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# 1 Introduction to Representation Theory

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## 1.1 Introduction

**DEFINITION 1.** Finite Group. Let  $G$  be a set with a binary operation  $(\cdot)$  satisfying the following properties

- $\forall f, g, h \in G, (f \cdot g) \cdot h = f \cdot (g \cdot h)$
- There exists an element  $e_l$ , called the left identity, such that for all  $g \in G$ .  $e_l \cdot g = g$  and there exists  $g_l^{-1} \in G$  such that  $g_l^{-1} \cdot g = e_l$

Then  $(G, \cdot)$  is called a group. If the cardinality of  $G$  is finite, we say  $G$  is a finite group. Otherwise,  $G$  is infinite.

**REMARK 2.** You can prove that  $e_l$  and  $e_l \cdot g = g \cdot e_l = g$  and  $g_l^{-1} \cdot = g \cdot g_l^{-1} = e_l$ .

**DEFINITION 3.** We say a group  $G$  is Abelian if for all  $g, h \in G$ ,  $gh = hg$ .

**DEFINITION 4.** Let  $G$  be a group and  $H \subset G$ .  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  if  $h_1 h_2^{-1} \in H$  for all  $h_1, h_2 \in H$ . If the only normal subgroup of  $G$  are  $\{e\}, G$ , we say  $G$  is a simple group. A subgroup  $H$  is called "normal" if for all  $g \in G, h \in H, ghg^{-1} \in H$ .

**EXAMPLE 5.** Examples of Finite Groups

- Let  $n$  be a positive integer. The cyclic group  $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is a finite abelian group.  $|C_n| = n$ . The size of a group  $G$  is called the order of the group.
- Let  $n$  be a positive integer. The dihedral group  $D_n$  is the group of rotations and reflections in the plane which preserve a regular polygon with  $n$  vertices.

$$D_n = \{1, r, \dots, r^{n-1}, s, sr, sr^2, \dots, sr^{n-1}\}$$

Or we could write the group using generator relations

$$D_n = \langle r, s \rangle / (r^n = 1, s^2 = 1, srs = r^{-1})$$

- $S_n$  is the set of permutations of  $n$  elements, with  $|S_n| = n!$ .
- The quaternion group  $\mathbb{H}$  is the group generated by  $i, j$  such that if  $k := ij, m := i^2$ . Then

$$1. i^4 = j^4 = k^4 = e$$

- 2.  $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = m$
- 3.  $ij = mji$
- 4.  $\mathbb{H} = 8$

**EXAMPLE 6.** Infinite Groups

- 1.  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is an infinite group
- 2. The group of rotations of the plane, preserving the origin, denoted by  $C_\infty$ . We have  $C_\infty$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z} := S^1 :=$  the unit circle.
- 3.  $D_\infty = C_\infty \cup \{sr_\alpha | r_\alpha \in C_\infty\}$  with  $s^2 = 1$  and  $sr_\alpha s = r_\alpha^{-1}$
- 4. Let  $F$  be a field. The set of all invertible  $n \times n$  matrices of coefficients in  $F$  denoted by  $GL_n(F)$  is a group. If  $F$  is a finite field, then  $GL_n(F)$  is finite. Otherwise,  $GL_n(F)$  is infinite.

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**DEFINITION 7.** Let  $G$  be a Hausdorff topological space with a group law. We say  $G$  is a topological group if the mapping  $G \times G \rightarrow G$  with  $(g, h) \rightarrow gh$  is continuous.

**REMARK 8.** If  $G$  is finite, we take the discrete topology on  $G$ , then  $G$  is a topological group.

**EXAMPLE 9.** Since  $GL(n, F) \subseteq F^{n^2}$ , if  $F$  is a topological space, then  $F^{n^2}$  has a topology. Therefore, we have a subspace topology on  $GL(n, F)$  and with this topology,  $GL(n, F)$  is a topological group.

**DEFINITION 10.** Let  $V$  be a complex Hilbert space. We use  $GL(V)$  to denote the group of bounded operators on  $V$  with bounded inverse.

**DEFINITION 11.** Let  $G$  be a topological group and  $V$  be a non-trivial complex Hilbert space. A **(linear) representation** of  $G$  on  $V$  is a group of homomorphisms  $\rho$ , called the Group Action, from  $G \rightarrow GL(V)$  such that the map

$$\begin{aligned} G \times V &\rightarrow V \\ (g, v) &\rightarrow \rho(g)v \end{aligned}$$

is continuous.

**REMARK 12.** The representation  $(\rho, v)$  map may not be a continuous mapping from  $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(V)$  (For example, maybe if  $V$  is an infinite dimensional space, though this won't come up in our class). However, if  $G$  is finite and  $\dim(V) < \infty$ , then  $\rho$  will be continuous.

**REMARK 13.** Concepts

1. if  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$ , we can choose a basis  $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^{n=\dim(V)}$ . If  $(\rho, V) = \rho(V)$  is a representation of  $G$  on  $V$

$$\rho(g)e_j = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij}(g)e_i$$

Therefore, it induces a mapping (homomorphism) from  $G \rightarrow GL(n, \mathbb{C})$  with  $g \rightarrow (a_{ij}(g))$ . This is called the **Matrix Form** of  $(\rho, V)$ .

2. If  $(\rho, V)$  is a representation of  $G$  and  $\dim(V) < \infty$ , we say that  $(\rho, V)$  is a finite dimensional representation with degree  $\dim(V)$ .
3. Let  $G$  be a group, we define the **Group Algebra**

$$\mathbb{C}[G] := \left\{ \sum_{g \in G} c_g g \mid c_g \in \mathbb{C}, \text{ almost all } c_g = 0 \right\}$$

We can define the product on  $\mathbb{C}[G]$  in the obvious way. If  $G$  is not abelian,  $\mathbb{C}[G]$  is non-commutative. If  $(\rho, V)$  is a representation of  $G$  on  $V$ , then  $V$  can be viewed as a  $\mathbb{C}[G]$  – Module with  $(\sum c_g \cdot g) \cdot v := \sum c_g \rho(g)v$ . If  $|G| < \infty$  and  $\dim V < \infty$ , we do not need to worry about the topologies. Therefore,  $(\rho, V)$  is a representation of  $G$  on  $V$  if and only if  $V$  is a  $\mathbb{C}[G]$  – Module.

**EXAMPLE 14.** Examples of Representations

1. Let  $V$  be a one dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$ .  $1_v$  is the identity linear transformation from  $V$  to  $V$ . The **trivial representation** of  $G$  is the homomorphism from  $G \rightarrow GL(V) \cong \mathbb{C}^*$  defined by  $\rho(g) := 1_v, \forall g \in G$ .
2. Let  $G$  be a finite group of order  $n$  and  $V := \mathbb{C}[G]$  ( $\dim(V) = n$ ). We know that  $V$  has a basis  $\{e_g\}_{g \in G}$ . The **Regular Representation**  $(r, V)$  of  $G$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} r : G &\rightarrow V \\ r(s)e_t &:= e_{st}, \forall s, t \in G \end{aligned}$$

**DEFINITION 15.** Let  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\tau, W)$  be two representations of a finite group  $G$ . A linear map  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is called a homomorphism or **intertwining operator** between  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\tau, W)$  if  $\forall g \in G, v \in V, f(\rho(g)v) = \tau(g)f(v)$ . The homomorphism condition is nothing but the diagram above commutes. If we view  $V$  and  $W$  as  $\mathbb{C}[G]$  – Modules ( $G$  – Modules via  $\rho, \tau$  respectively).  $f$  is a hom. if and only if  $f$  is a  $G$ –Module homomorphism from  $V$  to  $W$ . If  $f$  is an isomorphism we say that  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\tau, W)$  are isomorphic.

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**DEFINITION 16.** Let  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\tau, W)$  be representations of  $G$ . We define  $(\rho \oplus \tau, V \oplus W)$  a representation of  $G$  defined by

$$(\rho \oplus \tau)(g)((v, w)) = (\rho(g)v, \tau(g)w)$$

**DEFINITION 17.** Let  $(\rho, V)$  be a representation of  $G$  on  $V$  and  $W$  be non-zero subspace of  $V$ . We say that  $W$  is a **subrepresentation** of  $(\rho, V)$  if  $W$  is "stable" under  $\rho$ -action, that is  $\forall g \in G, w \in W, \rho(g)w \in W \Rightarrow (\rho|_W, W)$  is a representation of  $G$ .

**DEFINITION 18.** We say  $(\rho, V)$  is irreducible if  $(\rho, V)$  have only two different  $G$ -stable subspaces, namely,  $\{0\}, V$ . This is equivalent to saying the only subrepresentation of  $(\rho, V)$  is  $(\rho, V)$  itself.

**EXAMPLE 19.** All representations of degree 1 is irreducible.

**Strategy:** Find all the irreducible representations

**THEOREM 20.** *If  $G$  is finite, then all irreducible representations of  $G$  are finite dimensional.*

*Proof.* Let  $(\rho, V)$  be irreducible representation of  $G$  and let  $e \in V$  be a non-zero vector. Let  $W := \langle \rho(g)e \rangle_{g \in G}$ . Then  $\dim(W) \leq |G| < \infty$ . It is enough to show that  $W$  is  $G$ -Stable ( $G$ -Invariant).  $w \in W, \exists C_g \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$w = \sum_{g \in G} C_g \rho(g)e$$

Then for all  $h \in G$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(h)w &= \rho(h) \left( \sum_{g \in G} C_g \rho(g)e \right) \\ &= \sum_{g \in G} C_g \rho(hg)e \in W \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $W$  is a finite dimensional subrepresentation of  $V$  and  $W = V$ . ■

**REMARK 21.** If  $(\rho, V)$  is irreducible,  $\forall v \neq 0 \in V, W = \langle \rho(g)v \rangle_{g \in G} = V$ .

**EXAMPLE 22.** Find all irreducible representations of  $C_n$

We have  $C_n \cong \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \dots, \bar{n-1}\}$ .  $\forall 0 \leq k \leq n-1$ , we define a one-dimensional representation  $(X_k, V_k)$  as follows,  $\forall k, V_k$  is just a one dimensional vector spaces. So  $\forall 0 \leq j \leq n-1, \forall v \in V_k$

$$X_k(\bar{j})v = e^{2\pi k \frac{j}{n}} v$$

Or we can  $X_k$  as a homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} C_n &\rightarrow \mathbb{C}^* \\ \bar{j} &\rightarrow e^{2\pi \frac{kji}{n}} = \left( e^{\frac{2\pi ji}{n}} \right)^k \end{aligned}$$

$\{(X_k, V_k)\}_{k=0}^{n-1}$  is a set of irreducible representations of  $C_n$ .

