

ON SCOTT MODULES AND p -PERMUTATION MODULES: AN APPROACH THROUGH THE BRAUER MORPHISM

MICHEL BROUÉ

ABSTRACT. Following Lluís Puig we give a presentation of the theory of p -permutation modules (also called "trivial source modules") by a systematic use of the generalized Brauer morphism.

The aim of this paper is to present a somewhat new and self-contained treatment of p -permutation modules and Scott modules by a systematic use of the Brauer morphism, as suggested by L. Puig (private communication).

By "self-contained" we mean that only knowledge of basic facts of representation theory is needed: elementary theory of vertices and sources as presented in [5] (see also [4]), as well as classical results about lifting idempotents. Burry's result about the module-theoretic interpretation of the coefficients of lower defect groups is obtained as a by-product of that presentation.

Let G be a finite group, and let \mathcal{O} be a commutative ring, complete for a discrete valuation, with maximal ideal \mathfrak{p} and residual field $\mathbf{F} = \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}$. We assume \mathbf{F} has characteristic $p > 0$. Note that \mathcal{O} may be equal to \mathbf{F} .

(0.1) DEFINITION. Let M be an \mathcal{O} -free $\mathcal{O}G$ -module. We say that M is a p -permutation module if, whenever P is a p -subgroup of G , there is an \mathcal{O} -basis of M which is stabilized by P .

(0.2) PROPOSITION. (1) If M and M' are two p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -modules, so are the modules $M \oplus M'$ and $M \otimes M'$.

(2) Let H be a subgroup of G . If M (resp. N) is a p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -module (resp. $\mathcal{O}H$ -module), then $\text{Res}_H^G(M)$ (resp. $\text{Ind}_H^G(N)$) is a p -permutation $\mathcal{O}H$ -module (resp. $\mathcal{O}G$ -module).

(3) Any summand of a p -permutation module is a p -permutation module.

The first two assertions are obvious. Let us prove the third. Let M be a p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -module, and let M' be a summand of M . If P is a p -subgroup of G , then $\text{Res}_P^G(M')$ is a summand of $\text{Res}_P^G(M)$. By definition $\text{Res}_P^G(M)$ is a direct sum of modules isomorphic to $\text{Ind}_Q^P(1_{\mathcal{O}Q})$ (Q subgroups of P). Thus the assertion will result from the following lemma.

(0.3) LEMMA. Let P be a p -group, let Q be a subgroup of P . Then the $\mathcal{O}G$ -module $\text{Ind}_Q^P(1_{\mathcal{O}Q})$ is indecomposable.

That result is well known and a consequence of Green's theorem about induced modules (see e.g. [4, Theorem 3.8]). We present here an elementary proof due to M. Cabanes. It suffices to check that $\text{Ind}_Q^P(1_{\mathbf{F}Q})$ is indecomposable. Since a p -group always has nontrivial fixed points on a nontrivial \mathbf{F} -vector space, it suffices

Received by the editors April 15, 1984.

1980 *Mathematics Subject Classification*. Primary 20C05; Secondary 20C11, 20B99.

©1985 American Mathematical Society
0002-9939/85 \$1.00 + \$.25 per page

to prove that $(\text{Ind}_Q^P(\mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{F}Q}))^P$ has dimension 1 over \mathbf{F} ; that last property results from Frobenius reciprocity, since

$$(\text{Ind}_Q^P(\mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{F}Q}))^P = \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{F}P}(\mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{F}P}, \text{Ind}_Q^P(\mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{F}Q})) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{F}Q}(\mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{F}Q}, \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{F}Q}) = \mathbf{F}.$$

The following characterization shows that p -permutation modules are in fact familiar objects.

(0.4) *Let M be an indecomposable $\mathcal{O}G$ -module. The module M is a p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -module if and only if one of the following holds:*

(i) *there exists a subgroup H of G such that M is isomorphic to a summand of $\text{Ind}_H^G(\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}H})$;*

(ii) *M has trivial source.*

By (0.2)(3) any summand of $\text{Ind}_H^G(\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}H})$ (hence, any module with trivial source) is a p -permutation module. Conversely, suppose that M is a p -permutation module, and let P be a p -subgroup such that M is P -projective; then M is a summand of $\text{Ind}_P^G \text{Res}_P^G(M)$. But by definition $\text{Res}_P^G(M)$ is a direct sum of modules $\text{Ind}_Q^P(\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}Q})$ (Q subgroups of P); thus there exists a subgroup Q of P such that M is a summand of $\text{Ind}_Q^P(\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}Q})$. Moreover, if P is a vertex of M , necessarily $Q = P$, proving that M has a trivial source.

