

# The Verlinde Formula

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The Verline Formula<sup>1</sup> is just some term I see in papers to make people sound smart. What are these terms anyway?

- $G$  simple and simply connected compact Lie group
- $M$  moduli space of semi-stable  $G^{\mathbb{C}}$  bundles on  $\Sigma$
- $\Sigma$  smooth algebraic curve over complex numbers

I am now totally lost.

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<sup>1</sup>I have seen Herman Verline or possibly Erik Verline at some point in my life.

OK. I used to like this field a lot and somewhere I lost interest. The starting point is **orthogonality of characters**. If  $\psi, \chi$  are characters of a group then:

$$\frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \chi(g) \psi(g) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \chi = \psi \\ 0 & \text{if } \chi \neq \psi \end{cases}$$

Nobody was interested when I learned this formula. Perhaps it's best I leave this topic.

## References

- (1) Jorgen Ellegaard Andersen, Sergei Gukov, Du Pei **The Verlinde formula for Higgs bundles** [arXiv:1608.01761](#)