# A SPLITTING PROPERTY OF ORIENTED HOMOTOPY EQUIVALENCE FOR A HYPERELEMENTARY GROUP

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#### 1. Introduction

Let G be a finite group. In this paper a G-space means a complex G-representation space of finite dimension. For a G-space V we denote by S(V) its unit sphere with respect to some G-invariant inner product. After tom Dieck [1] and [2] we call two G-spaces V and W oriented homotopy equivalent if there exists a G-map  $f: S(V) \rightarrow S(W)$  such that for each subgroup H of G the induced map  $f^H: S(V)^H \rightarrow S(W)^H$  on the H-fixed point sets has degree one with respect to the coherent orientations which are inherited from the complex structures on  $V^H$  and  $W^H$ . Let R(G) be the complex G-representation ring,  $R_h(G)$  the additive subgroup of R(G) consisting of x=V-W such that V and W are oriented homotopy equivalent, and  $R_0(G)$  the additive subgroups H of G. We denote by f(G) the quotient group  $R_0(G)/R_h(G)$ .

If G has a normal cyclic subgroup A and a Sylow p-subgroup H such that G is the semidirect product of H by A, we call G a hyperelementary group. Especially if G is the direct product of A and H, we call G an elementary group. tom Dieck showed that for an arbitrary finite group G the restriction homomorphism from j(G) to the direct sum of j(K) is injective, where K runs over the hyperelementary subgroups of G ([1; Proposition 5.1]). Our purpose of this paper is to consider oriented homotopy equivalence for hyperelementary groups and to give a sufficient condition for a hyperelementary group to have a splitting property defined below.

Choose an integer m which is a multiple of the orders of the elements of G, and let Q(m) be the field obtained by adjoining the m-th roots of unity to Q, where Q is the field of rational numbers. The Galois group  $\Gamma = \Gamma(m)$  of Q(m) over Q acts on R(G) via its action on character value. Actually  $\Gamma$  acts on the set Irr(G) of isomorphism classes of irreducible G-spaces. Let  $Z[\Gamma]$  be the integral group ring of  $\Gamma$ , and  $I(\Gamma)$  its augmentation ideal. Then we have  $R_0(G) = I(\Gamma)R(G)$ . We put  $R_1(G) = I(\Gamma)R_0(G)$ . According to [3] we have  $R_1(G) \subset R_k(G)$ . Let us say that G has Property 1 if  $R_1(G)$  coincides with  $R_k(G)$ .

For example the abelian groups and the *p*-groups have Property 1, and some hyperelementary groups do not have Property 1 (see [1] and [6]). In section 3 we obtain other groups which have Property 1.

For each orbit  $C \in X(G) = Irr(G)/\Gamma$ , we let F(C) be the free abelian group on elements of C. Then we have  $R(G) = \bigoplus_{C \in X(G)} F(C)$ . Let  $f_C$  be the canonical projection from R(G) to F(C). Let us say that G has Property 2 (we called this a splitting property) if for each element x of  $R_h(G)$  and each element C of X(G)  $f_C(x)$  belongs to  $R_h(G)$ . This property is of our interest. If G has Property 1, then G has Property 2; the converse is not true. It is remarkable that  $R_h(G)$  is determined by oriented homotopy equivalence between the irreducible G-spaces if G has Property 2.

Our main results are Theorems 6.11 and 6.12, and the latter indicates the importance of Property 2. Additionally we give a counter example to [1; Proposition 5.2] in section 7.

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#### 2. Preparation

Let S(G) the set of normal subgroups of G. If a G-space V is given we write  $V = \bigoplus_{H \in S(G)} V(H)$ , where V(H) collects the faithful irreducible G/H-subspaces (see [2; p. 252]).

**Lemma 2.1** ([2]). If  $x=V-W\in R_h(G)$ , then for all  $H\in S(G)$  we have  $x(H)=V(H)-W(H)\in R_h(G)$ .

Let V and W be G-spaces. If f is an  $N_G(H)$ -map from  $S(V)^H$  to  $S(W)^H$  and g is an element of G, then there uniquely exists an  $N_G(gHg^{-1})$ -map h from  $S(V)^{gHg^{-1}}$  to  $S(W)^{gHg^{-1}}$  such that the following diagram is commutative:

$$S(V)^{H} \xrightarrow{f} S(W)^{H}$$

$$\downarrow g_{*} \qquad \qquad \downarrow g_{*}$$

$$S(V)^{gHg^{-1}} \xrightarrow{h} S(W)^{gHg^{-1}}$$

where  $g_*$  are the maps canonically given by the actions of g.

**Proposition 2.2.** Let V and W be G-spaces. We have  $V^H - W^H \in R_h(N_G(H))$  if and only if we have  $V^{gHg^{-1}} - W^{gHg^{-1}} \in R_h(N_G(gHg^{-1}))$ .

Proof. This proposition follows from the fact that each  $g_*$  of the above diagram preserves the orientation of the sphere.

Let V and W be G-spaces such that dim  $V^H = \dim W^H$  for all subgroups H of G (i.e.  $V - W \in R_0(G)$ ). We put  $n = \dim V (= \dim W)$ . If g is an element of

G, g has n eigenvalues  $a_1(g)$ ,  $\cdots$ ,  $a_n(g)$  (resp.  $b_1(g)$ ,  $\cdots$ ,  $b_n(g)$ ) with respect to its action on V (resp. W). We reorder  $(a_j(g))$  and  $(b_j(g))$  as follows: there is an integer k such that for each j < k we have  $a_j(g) = b_j(g) = 1$  and for each  $j \ge k$  we have  $a_j(g) \ne 1$  and  $b_j(g) \ne 1$ . We get an algebraic integer z(g) defined by

$$z(g) = \prod_{j=1}^{n} (1-b_j(g))/(1-a_j(g)),$$

where we put  $(1-b_j(g))/(1-a_j(g))=1$  for j < k. Summing up these algebraic integers z(g) over the elements g of G we have an integer P=P(G; W-V), that is,

$$P(G; W-V) = \sum_{z \in \sigma} z(z)$$
.

**Lemma 2.3** (due to T. Petrie). Let V and W be G-spaces as above. V and W are oriented homotopy equivalent if and only if the following two conditions (i) and (ii) are satisfied.

- (i) For each non-trivial subgroups H of G (i.e.  $H \neq \{1\}$ ), we have  $V^H W^H \in R_b(N_G(H))$ .
  - (ii) It holds that  $P(G; W-V) \equiv 0 \mod |G|$ .

Provided (i), then (ii) is equivalent to the condition:  $P(G; V-W) \equiv 0 \mod |G|$ .

