

Representation Theory Exercises — Sheet 11

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In this exercise sheet, G denotes a finite group, and we refer to a fixed prime p for the construction of Brauer characters. A p' -group is a group whose order is not divisible by p .

Exercise 44: Let H be a p' -subgroup of G . Prove that the character Φ_1 is a constituent of the character $(1_H)^G$.

Exercise 45: Let ρ_G denote the regular character of G . Prove that

$$\rho_G = \sum_{\varphi \in \text{IBr}(G)} \varphi(1)\Phi_\varphi \quad \text{and} \quad (\rho_G)^0 = \sum_{\varphi \in \text{IBr}(G)} \Phi_\varphi(1)\varphi.$$

Exercise 46: We say that a Brauer character λ of G is *linear* if $\lambda(1) = 1$. Let N be the smallest normal subgroup of G such that G/N is an abelian p' -group. Show that the map

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi : \text{Irr}(G/N) &\rightarrow \{\lambda \in \text{IBr}(G) \mid \lambda(1) = 1\} \\ \chi &\mapsto \chi^0 \end{aligned}$$

is a bijection. Conclude that the number of linear Brauer characters of G is $[G : G']_{p'}$.

[Note that $N = G'O^{p'}(G)$, where $O^{p'}(G)$ is the smallest of the normal subgroups $M \trianglelefteq G$ such that G/M is a p' -group.]

Exercise 47: Let $\varphi, \lambda \in \text{IBr}(G)$ with λ linear. Prove that $\lambda\varphi \in \text{IBr}(G)$. Moreover, prove that $\lambda(\Phi_\varphi)^0 = (\Phi_{\lambda\varphi})^0$.