

**Ex 1.**

- (i) Show that for a character  $\chi = \chi_V$ ,  $\text{Ker}\chi := \{g \in G \mid \chi(g) = \chi(1)\}$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
- (ii) Show that  $\chi_{\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(V,W)} = \overline{\chi_V} \chi_W$ .
- (iii) For a  $\mathbb{C}H$ -module  $U$  and  $g \in G$ , consider the set

$${}^gU := \{gu \mid u \in U\}.$$

Show that

$$h(gu) := g((g^{-1}hg) \cdot u)$$

defines an  $H$ -action on  ${}^gU$ . Show also that isomorphism of  $KH$ -modules  ${}^{g_1}U \cong {}^{g_2}U$  implies that  ${}^{gg_1}U \cong {}^{gg_2}U$  for all  $g \in G$ .

- (iv) (Exercise 23.11 of lecture notes) Consider a left transversal  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k$  of  $H \leq G$  and a  $\mathbb{C}H$ -module  $U$ . For  $g \in G$  and  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , write  $gt_i = t_j h$  with  $h \in H$ . Show that, for  $u \in U$ , the following

$$g(t_i \otimes u) := t_j \otimes (t_j^{-1}gt_i)u$$

defines a left  $G$ -action on  $\text{Ind}_H^G(U) := \mathbb{C}G \otimes_{\mathbb{C}H} U$ .

- (v) Suppose that  $H \leq G$  is a subgroup. Show that for  $\mathbb{C}H$ -module  $W$ , we have  $\text{Ind}_H^G(W^*) \cong (\text{Ind}_H^G(W))^*$  as  $\mathbb{C}G$ -module.

**Ex 2.** Let  $V := \mathbb{C}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  be an  $n$ -dimensional  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space with basis  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ . Consider the tensor product  $V^{\otimes 2} := V \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} V$  and the linear map  $\tau : V^{\otimes 2} \rightarrow V^{\otimes 2}$  given by linearly extending

$$\tau : v_i \otimes v_j \mapsto v_j \otimes v_i$$

for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ . Let

$$S^2(V) := \{v \in V^{\otimes 2} \mid \tau(v) = v\} \text{ and } \Lambda^2(V) := \{v \in V^{\otimes 2} \mid \tau(v) = -v\}.$$

- (a) Fix a pair  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  and let  $v_{\pm} := \frac{1}{2}v_i \otimes v_j \pm v_j \otimes v_i$ . Show that  $\tau(v_{\pm}) = \pm v_{\pm}$ .
- (b) Show that  $\{v_i v_j := \frac{1}{2}v_i \otimes v_j + v_j \otimes v_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq j \leq n\}$  form a basis of  $S^2(V)$  and compute  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} S^2(V)$ .
- (c) Show that  $\{v_i \wedge v_j := \frac{1}{2}v_i \otimes v_j - v_j \otimes v_i \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq n\}$  form a basis of  $\Lambda^2(V)$  and compute  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \Lambda^2(V)$ .
- (d) Suppose now that  $V$  is a  $\mathbb{C}G$ -module. Show that  $\tau(x) = x$  implies that  $\tau(gx) = gx$ . Likewise, show that  $\tau(x) = -x$  implies that  $\tau(gx) = -gx$ .
- (e) Show that  $S^2(V) \oplus \Lambda^2(V) \cong V^{\otimes 2}$  as  $\mathbb{C}G$ -modules. (At least show they are isomorphic as  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector spaces if you cannot do it on the  $\mathbb{C}G$ -module level.)

**Ex 3.**

- (i) A certain group  $G$  has two columns of its character table as follows:

$g_i$ $ C_G(g_i) $	$g_1$ 21	$g_2$ 7
$\chi_1$	1	1
$\chi_2$	1	1
$\chi_3$	1	1
$\chi_4$	3	$\zeta$
$\chi_5$	3	$\bar{\zeta}$

where  $g_1 = 1$  and  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$ .

- (a) Find  $\zeta$ .

- (b) Find one other column of the character table.

*Hint: (1) Recall that if  $g, g^{-1}$  are in the same conjugacy class, then  $\chi(g) \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

*(2) Recall that if  $\chi_i$  irreducible, then so is  $\bar{\chi}_i$ .*

*(3)  $|C_G(g)| = |C_G(g^{-1})|$*

*(4) You can use  $\zeta \notin \mathbb{R}$  if you cannot complete (a).*

*(5) Part (b) is not about using orthogonality relation.*

- (ii) A group of order 720 has 11 conjugacy classes. Two representations of the group are known and have corresponding characters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  with values shown in the table below. Prove that the group has an 16-dimensional irreducible representation and calculate its character.

$ C_G(g_i) $	720	48	18	8	16	6	5	6	16	48	18
$\alpha$	6	2	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	-2	3
$\beta$	21	1	-3	-1	1	1	1	0	-1	-3	0

**Ex 4.**

- (i) Consider the alternating group  $\mathfrak{A}_4$ .

- (a) Write down all conjugacy classes of  $\mathfrak{A}_4$ .

- (b) By using permutation character associated to  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  or using restriction from  $\mathfrak{S}_4$ , show that there is a degree 3 irreducible character of  $\mathfrak{A}_4$ .

- (c) Compute the character table of  $\mathfrak{A}_4$ . Explain your reasoning.

- (ii) Consider the dihedral group  $D_{2n} = \langle a, b \mid a^n = 1 = b^2, bab = a^{-1} \rangle$  of order  $2n$  for  $n = 2m$  even.

- (a) Write down all conjugacy classes of  $D_{2n}$ .

*Hint: There are  $m + 3$  of them, of which  $m - 1$  (resp.  $m + 1 = 3$ ) of them has size 2 when  $n > 4$  (resp.  $n = 4$ ).*

- (b) Find the derived subgroup  $D'_{2n}$  of  $D_{2n}$  and compute its quotient.

- (c) Show that there are precisely 4 (up to isomorphism) one-dimensional representations of  $D_{2n}$ .
- (d) Compute the induced characters of the irreducible characters of  $\langle a \rangle \leq D_{2n}$ .
- (e) Compute the character table of  $D_{2n}$ . Explain your reasoning.