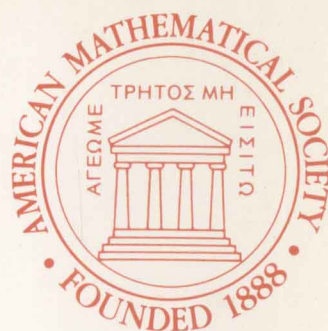


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ABSTRACT

P-adic logarithms are used to translate localization sequences, involving multiplicative groups of units, to simpler additive descriptions of $D(\mathbb{Z}G)$ and $Wh'(G)$ for a p-group G . When G is a 2-group, applications include explicit computations of $D(\mathbb{Z}G)$ in many cases, a general formula for $|D(\mathbb{Z}G)|$, a description of the Tate cohomology of $Wh'(G)$ under the involution induced by an orientation $G \longrightarrow \{\pm 1\}$, and results on representing elements of $Wh'(G)$ by units.

Key words and phrases: Whitehead groups, projective class group, p-adic logarithm, p-group, localization sequences

INTRODUCTION

For a finite group G , various localization sequences have been used to describe the groups

$$D(\mathbb{Z}G) = \text{Ker}[K_0(\mathbb{Z}G \rightarrow K_0(\mathfrak{M}))]$$

(where $\mathfrak{M} \supseteq \mathbb{Z}G$ is a maximal order in $\mathbb{Q}G$); and

$$\text{Wh}'(G) = \text{Wh}(G)/\text{SK}_1(\mathbb{Z}G) = K_1(\mathbb{Z}G)/\langle \pm g, \text{SK}(\mathbb{Z}G) \rangle = K_1(\mathbb{Z}G)/\text{torsion}.$$

These are simplest when G is a p -group for some prime p , but even in that case one must work with kernels and cokernels of maps between multiplicative groups; and calculations can be quite complicated even when generators and relations are known for all groups involved. The goal of this paper is to work out a procedure for using logarithms to translate the localization sequences into sequences involving additive groups. This procedure is sketched in Section 0.

The most interesting consequences dealt with here all involve 2-groups. For a 2-group G , the main results include:

(1) A formula for $|D(\mathbb{Z}G)|$ (Theorem 5.5). For example (Theorem 5.7), if G is abelian, $|G| = 2^N$, and r_k denotes the number of cyclic subgroups of order 2^k , then $|D(\mathbb{Z}G)| = 2^M$ where

$$M = \frac{1}{2}[3N + r_1(N-4) + r_2(2N-8) + r_3(3N-15) + r_4(5N-27) + \dots].$$

(2) If $\mathbb{R}G$ is isomorphic to a product of matrix rings over \mathbb{R} , then $D(\mathbb{Z}G) \cong 2A_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)$ (Proposition 5.2). Here, $A_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)$ denotes the Artin cokernel (i.e., the rational representation ring of G modulo the subgroup generated by cyclic induction), and $2A_{\mathbb{Q}}(G)$ means multiples of 2.

(3) Formulas are derived which relate $D(\mathbb{Z}[G \rtimes C_2^k])$ (any $k > 0$) to $D(\mathbb{Z}G)$ and related functors of G (Theorem 6.2). In particular, descriptions are given of $D(\mathbb{Z}[G \rtimes C_2^k])$ when G is a dihedral 2-group.

(4) For any $x \in \text{Wh}'(G)$, x^2 is a product of elements induced up from cyclic subgroups of G , and x is such a product if G is abelian (Theorem 4.3).

(5) For any $x \in \text{Wh}'(G)$, $x^2 = [u]$ for some unit $u \in (\mathbb{Z}G)^*$ (Proposition 4.6). An example is also constructed of a 2-group G such that not every element of $\text{Wh}'(G)$ is represented by a unit (Theorem 4.7).

(6) Formulas for $\hat{H}^i(\mathbb{Z}/2; \text{Wh}'(G))$ ($i=0,1$) are given, when $\mathbb{Q}G$ is a product of matrix rings over fields, and the $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -action is induced by the antiinvolution $g \mapsto w(g) \cdot g^{-1}$ on $\mathbb{Z}G$, for any given $w: G \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ (Theorem 4.8).

