6.20 [defect and brauer map] Let B be a block of G and P be a p -subgroup of G .

(a) [a] $\text{Br}_P(e_B) \neq 0$ iff $P \prec \text{Syl}(B)$.

(b) [b] $P \in \text{Syl}(B)$ iff P is p -subgroup maximal with respect to $\text{Br}_P(e_B) \neq 0$.

Proof: (a) By 6.6.19(b), $\text{Br}_P(e_P) \neq 0$ iff $e_B \notin \mathbb{F}\langle a_C \mid C \in \mathcal{C}(G), P \not\prec \text{Syl}(C) \rangle$ and so iff $P \prec \text{Syl}(C)$ for some $C \in \mathcal{C}(G)$ with $e_B(g_C) \neq 0$.

If $P \prec \text{Syl}(B)$, then by 6.6.13(c), $P \prec \text{Syl}(C)$ for any defect class C of B . Thus $\text{Br}_P(e_B) \neq 0$.

Conversely suppose $\text{Br}_P(e_P) \neq 0$ and let $C \in \mathcal{C}(G)$ with $e_B(g_C) \neq 0$ and $P \prec \text{Syl}(C)$. By 6.6.13(b), $\text{Syl}(C) \prec \text{Syl}(B)$ and so (a) is proved.

(b) follows immediately from (a). \square

Definition 6.6.21 [def:lbg] Let $H \leq G$ and b a block of H .

(a) [a] $\lambda_b^G : \mathbb{Z}(\mathbb{F}G) \rightarrow \mathbb{F}, a \rightarrow \lambda_b(a|_H)$.

(b) [b] If λ_b^G is an algebra homomorphism, the b^G is the unique block of G with $\lambda_{b^G} = \lambda_b^G$.

Lemma 6.6.22 [syl(b) in syl(bg)] Let b be a block of $H \leq G$. If b^G is defined then $\text{Syl}(b) \prec \text{Syl}(b^G)$.

Proof: Let C be a defect class of B . Then $0 \neq \lambda_{b^G}(a_C) = \lambda_b^G(a_C) = \lambda_b(a_{C \cap H})$. It follows that there exists $c \in \mathcal{C}(H)$ with $c \subseteq C$ and $\lambda_b(a_c) \neq 0$. Hence by 6.6.13(a), $\text{Syl}(b) \prec \text{Syl}(c)$. Clearly $\text{Syl}(c) \prec \text{Syl}(C) = \text{Syl}(B)$ and the lemma is proved. \square

Proposition 6.6.23 [lbg=brplb] Suppose that P is a p -subgroup of G and $PC_G(P) \leq H \leq N_G(P)$.

(a) [a] $\lambda_b^G = \lambda_b \circ \text{Br}_P$ for all blocks b of H .

- (b) [b] b^G is defined for all blocks b of H .
- (c) [c] Let B be a block of G and b a block of H . Then $B = b^G$ iff $\lambda_b(\text{Br}_P(e_B)) = 1$.
- (d) [d] Let B be a block. Then $\text{Br}_P(e_B) = \sum \{e_b \mid b \in \text{Bl}(H), b^G = B\}$.
- (e) [e] Let B be a block of G . Then $B = b^G$ for some block b of H iff $P \prec \text{Syl}(B)$.

Proof: (a) Let $C \in (G)$ we have to show that

$$(*) \quad \lambda_b(a_{C \cap H}) = \lambda_b(a_{C \cap C_G(P)})$$

Since H normalizes $C \cap H$ and $C \cap C_G(P)$. $C \cap H \setminus C_G(P)$ is a union of conjugacy classes of H . Let $c \in C(H)$ with $c \subseteq C$ and $c \cap C_G(P) = \emptyset$. Since $P \leq O_p(H)$, $C_H(O_p(H)) \leq C_G(P)$ and thus $c \cap C_H(O_p(H)) = 1$. 6.6.14 implies $a_c \in J(Z(\mathbb{F}H))$ and so $\lambda_b(a_c) = 0$. This implies (*) and so (a) holds.

(b) Since both Br_P and λ_b are homomorphism this follows from (a).

(c) By (b) $\lambda_b(\text{Br}_P(e_B)) = \lambda_{b^G}(e_B) = \delta_{B, b^G}$.

