

Lecture 20: More examples

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Representations of S_4

$$|S_4| = 24 \quad S_4 = \left\{ \{e\}, \{6 \text{ transpositions}\}, \{8 \text{ 3-cycles}\}, \{6 \text{ 4-cycles}\}, \{(12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)\} \right\}$$

$$H = \{ \{e\}, (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23) \} \trianglelefteq S_4$$

$$S_4/H \cong S_3$$

$$S_4 = S_3 \rtimes H$$

$$S_3 \hookrightarrow S_4$$

$$S_3 = \{ \sigma \in S_4 \mid \sigma(4) = 4 \}$$

5 conjugacy classes in S_4 , so there are 5 irreducible reps.

$$\theta: S_4 \longrightarrow S_3 \quad \ker(\theta) = H. \text{ Since } \theta \text{ is surj}$$

Every irred. rep of S_3 is an ir rep of S_4 .

$$\psi_1: S_3 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^* \quad \text{trivial}$$

$$\psi_2: S_3 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^* \quad \text{is sgn}$$

$$\psi_3: S_3 \longrightarrow \text{GL}_2 \quad \text{is the 2-dim irred rep.}$$

$$\chi_{\psi_1}(\sigma) = 1 \quad \forall \sigma \in S_3$$

$$\chi_{\psi_2}(\sigma) = \text{sgn}(\sigma)$$

	$\{e\}$	transp	3-cycles
ψ_1	1	1	1
ψ_2	1	-1	1
ψ_3	2	0	-1

Let $\phi_i = \psi_i \circ \theta$ are 3 irred reps of S_4 .

character table of S_4

S_4	e	trans	3 cycles	4 cycles	prod of trans
ϕ_1	1	1	1	1	1
ϕ_2	1	-1	1	-1	1
ϕ_3	2	0	-1	0	2
ϕ_4	3	1	0	-1	-1
ϕ_5	3	-1	0	1	-1

$$\chi_{\phi_i}(\sigma) = \text{tr}(\phi_i(\sigma))$$

$$= \text{tr}(\psi_i(\theta(\sigma)))$$

$$= \chi_{\psi_i}(\theta(\sigma))$$

$$(1234)H = (12)H$$

transposition

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (1234)(12)(34) \\ \text{"} \\ (13)(2)(4) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$(1234)H = (13)H$$

S_4 acts on $\mathbb{C}^4 = \{(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \mid z_i \in \mathbb{C}\}$

$(z_1, \dots, z_4) \mapsto (z_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, z_{\sigma(4)})$

$\mathbb{C}^4 = (\text{trivial reps}) \oplus V$

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std reps.

V is irred reps of S_4 .

$$\left. \begin{array}{ccccccc} n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_3^2 + n_4^2 + n_5^2 = 24 & & & & & & \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & & & \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 9 & & & \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow n_5 = 3$$

$$\chi_{\mathbb{C}^4}(e) = 4, \quad \chi_{\mathbb{C}^4}(\text{trans}) = 2, \quad \chi_{\mathbb{C}^4}(3 \text{ cycles}) = 1, \quad \chi_{\mathbb{C}^4}(4 \text{ cycles}) = 0$$

$$\chi_{\mathbb{C}^4}(\text{prod disj trans}) = 0$$

Since V is irred as A_4 -reps it is irred as S_4 -reps.

$$\phi_4 : S_4 \longrightarrow GL(V)$$

$$V = \{(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \mid z_1 + z_2 + z_3 + z_4 = 0\}$$

$$\phi_5 = \phi_4 \otimes \phi_2 \quad \text{is a 3-dim'l reps.}$$

These all the irred reps of S_4

⑧ Let G be group. $H \leq G$ & $K \leq H$.

Let W be a K -rep.

$$\text{Ind}_H^G(\text{Ind}_K^H W) \cong \text{Ind}_K^G W$$

Let $h_1, \dots, h_n \in H$ be s.t.

$h_1 K, \dots, h_n K$ are the distinct left cosets
of K in H .
 $n = [H:K]$

Let $g_1, \dots, g_s \in G$ be s.t.

$g_1 H, \dots, g_s H$ are the distinct left cosets of
 H in G . $s = [G:H]$

The left cosets of K in G are

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} g_1 h_1 K, g_1 h_2 K, \dots, g_1 h_n K \\ g_2 h_1 K, g_2 h_2 K, \dots, g_2 h_n K \\ \vdots \\ g_s h_1 K, \dots, g_s h_n K \end{array} \right\} [G:K] = ns$$

If $V = \text{Ind}_K^H W$ & $U = \text{Ind}_K^G W$.

$$V = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n h_i W$$

$$U = \bigoplus g_i h_j W$$

$$\text{Ind}_H^G V = U$$

by taking $g_i = e$