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# NOTE ON A p-BLOCK OF A FINITE GROUP WITH ABELIAN DEFECT GROUP

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# 1. Introduction

Let G be a finite group and B be a p-block of G with an abelian defect group D and with a root b in  $C_D(D)$ . Let  $D_1 = C_D(T(b))$  and  $\tilde{B}_1 = b^{C_G(D_1)}$ , where T(b) is the inertial group of b in  $N_G(D)$ . In [9, Theorem 1] we showed that the number k(B) (resp. l(B)) of ordinary (resp. modular) irreducible characters in B is equal to that of ordinary (resp. modular) irreducible characters in  $\tilde{B}_1$ . In this paper we continue our study to show further properties on the p-block  $\tilde{B}_1$ . Let K be the algebraic closure of the p-adic number field, o the ring of local integres in K and F be the residue class field of o. For a subgroup H of G, we denote by  $\mathrm{Tr}_H^G$  the relative trace map from  $(FG)^H$  to the center Z(FG) of the group ring FG, where  $(FG)^H = \{x \in FG \mid hx = xh \text{ for any } h \in H\}$ . For a p-subgroup Q of G, we denote by  $s_Q$  the Brauer homomorphism from  $(FG)^Q$  to  $FC_G(Q)$ . The following is the main result.

**Theorem 2.** Let E be the block idempotent of FG corresponding to B and  $\tilde{e}_1$  be the block idempotent of  $FC_G(D_1)$  corresponding to  $\tilde{B}_1$ . Then the following hold.

(i) The F-linear map f from  $Z(FC_G(D_1))\tilde{e}_1$  to Z(FG)E defined by  $f(y) = \operatorname{Tr}_{C_G(D_1)}^G(y)E$  is an isomorphism.

(ii) The algebra homomorphism g from Z(FG)E to  $Z(FC_G(D_1))\tilde{e}_1$  defined by  $g(z) = s_{D_1}(z)\tilde{e}_1$  is an isomorphism.

#### 2. Lower defect groups

One of our results (Theorem 1) concerns the multiplicities of lower defect groups. So we list some facts on lower defect groups that will be used in this paper (see [1], [2], [3, chapter V], [5], [6] and [7]). Let  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{\tau}, \dots$  be the *p*-blocks of G and  $E_{\tau}$  be the block idempotent of FG corresponding to  $B_{\tau}$ . For a conjugacy class C of G, we also write C to denote the class sum in FG.

With each  $B_{\tau}$  it is possible to associate  $k(B_{\tau})$  conjugacy classes  $C_{j}^{\tau}$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq$ 

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 $k(B_{\tau})$  such that the following conditions are satisfied.

- (i) Every conjugacy class of G is associated with exactly one p-block.
- (ii)  $\{C_j^{\tau} E_{\tau}\}$  is an *F*-basis of  $Z(FG)E_{\tau}$ .

Let B be an arbitrary p-block of G and let  $B=B_{\tau}$ . For a p-subgroup Q we set  $M(B,Q)=\{C_j^{\tau}|C_j^{\tau} \text{ has } Q \text{ as a defect group, } 1 \le j \le k(B_{\tau})\}$  and  $M(B,Q)'=\{C_j^{\tau}|C_j^{\tau} \text{ is a } p\text{-regular class and } C_j^{\tau} \text{ has } Q \text{ as a defect group, } 1 \le j \le k(B_{\tau})\}$ , and we denote by m(B,Q) and m(B,Q)' the cardinal numbers of M(B,Q) and M(B,Q)', respectively. When m(B,Q) = 0, Q is called a lower defect group of B. Let  $Z_Q(FG)$  be the F-subspace of Z(FG) spanned by the class sums C such that Q is a defect group of C and let  $Z_Q(FG)'$  be the F-subspace of Z(FG) spanned by the class sums C such that C is a p-regular class and Q is a defect group of C.