(d) Since Br_P is a homomorphism, $\text{Br}_P(e_B)$ is either zero or an idempotent in $Z(\mathbb{F}H)$. Hence by 6.5.16(b) (applied to H $\text{Br}(e_B) = e_T$ for some (possibly empty) $T \subseteq \text{Bl}(H)$). Let $b \in \text{Bl}(H)$. The $\lambda_b(e_T) = 1$ if $b \in T$ and 0 otherwise. So by (c), $T = \{b \in \text{Bl}(H) \mid B = b^G\}$.

(e) By (d) $\text{Br}_P(e_B) \neq 0$ iff there exists $b \in \text{Bl}(H)$ with $B = b^G$. Thus (e) follows from 6.6.20(a). \square

Definition 6.6.24 [def:G—P] Let P be a p -subgroup of G . Then $\mathcal{C}(G|P) = \{C \in \mathcal{C}(G) \mid P \in \text{Syl}(C)\}$ and $\text{Bl}(G|P) = \{B \in \text{Bl}(G) \mid P \in \text{Syl}(B)\}$.

Proposition 6.6.25 [defect opg] Let B be a block of G with defect group $O_p(G)$. Then $\text{Syl}(C) = \{O_p(G)\}$ for all $C \in \mathcal{C}(G)$ with $e_B(g_C) \neq 0$ and so $e_B \in \mathbb{C}\langle a_C \mid C \in \mathcal{C}(G|O_p(G)) \rangle$

Proof: Let $C \in \mathcal{C}(G)$ with $e_B(g_C) \neq 0$. Then by 6.6.13(b), $\text{Syl}(C) \prec \text{Syl}(B) = \{O_p(G)\}$. On the other hand $b = B$ is the unique block of G with $B = b^G$ and so by 6.6.23(d), $\text{Br}_{O_p(G)}(e_B) = e_B$. It follows that $C \leq C_G(O_p(G))$ and so $O_p(G) \prec \text{Syl}(C)$. \square

Lemma 6.6.26 [first for classes] Let P be a p -subgroup of G . Then the map

$$\mathcal{C}(G|P) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(N_G(P)|P), C \mapsto C \cap C_G(P)$$

is a well defined bijection.

Proof: Let $C \in \mathcal{C}(G|P)$. To show that our map is well defined we have to show that $C \cap C_G(P)$ is a conjugacy class for $N_G(P)$. Since $N_G(P)$ normalizes C and $C_G(P)$ it normalizes $C \cap C_G(P)$. Note that G acts transitively on the set $\{(x, Q) \mid x \in C, Q \in \text{Syl}_p(G) = \{(x, Q) \mid x \in C, Q \in \cong GP, [x, Q] = 1\}\}$. Let $x \in C$. Then $C_G(x)$ acts transitively on $\text{Syl}_p(C_G(x))$ and so by 1.1.10 $N_G(P)$ is transitive on $C \cap C_G(P)$. So $C \cap C_G(P)$ is a conjugacy class of $N_G(P)$.

Since distinct conjugacy classes are disjoint, our map is injective. Let $L \in \mathcal{C}(N_G(P)|P)$ and let C be the unique conjugacy class of G containing L . Let $x \in L$. Since $P \in \text{Syl}(L)$ and $P \trianglelefteq N_G(P)$, $\text{Syl}(L) = \{P\}$ and so $P \in \text{Syl}_p(N_G(P) \cap C_G(x))$. Let $P \leq Q \in \text{Syl}_p(C_G(x))$. Then $P \text{leq} N_Q(P) \in N_G(P) \cap C_G(x)$ and so $P = N_Q(P)$. 1.4.5(c) implies $P = Q$ and so $P \in \text{Syl}(C)$ and $C \in \mathcal{C}(G|P)$. Since $C \cap C_G(P)$ is a conjugacy class of $N_G(P)$, $C \cap C_G(P) = L$ and so our map is onto. \square

Theorem 6.6.27 (Brauer's First Main Theorem) [first] *Let P be a p -subgroup of G .*

(a) [a] *The map $\text{Bl}(N_G(P)|P) \rightarrow \text{Bl}(G|P), b \rightarrow b^G$ is well defined bijection.*

(b) [b] *Let $B \in \text{Bl}(G|P)$ and $b \in \text{Bl}(N_G(P)|P)$, then $B = b^G$ iff $\text{Br}_P(e_B) = e_b$.*