Let  $(\chi, V)$  be an irreducible representation of  $C_n$ , the set  $\{\chi(g)\}_{g \in C_n} \subset GL(V)$  is a commutative subset. That is, for all  $g_1, g_2 \in C_n$

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(g_1)\chi(g_2) &= \chi(g_2)\chi(g_1) \\ \chi(g_1g_2) &= \chi(g_2g_1) \\ (\chi(g_1))^n &= \chi(g_1^n) = \chi(1) = 1_V \end{aligned}$$

The minimal polynomial of  $\chi(g_1)$  is a divisor of  $x^n - 1$ . Since  $x^n - 1$  has no repeated roots,  $\chi(g_1)$  is diagonalizable. By a theorem of linear algebra,  $\{\chi(g)\}_{g \in G}$  has a common eigenvector  $v$ . That is,  $\forall g \in G, \chi(g)v = \lambda_g v$  for some  $\lambda_g \in \mathbb{C}$ . Therefore,  $W = \langle v \rangle$  is  $G$ -Invariant and  $W = V$  and  $\dim(W) = \dim(V) = 1$ .

So  $(\chi(\bar{1}))^n = 1_V$  implies that  $\chi(\bar{1})$  is a root of unity of order  $n$ , thus

$$\chi(\bar{1}) = e^{(2\pi i) \frac{k}{n}}$$

for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z} (0 \leq k \leq n-1)$ . thus  $\chi = \chi_k$ .

**EXAMPLE 23.** Representations of  $D_n$  ( $n \geq 2$  even)

$D_n = \langle r, s \rangle / \langle r^n = 1, s^2 = 1, srs = r^{-1} \rangle$ . There are 4 1-dimensional representations

	$r^k$	$sr^k$
$\psi_1$	1	1
$\psi_2$	1	-1
$\psi_3$	$(-1)^k$	$(-1)^k$
$\psi_4$	$(-1)^k$	$(-1)^{k+1}$

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We know  $C_n \triangleright D_n$  and  $D_n/C_n \cong C_2$ . Any representation of  $C_2$  gives a representation of  $D_n$  by

$$D_n \rightarrow D_n/C_n \cong C_2 \rightarrow GL(V)$$

$C_2$  has 2 irreducible representations: namely the trivial one and the non-trivial one. However, a representation of  $C_n$  might not be extended to a representation of  $D_n$ .

For degree 2 representations, let  $\xi = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}}$  and  $h \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We define a representation  $(\rho_n, V_n)$  of  $D_n$  on a two-dimensional space  $V_n$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_n(r^h) &= \begin{pmatrix} \xi^{hk} & 0 \\ 0 & \xi^{-hk} \end{pmatrix} \\ \rho_n(sr^k) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \xi^{-hk} \\ \xi^{hk} & 0 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

We can check that  $(\rho_n, V_n)$  is indeed a representation of  $D_n$ . Notice that  $\rho_n$  and  $\rho_{n-h}$  are isomorphic (Exercise: find an intertwining operator from  $\rho_n$  to  $\rho_{n-h}$ )

The extreme cases  $h = 0$  or  $h = \frac{n}{2}$  are isomorphic to  $\psi_1 \oplus \psi_2$  and  $\psi_3 \oplus \psi_4$  respectively. To summarize, we get

$$\psi, \psi_2, \psi_3, \psi_4, \rho_1, \dots, \rho_{\frac{n}{2}-1}$$

a set of irreducible representations of  $D_n$ .

To show that  $1 \leq h \leq \frac{n}{2} - 1$ ,  $\rho_n$  is irreducible, we assume that there is a 1-dimensional  $G$ -invariant space  $W = \langle V \rangle$ . Thus,  $\rho_n(r^k)v \in \langle v \rangle \Rightarrow v = [0, 1]$  or  $[1, 0]$ .  $\rho_h(s)v \in \langle v \rangle \Rightarrow v$  is an eigenvector  $\rho_s(s)v = \lambda v$  of the matrix of

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

However,  $[1, 0]$  and  $[0, 1]$  are not eigenvectors of the above matrix. Thus, we have a contradiction and so  $\rho_n$  is irreducible.

EXAMPLE 24.  $D_n$  when  $n$  is odd

	$r^k$	$sr^k$
$\psi_1$	1	1
$\psi_2$	1	-1

The same linear transformations from the above example will work

EXAMPLE 25.  $\{\psi_1, \psi_2, \rho_1\}$  is the full set of irreducible representations of  $D_3$ .

Let  $(\rho, V)$  be an irreducible representations of  $D_3$ , we can consider  $(\rho, V)$  is a representation of  $C_3 = \langle r \rangle / \langle r^3 = 1 \rangle$ . Since  $r^3 = 1$ ,  $V$  can be decomposed into the direct sum of eigenvectors of  $\rho(r)$

$$V = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m V_i, \dim(V) = m$$



Let  $v_1 = \langle v_1 \rangle$  with  $\rho(r)v_1 = \xi^{\alpha_1}v_1$  where  $\xi = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}}, \alpha_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(r)(\rho(s)v_1) &= \rho(rs)v_1 \\ &= \rho(sr^{-1})v_1 \\ &= \rho(s)(\rho(r^{-1}v_1)) \\ &= \rho(s(\rho(r^2)v_1)) \\ &= \rho(s)[\xi^{2\alpha_1}v_1] \\ &= \xi^{2\alpha_1}(\rho(s)v_1)\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\langle v_1, \rho(s)v_1 \rangle = W$  is a  $D_3$  invariant subspace of  $(\rho, V)$ .

Since  $(\rho, V)$  is irreducible,  $V = W = \langle v_1, \rho(s)v_1 \rangle$ ,  $\dim V = \dim W \leq 2$ . Note that  $\rho(s)v_1$  is an  $C_3$  invariant subspace with eigenvalues  $\xi^{2\alpha_i}$  respectively to  $\rho(v)$ .

If  $\dim(W) = 1$  then  $\xi^{2\alpha_1} = \xi^{\alpha_1} \Rightarrow \xi^{\alpha_1} = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 0$  for a multiple of 3. That is,  $\rho$  is trivial on  $C_3$  and it gives us  $\psi_1, \psi_2$ .

If  $\dim(W) = 2$ , we have a basis of  $W$ , namely  $\{v_1, \rho(s)v_1\}$ . If we write down its matrix form, we will see that it is  $\rho_s, V_n$  for some  $h = \alpha_1$ . So we are done.

**REMARK 26.** The Grand goal of representation theory is to find all the irreducible representations of any group

1. Given a group, how many irreducible representations of the given one?
2. Is there any way to describe the set of irreducible representations?
3. How to find those representations

## 1.2 Direct Sum and Tensor Product

Let  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\tau, W)$  be two finite dimensional representations of a finite group  $G$ . Let  $\{v_i\}$  and  $\{w_i\}$  be bases of  $V$  and  $W$  respectively. We can define  $(\rho \oplus \tau, V \oplus W)$  a representation of  $G$ . Let  $V = \langle v_i \rangle, W = \langle w_j \rangle$ . We have the matrix form for  $\rho$  and  $\tau$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(g)(v_i) &= \sum_k a_{ki}(g)v_k \\ \tau(g)(w_j) &= \sum_l b_{lj}(g)w_l\end{aligned}$$

Then we define

$$\begin{aligned}(\rho \oplus \tau)(g)(v_i \oplus w_j) &:= \sum_{k,l} a_{ki}(g)b_{lj}(g)v_k \oplus w_l \\ (\rho \oplus \tau)(g)(v_i \oplus w_j) &:= \rho(g)v_i \oplus \tau(g)w_j\end{aligned}$$

Where  $v_i \oplus w_j$  is a basis of  $V \oplus W$ .

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### 1.3 Decomposition of Representations

**DEFINITION 27.** Let  $(\rho, V)$  be a representation of  $G$ . We say  $(\rho, V)$  is **unitary** if there exists a  $(G-)$  invariant inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  on  $V$  such that  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is positive and Hermitian and for all  $g \in G$  and  $w, v \in V$ ,  $\langle \rho(g)v, \rho(g)w \rangle = \langle v, w \rangle$

**REMARK 28.** A matrix is unitary if  $A \cdot \bar{A}^t = I$ . If  $(\rho, V)$  is a unitary representation with  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  a  $G$ -invariant inner product, then given an orthonormal basis, the matrix form  $(a_i, (g))$  are all unitary.

**LEMMA 29.** Let  $(\rho, V)$  be a unitary representation with an invariant inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ .  $W$  a subrepresentation, then, the orthogonal complement  $W^\perp$  with respect to  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is a subrepresentation of  $V$  and  $V = W \oplus W^\perp$ .

*Proof.* We only need to show that  $W^\perp$  is  $G$ -invariant. This happens if and only if  $\forall g \in G, \tilde{w} \in W^\perp \Rightarrow \rho(\tilde{w}) \subseteq W^\perp \Leftrightarrow \forall g \in G, \tilde{w} \in W^\perp, \forall w \in W, \langle w, \rho(g)(\tilde{w}) \rangle = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \langle w, \rho(g)(\tilde{w}) \rangle &= \langle \rho(g^{-1}w, \rho(g^{-1}\rho(g)\tilde{w}) \rangle \\ &= \langle \rho(g^{-1}w, \tilde{w}) \rangle \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Note:  $\rho(g^{-1}w) \in W, \tilde{w} \in W^\perp$  so the inner product is 0. Thus,  $\langle w, \rho(g)\tilde{w} \rangle = 0$  if  $w \in W, \tilde{w} \in W^\perp$  and we finish the proof. ■

**COROLLARY 30.** If  $(\rho, V)$  is a unitary representation.  $(\rho, V)$  is a direct sum of irreducible representations of  $G$ .

**LEMMA 31.** All representations of a finite group  $G$  is unitary.

*Proof.* Let  $(\rho, V)$  be a representation of  $G$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  an inner product on  $V$ . We define a new inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_G$  by  $\forall v, w \in V$

$$\langle v, w \rangle_G := \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \langle \rho(g)v, \rho(g)w \rangle$$

We need to check whether our new inner product is  $G$ -invariant.  $\forall h \in G, v, w \in V$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \rho(h)v, \rho(h)w \rangle_G &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \langle \rho(g)\rho(h)v, \rho(g)\rho(h)w \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{t \in G} \langle \rho(t)v, \rho(t)w \rangle = \langle v, w \rangle \\ t &:= gh \end{aligned}$$

We used a change of variable above. Therefore,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_G$  is  $G$ -invariant. ■

## 2 Character Theory

**DEFINITION 32.** Let  $V$  be a vector space with a basis  $\{e_i\}$  and  $A$  is a linear transformation from  $V \rightarrow V$  with matrix form  $\{a_{ij}\}$ . Define the **Trace** of  $A$  denoted by  $Tr(A)$  to be  $Tr(A) := \sum a_{ii}$ . We can consider  $Tr$  as a function from the set of linear transformations from  $V$  to  $V$  to the complex numbers.  $Tr(A)$  is independent of the choice of basis.

**DEFINITION 33.** Let  $(\rho, V)$  be a representation of  $G$  for  $g \in G$ . The **Character**  $\chi_\rho(g)$  of  $(\rho, V)$  by

$$\chi_\rho(g) := Tr(\rho(g))$$

This gives us a function on  $G$ .

**PROPOSITION 34.** If  $\chi$  is a character of the representation of  $(\rho, V)$  of  $V$ , then

1.  $\chi(e) = \dim(V)$
2.  $\chi(g^{-1}) = \bar{\chi}(g)$
3.  $\chi(st) = \chi(ts), \forall s, t \in G$

**REMARK 35.** Let  $G$  be a group and  $f$  a function on  $G$ , we say  $f$  is a **class function** if  $\forall s, t \in G, f(st) = f(ts)$  i.e.  $f(sts^{-1}) = f(t)$ .