1. On the Brauer morphism. We first need to recall some definitions (see [1, 2, 5]). Whenever M is an $\mathcal{O}G$ -module and H and H' are two subgroups of G such that $H \subset H'$, we denote by $\text{Tr}_H^{H'}$ the linear map from M^H (the set of fixed points of H in M) into $M^{H'}$ defined by (see [5]) $\text{Tr}_H^{H'}(x) = \sum g(x)$, where g runs over a complete set of representatives in H' of H'/H . We set $M_H^{H'} = \text{Tr}_H^{H'}(M^H)$.

Whenever P is a p -subgroup of G , we put $\overline{N}_G(P) = N_G(P)/P$ and denote by $M(P)$ the $\mathbf{F}\overline{N}_G(P)$ -module defined by (see [1 or 2])

$$M(P) = M^P / \left(\sum_Q M_Q^P + \mathfrak{p}M^P \right)$$

where Q runs over the set of proper subgroups of P . We call “Brauer morphism” the natural surjection $\text{Br}_P^M : M^P \rightarrow M(P)$. The Brauer morphism is a morphism of $\mathcal{O}\overline{N}_G(P)$ -modules.

We shall use the following easy results (see e.g. [1 or 2]).

(1.1) (1) *Suppose A is an $\mathcal{O}G$ -algebra. Then $\text{Ker}(\text{Br}_P^A)$ is a two-sided ideal of A^P , $A(P)$ is an $\mathbf{F}\overline{N}_G(P)$ -algebra, and Br_P^A is a morphism of $\mathcal{O}\overline{N}_G(P)$ -algebras.*

(2) *We have*

$$\text{Tr}_1^{\overline{N}_G(P)} \circ \text{Br}_P^M = \text{Br}_P^M \circ \text{Tr}_P^G,$$

and, in particular,

$$\text{Br}_P^M(M_P^G) = (M(P))_1^{\overline{N}_G(P)}.$$

(3) *Suppose $\text{Res}_P^G(M)$ is a permutation $\mathcal{O}P$ -module with a basis X stabilized by P . Then $M(P)$ has for \mathbf{F} -basis the set $\text{Br}_P^M(C_X(P))$ in bijection with the set $C_X(P)$ of fixed points of X under P . Moreover, the $\mathbf{F}\overline{N}_G(P)$ -modules $M(P)$ and $\overline{M}(P)$ (where $\overline{M} = M/\mathfrak{p}M$) are canonically isomorphic.*

We also need some other properties.

(1.2) Let M_1, M_2 , and M be $\mathcal{O}G$ -modules, and suppose that $f: M_1 \times M_2 \rightarrow M$ is a bilinear map stable under G -action. Then f induces a bilinear map $f_P: M_1(P) \times M_2(P) \rightarrow M(P)$ stable under $\overline{N}_G(P)$ -action such that

$$f_P(\text{Br}_P^{M_1}(x_1), \text{Br}_P^{M_2}(x_2)) = \text{Br}_P^M(f(x_1, x_2))$$

for all x_1 in M_1 and x_2 in M_2 .

The proof of (1.2) is straightforward and left to the reader.

(1.3) Let H be a subgroup of G and let P be a p -group of G . Let M be an H -projective $\mathcal{O}G$ -module. Then $M(P) = 0$ unless P is G -conjugate to a subgroup of H . In particular, if N is any $\mathcal{O}H$ -module, then $(\text{Ind}_H^G(N))(P) = 0$ unless P is G -conjugate to a subgroup of H .

Indeed, let $A = \text{End}_{\mathcal{O}}(M)$. By Higman’s criteria, $\text{id}_M \in A_H^G$, but (see [1 or 5]) $A_H^G \subset \sum_{g \in G} A_{P \cap gHg^{-1}}^P$, from which it follows that $M^P \subset \sum_{g \in G} M_{P \cap gHg^{-1}}^P$, which establishes the assertion.

