

Quasi-permutation modules over finite groups

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Let Π be a finite group. A finitely generated Z -free Π -module is briefly called a Π -module. A Π -module is called a permutation Π -module if it is expressible as a direct sum of some $\{Z\Pi/\Pi_i\}$ where each Π_i is a subgroup of Π . Further a Π -module M is called a quasi-permutation Π -module if there exists an exact sequence: $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow S \rightarrow S' \rightarrow 0$ where S and S' are permutation Π -modules.

In [2] we have studied the properties of quasi-permutation modules in relation with a problem in invariant theory. In this paper we will give some basic results on quasi-permutation modules as a continuation to [2].

First we will consider projective quasi-permutation Π -modules.

Let R be a Dedekind domain and K be the quotient field of R . Let Σ be a separable K -algebra and A be an R -order in Σ . Denote by $\mathbf{P}(A)$ the set of all isomorphism types of finitely generated projective (left) A -modules and put $\mathbf{P}_0(A) = \{[P] \in \mathbf{P}(A) \mid P \text{ is locally free}\}$. Let $P_0(A)$ be the Grothendieck group of $\mathbf{P}_0(A)$. We define an epimorphism $\mu_A: P_0(A) \rightarrow Z$ by $\mu_A([P_1] - [P_2]) = \text{rank}_x^1 KP_1 - \text{rank}_x^2 KP_2$. Now we put $C(A) = \text{Ker } \mu_A$ and call this the (reduced) projective class group of A (cf. [5], [11]). Especially, if A is commutative, then $C(A)$ is isomorphic to the Picard group of A . Further let Ω be a maximal R -order in Σ which contains A . We define a homomorphism: $\nu_{\Omega/A}: C(A) \rightarrow C(\Omega)$ by $\nu_{\Omega/A}([P_1] - [P_2]) = [\Omega \otimes_A P_1] - [\Omega \otimes_A P_2]$. Then it is known that $\nu_{\Omega/A}$ is an epimorphism but not always a monomorphism. Hence putting $\tilde{C}(A) = \text{Ker } \nu_{\Omega/A}$, we have an exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow \tilde{C}(A) \longrightarrow C(A) \longrightarrow C(\Omega) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Especially let $A = Z\Pi$ and let Ω_Π be a maximal order in $Q\Pi$ which contains $Z\Pi$. Then, by the Swan's theorem ([11]), we have $\mathbf{P}_0(Z\Pi) = \mathbf{P}(Z\Pi)$ and $\tilde{C}(Z\Pi) = \{[\alpha] - [Z\Pi] \in C(Z\Pi) \mid \alpha \text{ is a projective (left) ideal of } Z\Pi \text{ such that } \Omega_\Pi \alpha \oplus \Omega_\Pi \cong \Omega_\Pi \oplus \Omega_\Pi \text{ as } \Omega_\Pi\text{-modules}\}$. It is noted that $\tilde{C}(Z\Pi)$ does not depend on the choice of Ω_Π (cf. [3]). On the other hand, we put $C^q(Z\Pi) = \{[\alpha] - [Z\Pi] \in C(Z\Pi) \mid \alpha \text{ is a quasi-permutation projective (left) ideal of } Z\Pi\}$. Then it is easily seen that $C^q(Z\Pi)$ is also a subgroup of $C(Z\Pi)$.

Let Π be a cyclic group of order n and σ be a generator of Π . We

denote by $\Phi_m(T)$ the m -th cyclotomic polynomial and by ζ_m a primitive m -th root of unity. Let M be a Π -module and put $M^{\phi_m} = \{u \in M \mid \Phi_m(\sigma)u = 0\}$ for any $m \mid n$. Then $Z\Pi/(\Phi_m(\sigma)) \cong Z[\zeta_m]$ and M^{ϕ_m} can be regarded as a $Z[\zeta_m]$ -module for any $m \mid n$. In [2], (1.11) we have proved that a projective Π -module P is a quasi-permutation Π -module if and only if, for any $m \mid n$, P^{ϕ_m} is $Z[\zeta_m]$ -free. This is clearly equivalent to the assertion that $\tilde{C}(Z\Pi) = C^q(Z\Pi)$.

In this paper we will first give, as a generalization of this result,

[I] For any finite abelian group Π , $\tilde{C}(Z\Pi) = C^q(Z\Pi)$.

It seems natural to ask whether $C^q(Z\Pi)$ coincides with $\tilde{C}(Z\Pi)$ for any finite group Π or not. In fact, we will prove

[II] Let Π be one of the following groups:

- (i) p -groups where p is an odd prime;
- (ii) dihedral groups, D_{p^l} , where p is a prime and l is a positive integer;
- (iii) the quaternion group H_2 , the alternating group A_4 and the symmetric group S_4 .

Then $\tilde{C}(Z\Pi) = C^q(Z\Pi)$.

To prove [II] we use the Jacobinski-Roiter's results in [3] and [6]. Furthermore using them, we can show the following refinement of [I].

[III] Let Π be a finite abelian group and let \mathfrak{a} be a projective (left) ideal of $Z\Pi$. Then \mathfrak{a} is a quasi-permutation Π -module if and only if $\mathfrak{a} \oplus \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi' \cong Z\Pi \oplus \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'$, where \mathfrak{S} denotes the set of all subgroups, Π' ($\neq 1$), of Π such that Π/Π' is cyclic.

It is much more difficult to examine the properties of non projective quasi-permutation modules. Here we will consider only the case where Π is a cyclic group.

[IV] Let Π be a cyclic p -group of order p^l .

(i) A Π -module M is a quasi-permutation module if and only if, for any $0 \leq m \leq l$, $M^{\phi_{p^m}}$ is a free $Z[\zeta_{p^m}]$ -module.

(ii) If M is a quasi-permutation Π -module, then the dual module $M^* = \text{Hom}_Z(M, Z)$ of M is also a quasi-permutation Π -module.

(iii) Let $0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence of Π -modules. If two of M' , M and M'' are quasi-permutation Π -modules, then the rest of them is a quasi-permutation Π -module.

Let Π be a finite group and K/k be a Galois extension with group $\cong \Pi$. Let M be a Π -module with a Z -free basis $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$. Denote by $K(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ the rational function field with n -variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n over K and define the action of Π on $K(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$, as an extension of the action of Π on K , by putting

$$\sigma(X_i) = \prod_{j=1}^n X_j^{m_{ij}} \quad \text{when} \quad \sigma \cdot u_i = \sum_{j=1}^n m_{ij} u_j, \quad m_{ij} \in Z$$

for any $\sigma \in \Pi$ and $1 \leq i \leq n$. We denote $K(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ with this action of Π by $K(M)$.

[V] Let Π be a cyclic p -group and K/k be a Galois extension with group $\cong \Pi$. In case of $p \neq 2$, assume that k is infinite. If M is a quasi-permutation Π -module, then $K(M)^n/k$ is rational.

§1. We give, as a slight generalization of [2], (1.1),

PROPOSITION 1.1. Let K/k be a Galois extension with group Π and $K(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ be the rational function field with n variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n over K . Further suppose that Π acts on $K(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ as follows:

$$\sigma(X_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ij}(\sigma)X_j + \beta_i(\sigma), \quad \alpha_{ij}(\sigma), \beta_i(\sigma) \in K.$$

Then $K(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)^n$ is rational over k .

PROOF. We denote by $Aff(n, K)$ the affine transformation group of the n -dimensional affine space over K . Then we have an exact sequence of Π -groups:

$$1 \longrightarrow K^{(n)} \longrightarrow Aff(n, K) \longrightarrow GL(n, K) \longrightarrow 1.$$

From this we get an exact sequence:

$$H^1(\Pi, K)^{(n)} \longrightarrow H^1(\Pi, Aff(n, K)) \longrightarrow H^1(\Pi, GL(n, K)).$$

By the Hilbert's theorem 90 $H^1(\Pi, K)^{(n)} = H^1(\Pi, GL(n, K)) = 1$, and so $H^1(\Pi, Aff(n, K)) = 1$. The proposition is clearly a restatement of the fact that $H^1(\Pi, Aff(n, K)) = 1$ (cf. [2]).

Let E, F be extensions of a field k . We define a relation $E \xrightarrow[(r)_k]{} F$ if there exist variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_s and Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t such that $E(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_s)$ is k -isomorphic to $F(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_t)$. An extension E/k is said to be quasi-rational if $E \xrightarrow[(r)_k]{} k$.

Let Π be a finite group and denote by $C_{Z\Pi}$ the class of all Π -modules. Let $M, N \in C_{Z\Pi}$. We define an equivalence relation $M \xrightarrow[(r)]{} N$ if, for any Galois extension K/k with group $\cong \Pi$, $K(M)^n \xrightarrow[(r)_k]{} K(N)^n$. If $M_1 \xrightarrow[(r)]{} N_1$ and $M_2 \xrightarrow[(r)]{} N_2$, then $M_1 \oplus M_2 \xrightarrow[(r)]{} N_1 \oplus N_2$. Let $T(\Pi)$ be the set of all equivalence classes in $C_{Z\Pi}$. We define an addition in $T(\Pi)$ by $[M] + [N] = [M \oplus N]$. Then this makes $T(\Pi)$ an abelian semigroup.

Further let $M, N \in C_{Z\Pi}$. We write $M \xrightarrow[(r)]{} N$ if, for any Galois extension K/k with group $\cong \Pi$, $K(M)^n$ is k -isomorphic to $K(N)^n$.

The following fundamental theorem is essentially due to R. G. Swan (cf. [13], [14]. Also see [2], (1.6).)

THEOREM 1.2. Let Π be a finite group and let M be a Π -module. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1) M is a quasi-permutation Π -module.

(2) For a fixed Galois extension K/k with group $\cong \Pi$, $K(M)^n/k$ is quasi-rational.

(3) For any Galois extension K/k with group $\cong \Pi$, $K(M)^n/k$ is quasi-rational, i. e., $M \xrightarrow{(\sigma)} 0$.

COROLLARY 1.3. Let Π be a finite group. Let

$$0 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow S \longrightarrow 0$$

be an exact sequence where M, N are Π -modules and S is a permutation Π -module. Then $N \xrightarrow{(\sigma)} M \oplus S$ and $N \xrightarrow{(\sigma)} M$. Especially N is a quasi-permutation Π -module if and only if M is a quasi-permutation Π -module.

PROPOSITION 1.4. Let Π be a finite group. Let M be a Π -module and L be a quasi-permutation Π -module. If $M \oplus L$ is a quasi-permutation Π -module, then M is also a quasi-permutation Π -module.

PROOF. By (1.2) we have $L \xrightarrow{(\sigma)} 0$ and $M \oplus L \xrightarrow{(\sigma)} 0$. Therefore $M \xrightarrow{(\sigma)} M \oplus L \xrightarrow{(\sigma)} 0$. Again by (1.2) we can conclude that M is a quasi-permutation Π -module.

LEMMA 1.5. Let Π be a finite group. Let M be a Π -module and let Π'_1, \dots, Π'_s be subgroups of Π . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

(1) $H^1(\Pi'_i, M) = 0$ for any $1 \leq i \leq s$.

(2) Every exact sequence $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^s \oplus (Z\Pi/\Pi'_i)^{(t_i)} \rightarrow 0$, where t_1, \dots, t_s are non-negative integers, splits.

PROOF. For any Π -module L and any subgroup Π' of Π there exists a natural isomorphism $H^1(\Pi', L) \cong \text{Ext}_{2n}^1(Z\Pi/\Pi', L)$. From this the lemma follows immediately.

PROPOSITION 1.6. Let Π be a finite group. For any Π -module M the following conditions are equivalent:

(1) M is a quasi-permutation Π -module and $H^1(\Pi', M) = 0$ for any subgroup Π' of Π .

(2) There exist permutation Π -modules S, S' such that $M \oplus S' \cong S$. Especially a projective Π -module P is a quasi-permutation Π -module if and only if there exist permutation Π -modules S, S' such that $P \oplus S' \cong S$.