Let s be a positive integer, and V a G-space of dimension n. We are going to define an element Q(s; V) of R(G). Let  $x(1), \dots, x(n)$  be indeterminates, and y(i) the elementary symmetric polynomial of degree i for each  $1 \le i \le n$ . We define a polynomial Q of  $y(1), \dots, y(n)$  by

$$Q(y(1), \dots, y(i), \dots, y(n)) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (1+x(i)+\dots+x(i)^{s-1}).$$

We define Q(s; V) by

$$Q(s; V) = Q(V, \dots, \Lambda^{j}V, \dots, \Lambda^{n}V),$$

where  $\Lambda^{j}V$  is the j-fold exterior power of V. By the usual identification we let Q(s; V)(g) stands for trace (g; Q(s; V)). Then it holds that

(2.4) 
$$Q(s; V)(g) = \prod_{j=1}^{n} (1+a_{j}(g)+\cdots+a_{j}(g)^{s-1}),$$

where  $a_1(g), \dots, a_n(g)$  are all the eigenvalues of g on V. Since  $Q(s; V) \in R(G)$ , we have

(2.5) 
$$\sum_{h \in H} Q(s; V)(h) \equiv 0 \mod |H|$$

for each subgroup H of G.

#### 3. A few remasks about Property 1

Let L be a finite abelian group. We denote the integral group ring of L by Z[L], the augmentation ideal of Z[L] by I(L), i.e.

$$I(L) = \{\sum_{x \in L} z(x)x \colon z(x) \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ and } \sum_{x \in L} z(x) = 0\}$$
,

where Z is the ring of integers.

**Proposition 3.1.** We have the following.

- (i) For  $x, x' \in L$ , it holds that  $xx' x \equiv x' 1 \mod I(L)^2$ .
- (ii) For  $x \in L$  and  $z \in Z$ , it holds that  $zx z1 \equiv x^z 1 \mod I(L)^2$ .
- (iii)  $I(L)/I(L)^2$  is isomorphic to L.

Since the proof is straightforward, we omit it.

Let G be a direct product  $H \times K$  as finite group. We denote by  $\phi$  the Euler function, that is, for a positive integer n  $\phi(n)$  is the number of the units of  $Z_n = Z/(n)$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** Let V be an irreducible H-space, and W an irreducible K-space. Assume  $(\phi(|H|), \dim W) = (\phi(|K|), \dim V) = 1$ . Then for an element

$$x = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} z(\gamma) \gamma(V \otimes W) \in R_0(G)$$
,

x belongs to  $R_1(G)$  if and only if  $\operatorname{Res}_H^G x \in R_1(H)$  and  $\operatorname{Res}_K^G x \in R_1(K)$ , where  $z(\gamma)$  are integers.

Proof. The only if part is clear. We are going to prove the if part.  $\Gamma$  acts on the orbits  $\Gamma(V \otimes W)$ ,  $\Gamma V$  and  $\Gamma W$  which are subsets of Irr(G), Irr(H) and Irr(K) respectively. Let  $\Gamma_{V \otimes W}$ ,  $\Gamma_V$  and  $\Gamma_W$  be the isotropy subgroups of  $V \otimes W$ , V and W respectively. We have  $\Gamma_{V \otimes W} = \Gamma_V \cap \Gamma_W$ . Put  $M = \Gamma/\Gamma_V$  and  $N = \Gamma/\Gamma_W$ . The order of M (resp. N) divides  $\phi(|H|)$  (resp.  $\phi(|K|)$ ). Since  $x \in R_0(G)$ , there exists  $\mu \in \Gamma$  such that

$$x \equiv (\mu - 1)(V \otimes W) \mod R_1(G)$$
.

We put  $y=(\mu-1)$   $(V\otimes W)$ .  $\operatorname{Res}_{H}^{G}x\in R_{1}(H)$  and  $\operatorname{Res}_{K}^{G}x\in R_{1}(K)$  are equivalent to  $\operatorname{Res}_{H}^{G}y\in R_{1}(H)$  and  $\operatorname{Res}_{K}^{G}y\in R_{1}(K)$  respectively. We have  $\operatorname{Res}_{H}^{G}y=(\dim W)$   $(\mu-1)V$ . By Proposition 3.1 (ii) it holds that

$$\operatorname{Res}_H^G y \equiv (\mu^{\dim W} - 1)V \mod R_1(H)$$
.

Res<sup>G</sup><sub>H</sub>  $y \in R_1(H)$  implies  $\mu^{\dim W} \in \Gamma_V$ . Since  $(|M|, \dim W) = 1$ , we have  $\mu \in \Gamma_V$ . In the same way we obtain  $\mu \in \Gamma_W$ . Therefore we have  $\mu \in \Gamma_{V \otimes W}$ ; this means y = 0 in R(G). Consequently x belongs to  $R_1(G)$ .

For a group G we denote by C(G) its center. Since the dimensions of the

irreducible G-spaces divide |G/C(G)|, we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.3.** If both H and K have Property 1 and if it holds that  $(|H/C(H)|, \phi(|K|)) = (|K/C(K)|, \phi(|H|)) = 1$ , then  $G = H \times K$  has Property 1.

As the abelian groups and the p-groups have Property 1, we have the following.

**Corollary 3.4.** Let H be an abelian group, and K a p-group. Provided  $(\phi(|H|), p)=1$ , then  $G=H\times K$  has Property 1.

**Corollary 3.5.** Let H be a p-group and K a q-group. Provided (p, q) = (p, q-1)=(q, p-1)=1, then  $G=H\times K$  has Property 1.

## 4. The irreducible spaces of the hyperelementary group

Let G have a normal cyclic subgroup A and a Sylow p-subgroup H such that G is the semidirect product of H by A, that is, G is a hyperelementary group. The irreducible representations of G can be constructed by the method of little group of Wigner and Mackey (see [7; 8.2]).

Since A is cyclic, its irreducible representations form a group Y. The group G acts on Y by

$$(g\chi)(a) = \chi(g^{-1}ag)$$

for  $g \in G$ ,  $\chi \in Y$ ,  $a \in A$ . This action induces the action of G on the set Irr(A) of irreducible A-spaces. For  $V \in Irr(A)$  and  $g \in G$ , we have an irreducible A-space  $g_*V$  by this action. Let  $\{V(i) \colon i \in Y/H\}$  be a system of representatives for the orbits of H. For each  $i \in Y/H$ , let H(i) be the subgroup of H consisting of those elements h such that  $h_*V(i)=V(i)$ , and let G(i)=AH(i) be the corresponding subgroup of G. We can canonically extend V(i) to the G(i)-space, that is,  $h \in H(i)$  acts trivially on V(i). Let W be an irreducible H(i)-space; W can be extended to G(i)-space, too. By taking the tensor product of V(i) and W we obtain an irreducible G(i)-space  $V(i) \otimes W$ . Then  $Ind_{G(i)}^{C}V(i) \otimes W$  is irreducible, moreover each irreducible G-space is obtained in this way ([7; Proposition 25]).