The general algebraic machinery used to study $D(\mathbb{Z}G)$ and $\text{Wh}'(G)$ for p -groups G are developed in Sections 1 to 3 -- and summarized in Section 0. Sections 4 and 5 concentrate on $\text{Wh}'(G)$ and $D(\mathbb{Z}G)$, respectively, in the 2-group case. The case of p -groups for odd regular p is studied briefly in Section 7; many of the results on 2-groups listed above are already known (or not applicable) in the odd p -group case.

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CHAPTER 0. SUMMARY OF METHODS

For the sake of easy reference, we first collect the main algorithms for describing $\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p \otimes \text{Wh}'(G)$ and $D(\mathbb{Z}G)$ for a p -group G , as well as the necessary definitions. Throughout this section, p denotes a fixed prime.

Definition 0.1. For any p -group G , set:

$$(a) \quad \text{Wh}'(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p G) = K_1(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p G) / (SK_1(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p G) \times \langle \lambda g: \lambda \in \text{tors}(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p)^*, g \in G \rangle)$$

$$(b) \quad W_p(\mathbb{Q}G) = K_1(\hat{\mathbb{M}}_p)_{(p)} / K_1(\mathbb{M})^\wedge$$

where $\mathbb{M} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}G$ is any maximal order containing $\mathbb{Z}G$, and $K_1(\mathbb{M})^\wedge$ is the p -adic closure of the image of $K_1(\mathbb{M})$ in $K_1(\hat{\mathbb{M}}_p)_{(p)}$.

$$(c) \quad \hat{R}_Q(G) = \hat{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} R_Q(G), \quad \hat{R}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}}(G) = \hat{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} (R_{\mathbb{C}}(G) / R_{\mathbb{R}}(G)),$$

where $R_K(G)$ denotes the K -representation ring of G .

(d) $H_0(G; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p G)$ denotes the free $\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p$ -module with basis the set of conjugacy classes in G : i.e, the 0-th homology group when G acts on $\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p G$ via conjugation.

(e) $\text{tors}_p K_1(\mathbb{Q}G)$ denotes the subgroup of elements of p -power order.

With this notation, there is for any G an exact localization sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p \otimes \text{Wh}'(G) \longrightarrow \text{Wh}'(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p G) \xrightarrow{\varphi} W_p(\mathbb{Q}G) \xrightarrow{\partial} D(\mathbb{Z}G) \longrightarrow 0,$$

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where the first two maps are induced by the inclusions $ZG \subseteq \hat{Z}_p G \subseteq \hat{\mathbb{M}}_p$.

The naturality of the above exact sequence, with respect to group homomorphism, transfer maps, and the standard involution $g \rightarrow g^{-1}$, is discussed in Section 1. Note in particular that the boundary map to $D(ZG)$ possibly commutes with the involution only up to sign (depending on which convention is chosen for the involution on $D(ZG)$).

The idea now is to approximate $Wh'(\hat{Z}_p G)$ by $H_0(G; \hat{Z}_p G)$, and $W_p(\mathbb{Q}G)$ by $\hat{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G) \times \hat{R}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}}(G)$, so that φ can be approximated by an additive homomorphism whose kernel and cokernel are much easier to describe. More specifically, we show:

Theorem 0.2. (Theorems 3.7 and 3.8) Set $\epsilon = (-1)^{p-1}$, and assume $p = 2$ or p is an odd regular prime. Then for any p -group G , the following diagram is commutative with exact rows and columns:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 \longrightarrow & \hat{Z}_p \otimes Wh'(G) & \longrightarrow & Wh'(\hat{Z}_p G) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & W_p(\mathbb{Q}G) & \xrightarrow{\partial} D(ZG) \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & \downarrow \cong \text{Id} & & \downarrow \Gamma & & \downarrow \eta & & \downarrow \bar{\eta} \\
 0 \longrightarrow & \hat{Z}_p \otimes Wh'(G) & \xrightarrow{\hat{f}} & H_0(G; \hat{Z}_p G) & \xrightarrow{\theta} & \hat{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G) \times \hat{R}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}}(G) & \longrightarrow \text{Coker}(\theta) \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & \downarrow \omega & & \downarrow \omega & & \downarrow \nu & & \downarrow \bar{\nu} \\
 (1) \quad 0 \longrightarrow & \langle \epsilon \rangle \times G^{ab} & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \text{tors}_p K_1(\mathbb{Q}G) & \longrightarrow & \text{tors}_p K_1(\mathbb{Q}G) / \{\pm g\} & \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 & 0 & & 0 & & 0 &
 \end{array}$$

The homomorphisms in (1) are defined as follows. Here, for any $r \geq 0$, $\xi_r = \exp(2\pi i/p^r)$ and $K_r = \mathbb{Q}(\xi_r)$.