PROOF. Assume (1). Then there is an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow S \rightarrow S' \rightarrow 0$ where S and S' are permutation Π -modules. By (1.5) this sequence splits, and hence $M \oplus S' \cong S$. This proves (1) \Rightarrow (2). Conversely assume (2). Then it is clear by the definition that M is a quasi-permutation Π -module. Further we see that $H^1(\Pi', S) = H^1(\Pi', S') = 0$ for any subgroup Π' of Π . Therefore $H^1(\Pi', M) = 0$ for any subgroup Π' of Π . Thus (2) \Rightarrow (1). The second part of the proposition follows from the first part.

It should be noted that the second part of (1.6) can be directly proved by dualizing the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow P \rightarrow S \rightarrow S' \rightarrow 0$ where S, S' are permutation Π -modules.

PROPOSITION 1.7. For any finite group Π , $C^q(Z\Pi)$ is a subgroup of $C(Z\Pi)$.

PROOF. Let \mathfrak{a} be a quasi-permutation, projective ideal of $Z\Pi$. Then there exists a projective ideal \mathfrak{b} of $Z\Pi$ such that $\mathfrak{a} \oplus \mathfrak{b} \cong Z\Pi \oplus Z\Pi$. By (1.6) (or by (1.4)) \mathfrak{b} is a quasi-permutation Π -module and we have $-(\mathfrak{a}) - [Z\Pi] = [\mathfrak{b}] - [Z\Pi]$.

§2. Let Π be a cyclic group of order n and σ be a generator of Π . Let $Z[T]$ be the polynomial ring with a variable T over Z and Φ, Ψ be monic polynomials of $Z[T]$ such that $\Phi \cdot \Psi = T^n - 1$. If M is a Π -module, there are three ways to construct a $Z\Pi/(\Phi(\sigma))$ -module from M , i.e., putting $\Psi M = \Psi(\sigma)M$, $M_\Phi = M/\Phi(\sigma)M$ and $M^\Phi = \{u \in M \mid \Phi(\sigma)u = 0\} \cong \text{Hom}_{Z\Pi}(Z\Pi/(\Phi(\sigma)), M)$, ΨM , M_Φ and M^Φ can be regarded as $Z\Pi/(\Phi(\sigma))$ -modules. Then $\Psi M \subseteq M^\Phi$. We define an epimorphism $\theta_M: M_\Phi \rightarrow \Psi M$ by $\theta_M(\bar{u}) = \Psi(\sigma)u$. Especially, if we take the m -th cyclotomic polynomial $\Phi_m(T)$ ($m \mid n$) as $\Phi(T)$, we have $Z\Pi/(\Phi_m(\sigma)) \cong Z[\zeta_m]$ where ζ_m denotes the primitive m -th root of unity. We can easily prove the following two lemmas (cf. [13]).

LEMMA 2.1. Let Π be a cyclic group of order n and σ be a generator of Π . For any positive integers m, l dividing n , we have

$$(Z\Pi/[\sigma^l])^{\otimes m} \cong \begin{cases} Z[\zeta_m] & \text{when } m \mid l \\ 0 & \text{when } m \nmid l. \end{cases}$$

If S is a permutation Π -module, then $S^{\otimes m}$ is a free $Z[\zeta_m]$ -module.

LEMMA 2.2. Let Π be a cyclic group of order n and $\Phi(T), \Psi(T)$ be monic polynomials such that $\Phi(T)\Psi(T) = T^n - 1$. Let P be a projective Π -module. Then $\Psi P = P^\Psi$ and $\theta_P: P_\Phi \rightarrow \Psi P$ is an isomorphism.

The following proposition has been proved essentially in [2], (1.11).

PROPOSITION 2.3. Let Π be a finite abelian group. Then the maximal order Ω_Π of $Q\Pi$ which contains $Z\Pi$ is a quasi-permutation Π -module.

PROOF. We can express Ω_Π as a direct sum of $Z[\zeta]$'s where each ζ is the root of unity. Therefore it suffices to prove that each $Z[\zeta]$ is a quasi-permutation Π -module. Let us denote by Π' the kernel of the natural projection of Π on $[\zeta]$. Then Π/Π' is cyclic and $Z[\zeta]$ can be regarded as a Π/Π' -module. Hence we may suppose that Π is a cyclic group of order n with a generator σ and $Z[\zeta] \cong Z\Pi/[\Phi_n(\sigma)]$. Then, using the Möbius' inversion formula, we obtain the following exact sequences of Π -modules:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\longrightarrow M_1 \longrightarrow Z\Pi \longrightarrow Z\Pi/\Pi_0 \longrightarrow 0 \\ 0 &\longrightarrow M_1 \longrightarrow M_2 \longrightarrow Z\Pi/\Pi_1 \longrightarrow 0 \\ 0 &\longrightarrow M_3 \longrightarrow M_2 \longrightarrow Z\Pi/\Pi_2 \longrightarrow 0 \\ &\dots\dots\dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \dots\dots\dots \\ 0 & \longrightarrow M_{t-1} \longrightarrow M_t \longrightarrow Z\Pi/\Pi_{t-1} \longrightarrow 0 \\ 0 & \longrightarrow Z\Pi/(\Phi_n(\sigma)) \longrightarrow M_t \longrightarrow Z\Pi/\Pi_t \longrightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

where Π_0, \dots, Π_t are subgroups of Π . Applying (1.3) to these exact sequences repeatedly, we see that $Z\Pi/(\Phi_n(\sigma))$ is a quasi-permutation Π -module.

LEMMA 2.4. *Let Π be a finite group and \mathfrak{a} be a projective (left) ideal of $Z\Pi$. Let Λ be an order in $Q\Pi$ which contains $Z\Pi$. Then $\mathfrak{a} \oplus \Lambda \cong Z\Pi \oplus \Lambda\mathfrak{a}$ as Π -modules.*

PROOF. Let n be the order of Π . Then we know $n\Lambda \subseteq Z\Pi$ and there exists an ideal \mathfrak{a}_0 of $Z\Pi$ such that $\mathfrak{a}_0 \cong \mathfrak{a}$ and $(\text{Ann}_Z \Lambda/\mathfrak{a}_0, n) = 1$ ([11]). Hence we may assume that $(\text{Ann}_Z \Lambda/\mathfrak{a}, n) = 1$. Now we can make the commutative diagram with exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathfrak{a} & \xrightarrow{\beta_1} & \Lambda\mathfrak{a} & \xrightarrow{\gamma_1} & \Lambda\mathfrak{a}/\mathfrak{a} \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \alpha_1 & & \downarrow \alpha_2 & & \downarrow \delta \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & Z\Pi & \xrightarrow{\beta_2} & \Lambda & \xrightarrow{\gamma_2} & \Lambda/Z\Pi \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

where $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2$ are natural injections. Let p be a rational prime. If $p \nmid n$, then $Z_p\Pi$ is a maximal Z_p -order in $Q\Pi$, therefore both $(\beta_1)_p$ and $(\beta_2)_p$ are isomorphisms. Hence $\delta_p (= 0)$ is an isomorphism. On the other hand, if $p \mid n$, then $p \nmid \text{Ann}_Z Z\Pi/\mathfrak{a}$ so that both $(\alpha_1)_p$ and $(\alpha_2)_p$ are isomorphisms, hence δ_p is also an isomorphism. Accordingly, for any p , δ_p is an isomorphism. Thus δ must be an isomorphism. We identify $\Lambda\mathfrak{a}/\mathfrak{a}$ with $\Lambda/Z\Pi$ through δ and denote it by A . Forming the pullback of γ_1 and γ_2 , we get the following commutative diagram with exact rows and columns:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & 0 & & 0 & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ & & Z\Pi & = & Z\Pi & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathfrak{a} & \longrightarrow & L & \longrightarrow & \Lambda \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \gamma_2 \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathfrak{a} & \longrightarrow & \Lambda\mathfrak{a} & \xrightarrow{\gamma_1} & A \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & & & 0 & & 0 \end{array}$$

Since $\mathfrak{a}, Z\Pi$ are Π -projective and $L, \Lambda\mathfrak{a}, A$ are torsion-free, the second row and the second column are Π -split. Therefore $Z\Pi \oplus \Lambda\mathfrak{a} \cong L \cong \mathfrak{a} \oplus \Lambda$, which completes the proof.

Now we prove

THEOREM 2.5. *Let Π be a finite abelian group. Then*

$$\tilde{C}(Z\Pi) = C^q(Z\Pi).$$

PROOF. Let \mathfrak{a} be a projective ideal of $Z\Pi$ and let Ω_Π be the maximal order in $Q\Pi$ which contains $Z\Pi$. By the definitions of $\tilde{C}(Z\Pi)$ and $C^q(Z\Pi)$, it suffices to prove that \mathfrak{a} is a quasi-permutation Π -module if and only if $\Omega_\Pi\mathfrak{a} \cong \Omega_\Pi$ as Ω_Π -modules.

Suppose that \mathfrak{a} is a quasi-permutation Π -module. Then there exist permutation Π -modules S, S' such that $\mathfrak{a} \oplus S' \cong S$ by (1.6). Since Π is abelian, Ω_Π is expressible as the direct sum of $Z[\zeta_m]$'s where each ζ_m is a primitive m -th root of unity. To show $\Omega_\Pi\mathfrak{a} \cong \Omega_\Pi$, it suffices to show $Z[\zeta_m]\mathfrak{a} \cong Z[\zeta_m]$ for every component $Z[\zeta_m]$ of Ω_Π . We denote by Π' the kernel of the natural projection of Π on $[\zeta_m]$. Then Π/Π' is cyclic and $Z[\zeta_m]$ can be regarded as a Π/Π' -module. $Z\Pi/\Pi' \otimes_{Z\Pi} \mathfrak{a}$ is a quasi-permutation Π/Π' -module and $Z[\zeta_m]\mathfrak{a} \cong Z[\zeta_m] \cdot (Z\Pi/\Pi' \otimes_{Z\Pi} \mathfrak{a})$. Hence we may assume that Π is cyclic. In this case we have $\mathfrak{a}^{\phi_m} \oplus S'^{\phi_m} \cong S^{\phi_m}$, and therefore $Z[\zeta_m] \cong \mathfrak{a}^{\phi_m} \cong \mathfrak{a}_{\phi_m} \cong Z[\zeta_m]\mathfrak{a}$ by (2.1) and (2.2). This proves the only if part.

Conversely suppose that $\Omega_\Pi\mathfrak{a} \cong \Omega_\Pi$ as Ω_Π -modules. Then, by virtue of (2.4), $\mathfrak{a} \oplus \Omega_\Pi \cong Z\Pi \oplus \Omega_\Pi$. Further, by (2.3), Ω_Π is a quasi-permutation Π -module. Therefore applying (1.4), we can conclude that \mathfrak{a} is a quasi-permutation Π -module. Thus the proof of the theorem is completed.

COROLLARY 2.6. *Let Π be a finite abelian group and let $\Omega_\Pi = \sum_{i=1}^s \Omega_i$ be the decomposition of Ω_Π into Dedekind domains. Then a Z -free Ω_Π -module M is a quasi-permutation Π -module if and only if $M \cong \sum_{i=1}^s \Omega_i^{t_i}$ for $t_i \geq 0$.*

PROOF. The if part of the corollary follows immediately from (2.3). Suppose that M is a quasi-permutation Π -module. Since each Ω_i is a Dedekind domain and a quasi-permutation Π -module ((2.3)), we may suppose that $M \cong \sum_{i=1}^s \mathfrak{a}_i$ where each \mathfrak{a}_i is a non-zero ideal of Ω_i . The natural homomorphism $C(Z\Pi) \rightarrow C(\Omega_\Pi)$ is an epimorphism. Therefore there exists a projective ideal \mathfrak{a} of $Z\Pi$ such that $\Omega_\Pi\mathfrak{a} \cong M$. According to (2.4), we have $\mathfrak{a} \oplus \Omega_\Pi \cong Z\Pi \oplus M$, and it follows from (2.3) that $\mathfrak{a} \xrightarrow{(\pi)} M \xrightarrow{(\pi)} 0$. Hence \mathfrak{a} is a quasi-permutation Π -module. By virtue of (2.5) we can conclude that $M \cong \Omega_\Pi\mathfrak{a} \cong \Omega_\Pi$, which completes the proof of the only if part.

