

ON THE GROTHENDIECK RING OF AN ABELIAN p -GOUP

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Introduction

The Grothendieck ring of a finite group has been studied by Swan ([5], [6]). At the end of [6] he determined completely the structure of the Grothendieck ring $G(Z\mathfrak{G})$ of a cyclic p -group \mathfrak{G} over the ring of rational integers Z .

In this paper we investigate the structure of $G(Z\mathfrak{G})$ of an abelian p -group \mathfrak{G} .

In the first section we consider some properties of the integral group ring of \mathfrak{G} . The results of this section are applied in the second section to investigate the additive structure of $G(Z\mathfrak{G})$. Let \mathfrak{o} be a maximal order of the group ring $Q\mathfrak{G}$ over the rational number field Q and let $Co(\mathfrak{o})$ be the reduced projective class group of \mathfrak{o} (Rim [4]). We show that $G(Z\mathfrak{G})$ is isomorphic to the splitting Z -algebra extension of $Co(\mathfrak{o})$ by $G(Q\mathfrak{G})$ (§ 2, § 3). The latter half of the third section is devoted to study the action of $G(Q\mathfrak{G})$ to $Co(\mathfrak{o})$. Some examples are given in the final section.

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§ 1. The integral group ring of a finite abelian group

Let R be the ring of integers of an algebraic number field K . The group ring $K\mathfrak{G}$ of a finite abelian group \mathfrak{G} over K decomposes into a direct sum of algebraic number fields K_i over K

$$K\mathfrak{G} = K_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus K_s, \quad (1.1)$$

and K_1, \dots, K_s are a full set of non-isomorphic irreducible $K\mathfrak{G}$ -modules. This decomposition induces the decomposition of the maximal order \mathfrak{o} of $K\mathfrak{G}$ into a direct sum of maximal orders \mathfrak{o}_i of K_i , i.e. the ring of integers of K_i . Since

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\mathfrak{O} contains $R\mathfrak{G}$, each projection π_i of $K\mathfrak{G}$ onto K_i induces a ring homomorphism of $R\mathfrak{G}$ into \mathfrak{O}_i . We will denote by A_i the kernel of this ring homomorphism and we will set $\Gamma_i = \prod_{j \neq i} A_j$.

PROPOSITION 1.1. *Let \mathfrak{G} be a finite abelian group of order n and exponent n_0 and let $K = Q(\zeta_m)$ be a cyclotomic field, where ζ_m means a primitive m -th root of 1. Then*

- (1) *in (1.1), each K_i is also a cyclotomic field $Q(\zeta_{m_i})$ for some m_i which divides $L.C.M. (m, n_0)$,*
- (2) *each projection π_i induces a surjection of $R\mathfrak{G}$ onto \mathfrak{O}_i .*
- (3) *for each i , $A_i + \Gamma_i \supseteq n^{s-1}R\mathfrak{G}$, and*
- (4) *there exists a positive integer l such that*

$$\Gamma_1 + \cdots + \Gamma_s \supseteq n^l R\mathfrak{G}.$$

Proof. Let $\mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{G}_1 \times \cdots \times \mathfrak{G}_t$ be the decomposition of \mathfrak{G} into a direct product of cyclic subgroups \mathfrak{G}_h and let g_h be the fixed generator of \mathfrak{G}_h .

Then we have $K_i = K(\pi_i(g_1), \dots, \pi_i(g_t))$. But for each h $\pi_i(g_h)^{n_0} = 1$, which implies that $K_i = Q(\zeta_{m_i})$ for some m_i which divides $L.C.M.(m, n_0)$. This shows (1). Each π_i gives rise to the surjection of $R\mathfrak{G}$ onto $R[\pi_i(g_1), \dots, \pi_i(g_t)] = Z[\zeta_{m_i}]$, which is the maximal order of $K_i = Q(\zeta_{m_i})$. This proves (2). (3) and (4) is proved by an induction on t . First, we suppose that \mathfrak{G} is a cyclic group generated by an element g . We have a ring isomorphism $K\mathfrak{G} \cong K[x]/(x^n - 1)K[x]$, where $K[x]$ is the polynomial ring over K in an indeterminate x . If

$$x^n - 1 = f_1(x) \cdots f_s(x) \tag{1.2}$$

is the factorization of $x^n - 1$ into irreducible non-constant monic polynomials in $K[x]$, by the Chinese remainder theorem we have

$$K[x]/(x^n - 1)K[x] \cong K[x]/f_1(x)K[x] \oplus \cdots \oplus K[x]/f_s(x)K[x]. \tag{1.3}$$

Obviously every root of $f_i(x)$ is a primitive n_i -th root of 1 for some n_i which divides n . Let ζ_{n_i} be one of these roots and let $K_i = K(\zeta_{n_i})$. Then the map $g \rightarrow \zeta_{n_i}$ gives rise to the projection π_i of $K\mathfrak{G}$ onto K_i . This shows that the kernel of π_i is $f_i(g)K\mathfrak{G}$, so that A_i is just given by $R\mathfrak{G} \cap f_i(g)K\mathfrak{G} = f_i(g)R\mathfrak{G}$. By a simple calculation, we have from (1.2)

$$f_i(x)R[x] + f_j(x)R[x] \supseteq nR[x] \quad (i \neq j). \tag{1.4}$$

Replacing x by g , we have

$$A_i + A_j \supseteq nR\mathfrak{G} \quad (i \neq j). \tag{1.5}$$

This implies that $A_i + \prod_{j \neq i} A_j \supseteq n^{s-1}R\mathfrak{G}$, which shows (3). (1.2) yields also that

$$\prod_{j \neq 1} f_j(x)R[x] + \cdots + \prod_{j \neq s} f_j(x)R[x] \supseteq nR[x]. \tag{1.6}$$

Since $\prod_{j \neq i} f_j(g)R\mathfrak{G} = \Gamma_i$, this implies (4).