*Proof.* 1. We know  $\rho(e) = I_v$ . Thus,  $\chi(e) = Tr(I_v) = \sum 1 = \dim(V)$ .

2. Since  $G$  is finite,  $\rho(g)$  has a finite order and it is diagonalizable. We can choose a basis such that the matrix form of  $\rho(g)$  is diagonal with entries  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ , where  $n = \dim V$  and  $|\lambda_i| = 1$ , that is,  $\lambda_i$  are roots of unity and so  $\lambda_i^{-1} = \bar{\lambda}_i$ . Then  $\rho^{-1}(g)$  has the matrix form of a diagonal matrix with  $\lambda_i^{-1}$  on diagonal. Then

$$\chi(g^{-1}) = \sum \lambda_i^{-1} = \sum \bar{\lambda}_i = \bar{\chi}(g)$$

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**PROPOSITION 36.** Let  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\tau, W)$  be two representations of  $G$  and  $\chi_\rho$  and  $\chi_\tau$  be characters of  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\tau, W)$  respectively. Then,

$$\chi_{\rho \oplus \tau} = \chi_\rho + \chi_\tau$$

$$\chi_{\rho \otimes \tau} = \chi_\rho \cdot \chi_\tau$$

*Proof.* Let  $\{v_i\}$  and  $\{w_j\}$  be bases of  $V$  and  $W$  respectively. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(g)v_i &= \sum a_{ki}v_k \\ \tau(g)w_j &= \sum b_{lj}w_l\end{aligned}$$

Given  $g \in G$ ,  $\rho \oplus \tau(v_i) = \sum a_{ki}v_k$ , the coefficient of  $v_i$  is  $a_{ii}$  and  $\rho \oplus \tau(w_j) = \sum b_{lj}w_l$ , the coefficient of  $w_j$  is  $b_{jj}$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_{\rho \oplus \tau}(g) &= \text{Tr}(\rho \oplus \tau(g)) = \sum a_{ii} + \sum b_{jj} \\ &= \chi_\rho(g) + \chi_\tau(g) \\ \rho \oplus \tau(g) &= \begin{pmatrix} \rho(g) & 0 \\ 0 & \tau(g) \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Now for the tensor product,  $\rho \otimes \tau(g)(v_i \otimes w_j) = \sum a_{ki}(g)b_{lj}v_k \otimes w_l$ , the coefficient of  $v_i \otimes w_j$  is  $a_{ii}b_{jj}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_{\rho \otimes \tau}(g) &:= \text{Tr}(\rho \otimes \tau(g)) \\ &= \sum_i \sum_j a_{ii}b_{jj} \\ &= \left( \sum_i a_{ii} \right) \left( \sum_j b_{jj} \right) \\ &= \chi_\rho(g) \cdot \chi_\tau(g)\end{aligned}$$

■

**LEMMA 37.** [SCHUR'S LEMMA] *Let  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\tau, W)$  be two irreducible representations of  $G$  and  $f$  be an intertwining operator from  $V$  to  $W$ .*

1. *If  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\tau, W)$  are not isomorphic, then  $f = 0$*
2. *If  $(\rho, V) = (\tau, W)$ , then  $f$  is a scalar multiple of the identity (called homothety) and the scalar is called the ratio.*

*Proof.* If  $f = 0$ , then (i) and (ii) are true. Suppose,  $f \neq 0$ , let  $\ker(f) := V' \subsetneq V$ . Then,  $\forall v' \in V'$

$$f(\rho(g)(v')) = \tau(g)(f(v')) = \tau(g)(0_w) = 0_w$$

Thus,  $V'$  is  $G$ -invariant. Since  $V$  is irreducible, it must be the case that  $V' = \{0_v\}$ .

Let  $\text{Im}(f) = W' \subseteq W$ .  $\forall w' \in W', \exists v \in V$  such that  $f(v) = w'$ .  $\forall g \in G$

$$\tau(g)(w') = \tau(g)(f(v)) = f(\rho(g)(v)) \in W'$$

Thus,  $W'$  is  $G$ -invariant. Since  $W$  is irreducible,  $W' = \{0_w\}$  or  $W' = W$ . Since  $f \neq 0$ ,  $W' = W$  and  $f$  is bijective, i.e. an isomorphism. If  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\tau, W)$  are not isomorphic,

$f \equiv 0$ . This finishes the first case.

Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $f$ . Thus,  $f - \lambda \cdot I_v$  has a non-trivial kernel. Moreover,  $f - \lambda \cdot I_v$  is an intertwining operator since

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(g)(f - \lambda I_v) &= \rho(g) \circ f - \lambda \rho(g) \circ I_v \\ &= f \circ \rho(g) - \lambda I_v \circ \rho(g) \\ &= (f - \lambda I_v) \circ \rho(g)\end{aligned}$$

As before,  $f - \lambda I_v \equiv 0$ , i.e.  $f = \lambda I_v$ . ■

**COROLLARY 38.** *Keep the notations as above. Let  $h$  be a linear mapping from  $V$  to  $W$ , not necessarily an intertwining operator. Put*

$$h_G := \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{t \in G} \tau(t)^{-1} \circ h \circ \rho(t)$$

1. *If  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\tau, W)$  are not isomorphic, then  $h_G \equiv 0$*

2. *If  $(\rho, V) = (\tau, W)$ , the  $h_G$  is a homothety of ratio  $\frac{1}{n} \text{Tr}(h)$ ,  $n = \dim(V)$ .*

*Proof.* We claim that  $h_G$  is an intertwining operator.  $\forall g \in G, \tau(g) \circ h_G = h_G \circ \rho(g) \Rightarrow h_G = \tau^{-1}(g) \circ h_G \circ \rho(g)$  Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}\tau(g)^{-1} \circ h_G \circ \rho(g) &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{t \in G} \tau(g)^{-1} \circ \tau(t)^{-1} \circ h \circ \rho(t) \circ \rho(g) \\ &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{t \in G} \tau(tg)^{-1} \circ h \circ f(tg) \\ &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{s \in G} \tau(s)^{-1} \circ h \circ \rho(s) \\ &= h_G\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $h_G$  is an intertwining operator. By Schur's Lemma, (i) is done. Next,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Tr}(h_G) &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{t \in G} \text{Tr}(\rho(t)^{-1} \circ h \circ \rho(t)) \\ &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{t \in G} \text{Tr}(h) = \text{Tr}(h)\end{aligned}$$

If  $h_g = \lambda I_v$ ,  $\text{Tr}(h_g) = \lambda \dim(V) = \lambda n$ . Thus the ratio  $\lambda$  is equal to  $\frac{1}{n} \text{Tr}(h)$  ■

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EXAMPLE 39. Let  $G = C_{10} \cong \mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z}$  and  $h = 5 \cdot I_{\mathbb{C}}$ . Suppose that  $\chi_1$  and  $\chi_2$  are two 1-dimensional representations of  $G$  on  $\mathbb{C}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_2(\bar{j}) &:= e^{\frac{2\pi i j}{10}} \\ \chi_i(\bar{j}) &:= e^{\frac{4\pi i j}{10}}\end{aligned}$$

$j = \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}h_G &= \frac{1}{10} \sum_{j=0}^9 e^{\frac{-14\pi i j}{10}} 5e^{\frac{4\pi i j}{10}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^9 e^{\frac{-10\pi i j}{10}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^9 (e^{-\pi i j}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^9 (-1)^j = 0\end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 40. Let  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\tau, W)$  be 2 irreducible representations of  $G$  with matrix forms  $(a_{ij})$  and  $(b_{kl})$  respectively. Then,

1. For the case that  $\rho$  and  $\tau$  are not isomorphic, we have  $\frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{t \in G} a_{ij}(t^{-1})b_{kl}(t) = 0$
2. For the case  $\rho = \tau$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{t \in G} a_{ij}(t^{-1})b_{kl}(t) = \frac{1}{h} \delta_{il} \delta_{jk} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} & i = l, j = k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$n = \dim(V)$$

*Proof.* Let  $h$  be a linear mapping from  $V$  to  $W$  with a matrix representation  $(\chi_{rs})$  and  $h_G$  with a matrix representation  $(y_{rs})$ .

$$\begin{aligned}y_{il} &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{t \in G} a_{ij}(t^{-1})\chi_{jk}b_{kl}(t) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{t \in G} a_{ij}(t^{-1})b_{kl}(t) \right) \chi_{jk}\end{aligned}$$

In case (i)  $y_{il} \equiv 0$ ,  $\frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{t \in G} a_{ij}(t^{-1})b_{kl}(t) = 0$ .

In case (ii), we have  $h_G = \lambda I_v$ , i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}y_{il} &= \lambda, \delta_{il} = \frac{1}{h} \text{Tr}(h) \cdot \delta_{il} \\ &= \delta_{il} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum \delta_{jk} \chi_{jk} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum \delta_{jk} \delta_{il} \right) \chi_{jk}\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{t \in G} a_{ij}(t^{-1})b_{kl}(t) = \frac{1}{n} \sum \delta_{jk}\delta_{il} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} & j = k, i = l \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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**REMARK 41.** 1. Suppose that the matrices  $(a_{ij}(t))$  are unitary. It can be realized by a suitable choice of basis. We have  $a_{ij}(t^{-1}) = a_{ji}(t)$ ,  $(A^{-1} = \bar{A}^t)$

2. If  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are two functions on  $G$ , put

$$(\phi|\psi) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{t \in G} \phi(t)\bar{\psi}(t)$$

It is an inner product.

Let  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\tau, W)$  be two irreducible representations of  $G$  with matrix forms  $(a_{ij})$  and  $(b_{kl})$  with respectively orthonormal bases on  $V$  and  $W$  respectively. Then,  $(a_{ij}|b_{kl}) = 0$  if  $((\rho, V) \not\cong (\tau, W))$  and  $(a_{ik}|b_{kl}) = \frac{1}{n}\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl}$

In conclusion, the functions coming from matrix forms are orthogonal (and therefore linearly independent).

**THEOREM 42.** *Orthogonality of irreducible characters*

(1) If  $\chi$  is a character of an irreducible representation, we have  $(\chi|\chi) = 1$ .

(2) If  $\chi, \psi$  are characters of two non-isomorphic irreducible representations, we have  $(\chi|\psi) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(\rho, V)$  and  $(\tau, W)$  be two irreducible representations of  $G$  with matrix form  $(a_{ij})$  and  $(b_{kl})$  with respect to orthonormal basis of  $V$  and  $W$  respectively. Let  $\chi$  and  $\psi$  be characters of  $\rho$  and  $\tau$  respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(g) &:= \sum a_{ii}(g) \\ \psi(g) &:= \sum b_{kk}(g) \\ (\chi|\chi) &= \sum_{i,j} (a_{ii}|a_{jj}) = \sum_{i,j} \frac{1}{n} \delta_{ij} = 1 \\ (\chi|\psi) &= \sum (a_{ii}|b_{kk}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

by the orthogonal relations.

