

ON MULTIPLICATIVE INDUCTION

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ABSTRACT. Let G be a finite group and e be the proper trivial subgroup of G . We compute the value $\text{Jnd}_H^G(\ell[H/e])$ for a subgroup H of G in the Burnside ring $\Omega(G)$ for an integer ℓ . Their values induce integer valued polynomials.

1. NOTATION

Let G be a finite group and s_G be the set of all subgroups of G . Denote by gH the conjugate subgroup gHg^{-1} for $H \leq G$ and $g \in G$. Let $[s_G]$ be a set of representatives of G -conjugacy classes of s_G . If X is a finite G -set, write $[X]$ for the isomorphism class of finite G -sets containing X . Denote by X^S the S -fixed points of the G -set X . If X is a finite set, write $|X|$ for the cardinality of X . Denote by e the identity element of G . The proper trivial subgroup $\{e\}$ of G is also denoted by e . For two subgroups $S, H \leq G$ denote by $[S \backslash G/H]$ a set of representatives of double cosets of G by S and H .

2. MULTIPLICATIVE INDUCTIONS FOR BURNSIDE RINGS

Let $\Omega(G)$ be the Burnside ring of G . Then $\Omega(G)$ is a free $\mathbb{Z}$ -module with basis $\{[G/H] \mid H \in [s_G]\}$. The multiplication is defined by the Cartesian product. If $S \in s_G$, then there is a unique linear form $\varphi_S^G : \Omega(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\varphi_S^G([X]) = |X^S|$ for any finite G -set X . It is a ring homomorphism. The *mark homomorphism* is a ring homomorphism $\varphi^G = \prod_{(S) \in [s_G]} \varphi_S^G : \Omega(G) \rightarrow \tilde{\Omega}(G)$, where $\tilde{\Omega}(G) = \prod_{(S) \in [s_G]} \mathbb{Z}$ and it is called the *ghost ring* of G .

Lemma 2.1. *The ring homomorphism φ^G is injective.*

We recall some properties for tensor induction of Burnside rings. We refer to [Yo90] for more details. Let set^G be the category of finite G -sets. If $H \leq G$, then there is a functor

$$\text{Jnd}_H^G : \text{set}^H \rightarrow \text{set}^G$$

which has the values on objects

$$\text{Jnd}_H^G : X \mapsto \text{Map}_H(G, X),$$

where $\text{Map}_H(G, X)$ is the set of H -maps $\alpha : G \rightarrow X$ such that $\alpha(h \cdot g) = h \cdot \alpha(g)$ for all $h \in H, g \in G$, with the action of G defined by $(k \cdot \alpha)(g) = \alpha(gk)$ for $k \in G$, for an H -set X .

Lemma 2.2. *Let H be a subgroup of G and X be an H -set. If S is a subgroup of G , then*

$$\varphi_S^G(\text{Jnd}_H^G(X)) = \prod_{g \in [S \backslash G/H]} \varphi_{H \cap gS}^H(X).$$

Lemma 2.3. *Let H be a subgroup of G . If S is a subgroup of G and $q \in \mathbb{Z}$, then*

$$\varphi_S^G(\text{Jnd}_e^G(q[e/e])) = q^{|G/S|}.$$

Proof. By Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\varphi_S^G(\text{Jnd}_e^G(q[e/e])) = \prod_{g \in [S \backslash G/e]} \varphi_{e \cap gS}^e(q[e/e]) = \prod_{g \in [S \backslash G]} q \varphi_e^e([e/e]) = \prod_{g \in [S \backslash G]} q.$$

□

It has been shown by Gluck ([Gl81]) and independently by Yoshida ([Yo83]) that a formula of primitive idempotent e_H^G of $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra $\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \Omega(G)$ for $H \leq G$ can be expressed as

$$(2.1) \quad e_H^G = \frac{1}{|N_G(H)|} \sum_{K \subseteq H} |K| \mu(K, H) [G/K],$$

where $\mu(K, H)$ is the value of the Möbius function of s_G .

