

Two Applications of Bisets and Idempotents for Fusion Systems

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- S_1, S_2 groups
- (S_1, S_2) -biset = a set X with (free) compatible right S_1 -action and left S_2 -action
- Transitive (S_1, S_2) -bisets: for $P \leq S_1$, $\varphi: P \rightarrow S_2$ injective

$$S_2 \times_{(P, \varphi)} S_1 = S_2 \times S_1 / \sim, \quad (y\varphi(u), x) \sim (y, ux) \quad \text{for } x \in S_1, y \in S_2, u \in P.$$

- An (S_1, S_2) -bisets X can be viewed as a (left) $(S_1 \times S_2)$ -set via $(u, v) \cdot x = vxu^{-1}$.
- Transitive $(S_1 \times S_2)$ -sets: for $P \leq S_1$, $\varphi: P \rightarrow S_2$ injective

$$S_1 \times S_2 / \Delta_P^\varphi, \quad \Delta_P^\varphi = \{(x, \varphi(x)) \mid x \in P\}$$

- $[X]$ = the isomorphism class of (S_1, S_2) -bisets containing X
- $[P, \varphi]_{S_1}^{S_2} = [S_2 \times_{(P, \varphi)} S_1]$

- $A(S_1, S_2)$ = the Grothendieck group of isomorphism classes of (S_1, S_2) -bisets
= the free abelian group on the basis elements $[P, \varphi]_{S_1}^{S_2}$
- $\circ: A(S_2, S_3) \times A(S_1, S_2) \rightarrow A(S_1, S_3)$, $[Y] \circ [X] = [Y \times_{S_2} X]$

$$[Q, \psi]_{S_2}^{S_3} \circ [P, \varphi]_{S_1}^{S_2} = \sum_{x \in [Q \setminus S_2 / \varphi(P)]} [\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(P) \cap Q^x), \psi \circ c_x \circ \varphi]_{S_1}^{S_3}$$

- $\epsilon: A(S_1, S_2) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, $\epsilon([X]) = |S_2 \setminus X| = |X|/|S_2|$

$$\epsilon([Y] \circ [X]) = \epsilon([Y])\epsilon([X])$$

- $A(S, S)$ = *double Burnside ring* of the group S (wrt the product \circ)
- $A^+(S, S)$ = the set of the elements of $A(S, S)$ with nonnegative coefficients (wrt the basis elements $[P, \varphi]_S^S$)
- $A(S, S)_{(p)} = A(S, S) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$

- \mathcal{F} fusion system on a finite p -group S
- $A_{\mathcal{F}}(S, S) = \mathbb{Z}$ -span of $\{[P, \varphi]_S^S \mid P \leq S, \varphi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{F}}(P, S)\}$
- $A_{\mathcal{F}}(S, S)$ is a subring of $A(S, S)$.
- An element $\omega \in A(S, S)$ is called *right \mathcal{F} -stable* if

$$\omega \circ [P, \varphi]_P^S = \omega \circ [P, \iota_P]_P^S \quad \text{whenever } P \leq S, \varphi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{F}}(P, S);$$

similarly $\omega \in A(S, S)$ is called *left \mathcal{F} -stable* if

$$[\varphi(P), \varphi^{-1}]_S^P \circ \omega = [P, \text{id}_P]_S^P \circ \omega \quad \text{whenever } P \leq S, \varphi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{F}}(P, S).$$

If $\omega = [X] \in A^+(S, S)$, then ω is right \mathcal{F} -stable if

$$X|_{(S, \varphi)} \cong X|_{(S, P)} \text{ as } (S, P)\text{-bisets whenever } P \leq S, \varphi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{F}}(P, S);$$

ω is left \mathcal{F} -stable if

$$X|_{(\varphi^{-1}, S)} \cong X|_{(P, S)} \text{ as } (P, S)\text{-bisets whenever } P \leq S, \varphi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{F}}(P, S).$$

Theorem (Broto, Levi, Oliver)

Let \mathcal{F} be a fusion system on a finite p -group S . Then there are elements $\omega \in A_{\mathcal{F}}^+(S, S)$ with $\epsilon(\omega) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ which are both left and right \mathcal{F} -stable.