Proof: Let b be a block of $N_G(P)$ with defect group P . Since $P \trianglelefteq N_G(P)$, $\text{Syl}(b) = \{P\}$. By 6.6.23 b^G is defined and $\lambda_{b^G} = \lambda_b^G = \lambda_b \circ \text{Br}_P$. To show that our map is well defined we need to show P is a defect group of b^G . Let L be a defect class of b . Then by 6.6.13(c), $\text{Syl}(L) = \text{Syl}(b) = \{P\}$ and thus $L \in \mathcal{C}(N_G(P)|P)$. Let C be the unique conjugacy class of G containing L . By 6.6.26 $P \in \text{Syl}(C)$ and $C \cap C_G(P) = L$. Hence

$$\lambda(b^G)(a_C) = \lambda(\text{Br}_P(a_C)) = \lambda_b(a_{C \cap C_G(P)}) = \lambda_b(a_L) \neq 0$$

Thus by 6.6.13(a), $\text{Syl}(b^G) \prec \text{Syl}(C)$ and so P contains a defect group of $\text{Syl}(b^G)$. By 6.6.22, $\{P\} = \text{Syl}(b) \prec \text{Syl}(b^G)$. Thus P is contained in a defect group of b^G . Hence P is a defect group of b^G .

To show that $b \rightarrow b^G$ is onto let $B \in \text{Bl}(G|P)$. Let T be the set of blocks of $N_G(P)$ with $B = b^G$. Then by 6.6.23(d), $e_B = e_T$ and by 6.6.23(e), $T \neq \emptyset$. Let $b \in T$. Since $P \leq O_p(N_G(P))$, 6.6.16 implies that P is contained in any defect group of b . By 6.6.22 any defect groups of b is contained in a defect group of $B = b^G$. Thus P is a defect group of b .

Finally assume that $b^G = d^G$ for some $b, d \in \text{Bl}(N_G(P)|P)$. Then $\lambda_b \circ \text{Br}_P = \lambda_{b^G} = \lambda_d \circ \text{Br}_P$. Thus $\lambda_b(a_{C \cap C_G(P)}) = \lambda_d(a_{C \cap C_G(P)})$ for all $C \in \mathcal{C}(G)$. Hence by 6.6.26, $\lambda_b(a_L) = \lambda_d(a_L)$ for all $L \in \mathcal{C}(N_G(P)|P)$. Observe that by 6.6.16(b), $P = O_p(N_G(P))$ and so by 6.6.25 e_b is a \mathbb{C} -linear combination of the $a_L, L \in \mathcal{C}(N_G(P)|P)$. Thus

$$1 = \lambda_b(e_b) = \lambda_d(e_b) = \delta_{bd}$$

and $b = d$. So our map is 1-1. \square

Corollary 6.6.28 [p=opng] *Let P be the defect group of some block of G . Then $P = O_p(N_G(P))$.*

Proof: By 6.6.27 P is a defect group of some block of $N_G(P)$. So by 6.6.16(b), $P = O_p(N_G(P))$. \square

6.7 Brauer's Second Main Theorem

Lemma 6.7.1 [x invertible in zag] *Let B be block of G and $x \in Z(\mathbb{A}_I G)$ with $\lambda_B(x^*) = 1$. Then there exists $y \in f_B Z(\mathbb{A}_I G)$ with $yx = f_B$.*

Proof: Since $\lambda_B((f_B x)^*) = \lambda_B(e_B) \lambda_B(x) = 1$ we may replace x by $f_B x$ and assume that $x \in f_B Z(\mathbb{A}_I G)$. Then $f_B x = x$, $e_B x^* = x^*$ and $x^* \in \mathbb{F}B$. Since $\lambda_B(x^*) = 1 \lambda_B(e_B)$ and $\ker \lambda_B \cap Z(\mathbb{F}B) = J(Z(\mathbb{F}B))$ we conclude for 6.7.1 that x^* is invertible in $Z(\mathbb{F}B) = e_B Z(\mathbb{F}G) = (f_B Z(\mathbb{A}_I G))^*$. So there exists $u \in f_B Z(\mathbb{A}_I G)$ with $(ux)^* = e_B$. Observe that $\ker(*: \mathbb{A}_I H \rightarrow \mathbb{F}G) = I_I G = J(A_I) \cdot \mathbb{A}_I G$ and $ux \in f_B \cdot \mathbb{A}_I G \cdot f_B$. Thus 6.3.5 shows that there exists a unique $v \in f_B \cdot \mathbb{A}_I G \cdot f_B$ with $vux = f_B$. Let $g \in G$. Then $t \cong gv \cdot ux = {}^g(vux) = {}^g f_B = f_B$ and so by uniqueness of v , ${}^g v = v$ and $v \in Z(\mathbb{A}_I G)$. So the lemma holds with $y = vu$. \square

