

## On blocks of twisted group algebras

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**0. Introduction.** Let  $G$  be a finite group, let  $F$  be a field and let  $\alpha : G \times G \rightarrow F^*$  be a cocycle. Denote by  $F^\alpha G$  the corresponding twisted group algebra of  $G$  over  $F$ . The algebra  $F^\alpha G$  has an  $F$ -basis  $\{\bar{g} | g \in G\}$  and the multiplication in  $F^\alpha G$  is determined by

$$\bar{x}\bar{y} = \alpha(x, y)\overline{xy} \quad \text{for all } x, y \in G$$

Observe that  $F^\alpha G$  is isomorphic to the ordinary group algebra  $FG$  if and only if  $\alpha$  is a coboundary. By an  $\alpha$ -representation of  $G$  over  $F$  (or simply projective representation of  $G$  over  $F$  if  $\alpha$  is not pertinent to the discussion), one understands any map  $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(n, F)$  (for some  $n \geq 1$ ) with  $\rho(1) = 1$  and  $\rho(x)\rho(y) = \alpha(x, y)\rho(xy)$  for all  $x, y \in G$ . Two  $\alpha$ -representations  $\rho_i : G \rightarrow GL(n, F)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , are said to be *linearly equivalent* if there exists  $M \in GL(n, F)$  such that

$$\rho_2(g) = M^{-1}\rho_1(g)M \quad \text{for all } g \in G$$

The modular  $\alpha$ -representation theory of  $G$  is concerned with the study of blocks of  $F^\alpha G$ , for the isomorphism classes of  $F^\alpha G$ -modules correspond bijectively, in a well-known manner, with the linear equivalent classes of  $\alpha$ -representations of  $G$  over  $F$ .

The intention of the present paper is to apply Külshammer's theorem [4] in order to provide ring-theoretic information on the structure of blocks of  $F^\alpha G$  whose defect groups are central. The corresponding result for ordinary group algebras is due to Külshammer [3]. Because it costs us no effort, we shall prove our result under slightly more general circumstances. Namely, we shall consider those blocks  $B$  of  $F^\alpha G$  for which  $G = DC_G(D)$  where  $D$  is a defect group of  $B$ . Our result is as follows

**THEOREM.** *Let  $B$  be a block of the twisted group algebra  $F^\alpha G$  of a finite group  $G$  over the field  $F$  of characteristic  $p > 0$ . Assume that  $G = DC_G(D)$  where  $D$  is a defect group of  $B$  and that the values of  $\alpha$  on  $D \times D$  belong to a perfect subfield of  $F$ . Then*

(i)  $B \cong B/J(B) \otimes_F FD$ , where  $J(B)$  is the Jacobson radical of  $B$ . In particular,  $B$  has a unique irreducible  $F^\alpha G$ -module.

(ii)  $\dim_F J(B) = (1 - |D|^{-1}) (\dim_F B)$

(iii) If  $F$  is algebraically closed, and  $n$  is the dimension of the

irreducible  $F^\alpha G$ -module of  $B$ , then  $B$  is isomorphic to a full matrix algebra  $M_n(FD)$  with entries in the group algebra  $FD$ .

### 1. Notation and terminology.

Throughout this paper,  $F$  denotes a field of characteristic  $p > 0$ ,  $G$  a finite group and  $\alpha$  an element of  $Z^2(G, F^*)$ . An element  $g \in G$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -regular if  $\alpha(x, g) = \alpha(g, x)$  for all  $x \in C_G(g)$ . If  $\cdot$  is  $\alpha$ -regular, then so is any conjugate of  $G$  and therefore we may speak about  $\alpha$ -regular classes of  $G$ . Given  $x = \sum x_g \bar{g} \in F^\alpha G$ , the support of  $x$ , written  $\text{Supp} x$ , is defined by

$$\text{Supp} x = \{g \in G \mid x_g \neq 0\}$$

Let  $e$  be a block idempotent of  $F^\alpha G$  and write

$$\text{Supp} e = C_1 \cup \cdots \cup C_t$$

for some  $\alpha$ -regular classes  $C_1, \dots, C_t$  of  $G$ . Then the largest of the defect groups of  $C_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq t$ , is called a defect group of  $e$  (or of the block  $B(e)$  containing  $e$ ). As in the ordinary case, it can be shown that a defect group of  $e$  is uniquely determined up to conjugacy in  $G$ . If  $p^d$  is the order of defect groups of  $e$ , then  $d$  is called the defect of  $e$  (or of  $B(e)$ ). Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . In order to prevent our expressions from becoming too cumbersome, we shall use the same symbol  $\alpha$  for an element of  $Z^2(G, F^*)$  and its restriction in  $Z^2(H, F^*)$ . With this convention,  $F^\alpha H$  is just the  $F$ -linear span of the elements  $\bar{h}$ ,  $h \in H$ .