We call such an ω a characteristic biset for \mathcal{F} .

Example

Let $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_S(G)$, $S \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$. Then

$$\omega = [G] = \sum_{x \in [S \backslash G / S]} [S \cap S^x, c_x]_S^S$$

Theorem (Ragnarsson)

Let \mathcal{F} be a fusion system on a finite p -group S . Then

- 1 There is a unique idempotent $\omega_{\mathcal{F}} \in A_{\mathcal{F}}(S, S)_{(p)}$ with $\epsilon(\omega_{\mathcal{F}}) = 1$ that is both left and right \mathcal{F} -stable.
- 2 An idempotent $\omega \in A_{\mathcal{F}}(S, S)_{(p)}$ with $\epsilon(\omega) = 1$ is left \mathcal{F} -stable iff it is right \mathcal{F} -stable.

We call $\omega_{\mathcal{F}}$ the characteristic idempotent of \mathcal{F} .

Definition

Let \mathcal{F} be a fusion system on a finite p -group S .

- 1 $A_{\mathcal{F}}^p(S) = [S, \mathcal{F}] := \langle [Q, \text{Aut}_{\mathcal{F}}(Q)] \mid Q \leq S \rangle$ the \mathcal{F} -focal subgroup of S
- 2 $O_{\mathcal{F}}^p(S) := \langle [Q, O^p(\text{Aut}_{\mathcal{F}}(Q))] \mid Q \leq S \rangle$ the \mathcal{F} -hyperfocal subgroup of S

Theorem (Yoshida; Isaacs; Díaz, Glesser, P, Stancu)

Let S be a finite p -group which does not have $C_p \wr C_p$ as a homomorphic image. For every fusion system \mathcal{F} on S ,

$$[S, \mathcal{F}] = [S, N_{\mathcal{F}}(S)].$$

Theorem (Tate; Gagola, Isaacs; Díaz, Glesser, P, Stancu)

Let \mathcal{F} be a fusion system on a finite p -group S , and let \mathcal{H} be a subsystem of \mathcal{F} on S . Then

$$[S, \mathcal{F}] = [S, \mathcal{H}] \iff O_{\mathcal{F}}^p(S) = O_{\mathcal{H}}^p(S).$$

In particular, $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_S(S)$ iff $[S, \mathcal{F}] = [S, S]$.

- For G, H groups, A abelian p -group, and

$$\omega = \sum_{i \in I} c_i [P_i, \varphi_i] \in A(G, H)_{(p)},$$

define

$$H^*(\omega) = \sum_{i \in I} c_i \text{tr}_{P_i}^G \circ \varphi_i^* : H^*(H, A) \rightarrow H^*(G, A)$$

- If K is another group and $\eta \in A(H, K)_{(p)}$, we have

$$H^*(\eta \circ \omega) = H^*(\omega) \circ H^*(\eta).$$

- If \mathcal{F} is a fusion system on a finite p -group and $\omega \in A_{\mathcal{F}}(S, S)_{(p)}$ is right \mathcal{F} -stable with $\epsilon(\omega) \in \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}^\times$, then $H^*(\omega)$ is split surjective onto $H^*(S, A)^{\mathcal{F}}$ and is multiplication by $\epsilon(\omega)$ on $H^*(S, A)^{\mathcal{F}}$.
- If $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_S(G)$, $S \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$, take

$$\omega = [G] = \sum_{x \in [S \setminus G/S]} [S \cap S^x, c_x]_S^S,$$

then

$$H^*([G]) = \sum_{x \in [S \setminus G/S]} t_{S \cap S^x}^S \circ c_x \circ r_{S \cap S^x}^S = r_S^G \circ t_S^G.$$

- This shows that the map $H^*(\omega)$ is a generalization of the transfer map in group cohomology, equipped with “S-S-Mackey decomposition”. This enables us to generalize Yoshida’s theorem to fusion systems “intrinsically”, i.e. without resorting to reduction (to finite groups) argument.
- The same strategy almost works for Tate’s theorem—while Gagola and Isaacs’s argument is almost entirely fusion theoretic, they use one (very easy) group theoretic result in a crucial way:

Proposition

Let G be a finite group, $S, L \leq G$, $G = SL$, $N = S \cap L$. Then we have a bijection

$$L/N \cong G/S$$

induced by inclusion $L \hookrightarrow G$.