In the general case, let $\mathfrak{G}' = \mathfrak{G}_1 \times \cdots \times \mathfrak{G}_{t-1}$ and let n' and n'' be the order of \mathfrak{G}' and \mathfrak{G}_t , respectively. If $x^{n''} - 1 = f_1(x) \cdots f_s(x)$ is the factorization of $x^{n''} - 1$ into irreducible monic polynomials in $K[x]$ and ζ_{n_i} is a root of $f_i(x)$, the map $g_t \rightarrow \zeta_{n_i}$ gives an isomorphism $K\mathfrak{G}/f_i(g_t)K\mathfrak{G} \cong K(\zeta_{n_i})\mathfrak{G}'$. Denoting $K(\zeta_{n_i})$ by K_i , we have $K\mathfrak{G} \cong K_1\mathfrak{G}' \oplus \cdots \oplus K_s\mathfrak{G}'$. On the other hand, (1) implies that each $K_i\mathfrak{G}'$ is a direct sum of cyclotomic fields $K_{i,j}$:

$$K_i\mathfrak{G}' = K_{i,1} + \cdots + K_{i,s_i}.$$

Let R_i and $\mathfrak{o}_{i,j}$ be the rings of integers of K_i and $K_{i,j}$, respectively, and let $A_{i,j}$ be the kernel of the surjection of $R\mathfrak{G}$ onto $\mathfrak{o}_{i,j}$. This surjection is given by the combined map $R\mathfrak{G} \rightarrow R_i\mathfrak{G}' \rightarrow \mathfrak{o}_{i,j}$. Since $f_i(g_t)R\mathfrak{G}$ is the kernel of the surjection $R\mathfrak{G} \rightarrow R_i\mathfrak{G}'$, we see that

$$A_{i,j} \supseteq f_i(g_t)R\mathfrak{G} \quad (j = 1, \dots, s_i), \tag{1.7}$$

and that the image $\bar{A}_{i,j}$ in $R_i\mathfrak{G}'$ of $A_{i,j}$ is the kernel of $R_i\mathfrak{G}' \rightarrow \mathfrak{o}_{i,j}$. Now for any distinct $A_{i,j}$ and $A_{h,k}$, we will show that $A_{i,j} + A_{h,k} \supseteq nR\mathfrak{G}$. When \mathfrak{G} is a cyclic group, this is given in (1.5). Then for any distinct k and k' , the induction hypothesis shows that $\bar{A}_{i,k} + \bar{A}_{i,k'} \supseteq n'R_i\mathfrak{G}'$. Since n' divides n , this implies that $A_{i,k} + A_{i,k'} \supseteq nR\mathfrak{G}$. On the other hand, for any distinct i and i' , we see easily that $f_i(g_t)R\mathfrak{G} + f_{i'}(g_t)R\mathfrak{G} \supseteq n''R$ similarly as in (1.4). Since n'' divides n , (1.7) shows that $A_{i,j} + A_{i',j'} \supseteq nR\mathfrak{G}$. Let $\Gamma_{i,j}$ be the product of all $A_{h,k}$ but $A_{i,j}$. Then a simple calculation shows that $A_{i,j} + \Gamma_{i,j} \supseteq n^{2s_k-1}R\mathfrak{G}$ from the above result, which proves (3). Let $A_{i,j} = \prod_{k \neq j} A_{i,k}$. Then by the induction hypothesis, there exists a positive integer l_i such that $\bar{A}_{i,1} + \cdots + \bar{A}_{i,s_i} \supseteq n^{l_i}R_i\mathfrak{G}'$, which shows that

$$A_{i,1} + \cdots + A_{i,s_i} \supseteq n^{l_i}R\mathfrak{G}, \tag{1.8}$$

Since $A_{h,k} + A_{h,k} \supseteq nR\mathfrak{G}$ for any distinct k and k' , it follows that $A_{h,1} \cdots A_{h,s_h} \supseteq n^{s_h(s_h-1)/2} (A_{h,1} \cap \cdots \cap A_{h,s_h})$. But each $A_{h,k}$ contains $f_h(g_t)R\mathfrak{G}$ from (1.6), so that $A_{h,1} \cdots A_{h,s_h} \supseteq n^{s_h(s_h-1)/2} f_h(g_t)R\mathfrak{G}$. Let $l' = \text{Max. } \{l_1, \dots, l_s\}$ and $l'' = \text{Max. } \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{h \neq 1} s_h(s_h-1), \dots, \frac{1}{2} \sum_{h \neq s} s_h(s_h-1) \right\}$. Then we have from (1.8)

$$\sum_{i,j} \Gamma_{i,j} = \sum_{i,j} \Delta_{i,j} \prod_{h \neq i} (A_{h,1} \cdots A_{h,s_h}) \supseteq n^{l''} n^{l'} \sum_i \prod_{h \neq i} f_h(g_t)R\mathfrak{G}.$$

As in (1.5) we have $\sum_i \prod_{h \neq i} f_h(g_t)R\mathfrak{G} \supseteq n''R\mathfrak{G}$. Hence $l = l' + l''$ satisfies (4). This completes the proof of the proposition.

§ 2. The additive structure of $G(Z\mathfrak{G})$

We are now ready to investigate the additive structure of $G(Z\mathfrak{G})$ of an abelian p -group \mathfrak{G} . Let \mathfrak{G} be of order p^e and exponent p^{e_0} . We denote by ζ_d a primitive p^d -th root of 1.

From Proposition 1.1, $Q\mathfrak{G}$ is a direct sum of cyclotomic fields $K_i = Q(\zeta_{d_i})$ for some d_i such that $0 \leq d_i \leq e_0$ and the maximal order \mathfrak{o} of $Q\mathfrak{G}$ is also a direct sum of the maximal orders $\mathfrak{o}_i = Z[\zeta_{d_i}]$ of K_i . Furthermore, the surjection of $Z\mathfrak{G}$ onto \mathfrak{o}_i induced by π_i gives a ring isomorphism

$$Z\mathfrak{G}/A_i \cong \mathfrak{o}_i. \quad (2.1)$$

Let M be any regular (i.e. finitely generated and Z -torsion free) $Z\mathfrak{G}$ -module and let