Lemma 6.7.2 [fb on fbprime] *Let $H \leq G$, b a block of H . Suppose that b^G is define and put $B = b^G$. Then there exists $w \in \mathbb{A}_I(G \setminus H)$ such that*

$$(a) \text{ [a] } f_b f_{B'} = w f_{B'}.$$

$$(b) \text{ [b] } f_b w = w = w f_b.$$

$$(c) \text{ [c] } H \text{ centralizes.}$$

Proof: Let $x = f_B \mid_H$ and $z = f_B \mid_{H \setminus H}$. Then $f_B = a + c$. By definition of $B = B^G$, $\lambda_B = \lambda_b^G$ and so

$$1 = \lambda_B(e_B) = \lambda_n(e_B \mid H) = \lambda_B((f_B \mid_H)^*) = \lambda_B(x^*).$$

Hence by 6.7.1 applied to H in place of G there exists $y \in f_B Z(\mathbb{A}_I H)$ with $yx = f_B$. Put $w = -yz$ and note that H centralizes w . Since $H \cdot (G \setminus H) \subseteq G \setminus H$, $w \in \mathbb{A}_I(G \setminus H)$. Since $f_b y = f_b$ also $f_b w = w$. It remains to prove (a).

$$y f_B = y(x + z) = yx + yz = f_B - w$$

Hence

$$(f_b - w) f_{B'} = y f_B f_{B'} = 0$$

This (a) holds.

Lemma 6.7.3 [p partition]

(a) [a] Let $\langle h \rangle$ be a finite cyclic group acting on a set Ω . Suppose h_p acts fixed-point freely on Ω . Then there exists an $\langle h \rangle$ -invariant partition of $(\Omega_i)_{i \in \mathbb{F}_p}$ of Ω with $h\Omega_i = \Omega_{i+1}$.

(b) [b] If $h \leq H \leq G$ with $C_H(h_p) \leq H$, S a ring and $w \in S[G \setminus H]$. If h centralizes w , then there exists $w_i \in S[G \setminus H]$, $i \in \mathbb{F}_p$ with $hw_ih^{-1} = w_{i+1}$ and $\sum_{i \in \mathbb{F}_p} w_i = w$.

(a) Put $H = \langle h \rangle$ act transitively on Ω . Let Ω_0 be an orbit for H^p on Ω . Suppose that $\Omega_0 = \Omega$. Then by the Frattinargument, $H = H^p C_H(\omega)$ and so $H/C_H(\omega)$ is a p' group. Thus $h_p \in C_H(\omega)$ contrary to the assumptions. Thus $\Omega_0 \neq \Omega$. Since $H^p \trianglelefteq H$, $H/H^p \cong C_p$ acts transitively on the set of orbits of H^p on Ω . So (a) holds with $\Omega_i = h^i \Omega_0$, for $i \in \mathbb{F}_p$.

(b) Since $C_G(h_p) \leq H$, h_p acts fixed-point freely on $G \setminus H$ via conjugation. Let Ω_i be as in (a) with $\Omega = G \setminus H$ and put $w_i = w|_{\Omega_i}$. Then clearly $w = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{F}_p} w_i$. Now

$${}^h w_i = {}^h(w|_{\Omega_i}) = {}^h w|_{{}^h \Omega_i} = w|_{\Omega_{i+1}} = w_{i+1}$$

and (b) is proved.

Lemma 6.7.4 [eigenvector for h] Let $H \leq G$ and b a block for G . Suppose that $B = b^G$ us defined and that $h \in H$ with $C_G(h_p) \in H$.

