

Local representation theory and Hecke algebras II

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Smooth representations of p -adic groups I

Notation

- F : non-archimedean local field (i.e. a finite extension of \mathbb{Q}_p or $\mathbb{F}_p((T))$)
- G : F -rational points of a connected reductive algebraic group \mathbf{G} defined over F (examples: $SL_n(F)$, $GL_n(F)$, $Sp_{2n}(F)$)
- (π, V) : representation of G .

Definition

A vector $v \in V$ is called *smooth*, if the isotropy group of v is an open subgroup of G .

The set V_∞ of smooth vectors forms a vector subspace of V , which is stable under G . In this way, one gets a G -module (π_∞, V_∞) .

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Let (π, V) be a representation of G . The dual space V^* of V is equipped with the representation π^* of G defined by

$$\pi^*(g) \cdot v^*(v) := v^*(\pi(g^{-1}) \cdot v), \quad \text{for } v^* \in V^* \text{ and } v \in V. \quad (1)$$

Matrix coefficients of a representation

For every $v \in V$ and $v^* \in V^*$, the matrix coefficient of (π, V) is the function $c_{v, v^*}: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by

$$c_{v, v^*}(g) := \langle v, \pi^*(g)v^* \rangle.$$

Contragredient representation

If (π, V) is smooth, the representation (π^*, V^*) is not necessarily smooth. Let \tilde{V} denote the smooth part of V^* , it is stable under the action of G . We denote by $(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{V})$ the restriction of π^* to \tilde{V} : it is a smooth representation of G , called the *contragredient representation* of (π, V) .

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Remark

Smoothness is preserved by surjective morphisms and by the operation of taking subrepresentations, subquotients, direct sums.

Induction

Let H be a closed subgroup of G and let (τ, V_τ) be a smooth representation of H . Let $\text{Ind}_H^G(V_\tau)$ denote the space of functions $f: G \rightarrow V_\tau$ such that

- (1) for all $h \in H$ and $g \in G$, we have $f(hg) = \tau(h)f(g)$;
- (2) there exists an open subgroup K_f of G such that for all $k \in K_f$ and $g \in G$, we have $f(gk) = f(g)$.

The space $\text{Ind}_H^G(V_\tau)$ is stable under right translations by elements of G and condition (2) is the required smoothness condition, hence the representation $(\text{Ind}_H^G \tau, \text{Ind}_H^G V_\tau)$ of G is smooth and called the representation (smoothly) induced by τ .

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Compact induction

The subspace $c\text{-Ind}_H^G(V_\tau)$ of $\text{Ind}_H^G(V_\tau)$ of functions with compact support modulo H (that is, the support is contained in some $H\Omega$ where Ω is a compact set in G) is G -stable and provides a subrepresentation $(c\text{-Ind}_H^G(\tau), c\text{-Ind}_H^G(V_\tau))$ of G called the representation *compactly induced* by τ .

Remark

The two representations $c\text{-Ind}_H^G(V_\tau)$ and $\text{Ind}_H^G(V_\tau)$ coincide when the quotient space G/H is compact.

Let $\mathfrak{R}(G)$ denote the category of all smooth complex representations of G . This is an abelian category admitting arbitrary coproducts.

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Definition

- An F -subgroup \mathbf{P} of \mathbf{G} is called a *parabolic subgroup* if the quotient variety \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{P} is complete.
- If \mathbf{B} is a parabolic subgroup of \mathbf{G} which is solvable, then \mathbf{B} is called a *Borel subgroup* of \mathbf{G} .

Levi decomposition

Let \mathbf{P} be a parabolic subgroup of \mathbf{G} .

- The set of all closed connected normal unipotent subgroups of \mathbf{P} has a unique maximal element \mathbf{U} called the *unipotent radical* of \mathbf{P} .
- There exists a reductive subgroup \mathbf{L} of \mathbf{G} , called a *Levi factor* of \mathbf{P} , such that \mathbf{L} normalizes \mathbf{U} and $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{L} \ltimes \mathbf{U}$.