(a) $\Gamma(u) = \log(u) - \frac{1}{p}\Phi(\log(u))$ for any $u \in 1+J(\hat{Z}_p G)$ ($J(\hat{Z}_p G)$ the Jacobson radical); where $\Phi(\sum a_i g_i) = \sum a_i g_i^p$ for any $a_i \in \hat{Z}_p$, $g_i \in G$.

(b) $\theta(g) = \left(\text{Ind}_{\langle g \rangle}^G([Q]), \text{Ind}_{\langle g \rangle}^G \left(\sum_{r=0}^k [\mathbb{C}(g \rightarrow \xi_r)] \right) \right)$ for any $g \in G$ of order p^k .

(c) $v([W], 0) = [\epsilon, W] \in K_1(\mathbb{Q}G)$ for any $\mathbb{Q}G$ -module W .

$v(0, [\mathbb{Q}G_{K_r} V]) = [\epsilon \xi_r, V|_{\mathbb{Q}G}] \in K_1(\mathbb{Q}G)$ for any $r \geq 1$ and any $K_r[G]$ -module V .

(d) $\omega(\sum a_i g_i) = \prod (\epsilon g_i)^{a_i}$ for any $a_i \in \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p$, $g_i \in G$.

(e) ι is induced by the inclusion $\langle \epsilon \rangle \times G \subseteq (\mathbb{Q}G)^*$.

(f) η is the unique natural homomorphism such that $\eta \circ \varphi = \theta \circ \Gamma$.

For simplicity, this result has been stated here only in the case where p is regular. The situation for irregular p is slightly more complicated, and is described (in part) in Theorems 3.7 and 3.8 below. We also remark that $J(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p G)$ is the kernel of the mod- p augmentation $\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p G \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$.

The diagram in Theorem 0.2 is, of course, natural with respect to group homomorphisms: this is immediate from the definitions of the maps involved. But it is also natural with respect to transfer (restriction) maps for injections $i : H \rightarrow G$, and with respect to the involutions which arise in surgery theory. The appropriate formulas for restriction or involution on $H_0(G; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p G)$ are in particular worth noting.

(1) A restriction map

$$\text{Res}_H^G : H_0(G; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p G) \rightarrow H_0(H; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p H)$$

is defined for any pair $H \subseteq G$ of finite p -groups (see Theorem 1.4); when $[G:H] = p$, this takes the form

$$\text{Res}_H^G(g) = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} x^i g x^{-i} & \text{if } g \in H, x \in G \setminus H \\ g^p & \text{if } g \in G \setminus H. \end{cases}$$

(2) If G is a 2-group, if $W: G \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ is any homomorphism (i. e., any "orientation" of G), and if $f: g \rightarrow \omega(g)g^{-1}$ is the induced antiinvolution, then f_{\times} is defined on $H_0(G; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p G)$ by setting

$$f_{\times}(g) = \begin{cases} g^{-1} & \text{if } \omega(g) = 1 \\ g^{-2} - g^{-1} & \text{if } \omega(g) = -1. \end{cases}$$

The chief problem in the above construction lies in defining

$$\eta_G : W_p(\mathbb{Q}G) \longrightarrow \hat{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G) \times \hat{R}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}}(G).$$

When p is odd, or when $p = 2$ and $\mathbb{Q}G$ is a product of matrix algebras over fields, then $\hat{R}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}}(G)$ is torsion free, and η_G can be defined directly using logarithms. In other cases, however, there are elements in $K_1(\hat{\mathbb{M}}_p)$ of finite order which must be sent non-trivially into $\hat{R}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}}(G)$, and we have been unable to discover a direct formula for doing this.