REMARK 2.7. Let Π be a finite abelian group and let $\Omega_\Pi = \sum_{i=1}^s \Omega_i$ be the decomposition of Ω_Π into Dedekind domains. Let P be a projective Π -module. Then we have $P \xrightarrow{(\pi)} \sum_{i=1}^s \Omega_i P$. Especially, if Π is cyclic, we have

$$P \stackrel{(\varepsilon)}{=} \sum_{i=1}^s \oplus \Omega_i P.$$

PROOF. The first part follows directly from (2.3) and (2.4), and the second part can be proved along the same line as in the proof of [2], (1.11).

§ 3. We sketch the Jacobinski-Roiter's results on orders which will be used in §§ 3 and 4.

Let K be an algebraic number field and R be the ring of all algebraic integers in K . Let Σ be a semi-simple K -algebra and A be an R -order in Σ . A A -module is called a A -lattice if it is a finitely generated projective R -module and we denote by C_A the class of all A -lattices. Given $M, N \in C_A$, we write $M \sim N$ if, for any prime ideal \mathfrak{p} of R , $M_{\mathfrak{p}} \cong N_{\mathfrak{p}}$ as $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -modules.

We say that a A -lattice M satisfies (ε) if $\text{End}_x(KM)$ does not have any totally definite quaternion algebra as its simple component.

Let Ω be a maximal R -order in Σ which contains A . Given $M, N \in C_A$ we write $M \approx N$ if $M \sim N$ and $\Omega M \cong \Omega N$ as Ω -modules. We put $\gamma_M = \{N \in C_A \mid N \approx M\}$ and denote by $|\gamma_M|$ the number of all isomorphism types in γ_M . If M satisfies (ε) , then γ_M does not depend on the choice of Ω .

(A) ([6]). *If N is a local direct summand of M , then there is a decomposition $M \cong N' \oplus L$ with $N' \sim N$.*

(B) ([6]). *If M is A -faithful and $N \sim N'$, then there is M' such that $M \oplus N \cong M' \oplus N'$.*

(C) ([6]). *Suppose that N is a local direct summand of M and that every simple Σ -module S which occurs in KM occurs strictly more times in KM than in KN . Then N is a direct summand of M .*

(D) ([3]). *Let M satisfy (ε) and X be a local direct summand of $M^{(l)}$ for some l . Then $X \oplus M \cong X \oplus N$ implies $M \cong N$.*

(E) ([3]). (i) *If M is an Ω -lattice which satisfies (ε) , we have $|\gamma_M| = 1$ as a A -lattice.* (ii) *Let T be a A -faithful, A -lattice satisfying (ε) such that $|\gamma_T| = 1$. Then $M \approx N$ if and only if $M \oplus T \cong N \oplus T$.*

(E') ([3]). *Let M be a A -lattice. Suppose that $\text{End}_x(KM)$ is a commutative field and that $\text{End}_x(M)$ is the integral closure of R in $\text{End}_x(KM)$. Then $|\gamma_M| = 1$ as a A -lattice.*

It is noted that (E') is a special case of (E), (i).

In (2.5) we have shown that $\tilde{C}(Z\Pi) = C^q(Z\Pi)$ for any finite abelian group Π . Here it is natural to ask whether $C^q(Z\Pi)$ coincides with $\tilde{C}(Z\Pi)$ for any finite group Π or not. In this section we will prove that $\tilde{C}(Z\Pi) = C^q(Z\Pi)$ for some types of finite groups.

Let Π be a finite group. Let $Q\Pi = \Sigma_1 \oplus \Sigma_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \Sigma_t$ be the decomposition of $Q\Pi$ into simple algebras. Denote by K_i the center of Σ_i and let R_i be the ring of all algebraic integers in K_i .

A finite group Π is said to be of split type (over Q) if each Σ_i is a full matrix algebra over K_i .

PROPOSITION 3.1. *Let Π be a finite group of split type. Suppose that, for each i , there is a quasi-permutation Π -module T_i such that $\text{End}_{\Sigma_i}(QT_i) \cong K_i$ and $\text{End}_{Z\Pi}(T_i) \cong R_i$. Then $\tilde{C}(Z\Pi) \subseteq C^q(Z\Pi)$.*

PROOF. Put $T = \sum_{i=1}^t \oplus T_i$. Then T is a faithful quasi-permutation Π -module. By (E') we have $|\gamma_{T_i}|=1$ for each i . Then, using (A), we easily see that $|\gamma_T|=1$. Let α be a projective ideal of $Z\Pi$ such that $\alpha \approx Z\Pi$. By virtue of (E), (ii) we have $\alpha \oplus T \cong Z\Pi \oplus T$. According to (1.4) this implies that α is a quasi-permutation Π -module, which completes the proof.

Let S be a Dedekind domain with quotient field L . Let Π be a finite group of automorphisms of L and put $K=L^n$ and $R=S^n$. We denote by $\mathcal{A}(\Pi, S)$ ($\mathcal{A}(\Pi, L)$) the twisted group algebra of Π over S (L). Then $\mathcal{A}(\Pi, L)$ is isomorphic to a full matrix algebra over K and $\mathcal{A}(\Pi, S)$ can be regarded as an R -order in $\mathcal{A}(\Pi, L)$.

Especially, if S/R is tamely ramified, then $\mathcal{A}(\Pi, S)$ is hereditary, as is well known, and any finitely generated projective $\mathcal{A}(\Pi, S)$ -module is expressible as a direct sum of ambiguous ideals of S (cf. [8]).

LEMMA 3.2. *Suppose that S/R is tamely ramified. Then $|\gamma_{\mathcal{A}(\Pi, S)}|=1$.*

PROOF. Let α be an ambiguous ideal of S . Then we have $\text{End}_{\mathcal{A}(\Pi, S)} \alpha \cong S^n = R$, hence, by (E'), $|\gamma_\alpha|=1$. Now we can write $\mathcal{A}(\Pi, S) \cong \sum_{i=1}^l \oplus \alpha_i$ as $\mathcal{A}(\Pi, S)$ -modules where each α_i is an ambiguous ideal of S . Hence, using (C), we easily see that $|\gamma_{\mathcal{A}(\Pi, S)}|=1$.

LEMMA 3.3. *Let Π be a finite group. Suppose that there is an order A in $Q\Pi$ containing $Z\Pi$ which is a quasi-permutation Π -module with $|\gamma_A|=1$. Then $\tilde{C}(Z\Pi) \subseteq C^q(Z\Pi)$.*

PROOF. This follows directly from (2.4) (or (E)) and (1.4).

We denote by $\Pi_{n,m,r}$ the metacyclic group with generators σ and τ satisfying the relations:

$$\tau^{-1}\sigma\tau = \sigma^r, \quad \sigma^n = \tau^m = I$$

where $(r, n)=1$ and $r^m \equiv 1 \pmod n$. It is remarked that the group $\Pi_{n,2,-1}$ means the dihedral group D_n of order $2n$.

PROPOSITION 3.4. *Let Π be one of the following groups:*

- (1) *nilpotent groups of odd order;*
- (2) *metacyclic groups $\{\Pi_{n,q,r}\}$ where q is a prime such that $q \nmid n$;*
- (3) *dihedral groups $\{D_n\}$;*
- (4) *the alternating group A_4 and the symmetric group S_4 .*

Then $\tilde{C}(Z\Pi) \subseteq C^q(Z\Pi)$.

PROOF. (1) Let Π be a finite nilpotent group of odd order n . Let

$Q\Pi = \Sigma_1 \oplus \Sigma_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus \Sigma_t$ be the decomposition of $Q\Pi$ into simple algebras and denote by K_i the center of Σ_i . By the well-known Witt-Roquette's theorem ([7]), for each i , the simple algebra Σ_i is a full matrix algebra over K_i and the field K_i is a cyclotomic field $Q(\zeta_{n_i})$ for some $n_i | n$. Further let V_i be a simple Σ_i -module and let χ_i be the character of Π afforded by V_i . Then there exist a subgroup Π_i of Π and a one dimensional $K_i\Pi_i$ -module K_i with character ρ_i such that $V_i \cong Q\Pi \otimes_{Q\Pi_i} K_i$ and $Q(\chi_i) = Q(\rho_i) = K_i$. Now we put $T_i = Z\Pi \otimes_{Z\Pi_i} Z[\zeta_{n_i}]$. Then we see that $\text{End}_{Z\Pi}(T_i) \cong Z[\zeta_{n_i}]$, and from (2.3) it follows that each T_i is a quasi-permutation Π -module. So we have $\tilde{C}(Z\Pi) \subseteq C^q(Z\Pi)$ from (3.1).

(2) Let $\Pi = \Pi_{n,q,r}$ where q is a prime such that $q \nmid n$. Put $\Pi_0 = [\tau]$, $\Pi_1 = [\sigma]$ and $m = (r-1, n)$. We can write $Q\Pi = \sum_{l|n} \oplus Q\Pi / (\Phi_l(\sigma))$. If l divides m , then $\Pi / [\sigma^l]$ is a cyclic group and therefore we have $Q\Pi / (\Phi_l(\sigma)) \cong Q(\zeta_l) \oplus Q(\zeta_{ql})$. Then the images of $Z\Pi$ by the projections on $Q(\zeta_l)$ and $Q(\zeta_{ql})$ are $Z[\zeta_l]$ and $Z[\zeta_{ql}]$, respectively. Since both $Z[\zeta_l]$ and $Z[\zeta_{ql}]$ are regarded as $\Pi / [\sigma^l]$ -modules, according to (2.3) these are quasi-permutation Π -modules and, by (E'), $|\gamma_{Z[\zeta_l]}| = |\gamma_{Z[\zeta_{ql}]}| = 1$. On the other hand, if l does not divide m , then $Q\Pi / (\Phi_l(\sigma))$ is isomorphic to the twisted group algebra $\mathcal{A}(\Pi_0, Q(\zeta_l))$ because q is a prime and the order $Z\Pi / (\Phi_l(\sigma))$ in $Q\Pi / (\Phi_l(\sigma))$ is also isomorphic to the twisted group algebra $\mathcal{A}(\Pi_0, Z[\zeta_l])$. From the assumption that q is a prime such that $q \nmid n$ it is easily seen that $Z[\zeta_l] / Z[\zeta_l]^{n_0}$ is tamely ramified, and hence, by (3.2), $|\gamma_{\mathcal{A}(\Pi_0, Z[\zeta_l])}| = 1$. It is clear that $\mathcal{A}(\Pi_0, Z[\zeta_l]) \cong Z\Pi \otimes_{Z\Pi_1} Z[\zeta_l]$ as Π -modules and so, by (2.3), $\mathcal{A}(\Pi_0, Z[\zeta_l])$ is a quasi-permutation Π -module. We put $A = \sum_{l|m} \oplus (Z[\zeta_l] \oplus Z[\zeta_{ql}]) \oplus \sum_{l \nmid m} \oplus \mathcal{A}(\Pi_0, Z[\zeta_l])$. Then A is a hereditary order in $Q\Pi$ containing $Z\Pi$ and a quasi-permutation Π -module such that $|\gamma_A| = 1$. Hence, from (3.3), we get $\tilde{C}(Z\Pi) \subseteq C^q(Z\Pi)$.

