

# Group Representation 10

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**PROBLEM I** Assume  $(\varphi, V), (\psi, W)$  are two finite-dim representation of group  $G$ , find the matrix of  $\varphi \otimes \psi$ .

**SOLUTION.** Assume  $\{v_i : i = 1, \dots, n\}, \{w_i : i = 1, \dots, m\}$  are basis of  $V, W$ . Then we get  $\{v_i \otimes w_j : 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m\}$  is a basis of  $V \otimes W$ . Assume  $\Phi, \Psi, \Gamma$  is the matrix of  $\varphi, \psi, \varphi \otimes \psi$ . We use  $\{1, \dots, n\}^4$  as the dom of  $\Gamma(g)$ . Then we get  $(\varphi \otimes \psi)(g)(v_i \otimes w_j) = \varphi(g)(v_i) \otimes \psi(g)(w_j)$ . So  $\Gamma(g)(e_{ij}) = (\sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^m \Phi(g)_{ki} \Psi(g)_{tj} e_{kt})$ . So finally we get  $\Gamma(g)_{kt,ij} = \Phi(g)_{ki} \Psi(g)_{tj}$ .  $\square$

**PROBLEM II** Assume  $\text{Sym}^2 V := \text{Span}\{v \otimes w + w \otimes v : v, w \in V\}$  and  $\bigwedge^2 V := \text{Span}\{v \otimes w - w \otimes v : v, w \in V\}$ . Prove that  $V \otimes V = \text{Sym}^2 V \oplus \bigwedge^2 V$ .

**SOLUTION.** First since  $x \otimes y = \frac{x}{2} \otimes y + y \otimes \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x}{2} \otimes y - y \otimes \frac{x}{2}$  we get  $x \otimes y \in \text{Sym}^2 V + \bigwedge^2 V$ . Since  $\text{Span}\{x \otimes y : x, y \in V\} = V \otimes V$ , we get  $V \otimes V = \text{Sym}^2 V + \bigwedge^2 V$ . Now assume  $\dim V = n$ , we only need to prove  $\dim \text{Sym}^2 V + \dim \bigwedge^2 V \leq n^2$ . Assume  $\{v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  is a basis of  $V$ , then  $\{v_i \otimes v_j : 1 \leq i, j \leq n\}$  is basis of  $V \otimes V$ . Then easily  $\text{Span}\{v_i \otimes v_j + v_j \otimes v_i : 1 \leq i, j \leq n\} = \text{Sym}^2 V$ ,  $\text{Span}\{v_i \otimes v_j - v_j \otimes v_i : 1 \leq i, j \leq n\} = \bigwedge^2 V$ . Since for  $i \neq j$  we get  $v_i \otimes v_j + v_j \otimes v_i = v_j \otimes v_i + v_i \otimes v_j$  we get  $\dim \text{Sym}^2 V \leq n + \frac{n^2-n}{2}$ . Since for  $i \neq j$  we have  $v_i \otimes v_j - v_j \otimes v_i = -(v_j \otimes v_i - v_i \otimes v_j)$  and for  $i = j$  we have  $v_i \otimes v_j - v_j \otimes v_i = 0$  we get  $\dim \bigwedge^2 V \leq \frac{n^2-n}{2}$ . So finally we get  $\dim \text{Sym}^2 V + \dim \bigwedge^2 V \leq n + \frac{n^2-n}{2} + \frac{n^2-n}{2} = n^2$ . So  $V \otimes V = \text{Sym}^2 V \oplus \bigwedge^2 V$ .  $\square$

**PROBLEM III** Find the complex character table of the group  $D_5$ .

**SOLUTION.** First we should find all of irreducible complex representation of  $D_5$ . Easily all of conjugate of  $D_5$  are  $\{e\}, \{\sigma, \sigma^4\}, \{\sigma^2, \sigma^3\}, \{\tau, \sigma\tau, \sigma^2\tau, \sigma^3\tau, \sigma^4\tau\}$ . So there are four different irreducible complex representation of  $D_5$ . Now we try to find the one-dim irreducible complex representation. Easily we get  $D'_5 = \langle \sigma \rangle$ . So  $D_5/D'_5 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ . So  $D_5$  has two different irreducible complex representation,  $\varphi_0, \varphi_1$ . Where  $\varphi_0$  is the main representation, and  $\varphi_1(\sigma^i) = 1, \varphi_1(\sigma^i\tau) = -1$ . Now we try to find other representation of  $D_5$ . Since  $|D_5| = 10 = 1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2$ , we get  $D_5$  has two different

two-dim irreducible representation. Consider  $\varphi_\theta(\sigma) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\varphi_\theta(\tau) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , let  $\varphi_2 = \varphi_{\frac{2\pi}{5}}, \varphi_3 = \varphi_{\frac{4\pi}{5}}$ . Easily  $\varphi_2, \varphi_3$  are irreducible and different. So all of different irreducible complex representation of  $D_5$  are  $\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3$ . Now we let  $g_1 = e, g_2 = \sigma, g_3 = \sigma^2, g_4 = \tau$  and  $W_{ij} = \chi_{i-1}(g_j)$ , we have

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 \cos \frac{2\pi}{5} & 2 \cos \frac{4\pi}{5} & 0 \\ 2 & 2 \cos \frac{4\pi}{5} & 2 \cos \frac{2\pi}{5} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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