Denote by NH (resp. WH) $N_G(H)$ (resp. $H_G(H)/H$) for a subgroup H of G . Put $q^G = \text{Jnd}_H^G(q[e/e])$ for $q \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Lemma 2.4. *If G is a finite group and q is an integer, then*

$$q^G = \sum_{(D) \in [s_G]} |WD|^{-1} \sum_{S \leq G} \mu(D, S) q^{|G/S|} [G/D]$$

Proof. By Lemma 2.3 and idempotent formula (2.1), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} q^G &= \sum_{S \in [s_G]} \varphi_S^G(q^G) e_S^G \\ &= \sum_{S \in [s_G]} q^{|G/S|} |NS|^{-1} \sum_{D \leq S} |D| \mu(D, S) [G/D] \\ &= \sum_{S \leq G} (G : NS)^{-1} q^{|G/S|} |NS|^{-1} \sum_{D \leq G} |D| \mu(D, S) [G/D] \\ &= |G|^{-1} \sum_{D \leq G} |D| \left(\sum_{S \leq G} \mu(D, S) q^{|G/S|} \right) [G/D] \\ &= |G|^{-1} \sum_{D \in [s_G]} (G : ND) |D| \left(\sum_{S \leq G} \mu(D, S) q^{|G/S|} \right) [G/D] \\ &= \sum_{D \in [s_G]} |WD|^{-1} \left(\sum_{S \leq G} \mu(D, S) q^{|G/S|} \right) [G/D]. \end{aligned}$$

□

In particular, coefficients of $[G/D]$ in q^G as above are integers.

Proposition 2.5. *If G is a finite group and q is an integer, then*

$$|WD|^{-1} \sum_{S \leq G} \mu(D, S) q^{|G/S|}$$

is an integer for a subgroup D of G .

Substituting x for q we obtain integer-valued polynomials $f_D^G(x)$ as follows.

Theorem 2.6. *Let G be a finite group and put*

$$f_D^G(x) = \frac{1}{|WD|} \sum_{S \leq G} \mu(D, S) x^{|G/S|}$$

for subgroup D of G . Then $f_D^G(x)$ is an integer-valued polynomial.

3. TAMBARA FUNCTORS

In this section, we recall some notes on Tambara functors. For a G -map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ we consider a set

$$\Pi_f(A) = \left\{ (y, \sigma) \mid \begin{array}{l} y \in Y, \sigma : f^{-1}(y) \rightarrow A : \text{map} , \\ \alpha \circ \sigma = \text{id}_{f^{-1}(y)} \end{array} \right\}$$

with G -action defined by

$$g(y, \sigma) := (gy, {}^g\sigma), \quad {}^g\sigma(x) := g\sigma(g^{-1}x)$$

and denote by $\Pi_f \alpha$ the projection $(y, \sigma) \mapsto y$. For a G -map $\alpha : A \rightarrow X$ the pullback functor

$$\begin{aligned} f^* : \quad \text{set}^G/Y &\longrightarrow \text{set}^G/X, \\ (B \rightarrow Y) &\longmapsto (X \times_Y B \xrightarrow{\text{pr}} X) \end{aligned}$$

has a left adjoint functor

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_f : \quad \text{set}^G/X &\longrightarrow \text{set}^G/Y, \\ (A \xrightarrow{\alpha} X) &\longmapsto (A \xrightarrow{\alpha} X \xrightarrow{f} Y) \end{aligned}$$

and a right adjoint functor

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_f : \quad \text{set}^G/X &\longrightarrow \text{set}^G/Y, \\ (A \xrightarrow{\alpha} X) &\longmapsto (\Pi_f(A) \xrightarrow{\Pi_f \alpha} Y). \end{aligned}$$

Two natural transformations

$$\Sigma_f \xleftarrow{\Sigma_f \epsilon'} \Sigma_f f^* \Pi_f \xrightarrow{\epsilon \Sigma_f} \Pi_f,$$

give a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & A & \xleftarrow{e} X \times_Y \Pi_f A \\
 \alpha \swarrow & & \downarrow f' \\
 X & \xrightarrow{\quad EXP \quad} & \Pi_f A \\
 \downarrow f & & \downarrow \\
 Y & \xleftarrow{\pi_f \alpha} &
 \end{array}$$

where $e : X \times_Y \Pi_f A \ni (x, (y, \sigma)) \mapsto \sigma(x) \in A$ and f' is projection. In order to discuss the TNR-functors, this diagram is introduced by Tambara in [Ta93]. Brun called it Tambara functor in [Br05]. There are some works concerning about Tambara functors ([Na12a], [Na12b], [Na13], [OY11]).

Denote by **Set** the category of sets and maps and by $\mathbf{set}^G$ the category of finite G -sets and G -maps. For any G -sets X and Y we denote by $X + Y$ the disjoint union of them.