(3) Let $\Pi = D_n = \Pi_{n,2,-1}$. When $2 \nmid n$ this is a special case of (2). Hence we have only to prove the assertion when $2 | n$. We can write $Q\Pi = \sum_{l|n} \oplus Q\Pi / (\Phi_l(\sigma))$. Here $Q\Pi / (\Phi_1(\sigma)) \cong Q \oplus Q\Pi / (\sigma-1, \tau+1)$ and $Q\Pi / (\Phi_2(\sigma)) \cong Q\Pi / (\sigma+1, \tau-1) \oplus Q\Pi / (\sigma+1, \tau+1)$. For each $l | n$, $l > 2$, $Q\Pi / (\Phi_l(\sigma))$ is isomorphic to the twisted group algebra $\mathcal{A}(\Pi_0, Q(\zeta_l))$ and the order $Z\Pi / (\Phi_l(\sigma))$ in $Q\Pi / (\Phi_l(\sigma))$ is also isomorphic to the twisted group algebra $\mathcal{A}(\Pi_0, Z[\zeta_l])$. We put $T^{(1)} = Z$, $T^{(2)} = Z\Pi / (\sigma-1, \tau+1)$, $T^{(3)} = Z\Pi / (\sigma+1, \tau-1)$ and $T^{(4)} = Z\Pi / (\sigma+1, \tau+1)$. Then it is clear that $T^{(i)}$ is a quasi-permutation Π -module with $|\gamma_{T^{(i)}}| = 1$. Further, putting $T_l = \mathcal{A}(\Pi_0, Z[\zeta_l])(\tau-1) = Z\Pi / (\Phi_l(\sigma), \tau+1)$ for any $l | n$, $l > 2$, we can show using the same method as in (2.3) that T_l is a quasi-permutation Π -module. We easily see that $\text{End}_{Z\Pi}(T_l) = Z[\zeta_l + \zeta_l^{-1}] = Z[\zeta_l]^{n_0}$, and therefore, by (E'), we have $|\gamma_{T_l}| = 1$. Thus we conclude by (3.1) that $\tilde{C}(Z\Pi) \subseteq C^q(Z\Pi)$.

(4) Both A_4 and S_4 are of split type, as is well known. The assertion can be proved using (3.1).

To show the inverse inclusion $C^q(Z\Pi) \subseteq \tilde{C}(Z\Pi)$ we must refer to a Conlon's result.

LEMMA 3.5 ([1]). *Let Π be a finite group of order n . Suppose that $\sum_{i=1}^s \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'_i \oplus L \cong \sum_{j=1}^t \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi''_j \oplus L$ where Π'_i and Π''_j are subgroups of Π each of which is a cyclic extension of a p -subgroup of Π for some prime $p|n$ and L is a Π -module. Then $s=t$ and the Π''_j can be reordered so that $Z\Pi/\Pi'_i \cong Z\Pi/\Pi''_j$ for any $1 \leq i \leq s$.*

PROPOSITION 3.6. *Let Π be a finite group which is a cyclic extension of a p -group. Then $C^q(Z\Pi) \subseteq \tilde{C}(Z\Pi)$. Further let \mathfrak{S} be a complete set of non-conjugate subgroups of Π , and put $T = \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'$ in the case where no simple component of $Q\Pi$ is a totally definite quaternion algebra and $T = Z\Pi \oplus \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'$ in the other case. Then, for any quasi-permutation projective ideal \mathfrak{a} of $Z\Pi$, $\mathfrak{a} \oplus T \cong Z\Pi \oplus T$, and $|\gamma_T| = [\tilde{C}(Z\Pi) : C^q(Z\Pi)]$.*

PROOF. Let \mathfrak{a} be a quasi-permutation projective ideal of $Z\Pi$. Then we have $\mathfrak{a} \oplus \sum_{i=1}^s \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'_i \cong \sum_{j=1}^t \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi''_j$ for some subgroups Π'_i, Π''_j of Π . However $\mathfrak{a}^{(k)} \cong Z\Pi^{(k)}$ for some $k > 0$ because $C(Z\Pi)$ is a finite group ([11]). Hence $Z\Pi^{(k)} \oplus \sum_{i=1}^s \oplus (Z\Pi/\Pi'_i)^{(k)} \cong \sum_{j=1}^t \oplus (Z\Pi/\Pi''_j)^{(k)}$. By (3.5) we have $s=t$ and $\Pi''_j = I$, $Z\Pi/\Pi''_j \cong Z\Pi/\Pi'_i$ for any $1 \leq i \leq s$ by reordering the Π''_j . Therefore $\mathfrak{a} \oplus \sum_{i=1}^s \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'_i \cong Z\Pi \oplus \sum_{i=1}^s \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'_i$. From this and (D) we get $\Omega_n \mathfrak{a} \oplus \Omega_n \cong \Omega_n \oplus \Omega_n$ where Ω_n denotes a maximal order in $Q\Pi$ containing $Z\Pi$. This shows that $C^q(Z\Pi) \subseteq \tilde{C}(Z\Pi)$. By (D) we have also $\mathfrak{a} \oplus T \cong Z\Pi \oplus T$. Since T is $Z\Pi$ -faithful, we easily see using (B) and (D) that $|\gamma_T| = [\tilde{C}(Z\Pi) : C^q(Z\Pi)]$.

REMARK 3.7. Let Π be a finite group of split type. Let $F = K_1 \oplus K_2 \oplus \dots \oplus K_t$ be the center of $Q\Pi$. Suppose that, for each i , the class number of K_i is 1. Then $C^q(Z\Pi) \subseteq \tilde{C}(Z\Pi) = C(Z\Pi)$.

PROOF. Since Π is of split type, we have $C(\Omega_n) = C(F)$ ([5]). By the assumption, $C(F) = \sum_{i=1}^t \oplus C(K_i) = 0$, hence $C(\Omega_n) = 0$. Thus $\tilde{C}(Z\Pi) = C(Z\Pi)$.

We denote by H_n ($n \geq 2$) the generalized quaternion group of order $4n$, i. e., the group with generators σ and τ satisfying the relations:

$$\sigma^{2n} = I, \quad \sigma^n = \tau^2, \quad \tau^{-1}\sigma\tau = \sigma^{-1}.$$

Let $N_n = [\sigma^n] = [\tau^2]$ and $H'_n = [\sigma]$. Then $H_n/N_n \cong D_n$ and $QH_n \cong QD_n \oplus QH_n/(\sigma^n + I)$. Let $n = 2^m n_0$, $2 \nmid n_0$. Then $QH_n/(\sigma^n + I) \cong \sum_{2^m | l | n} \oplus QH_n/(\Phi_{2l}(\sigma))$. For any $2^m | l | n$, $l > 1$, $\Sigma_l = QH_n/(\Phi_{2l}(\sigma))$ is a quaternion algebra over $Q(\zeta_{2l} + \zeta_{2l}^{-1})$.

In case n is odd there is a simple component $QH_n/(\Phi_2(\sigma)) \cong Q(i)$ in $QH_n/(\sigma^n+I)$. For each $2^m|l|n$, $ZH_n/(\Phi_{2^l}(\sigma)) \cong ZH_n \otimes_{ZH_n} Z[\zeta_{2^l}]$ and so $A_l = ZH_n/(\Phi_{2^l}(\sigma))$ is a quasi-permutation H_n -module. Let Ω_{D_n} be a maximal order in QD_n which contains ZD_n . We put $A_{H_n} = \Omega_{D_n} \oplus \sum_{2^m|l|n} \oplus A_l$. Then A_{H_n} is an order in QH_n which contains ZH_n . Let Ω_{H_n} be a maximal order in QH_n which contains A_{H_n} . There are natural epimorphisms $\alpha_n: C(ZH_n) \rightarrow C(A_{H_n})$ and $\beta_n: C(A_{H_n}) \rightarrow C(\Omega_{H_n})$ induced by $A_{H_n} \otimes_{ZH_n} \cdot$ and $\Omega_{H_n} \otimes_{A_{H_n}} \cdot$, respectively.

PROPOSITION 3.8. *For any prime power p^l there is an exact sequence:*

$$0 \longrightarrow C^q(ZH_{p^l}) \longrightarrow C(ZH_{p^l}) \xrightarrow{\alpha_{p^l}} C(A_{H_{p^l}}) \longrightarrow 0.$$

We have $\tilde{C}(ZH_{p^l}) = C^q(ZH_{p^l})$ if and only if $\beta_{p^l}: C(A_{H_{p^l}}) \rightarrow C(\Omega_{H_{p^l}})$ is an isomorphism. Especially $C(A_{H_2}) = 0$ and $C^q(ZH_2) = \tilde{C}(ZH_2) = C(ZH_2)$.

PROOF. Let \mathfrak{a} be a quasi-permutation projective ideal of ZH_{p^l} . Then $\mathfrak{a}/(\sigma^{p^l}-1)\mathfrak{a}$ is also a quasi-permutation projective ideal of ZD_{p^l} . By (3.4) and (3.6) we have $\tilde{C}(ZD_{p^l}) = C^q(ZD_{p^l})$. Hence we see $\Omega_{D_{p^l}}\mathfrak{a} \cong \Omega_{D_{p^l}}$. On the other hand, since each Σ_{p^m} is a division algebra, for any subgroup H of H_{p^l} , $A_{p^m} \cdot ZH_{p^l}/H \cong A_{p^m}$ or 0 . From this it follows that $A_{p^m}\mathfrak{a} \oplus A_{p^m} \cong A_{p^m} \oplus A_{p^m}$. Thus we have $A_{H_{p^l}}\mathfrak{a} \oplus A_{H_{p^l}} \cong A_{H_{p^l}} \oplus A_{H_{p^l}}$. Conversely let \mathfrak{a} be a projective ideal of ZH_{p^l} such that $A_{H_{p^l}}\mathfrak{a} \oplus A_{H_{p^l}} \cong A_{H_{p^l}} \oplus A_{H_{p^l}}$. Then $\Omega_{H_{p^l}}\mathfrak{a} \cong \Omega_{H_{p^l}}$ and so $\mathfrak{a}/(\sigma^{p^l}-1)\mathfrak{a}$ is a quasi-permutation H_{p^l} -module. We have also that, for any $m \leq l$, $A_{p^m}\mathfrak{a} \oplus A_{p^m} \cong A_{p^m} \oplus A_{p^m}$. Since A_{p^m} is a quasi-permutation H_{p^l} -module, according to (1.4), $A_{p^m}\mathfrak{a}$ is also a quasi-permutation H_{p^l} -module. Using the same method as in (2.3) we can show that $\mathfrak{a}/(\sigma^{p^l}+1)\mathfrak{a}$ is a quasi-permutation H_{p^l} -module. Furthermore, considering an exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{a}/(\sigma^{p^l}+1)\mathfrak{a} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{a} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{a}/(\sigma^{p^l}-1)\mathfrak{a} \longrightarrow 0,$$

it can easily be seen that \mathfrak{a} is a quasi-permutation H_{p^l} -module. This completes the proof of Kernel $\alpha_{p^l} = C^q(ZH_{p^l})$. The second part of the proposition is obvious. Hence we will prove only $C(A_{H_2}) = 0$. We have $A_{H_2} = \Omega_{D_2} \oplus A_2$, and therefore it suffices to show that any projective ideal of A_2 is principal. The quaternion algebra Σ_2 is generated by i, j, k over Q such that $i^2 = j^2 = -1$, $ij = -ji$ and $k = ij$ and A_2 can be identified with the order $Z+Zi+Zj+Zk$ in Σ_2 . Let Γ be the order in Σ_2 generated by $i, j, k, \frac{1}{2}(1+i+j+k)$. Then, as is well known, Γ is a maximal order in Σ_2 which contains A_2 and the class number $c(\Gamma)$ of Γ is 1. Let \mathfrak{a} be a projective ideal of A_2 . Then there is an ideal \mathfrak{b} of A_2 such that $\mathfrak{a} \cong \mathfrak{b}$ and $2 \nmid [A_2 : \mathfrak{b}]$. Therefore we may suppose $2 \nmid [A_2 : \mathfrak{a}]$. Since $[\Gamma : A_2] = 2$, we have $\mathfrak{a} = \Gamma\mathfrak{a} \cap A_2$. Because of $c(\Gamma) = 1$ there exists $\omega \in \Gamma$ such that $\Gamma\mathfrak{a} = \Gamma\omega$. Then the norm of ω is odd. Therefore we can find a unit ε of Γ such that $\varepsilon\omega \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ by the well-known result on

quaternions. Accordingly we can show that $a = A_2 \varepsilon \omega$, $\varepsilon \omega \in A_2$, which completes the proof of the proposition.

We remark here that Reiner-Ullom ([4]) has proved that $C(ZH_2) \cong Z/2Z$. From (3.4), (3.6), (3.7) and (3.8) we get

THEOREM 3.9. *Let Π be one of the following groups:*

- (1) *p -groups with $p \neq 2$;*
- (2) *metacyclic groups $\{\Pi_{p^l, q, r}\}$ where p, q are distinct primes;*
- (3) *dihedral groups $\{D_{p^l}\}$ where p is a prime;*
- (4) *the quaternion group H_2 , the alternating group A_4 and the symmetric group S_4 .*

Then we have $\tilde{C}(Z\Pi) = C^q(Z\Pi)$.