(1.4) Let H be a subgroup of G , P a p -subgroup of G , and $T_G(P, H)$ the set of all g in G such that $P^g \subset H$. Then as $\mathbf{F}\overline{N}_G(P)$ -modules, we have an isomorphism

$$(\text{Ind}_H^G(1_{\mathcal{O}H}))(P) \simeq \sum_g \text{Ind}_{N_{gHg^{-1}}(P)}^{N_G(P)}(1_{\mathbf{F}N_{gHg^{-1}}(P)}),$$

where g runs over a set of representatives in $T_G(P, H)$ of $N_G(P) \backslash T_G(P, H) / H$.

Indeed, by Mackey’s theorem, we have

$$\text{Res}_{N_G(P)}^G \text{Ind}_H^G(1_{\mathcal{O}H}) \simeq \sum_g \text{Ind}_{N_G(P) \cap {}^gH}^{N_G(P)}(1_{\mathcal{O}(N_G(P) \cap {}^gH)}),$$

where g runs over a complete set of representatives of $N_G(P) \backslash G / H$. Now (1.4) follows from the fact that (by (1.3))

$$(\text{Ind}_{N_G(P) \cap {}^gH}^{N_G(P)}(1_{\mathcal{O}(N_G(P) \cap {}^gH)}))(P) = 0 \quad \text{if } P \not\subset {}^gH,$$

and if $P \subset {}^gH$, then P acts trivially on $\text{Ind}_{N_{gH}(P)}^{N_G(P)}(1_{\mathcal{O}N_{gH}(P)})$.

2. Scott modules and Scott coefficients associated with a p -subgroup.

Alperin and Scott proved the following result.

(2.1) Let P be a p -subgroup of G . There exists an indecomposable p -permutation $\mathbf{F}G$ -module with vertex P denoted by $S_P(G, \mathbf{F})$, uniquely determined up to isomorphism by one of the following properties:

- (i) $1_{\mathbf{F}G}$ is isomorphic to a submodule of $S_P(G, \mathbf{F})$;
- (ii) $1_{\mathbf{F}G}$ is isomorphic to a quotient of $S_P(G, \mathbf{F})$.

Moreover, the module $S_P(G, \mathbf{F})$ is isomorphic to its dual and is a summand of $\text{Ind}_H^G(1_{\mathbf{F}H})$ if and only if P is G -conjugate to a Sylow p -subgroup of H .

The module $S_P(G, \mathbf{F})$ is called the Scott module of G associated to P .

We obtain a new proof of that result as a by-product of the definition and the study (due to Lluís Puig and suggested to him by some ideas of J. A. Green in [6]), every p permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -module M , of an integer, denoted by $s_P(M)$ and called the “Scott coefficient of M associated to P ”, which will be shown to have the following property: the integer $s_P(M)$ is the number of factors isomorphic to $S_P(G, \mathbf{F})$ in a decomposition of \overline{M} into a direct sum of indecomposable modules.

(2.2) DEFINITION (L. PUIG). *Let M be a p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -module, and let P be a p -subgroup of G . The Scott coefficient of M associated with P is*

$$s_P(M) = \dim_{\mathbf{F}}(\text{Br}_P^M(M_P^G)).$$

By (1.1)(2) we see that

(2.3) *We have*

$$s_P(M) = \dim_{\mathbf{F}}((M(P))_1^{\overline{N}_G(P)}).$$

The main results about Scott coefficients and Scott modules are, as we shall see, easy consequences of the following lemma.

(2.4) LEMMA. *Let P be a p -subgroup of G .*

(1) *If M and M' are two p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -modules, $s_P(M \oplus M') = s_P(M) + s_P(M')$.*

(2) *Let M be a p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -module and let $M^* = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}}(M, \mathcal{O})$ be its dual. Then $s_P(M) = s_P(M^*)$.*

(3) *Let H be a subgroup of G . Then $s_P(\text{Ind}_H^G(1_{\mathcal{O}H})) = 0$ unless P is G -conjugate to a Sylow p -subgroup of H , in which case $s_P(\text{Ind}_H^G(1_{\mathcal{O}H})) = 1$.*

The first assertion is obvious. We prove the second. Let X be an \mathcal{O} -basis of M stable under P . Then the dual basis X^* is an \mathcal{O} -basis of M^* stable by P , and the operations of P on X and on X^* are isomorphic. By (1.2) the canonical duality $M \times M^* \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$ induces a $\overline{N}_G(P)$ -duality $M(P) \times M^*(P) \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$; hence, it induces an $\mathbf{F}\overline{N}_G(P)$ -homomorphism $M^*(P) \rightarrow M(P)^*$ which obviously sends the basis $\text{Br}_P^{M^*}(C_{X^*}(P))$ onto the dual basis of $\text{Br}_P^M(C_X(P))$; hence, it is an isomorphism. Thus, $s_P(M^*)$ is equal to the rank of the endomorphism $\text{Tr}_1^{\overline{N}_G(P)}$ of $M(P)^*$, which is equal to the rank of its transpose, i.e. the endomorphism $\text{Tr}_1^{\overline{N}_G(P)}$ of $M(P)$; hence, $s_P(M) = s_P(M^*)$.