In the situation of Proposition, we have an isomorphism of (N, S) -bisets

$$S \times_N L \cong G|_{(S,N)}$$

induced from the multiplication map $(x, y) \in S \times L \mapsto xy \in G$. We have a similar result for characteristic idempotents of fusion systems, which indeed establishes Tate's theorem for fusion systems:

Proposition (Ragnarsson)

Let \mathcal{F} be a fusion system on a finite p -group S . Let $O_{\mathcal{F}}^p(S) \leq N \trianglelefteq S$, and let \mathcal{F}_N be the unique subsystem of \mathcal{F} on N of p -power index. Then

$$[N, \iota_N]_N^S \circ \omega_{\mathcal{F}_N} = \omega_{\mathcal{F}} \circ [N, \iota_N]_N^S$$

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Definition

Let S be a p -subgroup of G . Define $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_S(G)$ to be the category with

- objects: all subgroups of S
- morphisms: $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{F}}(P, Q) = \text{Hom}_G(P, Q)$ for $P, Q \leq S$

Proposition

Let \mathcal{F} be a fusion system on a finite p -group S . Then there is a finite group G containing S as a subgroup such that $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_S(G)$.

Proof.

Let $[X] \in A_{\mathcal{F}}^+(S, S)$ be right \mathcal{F} -stable with $\epsilon([X]) = |X|/|S| \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\iota: S &\rightarrow G := \text{Aut}(X|_{(1,S)}) \\ u &\mapsto (x \mapsto ux)\end{aligned}$$

is injective, and identifying S with $\iota(S)$, we have $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_S(G)$. □

Definition

Let \mathcal{F} be a fusion system on a finite p -group S . Define the *exoticity index* of \mathcal{F} to be the number

$$\min\{\log_p |S_0 : S| : S \leq S_0 \in \text{Syl}_p(G) \text{ for some finite group } G \text{ s.t. } \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_S(G)\}.$$

Ambitious Question

Given an exotic fusion system \mathcal{F} on a finite p -group S ,

- What is the exoticity index of \mathcal{F} ?
- What are the finite groups G achieving the exoticity index?

Modest Goal

Given an exotic fusion system \mathcal{F} on a finite p -group S ,

- Find X minimizing the index $|S_0 : S|$.
- Cut down G further to $H = \langle N_G(U) \mid U \leq S \text{ } \mathcal{F}\text{-essential} \rangle$.
(Then still $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_S(H)$.)
- Analyze H .

- \mathcal{F} fusion system on a finite p -group S
- $[X] \in A_{\mathcal{F}}^+(S, S)$ right \mathcal{F} -stable, $\epsilon([X]) = |X|/|S| \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$. Write

$$[X] = \sum_{i \in I} c_i [P_i, \varphi_i]_S^S = \sum_{i \in I} c_i [S \times_{(P_i, \varphi_i)} S], \quad c_i > 0,$$

where $[P_i, \varphi_i] \neq [P_j, \varphi_j]$ if $i \neq j \in I$.

- $\Omega := \coprod_{i \in I} c_i (S/\varphi_i(P_i)) \Rightarrow |\Omega| = \sum_{i \in I} c_i |S : \varphi(P_i)| = |X|/|S|$.

Proposition

- 1 $G = S \wr \text{Sym}(\Omega)$.
- 2 $\iota(S) \subseteq \prod_{i \in I} (S \wr \text{Sym}(S/\varphi(P_i)))^{c_i}$
- 3 For $u \in S$, the component of $\iota(u)$ in $\text{Sym}(S/\varphi_i(P_i))$ is $u_{S/\varphi_i(P_i)}$.