(1)  $m(B,Q) = \dim Z_Q(FG)E$  and  $m(B,Q)' = \dim Z_Q(FG)'E$  if Q is normal in G,

where  $E = E_{\tau}$ . Furthermore,  $\{s_Q(C_j^{\tau} E) | C_j^{\tau} \in M(B, Q)\}$  is an *F*-basis of  $Z_Q$  $(FN_G(Q)) s_Q(E)$  and  $\{s_Q(C_j^{\tau} E) | C_j^{\tau} \in M(B, Q)'\}$  is an *F*-basis of  $Z_Q(FN_G(Q))' s_Q(E)$ . From this we have

(2) 
$$m(B,Q) = \sum_{\widetilde{B}} m(\widetilde{B},Q)$$
 and  $m(B,Q)' = \sum_{\widetilde{B}} m(\widetilde{B},Q)'$ ,

where  $\tilde{B}$  ranges over the set  $Bl(N_G(Q), B)$  of *p*-blocks of  $N_G(Q)$  associated with B. On the other hand we have the following, which will be used to prove Theorem 2.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\{Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_r\}$  be a complete set of representatives for the G-conjugacy classes of lower defect groups of B. Then we have

$$Z(FG) E = \sum_{i=1}^{r} \operatorname{Tr}_{N_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{Q}_{i})}^{G} \left( Z_{\mathcal{Q}_{i}}(FN_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{Q}_{i})) \, s_{\mathcal{Q}_{i}}(E) \right) E.$$

Proof. Let  $\{w_{ij} | j=1, 2, \dots, m(B, Q_i)\}$  be an *F*-basis of  $Z_{Q_i}(FN_G(Q_i)) s_{Q_i}(E)$ . Since dim  $Z(FG)E = \sum_{i=1}^{r} m(B, Q_i)$ , to prove the lemma it suffices to show that  $\operatorname{Tr}_{N_G(Q_i)}^G(w_{ij})E, j=1, 2, \dots, m(B, Q_i), i=1, 2, \dots, r$  are linearly independent. Suppose that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{r} \sum_{j=1}^{m_{i}} a_{ij} \operatorname{Tr}_{N_{\mathcal{G}}(Q_{i})}^{\mathcal{G}}(w_{ij}) E = 0,$$

where  $a_{ij} \in F$  and  $m_i = m(B, Q_i)$ . We assume that  $|Q_1| \ge |Q_2| \ge \cdots \ge |Q_r|$ . Then we obtain by [1, (B3.1)]

$$s_{Q_1}(\sum_{i=1}^{r}\sum_{j=1}^{m_i}a_{ij}\operatorname{Tr}^{G}_{N_{G}(Q_i)}(w_{ij})E) = s_{Q_1}(\sum_{j=1}^{m_1}a_{1j}\operatorname{Tr}^{G}_{N_{G}(Q_1)}(w_{1j})E) = \sum_{j=1}^{m_1}a_{1j}w_{1j} = 0,$$

because  $Z_{Q_1}(FN_G(Q_1)) = \operatorname{Tr}_{Q_1}^{N_G(Q_1)}(FC_G(Q_1))$ . Hence  $a_{1j} = 0$  for any j. For  $i(2 \leq i)$ 

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 $i \le r$ ), let  $a_{kj} = 0$  for any  $k \le i-1$  and j. Then we have

$$s_{\boldsymbol{Q}_i}(\sum_{j=1}^{m_i} a_{ij} \operatorname{Tr}^{\boldsymbol{G}}_{N_{\boldsymbol{G}}(\boldsymbol{Q}_i)}(\boldsymbol{w}_{ij}) E) = \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} a_{ij} \, \boldsymbol{w}_{ij} = 0 \; .$$

So we have  $a_{ij}=0$  for any j. This completes the proof.