Let us now prove the third assertion. According to property (1.3), we see that $(\text{Ind}_H^G(1_{\mathcal{O}H}))(P) = 0$ if P is not conjugate to a subgroup of H . By Sylow theorems in H , we know that if P^g is a Sylow p -subgroup in H for some g in G , then P^g is also a Sylow p -subgroup of H only for those g' lying in $N_G(P)gH$. So by (1.4), we see that it suffices to prove that $(\text{Ind}_H^G(1_{\mathbf{F}H}))_1^G$ has dimension 0 or 1 according to the fact that H is, or is not, a p' -group: this is easy to check.

Now we can prove, following Puig's method, the main result about Scott modules.

(2.5) THEOREM (SCOTT, ALPERIN). *Let P be a p -subgroup of G .*

(1) *There exists a unique indecomposable p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -module $S_P(G, \mathcal{O})$ such that $s_P(S_P(G, \mathcal{O})) \neq 0$. We have $s_P(S_P(G, \mathcal{O})) = 1$, and $S_P(G, \mathcal{O})$ is isomorphic to its dual.*

(2) *If H is a subgroup of G , then $S_P(G, \mathcal{O})$ is isomorphic to a summand of $\text{Ind}_H^G(1_{\mathcal{O}H})$ if and only if P is G -conjugate to a Sylow p -subgroup of H . In this case $S_P(G, \mathcal{O})$ is the unique indecomposable summand M of $\text{Ind}_H^G(1_{\mathcal{O}H})$ such that one of the following holds:*

(i) $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}G}(1_{\mathcal{O}H}, M) \neq 0$,

(ii) $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}G}(M, 1_{\mathcal{O}G}) \neq 0$,

and we have $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}G}(1_{\mathcal{O}G}, M) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}G}(M, 1_{\mathcal{O}G}) \simeq \mathcal{O}$.

PROOF OF (2.5)(1). Any p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -module M is a summand of some $\text{Ind}_Q^G(1_{\mathcal{O}Q})$ for a p -subgroup Q of G (see (0.4)). If $s_P(M) \neq 0$, by (2.4)(1), (3), we see that P is G -conjugate to Q , and since $s_P(\text{Ind}_P^G(1_{\mathcal{O}P})) = 1$, we see that M is the unique indecomposable summand of $\text{Ind}_P^G(1_{\mathcal{O}P})$ such that $s_P(M) \neq 0$; we have $s_P(M) = 1$, and by the unicity of M it follows from (2.4)(2) that $M \simeq M^*$.

PROOF OF (2.5)(2). By (1) we see that $S_P(G, \mathcal{O})$ is a summand of $\text{Ind}_H^G(1_{\mathcal{O}H})$ if and only if $s_P(\text{Ind}_H^G(1_{\mathcal{O}H})) \neq 0$, so by (2.4)(3) if P is G -conjugate to a Sylow p -subgroup of H . Moreover, it follows from Frobenius reciprocity that

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}G}(1_{\mathcal{O}G}, \text{Ind}_P^G(1_{\mathcal{O}P})) \simeq \mathcal{O} \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}G}(\text{Ind}_P^G(1_{\mathcal{O}P}), 1_{\mathcal{O}G}).$$

Thus, in order to complete the proof of (2.5) and since $S_P(G, \mathcal{O}) \simeq S_P(G, \mathcal{O})^*$, it suffices to prove that $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}G}(1_{\mathcal{O}G}, S_P(G, \mathcal{O})) \neq 0$. But by (1.1)(2) we know that $(S_P(G, \mathcal{O}))_P^G$ is mapped onto $((S_P(G, \mathcal{O}))(P))_1^{\overline{N}_G(P)}$ by the Brauer morphism, and that last module is not zero by definition of $S_P(G, \mathcal{O})$ since its dimension is precisely $s_P(S_P(G, \mathcal{O}))$; so, in particular, $S_P(G, \mathcal{O})^G \neq 0$.