$$M_i = \{m \in M : \lambda_i m = 0 \text{ for any } \lambda_i \in A_i\}.$$

Then M_i is a Z -pure submodule of M . Since A_i annihilates M_i , we may turn M_i into an \mathfrak{o}_i -module from (2.1). Clearly M_i is finitely generated and torsion free as an \mathfrak{o}_i -module, so that M_i is projective since \mathfrak{o}_i is a Dedekind ring. Thus M_i is isomorphic to the direct sum of $l_i - 1$ copies of \mathfrak{o}_i and an ideal \mathfrak{a} of \mathfrak{o}_i

$$M_i \cong \mathfrak{o}_i \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak{o}_i \oplus \mathfrak{a}, \quad (2.2)$$

where the \mathfrak{o}_i -rank l_i of M_i and the ideal class $C_i(\mathfrak{a})$ of \mathfrak{a} are complete invariants of M_i (Curtis and Reiner [3]). By Proposition 1.1, (3), we have $M_i \cap (M_1 + \cdots + M_{i-1} + M_{i+1} + \cdots + M_s) = 0$. This shows that the sum of M_i is a direct sum. Now we denote by \overline{M} the quotient $M/\sum \oplus M_i$. Since $A_i \Gamma_i = 0$, \overline{M} is annihilated by $\Gamma_1 + \cdots + \Gamma_s$. Then Proposition 1.1, (4) implies that \overline{M} may be regarded as a module over $Z/(p^{el})\mathfrak{G}$ for some positive integer l . But the

only irreducible $Z/(p^{el})\mathfrak{G}$ -module is $Z/(p)$ on which \mathfrak{G} acts trivially. Hence \overline{M} has a composition series with factors $Z/(p)$. The sequence

$$0 \rightarrow Z \xrightarrow{p} Z \rightarrow Z/(p) \rightarrow 0$$

shows that $[Z/(p)] = 0$ in $G(Z\mathfrak{G})$, where $[Z/(p)]$ means the element of $G(Z\mathfrak{G})$ associated with $Z/(p)$, so that $[\overline{M}] = 0$ in $G(Z\mathfrak{G})$. This implies that $[M] = \sum [M_i]$. For any ideal \mathfrak{a} of \mathfrak{o}_i we denote by \mathfrak{a}_i^* the element $[\mathfrak{a}] - [\mathfrak{o}_i]$ of $G(Z\mathfrak{G})$. The map $\mathfrak{a} \rightarrow \mathfrak{a}_i^*$ defines a homomorphism of the ideal class group of \mathfrak{o}_i to $G(Z\mathfrak{G})$, and from (2.2), any element x of $G(Z\mathfrak{G})$ may be written in the form

$$x = \sum_i (l_i [\mathfrak{o}_i] + \mathfrak{a}_i^*) \quad (l_i \in Z).$$

The uniqueness of this expression follows immediately from the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 2.1. *For any exact sequence of regular $Z\mathfrak{G}$ -modules*

$$0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{\psi} M'' \rightarrow 0, \tag{2.3}$$

we have $C_i(\mathfrak{a}) = C_i(\mathfrak{a}') \cdot C_i(\mathfrak{a}'')$, where $C_i(\mathfrak{a})$, $C_i(\mathfrak{a}')$ and $C_i(\mathfrak{a}'')$ are ideal class invariants of M_i , M'_i and M''_i , respectively.

Proof. The sequence (2.3) induces an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{Z\mathfrak{G}}(\mathfrak{o}_i, M') \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{Z\mathfrak{G}}(\mathfrak{o}_i, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{Z\mathfrak{G}}(\mathfrak{o}_i, M'') \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{Z\mathfrak{G}}^1(\mathfrak{o}_i, M').$$

But $\text{Hom}_{Z\mathfrak{G}}(\mathfrak{o}_i, M)$ is isomorphic to M_i by the map $f \rightarrow f(1)$. Hence we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M'_i \rightarrow M_i \rightarrow M''_i \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{Z\mathfrak{G}}^1(\mathfrak{o}_i, M').$$

Since the order p^e of \mathfrak{G} annihilates $\text{Ext}_{Z\mathfrak{G}}^1(\mathfrak{o}_i, M')$ (Cartan and Eilenberg [2]), we see that

$$p^e M''_i \subseteq \psi(M_i) \subseteq M''_i, \tag{2.4}$$

where $\psi(M_i)$ is also a projective \mathfrak{o}_i -module whose \mathfrak{o}_i -rank is equal to that of M''_i . Thus by Invariant factor theorem ([3]), there exist elements u_1, \dots, u_{l_i} of M''_i and ideals $\mathfrak{b}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{b}_{l_i}$ of \mathfrak{o}_i such that

$$\begin{aligned} M''_i &= \mathfrak{o}_i u_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{o}_i u_{l_i-1} \oplus \mathfrak{a}'' u_{l_i} \\ \psi(M_i) &= \mathfrak{b}_1 u_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{b}_{l_i-1} u_{l_i-1} \oplus \mathfrak{b}_{l_i} \mathfrak{a}'' u_{l_i}. \end{aligned}$$

Then the inclusion (2.4) shows that each \mathfrak{b}_k divides (p^e) . But p is a power of the principal prime ideal $(1 - \zeta_{d_i})$ of \mathfrak{o}_i , which implies that \mathfrak{b}_k is also a principal ideal. Then $C_i(\mathfrak{b}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{b}_t \mathfrak{a}'') = C_i(\mathfrak{a}'')$. Furthermore, M_i is isomorphic to the direct sum of M_i' and $\phi(M_i)$ since $\phi(M_i)$ is projective. Therefore $C_i(\mathfrak{a}) = C_i(\mathfrak{a}') \cdot C_i(\mathfrak{b}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{b}_t \mathfrak{a}'')$, which coincides with $C_i(\mathfrak{a}') \cdot C_i(\mathfrak{a}'')$. This completes the proof.