We denote by  $C_H(A)$  the centralizer of A in H, i.e.

$$C_H(A) = \{g \in H : g^{-1}ag = a \text{ for all } a \in A\}$$
 .

**Proposition 4.1.** If the kernel of  $\operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^G V(i) \otimes W$  is  $\{1\}$ , then the kernel of the A-space V(i) is  $\{1\}$ , and  $H(i) = C_H(A)$ .

Proof. This comes from the fact that ker  $V(i) \subset \ker \operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^{G} \{V(i) \otimes W\}$ .

Since  $C_H(A)$  is normal in H, H acts on  $Irr(C_H(A))$  by

$$(\chi_{g*W})(h) = \chi_W(g^{-1}hg)$$
,

where  $g \in H$ ,  $h \in H$ , and  $\chi_W$  is the corresponding character to  $W \in Irr(C_H(A))$ .

**Proposition 4.2.** Put  $K=C_H(A)$ , and let V be an irreducible A-space with the trivial kernel, W an irreducible K-space and h an element of H. Then we have

$$\operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^{G}V \otimes (h_{*}W) = \operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^{G}(h^{-1}_{*}V) \otimes W$$

Proof. If we identify the representation spaces with the corresponding characters, by direct calculation we have

$$\{\operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^G V \otimes (h_*W)\}(g) = \operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^G \{(h^{-1}_*V) \otimes W\}(g) \quad \text{for each } g \in G.$$

Proposition 4.3. We have the following.

- (i)  $\gamma \operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^G V(i) \otimes W = \operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^G (\gamma V(i)) \otimes (\gamma W)$  for  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .
- (ii)  $\operatorname{Res}_{H}^{G}\operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^{G}V(i)\otimes W=\operatorname{Ind}_{H(i)}^{H}W.$
- (iii)  $\operatorname{Res}_{A}^{G}\operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^{G}V(i)\otimes W=\dim W \bigoplus_{[h]\in H/H(i)}h_{*}V(i)$
- (iv) If ker  $\operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^{G}V(i)\otimes W=\ker \operatorname{Ind}_{G(j)}^{G}V(j)\otimes W'$ , then we have H(i)=H(j).

Proof. (i): This holds clearly.

- (ii): Since  $H \setminus G/G(i)$  consists of the only one coset, (ii) follows from the Mackey decomposition.
- (iii): Since  $A \setminus G/G(i)$  can be identified with H/H(i), we have (iii) by the Mackey decomposition.
- (iv): Put  $U = \operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^G V(i) \otimes W$  and  $U' = \operatorname{Ind}_{G(j)}^G V(j) \otimes W'$ . From ker  $U = \ker U'$  we have ker  $\operatorname{Res}_A^G U = \ker \operatorname{Res}_A^G U'$ . By (iii) we have ker  $V(i) = \ker V(j)$ . This implies H(i) = H(j).

**Proposition 4.4.** Put  $K=C_H(A)$ , and let V be an irreducible A-space with the trivial kernel, U and W irreducible K-spaces. Set  $M=\operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^GV\otimes U$  and  $N=\operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^GV\otimes W$ . Provided  $\Gamma M \mp \Gamma N$  as subset of Irr(G), then we have

$$\langle \Gamma \operatorname{Res}^{\it G}_{\it K} M$$
,  $\Gamma \operatorname{Res}^{\it G}_{\it K} N \rangle_{\it K} = \{0\}$  .

Proof. For  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  we have

$$\gamma \operatorname{Res}^{\mathsf{G}}_{\mathsf{K}} M = \bigoplus_{\mathtt{Ihl} \in \mathsf{H}/\mathsf{K}} \gamma h_{*} U$$

by Proposition 4.3 (ii). Proposition 4.2 implies  $\operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^G V \otimes (h_*U) \in \Gamma M$ . Since  $\Gamma M \neq \Gamma N$ , we have

$$\langle \gamma h_* U, \gamma' h'_* W \rangle_K = 0$$

for each  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,  $\gamma' \in \Gamma$ ,  $[h] \in H/K$  and  $[h'] \in H/K$ . This relation yields the consequence of Propoitions 4.4.

**Proposition 4.5.** Let L be a subgroup of H, then we have  $N_G(L) = C_A(L)N_H(L)$ .

Proof. Let a and h are elements of A and H respectively. If  $ah \in N_G(L)$ , we have  $(ah)^{-1}Lah = L$ , consequently  $a^{-1}La = hLh^{-1}$ . For each  $g \in L$ , there exists  $h' \in H$  such that  $a^{-1}ga = h'$ . Then we have  $a^{-1}(gag^{-1}) = h'g^{-1} \in A \cap H$ . This means that  $a^{-1}gag^{-1} = 1$  and  $h'g^{-1} = 1$ . Therefore we have ga = ag, that is, we have  $a \in C_A(L)$ . This yields  $L = hLh^{-1}$ . We obtain  $h \in N_H(L)$ . The above argument shows  $N_G(L) \subset C_A(L)N_H(L)$ . On the other hand  $N_G(L) \supset C_A(L)N_H(L)$  holds obviously. Hence we have  $N_G(L) = C_A(L)N_H(L)$ .

Let h be an element of H, then h acts on the generators a of A by

$$h \cdot a = hah^{-1}$$
.

Let L be the subset of H consisting of elements h such that

$$T(h) = \prod_{b \in \langle h \rangle \cdot a} b$$

is not equal to the unit element 1 of G, where a is a fixed generator of A, and  $\langle h \rangle \cdot a$  is the orbit of a with respect to the above action of the group  $\langle h \rangle$  generated by h. L is defined independently of the choice of a.

**Proposition 4.6.** The above L is a subgroup of H.

Proof. If  $h \in K = C_H(A)$ , we have  $\langle h \rangle \cdot a = \{a\}$ . This implies  $T(h) \neq 1$ . We get  $L \supset K$ , moreover we see that L is the union of several cosets of H/K. We remark that H/K is a cyclic p-group. If we can show that  $h \in L$  implies  $h^m \in L$  for  $1 \leq m \leq p$ , we see that L is a subgroup of H.