Let us notice now that Burry's nice result [3] is an immediate consequence of that presentation.

(2.6) COROLLARY (BURRY). *Let e be an idempotent of $Z\mathbf{F}G$, and let P be a p -subgroup of G . Then the Brauer coefficient of P associated with e is the multiplicity of $S_P(G, \mathbf{F})$ as a summand of $(\mathbf{F}G)e$, where G acts by conjugation.*

Indeed, the coefficient $m_e(P)$ of P associated with e is (see [1, §II.1])

$$m_e(P) = \dim_{\mathbf{F}}(\text{Br}_P((\mathbf{F}G)_P^G)),$$

i.e., precisely by Definition (2.2)

$$m_e(P) = s_P((\mathbf{F}G)e).$$

(2.7) REMARK. Let M be any p -permutation G -module, and let $\overline{M} = M/pM$. By (1.1)(3) we see that $s_P(M) = s_P(\overline{M})$. From the characterization of $S_P(G, \mathcal{O})$ given in (2.5) it follows then that $\overline{S_P(G, \mathcal{O})} = S_P(G, \mathbf{F})$.

3. p -permutation modules through the Brauer morphism. As we shall see, the Brauer morphism is particularly convenient for the local study of p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -modules.

(3.1) *Let M be a p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -module, and let P be a p -subgroup of G . Then $M(P)$ is a p -permutation $\mathbf{F}\overline{N}_G(P)$ -module.*

Indeed, let Q be a Sylow p -subgroup of $N_G(P)$, and let X be a Q -stable \mathcal{O} -basis of M . Then (see (1.1)(3)) $\text{Br}_P^M(C_X(P))$ is a (Q/P) -stable \mathbf{F} -basis of $M(P)$.

The next statement is an omnibus theorem giving the main properties of the Brauer morphism applied to p -permutation modules.

(3.2) THEOREM. (1) *The vertices of an indecomposable p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -module M are the maximal p -subgroup P of G such that $M(P) \neq 0$.*

(2) *An indecomposable p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -module M has vertex P if and only if $M(P)$ is nontrivial and a projective $\mathbf{F}\overline{N}_G(P)$ -module.*

(3) *The correspondence $M \rightarrow M(P)$ induces a bijection between the isomorphism classes of indecomposable p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -modules with vertex P and the*

isomorphism classes of indecomposable projective $\mathbf{F}\overline{N}_G(P)$ -modules. In particular, $(S_P(G, \mathcal{O}))(P)$ is the projective cover of $1_{\mathbf{F}\overline{N}_G(P)}$.

(4) Let M be a p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -module, let E be an indecomposable projective $\mathbf{F}\overline{N}_G(P)$ -module, and let $M(P, E)$ be the corresponding p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -module with vertex P . Then $M(P, E)$ is a summand of M if and only if E is a summand of $M(P)$.

Part of the proof of (3.2) may be simplified by using the Green correspondence (see (3.4)). But in order for the presentation to be “self-contained”, we give an independent proof.

By (1.3) we see that it suffices to prove that $M(P) \neq 0$ whenever P is a vertex of M . Suppose M is a summand of $\text{Ind}_P^G(1_{\mathcal{O}P})$. Then by Mackey’s theorem and by (0.3), $\text{Res}_P^G(M)$ is isomorphic to a direct sum of modules of type $\text{Ind}_{P \cap gP}^P(1_{\mathcal{O}(P \cap gP)})$, where g runs over a certain subset of G . But M is a summand of $\text{Ind}_P^G \text{Res}_P^G(M)$, and since P is a vertex of M , we see that in the set of g ’s there is at least one element in $N_G(P)$. In other words, $1_{\mathcal{O}P}$ is a summand of $\text{Res}_P^G(M)$, proving that $M(P) \neq 0$.