Let  $C_B$  be the Cartan matrix of B. We have

(3) 
$$k(B) = \sum_{Q} m(B, Q), l(B) = \sum_{Q} m(B, Q)'$$
 and  $|C_B| = \prod_{Q} |Q|^{m(B,Q)'}$ ,

where Q ranges over a complete set of representatives for the *G*-conjugacy classes of lower defect groups of *B*. In fact, the multiplicity of  $p^m$  as an elementary divisor of  $C_B$  is given by  $\sum_{Q} m(B, Q)'$ , where Q ranges over a complete set of representatives for the *G*-conjugacy classes of lower defect groups of *B* of order  $p^m$ .

We denote by  $[Q, \tilde{B}]$  the pair of a *p*-subgroup Q and a *p*-block  $\tilde{B}$  of  $N_G(Q)$  such that  $\tilde{B}$  belongs to  $Bl(N_G(Q), B)$ . Let S be a complete set of representatives for the *G*-conjugacy classes of such pairs  $[Q, \tilde{B}]$ . From (2), (3) and Lemma 1, the following (4), (5) and (6) hold.

(4) 
$$m(B,Q) = \sum_{[P,\mathfrak{b}]} m(\mathfrak{b},P)$$
 and  $m(B,Q)' = \sum_{[P,\mathfrak{b}]} m(\mathfrak{b},P)'$ 

where [P, b] ranges over all the elements of S such that P is G-conjugate to Q.

(5) 
$$Z(FG) E = \sum_{[P, \mathfrak{b}]} \operatorname{Tr}_{N_{\mathfrak{G}}(P)}^{G}(Z_{P}(FN_{G}(P)) e_{\mathfrak{h}}) E,$$
  
(6) 
$$k(B) = \sum_{[P, \mathfrak{b}]} m(\mathfrak{h}, P), l(B) = \sum_{[P, \mathfrak{h}]} m(\mathfrak{h}, P)' \text{ and } |C_{B}| = \sum_{[P, \mathfrak{h}]} |P|^{m(\mathfrak{h}, P)'},$$

where  $e_{\mathfrak{b}}$  is the block idempotent of  $FN_{G}(P)$  corresponding to  $\mathfrak{b}$  and  $[P, \mathfrak{b}]$  ranges over  $\mathcal{S}$ . It is also clear that the multiplicity of  $p^{\mathfrak{m}}$  as an elementary divisor of  $C_{B}$ is given by  $\sum_{[P, \mathfrak{b}]} \mathfrak{m}(\mathfrak{b}, P)'$ , where  $[P, \mathfrak{b}]$  ranges over the elements of  $\mathcal{S}$  such that  $|P| = p^{\mathfrak{m}}$ .

# 3. Z(FG) E and $Z(FC_G(D_1)) \tilde{e}_1$

In this section we prove our main result. First we prepare a lemma.

**Lemma 2** (see [2, Proposition (1.5)]). Let B be a p-block of G, b be a p-block of a normal subgroup N of G and T be a subgroup of G which contains the inertial group T(b). Then there exists a unique p-block  $\tilde{B}$  of T such that  $\tilde{B}$  covers b and  $\tilde{B}$  is associated with B. Let E be the block idempotent of FG corresponding to B and  $\tilde{E}$  be the block idempotent of FT corresponding to  $\tilde{B}$ .

(i) The F-linear map  $\tilde{f}$  from  $Z(FT)\tilde{E}$  to Z(FG)E defined by  $\tilde{f}(y)=\operatorname{Tr}_{T}^{G}(y)$  is an isomorphism.

(ii) The F-linear map  $\tilde{g}$  from Z(FG)E to  $Z(FT)\tilde{E}$  defined by  $\tilde{g}(z)=z\tilde{E}$  is the inverse map of  $\tilde{f}$ .