(a) [a] Let $\omega \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\omega^p = 1$. If $f_{B'} f_b \neq 0$, then there exists a unit t in the ring $f_{B'} f_b \cdot \mathbb{A}_I G \cdot f_{B'} f_b$ with ${}^h t = \omega t$.

(b) [b] If $\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)$ with $\chi \notin B$. Then $\chi(h f_b) = 0$.

Proof: (a) Let w be as in 6.7.2. By 6.7.3(b) there exists $w_i \in \mathbb{A}_I G$ with $w = s \sum_{i \in \mathbb{F}_p} w_i$ and ${}^h w_i = w_{i+1}$. By 6.7.2(b), $w = f_b w f_b$ and so replacing w_i by $f_b w_i f_b$ we may assume that $w_i \in f_b \cdot \mathbb{A}_I G \cdot f_b$. Put $s = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{F}_p} \omega^i w_i$. Then clearly ${}^h s = \omega s$ and $s \in f_b \cdot \mathbb{A}_I G \cdot f_b$. Put $t = f_{B'} s$. $f_{B'} \in Z(\mathbb{A}_I G)$ is a central idempotent, $t \in f_{B'} f_b \cdot \mathbb{A}_I G \cdot f_{B'} f_b$ and ${}^h t = \omega t$. To complete the proof of (a) we need to show that t is unit in the ring $f_{B'} f_b \cdot \mathbb{A}_I G \cdot f_{B'} f_b$.

Since \mathbb{F} has no element of multiplicative order p , $\omega^* = 1$ and so $s^* = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{F}_p} w_i^* = w^*$ and so by 6.7.2(a),

$$f_{B'} f_b)^* = (f_{B'} w)^* = (f_{B'} s)^* = t^*$$

So 6.3.5 applied with the idempotent $f = f_{B'} f_b$ yields that t is a unit in $f_{B'} f_b \cdot \mathbb{A}_I G \cdot f_{B'} f_b$.

(b) Let $M \in \mathcal{S}(G)$ with $\chi = \chi_M$. Put $V = f_b M$. Observe that V is a $\mathbb{C}H$ submodule of M . Moreover, $M = \mathbb{A}_M(f_b) \oplus V$ and f_b acts as id_V on V . Thus $\chi_M(h f_b) = \chi_V(f_b)$. Since $\chi \notin B$, $f_B M = 0$ and so $f_{B'}$ act as identity on M and on V . So also $f_{B'} f_b$ acts as identity on V . The $V = f_{B'} f_b M$ is a module for the ring $f_{B'} f_b \cdot \mathbb{A}_I G \cdot f_{B'} f_b$.

If $V = 0$ clearly (b) holds. So suppose $V \neq 0$ and so also $f_{B'} f_b \neq 0$.

For L be the set of eigenvalues for h on V and for $l \in L$ let V_l be the corresponding eigenspace. Then $V = \bigoplus_{l \in L} V_l$. Let ω be a primitive p -root of unity in U and choose t as in (a). Then t is invertible on V . Moreover, if $l \in L$ and $v \in V_l$, then $htv = hth^{-1}hv = \omega tl v = (\omega l)tv$. Thus $tV_l \leq V_{\omega l}$. In particular $t^p V_l = V_{t^p l} = V_l$ and since t^p is invertible, $t^p V_l = V_l$ and so also $tV_l = V_{tl}$. In particular $\langle \omega \rangle$ acts on L by left multiplication and $\dim V_l = \dim V_{\omega l}$. Let L_0 be a set of representatives for the orbits of $\langle \omega \rangle$ in L . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_V(h) &= \sum_{l \in L} \chi_{V_l}(h) = \sum_{l \in L} l \dim V_l \\ &= \sum_{l \in L_0} \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \omega^i l \dim V_{\omega^i l} = \sum_{l \in L_0} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \omega^i \right) l \dim V_l = 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

Definition 6.7.5 [def:p-section] Let $x \in G$ be a p -element. Then $S_G(x) = S(x) = \{y \in G \mid y_p \in \langle x \rangle\}$ is called the p -section of x in G .

Lemma 6.7.6 [basic p-section] Let $x \in G$ be a p -element and Y a set of representatives for the p' -conjugacy classes in $C_G(x)$. Then $\{xy \mid y \in Y\}$ is a set of representatives for the conjugacy classes of G in $S(x)$.