### 2. An $F$ -basis for $Z^\alpha(G : H)$ .

Throughout this section,  $H$  denotes a subgroup of  $G$  and  $Z^\alpha(G : H)$  the centralizer of  $F^\alpha H$  in  $F^\alpha G$ , i. e.

$$Z^\alpha(G : H) = \{x \in F^\alpha G \mid xy = yx \text{ for all } y \in F^\alpha H\}$$

Our aim here is to exhibit an  $F$ -basis for  $Z^\alpha(G : H)$ . The following terminology is due to Reynolds [6].

By a *monomial space over  $F$*  we mean a triple  $(V, S, (V_s))$  where  $V$  is a vector space over  $F$ ,  $S$  is a finite set and  $(V_s)$  is a family of one-dimensional subspaces of  $V$  indexed by  $S$  such that  $V = \bigoplus_{s \in S} V_s$ .

By a *monomial representation* of  $G$  on  $(V, S, (V_s))$  we mean a homomorphism:

$$\Gamma : G \rightarrow GL(V)$$

such that for each  $g \in G$ ,  $\Gamma(g)$  permutes the  $V_s$ ,  $s \in S$ . It follows that  $\Gamma$  determines a homomorphism  $\gamma$  from  $G$  to the permutation group of the set  $S$ , where for all  $g \in G$  and  $x, y \in S$

$$\gamma(g)x = y \text{ if and only if } \Gamma(g)V_x = V_y$$

For each  $s \in S$ , let  $G(s)$  be the *stabilizer* of  $s$ , i. e.

$$G(s) = \{g \in G \mid \gamma(g)s = s\}$$

We say that an element  $s$  of  $S$  is  $\Gamma$ -regular if for all  $g \in G(s)$ ,  $\Gamma(g)$  is the identity mapping on  $V_s$ . We shall refer to a  $G$ -orbit of  $S$  as being  $\Gamma$ -regular if each element of this orbit is  $\Gamma$ -regular. By the *fixed-point space* of  $\Gamma$  we understand the set of those  $v \in V$  for which  $\Gamma(g)v = v$  for all  $g \in G$ .

Next we generalize the notion of  $\alpha$ -regularity. Two elements  $x, y \in G$  are called  $H$ -conjugate if  $y = h x h^{-1}$  for some  $h \in H$ . It is clear that the  $H$ -conjugacy is an equivalence relation and so  $G$  is a union of  $H$ -conjugacy classes. For a given  $g \in G$ , let  $C_H(g)$  denote the centralizer of  $g$  in  $H$ , i. e.  $C_H(g) = \{h \in H \mid hg = gh\}$ . We say that an element  $g \in G$  is  $(\alpha, H)$ -regular if for all  $h \in C_H(g)$ ,  $\alpha(h, g) = \alpha(g, h)$ . Thus  $g$  is  $\alpha$ -regular if and only if  $g$  is  $(\alpha, G)$ -regular. It follows from the definition of  $(\alpha, H)$ -regularity that if  $g$  is  $(\alpha, H)$ -regular, then so is any  $H$ -conjugate of  $g$  and so we may speak about  $(\alpha, H)$ -regular  $H$ -conjugacy classes of  $G$ .

LEMMA 1. Let  $(V, S, (V_s))$  be a monomial space over an arbitrary field  $F$ , and let  $\Gamma : G \rightarrow GL(V)$  be a monomial representation of  $G$  on  $(V, S, (V_s))$ . Let  $X$  be a set of all representatives for the  $\Gamma$ -regular orbits of  $S$ , and for each  $x \in X$ , let  $w_x$  be a nonzero element of  $V_x$ . Set

$$v_x = \sum_{g \in T_x} \Gamma(g)w_x$$

where  $T_x$  is a left transversal for  $G(x)$  in  $G$ . Then  $\{v_x \mid x \in X\}$  is an  $F$ -basis for the fixed-point space of  $\Gamma$ .