Suppose  $1 \le m < p$ . Since  $\langle h \rangle \cdot a = \langle h^m \rangle \cdot a$ ,  $h \in L$  implies  $h^m \in L$ . Let h be an element of H - K, then we have the disjoint sum such that

$$\langle h \rangle \cdot a = \prod_{j=0}^{p-1} h^j \langle h^p \rangle \cdot a$$
.

If  $T(h^p)=1$ , we have

$$T(h) = \prod_{j=0}^{p-1} h^j T(h^p) h^{-j} = 1$$
.

Therefore  $h^{\flat} \notin L$  implies  $h \notin L$ ; this means that  $h \in L$  implies  $h^{\flat} \in L$ . This completes the proof of Proposition 4.6.

**Proposition 4.7.** Put  $K=C_H(A)$ , and let V be an irreducible A space with the trivial kernel, W a K-space, a a generator of A and h an element of H. We have the following.

(i) Provided  $h \in H-L$ , the all eigenvalues of ah on  $\operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^G V \otimes W$  are determined independently of the choice of the generator a of A.

(ii) Provided  $h \in L$ , ah does not have 1 as its eigenvalue on  $\operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^G V \otimes W$ . Here L is the group defined above.

As we can prove this by direct calculation, we omit the proof.

## 5. On the case: G is generated by two elements

In this section G=AH will be a hyperelementary group such that H is cyclic.

REMARK 5.1. Let K be a subgroup of H, then K is normal in H. If W is a K-space, then for any  $h \in H$  we have  $h_*W = W$ .

## Proposition 5.2. We have the following.

- (i) Let  $U = \operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^G V(i) \otimes W$  be an irreducible G-space. Then  $\ker U = (\ker V(i))(\ker W)$  holds, where  $\ker V(i) \subset A$  and  $\ker W \subset H(i)$ .
  - (ii) If irreducible G-spaces U and U' have the same kernel,  $\Gamma U = \Gamma U'$  holds.
  - (iii) G has Property 2.
- Proof. (i): By the definition of the induced representation and Remark 5.1 we obtain ker  $U=(\ker V(i))(\ker W)$ .
- (ii): Suppose  $U = \operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^G V(i) \otimes W$  and  $U' = \operatorname{Ind}_{G(j)}^G V(j) \otimes W'$ , then by (i) we have  $\ker V(i) = \ker V(j)$  and  $\ker W = \ker W'$  (see Proposition 4.3 (iv)). Since both A and H(i) = H(j) are cyclic, we have  $\Gamma V(i) = \Gamma V(j)$  and  $\Gamma W = \Gamma W'$ . From Proposition 4.3 (i) we obtain  $\Gamma U = \Gamma U'$ .
  - (iii): Lemma 2.1 and above (ii) imply (iii).

**Proposition 5.3.** Let V(i) be an irreducible A-space as before, W an H(i)-space and  $\gamma$  an element of  $\Gamma$ . Put  $x = \operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^G \{(\gamma V(i)) \otimes W - V(i) \otimes W\}$ . Then x belongs to  $R_h(G)$  if and only if  $\operatorname{Res}_{G(i)}^G x$  belongs to  $R_h(G(i))$ .

Proof. The only if part is clear. We will prove the if part by induction on |G|. If |A|=1 or |H|=1 then Proposition 5.3 is trivial. Make the inductive hypothesis: for each hyperelementary group of the same type as G has and of smaller order than |G| Proposition 5.3 is valid.

We assume that  $\operatorname{Res}_{G(i)}^G x$  belongs to  $R_h(G(i))$ . By Lemma 2.1 and the inductive hypothesis it is sufficient to prove the proposition in the case:  $V(i)(\{1\}) = V(i)$  and  $W(\{1\}) = W$ . In this case we have  $x^L = 0$  in  $R(N_G(L))$  for each non-trivial subgroup L of G. By Lemma 2.3 we complete the proof if we show  $P = P(G; x) \equiv 0 \mod |G|$ . Choose a positive integer s such that

$$\gamma(\exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}/|A|)) = \exp(2\pi s\sqrt{-1}/|A|) \text{ and } s \equiv 1 \mod |H|.$$

By (2.4) and (2.5) we have

$$P \equiv \sum_{s \in G} \{ z(g) - Q(s; \operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^{G} V(i) \otimes W)(g) \} \mod |G|$$
  
= 1-s<sup>n</sup>,

where  $n=\dim \operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^G V(i) \otimes W$ . Since  $s\equiv 1 \mod |H|$ , we have  $P\equiv 0 \mod |H|$ . On the other hand  $\operatorname{Res}_{G(i)}^G x \in R_h(G(i))$  implies  $\operatorname{Res}_A^G x \in R_h(A)$ ; we have  $P(A; \operatorname{Res}_A^G x) \equiv 0 \mod |A|$ . From (2.5) we obtain

$$\sum_{g \in A} \{z(g) - Q(s; \operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^{G} V(i) \otimes W)(g)\} \equiv 0 \mod |A|.$$

The left hand side of the above relation is equal to  $1-s^n$ . This means that  $P \equiv 0 \mod |A|$ . Consequently we have  $P \equiv 0 \mod |G|$ . This completes the proof.

**Proposition 5.4.** Let V(i) be an irreducible A-space as before, and U and W H(i)-spaces. Put  $x = \operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^G(V(i) \otimes U - V(i) \otimes W)$ . Then x belongs to  $R_h(G)$  if and only if  $\operatorname{Res}_H^G x$  belongs to  $R_h(H)$ .

Proof. The only if part is clear. We will prove the if part by induction on |G|. If |A|=1 or |H|=1 then Proposition 5.4 is trivial. Make the inductive hypothesis: for each hyperelementary group of the same type as G and of smaller order than |G| Proposition 5.4 is valid.

We assume that  $\operatorname{Res}_H^G x$  belongs to  $R_h(H)$ . By Lemma 2.1 and the inductive hypothesis it is sufficient to prove the proposition in the case: V(i) ( $\{1\}$ )=V(i),  $U(\{1\})=U$  and  $W(\{1\})=W$ . Since  $K=C_H(A)$  is cyclic, those conditions imply

$$U-W \equiv \gamma W_0 - W_0 \mod R_1(K)$$
,

where  $W_0$  is some irreducible K-space with the trivial kernel and  $\gamma$  is some element of  $\Gamma$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $W=W_0$  and  $U=\gamma W_0$ . By this assumption we have  $x^L=0$  for each non-trivial subgroup L of G. If we show that  $P=P(G; x)\equiv 0 \mod |G|$ , by Lemma 2.4 we obtain Proposition 5.4. Choose a positive integer s such that

$$\gamma(\exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}/|H|)) = \exp(2\pi s\sqrt{-1}/|H|)$$
 and  $s \equiv 1 \mod |A|$ .