To prove (2)–(4) of (3.2), we need

(3.3) LEMMA (PUIG). *Let P be a p -subgroup of G , let M be a p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -module, and let $A = \text{End}_{\mathcal{O}}(M)$. Then the natural operation of $A(P)$ over $M(P)$ induces an isomorphism of $\mathbf{F}\overline{N}_G(P)$ -algebras between $A(P)$ and $\text{End}_{\mathbf{F}}(M(P))$. Moreover, for $a \in A^P$ and $x \in M^P$, we have*

$$\text{Br}_P^A(a)(\text{Br}_P^M(x)) = \text{Br}_P^M(a(x)).$$

The natural bilinear map $A \times M \rightarrow M$ induces a bilinear map $A(P) \times M(P) \rightarrow M(P)$ which is stable under $\overline{N}_G(P)$ (see (1.2)), hence an $\mathbf{F}\overline{N}_G(P)$ -morphism $A(P) \rightarrow \text{End}_{\mathbf{F}}(M(P))$ satisfying the last condition of the lemma. Let us prove that this morphism is an isomorphism. Let X be an \mathcal{O} -basis of M stable under P . Then the set $X(A) = \{a_{x,y}|x, y \in X\}$, where $a_{x,y}(z) = \delta_{y,z}x$ for x, y, z in X , is a P -stable basis of A . It is clear that $C_{X(A)}(P) = \{a_{x,y}|x, y \in C_X(P)\}$. For $x \in C_X(P)$ or $a \in C_{X(A)}(P)$, let us set $\bar{x} = \text{Br}_P^M(x)$ and $\bar{a} = \text{Br}_P^A(a)$. Then we have $\bar{a}_{x,y}(\bar{z}) = \delta_{\bar{y},\bar{z}}\bar{x}$ for x, y, z in $C_X(P)$, which proves (see (1.1)(3)) that the morphism $A(P) \rightarrow \text{End}_{\mathbf{F}}(M(P))$ is an isomorphism.

PROOF OF (3.2)(2). Suppose first that M is an indecomposable p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -module such that $M(P)$ is a nontrivial $\mathbf{F}\overline{N}_G(P)$ -projective module; let us denote $\text{End}_{\mathcal{O}}(M)$ by A . Then by (3.3) and the Higman criteria,

$$A(P)^{\overline{N}_G(P)} = (A(P))_1^{\overline{N}_G(P)}.$$

But $(A(P))_1^{\overline{N}_G(P)}$ is the image, through the Brauer morphism Br_P^A , of A_P^G (see (1.1)(2)). Now by results about lifting idempotents, since id_M is the unique nonzero idempotent of A^G , we deduce that $\text{id}_M \in A_P^G$, proving that M is P -projective and M has P as a vertex by (3.2)(1).

Conversely, if M has vertex P , we have $\text{id}_M \in A_P^G$, so $\text{id}_{M(P)} \in (A(P))_1^{\overline{N}_G(P)}$, which (with (3.3)) proves that $M(P)$ is a projective $\mathbf{F}\overline{N}_G(P)$ -module.

PROOF OF (3.2)(3). As a consequence of (1.4) we have

$$(\text{Ind}_P^G(1_{\mathcal{O}P}))(P) = \text{Ind}_1^{\overline{N}_G(P)}(1_{\mathbf{F}}).$$

The indecomposable p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -modules with vertex P correspond to the summands of $\text{Ind}_P^G(1_{\mathcal{O}P})$ with vertex P ; the indecomposable projective $\mathbf{F}\overline{N}_G(P)$ -modules correspond to summands of $\text{Ind}_1^{\overline{N}_G(P)}(1_{\mathbf{F}})$. Setting $A = \text{End}_{\mathcal{O}}(\text{Ind}_P^G(1_{\mathcal{O}P}))$ by (3.3) we know that $A(P) \simeq \text{End}_{\mathbf{F}}(\text{Ind}_1^{\overline{N}_G(P)}(1_{\mathbf{F}}))$ as $\mathbf{F}\overline{N}_G(P)$ -algebras. Now the summands of $\text{Ind}_P^G(1_{\mathcal{O}P})$ with vertex P correspond to the primitive idempotents of A_P^G whose image in $A(P)$ is nonzero. Since Br_P^A sends A_P^G onto $(A(P))_1^{\overline{N}_G(P)}$ (see (1.1)(2)), and since $A^G = A_P^G$, we have $(A(P))^{\overline{N}_G(P)} = (A(P))_1^{\overline{N}_G(P)}$, and the first assertion then results from classical theorems about lifting idempotents: an indecomposable summand M with vertex P of $\text{Ind}_P^G(1_{\mathcal{O}P})$ corresponds to a primitive idempotent i of A_P^G such that $\text{Br}_P^A(i) \neq 0$, which corresponds to the primitive idempotent $\text{Br}_P(i)$ of $(A(P))^{\overline{N}_G(P)}$, which in turn corresponds to the summand $\text{Br}_P^A(i) \cdot \text{Ind}_1^{\overline{N}_G(P)}(1_{\mathbf{F}}) = \text{Br}_P^M(M) = M(P)$ of $\text{Ind}_1^{\overline{N}_G(P)}(1_{\mathbf{F}})$.