PROOF. Let  $Y$  denote a set of all representatives for the nonregular orbits of  $S$ , let  $Z = XUY$  and, for each  $z \in Z$ , let  $U_z$  be the sum of one dimensional subspaces of  $V$  indexed by the elements of the orbit containing  $z$ . Then  $V = \bigoplus_{z \in Z} U_z$  is a decomposition of  $V$  into direct sum of invariant subspaces. It follows that if  $W$  is the fixed-point space of  $\Gamma$  and

$$W_z = W \cap U_z, \quad z \in Z$$

then  $W = \bigoplus_{z \in Z} W_z$ . Let  $v = \sum_{s \in S} \lambda_s v_s$ ,  $\lambda_s \in F$ ,  $0 \neq v_s \in V_s$ , belong to  $W$  and suppose that there is an  $s \in S$  such that  $\lambda_s \neq 0$ . Then, for a given  $g \in G(s)$ ,

$$\Gamma(g)v_s = \mu_s v_s \quad \text{for some } \mu_s \in F,$$

and hence the equality  $\Gamma(g)v = v$  forces  $\lambda_s = \lambda_s \mu_s$ . It follows that  $\mu_s = 1$ , so  $s$  is  $\Gamma$ -regular and hence  $W = \bigoplus_{x \in X} W_x$ .

Fix  $x \in X$  and, for each  $g \in T_x$ , set  $v_{g,x} = \Gamma(g)w_x$ . Then the elements  $\{v_{g,x} \mid g \in T_x\}$  form an  $F$ -basis of  $U_x$  and hence an arbitrary element  $v \in W_x$  can be uniquely written in the form

$$v = \sum_{g \in T_x} \lambda_{g,x} v_{g,x}$$

Since for all  $y \in G$ ,  $\Gamma(y)$  permutes the  $v_{g,x}$ ,  $g \in T_x$ , it follows that  $v_x \in W_x$

and that all the coefficients  $\lambda_{g,x}$  of  $v$  are equal. So the lemma is true.

LEMMA 2. Let  $X$  be a set of representatives for the  $(\alpha, H)$ -regular  $H$ -conjugacy classes of  $G$ , and for each  $x \in X$ , let

$$v_x = \sum_{h \in T_x} \bar{h} x \bar{h}^{-1},$$

where  $T_x$  is a left transversal for  $C_H(x)$  in  $H$ . Then the elements  $v_x$ ,  $x \in X$ , constitute an  $F$ -basis for the  $F$ -algebra  $Z^\alpha(G:H)$ .

PROOF. Let  $V = F^\alpha G$  and, for each  $g \in G$ , let  $V_g = \{\lambda \bar{g} \mid \lambda \in F\}$ . Then  $(V, G, (V_g))$  is a monomial space over  $F$ . Moreover, the mapping

$$\Gamma: H \rightarrow GL(V)$$

defined by

$$\Gamma(h)v = \bar{h} v \bar{h}^{-1} \quad \text{for all } v \in V, h \in H$$

is easily seen to be a monomial representation of  $H$  on  $(V, G, (V_h))$ . The homomorphism  $\gamma$  from  $H$  to the permutation group of the set  $G$  determined by  $\Gamma$  is given by

$$\gamma(h)g = hgh^{-1} \quad \text{for all } h \in H, g \in G$$

and hence  $G(g) = C_H(g)$  for all  $g \in G$ . It therefore follows that  $g \in G$  is  $\Gamma$ -regular if and only if for all  $g \in C_H(g)$ ,  $\bar{h}g = g\bar{h}$ . Thus  $g \in G$  is  $\Gamma$ -regular if and only if  $g$  is  $(\alpha, H)$ -regular. Hence a typical  $\Gamma$ -regular  $H$ -orbit of  $G$  is an  $(\alpha, H)$ -regular  $H$ -conjugacy class of  $G$ . Since  $Z^\alpha(G:H)$  is the fixed-point space of  $\Gamma$ , the result follows by virtue of Lemma 1.

As an immediate consequence of Lemma 1, we derive

COROLLARY 3. Let  $X$  be a set of all representatives for the  $\alpha$ -regular classes of  $G$ . For each  $x \in X$ , put  $k_x = \sum_{g \in T_x} \bar{g} x \bar{g}^{-1}$ , where  $T_x$  is a left transversal for  $C_G(x)$  in  $G$ . Then

- (i)  $\{k_x \mid x \in X\}$  is an  $F$ -basis for the centre  $Z(F^\alpha G)$  of  $F^\alpha G$
- (ii) For each  $x \in Z(F^\alpha G)$ ,  $\text{Supp} x$  is a union of a certain number of  $\alpha$ -regular classes of  $G$ .