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- Let \mathbf{P} be an F -parabolic subgroup \mathbf{P} of \mathbf{G} .
- Let P denote the group of F -rational points of \mathbf{P} .
- The unipotent radical \mathbf{U} of \mathbf{P} is F -rational. The group U of F -rational points of \mathbf{U} is called the unipotent radical of P .
- The group P decomposes as a semidirect product $P = L \ltimes U$, where the group L (called a Levi factor of P) is the group of F -rational points of \mathbf{L} .
- We have a canonical isomorphism $L \simeq P/U$ obtained by composing the injection $L \hookrightarrow P$ with quotient map $P \rightarrow P/U$.
- Then P is a closed subgroup of G with a compact quotient G/P and we can induce representations from P to G . In this case there is no difference between smooth induction and compact induction.

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Parabolic induction

Let $P = LU \supset B$ be a parabolic subgroup of G . Let \bar{U} be the unipotent radical opposite to U and write $\bar{P} := L\bar{U}$. Let \mathbf{P} be an F -parabolic subgroup of \mathbf{G} . We define the *modulus character* δ_P of P by

$$\int_P f(p^{-1}p'p)\mu_P(p') = \delta_P(p) \int_P f(p')\mu_P(p'), \quad \text{for any } p \in P, \quad (2)$$

where μ_P is a Haar measure on P .

If σ is any representation of L , we may extend it in a trivial way to a representation $\sigma_P := \text{inf}_L^P(\sigma)$ of P by setting

$$\sigma_P(lu) := \sigma(l) \quad \text{for any } l \in L \text{ and } u \in U.$$

The normality of U implies that σ_P is well-defined.

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Definition

The parabolic induction functor is the following composition

$$i_{L,P}^G: \mathfrak{R}(L) \xrightarrow{\text{inf}_L^P} \mathfrak{R}(P) \xrightarrow{\text{Ind}_P^G} \mathfrak{R}(G). \quad (3)$$

Parabolic restriction

Since U is normal in P , for any smooth representation (τ, V_τ) of P the space

$$V(U) := \langle \pi(u)v - v : v \in V, u \in U \rangle$$

is stable under P and $V_U := V/V(U)$ provides a smooth representation of P that is trivial on U , hence a smooth representation of L . The parabolic restriction functor, or Jacquet (restriction) functor, is the following composition

$$r_{L,P}^G: \mathfrak{R}(G) \xrightarrow{\text{Res}_P^G} \mathfrak{R}(P) \xrightarrow{U\text{-coinvariants}} \mathfrak{R}(L). \quad (4)$$

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Proposition

Let $P = LU$ be a parabolic subgroup of G . Then the functors $i_{L,P}^G$ and $r_{L,P}^G$ are both exact, and $r_{L,P}^G$ is the left adjoint of $i_{L,P}^G$.

Theorem [Bernstein]

The right adjoint of $i_{L,P}^G$ is the functor $r_{L,\bar{P}}^G$, where \bar{P} denotes the opposite parabolic subgroup of P .

Definition

The set of all irreducible representations of G which are subquotients of $i_{T,B}^G(\chi)$, with B a Borel subgroup of G and χ of character of a torus $T \subset B$ is called the *principal series* of representations of G .

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Definition

A smooth representation π of G is *supercuspidal* if $r_{L,P}^G(\pi) = 0$, for any proper parabolic subgroup P of G .

Proposition

Let π be a smooth representation of G . The following conditions are equivalent

- (1) the representation π is supercuspidal;
- (2) the representation π not a subquotient of any proper parabolically induced representation.
- (3) every matrix coefficient of π has compact modulo center support.

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Theorem [Harish-Chandra]

Any smooth irreducible π of G occurs as an irreducible component of a parabolically induced representation $i_{L,P}^G(\sigma)$, where P is a parabolic subgroup of G with Levi factor L and $\sigma \in \text{Irr}(L)$ is supercuspidal. The G -conjugacy class $(L, \sigma)_G$ of (L, σ) is uniquely determined and is called the supercuspidal support of π , it is denoted by $\text{Sc}(\pi)$.