By (2.4) and (2.5) we have

$$P \equiv \sum_{g \in G} \{ z(g) - Q(s; \operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^{G} V(i) \otimes W)(g) \} \mod |G|$$

$$= 1 - s^{n},$$

where  $n=\dim \operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^G V(i) \otimes W$ . Since  $s \equiv 1 \mod |A|$ , we have  $P \equiv 0 \mod |A|$ . On the other hand,  $\operatorname{Res}_H^G x \in R_h(H)$  implies  $P(H; \operatorname{Res}_H^G x) \equiv 0 \mod |H|$ . From (2.5) we obtain

$$\sum_{s \in G} \{z(s) - Q(s; \operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^{G} V(i) \otimes W)(g)\} \equiv 0 \mod |H|.$$

The left hand side of the above relation is equal to  $1-s^n$ . This means that  $P \equiv 0 \mod |H|$ . Consequently we have  $P \equiv 0 \mod |G|$ .

**Proposition 5.5.** Let V(i) be an irreducible A-space as before, W an irreducible H(i)-space, and  $\gamma$  and  $\gamma'$  elements of  $\Gamma$ . Put  $x = \operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^G \{\gamma(V) \otimes (\gamma'W) - V \otimes W\}$ . Then x belongs to  $R_h(G)$  if and only if  $\operatorname{Res}_{G(i)}^G x \in R_h(G(i))$  and  $\operatorname{Res}_H^G x \in R_h(H)$ .

Proof. The only if part is clear. We prove the if part. Put

$$y = \operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^{G} \{ (\gamma V(i)) \otimes (\gamma' W) - (\gamma V(i)) \otimes W \} \text{ and }$$

$$z = \operatorname{Ind}_{G(i)}^{G} \{ (\gamma V(i)) \otimes W - V(i) \otimes W \} .$$

We have x=y+z; we have  $\operatorname{Res}_H^G x = \operatorname{Res}_H^G y$ .  $\operatorname{Res}_H^G x \in R_h(H)$  means that  $\operatorname{Res}_H^G y \in R_h(H)$ . By Proposition 5.4 we have  $y \in R_h(G)$ . This and  $\operatorname{Res}_{G(i)}^G x \in R_h(G(i))$  imply  $\operatorname{Res}_{G(i)}^G z \in R_h(G(i))$ . By Proposition 5.3 we have  $z \in R_h(G)$ . Consequently we have  $x=y+z \in R_h(G)$ .

## 6. Hyperelementary groups and Property 2

In this section G = AH will be a hyperelementary group such that all the elementary subgroups of the quotient groups of the subgroups of G have Property 2.

REMARK. If an elementary group  $K=A\times H$  satisfies one of the conditions: (i)  $(\phi(|A|), p)=1$ , (ii)  $|H| \leq p^4$  and (iii) H is metacyclic, then K has Property 2.

Let R(G, f) be the subgroup of R(G) built from the irreducible G-spaces which yield faithful A-spaces when they are restricted to A. Put  $R_h(G, f) = R(G, f) \cap R_h(G)$ , and  $R_0(G, f) = R(G, f) \cap R_0(G)$ .

**Proposition 6.1.** Let x be an element of  $R_h(G, f)$ , B a subgroup of A and K a subgroup of  $C_H(B)$ . Then for each  $C \in X(G) = Irr(G)/\Gamma$  we have  $\operatorname{Res}_{BK}^G f_C(x) \in R_h(BK)$ .

Proof. It is sufficient to prove the proposition in the case that  $K=C_H(B)$ . In this case we have  $K\subset C_H(A)$ . Put  $L=C_H(A)$ . Let V be an irreducible A-space with the trivial kernel, and U and W irreducible L-spaces. If  $\Gamma \operatorname{Ind}_{AL}^G V \otimes U \neq \Gamma \operatorname{Ind}_{AL}^G V \otimes W$ , we have

$$\langle \Gamma \operatorname{Res}_{BK}^G \operatorname{Ind}_{AL}^G V \otimes U, \Gamma \operatorname{Res}_{BK}^G \operatorname{Ind}_{AL}^G V \otimes W \rangle_{BK} = \{0\}$$

by Proposition 4.4. Since BK has Property 2 by the assumption, we have  $\operatorname{Res}_{BK}^G f_C(x) \in R_h(BK)$  for each  $C \in X(G)$ .

**Proposition 6.2.** Put  $K=C_H(A)$ , and let V be an irreducible A-space with

the trivial kernel, W a K-space and  $\gamma$  an element of  $\Gamma$ . Put  $x = \operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^G \{(\gamma V) \otimes W - V \otimes W\}$ . Then x belongs to  $R_h(G)$  if and only if for each subgroup B of A and  $L = C_H(B)$  we have  $\operatorname{Res}_{BL}^G x \in R_h(BL)$ .

Proof. The only if part is clear. We will prove the if part by induction on |G|. If |A|=1 or |H|=1, then Proposition 6.2 is trivial. Make the inductive hypothesis: for each hyperelementary group which satisfies the same condition as G satisfies and whose order is smaller than |G| Proposition 6.2 is valid.

Assume that for each  $B \subset A$  and  $L = C_H(B)$  we have  $\operatorname{Res}_{L}^G x \in R_h(BL)$ . Firstly we get  $x \in R_0(G)$ . By Propositions 3.1, 4.3, 4.4 and 6.1 it is sufficient to prove the proposition in the case that there exist a positive integer r, an irreducible K-space U and elements h(m) of H,  $1 \le m \le r$ , such that

$$W = \bigoplus_{m=1}^{r} h(m)_{*}U.$$

By Propositions 3.1 and 4.2 we have

$$\operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^{G}\left\{(\gamma V)\otimes h(m)_{*}U-V\otimes h(m)_{*}U\right\}\equiv\operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^{G}\left\{(\gamma V)\otimes U-V\otimes U\right\}\ \operatorname{mod}\ R_{1}(G).$$

This enables us to assume that W itself is irreducible.

**Assertion 6.3.** Let  $M \neq \{1\}$  be a subgroup of G We have  $x^M \in R_k(N_G(M))$ .

Proof. If  $A \cap M \neq \{1\}$ , then we have  $x^M = 0$  in  $R(N_G(M))$ . We assume  $A \cap M = \{1\}$ . In this case M is conjugate to a subgroup of H. By Proposition 2.2 we may assume  $M \subset H$ . By Proposition 4.5 we have  $N_G(M) = C_A(M)N_H(M)$ . The proof is divided into the following three cases.