Proof: Any $s \in S(x)$ is uniquely determined by the pair $(s_p, s_{p'})$. So the lemma follows from 1.1.10 □

Definition 6.7.7 [def:bx] Let $x \in G$ be a p -element and B a block p -block and $\theta \in \mathbb{C}G$.

(a) [a] Let T a block or a set of blocks. Then $\theta_T : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid g \rightarrow \theta(f_T g)$.

(b) [b] $\theta^x : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, x \rightarrow \theta(xh)$.

(c) [c] $B^x = \{b \in \text{Bl}(C_G(x)) \mid b^G = B\}$.

Lemma 6.7.8 [fchi selfadjoint] Let $T \subseteq \text{Irr}(G)$. Then

(a) [a] $f_{T^\circ} = \overline{f_T}$

(b) [b] $(af_T \mid b) = (a \mid bf_T)$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{C}G$.

Proof: By linearity we may assume $T = \{\chi\}$ for some $\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)$.

(a) Since $\chi^\circ = \overline{\chi}$ and $f_\chi = \frac{\chi(1)}{|G|} \overline{\chi}$ we have $f_{\chi^\circ} = \overline{f_\chi}$.

(b) By (a) $\overline{f_\chi} = f_\chi$ and 3.4.2(c) implies $(af_\chi \mid b) = (a \mid bf_\chi)$.

Lemma 6.7.9 [dual of a block] Let B be a block.

(a) [a] $\overline{B} = \{\psi \mid \psi \in B\}$ is a block.

$$(b) \text{ [b] } \lambda_{\overline{B}}(a) = \lambda_B(a^\circ).$$

$$(c) \text{ [c] } f_{\overline{B}} = \overline{f}_B = f_B^\circ.$$

$$(d) \text{ [d] } e_{\overline{B}} = e_B^\circ.$$

Proof: (a) and (b): Let $\psi \in B$ and M the corresponding module. Then $\overline{\psi}$ correspond to M^* . By the definition of the action of a group ring on the dual $\rho_{M^*}(a) = \rho_M(a^\circ)^{\text{dual}}$. It follows that $\lambda_{\overline{\psi}}(a) = \lambda_\psi(a^\circ)$. Thus $\lambda_\alpha = \lambda_\beta$ iff $\lambda_{\overline{\alpha}} = \lambda_{\overline{\beta}}$ and so (a) and (b) hold.

(c): Clearly $f_{\overline{B}} = \overline{f}_B$. By 6.7.8, $\overline{f}_B = f_T^\circ$ and so (c) holds.

(d): Apply $*$ to (c). □

Lemma 6.7.10 [theta b] *Let T be a block or or a set of blocks and $\theta \in \mathbb{C}G$. Then $\theta_B = \theta f_{\overline{B}}$.*

Proof: Let $b \in G$. Then by 6.7.8

$$\theta_T(b) = \theta(f_B b) = |G|(\theta \mid \overline{f_T b}) = |G|(\theta \overline{f_T} \mid \overline{b}) = (\theta f_{\overline{B}})(b).$$

□

Lemma 6.7.11 [theta fb] *Let B be a block.*

(a) [a] $\text{Irr}(B)$ is a basis for $\mathbb{C}\overline{B} := \mathbb{C}G f_B$.

(b) [b] Both $\text{IBr}(G)$ and $(\Phi_\phi \mid \phi \in \text{IBr}(G))$ are a basis for $\mathbb{C}\tilde{\overline{B}}$, where $\mathbb{C}\tilde{\overline{B}} := \mathbb{C}\tilde{G} \cap \mathbb{C}B$.

(c) [c] If $\chi \in \text{Irr}(B)$, then $\tilde{\chi} \in \mathbb{F}\overline{B}$.

(d) [d] For all $\theta \in \mathbb{Z}(\mathbb{C}G)$, $\widetilde{\theta f_B} = \tilde{\theta} f_B$ and $\tilde{\theta}_B = \tilde{\theta}$.

(e) [e] Let $\theta \in \mathbb{Z}(\mathbb{C}G)$ and B a block of G . Then $\theta f_B = \sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(\overline{B})} (\theta \mid \chi) \chi$.

Proof: (a): Let $\chi \in \text{Irr}(B)$. Then $\chi = \frac{|G|}{\phi(1)} f_{\overline{\chi}} \in \mathbb{C}G \overline{B}$ and so (a) holds.