Definition

Let L be a Levi subgroup of a parabolic subgroup P of G . A character $\chi: L \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ is *unramified* if χ is trivial on every compact subgroup of L . Let $\mathfrak{X}_{\text{nr}}(L)$ denote the group of unramified characters of L .

Let σ be an irreducible supercuspidal smooth representation of L and \mathcal{O} the set of equivalence classes of representations L of the form $\sigma \otimes \chi$, with $\chi \in \mathfrak{X}_{\text{nr}}(L)$. We write $\mathfrak{s} := (L, \mathcal{O})_G$ for the G -conjugacy class of the pair (L, \mathcal{O}) and $\mathfrak{B}(G)$ for the set of such classes \mathfrak{s} . We set $\mathfrak{s}_L := (L, \mathcal{O})_L$.

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We denote by $\mathfrak{R}^s(G)$ the full subcategory of $\mathfrak{R}(G)$ whose objects are the representations (π, V) such that every G -subquotient of π is equivalent to a subquotient of a parabolically induced representation $i_{L,P}^G(\sigma')$, where $\sigma' \in \mathcal{O}$.

Theorem [Bernstein]

The categories $\mathfrak{R}^s(G)$ are indecomposable and split the full smooth category $\mathfrak{R}(G)$ in a direct product:

$$\mathfrak{R}(G) = \prod_{s \in \mathfrak{B}(G)} \mathfrak{R}^s(G). \quad (5)$$

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Let $\text{Irr}^{\mathfrak{s}}(G)$ denote the set of irreducible objects of the category $\mathfrak{R}^{\mathfrak{s}}(G)$. As a direct consequence of the decomposition above, we have

$$\text{Irr}(G) = \prod_{\mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{B}(G)} \text{Irr}^{\mathfrak{s}}(G). \quad (6)$$

Let $\mathfrak{s} = [L, \sigma]_G \in \mathfrak{B}(G)$. We denote by L^1 the intersection of kernels of unramified characters of L . Let (σ_1, V_1) be an irreducible component of the restriction of σ to L^1 . The isomorphism class of

$$\Pi^{\mathfrak{s}_L} := \text{c-Ind}_{L^1}^L(\sigma_1, V_1) \quad (7)$$

is independent of the choice of (σ_1, V_1) .

Theorem [Bernstein]

The functor $V \mapsto \text{Hom}_G(\Pi^S, V)$ is an equivalence from $\mathfrak{R}^S(G)$ to the algebra $\mathcal{H}^S(G) := \text{End}_G(\Pi^S)$.

Theory of types

We fix a Haar measure on G . Let $\mathcal{H}(G)$ be the set of complex-valued, locally constant, compactly supported functions f on G . This is an algebra with respect to convolution

$$f_1 * f_2(g) := \int_G f_1(x) f_2(x^{-1}g) dx. \quad (8)$$

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Let (λ, V_λ) be a smooth representation of a compact open subgroup J of G , and let $(\tilde{\lambda}, V_{\tilde{\lambda}})$ denote its contragredient. We define $\mathcal{H}(G, \lambda)$ to be the space of compactly supported functions $f: G \rightarrow \text{End}_G(V_{\tilde{\lambda}})$ such that

$$f(jgj') = \tilde{\lambda}(j)f(g)\tilde{\lambda}(k'), \quad \text{where } j, j' \in J \text{ and } g \in G. \quad (9)$$

The convolution product gives $\mathcal{H}(G, \lambda)$ the structure of a unitary associative \mathbb{C} -algebra.

Let $e_\lambda \in \mathcal{H}(G)$ be the function defined by

$$e_\lambda(g) := \begin{cases} \frac{\dim \lambda}{\mu(J)} \text{tr}(\lambda(g^{-1})) & \text{if } g \in J, \\ 0 & \text{if } g \in G, g \notin J. \end{cases}$$

Then e_λ is idempotent, and $e_\lambda \star \mathcal{H}(G) \star e_\lambda$ is a sub-algebra of $\mathcal{H}(G)$ with unit e_λ .