§4. In this section we will give a basic result on projective quasi-permutation modules over a finite abelian group which is a refinement of (2.5).

LEMMA 4.1. *Let $\Pi = [\sigma]$ be a cyclic group of order n and \mathfrak{a} be a projective ideal of $Z\Pi$ such that $\mathfrak{a}^n \cong Z[\zeta_n]$. Then there exist a projective ideal \mathfrak{c} of $Z\Pi$ with $\mathfrak{c}^l \cong Z[\zeta_l]$ for any $l|n$, a permutation Π -module S and a projective ideal \mathfrak{a}_m of $Z\Pi/[\sigma^m]$ for any $m|n$ such that n/m is a prime, such that*

$$\mathfrak{a} \oplus \sum_m \oplus Z\Pi/[\sigma^m] \oplus S \cong \mathfrak{c} \oplus \sum_m \oplus \mathfrak{a}_m \oplus S.$$

PROOF. Let $M_1 = \mathfrak{a} \oplus \sum_m \oplus [\mathfrak{a}/(\sigma^m - 1)\mathfrak{a}]^{-1}$. Then $M_1^{\phi_n} = \mathfrak{a}^{\phi_n}$ and $M_1^{\phi_m} = \mathfrak{a}^{\phi_m} \oplus (\mathfrak{a}^{-1})^{\phi_m} \cong Z[\zeta_m]^{(2)}$ for any $m|n$ such that n/m is a prime. Also, for any $l|n$ with $n/l = p_1 p_2$ for primes p_1, p_2 , $M_1^{\phi_l} \cong Z[\zeta_l]^{(2)} \oplus [(\mathfrak{a}^{-1})^{\phi_l}]^{(\alpha_l)}$ for some $\alpha_l \geq 0$. We now put $M_2 = M_1 \oplus \sum_{n/l=p_1 p_2} \oplus [\mathfrak{a}/(\sigma^l - 1)\mathfrak{a}]^{(\alpha_l)}$. Then, by (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_2^{\phi_n} &\cong Z[\zeta_n], \\ M_2^{\phi_m} &\cong Z[\zeta_m]^{(2)} \quad \text{when } n/m = p, \\ M_2^{\phi_l} &\cong Z[\zeta_l]^{(2+2\alpha_l)} \quad \text{when } n/l = p_1 p_2, \end{aligned}$$

and $M_2^{\phi_k} \cong Z[\zeta_k]^{(\beta_k)} \oplus [(\mathfrak{a}^{\pm 1})^{\phi_k}]^{(\gamma_k)}$ for some $\beta_k, \gamma_k \geq 0$

when $n/k = p_1 p_2 p_3$. We further put

$$M_3 = M_2 \oplus \sum_{n/k=p_1 p_2 p_3} \oplus [(\mathfrak{a}/(\sigma^k - 1)\mathfrak{a})^{\mp 1}]^{(\gamma_k)}$$

and repeat the same procedure to M_3 as to M_2 . Continuing this procedure, we finally find $s_l \geq 0$ and $\varepsilon(l) = \pm 1$ for any $l|n$ such that, putting $M = \mathfrak{a} \oplus \sum_{\substack{l|n \\ l < n}} \oplus [(\mathfrak{a}/(\sigma^l - 1)\mathfrak{a})^{\varepsilon(l)}]^{(s_l)}$, M^{ϕ_k} is $Z[\zeta_k]$ -free for any $k|n$. Since \mathfrak{a} is $Z\Pi$ -faithful and $\mathfrak{a}/(\sigma^l - 1)\mathfrak{a} \sim Z\Pi/[\sigma^l]$, by (C), there is a projective ideal of $Z\Pi$

such that $M \cong c \oplus \sum_{\substack{l|n \\ l < n}} \oplus [Z\Pi/[\sigma^l]]^{(s_l)}$. Then we see easily that $c^{\phi_k} \cong Z[\zeta_k]$ for any $k|n$. Therefore c is as required. Furthermore we have

$$\begin{aligned} M \oplus \sum_{\substack{l|n \\ l < n}} \oplus [(\alpha/(\sigma^l-1)\alpha)^{-\varepsilon(l)}]^{(s_l)} &\cong \alpha \oplus \sum_{\substack{l|n \\ l < n}} \oplus [Z\Pi/[\sigma^l]]^{(2s_l)} \\ &\cong c \oplus \sum_{\substack{l|n \\ l < n}} \oplus [Z\Pi/[\sigma^l]] \oplus (\alpha/(\sigma^l-1)\alpha)^{-\varepsilon(l)}]^{(s_l)}. \end{aligned}$$

Again, by (C), there is a Π -module L such that

$$L \sim \sum_{n/m=p} \oplus Z\Pi/[\sigma^m]$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{\substack{l|n \\ l < n}} \oplus [Z\Pi/[\sigma^l]] \oplus (\alpha/(\sigma^l-1)\alpha)^{-\varepsilon(l)}]^{(s_l)} \\ &\cong L \oplus \sum_{n/m=p} \oplus [Z\Pi/[\sigma^m]]^{(2s_{m-1})} \oplus \sum_{\substack{n/l=p_1 p_2 \cdots p_t \\ t \geq 2}} \oplus [Z\Pi/[\sigma^l]]^{(2s_l)}. \end{aligned}$$

Using (A), we can write $L \cong \sum_{n/m=p} \oplus \alpha_m$ for some $\alpha_m \sim Z\Pi/[\sigma^m]$. Let

$$S = \sum_{n/m=p} \oplus [Z\Pi/[\sigma^m]]^{(2s_{m-1})} \oplus \sum_{\substack{n/l=p_1 p_2 \cdots p_t \\ t \geq 2}} \oplus [Z\Pi/[\sigma^l]]^{(2s_l)}.$$

Then we obtain

$$\alpha \oplus \sum_{n/m=p} \oplus [Z\Pi/[\sigma^m]] \oplus S \cong c \oplus \sum_{n/m=p} \oplus \alpha_m \oplus S,$$

and this completes the proof of the lemma.

THEOREM 4.2. *Let Π be a finite abelian group and α be a projective ideal of $Z\Pi$. Then α is a quasi-permutation Π -module if and only if $\alpha \oplus \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi' \cong Z\Pi \oplus \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'$, where \mathfrak{S} denotes the set of all subgroups, Π' ($\neq 1$), of Π such that Π/Π' is cyclic.*

PROOF. The if part is evident. Hence we have only to prove the only if part. Suppose that α is a quasi-permutation Π -module. Then $\alpha \oplus S' \cong S$ for some permutation Π -modules S, S' by (1.6), and $\Omega_\Pi \alpha \cong \Omega_\Pi$ by (2.5), where Ω_Π denotes the maximal order in $Q\Pi$ containing $Z\Pi$.

First suppose that Π is a cyclic group of order n with a generator σ . In this case we can write

$$S = \sum_{k|n} \oplus [Z\Pi/[\sigma^k]]^{(N_k)}, \quad S' = \sum_{k|n} \oplus [Z\Pi/[\sigma^k]]^{(N'_k)}$$

for some N_k, N'_k (≥ 0). Since $\mathfrak{S} = \{[\sigma^k]\}_{k|n, k < n}$ in this case, it suffices by (D) to prove $N_n = N'_n + 1$ and $N_k = N'_k$ for any $k < n$. By our assumption we have $Z[\zeta_n] \oplus S'^{\phi_n} \cong S^{\phi_n}$. But, by (2.1), $S'^{\phi_n} \cong [Z[\zeta_n]]^{(N'_n)}$ and $S^{\phi_n} \cong [Z[\zeta_n]]^{(N_n)}$. Hence $N_n = N'_n + 1$. Let $m|n, m < n$ and suppose that $N_n = N'_n + 1$ and $N_k =$

N'_k for each $m < k < n$. Then we have $Z[\zeta_m] \oplus S'^{\phi_m} \cong S^{\phi_m}$ and, again applying (2.1),

$$S'^{\phi_m} \cong [Z[\zeta_m]]^{(N_{n-1})} \oplus \sum_{\substack{m \mid k \mid n \\ m < k < n}} \oplus [Z[\zeta_m]]^{(N_k)} \oplus [Z[\zeta_m]]^{(N'_m)}$$

$$S^{\phi_m} \cong [Z[\zeta_m]]^{(N_n)} \oplus \sum_{\substack{m \mid k \mid n \\ m < k < n}} \oplus [Z[\zeta_m]]^{(N_k)} \oplus [Z[\zeta_m]]^{(N_m)}.$$

This shows $N_m = N'_m$.

Now suppose that Π is a non-cyclic abelian group. We denote by \mathfrak{S}_0 the subset of \mathfrak{S} consisting of all minimal members of \mathfrak{S} . We define \mathfrak{S}_{k+1} to be the subset of \mathfrak{S} consisting of \mathfrak{S}_k and all minimal elements of $\mathfrak{S} - \mathfrak{S}_k$. Then we obtain an ascending chain of the subsets of \mathfrak{S} : $\mathfrak{S}_0 \subsetneq \mathfrak{S}_1 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \mathfrak{S}_t = \mathfrak{S}$. Let $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_k$ be the set of all maximal elements in \mathfrak{S}_k . To prove our assertion it suffices to prove that, for any $0 \leq k \leq t$, there exist some $\alpha_{\Pi'}$ with

$$\alpha_{\Pi'} \sim Z\Pi/\Pi' \quad (\Pi' \in \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_k) \text{ such that}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \alpha \oplus \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}_k} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi' \oplus \sum_{\Pi'' \in \mathfrak{S} - \mathfrak{S}_k} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'' \\ \cong Z\Pi \oplus \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}_k - \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_k} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi' \oplus \sum_{\Pi' \in \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_k} \oplus \alpha_{\Pi'} \oplus \sum_{\Pi'' \in \mathfrak{S} - \mathfrak{S}_k} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'' \end{aligned} \right\} \dots\dots (*)_k.$$

In fact $(*)_t$ implies our assertion, because $\mathfrak{S}_t = \mathfrak{S}$ and $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_t = \{\Pi\}$. We will prove $(*)_k$ by induction on k . Since $\sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'$ is $Z\Pi$ -faithful, by (B), we have

$$\alpha \oplus \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi' \cong Z\Pi \oplus N$$

for some N with $N \approx \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'$. Then, by (A) and (C), we can find $\alpha_{\Pi'}$ with $\alpha_{\Pi'} \sim Z\Pi/\Pi'$ for all $\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}_0$ such that

$$N \cong \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}_0} \oplus \alpha_{\Pi'} \oplus \sum_{\Pi'' \in \mathfrak{S} - \mathfrak{S}_0} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi''.$$

Hence we obtain that

$$\alpha \oplus \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}_0} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi' \oplus \sum_{\Pi'' \in \mathfrak{S} - \mathfrak{S}_0} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'' \cong Z\Pi \oplus \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}_0} \oplus \alpha_{\Pi'} \oplus \sum_{\Pi'' \in \mathfrak{S} - \mathfrak{S}_0} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi''.$$