The appearance of $\text{tors}_p(K_1(\mathbb{Q}G))$ to describe $\text{Coker}(\eta)$ seems almost coincidental, and our only real explanation is that it just happens to work. It is, however, intriguing to note that η and ν are induced by the exact sequence

$$K_1(\hat{\mathbb{M}}_p)_{(p)} \xrightarrow{\tilde{\eta}} \hat{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G) \times \hat{R}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{Q}}(G) \xrightarrow{\tilde{\nu}} \text{tors}_p K_1(\mathbb{Q}G) \longrightarrow 0$$

($\mathbb{M} \supseteq \mathbb{Z}G$ is maximal, see Theorem 3.6); and that

$$\text{Ker}(\tilde{\eta}) \cong \text{tors}_p K_1(\mathbb{M}) \cong \text{tors}_p K_1(\mathbb{Q}G) \cong \text{Coker}(\hat{\eta}).$$

This is similar to the situation for Γ : if Γ is regarded as being defined on $K'_1(\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p G)_{(p)}$, then

$$\text{Ker}(\Gamma) \cong \text{tors}_p K'_1(\mathbb{Z}G) \cong \langle \epsilon \rangle \times G^{ab} \cong \text{Coker}(\Gamma).$$

With the above diagram, $\text{Wh}'(G)$ and $D(\mathbb{Z}G)$ can now be studied via the isomorphism

$$\hat{\Gamma}_G: \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p^{\otimes \text{Wh}'}(G) \longrightarrow \text{Ker}[\theta_G: H_0(G; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p G) \longrightarrow \hat{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G) \times \hat{R}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}}(G)]$$

and the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow D(\mathbb{Z}G) \xrightarrow{\bar{\eta}} \text{Coker}(\theta_G) \xrightarrow{\bar{v}} \text{tors}_p K_1(\mathbb{Q}G/\{\pm G\}) \longrightarrow 0.$$

These descriptions depend on a good understanding of the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_0(G; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p G) & \xrightarrow{\theta_G} & \hat{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(G) \times \hat{R}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}}(G) \\ \downarrow \omega_G & & \downarrow v_G \\ \langle \epsilon \rangle \times G^{ab} & \xrightarrow{\iota_G} & \text{tors}_p K_1(\mathbb{Q}G) ; \end{array} \quad (0.3)$$

in particular, of θ_G and v_G (as well as $\text{tors}_p K_1(\mathbb{Q}G)$). Many of the results in Sections 4, 5, and 6 are proven by using the above definitions directly. But for results involving specific groups, more efficient methods and formulas are useful.

If $\mathbb{Q}G = \prod_{i=1}^k A_i$, where the A_i are simple, then we can split $\theta_G = \prod \theta_{A_i}$, $v_G = \prod v_{A_i}$, and $\iota_G = \prod \iota_{A_i}$. For any simple $A \subseteq \mathbb{Q}G$, θ_A , v_A , and ι_A sit in a commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_0(G; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p G) & \xrightarrow{\theta_A} & \hat{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(A) \times \hat{R}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}}(A) = \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p^{\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}}} \left[K_0(A) \times \frac{K_0(\mathbb{C} \otimes A)}{K_0(\mathbb{R} \otimes A)} \right] \\ \downarrow \Gamma_G & & \downarrow v_A \\ \langle \epsilon \rangle \times G^{ab} & \xrightarrow{\iota_A} & \text{tors}_p K_1(A) . \end{array} \quad (0.4)$$

Also, $\text{tors}_p K_1(A)$ is described explicitly by:

Theorem 0.5. For any simple \mathbb{Q} -algebra A with center K , the reduced norm homomorphism defines an isomorphism

$$\text{nr: } K_1(A) \xrightarrow{\cong} K_+^* = \{u \in K^*: u > 0 \text{ for any } K \subseteq \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } \mathbb{R} \otimes_K A \text{ is a matrix algebra over } \mathbb{H}\}.$$

Proof. See Weil [32], Chapter XI, §3, Proposition 3. \square

One way to explicitly describe the maps θ_A and ν_A in 0.4 is by comparison with the so-called "basic" p -groups. When p is odd, these include only the cyclic groups

$$C_{p^n} = \langle a \mid a^{p^n} = e \rangle$$

for $n \geq 0$. If $p = 2$, in addition to the cyclic groups, we have

$$\text{Dihedral: } D(2^n) = \langle a, b \mid a^{2^{n-1}} = e = b^2; bab^{-1} = a^{-1} \rangle \\ (n \geq 4)$$

$$\text{Quaternion: } Q(2^n) = \langle a, b \mid a^{2^{n-1}} = e; a^{2^{n-2}} = b^2; bab^{-1} = a^{-1} \rangle \\ (n \geq 3)$$

$$\text{Semi-dihedral: } SD(2^n) = \langle a, b \mid a^{2^{n-1}} = e = b^2; bab^{-1} = a^{2^{n-2}-1} \rangle \\ (n \geq 4).$$

Note that $D(8)$, the dihedral group of order 8, is not basic.