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**THEOREM 43.**  $\chi, \psi$  are characters of an irreducible representation. Then,

1.  $(\chi|\chi) = 1$
2.  $(\chi|\psi) = 0$  if the representations are not isomorphic and  $(\chi|\psi) = 1$  if they are isomorphic.

**REMARK 44.** Let  $(\rho, v)$  be a representation of  $G$  with a matrix form  $(a_{ij}(g))$ .

1. If we change the basis, then we get a new matrix form

$$\left( \sum_{k,l} T_{ik}^{-1} a_{kl}(g) T_{lj} \right)$$

when  $T$  is the matrix of change of basis and  $T^{-1}$  is its inverse. Note that  $\sum_{kl} T_{ik}^{-1} a_{kl}(g) T_{lj}$  is a linear combination of functions  $a_{kl}(g)$ . Let  $F_\rho := \langle a_{kl}(g) \rangle \subseteq C(G)$ , the set of "continuous" functions on  $G$  (For finite groups, all functions are continuous, so not really relevant, but matters for Lie Groups, etc.). By observation, we have that  $F_\rho$  is independent of choices of  $V$ .

2. If  $(\rho, V)$  is irreducible, then  $\dim(F_\rho) = (\dim(V))^2$  because we can represent  $C(G)$  as  $(\chi|\psi)$ , and so the elements are linearly independent because they are orthogonal.
3. If  $(\rho, V) \cong (\tau, W)$  then the characters of  $\rho$  and  $\tau$  are the same.

Recall that every representation of  $G$  can be decomposed into a direct sum of irreducible representations (not necessarily unique). Fix a representation of  $G$  and  $\{\chi_1, \dots, \chi_n\}$  the set of all characters of irreducible representations of  $G$  (it might be infinite). Then  $\chi_i(e_i) = n_i =$  dimension of the new representation.

**THEOREM 45.** *(\*\*) Let  $V$  be a representation of  $G$  with character  $\phi$ . If  $V = \bigoplus W_i$  where  $W_i$  irreducible with character of  $\chi_{W_i}$ . Then if  $W$  is an irreducible representation of  $G$  with character  $\chi$ , then the number of  $W_i$  that are isomorphic to  $W$  is equal to  $(\phi|\chi)$ . In particular, the number is independent of the decomposition and the decomposition is unique.*

*Proof.* We know that  $\phi = \sum \chi_{W_i}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} (\phi|\chi) &= \left( \sum \chi_{W_i} | \chi \right) \\ &= \sum (\chi_{W_i} | \chi) \\ &= \text{number of } W_i \text{ isomorphic to } W \end{aligned}$$

Because by the previous theorem, the above inner product is 0 or 1 depending whether the representations are isomorphic. ■



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**COROLLARY 46.** *(\*\*) Two representations are isomorphic if and only if their characters are the same.*

**EXAMPLE 47.** In class, we claim  $\rho_{n-h}$  and  $\rho_h$  are isomorphic ( $\rho_n$  is an irreducible representation of  $D_n$ ). Where we had

$$\rho_h(r^k) = \begin{pmatrix} \xi^{hk} & 0 \\ 0 & \xi^{-hk} \end{pmatrix}$$

Where  $\chi_{\rho_h}(r) = \xi^{hk} + \xi^{-hk}$ ,  $\chi_{\rho_h}(sr^k) = 0$ ,  $\chi_{\rho_h} = \chi_{\rho_{n-h}}$ ,

**COROLLARY 48.** *Let  $\chi_1, \dots, \chi_n$  are distinct irreducible characters of  $G$  and  $W_1, \dots, W_k$  denote its corresponding representation space, where an **irreducible character** means a function coming from character of irreducible representation. Each representation is isomorphic to*

$$V = m_1 W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus m_k W_k$$

where  $m_i$  are integers (non-negative). Then  $m_i := (\chi_v | \chi_i)$  where  $\chi_v$  is the character of  $V$  and  $\chi_v = \sum m_i \chi_i$ . As a consequence,

$$\begin{aligned} (\chi_v | \chi_v) &= \left( \sum m_i \chi_i \middle| \sum m_j \chi_j \right) \\ &= \sum_{i,j} m_i m_j (\chi_i | \chi_j) \\ &= \sum_{i,j} m_i m_j \delta_{ij} \sum_i m_i^2 \end{aligned}$$

In particular,  $(\chi_v | \chi_v)$  is a sum of squares.

**THEOREM 49.** *Let  $\phi$  be a character of a representation  $V$ . Then,  $(\phi | \phi) = 1$  if and only if  $V$  is irreducible.*

*Proof.* Let  $V = \bigoplus m_i W_i$ ,  $W_i$  are distinct irreducible.  $(\phi | \phi) = \sum_r m_i^2 = 1 \Leftrightarrow$  there is only one component and  $m_1 = 1 \Leftrightarrow V$  is irreducible. ■

**COROLLARY 50.** *All one dimensional representations are irreducible*

*Proof.* Let  $(\chi, V)$  be a one-dimensional irreducible representation of  $G$  and  $\chi$  a character of  $(\chi, V)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (\chi | \chi) &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \chi(g) \bar{\chi}(g) \\ &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} 1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

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**DEFINITION 51.** Let  $G$  be a finite group of order  $n$  and  $V = \mathbb{C}[G]$  (Note that  $\mathbb{C}[G] \cong \langle g \rangle_{g \in G}$ ). Let  $(r, V)$  be the "regular" representation  $r(h)g := hg$ . Then,,

$$\begin{cases} |G| & \text{If } g = e \\ 0 & \text{If } g \neq e \end{cases}$$

Let  $\chi$  be an irreducible character and  $\chi_r$  be a character of regular representation. Then consider

$$\begin{aligned} (\chi_r | \chi) &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{t \in G} \chi_r(t) \bar{\chi}(t) \\ &= \frac{1}{|G|} \chi_r(e) \bar{\chi}(e) = \dim_{\chi} \end{aligned}$$

**THEOREM 52.** *(\*\*) Let  $\chi_1, \dots, \chi_h$  be the set of full irreducible characters (it might be infinite). Then,*

$$\chi_r = \sum_{i=1}^h (\dim_{\chi_i}) \chi_i$$

*In particular,  $h$  is finite.*

**COROLLARY 53.**  $|G| = \sum_{i=1}^h (\dim_{\chi_i})^2$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} (\chi_r | \chi_r) &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{t \in G} \chi_r(t) \bar{\chi}_r(t) \\ &= \frac{1}{|G|} |G| |G| = |G| \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,  $(\chi_r | \chi_r) = \sum_{i=1}^h (\dim_{\chi_i})^2$ . Therefore  $|G| = \sum_{i=1}^h (\dim_{\chi_i})^2$  ■

**EXAMPLE 54.** Consider  $D_3$  which has 2 one dimensional representations  $\psi_1, \psi_2$  and 1 2 dimensional  $\rho_1$ .

$$|D_3| = 6 = 1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2 = 6$$

*Monday, October 1*

**REMARK 55.** Note that the set of all irreducible characters form an orthogonal system in the space of class functions on  $G$ .

**DEFINITION 56.** Let  $C^n(G) = \{f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C} | f(sts^{-1}) = f(t), s, t \in G\}$  denote the space of class functions on  $G$  and  $\dim(C^n(G))$  is the number of conjugacy classes.

**PROPOSITION 57.** *Let  $f$  be a class function on  $G$  and  $(\rho, V)$  a representation of  $G$ . Let  $\rho_f : V \rightarrow V$  defined as  $\rho_f := \sum_{t \in G} f(t)\rho(t)$ . If  $(\rho, V)$  is an irreducible representation of degree  $n$  with character  $\chi$ , then  $\rho_f$  is a homothety of the ratio  $\lambda_i$ ,*

$$\lambda = \frac{|G|}{n}(f|\bar{\chi})$$

*Proof.* We would like to show that  $\rho_f$  is an intertwining operator.  $\forall s \in G$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(s)^{-1} \circ \rho_f \circ \rho(s) &= \rho(s)^{-1} \left( \sum_{t \in G} f(t)\rho(t) \right) \circ \rho(s) \\ &= \sum_{t \in G} (f(t)\rho(s)^{-1} \circ \rho(t) \circ \rho(s)) \\ &= \sum_{t \in G} f(t)\rho(s^{-1}ts) \\ &= \sum_{u=s^{-1}ts} f(sus^{-1})\rho(t) \\ &= \sum_{u \in G} f(u)\rho(u) = \rho_f \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\rho_f$  is a homothety.

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= \frac{1}{n} \text{Tr}(\rho_f) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t \in G} f(t) \text{Tr}(\rho(t)) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t \in G} f(t) \chi(t) \\ &= \frac{|G|}{n} (f|\bar{\chi}) \end{aligned}$$

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**THEOREM 58.** *Let  $C^h(G)$  be the space of class functions on  $G$ . Then, the full set  $\{\chi_1, \dots, \chi_k\}$  of irreducible characters is an orthonormal basis of  $C^h(G)$ . In particular, the number of irreducible representations of  $G$  is the same as the number of conjugacy classes.*

*Proof.* Let  $f \in C^h(G)$  and  $(f|\chi_i) = 0$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . It is enough to show that  $f \equiv 0$ . Note that there is no harm in assuming that  $(f|\bar{\chi}_i) \equiv 0$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . For each representation  $\rho$  of  $G$ , put  $\rho_f := \sum_{t \in G} f(t)\rho(t)$ . The previous proposition shows that  $\rho_f$  is 0 if  $\rho$  is irreducible. From the direct sum of decomposition, we conclude that  $\rho_f$  is 0 for all representations. In

particular, let  $\rho = r$ , where  $r$  is the regular representation, i.e.  $r_f \equiv 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = r_f(e_l) &= \sum_{t \in G} f(t)r(t)(e_l) \\ &= \sum_{t \in G} f(t)e_{tl} \\ &= \sum_{t \in G} f(t)e_t \Rightarrow \\ f(t) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

For all  $t \in G$ . It finishes the proof. ■

**COROLLARY 59.** *A group is abelian if and only if all irreducible representations are 1-dimensional.*

*Proof.*  $G$  is abelian  $\Leftrightarrow$  the number of conjugacy classes is equal to  $|G|$ . By the previous theorem, the number of irreducible representation is  $|G|$ . We want to show this is equivalent to all the irreducible representations being 1-dimensional. Recall that  $|G| = \sum_{i=1}^k m_i^2$  where  $m_i$  is the dimension of the irreducible representation, so  $m_i = 1$  and this concludes the proof. ■

