

Lemma 4.26 Let $H < G$ and R a ring. Then $\mathfrak{ann}_r(\Delta(G, H)) \neq 0$ iff H is finite. In this case

$$\mathfrak{ann}_l(\Delta(G, H)) = \widehat{H}.RG.$$

Furthermore, if $H \triangleleft G$ then \widehat{H} is central in RG and

$$\mathfrak{ann}_r(\Delta(G, H)) = \mathfrak{ann}_l(\Delta(G, H)) = \widehat{H}.RG = RG.\widehat{H}$$

Proof. (\Rightarrow). Let's assume that $\mathfrak{ann}_r(\Delta(G, H)) \neq 0$ and let $0 \neq \alpha = \sum a_g g \in \mathfrak{ann}_r(\Delta(G, H))$. So if $h \in H$ we get $(h-1)\alpha = 0$ (since $h-1 \in \Delta(G, H)$).

$\Rightarrow h\alpha = \alpha$, so $\sum a_g g = \sum a_g h_g$. Let $g_0 \in \text{supp } \alpha$, so $\alpha_{g_0} \neq 0$. So $hg_0 \in \text{supp } \alpha \forall h \in H$. But $\text{supp } \alpha$ is finite so H is finite.

(\Leftarrow). Conversely, let H be finite. $\therefore \widehat{H}$ exists and $\widehat{H} \in \mathfrak{ann}_r(\Delta(G, H))$. $\therefore \mathfrak{ann}_r(\Delta(G, H)) \neq 0$.

"In this case ...": Assume that $\mathfrak{ann}_r(\Delta(G, H)) \neq 0$ i.e. H is finite. Let $0 \neq \alpha = \sum a_g g \in \mathfrak{ann}_r(\Delta(G, H))$. As before $\alpha_{g_0} = \alpha_{hg_0}$.

Now we can partition G into it's cosets (generated by H) to get

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= \sum a_g g \\ &= a_{g_0} \widehat{H} g_0 + a_{g_1} \widehat{H} g_1 + \cdots + a_{g_t} \widehat{H} g_t \\ &= \widehat{H} \left(\sum_{i=1}^t a_{g_i} g_i \right) \\ &= \widehat{H} B \exists B \in RG \\ \therefore \mathfrak{ann}_r(\Delta(G, H)) &\subset \widehat{H}.RG. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly $\widehat{H}.RG \subset \mathfrak{ann}_r(\Delta(G, H))$ (since $(h-1)\widehat{H}RG = 0.RG = 0$).

"Furthermore ..." easy. ■

Proposition 4.27 Let R be a ring and $H \triangleleft G$. If $|H|$ is invertible in R then letting $e_H = \frac{1}{|H|}.\widehat{H}$ we have

$$RG \cong RG.e_H \oplus RG(1 - e_H)$$

where $RG.e_H \cong R(G/H)$ and $RG(1 - e_H) \cong \Delta(G, H)$.