Proof. The existence and the uniqueness of  $\tilde{B}$  follow from [3, chapter V, Theorem 2.5]. Furthermore  $k(B) = k(\tilde{B})$ , therefore dim  $Z(FG)E = \dim Z(FT)$  $\tilde{E}$ . Let  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$  be a set of representatives for the cosets of T in G. Since  $T \supseteq T(\mathfrak{b}), \tilde{E}^{x_i} \tilde{E}^{x_j} = 0$  for any  $i, j(i \neq j)$  and  $E = \sum_{i=1}^k \tilde{E}^{x_i}$  (see [2, chapter V, §3]). Hence we have  $\operatorname{Tr}_T^G(y)E = (\sum_{i=1}^k y^{x_i} \tilde{E}^{x_i})E = \operatorname{Tr}_T^G(y)$  and  $\operatorname{Tr}_T^G(y)\tilde{E} = (\sum_{i=1}^k y^{x_i} \tilde{E}^{x_i})\tilde{E} = y$ for any  $y \in Z(FT)\tilde{E}$ . This implies that  $\tilde{f}$  is well defined and  $\tilde{f}$  is an isomorphism, and  $\tilde{g}$  is well defined and  $\tilde{g}$  is the inverse map of  $\tilde{f}$ .

In the remainder of this paper we assume that B is a p-block of G with an abelian defect group D and b is a root of B in  $C_G(D)$ . If Q is a p-subgroup of G and  $\tilde{B}$  is a p-block of  $N_G(Q)$  associated with B, then as is well known, a defect group of  $\tilde{B}$  is G-conjugate to D. Hence there is a subgroup P of D such that  $[Q, \tilde{B}]$  and  $[P, b^{N_G(P)}]$  are G-conjugate. Furthermore for subgroups  $P_1, P_2$  of  $D, [P_1, b^{N_G(P_1)}]$  and  $[P_2, b^{N_G(P_2)}]$  are G-conjugate if and only if  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are T(b)-conjugate. Here we choose a complete set  $\mathfrak{P}$  of representatives for the T(b)-conjugacy classes of subgroups of D and we fix it. Then  $\{[P, b^{N_G(P)}] | P \in \mathfrak{P}\}$  is a complete set of representatives for the G-conjugacy classes of the pairs  $[Q, \tilde{B}]$  such that  $\tilde{B}$  is a p-block of  $N_G(Q)$  associated with B.

**Theorem 1.** Under the above notations let  $D_1 = C_D(T(b))$ . For any  $P \in \mathfrak{P}$ , we have

(7)  $m(b^{N_{\mathcal{G}}(P)}, P) = m(b^{C_{\mathcal{G}}(D_1) \cap N_{\mathcal{G}}(P)}, P),$  $m(b^{N_{\mathcal{G}}(P)}, P)' = m(b^{C_{\mathcal{G}}(D_1) \cap N_{\mathcal{G}}(P)}, P)'.$ 

In particular, if  $P \supseteq D_1$  then  $m(b^{N_G(P)}, P) = 0$ .

Proof. Let  $P \in \mathfrak{P}$ . First we assume that  $P \supseteq D_1$ . Then  $b^{C_G(D_1) \cap N_G(P)}$  covers  $b^{C_G(P)}$  and the inertial group  $T(b^{C_G(P)})$  of  $b^{C_G(P)}$  in  $N_G(P)$  is contained in  $(T(b) \cap N_G(P)) C_G(P)$ , and hence  $T(b^{C_G(P)}) \subseteq C_G(D_1) \cap N_G(P)$ . Therefore if  $\mathcal{E}_P$  is the block idempotent of  $FN_G(P)$  corresponding to  $b^{N_G(P)}$  and  $\delta_P$  is the block idempotent of  $F(C_G(D_1) \cap N_G(P))$  corresponding to  $b^{C_G(D_1) \cap N_G(P)}$ ,  $\operatorname{Tr}_{C_G^G(D_1) \cap N_G(P)}^{N_G(P)}$  induces an isomorphism from  $Z(F(C_G(D_1) \cap N_G(P))) \delta_P$  to  $Z(FN_G(P)) \mathcal{E}_P$  and  $\operatorname{Tr}_{C_G^G(D_1) \cap N_G(P)}^{N_G(P)}$  (w)  $\delta_P = w$  for  $w \in Z(F(C_G(D_1) \cap N_G(P))) \delta_P$  by Lemma 2. Further we have

$$\operatorname{Tr}^{N_{\mathcal{G}}(P)}_{\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{G}}(D_{1})\cap N_{\mathcal{G}}(P)}(Z_{P}(F(C_{G}(D_{1})\cap N_{G}(P))\,\delta_{P})=Z_{P}(FN_{G}(P))\,\varepsilon_{P}\,.$$

Hence from (1) we obtain (7) for P with  $P \supseteq D_1$ .