Proof.

Fix $[S/\varphi_i(P_i)] = \{t_{ij}\}$. Then

$$S \times_{(P_i, \varphi_i)} S = \coprod_j t_{ij} \times S \cong \coprod_{S/\varphi_i(P_i)} S \text{ as right } S\text{-sets.}$$

Let $u \in S$. Let $\sigma_i(u) = u_{S/\varphi_i(P_i)} \in \text{Sym}(S/\varphi_i(P_i))$. Then $ut_{ij}\varphi_i(P_i) = t_{i\sigma_i(u)(j)}\varphi_i(P_i)$. So

$$u(t_{ij}, x) = (ut_{ij}, x) = (t_{i\sigma_i(u)(j)}t_{i\sigma_i(u)(j)}^{-1}ut_{ij}, x) = (t_{i\sigma_i(u)(j)}, \varphi_i^{-1}(t_{i\sigma_i(u)(j)}^{-1}ut_{ij}), x).$$

Therefore, the i -th component of $\iota(u)$ is

$$(\varphi_i^{-1}(t_{i\sigma_i(u)(j)}^{-1}ut_{ij}), \sigma_i(u)) \in S \wr \text{Sym}(S/\varphi_i(P_i)).$$



- $B := S \times \cdots \times S \leq G$ ($|\Omega|$ times) $\Rightarrow G \cong B \rtimes \text{Sym}(\Omega)$, $\overline{G} := G/B \cong \text{Sym}(\Omega)$.
- $\iota(S) \cap B$ is strongly \mathcal{F} -closed. In particular, if there is no strongly \mathcal{F} -closed subgroup of S , then $\overline{\iota(S)} \cong \iota(S) \cong S$.

- $[X_r] := \sum_{i \in I, |S:P_i|=p^r} c_i [P_i, \varphi_i]_S^S$

Proposition

Let \mathcal{F} be a fusion system on a finite p -group S . Let $[X] \in A_{\mathcal{F}}^+(S, S)$ be right \mathcal{F} -stable with $\epsilon([X]) = |X|/|S| \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$. Let $\varphi_{i,j}: P_i \rightarrow P_j$ be the \mathcal{F} -maps between subgroup of S of index p with distinct $[P_i, \varphi_{i,j}]$. Then there are integers $c_0 \geq 1$ and $c_1^{(i)} \geq 0$ for each i such that

$$[X_0] = \sum_{\alpha \in \text{Out}_{\mathcal{F}}(S)} c_0 [S, \alpha]_S^S,$$

$$[X_1] = \sum_{\varphi_{i,j} \text{ extendable}} c_1^{(i)} [P_i, \varphi_{i,j}]_S^S + \sum_{\varphi_{i,j} \text{ nonextendable}} (c_0 + p c_1^{(i)}) [P_i, \varphi_{i,j}]_S^S.$$

In particular, there exists $[X]$ with

$$[X_0] = \sum_{\alpha \in \text{Out}_{\mathcal{F}}(S)} [S, \alpha]_S^S, \quad [X_1] = \sum_{\varphi_{i,j} \text{ nonextendable}} [P_i, \varphi_{i,j}]_S^S.$$

- $S \cong p_+^{1+2}$, p an odd prime
- $Z(S) = \langle z \rangle \cong C_p$
- $V_i = \langle z, u_i \rangle \cong C_p \times C_p \quad (0 \leq i \leq p)$
- $\varphi_{i,j}^{k,l}: V_i \rightarrow V_j$, $\varphi_{i,j}^{k,l}(z) = u_j^k$, $\varphi_{i,j}^{k,l}(u_i) = z^l$
- $\psi_{i,j}^m: \langle u_i \rangle \rightarrow \langle u_j \rangle$, $\psi_{i,j}^m(u_i) = u_j^m$
- \mathcal{F} fusion system on S such that all the V_i are \mathcal{F} -radical:

$$\text{Aut}_{\mathcal{F}}(V_i) \cong \text{SL}_2(p) : r_i, \quad r_i | (p-1)$$

- $f := \frac{|\text{Out}_{\mathcal{F}}(S)|}{p-1} = |V_i^{\mathcal{F}}| r_i$
(\therefore Consider the restriction map $\text{Aut}_{\mathcal{F}}(S) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{F}}(V_i, S)$.)