Recall the relation between the irreducible rational representations of a finite group G and the Wedderburn decomposition of $\mathbb{Q}G$. Write $\mathbb{Q}G = \prod_{i=1}^k A_i$, where the A_i are simple, and let V_i be the irreducible A_i -module. Then V_1, \dots, V_k are the irreducible $\mathbb{Q}G$ -representations. To each V_i , we can associate a division algebra $D_i = \text{End}_{\mathbb{Q}G}(V_i) (= \text{End}_{A_i}(V_i))$. Then $A_i \cong \text{End}_{D_i}(V_i)$, a matrix algebra over D_i .

For each basic p -group G , there is a unique simple summand A_G of $\mathbb{Q}G$ upon which G acts effectively. The significance of these groups is as follows. If G is any p -group, and $\mathbb{Q}G = \prod_{i=1}^k A_i$, where each A_i is simple with irreducible representation V_i , then there exist for each i subgroups

$H_i \triangleleft K_i \subseteq G$ with the property that A_i and A_{K_i/H_i} have the same associated division algebra (and $V_i = \text{Ind}_{K_i}^G(W_i)$ if W_i is the irreducible A_{K_i/H_i} -module). Furthermore, for any functor X on \mathbb{Q} -algebras satisfying certain conditions (including the cases $X = \hat{R}_{\mathbb{Q}} \times \hat{R}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}}$ and $X = W_p$), there is a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X(\mathbb{Q}G) & \xrightarrow{\sum_i \text{Trf}_{K_i}^G} \bigoplus_i X(\mathbb{Q}K_i) & \xrightarrow{\oplus \text{proj}} \bigoplus_i X(\mathbb{Q}[K_i/H_i]) \\
 \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \\
 \bigoplus_i X(A_i) & \xrightarrow[\cong]{\oplus (\text{isomorphism})} & \bigoplus_i X(A_{K_i/H_i}).
 \end{array}$$

A more precise statement of this is given in Proposition 2.5.

In the theorem and table to follow we describe square (0.4) for G a basic p -group and $A = A_G$.

Theorem 0.6. Fix a basic p -group $G \neq 1$ and let $A = A_G$ be the effective simple component of $\mathbb{Q}G$. Recall $G = \langle a \rangle$ or $G = \langle a, b \rangle$, where a generates a cyclic group of order $|G|$ or $\frac{1}{2}|G|$. Define

(a) $p^n = |a|$ and $z = a^{p^{n-1}}$. Note z generates the unique central subgroup of order p in G .

(b) W is the simple A -module, and $w = [W]$ is the corresponding generator of $\hat{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}(A) (\cong \mathbb{Z}_p)$.

(c) $v_i = \text{Ind}_{\langle a \rangle}^G([\mathbb{C}(a \rightarrow \xi_n^{1/i})]) \in \hat{R}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}}(G)$ for any $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $(i, p) = 1$ ($\xi_n = \exp(2\pi i/p^n)$).

(d) $X_n = \left[\bigoplus_{(i,p)=1} \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p(v_i) \right] / \langle v_i - v_{i+p^n}, v_i + v_{-i} : (i, p) = 1 \rangle$. Note that $X_n \cong (\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p)^{(1/2)\varphi(p^n)}$.

(e) $A \cong M_r(D)$ for some division algebra D . Here, $r = 1$ if G is cyclic or quaternionic; $r = 2$ if G is dihedral or semi-dihedral.

(f) $H_0(G; \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p G)$ is the free $\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p$ -module on the conjugacy classes of elements of G . The conjugacy classes consist of the following sets:

$$\{a^m\} \quad (G \text{ cyclic});$$

$$\{a^m, a^{-m}\}, \quad \{a^{2i}b\}, \quad \{a^{2i+1}b\} \quad (G \text{ dihedral or quaternionic});$$

$$\{a^{2m+1}, za^{-(2m+1)}\}, \quad \{a^{2m}, a^{-2m}\}, \quad \{a^{2i}b\}, \quad \{a^{2i+1}b\} \\ (G \text{ semi-dihedral}).$$

Here, in each case, $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ is fixed and $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ varies. We abuse notation and write θ of an element rather than a conjugacy class. We describe θ on at least one representative for each conjugacy class.