### 3. Subsidiary results.

In this section we establish some subsidiary results required for the proof of the Theorem.

Let  $P$  be a  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  and let  $C_1, \dots, C_r$  be all  $\alpha$ -regular classes of  $G$  whose defect groups are conjugate to subgroups of  $P$ . Owing to Corollary 3, for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, r\}$ , we may choose  $z_i \in Z(F^\alpha G)$  with  $\text{Supp} z_i = C_i$ . We denote by  $Z^\alpha(P)$  the  $F$ -linear span of  $z_1, \dots, z_r$ . It follows from the definition of  $Z^\alpha(P)$  that  $Z^\alpha(P)$  consists of all central elements  $x$  in  $F^\alpha G$  with  $\text{Supp} x \subseteq C_1 U \cdots U C_r$ . Note that every block idempotent of  $F^\alpha G$  with  $P$  as a defect group is contained in  $Z^\alpha(P)$  (see Karpilovsky [2]).

LEMMA 4. Let  $S \subseteq H$  be subgroups of  $G$  and let  $X$  be a left transversal for  $S$  in  $H$ . For each  $z \in Z^\alpha(G : S)$ , put

$$T_{H:S}(z) = \sum_{x \in X} \bar{x}z\bar{x}^{-1}$$

Then the following properties hold :

(i)  $T_{H:S}$  is an  $F$ -linear map from  $Z^\alpha(G : S)$  to  $Z^\alpha(G : H)$  which is independent of the choice of  $X$

(ii) For all  $y \in Z^\alpha(G : H)$  and  $z \in Z^\alpha(G : S)$ .

$$T_{H:S}(yz) = y T_{H:S}(z) \text{ and } T_{H:S}(zy) = T_{H:S}(z)y$$

(iii) If  $D$  is a subgroup of  $S$ , then for all  $z \in Z^\alpha(G : D)$ ,

$$T_{H:D}(z) = T_{H:S}(T_{S:D}(z))$$

(iv) If  $P$  is a  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ , then for any  $z \in Z^\alpha(P)$  there exists  $w \in Z^\alpha(G : P)$  such that  $z = T_{G:P}(w)$ .

PROOF (i). If  $y = xs$  for some  $x \in X$  and  $s \in S$  then

$$\bar{y}z\bar{y}^{-1} = \overline{xs}z\overline{xs}^{-1} = \alpha^{-1}(x, s)\bar{x}\bar{s}z\alpha(x, s)\bar{s}^{-1}\bar{x}^{-1} = \bar{x}z\bar{x}^{-1}$$

proving that  $T_{H:S}(z)$  is independent of the choice of  $X$ . To prove that  $T_{H:S}(z) \in Z^\alpha(G : H)$ , it suffices to verify that  $T_{H:S}(z)$  commutes with all  $\bar{h}$ ,  $h \in H$ . Since  $hX$  is another transversal for  $S$  in  $H$ , we have :

$$\bar{h}T_{H:S}(z)\bar{h}^{-1} = \sum_{x \in X} \bar{h}\bar{x}z\bar{x}^{-1}\bar{h}^{-1} = \sum_{x \in X} \overline{hx}z\overline{hx}^{-1} = T_{H:S}(z),$$

as required. The fact that  $T_{H:S}$  is  $F$ -linear being obvious the assertion follows.

(ii) For all  $x \in X$ , we have  $y\bar{x} = \bar{x}y$  and hence

$$T_{H:S}(yz) = \sum_{x \in X} \bar{x}yz\bar{x}^{-1} = y \sum_{x \in X} \bar{x}z\bar{x}^{-1} = yT_{H:S}(z)$$

The second equality is proved similarly.

(iii) Let  $Y$  be a left transversal for  $D$  in  $S$ . Then  $XY$  is a left transversal for  $D$  in  $H$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} T_{H:D}(z) &= \sum_{\substack{x \in X \\ y \in Y}} \overline{xy}z\overline{xy}^{-1} = \sum_{x \in X} \left( \sum_{y \in Y} \bar{x}\bar{y}z\bar{y}^{-1}\bar{x}^{-1} \right) \\ &= \sum_{x \in X} \bar{x} \left( \sum_{y \in Y} \bar{y}z\bar{y}^{-1} \right) \bar{x}^{-1} \\ &= T_{H:S}(T_{S:D}(z)), \end{aligned}$$

as required.