THEOREM 2.1. *If \mathfrak{G} is an abelian p -group, $G(Z\mathfrak{G})$ is isomorphic to the direct sum of $C_0(\mathfrak{o})$ and $G(Q\mathfrak{G})$ as an additive group*

$$G(Z\mathfrak{G}) \cong C_0(\mathfrak{o}) \oplus G(Q\mathfrak{G}). \quad (2.5)$$

Proof. Since \mathfrak{o} is the direct sum of the \mathfrak{o}_i , $C_0(\mathfrak{o}) = \sum \oplus C_0(\mathfrak{o}_i)$ and each $C_0(\mathfrak{o}_i)$ is isomorphic to the ideal class group of \mathfrak{o}_i (Rim [4]). Then the map $C_i(\mathfrak{a}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{a}_i^*$ defines a homomorphism $\phi : C_0(\mathfrak{o}) \rightarrow G(Z\mathfrak{G})$, where the action of \mathfrak{G} on \mathfrak{a} is given by setting $g \cdot \alpha = \pi_i(g)\alpha$, $g \in \mathfrak{G}$, $\alpha \in \mathfrak{a}$. On the other hand, $[K_1], \dots, [K_s]$ make a base for $G(Q\mathfrak{G})$. We define a linear map $\varphi : G(Q\mathfrak{G}) \rightarrow G(Z\mathfrak{G})$ by $\varphi([K_i]) = [\mathfrak{o}_i]$. Then we have an additive isomorphism $C_0(\mathfrak{o}) \oplus G(Q\mathfrak{G}) \rightarrow G(Z\mathfrak{G})$ by $(x, y) \rightarrow \phi(x) + \varphi(y)$ because the image $\phi(x) + \varphi(y)$ in $G(Z\mathfrak{G})$ is uniquely determined by Proposition 2.1. This proves Theorem 2.1.

§ 3. Ring structure

We will now study the multiplicative structure of $G(Z\mathfrak{G})$. In (2.5), Swan [6] showed that $\phi(C_0(\mathfrak{o}))^2 = 0$. Hence $G(Z\mathfrak{G})$ is a Z -algebra extension over an abelian kernel, and is determined by the action of $G(Q\mathfrak{G})$ to $C_0(\mathfrak{o})$ and the associated 2-cohomology class of $H^2(G(Q\mathfrak{G}), C_0(\mathfrak{o}))$.

In this section we denote by p^{e_h} the order of a cyclic factor \mathfrak{G}_h of \mathfrak{G} . As in § 2, each $\pi_i(g_h)$ is of the form $\zeta_{d_i}^{i_h}$ for some integer i_h such that $0 \leq i_h \leq e_0$, which satisfies $i_h p^{e_h} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{d_i}}$. In general, given a t -tuple (ξ_1, \dots, ξ_t) of integers which satisfy that $\xi_h p^{e_h} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{d_i}}$ for each h , we may construct a regular $Z\mathfrak{G}$ -module as follows. Let \mathfrak{a} be an ideal of $Z[\zeta_{d_i}]$. We turn \mathfrak{a} into a regular $Z\mathfrak{G}$ -module by defining

$$g_h \cdot \alpha = \zeta_{d_i}^{i_h} \alpha, \quad \alpha \in \mathfrak{a}.$$

We denote this module by $(\mathfrak{a}; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)$. In particular, for the t -tuple (i_1, \dots, i_t) , i_h being as above, we denote $(\mathfrak{a}; i_1, \dots, i_t)$ by \mathfrak{a}_i . Then the element \mathfrak{a}_i^* of $G(Z\mathfrak{G})$ can be written in the form $[\mathfrak{a}_i] - [\mathfrak{o}_i]$.

PROPOSITION 3.1. *For any ideal \mathfrak{a} of $Z[\zeta_{d_i}]$, $(\mathfrak{a} ; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)$ is reducible if and only if every ξ_h is divisible by p .*

Proof. $(\mathfrak{a} ; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)$ is reducible if and only if $Q \otimes_Z (\mathfrak{a} ; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)$ is reducible. Let $Q \otimes_Z (\mathfrak{a} ; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)$ be reducible. Then this contains, as a direct summand, K_j for some j such that $d_j < d_i$ and each g_h acts on K_j as the multiplication of $\xi_{d_i}^{\xi_h}$. This shows that every ξ_h is divisible by p . Conversely let every ξ_h be divisible by p and let $p^{d_i-d_j}$ be the highest power of p which divides every ξ_h . Set $\xi_h = \xi'_h \cdot p^{d_i-d_j}$. Then $Q \otimes_Z (Z[\zeta_{d_j}] : \xi'_1, \dots, \xi'_t)$ is obviously a direct summand of $Q \otimes_Z (\mathfrak{a} ; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)$. This proves the proposition.

PROPOSITION 3.2. *Let \mathfrak{a} be any ideal of $Z[\zeta_{d_i}]$. If $(\mathfrak{a} ; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)$ is irreducible, there exist some j and an ideal \mathfrak{b} of $Z[\zeta_{d_j}]$ such that $d_j = d_i$ and $(\mathfrak{a} ; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t) \cong \mathfrak{b}_j$ as $Z\mathfrak{G}$ -modules. Otherwise, there exist some j and an ideal \mathfrak{b} of $Z[\zeta_{d_j}]$ such that $d_j < d_i$ and $(\mathfrak{a} ; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t) \cong \mathfrak{o}_j \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{o}_j \oplus \mathfrak{b}_j$ ($p^{d_i-d_j}$ summands) as $Z\mathfrak{G}$ -modules.*

Proof. Let $(\mathfrak{a} ; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)$ be irreducible. Then this is annihilated by only one A_j , so that this can be regarded as an \mathfrak{o}_j -module as in §2. By the irreducibility, $(\mathfrak{a} ; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)$ is, then, isomorphic to some \mathfrak{b}_j . Hence the Z -rank of \mathfrak{o}_j is equal to that of \mathfrak{o}_i , and we have $d_j = d_i$. This proves the first assertion.