(b) Let $\phi \in \text{IBr}(B)$. Then by (a)

$$\Phi_\psi = \sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(B)} d_{\phi\chi} \chi \in \mathbb{C}\overline{B}$$

and so $(\Phi_\phi \mid \phi \in \text{IBr}(G))$ is a basis for $\mathbb{C}\tilde{\overline{B}}$. Moreover,

$$\phi = \sum_{\psi \in \text{IBr}(B)} (\phi \mid \psi) \Phi_\psi \in \mathbb{C}\overline{B}$$

and so (b) holds.

(c) $\tilde{\chi} = \sum_{\phi \in \text{IBr}(B)} d_{\phi\chi} \phi$. So (c) follows from (b).

(d) By linearity we may assume that $\theta \in \text{Irr}(G)$. If $\theta \in \overline{B}$ then by (b) and (c)

$$\tilde{\theta} f_B = \tilde{\theta} = \widetilde{\theta f_B}$$

and if $\theta \notin \overline{B}$, then

$$\tilde{\theta} f_B = 0 = \tilde{0} = \widetilde{\theta f_B}$$

So the first statement holds. The second now follows from 6.7.10

(e) follows from $\theta = \sum_{\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)} (\theta \mid \chi) \chi$ and (a). \square

Lemma 6.7.12 [decomposing theta x] *Let $x \in G$ be a p -element, B a block of G .*

(a) [a] *If $\chi \in \text{Irr}(B)$, then $\widetilde{\chi^x} = \widetilde{\chi^x}_{B^x}$.*

(b) [b] *Let $\theta \in \text{Z}(\mathbb{C}G)$, then $((\theta_B)^x) = (\tilde{\theta}^x)_{B^x}$.*

Proof: (a) Let $b \in \text{Bl}(C_G(x)) \setminus B^x$ and $y \in \widetilde{C_G(x)}$. Then

$$\widetilde{\chi^x}_b(y) = \widetilde{\chi^x}(f_b y) \stackrel{6.7.11(d)}{=} \chi^x(f_b y) = \chi(f_b x y) \stackrel{6.7.4(b)}{=} 0$$

Thus $\widetilde{\chi^x}_b = 0$ and so $\widetilde{\chi^x} = \sum_{b \in \text{IBr}(C_G(x))} \widetilde{\chi^x}_b = \sum_{b \in \text{IBr}(B^x)} \widetilde{\chi^x}_b = \widetilde{\chi^x}_{B^x}$.

(b) By linearity we may assume $\theta \in \text{Irr}(G)$ and say $\theta \in A \in \text{Bl}(G)$. So (b) follows from (a). \square

\square

Theorem 6.7.13 [my second] *Let \mathcal{X} a set of representatives for the p -element classes. Define*

$$\mu : \text{Z}(\mathbb{C}G) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \widetilde{\text{ZCC}_G(x)}, \theta \rightarrow (\tilde{\theta}^x)_x$$

and

$$\nu : \bigoplus_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \widetilde{\text{ZCC}_G(x)} \rightarrow \text{Z}(\mathbb{C}G), (\tau_x)_x \rightarrow \theta$$

where $\theta(g) = \tau_x(y)$ for $x \in \mathcal{X}$ and $y \in \widetilde{C_G(x)}$ with $xy \in G_x$.

(a) [a] μ and ν are inverse to each other and so both are \mathbb{C} -isomorphism

(b) [b] $\mu(\widetilde{\text{ZCC}_G(x)}) = \text{ZCS}(x)$.

(c) [c] μ and ν are isometries.

(d) [d] $\text{Z}(\mathbb{C}G) = \bigoplus_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \text{ZCS}(x)$.

(e) [e] For each block B of G , $\Xi(Z(\mathbb{C}B)) = \bigoplus_{x \in X} Z\mathbb{C}\widetilde{B^x}$

(f) [f] $Z(\mathbb{C}B) = \bigoplus_{x \in X} \nu(Z\mathbb{C}\widetilde{B^x})$

Proof: Observe that by 6.7.6 ν is well defined. Also we view $Z\mathbb{C}\widetilde{C_G(x)}$ has subring of $\bigoplus_{x \in X} Z\mathbb{C}\widetilde{C_G(x)}$.

(a) and (b) are obvious.