**COROLLARY 60.** *Let  $A$  be an abelian subgroup of  $G$ , then each irreducible representation of  $G$  has degree less than or equal  $\frac{|G|}{|A|}$ , i.e. the index of  $A$  in  $G$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(\rho, V)$  be an irreducible representation of  $G$ . We can restrict the  $G$ -action to  $A$ -action and make  $(\rho, V)$  a representation of  $A$ . Since  $A$  is abelian, all the irreducible representations are 1-dimensional. Let  $V = \bigoplus_{i=1}^l V_i$  where  $V_i$  are irreducible representations of  $A$  and  $\text{Dim}(V) = 1$ . Let  $\{[s]\}$  be a collection of the representatives of the coset  $G/A$ . Define  $W = \langle \rho(s)V_i \rangle_{s \in G/A}$ . More precisely if  $V_1 = \langle v \rangle$ , then  $W = \langle \rho(s)v \rangle$ . It is enough to show that  $W$  is  $G$ -invariant. Let  $t \in G, \forall w \in W, w = \sum C_s \rho(s)v$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(t)w &= \sum_{s \in G/A} C_s \rho(t)\rho(s)v \\ &= \sum_{s \in G/A} C_s \rho(s_t)\rho(g_{st})v \\ &= \sum_{s_t \in G/A} C_s \rho(s_t)C_{st}v \\ &= \sum_{s_t \in G/A} C_s C_{st} \rho(s_t)v \in W \end{aligned}$$

where  $\{s_k\}$  is a permutation of  $\{[s]\}$  and  $a_{st} \in A$  ( $ts = s_t a_{st}$ ). We have showed that  $W$  is  $G$ -invariant and therefore  $V = W$  and  $\text{Dim } V = \text{Dim } W \leq \frac{|G|}{|A|}$ . ■

Wednesday, October 3

**EXAMPLE 61.** Suppose  $G = S_3 \cong D_3$ .  $G = \{(1), (12), (23), (13), (123), (213)\}$ . There are 3 conjugacy classes. Recall, that if  $H \triangleleft G$  can be lifted to an irreducible representation of  $G$  by

$$\tilde{\rho} : G \rightarrow G/H \rightarrow GL(V)$$

$A_3 = \{(1), (123), (132)\} \triangleleft S_3 \wedge [S_3 : A_3] = 2$  thus  $S_3/A_3 \cong C_2$ . Let

$$\psi_0 : C_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$$

$$[i] \rightarrow 1$$

$$\psi_0 : C_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$$

$$[i] \rightarrow [1]^i$$

$$\theta_0 : S_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$$

$$\sigma \rightarrow 1$$

$$\theta_1 : S_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$$

$$\sigma \rightarrow \text{sgn}(\sigma)$$

are induced by  $\psi_0$  and  $\psi_1$ . By the theorem we proved we know that there exists at least one irreducible representation of degree greater than 1, say  $k$ .  $|G| = 6 \geq 1^2 + 1^2 + k^2 \Rightarrow k = 2$  and there exists exactly one representation of degree 2. Let  $\theta$  be the character of this representation. In fact, we can find its character

$$\chi_r = \chi_{\theta_0} + \chi_{\theta_1} + 2\theta$$

We can determine the value now by looking at the value of the characters on each of the elements. A natural question how can we construct this n-dimensional irreducible represen-

Table 1: Value of the Characters

	(1)	(12)	(123)
$\chi_{\theta_0}$	1	1	1
$\chi_{\theta_1}$	1	-1	1
$\theta$	2	0	-1
$\chi_r$	6	0	0

tation?  $S_3$  can act of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  by permuting the basis vectors  $\{1, 1, 1\}$ . By observation,  $e_1 + e_2 + e_3$  is a  $G$ -invariant vector with eigenvalue 1.  $v^\perp = \{w \in \mathbb{C}^3 \mid \langle v, w \rangle = 0\}$  is a  $G$ -invariant subspace. In fact,  $v^\perp = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{C}^3 \mid x + y + z = 0\}$ . This is the 3-dimensional irreducible representation of  $S_3$ .

## Product Groups

**DEFINITION 62.** Let  $G_1, G_2$  be two groups. We define  $G_1 \times G_2$ , the product of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  by  $(s_1, t_1) \cdot (s_2, t_2) = (s_1 s_2, t_1 t_2)$  for all  $s_1, s_2 \in G$  and  $t_1, t_2 \in G_2$

REMARK 63. Notes about product groups

1.  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are finite groups, then  $|G_1 \times G_2| = |G_1| |G_2|$ .
2. If  $H_1, H_2 \triangleleft G$  with  $H_1 H_2 = G$  and  $H_1 \cap H_2 = \{e\}$  and for all  $h_1, h_2$  we have  $h_1 h_2 = h_2 h_1$  then  $G \cong H_1 \times H_2$ .

DEFINITION 64. Let  $(\rho_1, V)$  and  $(\rho_2, V)$  be representations of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , respectively. Define a representation  $\rho_1 \otimes \rho_2$  of  $G_1 \times G_2$  on  $V_1 \otimes V_2$  by setting  $\rho_1 \otimes \rho_2(s_1, s_2)(v_1 \otimes v_2) := \rho_1(s_1)v_1 \otimes \rho_2(s_2)v_2$  where  $s_1 \in G_1, s_2 \in G_2, v_1 \in V_1, v_2 \in V_2$ , we can check that it is a representation of  $G_1 \times G_2$ .

REMARK 65. Notes on product

1. If  $G_1 = G_2$  then  $\rho_1 \otimes \rho_2$  has two different meanings. It can be viewed as a representation of  $G$  by  $\rho_1 \otimes \rho_2(s)(v_1 \otimes v_2) := \rho_1(s)v_1 \otimes \rho_2(s)v_2, \forall s \in G, v_1 \in V, v_2 \in V$ . On the other hand it can be viewed as a representation of  $G \times G$  as we just defined.
2. In general, if we have a group homomorphism  $f : H \rightarrow K$  and  $(\tau, W)$  be a representation of  $K$ . Then, we can define a representation on  $H$  by  $H \rightarrow K \rightarrow GL(W)$  by  $\tau \circ f$ . If we set  $H = G, K = G \times G$  and  $f : G \rightarrow G \times G$  with a diagonal mapping  $G \rightarrow (g, g)$ . Then, the first meaning is induced from the second one by  $f$ .

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REMARK 66. If  $\chi_i$  is a the character of  $\rho_i$  respectively, the character of  $\rho_1 \otimes \rho_2$  is given  $\chi(s_1, s_2) = \chi_1(s_1)\chi_2(s_2)$ .

THEOREM 67. *Keeping our notations. We have*

1. *If  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  are irreducible,  $\rho_1 \otimes \rho_2$  is irreducible*
2. *Each irreducible representation of  $G_1 \times G_2$  is isomorphic to a representation  $\rho_1 \otimes \rho_2$  when  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  are irreducible for  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  respectively.*

*Proof.* If  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  are irreducible, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|G_1|} \sum_{s_1 \in G_1} |\chi_1(s_1)|^2 &= 1 \\ \frac{1}{|G_2|} \sum_{s_2 \in G_2} |\chi_2(s_2)|^2 &= 1 \\ \frac{1}{|G_1 \times G_2|} \sum_{s \in G_1, s_2 \in G_2} |\chi(s_1, s_2)|^2 &= \frac{1}{|G_1||G_2|} \sum_{s_1 \in G_1, s_2 \in G_2} |\chi_1(s_1)|^2 |\chi_2(s_2)|^2 \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{|G_1|} \sum_{s_1 \in G_1} |\chi_1(s_1)|^2 \right) \left( \frac{1}{|G_2|} \sum_{s_2 \in G_2} |\chi_2(s_2)|^2 \right) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $V_1, \dots, V_l$  (reap.  $W_1, \dots, W_k$ ) be all irreducible representations of  $G_1$  (reap.  $G_2$ ) with degree  $n_1, \dots, n_l$  (reap.  $m_1, \dots, m_k$ ). Then  $\sum_i n_i^2 = |G_1|$ ,  $\sum_j m_j^2 = |G_2|$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i,j} (\dim V_i \otimes W_j)^2 &= \sum_{i,j} (n_i m_j)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i,j} n_i^2 m_j^2 \\ &= \left( \sum_i n_i^2 \right) \left( \sum_j m_j^2 \right) \\ &= |G_1| |G_2| = |G_1 \times G_2| \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\{V_i \otimes W_j\}$  is the full set of irreducible representations of  $G_1 \times G_2$ . ■

### 3 Induced Representations

Let  $G$  be a finite group,  $H$  a subgroup of  $G$ . We have a system of representatives  $\{r_\sigma\}_{\sigma \in G/H} \subset G$  such that the disjoint union of  $r_\sigma H = G$ .  $\forall t \in G$ , we can write uniquely  $t = rh$  where  $r \in \{r_\sigma\}, h \in H$ .

**DEFINITION 68.** Let  $(\rho, V)$  be a representation of  $G$  and  $H$  a subgroup of  $G$  and  $W$  be an invariant subspace of  $V$ . i.e.  $\forall h \in H, w \in W, hw \in W$  ( $\rho(H)W \subseteq W$ ). Let  $s \in G, \rho(s)W$  depends only on the left coset of  $H$  since  $s = rh$ .  $r \in \{r_\sigma\}, h \in H, \rho(s)W = \rho(r)\rho(h)W = \rho(r)W$ .

Let  $W_\sigma = \rho(r_\sigma)W \subseteq V$ . We say  $(\rho, V)$  is **induced** by  $(\theta, W)$  where  $\theta$  is the restriction of  $\rho|_H$  on  $W$ , i.e.  $\theta(h)W = \rho(h)W, h \in H, w \in W$  if  $V = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in G/H} W_\sigma$ . We also say that  $(\rho, V)$  is the induced representation of  $(\theta, W)$ .

**THEOREM 69.** *Given a representation  $(\theta, W)$  of a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  there exists a unique representation  $(\rho, V)$  of  $G$  denoted by  $\text{Ind}_H^G \theta$  or  $\text{Ind}_H^G W$  induced by  $(\theta, W)$  (up to isomorphism).*



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*Proof.* We first prove uniqueness. Let  $R = \{r_\sigma\}_{\sigma \in G/H}$  be a set of representatives. By definition,  $V = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in G/H} W_\sigma$ ,  $W_\sigma := \rho(r_\sigma)W$ . Thus, each element  $v$  of  $V$  has a unique expression

$$v = \sum_{\sigma \in G/H} \rho(r_\sigma)w_\sigma$$

Given  $g \in G$ ,  $g \cdot r_\sigma = r_{g \cdot \sigma} \cdot h_{g \cdot \sigma}$  where  $r_{g \cdot \sigma} \in R$ ,  $h_{g \cdot \sigma} \in A$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(g)(\rho(r_\sigma)w_\sigma) &= \rho(g \cdot r_\sigma)w_\sigma \\ &= \rho(r_{g \cdot \sigma})\rho(h_{g \cdot \sigma})w_\sigma \\ &= \rho(r_\sigma \cdot \sigma)(\theta(h_{g \cdot \sigma})w_\sigma) \end{aligned}$$

This expression is only dependent on  $\theta$  and  $H$ . Therefore,  $(\rho, V)$  is unique.