For any G -map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ we consider the triplet of functors

$$\mathbf{T} = (\mathbf{T}_!, \mathbf{T}^*, \mathbf{T}_*) : \mathbf{set}^G \longrightarrow \mathbf{Set},$$

consisting of a contravariant functor $\mathbf{T}^* : \mathbf{set}^G \longrightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ and two covariant functors $\mathbf{T}_!, \mathbf{T}_* : \mathbf{set}^G \longrightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ which coincide on the objects, and so we write

$$\mathbf{T}(X) := \mathbf{T}_!(X) = \mathbf{T}^*(X) = \mathbf{T}_*(X),$$

$$f_! := \mathbf{T}_!(f), f_* := \mathbf{T}_*(f) : \mathbf{T}(X) \longrightarrow \mathbf{T}(Y), f^* : \mathbf{T}(Y) \longrightarrow \mathbf{T}(X).$$

for any G -sets X, Y and any G -map $f : X \rightarrow Y$. A triplet $\mathbf{T} = (\mathbf{T}_!, \mathbf{T}^*, \mathbf{T}_*)$ is called a *semi-Tambara functor* if these functors satisfy the following axioms:

(T.1) (Additivity) If

$$X \xrightarrow{i} X + Y \xleftarrow{j} Y$$

is a coproduct diagram of finite G -sets, then

$$\mathbf{T}(X) \xleftarrow{i^*} \mathbf{T}(X + Y) \xrightarrow{j^*} \mathbf{T}(Y)$$

is a product diagram of sets; and $\mathbf{T}(\emptyset) = 0(= \{0\})$.

(T.2) (Pullback formula)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{a} & Y \\
 b \downarrow & PB & \downarrow c \\
 Z & \xrightarrow{d} & W
 \end{array}
 \Rightarrow
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{T}(X) & \xrightarrow{a_!} & \mathbf{T}(Y) \\
 b^* \uparrow & \circ & \uparrow c^* \\
 \mathbf{T}(Z) & \xrightarrow{d_!} & \mathbf{T}(W),
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{T}(X) & \xrightarrow{a_*} & \mathbf{T}(Y) \\
 b^* \uparrow & \circ & \uparrow c^* \\
 \mathbf{T}(Z) & \xrightarrow{d_*} & \mathbf{T}(W).
 \end{array}$$

(T.3) (Distributive law)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
X \xleftarrow{a} A \xleftarrow{e} X \times_Y \Pi_f A & & T(X) \xleftarrow{a_!} T(A) \xrightarrow{e^*} T(X \times_Y \Pi_f A) \\
f \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \text{EXP} \quad \quad \downarrow f' & \Rightarrow & f_* \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \circ \quad \quad \downarrow f'_* \\
Y \xleftarrow{q} \Pi_f A & & T(Y) \xleftarrow{q_!} T(\Pi_f A).
\end{array}$$

The axioms (T.1) and (T.2) mean that both of pairs $(T^*, T_!)$ and (T^*, T_*) form semi-Mackey functors (see 3.3 of [OY04]). If all $T(X)$ are commutative ring and $f_!$, f^* , f_* are homomorphisms of additive groups, rings, multiplicative monoids, respectively, then T is called a *Tambara functor*.

For any finite G -set X , let $\Omega_+(X)$ be the set of isomorphism classes $[A \rightarrow X]$ of finite G -sets over X . Then $\Omega_+(X)$ is a semiring by coproducts and products in the comma category $\mathbf{set}^G/X$. A G -map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ induces three maps:

$$\begin{aligned}
f_! &: \Omega_+(X) \rightarrow \Omega_+(Y); [A \xrightarrow{\alpha} X] \mapsto [A \xrightarrow{\alpha} X \xrightarrow{f} Y], \\
f^* &: \Omega_+(Y) \rightarrow \Omega_+(X); [B \rightarrow Y] \mapsto [X \times_Y B \xrightarrow{p_X} X], \\
f_* &: \Omega_+(X) \rightarrow \Omega_+(Y); [A \xrightarrow{\alpha} X] \mapsto [\Pi_f(A) \xrightarrow{\Pi_f \alpha} Y].
\end{aligned}$$

Then the family $\Omega_+(X)$, $f_!$, f^* , f_* form a semi-Tambara functor Ω_+ . By the Grothendieck ring construction, we have the Burnside ring functor Ω , which is a Tambara functor.