Thus $(*)_0$ is proved. Next suppose $(*)_k$, $k \geq 0$. For each $\Pi' \in \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_k$, $\alpha_{\Pi'}$ is considered as a Π/Π' -module. We denote by n' the order of Π/Π' . Then $\alpha_{\Pi'}^{\phi_{n'}} \cong Z[\zeta_{n'}]$. By (4.1) there exist a projective ideal $c_{\Pi'}$ of $Z\Pi/\Pi'$ with $\Omega_{\Pi/\Pi'} c_{\Pi'} \cong \Omega_{\Pi/\Pi'}$, a permutation Π/Π' -module $S'_{\Pi'}$ and a projective ideal $\alpha_{\tilde{\Pi}'}^{(n')}$ of $Z\Pi/\tilde{\Pi}'$ for any subgroup $\tilde{\Pi}'$ of Π such that $\tilde{\Pi}'/\Pi'$ is a cyclic group of prime order such that

$$\alpha_{\Pi'} \oplus \sum_{\tilde{\Pi}' \in \mathfrak{S}_{\Pi'}} \oplus Z\Pi/\tilde{\Pi}' \oplus S'_{\Pi'} \cong c_{\Pi'} \oplus \sum_{\tilde{\Pi}' \in \mathfrak{S}_{\Pi'}} \oplus \alpha_{\tilde{\Pi}'}^{(n')} \oplus S'_{\Pi'}$$

where $\mathfrak{S}_{\Pi'}$ denotes the set of all subgroups $\tilde{\Pi}'$ of Π such that $\Pi' \subset \tilde{\Pi}'$ and $[\tilde{\Pi}': \Pi']$ is a prime. However we have already proved the assertion in case Π is cyclic. Therefore, for any $\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}_k$, there is a permutation Π/Π' -module $S_{\Pi'}$ such that $c_{\Pi'} \oplus S_{\Pi'} \cong Z\Pi/\Pi' \oplus S_{\Pi'}$. Accordingly we have

$$\alpha_{\Pi'} \oplus \sum_{\tilde{\Pi}' \in \mathfrak{S}_{\Pi'}} \oplus Z\Pi/\tilde{\Pi}' \oplus S_{\Pi'} \cong Z\Pi/\Pi' \oplus \sum_{\tilde{\Pi}' \in \mathfrak{S}_{\Pi'}} \oplus \alpha_{\tilde{\Pi}'}^{(\Pi')} \oplus S_{\Pi'}$$

for some permutation Π/Π' -module $S_{\Pi'}$. From this and $(*)_k$ it follows immediately that

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha \oplus \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}_k} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi' \oplus \sum_{\Pi'' \in \mathfrak{S}-\mathfrak{S}_k} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'' \oplus \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}_k} \sum_{\tilde{\Pi}' \in \mathfrak{S}_{\Pi'}} \oplus Z\Pi/\tilde{\Pi}' \oplus \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}_k} \oplus S_{\Pi'} \\ & \dots\dots(**) \\ & \cong Z\Pi \oplus \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}_k} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi' \oplus \sum_{\Pi'' \in \mathfrak{S}-\mathfrak{S}_k} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'' \oplus \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}_k} \sum_{\tilde{\Pi}' \in \mathfrak{S}_{\Pi'}} \oplus \alpha^{(\Pi')} \oplus \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}_k} \oplus S_{\Pi'}. \end{aligned}$$

It is easily seen that any $\tilde{\Pi}'$ of $\bigcup_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}_k} \mathfrak{S}_{\Pi'}$ contains some Π'' of \mathfrak{S}_{k+1} . According to (B), for fixed $\Pi'' \in \mathfrak{S}_{k+1}$, we have

$$Z\Pi/\Pi'' \oplus \sum_{\substack{\Pi''' \in \tilde{\Pi}' \\ \tilde{\Pi}' \in \mathfrak{S}_{\Pi'}}} \oplus \alpha_{\tilde{\Pi}'}^{(\Pi''')} \cong \alpha_{\Pi''} \oplus \sum_{\substack{\Pi''' \in \tilde{\Pi}' \\ \tilde{\Pi}' \in \mathfrak{S}_{\Pi'}}} \oplus [Z\Pi/\tilde{\Pi}']^{(j_{\Pi''})}$$

for a projective ideal $\alpha_{\Pi''}$ of $Z\Pi/\Pi''$ and $j_{\Pi''} \geq 0$. Hence from $(**)$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha \oplus \sum_{\Pi'' \in \mathfrak{S}_{k+1}} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'' \oplus \sum_{\Pi''' \in \mathfrak{S}-\mathfrak{S}_{k+1}} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi''' \oplus T \\ & \cong Z\Pi \oplus \sum_{\Pi'' \in \mathfrak{S}_{k+1}-\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{k+1}} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'' \oplus \sum_{\Pi'' \in \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{k+1}} \oplus \alpha_{\Pi''} \oplus \sum_{\Pi''' \in \mathfrak{S}-\mathfrak{S}_{k+1}} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi''' \oplus T \end{aligned}$$

for some permutation Π -module T such that $T \cong \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}} \oplus [Z\Pi/\Pi']^{(j_{\Pi'})}$, $j_{\Pi'} \geq 0$. Since $\alpha \oplus \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi' \sim Z\Pi \oplus \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'$, applying (D), we can omit T from both sides, i. e.,

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha \oplus \sum_{\Pi'' \in \mathfrak{S}_{k+1}} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'' \oplus \sum_{\Pi''' \in \mathfrak{S}-\mathfrak{S}_{k+1}} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi''' \\ & \cong Z\Pi \oplus \sum_{\Pi'' \in \mathfrak{S}_{k+1}-\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{k+1}} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'' \oplus \sum_{\Pi'' \in \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{k+1}} \oplus \alpha_{\Pi''} \oplus \sum_{\Pi''' \in \mathfrak{S}-\mathfrak{S}_{k+1}} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi''' . \end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain $(*)_{k+1}$, which completes the proof.

COROLLARY 4.3. *Let Π be a finite abelian group. Then*

$$|\gamma_{Z\Pi \oplus \sum_{\Pi' \in \mathfrak{S}} \oplus Z\Pi/\Pi'}| = 1,$$

where \mathfrak{S} denotes the set of all subgroups, Π' , of Π such that Π/Π' is cyclic.

§ 5. In §§ 5 and 6 we will study non-projective quasi-permutation modules over finite cyclic groups.

Let Π be a cyclic group of order n . Let $m|n$ and let $\Phi_m(T)$ be the m -th

cyclotomic polynomial. We put $\Psi_m(T) = (T^n - 1) / \Phi_m(T)$.

We begin with

LEMMA 5.1. *Let Π be a cyclic group of order n . Let M be a Π -module. Then, for any $m|n$, $(M^{\circ m})^* \cong \Psi_m M^*$.*

PROOF. Consider the exact sequence: $0 \rightarrow M^{\circ m} \rightarrow M \rightarrow M/M^{\circ m} \rightarrow 0$. By dualizing this sequence we get an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow (M/M^{\circ m})^* \rightarrow M^* \rightarrow (M^{\circ m})^* \rightarrow 0.$$

Then we have $\Psi_m(M/M^{\circ m})^* = 0$ and therefore there is an epimorphism: $(M^{\circ m})^* \rightarrow \Psi_m M^*$. However $\text{rank}_Z(M^{\circ m})^* = \text{rank}_Z \Psi_m M^*$. Hence $\Psi_m M^* \cong (M^{\circ m})^*$.

PROPOSITION 5.2. *Let Π be a cyclic group of order n . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) *For any $m|n$, all prime divisors of n in $Z[\zeta_m]$ are principal.*
- (2) *For any exact sequence $0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0$ of Π -modules and any $m|n$, $M^{\circ m} \cong M'^{\circ m} \oplus M''^{\circ m}$.*
- (3) *For any Π -module M and any $m|n$, $M^{\circ m} \cong \Psi_m M$.*
- (4) *For any Π -module M and any $m|n$, $(M^*)^{\circ m} \cong (M^{\circ m})^*$.*

If n is a prime power or if the class number of $Q(\zeta_n)$ is 1, then the above conditions are satisfied.

PROOF. The implications (1) \Rightarrow (2) and (1) \Rightarrow (3) were proved by Swan ([12], p. 108), and the implication (3) \Leftrightarrow (4) follows directly from (5.1). Let $m|n$ ($n \neq 1$) and let \mathfrak{p} be a prime divisor of n in $Z[\zeta_m]$. Then, by a direct computation, we see that $\Psi_m(\zeta_m) \in \mathfrak{p}$ and therefore there is a divisor $d \neq m$ of n such that $\Phi_d(\zeta_m) \in \mathfrak{p}$. Now put $A = Z[\zeta_m]/\mathfrak{p}$. Since A can be considered as a $Z[\zeta_d]$ -module, we can construct an exact sequence: $0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{q} \rightarrow Z[\zeta_d] \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$ where \mathfrak{q} is an ideal of $Z[\zeta_d]$. Forming the pullback as $Z\Pi$ -modules, we get the following commutative diagram with exact rows and columns:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & \mathfrak{p} & \xlongequal{\quad} & \mathfrak{p} & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathfrak{q} & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & Z[\zeta_m] \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathfrak{q} & \longrightarrow & Z[\zeta_d] & \longrightarrow & A \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & 0 & & 0 & &
 \end{array}$$

Then $M^{\circ d} \cong \mathfrak{q}$ and $M^{\circ m} \cong \mathfrak{p}$. Suppose that the condition (2) is satisfied. Because of the exactness of the second row, we have $M^{\circ m} \cong Z[\zeta_m]$, hence $\mathfrak{p} \cong Z[\zeta_m]$, which implies (1). On the other hand, suppose that (4) is satisfied.

By dualizing the second row, we have an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow Z[\zeta_m] \rightarrow M^* \rightarrow q^{-1} \rightarrow 0$. Hence $(M^*)^{\phi_m} \cong Z[\zeta_m]$. Since $(M^*)^{\phi_m} \cong (M^{\phi_m})^*$, $\mathfrak{p} \cong Z[\zeta_m]$, which implies also (1). The second part of the proposition is obvious. Thus the proof of the proposition is completed.

Recently T. Sumioka ([10]) proved the equivalence of (1) and (2) in (5.2) in a little more general form.

We should remark that the smallest integer n which does not satisfy the conditions in (5.2) is $39 = 3 \cdot 13$. In fact, $\mathfrak{p} = (\zeta_{39} - 3, 13)$ is a non-principal prime ideal of $Z[\zeta_{39}]$ which divides 39.

LEMMA 5.3 ([13]). *Let Π be a cyclic group of order n and let $0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow N \rightarrow S \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence where M, N are Π -modules and S is a permutation Π -module. Then $N^{\phi_n} \cong M^{\phi_n} \oplus S^{\phi_n} \cong M^{\phi_n} \oplus Z[\zeta_n]^{(t)}$ for some $t \geq 0$. Especially, if M is a quasi-permutation Π -module, then M^{ϕ_n} is a free $Z[\zeta_n]$ -module.*

PROPOSITION 5.4. *Let Π be a cyclic group of order n and let M be a Π -module. Then we have $M \cong_{(\sigma)} M^{\phi_n} \oplus M/M^{\phi_n}$. Especially M is a quasi-permutation Π -module if and only if M^{ϕ_n} is a free $Z[\zeta_n]$ -module and M/M^{ϕ_n} is a quasi-permutation Π -module.*

PROOF. The second part of the proposition follows directly from the first part and (5.3). Hence we have only to prove the first part. First suppose that M^{ϕ_n} is $Z[\zeta_n]$ -free. Let t be the rank of M^{ϕ_n} . Then we have an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow M^{\phi_n} \longrightarrow Z\Pi^{(t)} \longrightarrow (Z\Pi/(\Psi_n(\sigma)))^{(t)} \longrightarrow 0$$

where σ denotes a generator of Π . Put $F = Z\Pi^{(t)}$ and $L = (Z\Pi/(\Psi_n(\sigma)))^{(t)}$. Using the same method as in the proof of (2.3) we can show that L is a quasi-permutation Π -module. Since $\hat{H}^0(\Pi', Z[\zeta_n]) = 0$ for any subgroup Π' of Π , we have $\hat{H}^1(\Pi', L) = 0$ for any subgroup Π' of Π . Hence, by (1.6), there exist permutation Π -modules S, S' such that $L \oplus S' \cong S$. Forming the pushout of $M^{\phi_n} \rightarrow F$ and $M^{\phi_n} \rightarrow M$, we get the following commutative diagram with exact rows and columns:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & M^{\phi_n} & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & M/M^{\phi_n} \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \parallel \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & F & \longrightarrow & F \oplus M/M^{\phi_n} & \longrightarrow & M/M^{\phi_n} \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & L & \cong & L & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & 0 & & 0 & &
 \end{array}$$

From the second column, we get an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow S' \oplus F \oplus M/M^{\phi_n} \longrightarrow S \longrightarrow 0.$$

According to (1.3), we have $M \xrightarrow{(r)} S' \oplus F \oplus M/M^{\phi_n} \xrightarrow{(r)} M/M^{\phi_n}$, and therefore $M \xrightarrow{(r)} M/M^{\phi_n} \xrightarrow{(r)} M^{\phi_n} \oplus M/M^{\phi_n}$. In the general case we put $M_0 = M \oplus (M^{\phi_n})^*$. Then $M_0/M_0^{\phi_n} \cong M/M^{\phi_n}$ and $M_0^{\phi_n} \cong M^{\phi_n} \oplus (M^{\phi_n})^*$. Since $M^{\phi_n} \oplus (M^{\phi_n})^*$ is $Z[\zeta_n]$ -free, $M_0^{\phi_n}$ is $Z[\zeta_n]$ -free. Therefore we have $M \oplus (M^{\phi_m})^* \cong M_0 \xrightarrow{(r)} M_0/M_0^{\phi_n} \cong M/M^{\phi_n}$, and hence $M \oplus (M^{\phi_n})^* \oplus M^{\phi_n} \xrightarrow{(r)} M/M^{\phi_n} \oplus M^{\phi_n}$. Because $M^{\phi_n} \oplus (M^{\phi_n})^*$ is $Z[\zeta_n]$ -free, this shows that $M \xrightarrow{(r)} M/M^{\phi_n} \oplus M^{\phi_n}$. Thus the proof of the proposition is completed.