Since  $C_{\mathcal{G}}(D_1) \supseteq T(b)$ , we have the following from (6).

$$k(b^{c_{\mathcal{G}}(D_1)}) = \sum_{P \in \mathfrak{P}} m(b^{c_{\mathcal{G}}(D_1) \cap N_{\mathcal{G}}(P)}, P),$$

$$l(b^{c_{\mathcal{G}}(D_1)}) = \sum_{P \in \mathfrak{P}} m(b^{c_{\mathcal{G}}(D_1) \cap N_{\mathcal{G}}(P)}, P)'.$$

Note that if  $P \in \mathfrak{P}$  and  $P \not\supseteq D_1$ , then  $m(b^{C_{\mathcal{G}}(D_1) \cap N_{\mathcal{G}}(P)}, P) = 0$  and  $m(b^{C_{\mathcal{G}}(D_1) \cap N_{\mathcal{G}}(P)}, P)' = 0$ . On the other hand, we have

$$k(B) = \sum_{P \in \mathfrak{P}} m(b^{N_{\mathcal{G}}(P)}, P)$$
 and  $l(B) = \sum_{P \in \mathfrak{P}} m(b^{N_{\mathcal{G}}(P)}, P)'$ 

But since  $k(B) = k(b^{C_G(D_1)})$  and  $l(B) = l(b^{C_G(D_1)})$  by [9, Theorem 1], we conclude from the aboves that if  $P \not\supseteq D_1$ , then  $m(b^{N_G(P)}, P) = 0$  and  $m(b^{N_G(P)}, P)' = 0$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.

We set  $\tilde{B}_1 = b^{c_G(D_1)}$ . From Theorem 1 and (6), we obtain the following.

**Corollary.** The elementary divisors of  $C_B$  are the same as those of  $C_{\tilde{B}_1}$  (counting multiplicities). In particular  $|C_B| = |C_{\tilde{B}_1}|$ .

Proof of Theorem 2. Let  $\{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_s\}$  be the set of elements P of  $\mathfrak{P}$  such that  $P \supseteq D_1$  and  $m(b^{C_G(D_1) \cap N_G(P)}, P) \neq 0$  and we denote by  $\delta_i, \varepsilon_i$  the block idempotents  $\delta_{P_i}, \varepsilon_{P_i}$  in the proof of Theorem 1. Let  $\{w_{i1}, w_{i2}, \dots, w_{im_i}\}$  be an F-basis of  $Z_{P_i}(F(C_G(D_1) \cap N_G(P_i))) \delta_i$ , where  $m_i = m(b^{C_G(D_1) \cap N_G(P_i)}, P_i)$ . From the proof of Lemma 1 and (5),  $\operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{C}_G(D_1) \cap N_G(P_i)}^{\mathcal{C}(D_1) \cap N_G(P_i)}(w_{ij}) \tilde{e}_1, j=1, 2, \dots, m_i, i=1, 2, \dots, s$  form an F-basis of  $Z(FC_G(D_1)) \tilde{e}_1$ . We set  $z_{ij} = f(\operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{C}_G(D_1) \cap N_G(P_i)}^{\mathcal{C}(D_1) \cap N_G(P_i)}(w_{ij}) \tilde{e}_1) (1 \leq j \leq m_i, 1 \leq i \leq s)$ . Since dim  $Z(FG)E = \dim Z(FC_G(D_1)) \tilde{e}_1$ , to prove (i) it suffices to show that  $z_{ij}, j=1, 2, \dots, m_i, i=1, 2, \dots, s$  are linearly independent. We show this by the same way as in the proof of Lemma 1.

