# Block idempotents of the crossed Burnside ring of $S_5$

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## 1 Crossed Burnside rings

This note is based on [OY 03]. The notation and terminology used in this note are standard. The reader may refer to any books on finite group theory, the representation theory of finite groups and [OY 01]. Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be a complete discrete valuation ring with quotient field  $\mathbb{K}$  and residue field k of characteristic p. Let P be a p-subgroup of G and e a p-block of  $\mathcal{O}C_G(P)$ . We define an idempotent

$$[P,e] = \sum_{\theta \in e} e_{P,\theta},$$

where  $e_{P,\theta}$ 's are primitive idempotents of  $\mathbb{K} \otimes X\Omega(G,\mathcal{P},G^c)$  indexed by P. We write  $\mathcal{B}(G)$  as the complete set of representatives of conjugacy classes of  $\{[P,e] \mid P \in \mathcal{P}, e \in Bl(C_G(P))\}$ . Let  $\sim_p$  be the equivalence relation on  $\mathcal{B}(G)$  defined by

$$[P, e] \sim_p [Q, f] \iff \omega_{P,n}(x) \equiv \omega_{Q,\theta}(x) \, \forall x \in X\Omega(G, \mathcal{P}, G^c),$$

where  $\eta \in e$  and  $\theta \in f$ . We pointed out the following theorems in [OY 03] without proof.

- (1.1) Theorem. Let  $Q \leq P \leq G$  and  $Q, P \in \mathcal{P}$ . Let (P, e) and (Q, f) be Brauer pairs of G. Then  $[P, e] \sim_p [Q, f]$  if and only if  $(P, e) \supseteq (Q, f)$ .
- (1.2) Theorem. Let b be a block of OG and

$$E_b = \sum_{(1,b)\subseteq (P,e)} [P,e].$$

Then the element  $E_b$  is a primitive idempotent of  $\mathcal{O}X\Omega(G,\mathcal{P},G^c)$ , and conversely any primitive idempotent of  $\mathcal{O}X\Omega(G,\mathcal{P},G^c)$  has this form.

## 2 Symmetric group

(2.1) Brauer pairs for symmetric groups. We denote by N the positive integers and consider the product order in  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ . If  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  and  $T \subseteq \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  (Young tableau) we set

$$D_{(a,b)}(T) = T - \{(c,d) \in T \mid (a,b) \le (c,d), (c+1,d+1) \notin T\}.$$

Let us denote by S(E) the group of bijections of finite set E. We denote by  $e_T$  the p-block of  $\mathcal{O}S(E)$  associated to irreducible character  $\chi_T$ .

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(2.2) Theorem [Puig] (1987) [Pu87] Let  $(a,b) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  and set  $T' = D_{(a,b)}(T)$ . Assume that  $|T| \equiv |T'| \mod p$  and let P' be a p-subgroup of S(E) such that  $P \subseteq P'$  and  $|E^{P'}| = |T'|$ . Then  $(P, Br_P(e_T)) \subseteq (P', Br_{P'}(e_{T'}))$ .

We can obtain a formula of p-blocks of  $\mathcal{O}X\Omega(G,\mathcal{P},G^c)$  by using Puig's Theorem.

(2.3) EXAMPLE.  $G = S_5$  and p = 2. Then the representatives of  $C(\mathcal{P})$  are  $1, C_{2a} = <(4,5)>, C_{2b} = <(2,3)(4,5)>, E_{4a} = <(2,3)(4,5), (2,4)(3,5)>,$   $C_4 = <(2,4,3,5)>, E_{4b} = <(2,3), (4,5)>, D_8 = <(4,5), (2,3), (2,4)(3,5)>.$  Let s = (1,2,3) and t = (1,2,3,4,5). The idempotents of  $KX\Omega(G,\mathcal{P},G^c)$  are given as follows:

$$[1,b_1] = 11/1800(G/1)_1 - 1/90(G/1)_s + 1/75(G/1)_t,$$

$$[1, b_2] = 1/450(G/1)_1 + 1/90(G/1)_s - 1/75(G/1)_t$$

$$[C_{2a}, d_1] = -1/36(G/1)_1 - 1/18(G/1)_s + 1/18(G/C_{2a})_1 + 1/9(G/C_{2a})_s,$$

$$[C_{2a}, d_2] = -1/18(G/1)_1 + 1/18(G/1)_s + 1/9(G/C_{2a})_1 - 1/9(G/C_{2a})_s,$$

$$[C_{2b}, e_1] = -1/8(G/1)_1 + 1/4(G/C_{2b})_1,$$

$$[E_{4a}, f_1] = 1/12(G/1)_1 - 1/4(G/C_{2b})_1 + 1/6(G/E_{4a})_1,$$

$$[C_4, g_1] = -1/4(G/C_{2b})_1 + 1/2(G/C_4)_1,$$

$$[E_{4b}, h_1] = 1/4(G/1)_1 - 1/2(G/C_{2a})_1 - 1/4(G/C_{2b})_1 + 1/2(G/E_{4b})_1$$

$$[D_8, i_1] = 1/2G/C_{2b})_1 - 1/2(G/E_{4a})_1 - 1/2(G/C_4)_1 - 1/2(G/E_{4b})_1 + (G/D_8)_1.$$

Thus 2-block idempotents of  $\mathcal{O}X\Omega(G,\mathcal{P},G^c)$  given by Theorem (1.2) are

$$E_{b_1} = [1, b_1] + [C_{2a}, d_1] + [C_{2b}, e_1] + [E_{4a}, f_1] + [C_4, g_1] + [E_{4b}, h_1] + [D_8, i_1],$$

$$E_{b_2} = [1, b_2] + [C_{2a}, d_2].$$

Moreover, the coefficients of the idempotents are now presented.

$$E_{b_1} = 14/75(G/1)_1 - 1/15(G/1)_s + 1/75(G/1)_t - 4/9(G/C_{2a})_1 + 1/9(G/C_{2a})_s - 1/3(G/E_{4a})_1 + (G/D_8)_1,$$

$$E_{b_2} = -14/75(G/1)_1 + 1/15(G/1)_s - 1/75(G/1)_t + 1/9(G/C_{2a})_1 - 1/9(G/C_{2a})_s.$$

The identity of  $\mathcal{O} \otimes X\Omega(G, \mathcal{P}, G^c)$  is

$$E_{b_1} + E_{b_a} = 2/15(G/1)_1 - 1/3(G/C_{2a}) - 1/3(G/E_{4a}) + (G/D_8).$$

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