(iv) We may harmlessly assume that  $\text{Supp}z = C$  where  $C$  is an  $\alpha$ -regular class of  $G$ . Fix  $g \in C$ , set  $L = C_G(g)$  and  $Q$  a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $L$ . Since  $z \in Z^\alpha(P)$  we may assume that  $Q \subseteq P$ . Because  $g$  is  $\alpha$ -regular,  $\bar{g} \in Z^\alpha(G : Q)$ . Owing to Corollary 3,  $T_{G:L}(\bar{g}) = \lambda z$  for some  $\lambda \in F$ . Hence, we may also assume that  $z = T_{G:L}(\bar{g})$ . Using (iii) to compute  $T_{G:Q}(\bar{g})$  in two different ways, we find

$$(*) \quad T_{G:L}(T_{L:Q}(\bar{g})) = T_{G:P}(T_{P:Q}(\bar{g}))$$

Because  $T_{L:Q}(\bar{g}) = (L:Q)\bar{g}$  and  $(L:Q)$  is prime to  $p$ , we may define

$$W = (L:Q)^{-1}T_{P:Q}(\bar{g})$$

Then  $w \in Z^\alpha(G:P)$  and, by  $(*)$ ,  $T_{G:P}(w) = z$ , as asserted.

LEMMA 5. *Let  $B = B(e)$  be a block of  $F^\alpha G$  with  $D$  as a defect group. Then  $F^\alpha De \cong F^\alpha D$  as  $F$ -algebras.*

PROOF. The map  $F^\alpha D \rightarrow F^\alpha De$  defined by  $x \rightarrow xe$ ,  $x \in F^\alpha D$ , is obviously a surjective homomorphism of  $F$ -algebras. Since  $|D| = \dim_F F^\alpha D$ , it therefore suffices to verify that the set  $\{e\bar{d} \mid d \in D\}$  is linearly independent over  $F$ . The result being trivial for  $D=1$ , assume that  $|D| > 1$ . Suppose that  $\sum_{d \in D} \lambda_d e\bar{d} = 0$  for some  $\lambda_d \in F$ . Because  $D$  is a group, we may harmlessly assume that  $\lambda_1 = -1$  if not all  $\lambda_d = 0$ . Hence

$$e = \sum_{d \in D - \{1\}} \lambda_d e\bar{d},$$

so writing  $e = \sum_{g \in G} e_g \bar{g}$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{g \in G} e_g \bar{g} &= \sum_{d \in D - \{1\}} \lambda_d \left( \sum_{g \in G} e_g \bar{g} \bar{d} \right) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{d \in D - \{1\} \\ d \in G}} \lambda_d e_g \bar{g} \bar{d} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{d \in D - \{1\} \\ g \in G}} \lambda_g e_g \alpha(g, d) \bar{g} \bar{d} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for every  $x \in \text{Supp } e$ , there exists  $y \in \text{Supp } e$  and  $d \in D - \{1\}$  such that  $x = yd$ . Since  $D$  is a defect group of  $B$ ,  $\text{Supp } e \cap C_G(D) \neq \emptyset$ , for otherwise the image of  $e$  under the Brauer homomorphism

$$Z(F^\alpha G) \rightarrow Z(F^\alpha N_G(D))$$

would be zero, a contradiction. Hence, we may assume that  $x \in G_G(D)$ , in which case  $y = xd^{-1} = d^{-1}x$ . Owing to Passman [5], both  $x$  and  $y$  are  $p'$ -elements and so  $d=1$ , a contradiction. So the lemma is true.