(g) $\theta_A(a^i)$ is listed in the table below only when $p \nmid i$. To compute $\theta(a^i)$ if $p \mid i$, apply inductively the formula

$$\theta(a^{pi}) = \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \theta(a^i z^j)$$

Otherwise, $\hat{R}_{\mathbb{C}/A}(A)$, $\text{tors}_p K_1(A)$, θ_A , ν_A , and ι_A are described by the following:

Table 0.7

G	1	C_2	C_{p^n} ($p^n > 2$)	$D(2^{n+1})$	$Q(2^{n+1})$	$SD(2^{n+1})$
$D \cong$	Q	Q	$Q(\xi_n)$	$Q(\xi_n + \xi_n^{-1})$	$Q(\xi_n, j)$	$Q(\xi_n - \xi_n^{-1})$
$\hat{R}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}}(A)$	0	0	X_n	0	$X_n/2X_n$ $\cong (\mathbb{Z}/2)^{2^{n-2}}$	$X_n/\langle v_1 - v_{2^{n-1}-1} \rangle$ $\cong (\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_2)^{2^{n-3}}$
$\theta(e)$	w	w	w	2w	w	2w
$\theta(a^i)_{(i,p)=1}$	-	0	v_i	0	v_i	v_i
$\theta(b)$	-	-	-	w	$\sum v_i$ (i odd)	w
$\theta(ab)$	-	-	-	w	$\sum v_i$ ($0 < i < 2^{n-1}$)	0
$\text{tors}_p K_1(A)$	$\langle \epsilon \rangle$	$\{\pm 1\}$	$\langle \xi_n \rangle$	$\{\pm 1\}$	$\{1\}$	$\{\pm 1\}$
$v(w)$	ϵ	-1	ϵ	-	1	-1
$v(v_i)$	-	-	$\epsilon \xi_n^i$	-	1	-1
$\iota(\epsilon)$	ϵ	-1	ϵ	1	1	1
$\iota(a)$	-	-1	ξ_n	1	1	-1
$\iota(b)$	-	-	-	-1	1	-1

CHAPTER 1. LOCALIZATION SEQUENCES AND LOGARITHMS

There are by now various localization sequences in use for describing $D(\mathbb{Z}G)$ (see, e.g. [4] or [29]). We start by presenting the one to be used here.

Throughout the paper, p always denotes a fixed prime. If $R = \mathbb{Z}$ or $\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p$, and G is any finite p -group, we define

$$\text{Wh}(RG) = K_1(RG)/\langle \pm g \rangle;$$

$$\text{Wh}'(RG) = K_1(RG)/(\text{SK}_1(RG) \times \{\lambda g : \lambda \in \text{tors } R^*, g \in G\}).$$

As usual, we write $\text{Wh}(G) = \text{Wh}(\mathbb{Z}G)$ and $\text{Wh}'(G) = \text{Wh}'(\mathbb{Z}G)$. Note that when $R = \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p$, we do not divide out by all units in R (in contrast to, e.g., [30] and [14]). By [30], $\text{Wh}'(RG)$ is a free R -module of known (finite) rank.

If A is any finite dimensional semisimple \mathbb{Q} -algebra, and if $\mathbb{M} \subseteq A$ is a maximal \mathbb{Z} -order, then $K_1(\hat{\mathbb{M}}_p)$ ($\hat{\mathbb{M}}_p = \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{M}$) is the product of a pro- p -group and a finite group (see [28]). In particular, $K_1(\hat{\mathbb{M}}_p)_{(p)}$ can be regarded as a $\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p$ -module. Using this structure, define

$$\mathbb{W}_p(A) = \text{Coker} \left[\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} K_1(\mathbb{M}) \longrightarrow K_1(\hat{\mathbb{M}}_p)_{(p)} \right].$$

That this is independent of \mathbb{M} follows from:

Proposition 1.1 Let \mathbb{M} be a maximal order in a finite dimensional simple \mathbb{Q} -algebra A . Let $K \subseteq A$ be the center, and let $R \subseteq K$ be the ring of integers. Let

$$\text{nr}: K_1(\mathbb{M}) \longrightarrow R^* \quad \text{and} \quad (\text{nr})_p: K_1(\hat{\mathbb{M}}_p) \longrightarrow (\hat{R}_p)^*$$

denote the reduced norm maps. Then $(\text{nr})_p$ is onto, $\text{Ker}((\text{nr})_p) = \text{SK}_1(\hat{\mathbb{M}}_p)$ is finite of order prime to p , and