THEOREM 5.5. *Let Π be a cyclic p -group of order p^l .*

(0) *Let M be a Π -module. Then $M \xrightarrow{(r)} \sum_{m=1}^l \oplus M^{\phi_{p^m}}$.*

(1) *A Π -module M is a quasi-permutation Π -module if and only if, for any $1 \leq m \leq l$, $M^{\phi_{p^m}}$ is $Z[\zeta_{p^m}]$ -free.*

(2) *If M is a quasi-permutation Π -module, then the dual module M^* is also a quasi-permutation Π -module.*

(3) *Let $0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence of Π -modules. If two of M' , M and M'' are quasi-permutation Π -modules, then the rest of them is also a quasi-permutation Π -module.*

PROOF. We will prove (0) by induction on l . For $l=0$ this is obvious. Suppose that $l \geq 1$. Now, by (5.4), we have $M \xrightarrow{(r)} M^{\phi_{p^l}} \oplus M/M^{\phi_{p^l}}$. Let Π_1 be the subgroup of Π of order p . Then $M/M^{\phi_{p^l}}$ can be regarded as a Π/Π_1 -module. Therefore, by induction, $M/M^{\phi_{p^l}} \xrightarrow{(r)} \sum_{m=1}^{l-1} \oplus (M/M^{\phi_{p^l}})^{\phi_{p^m}}$. However, by (5.2), $M^{\phi_{p^m}} \cong (M/M^{\phi_{p^l}})^{\phi_{p^m}}$ for any $0 \leq m \leq l-1$, and so $M/M^{\phi_{p^l}} \xrightarrow{(r)} \sum_{m=1}^{l-1} \oplus M^{\phi_{p^m}}$. Thus we get $M \xrightarrow{(r)} \sum_{m=1}^l \oplus M^{\phi_{p^m}}$.

The assertion (1) follows directly from (0) and (2.6) (or (5.4)), and both (2) and (3) are immediate consequences of (1) and (5.2).

COROLLARY 5.6. *Let Π be a cyclic p -group and let Ω_Π be the maximal order in $Q\Pi$ which contains $Z\Pi$. Then the abelian semigroup $T(\Pi)$ is a group isomorphic to $C(\Omega_\Pi)$.*

More generally, for a cyclic group Π of order n , we consider the following statements:

(1) *A Π -module M is a quasi-permutation Π -module if and only if, for any $m|n$, M^{ϕ_m} is $Z[\zeta_m]$ -free.*

(2) *If M is a quasi-permutation Π -module, then M^* is also a quasi-permutation Π -module.*

(3) *Let $0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence of Π -modules. If two of M' , M and M'' are quasi-permutation Π -modules, then the rest of them is a quasi-permutation Π -module.*

We conjecture that, for any cyclic group of order n which satisfies the conditions in (5.2), all of (1), (2) and (3) are true. However we did not succeed in proving this in the general case.

REMARK 5.7. Let Π be a cyclic group of order n which satisfies the conditions in (5.2). If (1) is true for Π , then both (2) and (3) are true for Π .

REMARK 5.8. Let Π be a cyclic group of order n which does not satisfy the conditions in (5.2). Then both (2) and (3) are false for Π .

REMARK 5.9. Let p, q be primes such that $q|p-1$ and suppose that there is a non-principal prime divisor \mathfrak{q} of p in $Z[\zeta_q]$. Let Π be a cyclic group of order pq . Then (1) is false for Π (cf. [12]). The smallest pair of primes satisfying the assumption is $\{47, 23\}$.

From these remarks it seems fairly difficult to generalize (5.5), (0) and (1) to any finite cyclic group.

PROPOSITION 5.10. Let $\Pi = [\sigma]$ be a cyclic group of order n and let $p^l | n$ where p is a prime. Let $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow M \rightarrow Z[\zeta_{p^l}]^{(t)} \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence of Π -modules where N has no non-zero element invariant under $\sigma^{p^{l-1}}$ (when $l \geq 1$) and t is a non-negative integer. Let K/k be a Galois extension with group Π . Then $K(M)$ can be identified with $K(N \oplus Z[\zeta_{p^l}]^{(t)})$.

PROOF. It suffices to prove this in the case of $t=1$ and $l \geq 1$. Let $n = p^l d$, $q = p^l - p^{l-1}$ and $r = p^{l-1}$. We can identify $K(M)$ with $K(N)(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_q)$ with the action of Π such that $\sigma(X_i) = X_{i+1}$, $1 \leq i \leq q-1$ and $\sigma(X_q) = \sigma^q(X_1) = \frac{a}{X_1 X_{r+1} X_{2r+1} \dots X_{(p-2)r+1}}$ for some $a \in N$. Then $\sigma^r(\sigma^q(X_1)) = \sigma^{p^l}(X_1) = \frac{\sigma^r a}{a} \cdot X_1$. Since $\sigma^n(X_1) = \sigma^{ap^l}(X_1) = X_1$, we have

$$\frac{\sigma^r a}{a} \cdot \sigma^{p^l} \left(\frac{\sigma^r a}{a} \right) \cdot \sigma^{2p^l} \left(\frac{\sigma^r a}{a} \right) \dots \sigma^{(d-1)p^l} \left(\frac{\sigma^r a}{a} \right) = 1.$$

Hence $a \cdot \sigma^{p^l} a \cdot \sigma^{2p^l} a \dots \sigma^{(d-1)p^l} a$ is an element of N invariant under σ^r . By the assumption we have

$$a \cdot \sigma^{p^l} a \cdot \sigma^{2p^l} a \dots \sigma^{(d-1)p^l} a = 1.$$

If we put $K' = K(N)^{[\sigma^{p^l}]}$, then $N_{K(N)/K'}(a) = 1$. By the Hilbert's theorem 90, there is $b \in K(N)$ such that $a = b/\sigma^{p^l} b$. Further put $c = \sigma^r b/b$ and $Z_i = \sigma^{i-1} c \cdot X_i$, $1 \leq i \leq q$. Then $\sigma^{i-1} c \in K(N)$ and so $K(M) = K(N)(Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_q)$. We easily see that $c \cdot \sigma^r c \cdot \sigma^{2r} c \dots \sigma^{(p-1)r} c = a^{-1}$ and so we get

$$\sigma(Z_q) = \frac{1}{Z_1 Z_{r+1} Z_{2r+1} \dots Z_{(p-2)r+1}}.$$

Therefore the group generated by Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_q is isomorphic to $Z[\zeta_{p^l}]$. Thus $K(M)$ can be identified with $K(N \oplus Z[\zeta_{p^l}])$.

COROLLARY 5.11. Let $\Pi = [\sigma]$ be a cyclic group of order n and let $p^l | n$ where p is a prime. Let $0 \rightarrow N \rightarrow M \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$ be an exact sequence of Π -modules

where N has no non-zero element invariant under $\sigma^{p^{l-1}}$ (when $l \geq 1$) and L is a $Z[\zeta_{p^l}]$ -module. Then $M \xrightarrow{(\sigma)} N \oplus L$.

PROOF. We have an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow M \oplus L^* \longrightarrow L \oplus L^* \longrightarrow 0.$$

Since $L \oplus L^*$ is $Z[\zeta_{p^l}]$ -free, this sequence satisfies the assumption in (5.10) and hence $M \oplus L^* \xrightarrow{(\sigma)} N \oplus L \oplus L^*$. Therefore $M \oplus L^* \oplus L \xrightarrow{(\sigma)} N \oplus L \oplus L^* \oplus L$. Since $L \oplus L^* \xrightarrow{(\sigma)} 0$, this shows that $M \xrightarrow{(\sigma)} N \oplus L$.

PROPOSITION 5.12. Let Π be a cyclic group of order $p^l q$ where p, q are distinct primes and l is a positive integer. Let M be a Π -module. Let $M_1 = M^{\sigma^1}$, $M_2 = M_1^{\sigma^p}$, \dots , $M_l = M_{l-1}^{\sigma^{p^{l-1}}}$ and $M'_1 = \Phi_{p^l q} M^{\sigma^{p^l q}}$, $M'_2 = \Phi_{p^{l-1} q} M'_1$, \dots , $M'_l = \Phi_{pq} M'_{l-1}$. Then

$$M \xrightarrow{(\sigma)} M^{\sigma^{p^l q}} \oplus \sum_{i=1}^l M_i^{\sigma^{p^l - i q}} \oplus \sum_{j=1}^l \Psi_{pj} M_j.$$

Especially M is a quasi-permutation Π -module if and only if $M^{\sigma^{p^l q}}$ is $Z[\zeta_{p^l q}]$ -free, each $M_i^{\sigma^{p^l - i q}}$ is $Z[\zeta_{p^l - i q}]$ -free and each $\Psi_{pj} M_j$ is $Z[\zeta_{pj}]$ -free.

PROOF. We consider the following exact sequences:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\longrightarrow M_1 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow \Psi_1 M \longrightarrow 0 \\ 0 &\longrightarrow M_2 \longrightarrow M_1 \longrightarrow \Psi_p M_1 \longrightarrow 0 \\ &\dots\dots\dots \\ &\dots\dots\dots \\ 0 &\longrightarrow M_l \longrightarrow M_{l-1} \longrightarrow \Psi_{p^{l-1}} M_{l-1} \longrightarrow 0 \\ 0 &\longrightarrow M_l^{\sigma^{p^l}} \longrightarrow M_l \longrightarrow \Psi_{p^l} M_l \longrightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Here $\Psi_1 M$ is expressible as a direct sum of the copies of the trivial Π -module Z and, for each $1 \leq j \leq l$, $\Psi_{pj} M_j$ can be regarded as a $Z[\zeta_{p^l}]$ -module. Let σ be a generator of Π . Then M_j has no non-zero element invariant under $\sigma^{p^{j-1}}$. Therefore, according to (5.11), $M \xrightarrow{(\sigma)} M_1$ and, for each $1 \leq j \leq l$, $M_j \xrightarrow{(\sigma)} M_{j+1} \oplus \Psi_{pj} M_j$. Thus we get

$$M \xrightarrow{(\sigma)} M_l^{\sigma^{p^l}} \oplus \sum_{j=1}^l \Psi_{pj} M_j.$$

We easily see that $M_l^{\sigma^{p^l}} = M^{\sigma^{p^l q}}$. Put $M' = M_l^{\sigma^{p^l}}$. Consider the following exact sequences:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\longrightarrow M^{\sigma^{p^l q}} \longrightarrow M' \longrightarrow M'_1 \longrightarrow 0 \\ 0 &\longrightarrow M_1^{\sigma^{p^l - 1 q}} \longrightarrow M'_1 \longrightarrow M'_2 \longrightarrow 0 \\ &\dots\dots\dots \\ &\dots\dots\dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\longrightarrow M'_{l-1}{}^{\phi p^q} \longrightarrow M'_{l-1} \longrightarrow M'_l \longrightarrow 0 \\ 0 &\longrightarrow M'_i{}^{\phi q} \longrightarrow M'_i \longrightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Here $M'{}^{\phi p^l q} = M'{}^{\phi p^l q}$. Then, by (5.4), we have $M' \xrightarrow{(\tau)} M'{}^{\phi p^l q} \oplus M'_l$. Let Π'_i be the subgroup of Π of order p^i , for each $1 \leq i \leq l$. Then M'_i can be regarded as a Π/Π'_i -module. By virtue of (5.4), we have $M'_i \xrightarrow{(\tau)} M'_i{}^{\phi p^{l-i} q} \oplus M'_{i+1}$. Hence we get

$$M' \xrightarrow{(\tau)} M'{}^{\phi p^l q} \oplus \sum_{i=1}^l \oplus M'_i{}^{\phi p^{l-i} q}.$$

Consequently we get

$$M \xrightarrow{(\tau)} M' \oplus \sum_{j=1}^l \oplus \Psi_{p_j} M_j \xrightarrow{(\tau)} M'{}^{\phi p^l q} \oplus \sum_{i=1}^l \oplus M'_i{}^{\phi p^{l-i} q} \oplus \sum_{j=1}^l \oplus \Psi_{p_j} M_j.$$

This completes the proof of the first part. The second part of the proposition follows immediately from the first part and (2.6).