First we calculate  $s_{P_i}(z_{ij})$ . We can set

$$w_{ij} = \operatorname{Tr}_{P_i}^{\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{G}}(D_1) \cap N_{\mathcal{G}}(P_i)}(u_{ij}), \quad u_{ij} \in FC_{\mathcal{G}}(P_i).$$

By [1, (3B)], we have

$$s_{P_{i}}(z_{ij}) = s_{P_{i}}(\operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{D}_{1})}^{\mathcal{C}}(\operatorname{Tr}_{\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{G}}^{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{D}_{1})}^{\mathcal{D}}) \otimes s_{P_{i}}(w_{ij}) (w_{ij}) (w_{$$

In particular  $s_{P_i}(z_{ij}) \in Z(FN_G(P_i)) \varepsilon_i$  and  $s_{P_i}(z_{ij}) \delta_i = w_{ij}$  by Lemma 2. Furthermore if  $P_i$  and  $P_k$  are G-conjugate and  $k \neq i$ , then  $s_{P_i}(z_{kj}) \delta_i = 0$ . In fact, let  $P_i = P_k^x$  for some  $x \in G$ . Since we have

$$s_{P_i}(z_{kj}) = (s_{P_k}(z_{kj}))^x = (\operatorname{Tr}_{C_G(D_1) \cap N_G(P_k)}^{N_G(P_k)}(w_{kj}))^x$$

and since  $\varepsilon_i \neq \varepsilon_k^x$ ,  $s_{P_i}(z_{kj}) \, \delta_i = s_{P_i}(z_{kj}) \, \varepsilon_k^x \, \delta_i = 0$ .

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Suppose that  $|P_1| \ge |P_2| \ge \cdots \ge |P_s|$ . We assume

$$\sum_{i=1}^{s} \sum_{j=1}^{m_{i}} a_{ij} z_{ij} = 0, \quad a_{ij} \in F.$$

Then we have

$$s_{P_1}(\sum_{i=1}^{s} \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} a_{ij} z_{ij}) \, \delta_1 = \sum_{j=1}^{m_1} a_{1j} w_{1j} = 0$$

So  $a_{1j}=0$  for any j. For  $i(2 \le i \le s)$ , let  $a_{kj}=0$  for any  $k \le i-1$  and any j. Then we obtain

$$s_{P_i}(\sum_{j=1}^{m_i} a_{ij} \, z_{ij}) \, \delta_i = \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} a_{ij} \, w_{ij} = 0 \, .$$

Therefore  $a_{ij} = 0$ .

(ii) By the above argument,  $s_{P_i}(g(z_{ij})) \delta_i = s_{P_i}(s_{D_1}(z_{ij}) \tilde{e}_1) \delta_i = s_{P_i}(z_{ij}) \delta_i = w_{ij}$ . Furthermore, if  $P_i$  and  $P_k$  are G-conjugate and  $i \neq k$ , then  $s_{P_i}(g(z_{kj})) \delta_i = s_{P_i}(z_{kj}) \delta_i = 0$ . From these facts, we can show Ker  $g = \{0\}$  by the same way as in the proof of (i). This completes the proof of the theorem.

### 4. Indecomposable modules belonging to B and to $\dot{B}_1$

Let R be o or F. In this section we show that there is a vertex-preserving bijection between the set of isomorphism classes of indecomposable  $RC_G(D_1)$ modules belonging to  $\tilde{B}_1$  with vertex containing  $D_1$  and a set of isomorphism classes of indecomposable RG-modules belonging to B. Let M be an indecomposable RG-module belonging to B with vertex Q. Since D is abelian, by [4, Theorem 2] and [8, Corollary 1 and Theorem 3] there exists a unique (up to T(b)-conjugacy) subgroup P of D such that P is G-conjugate to Q and that the Green correspondent of M with respect to  $(G, P, N_G(P))$  belongs to  $b^{N^{G}(P)}$ .