Case 1. 
$$C_A(M) \neq A$$
  
Put  $B = C_A(M)$ ,  $L = C_H(B)$  and  $y = \operatorname{Res}_{BH}^G x$ . We have

$$y = \operatorname{Ind}_{BK}^{BH} \{ (\gamma \operatorname{Res}_{B}^{A} V) \otimes W - (\operatorname{Res}_{B}^{A} V) \otimes W \}$$
.

By Proposition 25 of [7; 8.2] we have y in another form as follows:

$$y = \operatorname{Ind}_{{\it B}\,{\it L}}^{{\it B}\,{\it H}} \left\{ \! (\gamma \; \operatorname{Res}_{\it B}^{\it A} \; V) \! \otimes \! U \! - \! (\operatorname{Res}_{\it B}^{\it A} \; V) \! \otimes \! U \right\}$$
 ,

where U is an L-space. For a subgroup C of B, we put  $N=C_H(C)$ ; we have  $\operatorname{Res}_{CN}^{BH} y = \operatorname{Res}_{CN}^{G} x \in R_h(CN)$  by the assumption. By the inductive hypothesis y belongs to  $R_h(BH)$ . This implies  $x^M = y^M \in R_h(N_G(M))$ .

Case 2. 
$$C_A(M) = A$$
 and  $N_H(M) \neq H$   
Put  $N = N_G(M)$ ,  $D = H \cap N$ ,  $E = K \cap N$  and  $y = \text{Res}_N^G x$ , then we have

$$y = \sum_{\mathtt{I}\mathtt{A} \mathtt{I} \in \mathcal{H}/DK} \mathtt{I}\mathtt{I}\mathtt{I}\mathtt{I}\mathtt{d}_{AE}^{N} \left\{ (\gamma h_{*}V) \otimes (\mathrm{Res}_{E}^{K} \, h_{*}W) - (h_{*}V) \otimes (\mathrm{Res}_{E}^{K} \, h_{*}W) \right\} \, .$$

By Proposition 3.1 we have

$$\begin{split} y &\equiv \sum_{\text{Inl} \in \mathcal{H}/\mathcal{DK}} \text{Ind}_{AE}^{N} \left\{ (\gamma V) \otimes (\text{Res}_{E}^{K} h_{*} W) - V \otimes (\text{Res}_{E}^{K} h_{*} W) \bmod R_{\text{I}}(N) \right. \\ &= \text{Ind}_{AE}^{N} \left\{ (\gamma V) \otimes U - V \otimes U \right\} \,, \end{split}$$

where

$$U = \bigoplus_{[h] \in \mathcal{H}/\mathcal{DK}} \operatorname{Res}_E^K h_* W.$$

For a subgroup B of A and  $L=C_D(B)$  we have  $\operatorname{Res}_{BL}^N y=\operatorname{Res}_{BL}^G x\in R_h(BL)$ . We have  $y\in R_h(N_G(M))$  by the inductive hypothesis. This implies  $x^M=y^M\in R_h(N_G(M))$ .

Case 3. 
$$N_G(M) = G$$

We have reduced the problem to the case that W is irreducible. In this case  $\operatorname{Ind}_{AX}^G(\gamma V) \otimes W$  and  $\operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^G V \otimes W$  are irreducible. If  $(\operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^G V \otimes W)^M \neq \{0\}$ , then we have  $(\operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^G V \otimes W)^M = \operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^G V \otimes W$ . We get ker  $\operatorname{Ind}_{AX}^G V \otimes W \supset M$ . By the inductive hypothesis we have  $x \in R_h(G)$ . This completes the proof of Assertion 6.3.

If we show  $P=P(G; x)\equiv 0 \mod |G|$ , we complete the proof of Proposition 6.2. Choose a positive integer s such that

$$\gamma(\exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}/|A|)) = \exp(2\pi s\sqrt{-1}/|A|)$$
 and  $s \equiv 1 \mod |H|$ .

By (2.4) and (2.5) we have

$$P \equiv \sum_{s \in \mathcal{G}} \{ z(g) - Q(s; \operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^{G} V \otimes W)(g) \} \mod |G|.$$

Since  $s \equiv 1 \mod |H|$ , we have  $F \equiv 0 \mod |H|$ . On the other hand there exist integers  $n_c$  for the cyclic subgroups C of H such that

$$P = \sum_{C < H : \text{cyclic}} n_C P(G; \operatorname{Res}_{AC}^G x).$$

If we can show  $P(G; \operatorname{Res}_{AC}^G x) \equiv 0 \mod |A|$ , we see that  $P \equiv 0 \mod |A|$ ; consequently we obtain  $P \equiv 0 \mod |G|$ .  $P(G; \operatorname{Res}_{AC}^G x) \equiv 0 \mod |A|$ , follows from the following assertion.

**Assertion 6.4.** For each cyclic subgroup C of H, we have  $\operatorname{Res}_{AC}^G x \in R_h(AC)$ .

Proof. Put  $y = \operatorname{Res}_{AC}^{G} x$  and  $M = C \cap K$ . We have

$$\begin{split} y &= \sum_{\text{Inl} \in \mathcal{H}/\sigma_K} \operatorname{Ind}_{AM}^{AC} \left\{ (\gamma h_* V) \otimes (\operatorname{Res}_M^K h_* W) - (h_* V) \otimes (\operatorname{Res}_M^K h_* W) \right\} \\ &= \sum_{\text{Inl} \in \mathcal{H}/\sigma_K} \operatorname{Ind}_{AM}^{AC} \left\{ (\gamma V) \otimes (\operatorname{Res}_M^K h_* W) - V \otimes (\operatorname{Res}_M^K h_* W) \right\} \ \operatorname{mod} R_1(AC) \\ &= \operatorname{Ind}_{AM}^{AC} \left\{ (\gamma V) \otimes U - V \otimes U \right\} \text{,} \end{split}$$

where

$$U = \bigoplus_{[h] \in H/CK} \operatorname{Res}_M^K h_* W.$$

Since we have  $\operatorname{Res}_{AM}^{AC} y = \operatorname{Res}_{AM}^{C} x \in R_h(AM)$  by the assumption, we have  $\operatorname{Res}_{AC}^{C} x = y \in R_h(AC)$  by Proposition 5.3. This completes the proof of Assertion 6.4.

**Proposition 6.5.** Put  $K=C_H(A)$ , and let V be an irreducible A-space with the trivial kernel, W a K-space and  $\gamma$  an element of  $\Gamma$ . Put  $x=\operatorname{Ind}_{AX}^G\{V\otimes(\gamma W)-V\otimes W\}$ . Then X belongs to  $R_h(G)$  if and only if  $\operatorname{Res}_H^G X$  belongs to  $R_h(H)$ .