Next, we show existence, Define a representation  $(\rho, V)$  by  $V = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in G/H} W_\sigma$  where  $W_\sigma \cong W$ .  $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(V)$ , for all  $g \in G$ ,  $v = \sum_{\sigma \in G/H} w_\sigma$  with  $w_\sigma \in W_\sigma$ , for all  $\sigma \in G/H$ .

$$\rho(g)v := \sum_{\sigma \in G/H} \theta(h_{g \cdot \sigma})w_{g \cdot \sigma}$$

To show that  $\rho$  is well defined, we must verify that it is a homomorphism. That is,  $\rho(g')\rho(g)w_\sigma = \rho(gg')w_\sigma$ , for  $g, g' \in G, \sigma \in G/H$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} g \cdot r_\sigma &= r_{g\sigma}h_{g\sigma} \\ g'r_{g\sigma} &= r_{g'(g\sigma)}h_{g'(g\sigma)} \\ (g'g)r_\sigma &= g'(gr_\sigma) \\ &= g'(r_{g\sigma}h_{g\sigma}) \\ &= r_{g'(g\sigma)}(h_{g'(g\sigma)}h_{g\sigma}) \\ \rho(g')(\rho(g)w_\sigma) &= \rho(g')(\theta(h_{g\sigma})w_{g\sigma}) \\ &= \theta(h_{g'(g\sigma)})\theta(h_{g\sigma})w_{g'(g\sigma)} \\ \rho(g; g)w_\sigma &= \theta(h_{g'(g\sigma)}h_{g\sigma})w_{g'(g\sigma)} \\ &= \theta(h_{g'(g\sigma)})\theta(h_{g\sigma})w_{g'(g\sigma)} \end{aligned}$$

■

**REMARK 70.** A few remarks on induced representations

1. If  $\rho_1 = \text{Ind}_r^G \theta_1$ ,  $\rho_2 = \text{Ind}_H^G \theta_2$ , then  $\rho_1 \oplus \rho_2 = \text{Ind}_H^G(\theta_1 \oplus \theta_2) = \text{Ind}_H^G \theta_1 \oplus \text{Ind}_\theta^G \theta_2$ .

*Proof.* If  $V_i, W_i$  are representation spaces of  $\rho_i, \theta_i$  respectively, then  $W_1 \oplus W_2 \subseteq V_1 \oplus V_2$  and  $\rho_i(r_\sigma)W_i$  are distinct sums. By our theorem,  $V_1 \oplus V_2 = \text{Ind}_H^G W_1 \oplus W_2$ .

2. If  $\rho_1 = \text{Ind}_H^G$  and  $\rho_2$  a representation of  $G$ , then  $(\text{Ind}_H^G \theta) \otimes \rho_2 = \text{Ind}_H^G(\theta \otimes \text{Res}_H^G \rho_2)$  where  $\text{Res}_H^G \rho_2$  is the representation of  $H$  by forgetting the other part of the  $G$ -action.
3. Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  and  $K$  be a subgroup of  $H$ . Given a representation  $(\theta, W)$  of  $K$ ,  $\text{Ind}_H^G(\text{Ind}_K^H \theta) = \text{Ind}_K^G \theta$ .
4.  $\text{Ind}_H^G W \cong \mathbb{C}[G] \otimes_{\mathbb{C}[H]} W$ .

**THEOREM 71.** *Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  and  $|H|$  is the order of  $H$ ,  $R = \{r_\sigma\}_{\sigma \in G/H}$  a system of representatives. Suppose that  $(\rho, V)$  is induced by a representation  $(\theta, W)$  of  $H$  and let  $\chi_\rho$  and  $\chi_\theta$  be the corresponding characters of  $G$  and  $H$ . For all  $g \in G$ ,*

$$\chi_\rho(g) = \sum_{r \in R, r^{-1}gr \in H} \chi_\theta(r^{-1}gr) = \frac{1}{|H|} \sum_{s \in G, s^{-1}gs \in H} \chi_\theta(s^{-1}gs)$$

*Proof.*  $V = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in G/H} W_\sigma, W_\sigma = \rho(r_\sigma)W$ . We know that  $\rho(g)$  permutes  $W_\sigma$ .  $\chi(g)|_{W_\sigma}$  is not 0, if and only if  $g\sigma = \sigma \Leftrightarrow gr_\sigma = r_\sigma h_{g\sigma} \Leftrightarrow r_\sigma^{-1}gr_\sigma = h_{g\sigma} \in H$ . So we get

$$\text{Tr}_{W_\sigma}(\rho(g)|_{W_\sigma}) = \text{Tr}_W \theta(r_\sigma^{-1}gr_\sigma) = X_\theta(r_\sigma^{-1}gr_\sigma)$$

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This finishes the first equality. For the second one,  $\forall s \in r_\sigma H$ , i.e.  $s = r_\sigma h$   $X_\theta(s^{-1}gs) = X_\theta(h^{-1}r_\sigma^{-1}gr_\sigma h) = \text{Tr}_W[\theta(h^{-1})\theta(r_\sigma^{-1}gr_\sigma)\theta(h)] = \text{Tr}_W(\theta(r_\sigma^{-1}gr_\sigma)) = X_\theta(r_\sigma^{-1}gr_\sigma)$ . Thus,  $g\sigma = \sigma \Leftrightarrow gr_\sigma = r_\sigma h_{g\sigma} \Leftrightarrow r_\sigma^{-1}gr_\sigma = h_{g\sigma} \in H$ .

**PROPOSITION 72.** *Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ ,  $(\theta, W)$  a representation of  $H$ ,  $(\tau, V)$  a representation of  $G$ . Then, any  $H$ -module homomorphism  $\varphi : W \rightarrow V$  extends uniquely to a  $G$ -module homomorphism.  $\tilde{\varphi} : \text{Ind}_H^G W \rightarrow V$ .*

$$\text{Hom}_H(W, \text{Res}_H^G V) \cong \text{Hom}_G(\text{Ind}_H^G W, V)$$

*In particular, this universal property uniquely determines  $\text{Ind}_H^G W$  up to isomorphism.*

*Proof.* Let  $(\rho, V) = \text{Ind}_H^G \theta$  and  $R = \{r_\sigma\}_{\sigma \in G/H}$  a system of representatives of  $G/H$ .  $V = \bigoplus_{\sigma \in G/H} W_\sigma, W_\sigma = \rho(r_\sigma)W$ . We define  $\tilde{\varphi}$  on  $W_\sigma$  as follows:  $\forall \sigma \in G/H$

$$W_\sigma(\rho(r_\sigma)^{-1} \rightarrow W(\varphi) \rightarrow V(\tau(r_\sigma)) \rightarrow V$$

Which is independent of the representative of  $r_\sigma$  for  $r$ , since  $\gamma$  is  $H$ -invariant, ■

**THEOREM 73. [FROBENIUS RECIPROCITY]** *Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ ,  $(\theta, W)$  a representation of  $H$ ,  $(\tau, V)$  a representation of  $G$ . For a representation  $(\epsilon, M)$ , we use  $\chi_\epsilon$  or  $\chi_M$  to denote the character of  $(\epsilon, M)$ .*

$$(\chi_{\text{Ind}_H^G W} | \chi_V)_G = (\chi_W | \chi_{\text{Res}_H^G V})_H$$

*Proof.* Since the inner product is linear w.r.t direct sum. it is enough to show that  $\theta$  and  $\tau$  are irreducible. The left hand side is the number of times  $U$  appears in  $Ind_H^G W$  which is equal to  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}}(Hom_G(Ind_H^G W, U))$ . Similarly, the right hand side is the number of times  $W$  appearing in  $Res_H^G V$  which is equal to  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}}(Hom_H(W, Res_H^G V))$ . Since  $Hom_G(Ind_H^G W, V) = Hom_G(W, Res_H^G V)$ , we have that they have the same dimension over  $\mathbb{C}$ . ■

**EXAMPLE 74.** Suppose we have  $G = D_n$  where  $n$  is even and  $n \geq 2$ . Recall that  $D_n = \langle r, s \rangle / \langle r^n = 1, s^2 = 1, srs = r^{-1} \rangle$ .

Table 2: 1 - Dimensional representations

	$r^k$	$sr^k$
$\psi_1$	1	1
$\psi_2$	1	(-1)
$\psi_3$	$(-1)^k$	$(-1)^k$
$\psi_4$	$(-1)^k$	$(-1)^{k+1}$

We have  $\zeta, \rho_h$  as defined earlier. We have

$$\begin{aligned} 1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 + \left(\frac{n}{2} - 1\right)2^2 &= 4 + \left(\frac{n}{2} - 1\right) \cdot 4 \\ &= 2n = |D_n| \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\{\psi_1, \psi_2, \psi_3, \psi_4, \rho_h\}_{1 \leq h \leq \frac{n}{2}-1}$  is the full set of irreducible representations of  $D_n$ .  $C_n \triangleleft D_n$  so any representation of  $C_n$  can produce a representation of  $D_n$  with twice dimensions. All irreducible representations of  $C_n$  are  $\{\chi_h\}$ ,  $\chi_h(r^k) = \zeta^{hk}$ .  $Ind_{C_n}^{D_n}$  is a two-dimensional representation. In fact,  $Ind_{C_n}^{D_n} \cong \rho_h$ .

$(\chi_h, V)$  is a 1-dimensional representation of  $C_n$ .  $Ind_{C_n}^{D_n} \chi_h = V \oplus \rho(s)V = \langle v, \rho(s)v \rangle$  where  $v$  is a basis of  $V$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_h(r^k)v &= \chi_h(r^k)v = \zeta^{hk}v \\ \rho_h(r^k)(\rho_h(s)v) &= \rho_h(sr^{-k})v = \rho_h(s)\zeta^{-hk}v = \zeta^{-hk}\rho_h(s)v \\ r^k s &= sr^k \end{aligned}$$

The matrix form of  $\rho_h(r^k)$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} \zeta^{hk} & 0 \\ 0 & \zeta^{-hk} \end{pmatrix}$ .

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**EXAMPLE 75.** Let  $G \cong S_4$ . We have  $|S_4| = 4! = 24$ .  $H = \{(1), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)\}$ . Then,  $H \triangleleft S_4$ ,  $S_3 \subseteq S_4$  and  $H \rtimes S_3 \cong S_4$  (semi-direct),  $S_4/H \cong S_3 \cong D_3$ . We have 2 1-dimensional representations of  $S_4$  and one 2-dimensional representation of  $S_4$ .  $S_4$  acts on

$\mathbb{C}^4$  by permuting the basis elements  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$ , then  $e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + e_4$  is an  $S_4$ -invariant subspace

$$\{x + y + z + w = 0 | x, y, z, w \in \mathbb{C}^4\}$$

is a  $S_4$ -invariant subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^4$ . This gives us a 3-dimensional irreducible representation of  $S_4$ .

	(1)	(12)	(12)(34)	(123)	(1234)
$x_0$	1	1	1	1	1
$\epsilon$	1	-1	1	1	-1
$\theta$	2	0	2	-1	0
$\psi$	3	1	-1	0	-1
$\epsilon \otimes \psi$	3	-1	-1	0	1
$r_G$	24	0	0	0	0

**REMARK 76.** Let  $H, K$  be two subgroups of  $G$  and  $\rho : H \rightarrow GL(W)$  be a representation of  $H$ .  $V = Ind_H^G W$ . We would like to know  $Res_K^G V$ . First of all, we choose a set of representatives  $S$  for  $K \backslash G/H$ , that is,  $G = \bigcup_{s \in S} KsH$  (disjoint union), so  $s \sim s' \Leftrightarrow \exists k \in K, h \in H$  such that  $ksh = s'$ .  $\forall s \in S$  define  $H_s := sHs^{-1} \cap K \subseteq K$ . We set  $\rho^s(x) := \rho(s^{-1}xs), x \in H_s$  and obtain a representation  $\rho_s : H_s \rightarrow GL(W)$ , we denote this representation by  $W_s$ .