**Proposition.** Let P be a subgroup of D, H be a subgroup of G containing  $C_G(D_1)$  and  $C_G(P)$  and let  $\tilde{B}_2 = b^{\mu}$ , Then the following hold.

(i) Let N be an indecomposable RH-module belonging to  $\tilde{B}_2$  with vertex P such that the Green correspondent of N with respect to  $(H, P, N_H(P))$  belongs to  $b^{N_H(P)}$ . Then there exists a unique (up to isomorphism) indecomposable component M of N<sup>G</sup> such that M has P as a vertex. Further M belongs to B and the Green correspondent of M with respect to  $(G, P, N_G(P))$  belongs to  $b^{N_G(P)}$ . Set  $M = \psi(N)$ .

(ii)  $\psi$  defines a one to one correspondence between the set of isomorphism classes of indecomposable RH-modules belonging to  $\tilde{B}_2$  with vertex P whose Green correspondents with respect to  $(H, P, N_H(P))$  belong to  $b^{N_H(P)}$  and the set of isomorphism classes of indecomposable RG-modules belonging to B with vertex P whose Green correspondents with respect to  $(G, P, N_G(P))$  belong to  $b^{N_G(P)}$ .

Proof. By the assumption that  $C_{\mathcal{G}}(P) \subseteq H$  and  $C_{\mathcal{G}}(D_1) \subseteq H$ , the inertial

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group  $T(b^{c_{\mathcal{G}}(P)})$  is contained in  $N_{\mathcal{H}}(P)$ . Therefore "induction" gives a one to one correspondence between the set of isomorphism classes of indecomposable  $RN_{\mathcal{H}}(P)$ -modules belonging to  $b^{N_{\mathcal{H}}(P)}$  and the set of isomorphism classes of indecomposable  $RN_{\mathcal{G}}(P)$ -modules belonging to  $b^{N_{\mathcal{G}}(P)}$ .

(i) Let  $N_1$  be the Green correspondent of N with respect to  $(H, P, N_H(P))$ . Then  $N_1^{N_G(P)}$  is an indecomposable  $RN_G(P)$ -module belonging to  $b^{N_G(P)}$  and P is a vertex of  $N_1^{N_G(P)}$ . By [4, Theorem 2], there exists a unique indecomposable component M of  $N_1^G$  such that M has P as a vertex. From [8, Corollary 1 and Theorem 3], M belongs to B and  $N_1^{N_G(P)}$  is the Green correspondent of M. On the other hand, N is a component of  $N_1^H$ , and so  $N^G$  is a component of  $N_1^G$ . Since P is a vertex of N, an indecomposable component of  $N^G$  has P as a vertex. Therefore M is a component of  $N^G$ .

(ii) Let M be an indecomposable RG-module belonging to B with vertex P. We asume that the Green correspondent  $M_1$  of M with respect to  $(G, P, N_G(P))$  belongs to  $b^{N_G(P)}$ . Then there is an indecomposable  $RN_H(P)$ -module  $N_1$  belonging to  $b^{N_H(P)}$  such that  $M_1 = N_1^{N_G(P)}$ . Let N be an indecomposable RH-module with vertex P and with the Green correspondent  $N_1$ . Then N belongs to  $\tilde{B}_2$  and M is a component of  $N^G$  from the argument of (i). Let N' be an indecomposable RH-module belonging to  $\tilde{B}_2$  with vertex P and with the Green correspondent  $N'_1$  belonging to  $b^{N_H(P)}$ . If M is a component of  $N'^G$ , then  $N'_1^{N_G(P)}$  is the Green correspondent of M. Hence  $N'_1$  and  $N_1$  are isomorphic, and so N' and N are isomorphic. This completes the proof of the proposition.

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