Bushnell and Kutzko defined a canonical isomorphism:

$$\mathcal{H}(G, \lambda) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \text{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(V_{\lambda}) \rightarrow e_{\lambda} \star \mathcal{H}(G) \star e_{\lambda}.$$

The algebras $\mathcal{H}(G, \lambda)$ and $e_{\lambda} \star \mathcal{H}(G) \star e_{\lambda}$ are therefore canonically Morita equivalent. Hence, we get an equivalence of categories:

$$\mathcal{H}(G, \lambda) - \text{Mod} \approx e_{\lambda} \star \mathcal{H}(G) \star e_{\lambda} - \text{Mod}. \quad (10)$$

We write $\mathfrak{R}_{\lambda}(G)$ for the full sub-category of $\mathfrak{R}(G)$ whose objects are those V satisfying $V = \mathcal{H}(G) \star e_{\lambda} \star V$, that is, $\mathfrak{R}_{\lambda}(G)$ is generated over G by the subspace $e_{\lambda} \star V$.

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Definition

Let \mathfrak{S} be a finite subset of $\mathfrak{B}(G)$. A pair (J, λ) is an \mathfrak{S} -type for G if the following property is satisfied

$$\lambda \text{ occurs in the restriction of } \pi \in \text{Irr}(G) \text{ if and only if } \pi \in \mathfrak{S}. \quad (11)$$

If \mathfrak{S} has only one element \mathfrak{s} , we then refer to an \mathfrak{s} -type, rather than an $\{\mathfrak{s}\}$ -type.

Example

The pair $(I, 1)$, where I is an Iwahori subgroup of G and 1 the trivial representation of I , is an \mathfrak{s} -type for $\mathfrak{s} = [T, 1]_G$, where T is a the group of F -points of a split torus and 1 the trivial representation of T .

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Theorem [Bushnell-Kutzko]

Let \mathfrak{S} be a finite subset of $\mathfrak{B}(G)$. If (J, λ) is an \mathfrak{S} -type for G , then

$$\mathfrak{R}_\lambda(G) = \prod_{\mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{S}} \mathfrak{R}^{\mathfrak{s}}(G), \quad (12)$$

as a product of subcategories.

In particular, if (J, λ) is an \mathfrak{s} -type for G , then we have $\mathfrak{R}_\lambda(G) = \mathfrak{R}^{\mathfrak{s}}(G)$, and the latter is equivalent to the category of modules of $\mathcal{H}(G, \lambda)$.

Consequence

In order to understand the category $\mathfrak{R}(G)$, we are reduced to study the categories of modules of the algebras $\mathcal{H}^{\mathfrak{s}}(G)$ (point of view of the spherical building of G) or $\mathcal{H}(G, \lambda)$ (point of view of the affine building of G). So we need to understand the structure of these algebras.

Unramified representations I

Definition

Let K be a compact open subgroup of G . We denote by $\mathcal{H}(G, K)$ the unital algebra $e_K \mathcal{H}(G) e_K$, where $e_K := \text{vol}(K)^{-1} \mathbf{1}_K$, consisting of compactly supported bi- K -invariant locally constant functions on G .

Proposition

Let $G = \text{GL}_n(F)$ and $K_0 := \text{GL}_n(\mathfrak{o}_F)$, where \mathfrak{o}_F is the ring of integers of F . The *spherical Hecke algebra* $\mathcal{H}(G, K_0)$ is commutative.

Definition

A smooth representation π of G is said to be *spherical* (or *unramified*) if $\pi^{K_0} \neq 0$.

Unramified representations II

Corollary

Irreducible unramified representations of $G = \mathrm{GL}_n(F)$ correspond bijectively with algebra homomorphisms $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}\text{-alg}}(\mathcal{H}(G, K_0), \mathbb{C})$.