**PROPOSITION 77.** *The representation  $Res_K^G(Ind_H^G W)$  is isomorphic to the direct sum of the representation  $Ind_{H_s}^K W_s$  for  $s \in S \cong K \backslash G/H$ .*

*Proof.* We know that  $V$  is a direct sum of the image  $\rho(x)W$  for  $x \in G/H$ . Let  $s \in S$  and  $V(s)$  be the space of  $V$  generated by the image of  $\rho(x)W$ , where  $x \in KsH$ . By definition,  $V(s)$  is  $K$ -invariant. We just need to show that  $V(s) \cong Ind_{H_s}^K W_s$ . We only need to check that  $W_s \subseteq V(s)$ . In fact,  $\rho(s)W$  is  $H_s$  isomorphic to  $W_s$  given by  $s : W_s \rightarrow \rho(s)W$ . ■

**REMARK 78.** In particular, if  $H = K$ , we still use  $H_s = sHs^{-1} \cap H$ . The representation of  $\rho$  of  $H$ , define a  $Res_s(\rho)$  by restriction to  $H_s$ . This might be different than  $W_s$ .

**PROPOSITION 79.** [MACKEY'S IRREDUCIBILITY CRITERION] *In order to make  $V = Ind_H^G W$  irreducible, it is necessary and sufficient that the following two conditions be satisfied.*

1.  $W$  is irreducible
2.  $\forall s \in H \backslash G/H$ , two representations  $(\rho^s, W_s)$  and  $Res_s(\rho)$  are disjoint, i.e.  $\rho^s$  and  $Res_s(\rho)$  have no common irreducible components.  $H$  is the same as  $(\chi_{Res_s(\rho)} | \chi_{\rho(s)})_{H_s} = 0$  for all  $s \in H \backslash G/H$ .

*Proof.*  $V$  is irreducible if and only if

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\chi_v | \chi_v)_G &= 1 \Leftrightarrow \\
 (\chi_{Ind_H^G W} | \chi_{Ind_H^G W})_G &= 1 \Leftrightarrow \\
 (\chi_w | \chi_{Res_H^G(Ind_H^G W)})_H &= 1 \\
 Res_H^G(Ind_H^G w) &= \bigoplus_{s \in H \backslash G/H} Ind_{H^s}^H \rho^s \\
 1 = (\chi_v | \chi_v) &= \sum_{s \in H \backslash G/H} d_s \\
 d_s &= (\chi_w | \chi_{Ind_{H^s}^H \rho^s})_H = (\chi_{Res_s(\rho)} | \chi_{\rho^s})_{H_s}
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $s = e$  then  $d_s = d_e = 1$ . Thus, the sum is equal to 1 if and only if  $d_s \equiv 0$  for  $s \neq e$ . This is exactly the second condition.  $\blacksquare$

**COROLLARY 80.** *Suppose that  $H \triangleleft G$ ,  $Ind_H^G W$  is irreducible if and only if  $W$  is irreducible and  $\rho$  is not isomorphic to any of  $\rho^s$  for all  $s \notin H$ .*

## 4 Module Theory

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**DEFINITION 81.** Let  $R$  be a ring with identity 1 (not necessarily commutative). A (left)  $R$ -Module is an abelian group  $(M, +, 0)$  together with a left action of  $R$  on  $M$  by  $R \times M \rightarrow M$  with  $(r, m) \rightarrow r \cdot m$  such that for all  $r, s \in R$  and  $m, n \in M$

1.  $r(m + n) = rm + rn$
2.  $r(sm) = (rs)m$
3.  $(r + s)m = rm + sm$
4.  $1m = m$

We sometimes write  ${}_R M$  to specify that  $M$  is a left module. We can define the right module in a similar fashion.

**EXAMPLE 82.**  ${}_R R$  for any ring with identity.

**DEFINITION 83.** Recall that a (left) **Ideal** of a ring  $R$  is a subset of  $R$  such that  $\forall r \in R, i \in I \Rightarrow r \cdot i \in I$  and also closed under addition. Similarly, we can define right ideals. If a subset  $I$  is both left and right ideals, we say  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ . Any left ideal  $I$  of  $R$  gives an  $R$ -module.

**DEFINITION 84.** If  $M, N$  are  $R$ -modules (always means left) then  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  is said to be a (module) homomorphism if

1.  $\phi$  is a group homomorphism
2.  $\forall r \in R$  and  $m \in M$ , we have  $\phi(r \cdot m) = r \cdot \phi(m)$ .

**DEFINITION 85.** Let  $N$  be a subset of an  $R$ -Module  $M$ . We say that  $N$  is a submodule of  $M$  if  $N$  is a subgroup and  $R \cdot N = \{r \cdot n | r \in R, n \in N\} \subseteq N$ .

**DEFINITION 86.** A quotient module  $M/N$ , where  $N$  is a submodule, of  $M$  is a quotient group  $M/N$  with the  $R$ -action  $r(m + N) = r \cdot m + N$ . It is well defined.

**THEOREM 87.** [ FIRST ISOMORPHISM THEOREM] *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\phi : M \rightarrow N$  is a module homomorphism. Then,*

1.  $\phi(M)$  is a submodule,  $\ker(\phi)$  is a submodule of  $M$
2.  $\phi(M) \cong M/\ker(\phi)$

*Proof.* Obvious. ■

**THEOREM 88.** [SECOND ISOMORPHISM THEOREM] *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $B, C \subseteq A$  be  $R$ -Modules. Then*

$$(B + C)/B \cong C/(B \cap C)$$

where  $B + C := \{b + c | b \in B, c \in C\} \subseteq A$ .

*Proof.* Obvious. ■

**THEOREM 89.** *Let  $R$  be a ring and  $C \subseteq A$  be  $R$ -Modules. The sub-modules of  $A/C$  corresponds to submodules  $C \subseteq B \subseteq A$  via  $B \leftrightarrow B/C$ . Furthermore,*

$$\frac{A/C}{B/C} \cong A/B$$

**THEOREM 90.** *Let  $R$  a ring and suppose that  $0 \leq A_0 \leq A_1 \leq \dots \leq A_n = M$  and  $0 = B_0 \leq \dots \leq B_m = M$  are two chains of  $R$ -Modules. Then, both chains can be refined so that they have the same length and the same factors (possibly in different order).*

*Proof.* Let  $A_{i,j} := A_i + (A_{i+1} \cap B_j)$  where  $0 \leq i \leq n$  and  $0 \leq j \leq n$ . Let  $B_{i,j} := B_j + (A_i \cap B_{j+1})$ . Then, by the previous theorem,  $A_{i,j+1}/A_{i,j} \cong B_{i+j}/B_{i,j}$ .  $A_i = A_{0,i}$  and  $B_j = B_{0,j}$ . Thus,  $\{A_{i,j}\}, \{B_{i,j}\}$  are the refinements which we are looking for. ■

**DEFINITION 91.** A module  $M$  is called irreducible (simple) if  $M$  has exactly two different submodules  $0$  and  $M$ . A **Composition Series** for a module  $M$  is a chain of submodules  $0 \subsetneq A_1 \subsetneq A_2 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq A_n = M$  and  $A_i/A_{i-1}$  is irreducible.  $A_i/A_{i-1}$  are called the factors of  $M$ .

**THEOREM 92.** [JORDAN - HOLDER] *If  $M$  has a composition series, then any two composition series have the same length and the same factors (up to isomorphism).*

*Proof.* By the previous theorem, two composition series share refinements with the same factors. ■

**REMARK 93.** The length of  $M$  and factors do not uniquely determine  $M$ .

**EXAMPLE 94.** Consider  $S_4 \cong H \rtimes S_3$  has the same factor as  $H \times S_3$ .  
 $H = \{(1), (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)\}$

*Friday, October 19*

**PROPOSITION 95.** *An  $R$ -Module  $M$  is irreducible if and only if  $M$  is isomorphic to  $R/A$ , when  $A$  is a maximal left ideal.*

*Proof.*  $\Leftarrow M \cong R/A$ , then the submodule of  $M$  corresponding to the left ideals containing  $A$ . Since  $A$  is maximal,  $M$  is irreducible.

$\Rightarrow \varphi :_R R \rightarrow M$  by  $r \rightarrow r \cdot a$  when we fix a non-zero element  $a \in M$ ,  $\varphi \neq 0$ .  $\varphi(M)$  is a submodule of  $M$ , thus,  $\varphi(R) = M$ .  $\ker \varphi$  is a left ideal of  $R$  and  $R \cong R/\ker \varphi$  and by the converse,  $\ker \varphi$  must be maximal. ■

**DEFINITION 96.** A module  $M$  is Noetherian (Artinian) if every non-empty set of submodules has a maximal element.

**DEFINITION 97.** The **ascending chain condition** abbreviated as ACC, says that if  $\{A_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is a sequence of submodules with  $A_n \subseteq A_{n+1}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ , then there is an  $N$  such that  $A_n = A_{n+1}$  for all  $n \geq N$  (similarly can define descending chain).

**PROPOSITION 98.** A module is Noetherian (Artinian) if and only if it satisfies ACC.

**DEFINITION 99.** A module  $M$  is called finitely generated if  $M = \langle b_1, \dots, b_n \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n Rb_i$ .

**PROPOSITION 100.** A module is Noetherian if and only if every submodule is finitely generated.

**PROPOSITION 101.** Let  $A$  be a module and  $B \subseteq A$  be a submodule.  $A$  is Artinian (Noetherian) if and only if  $B, A/B$  are Artinian (Noetherian).

**COROLLARY 102.** A finite product of modules  $M_1 \times M_2 \times \dots \times M_k$  of modules is Artinian (Noetherian) if and only if each  $M_i$  is Artinian (Noetherian).

*Proof.* By induction on  $k$  and  $(A \times B)/B \cong A$ . ■

**COROLLARY 103.** A module  $M$  has a composition series if and only if  $M$  is Artinian and Noetherian.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $M$  has a composition series  $0 \leq M_0 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq M_r = M$ , we know  $M_{i+1}/M_i$  is simple (irreducible) and therefore, it is both Artinian and Noetherian. By the previous proposition,  $M = M_k$  is both Artinian and Noetherian.