LEMMA 5.13. *Let Π be a cyclic group of order n and let m_1, m_2 be divisors of n such that $m_1 \nmid m_2$ and $m_2 \nmid m_1$. Then $\text{Ext}_{Z\Pi}^1(M_1, M_2) = 0$ for any $Z[\zeta_{m_1}]$ -module M_1 and any $Z[\zeta_{m_2}]$ -module M_2 .*

PROOF. From the fact that $(\Phi_{m_1}(T), \Phi_{m_2}(T)) = Z[T]$ this follows immediately.

PROPOSITION 5.14. *Let Π be a cyclic group of order $p_1 p_2 p_3$ where p_1, p_2, p_3 are distinct primes. Let M be a Π -module. Let $M' = \Phi_{p_1 p_2 p_3} M'{}^{\phi p_1 p_2 p_3 \phi p_1 p_2 \phi p_1 p_3 \phi p_2 p_3}$ and $M'' = M'^{\psi_1}$. Then*

$$M \xrightarrow{(\tau)} M'{}^{\phi p_1 p_2 p_3} \oplus M'{}^{\phi p_1 p_2} \oplus M'{}^{\phi p_1 p_3} \oplus M'{}^{\phi p_2 p_3} \oplus \Psi_{p_1} M'' \oplus \Psi_{p_2} M'' \oplus \Psi_{p_3} M''.$$

Epecially M is a quasi-permutation Π -module if and only if $M'{}^{\phi p_1 p_2 p_3}$ is $Z[\zeta_{p_1 p_2 p_3}]$ -free, each $M'{}^{\phi p_i p_j}$ is $Z[\zeta_{p_i p_j}]$ -free and each $\Psi_{p_i} M''$ is $Z[\zeta_{p_i}]$ -free.

PROOF. We have only to prove the first part. Consider the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow M \rightarrow \Psi_1 M \rightarrow 0$. Then $\Psi_1 M \cong Z^{(t)}$ for some $t \geq 0$ and so $M \xrightarrow{(\tau)} M''$. Now put $\Phi = \Phi_{p_1 p_2 p_3} \cdot \Phi_{p_1 p_2} \cdot \Phi_{p_1 p_3} \cdot \Phi_{p_2 p_3}$. Then $M^\phi = M''^\phi$. Hence we have an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow M^\phi \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow \Phi M'' \rightarrow 0$. Then $\Phi M''$ can be regarded as a $Z\Pi/(\Phi_{p_1}(\sigma)\Phi_{p_2}(\sigma)\Phi_{p_3}(\sigma))$ -module where σ denotes a generator of Π . Therefore by (5.13) we can write $M'' = M_1 \oplus M_2 \oplus M_3$ where each M_i is a $Z[\zeta_{p_i}]$ -module. Each M_i is clearly isomorphic to $\Psi_{p_i} M''$. Applying (5.11) repeatedly, we get

$$M'' \xrightarrow{(\tau)} M^\phi \oplus \Psi_{p_1} M'' \oplus \Psi_{p_2} M'' \oplus \Psi_{p_3} M''.$$

Next consider the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow M'{}^{\phi p_1 p_2 p_3} \rightarrow M^\phi \rightarrow M' \rightarrow 0$. According to (5.4), $M^\phi \xrightarrow{(\tau)} M'{}^{\phi p_1 p_2 p_3} \oplus M'$. Since M' can be regarded as a $Z\Pi/(\Phi_{p_1 p_2}(\sigma)\Phi_{p_1 p_3}(\sigma)\Phi_{p_2 p_3}(\sigma))$ -module, again by (5.13) we can write $M' = M_{12} \oplus M_{13} \oplus M_{23}$ where each M_{i_j} is a $Z[\zeta_{p_i p_j}]$ -module. It is easily seen that $M_{i_j} \cong M'{}^{\phi p_i p_j}$. Hence we have

$$M^\phi \xrightarrow{(\tau)} M'{}^{\phi p_1 p_2 p_3} \oplus M'{}^{\phi p_1 p_2} \oplus M'{}^{\phi p_1 p_3} \oplus M'{}^{\phi p_2 p_3}.$$

Thus we get

$$M \underset{(r)}{\text{---}} M^{\circ p_1 p_2 p_3} \oplus M^{\circ p_1 p_2} \oplus M^{\circ p_1 p_3} \oplus M^{\circ p_2 p_3} \oplus \Psi_{p_1} M'' \oplus \Psi_{p_2} M'' \oplus \Psi_{p_3} M'' .$$

COROLLARY 5.15. *Let Π be a cyclic group as in (5.12) or (5.14) and let Ω_Π be the maximal order in $Q\Pi$ containing $Z\Pi$. Then the abelian semigroup $T(\Pi)$ is a group isomorphic to $C(\Omega_\Pi)$.*

§ 6. The following lemma is due to P. Samuel ([9]).

LEMMA 6.1. *Let k be an infinite field and let K_1, K_2 be extensions of k finitely generated over k . Suppose that there exist elements x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n which are algebraically independent over K_1 and K_2 such that $K_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = K_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$. Then K_1 is k -isomorphic to K_2 .*

LEMMA 6.2. *Let Π be a cyclic p -group of order p^l and let K/k be a Galois extension with group Π . In case of $p \neq 2$, suppose that k is an infinite field. Then $K(Z[\zeta_{p^l}])^n$ is rational over k .*

PROOF. For $l=1$ this has been proved in [2], (1.13). Hence we may suppose that $l \geq 2$. Let $q = p^{l-1}$ and let σ be a generator of Π .

(i) Case of $p=2$. Take $b \in K$ such that $\sigma^q b \neq b$ and put $a = b/\sigma^q b$. Then $a \cdot \sigma^q a = 1$ and $\sigma^q a \neq a$. Now $K(Z[\zeta_{2^l}])$ is expressed as the rational function field $K(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_q)$ with the action of Π such that $\sigma(X_i) = X_{i+1}$, $1 \leq i \leq q-1$ and $\sigma(X_q) = 1/X_1$. If we put $Y_1 = \frac{X_1+a}{X_1+\sigma^q a}$ and $Y_{i+1} = \sigma(Y_i)$, $1 \leq i \leq q-1$, then $K(Z[\zeta_{2^l}]) = K(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_q)$ and $\sigma(Y_q) = \frac{\sigma^q a}{a} Y_1$, and therefore Π acts semi-linearly on $\sum_{i=1}^q KY_i$. Thus, by (1.1), $K(Z[\zeta_{2^l}])^n$ is rational over k .

(ii) Case of $p \neq 2$. Suppose that k is an infinite field. By the definition $K(Z\Pi)$ is the rational function field $K(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{p^l})$ with the action of Π such that $\sigma(X_i) = X_{i+1}$, $1 \leq i \leq p^l-1$ and $\sigma(X_{p^l}) = X_1$. Then $K(Z[\zeta_{p^l}])$ can be identified with $K(X_{q+1}^{-1}X_1, X_{q+2}^{-1}X_2, \dots, X_{p^l}^{-1}X_{q(p-1)})$ because $Z[\zeta_{p^l}] = (\sigma^q - 1)$, and we have $K(Z\Pi) = K(Z[\zeta_{p^l}])(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_q)$. Let

$$Y = \frac{X_1 + X_{q+1} + X_{2q+1} + \dots + X_{(p-1)q+1}}{X_1} .$$

Then $Y \in K(Z[\zeta_{p^l}])$. Further let $Z_1 = X_1 + X_{q+1} + X_{2q+1} + \dots + X_{(p-1)q+1}$ and $Z_{i+1} = \sigma^i Z_1$, $1 \leq i \leq q-1$. Then $\sigma^q Z_1 = Z_1$ and Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_q are algebraically independent over $K(Z[\zeta_{p^l}])$ since $Z_i = \sigma^{i-1}(Y) \cdot X_i$, $1 \leq i \leq q$. Now put $V = \sum_{j=1}^{p^l} KX_j$ and $W = \sum_{i=1}^q KZ_i$. Then $W \subseteq V$ and Π acts semi-linearly on V and W . By (1.1) there exist $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_q \in K(W)$ which are invariant under Π such that $K(W) = K(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_q)$. Then we have

$$K(Z\Pi)^n = [K(Z[\zeta_{p^l}])(W)]^n = K(Z[\zeta_{p^l}])^n(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_q) .$$

On the other hand we have an exact sequence :

$$0 \longrightarrow W \longrightarrow V \longrightarrow V/W \longrightarrow 0$$

of K -vector spaces. Applying (1.1) to this we can find $U'_1, U'_2, \dots, U'_{q(p-1)} \in K(V)$ such that $K(Z\Pi)^n = K(V)^n = K(W)^n(U'_1, U'_2, \dots, U'_{q(p-1)})$. Therefore we get

$$\begin{aligned} K(Z[\zeta_{p^l}])^n(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_q) &= K(Z\Pi)^n \\ &= k(U'_1, U'_2, \dots, U'_{q(p-1)})(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_q). \end{aligned}$$

Here U_1, U_2, \dots, U_q are algebraically independent over $K(Z[\zeta_{p^l}])^n$ and $k(U'_1, U'_2, \dots, U'_{q(p-1)})$. Then, by virtue of (6.1), $K(Z[\zeta_{p^l}])^n$ is k -isomorphic to the rational function field $k(U'_1, U'_2, \dots, U'_{q(p-1)})$. This completes the proof of the lemma.

THEOREM 6.3. *Let Π be a cyclic p -group and let K/k be a Galois extension with group Π . In case of $p \neq 2$ suppose that k is an infinite field. If M is a quasi-permutation Π -module, then $K(M)^n/k$ is rational.*

PROOF. Let Π be a cyclic group of order p^l . As in (5.12) we put $M_0 = M$, $M_1 = M_0^{\varphi_1}$, $M_2 = M_1^{\varphi_p}$, \dots , $M_l = M_{l-1}^{\varphi_{p^{l-1}}}$. Then we have the following exact sequences :

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \longrightarrow M_1 \longrightarrow M_0 \longrightarrow \Psi_1 M_0 \longrightarrow 0 \\ 0 \longrightarrow M_2 \longrightarrow M_1 \longrightarrow \Psi_p M_1 \longrightarrow 0 \\ \dots\dots\dots \\ \dots\dots\dots \\ 0 \longrightarrow M_l \longrightarrow M_{l-1} \longrightarrow \Psi_{p^{l-1}} M_{l-1} \longrightarrow 0 \\ 0 \longrightarrow M_l \longrightarrow \Psi_{p^l} M_l \longrightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

By (5.2) we have $\Psi_{p^i} M_i \cong M^{\varphi_{p^i}}$ for each $0 \leq i \leq l$ and further, by (5.5), $M^{\varphi_{p^i}}$ is $Z[\zeta_{p^i}]$ -free for each $0 \leq i \leq l$. Therefore, applying (5.10) to the above exact sequences repeatedly, we see that $K(M)$ is k -isomorphic to $K(M^{\varphi_{p^l}} \oplus M^{\varphi_{p^{l-1}}} \oplus \dots \oplus M^{\varphi_1})$. Thus we can conclude by (6.2) that $K(M)^n$ is rational over k .

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