Proof. The only if part is clear. We will prove the if part by induction on |G|. If |A|=1 or |H|=1, then the proposition is trivial. Make the inductive hypothesis: for each hyperelementary group which satisfies the condition stated at the beginning of this section and whose order is smaller than |G| Proposition 6.5 is valid.

We assume  $\operatorname{Res}_{H}^{G}x \in R_{h}(H)$  and  $|A| \neq 1$ . Firstly we have  $x \in R_{0}(G)$ . By Propositions 3.1, 4.3, 4.4 and 6.1 it is sufficient to prove the proposition in the case that there exist a positive integer r, an irreducible K-space U and elements h(m) of H,  $1 \leq m \leq r$ , such that

$$W = \bigoplus_{m=1}^{r} h(m)_* U.$$

By Propositions 3.1 and 4.2 we have

$$\operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^{G} \left\{ V \otimes (\gamma h(m)_{*}U) - V \otimes (h(m)_{*}U) \right\} \equiv \operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^{G} \left\{ V \otimes (\gamma U) - V \otimes U \right\} \bmod R_{1}(G).$$

This enables us to assume that W itself is irreducible.

**Assertion 6.6.** Let L be a non-trivial subgroup of G. We have  $x^L \in R_k(N_G(L))$ .

Proof. Since A acts freely on  $\operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^G V \otimes \gamma W$  and on  $\operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^G V \otimes W$  except the origins, it is sufficient to prove the assertion in the case that  $L \cap A = \{1\}$ . In this case L is conjugate to a subgroup of H. By Proposition 2.2 we may assume  $L \subset H$ . Then we have  $N_G(L) = C_A(L)N_H(L)$  by Proposition 4.5. We divide the proof into the following three cases.

Case 1. 
$$C_A(L) \neq A$$
  
We put  $B = C_A(L)$  and  $y = \operatorname{Res}_{BH}^G x$ . We have

$$y=\operatorname{Ind}_{{{}^B}{{}^H}}^{{{}^B}{{}^H}}\left\{(\operatorname{Res}_{{{}^B}}^{{{}^A}}V){\otimes}(\gamma W){-}(\operatorname{Res}_{{{}^B}}^{{{}^A}}V){\otimes}W\right\}\,.$$

Put  $M = C_H(B)$ , then we have

$$y = \operatorname{Ind}_{BM}^{BH} \{ (\operatorname{Res}_{B}^{A} V) \otimes (\gamma \operatorname{Ind}_{K}^{M} W) - (\operatorname{Res}_{B}^{A} V) \otimes (\operatorname{Ind}_{K}^{M} W) \} .$$

On the other hand we have  $\operatorname{Res}_B^{BH} y = \operatorname{Res}_H^G x \in R_h(H)$ . By the inductive hypothesis we have  $y \in R_h(BH)$ . This implies  $x^L = y^L \in R_h(N_G(L))$ .

Case 2.  $C_A(L) = A$  and  $N_H(L) \neq H$ 

Put  $M=N_H(L)$ ,  $N=N_G(L)$ ,  $D=K\cap M$  and  $y=\operatorname{Res}_N^G x$ . We have N=AM and

$$\begin{split} y &= \sum_{\text{Inl} \in \mathcal{H}/K,M} \operatorname{Ind}_{AD}^{N} \left\{ (h_{*}V) \otimes (\gamma \operatorname{Res}_{D}^{K} h_{*}W) - (h_{*}V) \otimes (\operatorname{Res}_{D}^{K} h_{*}W) \right\} \\ &\equiv \sum_{\text{Inl} \in \mathcal{H}/K,M} \operatorname{Ind}_{AD}^{N} \left\{ V \otimes (\gamma \operatorname{Res}_{D}^{K} h_{*}W) - V \otimes (\operatorname{Res}_{D}^{K} h_{*}W) \right\} \operatorname{mod} R_{1}(N) \\ &= \operatorname{Ind}_{AD}^{N} \left\{ V \otimes (\gamma U) - V \otimes U \right\} , \end{split}$$

where

$$U = \bigoplus_{[h] \in \mathcal{A}/K,\mathbf{M}} \operatorname{Res}_{D}^{K} h_{*}W.$$

Since we have  $\operatorname{Res}_{M}^{N} y = \operatorname{Res}_{M}^{G} x \in R_{h}(M)$ , by the inductive hypothesis we get  $y \in R_{h}(N)$ . This implies  $x^{L} = y^{L} \in R_{h}(N_{G}(L))$ .

Case 3. 
$$N_G(L) = G$$

When W is irreducible,  $\operatorname{Ind}_{AR}^G V \otimes W$  and  $\operatorname{Ind}_{AR}^G V \otimes \gamma W$  are irreducible. This implies that  $x^L = x$  or 0 in R(G). If  $x^L = 0$ , Assertion 6.6 is clearly valid. If  $x^L = x$ , then L is included in the kernel of x. By the inductive hypothesis we obtain  $x \in R_k(G)$ . This completes the proof of Assertion 6.6.

If we show  $P=P(G; x)\equiv 0 \mod |G|$ , we complete the Proof of Proposition 6.5. As usual choose a positive integer s such that

$$\gamma(\exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}/|H|)) = \exp(2\pi s\sqrt{-1}/|H|)$$
 and  $s \equiv 1 \mod |A|$ .

By (2.5) we have

$$P \equiv \sum_{s \in G} \{ z(g) - Q(s; \operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^G V \otimes W)(g) \} \mod |G|.$$

By the inductive hypothesis, for each proper subgroup B of A we have  $\operatorname{Res}_{BH}^G x \subseteq R_k(BH)$ . This implies  $P(BH; \operatorname{Res}_{BH}^G x) \equiv 0 \mod |BH|$ . Therefore we have

$$P \equiv \sum_{ah \in A_H : \langle a \rangle = A} \{ z(ah) - Q(s; \operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^G V \otimes W)(ah) \} \mod |H|.$$

By Propositions 4.6 and 4.7 we have

$$P \equiv \sum_{\substack{a \in A : \langle a \rangle = A \\ h \in H - L}} \{ z(ah) - Q(s; \operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^G V \otimes W)(ah) \} \mod |H|$$
$$\equiv \phi(|A|) \sum_{h \in H - L} \{ z(h) - Q(s; \operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^G V \otimes W)(h) \} \mod |H|,$$

where L is the group given in Proposition 4.6,  $\phi$  is the Euler function. Res<sub>L</sub><sup>G</sup>  $x \in R_h(L)$  and (2.5) imply

$$\sum_{h\in L} \{z(h) - Q(s; \operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^G V \otimes W)(h)\} \equiv 0 \bmod |L|.$$

Since  $\phi(|A|)$  is a multiple of |H/K| and |L| a multiple of |K|, we have

$$P \equiv \phi(|A|) \sum_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \{ z(h) - Q(s; \operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^{G} V \otimes W)(h) \} \bmod |H|.$$

From  $\operatorname{Res}_{H}^{G} x \in R_{h}(H)$ , we have  $P \equiv 0 \mod |H|$ . On the other hand for the cyclic subgroups C of H there exist integers  $n_{C}$  such that

$$P = \sum_{C < H \text{ : cyclic}} n_C \sum_{g \in AG} z(g)$$
.