Let $(\mathfrak{a} ; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)$ be reducible. Then each ξ_h is divisible by p (Proposition 3.1). Let $p^{d_i-d_{j'}}$ be the highest power of p which divides every ξ_h and let $\xi_h = \xi'_h \cdot p^{d_i-d_{j'}}$. Then each g_h acts on $(\mathfrak{a} ; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)$ as the multiplication of $\xi_{d_i}^{\xi_h} = \zeta_{d_{j'}}^{\xi'_h}$. Since \mathfrak{a} is, as a $Z[\zeta_{d_{j'}}]$ -module, finitely generated and projective, \mathfrak{a} is isomorphic to the direct sum of $p^{d_i-d_{j'}} - 1$ copies of $Z[\zeta_{d_{j'}}]$ and an ideal \mathfrak{b}' of $Z[\zeta_{d_{j'}}]$. Then we have a $Z\mathfrak{G}$ -isomorphism

$$(\mathfrak{a} ; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t) \cong (Z[\zeta_{d_{j'}}] ; \xi'_1, \dots, \xi'_t) \oplus \dots \oplus (Z[\zeta_{d_{j'}}] ; \xi'_1, \dots, \xi'_t) \oplus (\mathfrak{b}' ; \xi'_1, \dots, \xi'_t), \quad (3.1)$$

where each summand is irreducible. Hence, there exist some j and ideals \mathfrak{c} and \mathfrak{b} such that $d_j = d_{j'}$, $(Z[\zeta_{d_{j'}}] : \xi'_1, \dots, \xi'_t) \cong \mathfrak{c}_j$ and $(\mathfrak{b}' ; \xi'_1, \dots, \xi'_t) \cong \mathfrak{b}_j$ (the first assertion). Setting $\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{c}^{p^{d_i-d_{j'}}-1} \cdot \mathfrak{b}$, we have

$$(\mathfrak{a} ; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t) \cong \mathfrak{o}_j \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{o}_j \oplus \mathfrak{b}_j.$$

This proves the second assertion and completes the proof of the proposition.

COROLLARY 3.1. *If $(Z[\xi_{d_i}]; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)$ is irreducible, there exists some j such that $d_j = d_i$ and $(Z[\zeta_{d_i}]; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t) \cong \mathfrak{o}_j$. Otherwise, there exists some j such that $d_j < d_i$ and $(Z[\zeta_{d_j}]; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t) \cong \mathfrak{o}_j \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{o}_j$ ($p^{d_i - d_j}$ summands).*

Proof. According to Artin [1] $(D/\Delta)^{1/2}$ is the ideal class invariant of $Z[\zeta_{d_i}]$ as a $Z[\zeta_{d_j}]$ -module, where D is the discriminant of $Z[\zeta_{d_i}]$ over $Z[\zeta_{d_j}]$ and Δ is the discriminant of any equation defining the extension of $Q(\zeta_{d_i})$ over $Q(\zeta_{d_j})$. But it is easily checked that $(D/\Delta)^{1/2}$ divides some power of p . Then $(D/\Delta)^{1/2}$ is a principal ideal. Hence, by Proposition 3.2, it is sufficient to prove that \mathfrak{b} is a principal ideal. Let τ be the isomorphism $(Z[\zeta_{d_i}]; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t) \cong \mathfrak{b}_j$. Since $Z[\zeta_{d_i}]$ is generated by 1, \mathfrak{b} is generated by $\tau(1)$. This shows that \mathfrak{b} is a principal ideal, which completes the proof.

PROPOSITION 3.3. *Let \mathfrak{a} be any ideal of $Z[\zeta_{d_i}]$ and let σ be a Galois automorphism of $Q(\zeta_{d_i})$. If $\zeta_{d_i}^\sigma = \zeta_{d_i}^\nu$, then*

$$(\mathfrak{a}; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t) \cong (\mathfrak{a}^\sigma; \xi_1^\nu, \dots, \xi_t^\nu).$$

Proof. This follows immediately from the comparison of actions of \mathfrak{G} to the both sides.

LEMMA 3.1. *If $d_i \geq d_j$, then for any ideal \mathfrak{a} of $Z[\zeta_{d_i}]$ we have*

$$[\mathfrak{o}_j][\mathfrak{a}_i] = \sum_{\sigma_\nu \in G_{d_j}} [(\mathfrak{a} : i_1 + j_1 \nu p^{d_i - d_j}, \dots, i_t + j_t \nu p^{d_i - d_j})],$$

where G_{d_j} denotes the Galois group of $Q(\zeta_{d_j})$ and σ_ν denotes an element of G_{d_j} such that $\zeta_{d_j}^{\sigma_\nu} = \zeta_{d_j}^\nu$.

Proof. Let $\Phi_{d_j}(x)$ be the cyclotomic polynomial of index p^{d_j} . Then we have $\mathfrak{o}_j \cong Z[x]/\Phi_{d_j}(x)Z[x]$. This implies the isomorphism

$$\mathfrak{o}_j \otimes_Z \mathfrak{a}_i \cong \mathfrak{a}[x]/\Phi_{d_j}(x)\mathfrak{a}[x].$$

Let $M = \mathfrak{a}_i[x]/\Phi_{d_j}(x)\mathfrak{a}_i[x]$. \mathfrak{G} operates on M by $g_h m = \zeta_{d_i}^{ih} x^{jh} \cdot m$, $m \in M$. The assumption $d_i \geq d_j$ implies that $\Phi_{d_j}(x)$ factorizes into $\prod_{\sigma_\nu \in G_{d_j}} (x - \zeta_{d_j}^\nu)$ in $\mathfrak{o}_i[x]$. Let $\sigma_{\nu_1}, \dots, \sigma_{\nu_t}$ be the elements of G_{d_j} and let $M_k = (x - \zeta_{d_j}^{\nu_1}) \cdots (x - \zeta_{d_j}^{\nu_t})M$. Then we have a series of submodules of M

$$M \supseteq M_1 \supseteq \cdots \supseteq M_t = 0.$$

Each quotient M_{k-1}/M_k is $a_i[x]/(x - \zeta_{d_j}^{v_k})a_i[x]$, which is isomorphic to a by the map $x \rightarrow \zeta_{d_j}^{v_k}$. But this map carries $\zeta_{d_i}^{i_h} x^{j_h}$ into $\zeta_{d_i}^{i_h} \zeta_{d_j}^{j_h v_k} = \zeta_{d_i}^{i_h + j_h v_k p^{d_i - d_j}}$. Then each M_{k-1}/M_k is, as a $Z\mathcal{G}$ -module, isomorphic to $(a : i_1 + j_1 v_k p^{d_i - d_j}, \dots, i_t + j_t v_k p^{d_i - d_j})$. Since M is composed from these modules by forming extensions, we conclude that

$$[M] = \sum_{\sigma v \in G_{d_j}} [(a : i_1 + j_1 v p^{d_i - d_j}, \dots, i_t + j_t v p^{d_i - d_j})].$$

This proves the lemma.