Proposition

Let \mathcal{F} be a fusion system on $S \cong p_+^{1+2}$, p odd, such that all the V_i are \mathcal{F} -radical. Then there is a unique minimal right \mathcal{F} -stable $[X] \in A_{\mathcal{F}}^+(S, S)$ with $|X|/|S| \not\equiv 0 \pmod p$ given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} [X_0] &= \sum_{\alpha \in \text{Out}_{\mathcal{F}}(S)} [S, \alpha]_S^S, \\ [X_1] &= \sum_{\varphi_{i,j}^{k,l} \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{F}}(V_i, V_j)} [V_i, \varphi_{i,j}^{k,l}]_S^S, \\ [X_2] &= \sum_{\substack{V_i \cong_{\mathcal{F}} V_j \\ 1 \leq m \leq p-1}} (f - r_j)[\langle u_i \rangle, \psi_{i,j}^m]_S^S + \sum_{\substack{V_i \not\cong_{\mathcal{F}} V_j \\ 1 \leq m \leq p-1}} f[\langle u_i \rangle, \psi_{i,j}^m]_S^S \end{aligned}$$

Note that X involves extendable morphisms. X is also left \mathcal{F} -stable.

Question

For arbitrary fusion system \mathcal{F} on a finite p -group S ,

- Is a minimal right \mathcal{F} -stable biset X with $|X|/|S| \not\equiv 0 \pmod p$ unique?
- Is it also left \mathcal{F} -stable?

$\text{Out}_{\mathcal{F}}(S)$	$ V_i^{\mathcal{F}} $	$\text{Aut}_{\mathcal{F}}(V_i)$	Group	p	f	r_i	e
D_8	$2 + 2$	$\text{GL}_2(3)$	${}^2F_4(2)'$	3	4	2, 2	$8 \cdot 121$
SD_{16}	4	$\text{GL}_2(3)$	J_4	3	8	2	$16 \cdot 121$
$4S_4$	6	$\text{GL}_2(5)$	Th	5	24	4	$96 \cdot 781$
$6^2 : 2$	$6 + 2$	$\text{SL}_2(7) : 2, \text{GL}_2(7)$		7	12	2, 6	$72 \cdot 2801$
$D_{16} \times 3$	$4 + 4$	$\text{SL}_2(7) : 2$		7	8	2, 2	$48 \cdot 2801$
$SD_{32} \times 3$	8	$\text{SL}_2(7) : 2$		7	16	2	$96 \cdot 2801$

- $e_i = |X_i|/|S|$, $d_i = e_i/p^i =$ no. of S -orbits in Ω of size p^i
- $d_0 = |\text{Out}_{\mathcal{F}}(S)|$
- $d_1 = (p + 1)|\text{Out}_{\mathcal{F}}(S)|$
- $d_2 = (p + 1)p|\text{Out}_{\mathcal{F}}(S)|$
- $e = |X|/|S| = e_0 + e_1 + e_2 = d_0 + pd_1 + p^2d_2$
 $= (1 + p + p^2 + p^3 + p^4)|\text{Out}_{\mathcal{F}}(S)| = \frac{p^5 - 1}{p - 1}|\text{Out}_{\mathcal{F}}(S)|$

- If $\alpha \in \text{Aut}_{\mathcal{F}}(S)$, we have

$$[X] \circ [S, \alpha]_S^S = [X] \circ [S, \text{id}]_S^S = [X],$$

and so

$$\sum_{i \in I} c_i [P_i, \varphi_i \circ \alpha] = \sum_{i \in I} c_i [P_i, \varphi_i].$$

For each bijective correspondence between the basis elements appearing in the above equations (counting multiplicities), there is an element $g \in G = \text{Aut}(X|_{(1,S)})$ such that $\psi(u) = gug^{-1}$ for all $u \in Q$ and such that $\bar{g} \in \bar{G}$ preserves that bijective correspondence.