We obtain  $P \equiv 0 \mod |A|$  from the following assertion; consequently we get  $P \equiv 0 \mod |G|$ .

**Assertion 6.7.** For each cyclic subgroup C of H, we have  $\operatorname{Res}_{AC}^{G} x \in R_{h}(AC)$ .

Proof. Put  $y = \operatorname{Res}_{AC}^{G} x$  and  $D = C \cap K$ , then we have

$$\begin{split} y &= \sum_{\text{IA} \in \mathcal{U}/\mathcal{OK}} \operatorname{Ind}_{AD}^{AC} \left\{ (h_* V) \otimes (\gamma \operatorname{Res}_D^K h_* W) - (h_* V) \otimes (\operatorname{Res}_D^K h_* W) \right\} \\ &\equiv \sum_{\text{IA} \in \mathcal{U}/\mathcal{OK}} \operatorname{Ind}_{AD}^{AC} \left\{ V \otimes (\gamma \operatorname{Res}_D^K h_* W) - V \otimes (\operatorname{Res}_D^K h_* W) \right\} \operatorname{mod} R_1(AC) \\ &= \operatorname{Ind}_{AD}^{AC} (V \otimes \gamma U - V \otimes U) , \end{split}$$

where

$$U = \bigoplus_{[h] \in H/\mathcal{O}K} \operatorname{Res}_D^K h_* W.$$

Moreover we have  $\operatorname{Res}_{\mathcal{C}}^{AC} y = \operatorname{Res}_{\mathcal{C}}^{G} x \in R_h(C)$ . By Proposition 5.4 we have  $y \in R_h(AC)$ . This completes the proof of Assertion 6.9 consequently completes the proof of Proposition 6.5.

**Proposition 6.10.** Put  $K=C_H(A)$ , and let V be an irreducible A-space with the trivial kernel, W a K-space and  $\gamma$  an element of  $\Gamma$ . Put  $x=\operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^G\{\gamma(V\otimes W)-V\otimes W\}$ . Then x belongs to  $R_h(G)$  if and only if for each subgroup B of A and  $L=C_H(B)$  we have  $\operatorname{Res}_{BL}^G x \in R_h(BL)$ .

Proof. The only if part is clear. We prove the if part. Put  $y = \operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^G \{ \gamma(V \otimes W) - (\gamma V) \otimes W \}$  and  $z = \operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^G \{ (\gamma V) \otimes W - V \otimes W \}$ , then we have x = y + z. Since  $\operatorname{Res}_H^G z = 0$ , we have  $\operatorname{Res}_H^G y \in R_h(H)$  by the assumption. From Proposition 6.5 we obtain  $y \in R_h(G)$ . This yields that

$$\operatorname{Res}_{BL}^{G} z = \operatorname{Res}_{BL}^{G} x - \operatorname{Res}_{BL}^{G} y \in R_{h}(BL)$$
.

Proposition 6.2 implies  $z \in R_h(G)$ . Hence we conclude that  $x \in R_h(G)$ .

**Theorem 6.11.** Let G be a hyperelementary group such that all the elementary subgroups of the quotient groups of the subgroups of G have Property 2. Then G has Property 2.

Proof. We prove it by induction on |G|. If |A|=1 or  $|H| \leq p$ , we are aware that G has Property 2. Make the inductive hypothesis: each hyperelementary group which satisfies the same condition as G satisfies and whose order is smaller than |G| has Property 2.

Let x be an elemant of  $R_h(G)$ . By Lemma 2.1 and the inductive hypothesis we may assume  $x(\{1\})=x$ . This implies  $x \in R_h(G,f)$ . Put  $K=C_H(A)$ . For a fixed element C of X(G), there exist  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , an irreducible A-space V and an irreducible K-space W such that

$$f_{\mathcal{C}}(x) \equiv \operatorname{Ind}_{AK}^{\mathcal{C}} \{ \gamma(V \otimes W) - V \otimes W \} \mod R_{\mathcal{I}}(G) .$$

By Propositions 6.1 and 6.10 we get  $f_c(x) \in R_h(G)$ .

For a subgroup B of A, we get an elementary subgroup  $BC_H(B)$  of G. Varying B, we obtain several elementary groups. Let E(G) be the set of all those elementary groups. Lemma 2.1 and Propositions 6.1 and 6.10 yield the following theorem.

**Theorem 6.12.** In the same situation as in Theorem 6.11

Res: 
$$R_0(G, f)/R_h(G, f) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{K \in \mathcal{M}(G)} j(K)$$

is injective. Therefore we obtain a naturally defined injection

$$j(G) \to \bigoplus_{B} \bigoplus_{K \in \mathcal{B}(G/B)} j(K)$$

where B runs over the subgroups of A.

#### 7. A closing example

Let A (resp. H) be the cyclic group of order 7 (resp. 5) which consists of the 7-th (resp. 5-th) roots of unity, and G the direct product of A and H. For each integer i (resp. j) with  $0 \le i \le 6$  (resp.  $0 \le j \le 4$ ) define the A-(resp. H-) representation  $v_i$  (resp.  $w_i$ ) by

$$v_i(z) = z^i \text{ for } z \in A$$
  
(resp.  $w_j(z) = z^j \text{ for } z \in H$ ).

We denote by  $V_i$  (resp.  $W_j$ ) the corresponding representation space to  $v_i$  (resp.  $w_j$ ). Define an element x of R(G) by

$$x = V_2 \otimes W_1 + V_2 \otimes W_0 + V_2 \otimes W_0 - V_1 \otimes W_1 - V_1 \otimes W_0 - V_1 \otimes W_0.$$

Then we have  $x \in R_0(G) \cap R(G, f)$ ; moreover we have  $\operatorname{Res}_A^G x \in R_h(A)$  and  $\operatorname{Res}_H^G x \in R_h(H)$ . The x does not, however, belong to  $R_h(G)$ . This is a counter example to [1; Proposition 5.2].

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