Lemma 3.1. *Let $f : G/H \rightarrow G/G$ be the canonical surjection for a subgroup $H \leq G$. If $\alpha : A \rightarrow G/H$ is a G -map to transitive G -set G/H , then there exists a G -isomorphism*

$$\Pi_f(A) \cong \text{Map}_H(G, \alpha^{-1}(eH)).$$

Proof. Since G/G is a set of cardinality 1 and f is surjective, we may identify

$$\Pi_f(A) = \{\sigma : G/H \rightarrow A \mid \sigma : \text{map}, \alpha \circ \sigma = \text{id}_{G/H}\}.$$

Then we see that the map $\varphi : \Pi_f(A) \rightarrow \text{Map}_H(G, \alpha^{-1}(eH))$,

$$\varphi : s \mapsto \varphi(s) : G \rightarrow \alpha^{-1}(eH) : g \mapsto gs(g^{-1}H)$$

gives the isomorphism. □

Let $f : G/H \rightarrow G/G$ be the canonical surjection and Ω be the Burnside Tambara functor. Then by Lemma 3.1, we see that the image $\Omega_*(f)([A \xrightarrow{\alpha} G/H])$ for the map $\Omega_*(f) : \Omega(G/H) \rightarrow \Omega(G/G)$ is

$$\Omega_*(f)([A \xrightarrow{\alpha} G/H]) = [\text{Map}_H(G, \alpha^{-1}(eH)) \rightarrow G/G].$$

By Lemma 2.4, we have the following result.

Proposition 3.2. *If $f : G/e \rightarrow G/G$ is the canonical surjection, q is an integer, and Ω is the Burnside Tambara functor. Then we have*

$$\Omega_*(f)(q[G/e \xrightarrow{\text{id}} G/e]) = \sum_{(D) \in [s_G]} |WD|^{-1} \sum_{S \leq G} \mu(D, S) q^{|G/S|} [G/D \rightarrow G/G].$$

4. NECKLACE POLYNOMIALS

In this section, we show that the polynomial $f_D^G(x)$ is a generalization of necklace polynomials. It is well known that the number $M(\alpha, n)$ of primitive necklaces of length n that can be constructed using a set of beads with α -colors is computed by a formula

$$M(\alpha, n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{d|n} \mu\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) \alpha^d = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \alpha^{\frac{n}{d}},$$

where μ is the classical Möbius function (see [MR83] for instance). It is called *necklace polynomial*. In this section, we show that there is a relationship between the equation of Theorem 2.6 and the necklace polynomials. Denote by C_n the cyclic group of order n . Denote by $\mathcal{S}_G$ the poset $(s_G, \leq)$ of the subgroups of G ordered by inclusion. Denote by $\mathcal{D}(n)$ the divisor poset of a positive integer n ordered by divisibility relation. If m is a divisor of n , then there exists an isomorphism of posets from the closed interval $[C_m, C_n]_{\mathcal{S}_G}$ to $\mathcal{D}\left(\frac{n}{m}\right)$. The following lemma is well known.

Lemma 4.1. *If C_d is an element of $[C_m, C_n]_{\mathcal{S}_G}$, then*

$$\mu_{\mathcal{S}_G}(C_m, C_d) = \mu_{\mathcal{D}\left(\frac{n}{m}\right)}\left(1, \frac{d}{m}\right).$$

In particular, $\mu_{\mathcal{S}_G}(C_m, C_d) = \mu\left(\frac{d}{m}\right)$.

Theorem 4.2. *If G is a cyclic group of order n , then $f_{C_m}^G(x) = M\left(x, \frac{n}{m}\right)$ for any divisor m of n .*

Proof. By the definition of $f_{C_m}^G(x)$ and Lemma 4.1,

$$\begin{aligned} f_{C_m}^G(x) &= |WC_m|^{-1} \sum_{S \leq C_n} \mu(C_m, S) x^{|G/S|} \\ &= \left|\frac{n}{m}\right|^{-1} \sum_{C_d \leq C_n} \mu(C_m, C_d) x^{|C_n/C_d|} \\ &= \left|\frac{n}{m}\right|^{-1} \sum_{\substack{d|m \\ \frac{d}{m}|\frac{n}{m}}} \mu\left(\frac{d}{m}\right) x^{\frac{n/m}{d/m}} \\ &= M\left(x, \frac{n}{m}\right). \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 4.2 and Theorem 2.6 show the following.

Corollary 4.3. *If G is a cyclic group of order n and ℓ is a positive integer, then*

$$\ell^G = \sum_{m|n} M\left(\ell, \frac{n}{m}\right) [G/C_m].$$

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