LEMMA 6. *Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  and let  $\pi : F^\alpha G \rightarrow F^\alpha H$  be the natural projection. Then  $\pi$  is a homomorphism of (left and right)  $F^\alpha H$ -modules.*

PROOF. Let  $T$  be a right transversal for  $H$  in  $G$  containing 1. Then  $F^\alpha G$  is a free left  $F^\alpha H$ -module with the elements  $\{\bar{t} \mid t \in T\}$  as a basis. Hence the mapping  $\bar{1} \rightarrow \bar{1}$ ,  $\bar{t} \rightarrow 0$ ,  $1 \neq t$ , extends to an  $F^\alpha H$ -homomorphism  $\psi : F^\alpha G \rightarrow F^\alpha H$ . Fix  $g \in G$  and write  $g = ht$  for some  $h \in H$ ,  $t \in T$ . If  $t \neq 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\bar{g}) &= \psi(\alpha^{-1}(h, t)\bar{h}\bar{t}) \\ &= \alpha^{-1}(h, t)\bar{h}\psi(\bar{t}) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, if  $t=1$ , then  $\psi(\bar{g}) = \bar{g}\psi(\bar{1}) = \bar{g}$  and hence  $\pi = \psi$ . A similar argument shows that  $\pi$  is a homomorphism of right  $F^\alpha H$ -modules, as required.

**4. Proof of the Theorem.**

Suppose that the isomorphism

$$(i) \quad B \cong B/J(B) \otimes_F FD$$

is true. Then taking the  $F$ -dimensions of both sides of (1) yields (ii). Since  $B$  is indecomposable, it follows from (1) the  $B/J(B)$  must be simple and therefore  $B$  has a unique irreducible  $F^\alpha G$ -module. In particular, if  $F$  is algebraically closed, then  $B/J(B) \cong M_n(F)$  where  $n$  is the dimension of the irreducible  $F^\alpha G$ -module of  $B$ . Hence

$$B \cong M_n(F) \otimes_F FD \cong M_n(FD),$$

proving (iii). We are therefore left to verify (1).

Set  $A = F^\alpha G$  and  $A' = F^\alpha D$  so that  $B = Ae$  and that, by Lemma 5,

$$A'e = F^\alpha De \cong F^\alpha D$$

Let  $E$  be a perfect subfield of  $F$  with  $\alpha(x, y) \in E$  for all  $x, y \in D$ . Since  $E$  is perfect, we have  $E^\alpha D \cong ED$  (see Conlon [1]) and therefore

$$A'e \cong F^\alpha D \cong F \otimes_E E^\alpha D \cong F \otimes_E ED \cong FD$$

Let  $\psi : F^\alpha G \rightarrow F^\alpha D$  be the natural projection. Then, by Lemma 6,

(2)  $\psi$  is a homomorphism of  $(F^\alpha D, F^\alpha D)$ -bimodules

Let  $\{g_1, \dots, g_n\}$  be a left transversal for  $D$  in  $G$ . Because  $F^\alpha G$  is a free right  $F^\alpha D$ -module with the elements  $\bar{g}_1, \dots, \bar{g}_n$  as a basis, each  $a \in F^\alpha G$  can be uniquely written in the form

$$a = \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{g}_i x_i$$

with  $x_i \in F^\alpha D$ . For any  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , we have

$$\bar{g}_k^{-1} a = x_k + \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq k}}^n \bar{g}_k^{-1} \bar{g}_i x_i$$

Since for  $k \neq i$ ,  $\psi(\bar{g}_k^{-1} \bar{g}_i) = 0$ , we deduce that  $x_k = \psi(\bar{g}_k^{-1} a)$  and hence that

$$(3) \quad a = \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{g}_i \psi(\bar{g}_i^{-1} a) \quad \text{for all } a \in A$$

A similar argument shows that

$$(4) \quad a = \sum_{i=1}^n \psi(a \bar{g}_i) \bar{g}_i^{-1} \quad \text{for all } a \in A$$

By Lemma 4.4(iv), we have that

$$(5) \quad e = T_{G:D}(w) \quad \text{for some } w \in Z^\alpha(G:D)$$

Because  $F^\alpha D \cong FD$ , we also have that

$$(6) \quad \dim_F(F^\alpha D/J(F^\alpha D)) = 1.$$

Invoking (2)-(6) together with Külshammer's theorem (Külshammer [4]), we are left to verify that

$$(7) \quad F^\alpha G = F^\alpha D \cdot Z^\alpha(G : D)$$

To prove (7), we need only show that  $\bar{g} \in F^\alpha D \cdot Z^\alpha(G : D)$  for all  $g \in G$ . Fix  $g \in G$  and write  $g$  in the form  $g = xy$  with  $x \in D$  and  $y \in C_G(D)$ .

Then

$$\bar{g} = (\alpha^{-1}(x, y)\bar{x})\bar{y}$$

and  $\bar{y} \in Z^\alpha(G : D)$  since any  $p$ -element of  $G$  is  $\alpha$ -regular (see Conlon [1]). So the theorem is true.

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