Now we will prove that Z -algebra extension (2.5) splits.

THEOREM 3.1. *The linear map φ defined in the proof of Theorem 2.1 is a ring homomorphism. Hence the Z -algebra extension (2.5) splits.*

Proof. Take any two generators $[K_i]$ and $[K_j]$ of $G(Q\mathcal{G})$. We may assume that $d_i \geq d_j$. From Lemma 3.1, we have

$$[0_j][0_i] = \sum_{\sigma v \in G_{d_j}} [(Z[\zeta_{d_i}] : i_1 + j_1 v p^{d_i - d_j}, \dots, i_t + j_t v p^{d_i - d_j})].$$

But each term of the right hand is equal to either $[0_k]$ for some k such that $d_k = d_i$ or a direct sum of $p^{d_i - d_{k'}}$ copies of $[0_{k'}]$ for some k' such that $d_{k'} < d_i$ (Corollary 3.1). Then we have

$$[0_j][0_i] = \sum_{d_k = d_i} [0_k] + \sum_{d_{k'} < d_i} p^{d_i - d_{k'}} [0_{k'}].$$

This shows that φ is a ring homomorphism, and this completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.

LEMMA 3.2. *If $d_i \leq d_j$, then for any ideal a of $Z[\zeta_{d_i}]$*

$$[0_j][a_i] = \sum_{\sigma v \in G_{d_i}} [(\tilde{a} : i_1 p^{d_j - d_i} + j_1 v, \dots, i_t p^{d_j - d_i} + j_t v)],$$

where \tilde{a} denotes $aZ[\zeta_{d_j}]$.

Proof. Notice that if $d_i \leq d_j$, the cyclotomic polynomial $\Phi_{d_j}(x)$ factorizes into $\prod_{\sigma v \in G_{d_i}} (x^{p^{d_j - d_i}} - \zeta_{d_i}^{v_i})$ in $a_i[x]$ and $\zeta_{d_j}^v$ is a root of $x^{p^{d_j - d_i}} - \zeta_{d_i}^{v_i}$. Then the lemma is proved by the same method as the proof of Lemma 3.1.

Let a be any ideal of $Z[\zeta_{d_i}]$ and (ξ_1, \dots, ξ_t) be any t -tuple of integers such that $\xi_h p^{e_h} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{d_i}}$. We denote the element $[(a : \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)] - [(Z[\zeta_{d_i}] : \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)]$ by $(a : \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)^*$. Then $(a : \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t)^*$ is obviously

contained in $\phi(C_0(\mathfrak{o}))$.

THEOREM 3.2. *For any \mathfrak{a}_i^* of $\phi(C_0(\mathfrak{o}_i))$, each generator $[K_j]$ of $G(Q\mathfrak{G})$ acts on \mathfrak{a}_i^* as follows.*

$$[K_j]\mathfrak{a}_i^* = \begin{cases} \sum_{\sigma\nu \in G_{d_j}} (\mathfrak{a} : i_1 + j_1\nu p^{d_i-d_j}, \dots, i_t + j_t\nu p^{d_i-d_j})^* & \text{if } d_i \geq d_j. \\ \sum_{\sigma\nu \in G_{d_i}} (\tilde{\mathfrak{a}} : i_1 p^{d_j-d_i} + j_1\nu, \dots, i_t p^{d_j-d_i} + j_t\nu)^* & \text{if } d_i \leq d_j. \end{cases}$$

Proof. The action of $[K_j]$ on $\phi(C_0(\mathfrak{o}))$ is given by the multiplication of $\varphi([K_j]) = [\mathfrak{o}_j]$. Then this theorem follows immediately from preceding two lemmas.

§ 4. Example

Let \mathfrak{G} be an abelian group of type (p, p^e) , that is, \mathfrak{G} be a direct product of cyclic groups $\mathfrak{G}_1 = (g_1)$ and $\mathfrak{G}_2 = (g_2)$ of order p and p^e , respectively. In this case we can describe more explicitly the action of $G(Q\mathfrak{G})$ to $(C_0(\mathfrak{o}))$. In this section we denote by ζ_i a primitive p^i -th root of 1 for any integer i such that $1 \leq i \leq e$.

Let \mathfrak{a} be any ideal of $Z[\zeta_i]$ and let ν be any integer such that $0 \leq \nu \leq p-1$. We denote $(\mathfrak{a} : p^{i-1}\nu, 1)$ by $\mathfrak{a}_{i,\nu}$. Put $\mathfrak{o}_{i,\nu} = (Z[\zeta_i])_{i,\nu}$ and $K_{i,\nu} = Q \otimes_{\mathfrak{Z}} \mathfrak{o}_{i,\nu}$. Furthermore, for any ideal \mathfrak{a} of $Z[\zeta_i]$ we denote $(\mathfrak{a} : 1, 0)$ by \mathfrak{a}_0 . Put $\mathfrak{o}_0 = (Z[\zeta_1])_0$ and $K_0 = Q \otimes_{\mathfrak{Z}} \mathfrak{o}_0$. Then we see that

$$Q\mathfrak{G} = Q \oplus K_0 \oplus \sum_{i=1}^e \sum_{\nu=0}^{p-1} K_{i,\nu}$$

and that

$$C_0(\mathfrak{o}) = C_0(\mathfrak{o}_0) \oplus \sum_{i=1}^e \sum_{\nu=0}^{p-1} C_0(\mathfrak{o}_{i,\nu}).$$

1. $[Q]$ acts on $\phi(C_0(\mathfrak{o}))$ trivially.
2. The action of $[K_0]$ on $\phi(C_0(\mathfrak{o}_0))$.