Proof

We use the fact that, for any open compact subgroup K , the map $V \mapsto V^K$ is a bijection between irreducible smooth representations (π, V) such that $\pi^K \neq 0$ and simple $\mathcal{H}(G, K)$ -modules. Since $\mathcal{H}(G, K_0)$ is commutative, its simple modules are one-dimensional.

Definition

An irreducible representation (π, V) of G is said to have *depth zero* if $V^{G_{x,0+}} \neq \{0\}$ for some point x of the Bruhat-Tits building of G , where $G_{x,0+}$ is the pro- p unipotent radical of the parahoric subgroup $G_{x,0}$.

Unramified representations III

Remark

Every irreducible Iwahori-spherical representation has depth zero.

Theorem [Morris, Moy-Prasad]

Let π be an irreducible depth-zero supercuspidal representation of G . Then there exists a maximal parahoric subgroup $G_{x,0}$ such that π is compactly induced from a representation ρ of the normalizer of $G_{x,0}$ in G such that the restriction of ρ to $G_{x,0+}$ is 1-isotypic.

Example

Let τ be an irreducible cuspidal representation of $GL_N(\mathbb{F}_q)$, let $\tilde{\tau}$ be the inflation of τ to the maximal compact subgroup K_0 of $GL_n(F)$. We have $K_0 = G_{x,0}$, where x is a vertex in the Bruhat-Tits building of $GL_n(F)$. The normalizer of K_0 in G is the group $F^\times K_0$. Let τ denote the extension to $F^\times K_0$ of $\tilde{\tau}$. The representation $c\text{-Ind}_{F^\times K_0}^{GL_n(F)} \tau$ is an irreducible depth-zero supercuspidal representation of $GL_n(F)$.

Hecke algebra of a Coxeter system I

Definition

A *Coxeter group* W is a group generated by a set S of elements of order 2, which has a presentation

$$W = \langle S : (ss')^{m(s,s')} = 1 \text{ for all } s, s' \in S \rangle,$$

where $m(s, s') \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ is the order of ss' in W .

The equalities $s^2 = 1$ (for $s \in S$) are called the *quadratic relations*, while the equalities $(ss')^{m(s,s')} = 1$, or equivalently

$$\underbrace{ss'ss' \cdots}_{m(s,s') \text{ terms}} = \underbrace{s'ss's \cdots}_{m(s,s') \text{ terms}} \quad (13)$$

are called the *braid relations*.

Examples of finite Coxeter groups

- 1 $W = S_n$, with $S = \{(12), (23), \dots, (n-1n)\}$, symmetric group, type A_{n-1} ;
- 2 $W = S_n \times \{\pm 1\}^n$, with $S = \{(12), (23), \dots, (n-1n), (\text{id}, (1, \dots, 1, -1))\}$, hyperoctahedral group, type B_n or C_n .

Let (W, S) be a Coxeter group. Given $w \in W$ we denote by $\ell(w)$ its word length with respect to the generating set S . A word w with letters in S is called *reduced* if it has $\ell(w)$ many letters.

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Proposition

Let (W, S) be a Coxeter group, equipped with a function $q: s \mapsto q_s$ from S to \mathbb{C} satisfying

$$q_s = q_{s'} \quad \text{if } s \text{ and } s' \text{ are conjugate under } W. \quad (14)$$

There is a unique algebra structure $\mathcal{H}(W, q)$ on the \mathbb{C} -vector space spanned by elements T_w ($w \in W$) such that

- (1) $T_1 = 1$,
- (2) $(T_s - q_s)(T_s + 1) = 0$ for any $s \in S$ (quadratic relations),
- (3) $T_s T_{s'} T_s \cdots = T_{s'} T_s T_{s'} \cdots$ where both sides have $m_{s,s'}$ elements (braid relations),
- (3) $T_{ww'} = T_w T_{w'}$ if $\ell(ww') = \ell(w) + \ell(w')$.