(c) Let $r, x \in X$, $s \in \widetilde{C_G(r)}$ and $y \in \widetilde{C_G(x)}$. Let $C \neq D \in \mathcal{C}(G)$, $E \in (C_G(x))$ and $F \in C_G(r)$ with $rs \in C, xy \in D$, $s \in E$ and $y \in F$. Then $\mu(a_C) = a_E$ and $\mu(a_D) = F$. Since $C \neq D$ either $x \neq y$ or $E \neq F$ and in both cases $a_E \perp a_F$ in $\bigoplus_{x \in X} Z\mathbb{C}\widetilde{C_G(x)}$. Note that also $a_C \perp a_D$ in $Z(\mathbb{C}G)$. Moreover

$$(a_D | a_D)_G = \frac{|D|}{|G|} = \frac{1}{|C_G(xy)|} = \frac{1}{|C_{C_x}(y)|} = \frac{|F|}{|C_G(x)|} = (a_F | a_F)_{C_G(x)}$$

and so (c) holds.

(d) Follows since G is the disjoint union of the $opS(x), x \in X$. Alternatively it follows from (a) -(c).

(e) Follows from 6.7.12.

(f) follows from (e) and (c). □

Lemma 6.7.14 [x decomposition] Let $x \in G$. Define the complex $\text{IBr}(C_G(x)) \times \text{Irr}(G)$ -matrix $D^x = (d_{\phi\chi}^x)$ by

$$\tilde{\chi}^x = \sum_{\phi \in \text{Irr}(G)} \delta_{\phi\chi}^x \phi$$

any $\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)$ Then

$$d_{\phi\chi}^x = \sum_{\psi \in \text{Irr}(C_G(x))} (\chi |_H | \psi)_H \frac{\psi(x)}{\psi(1)} \phi(y)$$

Proof:

Let $\chi = \chi_M$ with $M \in \mathcal{S}(G)$ and $y \in \widetilde{C_G(x)}$. Then as an $C_G(x)$ -module, $M \cong \sum_{N \in \mathcal{S}(H)} N^{d_N}$ for some $d_N \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $x \in Z(C_G(x))$, x acts as a scalar λ_N^x on N . Then $\chi_N(f_B xy) = \lambda_N^x \chi_N(f_B y)$. Moreover f_B annihilates N if $N \notin \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{B})$ and acts as identity on N if $N \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{B})$. Hence

$$(*) \quad \chi(f_B xy) = \sum_{N \in \mathcal{S}(C_g(x))} d_N \lambda_N^x \chi_N(f_B y) = \sum_{N \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{B})} \chi_N(y)$$

Observe that $\delta_N = (\chi |_H | \chi_N)$, $\lambda_N^x = \frac{\chi_N(x)}{\chi_N(1)}$ and $\tilde{\chi}_N = \sum_{\phi \in \text{IBr}(C_G(x))} d_{\phi\chi_N} \phi_N$. Substitution into (*) gives the lemma. □

Theorem 6.7.15 (Brauer's Second Main Theorem) [second] *Let x be a p -element in G and $b \in \text{Bl}(C_G(x))$. If $\chi \in \text{Irr}(G)$ but $\chi \notin \text{Irr}(b^G)$, then $d_{\phi\chi}^x = 0$ for all $\phi \in \text{IBr}(G)$.*

Proof: Follows from 6.7.12(a).

Corollary 6.7.16 [chixy] *Let x be a p -element in G , $y \in C_G(x)$ a p' -element, B a block of B and $\chi \in \text{Irr}(B)$. Then*

$$\chi(xy) = \sum \{d_{\phi\chi}^x \mid b \in \text{Bl}(C_G(x)), B = b^G\}$$

Proof: This just rephrases 6.7.12(a).

Corollary 6.7.17 [gp in defect group] *Let B be a block of G , $\chi \in \text{Irr}(B)$ and $g \in G$. If $\chi(g) \neq 0$ then g_p is contained in a defect group of B ,*

Proof: Let $x = g_p, y = g_{p'}$. Since $\chi(g) = \chi(xy) \neq 0$, 6.7.16 implies that there exists $b \in \text{IBr}(G)$ with $B = b^G$. Since $x \in O_p(C_G(x))$ is contained in any defect group of b , 6.6.22 implies that x is contained in a defect group of B . \square

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