For any element \mathfrak{a}_0^* of $\phi(C_0(\mathfrak{o}_0))$ it follows immediately from Theorem 3.2 and Proposition 3.3 that

$$\begin{aligned} [K_0]\mathfrak{a}_0^* &= \sum_{\sigma\mu \in G_1} (\mathfrak{a} ; 1 + \mu, 0)^* \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\sigma\mu \in G_1 \\ \mu \not\equiv -1 \pmod{p}}} (\mathfrak{a}^{\sigma_{1+\mu}^{-1}} ; 1, 0)^* + (\mathfrak{a} ; 0, 0)^* = \sum_{\substack{\sigma\mu \in G_1 \\ \mu \not\equiv -1 \pmod{p}}} (\mathfrak{a}^{\sigma_{1+\mu}^{-1}})_0^* \end{aligned}$$

since $(\mathfrak{a} : 0, 0)^* = (Z : 0, 0)^* = 0$ by Proposition 3.2. On the other hand, $\sigma_{1+\mu}^{-1}$ such that $\mu \not\equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ ranges over all elements of G_1 but σ_1 . Then

$\prod_{\substack{\sigma_\mu \in G_1 \\ \mu \not\equiv -1 \pmod{p}}} \alpha^{\sigma_{1+\mu}^{-1}} = N_{1/0}(\alpha) \alpha^{-1}$, where $N_{i/0}$ means the norm of $Z[\zeta_i]$ over Z . Since $N_{i/0}(\alpha)$ is a principal ideal, $(N_{i/0}(\alpha))_0^* = 0$. Hence we conclude that

$$[K_0] \alpha_0^* = -\alpha_0^*.$$

3. The action of $[K_0]$ on $\phi(C_0(0_i))$.

It follows immediately from Theorem 3.2 that

$$[K_0] \alpha_{i,\nu}^* = \sum_{\sigma_\mu \in G_1} (\alpha ; p^{i-1}(\nu + \mu), 1)^*,$$

where $\nu + \mu$ ranges over $0, 1, \dots, \nu - 1, \nu + 1, \dots, p - 1 \pmod{p}$. Hence,

$$[K_0] \alpha_{i,\nu}^* = \sum_{\mu=0, \mu \neq \nu}^{p-1} \alpha_{i,\mu}^*.$$

4. The action of $[K_i, \nu]$ on $\phi(C_0(0_0))$.

Let x_μ be an integer such that $\mu x_\mu \equiv 1 \pmod{p^i}$. Then Theorem 3.2 and Proposition 3.3 imply that

$$[K_i, \nu] \alpha_0^* = \sum_{\sigma_\mu \in G_1} (\tilde{\alpha} ; p^{i-1}(1 + \nu\mu), \mu)^* = \sum_{\sigma_\mu \in G_1} (\tilde{\alpha}^{\sigma_\mu^{-1}} ; p^{i-1}(x_\mu + \nu), 1)^*.$$

But we can easily check that $x_\mu + \nu$ ranges over $0, 1, \dots, p - 1 \pmod{p}$. Hence we have

$$[K_i, \nu] \alpha_0^* = \sum_{\sigma_\mu \in G_1} (\tilde{\alpha}^{\sigma_\mu})_{i,\nu+\mu}^*.$$

5. The action of $[K_j, \nu]$ on $\phi(C_0(0_i, \nu))$.

The case $i > j$. Let y_μ be an integer such that $(1 + p^{i-j}\mu)y_\mu \equiv 1 \pmod{p^i}$. Then Theorem 3.2 and Proposition 3.3 imply that

$$\begin{aligned} [K_j, \nu] \alpha_{i,\nu'}^* &= \sum_{\sigma_\mu \in G_j} (\alpha ; p^{i-1}(\nu' + \nu\mu), 1 + p^{i-j}\mu)^* \\ &= \sum_{\sigma_\mu \in G_j} (\alpha^{\sigma_{y_\mu}} ; p^{i-1}(\nu' + \nu\mu), 1)^* \end{aligned}$$

because $y_\mu \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$. In general we denote by $G_{i/j}$ the Galois group of $Q(\zeta_i)$ over $Q(\zeta_j)$. Then $G_j = \bigcup_{\lambda=1}^{p-1} G_{j/1} \cdot \sigma_\lambda$ and $\nu' + \nu\mu \equiv \nu' + \nu\lambda \pmod{p}$ for any element σ_μ of $G_{j/1} \cdot \sigma_\lambda$. This shows that

$$[K_j, \nu] \alpha_{i,\nu'}^* = \sum_{\lambda=1}^{p-1} \left(\prod_{\sigma_\mu \in G_{j/1} \cdot \sigma_\lambda} \alpha^{\sigma_{y_\mu}} \right)_{i,\nu'+\nu\lambda}^*.$$

The case $i = j$. For each μ such that $\mu \not\equiv -1 \pmod{p}$, let x_μ be an integer such that $(1 + \mu)x_\mu \equiv 1 \pmod{p^i}$. Then Theorem 3.2 and Proposition 3.3 imply

that

$$\begin{aligned} [K_{i,v}]a_{i,v}^* &= \sum_{\substack{\sigma_\mu \in G_i \\ \mu \not\equiv -1 \pmod{p}}} (\alpha^{\sigma_\mu} ; p^{i-1}(\nu' + \nu\mu)x_\mu, 1)^* \\ &+ \sum_{\substack{\sigma_\mu \in G_i \\ \mu \equiv -1 \pmod{p}}} (\alpha ; p^{i-1}(\nu' + \nu\mu), 1 + \mu)^*. \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

In the first term of the right hand side, σ_{x_μ} ranges over $\bigcup_{\lambda=2}^{p-1} G_{i/l} \cdot \sigma_\lambda$ and $(\nu' + \nu\mu)x_\mu \equiv (\nu' - \nu)\lambda + \nu \pmod{p}$ for any σ_{x_μ} of $G_{i/l} \cdot \sigma_\lambda$. Then the first term of (4.1) is equal to

$$\sum_{\lambda=2}^{p-1} \left(\prod_{\sigma \in G_{i/l} \cdot \sigma_\lambda} \alpha^\sigma \right)_{i, (\nu' - \nu)\lambda + \nu}^* = \sum_{\lambda=2}^{p-1} (N_{i/l}(\alpha)^{\sigma_\lambda})_{i, (\nu' - \nu)\lambda + \nu}^*.$$