- If $\psi = \varphi_{00}^{rs} \in \text{Aut}_{\mathcal{F}}(V_0)$, we have

$$[X] \circ [V_0, \psi]_{V_0}^S = [X] \circ [V_0, \iota_{V_0}]_{V_0}^S,$$

and so

$$\sum_{i \in I} c_i \sum_{t \in [P_i \setminus S / V_0]} [P_i \cap V_0, \varphi_i \circ c_t \circ \psi]_{V_0}^S = \sum_{i \in I} c_i \sum_{t \in [P_i \setminus S / V_0]} [P_i \cap V_0, \varphi_i \circ c_t]_{V_0}^S.$$

Writing out first few terms, we get

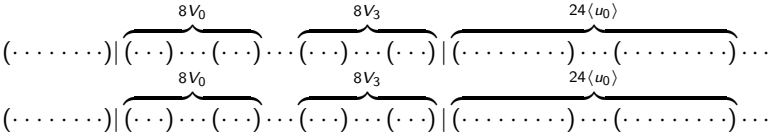
$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\alpha \in \text{Out}_{\mathcal{F}}(S)} [V_0, \alpha \circ \psi]_{V_0}^S + \sum_{t \in S/V_0} [V_0, \varphi_{ij}^{kl} \circ c_t \circ \psi]_{V_0}^S + \cdots \\ &= \sum_{\alpha \in \text{Out}_{\mathcal{F}}(S)} [V_0, \alpha|_{V_0}]_{V_0}^S + \sum_{t \in S/V_0} [V_0, \varphi_{ij}^{kl} \circ c_t|_{V_0}]_{V_0}^S + \cdots. \end{aligned}$$

$\alpha|_{V_0}$ and $\varphi_{ij}^{kl} \circ \psi$ are extendable, while $\alpha \circ \psi$ and $\varphi_{ij}^{kl} \circ c_t \circ \psi$ ($t \neq 1$) are nonextendable. Thus

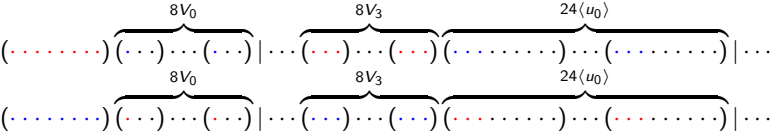
$$\begin{aligned} [V_0, \alpha \circ \psi]_{V_0}^S &= [V_0, \varphi_{ij}^{kl}]_{V_0}^S, \\ [V_0, \alpha|_{V_0}]_{V_0}^S &= [V_0, \varphi_{ij}^{kl} \circ \psi]_{V_0}^S, \\ \{[V_0, \varphi_{ij}^{kl} \circ c_t \circ \psi]_{V_0}^S\}_{t \neq 1} &= \{[V_0, \varphi_{ij}^{kl} \circ c_t \circ \psi]_{V_0}^S\}_{t \neq 1}. \end{aligned}$$

And a similar correspondence can be obtained for the rest of the terms.

In the case $p = 3$, $\text{Out}_{\mathcal{F}}(S) \cong D_8$:



$N_G(S)$ -action on Ω



$N_G(V_0)$ -action on Ω

Proposition

Let \mathcal{F} be a fusion system on $S \cong p_+^{1+2}$, p odd, such that all the V_i are \mathcal{F} -radical. Let $[X] \in A_{\mathcal{F}}^+(S, S)$ be the unique minimal right \mathcal{F} -stable element with $|X|/|S| \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$. Let $G = \text{Aut}(X|_{(1,S)})$, and $H = \langle N_G(S), N_G(V_i) \mid 0 \leq i \leq p \rangle$. Then \overline{H} is transitive on Ω .

Question

Is \overline{H} primitive?

“Conjecture”

\overline{H} is primitive iff \mathcal{F} has no normal subsystem on S .