The algebra $\mathcal{H}(W, q)$ is called the Hecke-Iwahori algebra of (W, q) .

Bruhat-Iwahori decomposition of G

Suppose that G is F -split. Let $W := N_G(T)/\mathbf{T}(\mathfrak{o}_F)$. Assume for today that W is a Coxeter group. We have

$$W \longrightarrow I \backslash G / I \quad (15)$$

assigning to $w \in W$ its Bruhat cell IwI .

Notation

Let $\mathbf{1}_E$ denote the characteristic function of a subset E of G .

Iwahori-spherical representations II

Theorem

Each IgI is a finite union of cosets Ix , the algebra $\mathcal{H}(G, I)$ is closed under convolution products, and

$$\mathbf{1}_{Isl} * \mathbf{1}_{Iwl} = \mathbf{1}_{Iswl} \quad \text{for } \ell(sw) > \ell(w) \quad (16)$$

$$\mathbf{1}_{Isl} * \mathbf{1}_{Isl} = a_s \mathbf{1}_{Isl} + b_s \mathbf{1}_I, \quad \text{with } a_s := q_s - 1 \text{ and } b_s = q_s. \quad (17)$$

That is, these Iwahori-Hecke operators form a generic algebra with the indicated structure constants. Further, for a reduced expression $w = s_1 \cdots s_n$ (that is, with $n = \ell(w)$ and all $s_i \in S$), we have

$$q_w = q_{s_1} \cdots q_{s_n}.$$

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Proof

First prove that double cosets $lw l$ are finite unions of cosets lx at the same time that we study one of the requisite identities for the generic algebra structure. This also will prove that $\mathcal{H}(G, I)$ is closed under convolution products. Do induction on the length of $w \in W$. Take $s \in S$ so that $\ell(sw) > \ell(w)$. At $g \in G$ where $\mathbf{1}_{I_s} * \mathbf{1}_{lw l}$ does not vanish, there is $h \in G$ so that

$$\mathbf{1}_{I_s}(gh^{-1})\mathbf{1}_{lw l}(h) \neq 0.$$

For such h , we have $gh^{-1} \in I_s$ and $h \in lw l$. Thus, by the Bruhat cell multiplication rules,

$$g = (gh^{-1})h \in I_s \cdot lw l = I_s lw l.$$

Since this convolution product is left and right I -invariant

$$\mathbf{1}_{I_s} * \mathbf{1}_{lw l} = c \cdot \mathbf{1}_{I_s lw l} \quad \text{for some positive rational number } c = c(s, w).$$

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Compute the constant $c = c(s, w)$ by summing the previous equality over $I \backslash G$

$$\begin{aligned} c \cdot q_{sw} &= c \cdot |I \backslash IswI| = c \cdot \sum_{g \in I \backslash G} \mathbf{1}_{IswI} = c \cdot \mathbf{1}_{IswI}(g) \\ &= c \cdot \sum_{g \in I \backslash G} (\mathbf{1}_{Isl} * \mathbf{1}_{Iwl})(g) = \sum_{g \in I \backslash G} \sum_{h \in I \backslash G} \mathbf{1}_{BsB}(gh^{-1}) \mathbf{1}_{Iwl}(h) \\ &= \sum_{g \in I \backslash G} \sum_{h \in I \backslash G} \mathbf{1}_{Isl}(g) \mathbf{1}_{Iwl}(h) = q_s q_w \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

(the latter by replacing g by gh , interchanging order of summation).

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Thus,

$$c = q_s q_w / q_{sw} \quad (19)$$

and for $\ell(sw) > \ell(w)$

$$\mathbf{1}_{|s|} * \mathbf{1}_{|w|} = q_s q_w q_{sw}^{-1} \mathbf{1}_{|sw|}. \quad (20)$$



Remark

This shows that the cardinality q_{sw} of $I \setminus |w|$ is finite for all $w \in W$, and therefore that the Hecke algebra is closed under convolution.