In particular, if $\nu' = \nu$, this is equal to $-(N_{i/l}(\alpha))_{i,\nu}^*$. In the second term of (4.1), let p^h be the highest power of p which divides $1 + \mu$ and set $1 + \mu = \mu_h \cdot p^h$. Then (3.1) implies that

$$(\alpha ; p^{i-1}(\nu' + \nu\mu), 1 + \mu)^* = (N_{i/i-h}(\alpha) ; p^{i-h-1}(\nu' - \nu), \mu_h)^*$$

since the ideal class of α as a $Z[\zeta_{i-h}]$ -module is the norm $N_{i/i-h}(\alpha)$ of α from $Z[\zeta_i]$ to $Z[\zeta_{i-h}]$ ([1]). When σ_μ ranges over elements of G_i such that $1 + \mu \equiv 0 \pmod{p^h}$ and $1 + \mu \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p^{h+1}}$, $\sigma_{\mu_h}^{-1}$ obviously ranges over the elements of $G_{i-h} = \bigcup_{\lambda=1}^{p-1} G_{i-h/l} \cdot \sigma_\lambda$ and $(\nu' - \nu)\gamma \equiv (\nu' - \nu)\lambda \pmod{p}$ for any σ_γ of $G_{i-h/l} \cdot \sigma_\lambda$. Hence the second term of (4.1) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{h=1}^{i-1} \sum_{\lambda=1}^{p-1} \left(\prod_{\sigma \in G_{i-h/l} \cdot \sigma_\lambda} N_{i/i-h}(\alpha)^\sigma \right)_{i-h, (\nu' - \nu)\lambda}^* + (N_{i/l}(\alpha) ; \nu' - \nu, 0)^* \\ &= \sum_{h=1}^{i-1} \sum_{\lambda=1}^{p-1} (N_{i/l}(\alpha)^{\sigma_\lambda})_{i-h, (\nu' - \nu)\lambda}^* + (N_{i/l}(\alpha) ; \nu' - \nu, 0)^*, \end{aligned}$$

where if $\nu' \not\equiv \nu$, $(N_{i/l}(\alpha) ; \nu' - \nu, 0)^* = (N_{i/l}(\alpha)^{\sigma_{\nu' - \nu}})_0^*$ and if $\nu' = \nu$, $(N_{i/l}(\alpha) ; \nu' - \nu, 0)^* = 0$ and $\sum_{\lambda=1}^{p-1} (N_{i/l}(\alpha)^{\sigma_\lambda})_{i-h, (\nu' - \nu)\lambda}^* = (N_{i/0}(\alpha))_{i-h, 0}^* = 0$ since $N_{i/0}(\alpha)$ is a principal ideal. The case $i < j$. From Theorem 3.2 we have

$$[K_{j,v}]a_{i,v}^* = \sum_{\sigma_\mu \in G_i} (\tilde{\alpha} ; p^{j-1}(\nu' + \nu\mu), p^{j-i} + \mu)^*.$$

Let x_μ be an integer such that $(p^{j-i} + \mu)x_\mu \equiv 1 \pmod{p^j}$. Then $(\tilde{\alpha} ; p^{j-1}(\nu' + \nu\mu), p^{j-i} + \mu)^* = (\tilde{\alpha}^{\sigma_{x_\mu}})_{j, \nu'x_\mu + \nu}^*$ by Proposition 3.3, σ_{x_μ} ranges over the elements of G_i , and $\nu'x_\mu + \nu \equiv \nu'\lambda + \nu \pmod{p}$ for any σ_{x_μ} of $G_{i/l} \cdot \sigma_\lambda$. This shows that

$$[K_{j,v}]a_{i,v}^* = \sum_{\lambda=1}^{p-1} \left(\prod_{\sigma \in G_{i/l} \cdot \sigma_\lambda} \tilde{\alpha}^\sigma \right)_{j, \nu'\lambda + \nu}^* = \sum_{\lambda=1}^{p-1} (\widetilde{N}_{i/l}(\alpha)^{\sigma_\lambda})_{j, \nu'\lambda + \nu}^*.$$

Summalizing, we have

PROPOSITION 4.1. *Let \mathcal{G} be an abelian group of type (p, p^e) . Then $G(\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{G})$ acts on $\phi(C_0(\mathfrak{b}))$ as follows.*

1. $[Q]$ acts trivially.
2. $[K_0]a_0^* = -a_0^*$.
3. $[K_0]a_{i,\nu}^* = \sum_{\mu=0, \neq \nu}^{p-1} a_{i,\mu}^*$.
4. $[K_{i,\nu}]a_0^* = \sum_{\lambda=1}^{p-1} (\tilde{a}^{\sigma\lambda})_{i,\nu+\lambda}^*$.
5. $[K_{j,\nu}]a_{i,\nu'}^*$

$$= \begin{cases} \sum_{\lambda=1}^{p-1} \left(\prod_{\sigma\mu \in Gi/1, \sigma\lambda} a^{\sigma y\mu} \right)_{i,\nu'+\nu\lambda}^*, & \text{where } \sigma y\mu = \sigma_{i+p^i-j\mu}^{-1} \quad (i > j). \\ \sum_{\lambda=2}^{p-1} (N_{i/1}(a)^{\sigma\lambda})_{i,(\nu'-\nu)\lambda+\nu}^* + \sum_{h=1}^{i-1} \sum_{\lambda=1}^{p-1} (N_{i/1}(a)^{\sigma\lambda})_{i-h,(\nu'-\nu)\lambda}^* + (N_{i/1}(a)^{\sigma\nu'-\nu})_0^*, & (\nu' \neq \nu) \\ - (N_{i/1}(a))_{i,\nu}^*, & (\nu' = \nu) \\ \sum_{\lambda=1}^{p-1} (\widetilde{N}_{i/1}(a)^{\sigma\lambda})_{j,\nu'+\nu}^* & (i < j). \end{cases} \quad (i = j).$$

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