The remark about $S_P(G, \mathcal{O})$ results from the fact that, by definition, we have $(S_P(G, \mathcal{O})(P))^{\overline{N}_G(P)} \neq 0$. We may also notice that

$$S_P(G, \mathcal{O})(P) = S_1(\overline{N}_G(P), \mathbf{F}).$$

PROOF OF (3.2)(4). If E is any indecomposable projective $\mathbf{F}\overline{N}_G(P)$ -module, the $\mathcal{O}G$ -module $M(P, E)$ is, by definition, the indecomposable p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -module determined by the condition $(M(P, E))(P) = E$. It is clear that if $M(P, E)$ is a summand of M , then E is a summand of $M(P)$. We prove the converse. Let M be a p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -module and suppose that E is a summand of $M(P)$; set $A = \text{End}_{\mathcal{O}}(M)$. By (3.3) $A(P) \simeq \text{End}_{\mathbf{F}}(M(P))$, so, by hypothesis, $(A(P))_1^{\overline{N}_G(P)}$ contains a primitive idempotent i such that $i \cdot M(P) \simeq E$. By the theorem about lifting idempotents and by (1.1)(2), we see that A_P^G contains a primitive idempotent j such that $\text{Br}_P^A(j) = i$. Thus $j \cdot M$ is an indecomposable summand of M with vertex P , and we have $(j \cdot M)(P) = i \cdot M(P) \simeq E$, hence $j \cdot M \simeq M(P, E)$.

The next statement establishes the link between some of our constructions and more classical objects.

(3.4) *Let M be an indecomposable p -permutation $\mathbf{F}G$ -module with vertex P . Then the Green correspondent of M is the $\mathbf{F}N_G(P)$ -module $M(P)$.*

Indeed, we denote by N the Green correspondence of M and prove that $N \simeq M(P)$. Since M has a trivial source (see (0.4)), N also has a trivial source, hence is a summand of $\text{Ind}_P^{N_G(P)}(1_{\mathbf{F}P})$; so P acts trivially on N , from which we deduce that $N(P) = N$. But by definition of the Green correspondence, $\text{Res}_{N_G(P)}^G(M) \simeq N \oplus N'$, where N' is a sum of indecomposable $\mathbf{F}N_G(P)$ -modules with vertex strictly contained in P ; by (1.3) we get $N'(P) = 0$, and

$$M(P) = (\text{Res}_{N_G(P)}^G(M))(P) \simeq N.$$

Let us recall two important consequences of (3.2)(3), which may as well be considered as consequences of properties of the Green correspondence applied to p -permutation modules.

(3.5) *The reduction modulo \mathfrak{p} defines a bijection between the set of isomorphism classes of p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -modules and the set of isomorphism classes of p -permutation $\mathbf{F}G$ -modules.*

Indeed, we know by (1.1)(3) that $M(P) = \overline{M}(P)$.

(3.6) *There is a bijection between the set of isomorphism classes of indecomposable p -permutation $\mathcal{O}G$ -modules and the set of G -conjugacy classes of pairs (P, E) , where P is a p -subgroup of G and E is an indecomposable projective $\overline{\mathbf{F}N}_G(P)$ -module.*

REFERENCES

1. M. Broué, *Brauer coefficients of p -subgroups associated with a p -block of a finite group*, J. Algebra **56** (1979), 365–383.
2. M. Broué and L. Puig, *Characters and local structure in G -algebras*, J. Algebra **63** (1980), 306–317.
3. D. W. Burry, *Scott modules and lower defect groups*, Comm. Algebra **10** (1982), 1855–1872.
4. W. Feit, *The representation theory of finite groups*, North-Holland, Amsterdam, 1982.
5. J. A. Green, *Some remarks on defect groups*, Math. Z. **107** (1968), 133–150.
6. ———, *Multiplicities, Scott modules and lower defect groups* (preprint), 1982.

SERVICE DE MATHÉMATIQUES, ECOLE NORMALE SUPÉRIEURE, 92120 MONTROUGE, FRANCE