Conversely, let  $C$  be a maximal chain of submodules. Since  $M$  is artinian and  $C$  is bounded below 0. Similarly, since  $M$  is Noetherian,  $C$  is bounded above by  $M$ . Therefore,  $C$  has a finite length. ■



## Radicals

**DEFINITION 104.** Let  $R$  be a ring. For an  $R$ -module  $M$ , define  $\text{Ann}(M) := \{r \in R \mid r \cdot m = 0, \forall m \in M\}$ . The Jacobson radicals (radical) of  $R$  is

$$J(R) := \bigcap_{M \text{ irreducible } R\text{-Module}} \text{Ann}(M)$$

**PROPOSITION 105.** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $M$  an  $R$ -Module. Then  $\text{Ann}(M)$  is an ideal of  $R$ . As a consequence,  $J(R)$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

**THEOREM 106.** [HOMEWORK] The following are equivalent for  $J(R)$ .

1.  $\bigcap_{M \text{ irreducible}} \text{Ann}(M)$
2.  $\bigcap_{A \text{ maximal left ideals}} A$
3.  $\{a \in R \mid \forall r \in R, \exists u \in R, a(1 - ra) = 1\}$
4. The largest proper ideal  $J$  of  $R$  such that  $1 - a \in R^* = \{r \in R \mid \exists r', r'' \in R \text{ such that } r'r = r''r = 1\}$

Furthermore, the right analogues of 1,2,3 are also equivalent to  $J(R)$ .

**DEFINITION 107.** A ring  $R$  is a **semiprimitive** if  $J(R) = 0$ . Note that some books use "semisimple" to denote this property.

**THEOREM 108.**  $R/J(R)$  is semiprimitive

*Proof.* By corresponding theorem (third isomorphism theorem),

$$\begin{aligned} J(R/J(R)) &= \bigcap_{M \text{ Maximal}} M \\ &= \bigcap_{N \text{ maximal in } R} N/J(R) \\ &= \left( \bigcap_{N \text{ maximal}} N \right) / J(R) \\ &= J(R)/J(R) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

■

Monday, October 22

**DEFINITION 109.** A left ideal  $I$  is **nil** if for all  $a \in I$  if  $a$  is nilpotent. That is, there exists  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $a^k = 0$ . A left ideal is **nilpotent** if there exists  $b \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $I^k = 0$ , where  $I^k$  is the ideal generated by  $\{a_1, \dots, a_k | a_i \in I\}$ .

**PROPOSITION 110.** If  $I$  is left ideal then  $I \subseteq J(R)$

*Proof.* Let  $a \in I, \forall r \in R$ , we would like to show  $1 - ra$  has a left inverse. Since  $ra \in I$ , there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(ra)^k = 0$ . Hence,

$$(1 - ra)(1 + ra + \dots + (ra)^{k-1}) = 0 \Rightarrow \\ 1 - ra \in R^*$$

Note the right hand of the product is  $(1 - (ra)^k)$  and we are done. ■

**THEOREM 111.** Let  $A$  be  $\mathbb{K}$ -algebra such that  $\dim_{\mathbb{K}}(A) < |\mathbb{K}|$ , when  $\mathbb{K}$  is a field. Then,  $J(A)$  is nil.

*Proof.* Let  $a \in J(A)$  so that for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}, 1 - \lambda a$  is invertible in  $A$ . Then the set  $\{(1 - \lambda a)^{-1} | \lambda \in \mathbb{K}\}$  must be linearly dependent since  $\dim_{\mathbb{K}}(A) < |\mathbb{K}|$ . Thus, there exists  $\lambda_0 = 0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{K}$  and  $c_0, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{K}$  not all zero, such that

$$0 = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i (1 - \lambda_i)^{-1} = \left[ \prod_{i=0}^n (1 - \lambda_i a)^{-1} \right] \sum_{i=0}^n c_i \prod_{j \neq i} (1 - \lambda_j a)$$

Let  $p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i \prod_{j \neq i} (1 - \lambda_j x)$  and  $p(a) = 0$ . Since  $\prod_{i=0}^n (1 - \lambda_i a)^{-1}$  is invertible. We would show that  $p(x) \neq 0$ .

1.  $c_0 \neq 0$ . Then, the coefficient of  $x^n$  is  $c_0 \prod_{i=1}^n (-\lambda_i) \neq 0$
2. If  $c_0 = 0$ , suppose that  $c_i \neq 0, i > 0$ , then  $p(\lambda_i^{-1}) = c_i \prod_{j \neq i} (1 - \lambda_j \lambda_i^{-1}) \neq 0$ .

Hence,  $p(x) \neq 0$ .

$$0 = p(a) = a^k (b_k + b_{k+1}a + \dots + b_n a^{n-k})$$

for some  $0 \leq k \leq m$  and  $b_k \neq 0$ . However, the right hand of the product is invertible which implies that  $a^k = 0$  which means that  $J(A)$  is nil. ■

**THEOREM 112.** If  $G$  is any group, then  $\mathbb{C}[G]$  is semiprimitive, i.e.  $J(\mathbb{C}[G]) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Define an involution on  $\mathbb{C}[G]$  by

$$x^* = \left( \sum_{g \in G} x_g g \right)^* := \sum_{g \in G} \bar{x}_g g^{-1}$$

Clearly  $(x^*)^* = x, (\alpha x)^* = \bar{\alpha} x^*, (x + g)^* = x^* + y^*, (xy)^* = y^* x^*$ . Suppose that  $G$  is countable then  $\mathbb{C}[G]$  is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra of dimension  $|G| < |\mathbb{C}|$ . Thus,  $J(\mathbb{C}[G])$  is nil.

Let  $x \in J(\mathbb{C}[G])$  and suppose  $x \neq 0$ .

$$y := x^*x = \sum_{h \in G} \left( \sum g \in G(\bar{x}_g x_{gh})h \right)$$

In particular,  $y_e = \sum_{g \in G} |x_g|^2 > 0$ , so  $y \neq 0$ .

$$y^* = (x^*x)^* = x^*(x^*)^* = x^*x = y$$

Thus,  $y^2 = y^*y \neq 0$ . Repeat this construction we get  $y^{2^k} \neq 0$  for all  $k \geq 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Also,  $y^{2^k} \in J(\mathbb{C}[G])$ .  $H$  is a contraction since  $J(\mathbb{C}[G])$  is nil. So the countable case is done.

Next suppose that  $G$  is any group and  $x \in J(\mathbb{C}[G])$ .  $H := \langle \{g \in G \mid x_g \neq 0\} \rangle$  is countable. We have  $x \in \mathbb{C}[H]$ . Our goal is to show that  $x \in J(\mathbb{C}[G])$  for all  $r \in \mathbb{C}[H]$ ,  $(1 - rx)^{-1} \in \mathbb{C}[G]$ . Let  $1 - rx = \sum_{h \in H} a_h h$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - rx)^{-1} &= \sum_{g \in G} b_g g \\ b &= \sum_{g \in H} b_g g \in \mathbb{C}[H] \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(1 - rx)(1 - rx)^{-1} = 1$ .

$$1 = \sum_{g \in G} a_g b_{g^{-1}} = \sum_{h \in H} a_h b_{h^{-1}}$$

For any non-identity element  $k \in H$

$$0 = \sum_{g \in G} a_g b_{g^{-1}k} = \sum_{h \in G} a_h b_{h^{-1}k}$$

Thus,  $(1 - rx)b' = 1$ . Since the inverse is unique,  $b' = (1 - rx)^{-1} \in \mathbb{C}[H]$  and we are done. ■

*Wednesday, October 24*

**DEFINITION 113.** A ring  $R$  is called Artinian if  ${}_R R$  is a left Artinian  $R$ -moudule. In other words,  $R$  is Artinian if and only any collection of left ideals has a minimal element.

**EXAMPLE 114.** If  $R$  is a finite dimensional  $\mathbb{K}$  - algebra for a field  $\mathbb{K}$ . Then,  $R$  is artinian. The length of  $R$  is less or equal to  $\dim_{\mathbb{K}}(R)$ .

**THEOREM 115.** If  $A$  is artinian, then  $J(A)$  is nilpotent.

*Proof.* Let  $J = J(A)$ ,  $J \supset J^2 \supset J^3 \dots$ , then there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $J^n = J^{n+1}$  for all  $n \geq N$ . Let  $B = J^N$ , So

$$BJ = J^N J = J^{N+1} = J^N = B = B^2$$

If  $B = 0$ , we are done. If not, let  $S$  be the set of left ideals  $I$  such that  $BI \neq 0$ .  $S$  is non-empty since  $J, B \in S$ . Since  $A$  is artinian,  $S$  has a minimal element  $I_0$ . There exists  $x \in I_0$  such that  $Bx \neq 0$ .  $B(Bx) = B^2x = Bx \neq 0$ . Thus,  $Bx \in S$ . By minimality,  $Bx = I_0$ , i.e. there exists  $b \in B$  such that  $bx = x$ . This implies  $(1 - b)x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$  Since  $1 - b \in J$  is invertible. ■

**COROLLARY 116.** *If  $A$  is artinian then  $J(A)$  is the unique largest nilpotent ideal and every nilpotent ideal is contained in  $J(A)$ .*

**LEMMA 117.** [SCHUR'S LEMMA] *If  $M$  is an irreducible left  $R$ -module, then  $\text{End}_R(M)$  is a division ring.*

*Proof.* Let  $\rho \in \text{End}_R(M)$ ,  $\rho \neq 0$ , then  $\rho(M)$  is a submodule of  $M$  and  $\rho(M) \neq 0$ . Thus,  $M = \rho(M)$  since  $M$  is irreducible. Similarly,  $\ker \rho$  is a submodule of  $M$ . Since  $\ker \rho$  is a proper submodule of  $M$ ,  $\ker \rho = 0$ . Thus,  $\rho$  is an isomorphism and it is invertible. ■

**THEOREM 118.** *Let  $M$  be a left ideal of a ring  $R$ . Then,*

1. *If  $M^2 \neq 0$ ,  $\text{End}_R(M)$  is a division ring, then  $M = Re$  for some  $e = e^2 \in R$  and  $\text{End}_R(M) \cong eR^{op}e$  where  $R^{op}$  is the opposite ring of  $R$ , i.e.  $r_1, r_2 \in R, r_1 * r_2 := r_2 r_1$ .*
2. *If  $M$  is a minimal left ideal and  $M^2 \neq 0$  then  $M = Re$  for some  $e = e^2 \in R$ .*
3. *If  $R$  has no non-zero nilpotent ideal and  $M = Re$  for some  $e = e^2 \in R$ , then  $M$  is minimal if and only if  $eRe$  is a division ring.*

*Proof.* Since  $M^2 \neq 0$  there exists  $a \in M$  such that  $Ma \neq 0$ . Define  $\rho_a : M \rightarrow M$  by  $\rho_a(x) := xa$ . Let  $e := \rho_a^{-1}(a)$  (If  $M = Re$ ,  $e^2 e$ , then  $m \in M, me = -m$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} ea &= \rho_a(e) = a \\ ea &= e(ea) = e^2 a \Rightarrow \\ (e - e^2)a &= 0 \Rightarrow \\ \rho(a)(e - e^2) &= 0 \\ e - e^2 &= 0 \Rightarrow \\ e &= e^2 \end{aligned}$$

$M = \rho_a(M) = M_a \supseteq R_a \supseteq M_a$ . This(?  $M = r$  and we get that  $re = M$ ? erased).  $\forall c \in M, c = re = re^2 = ce$  for some  $r \in R$ . Suppose that  $\rho \in \text{End}_R(M)$ . Let  $b = \rho(e)$

$$v = \rho(e^2) = e\rho(3) = eb = ebe$$

Thus,  $b \in eMe \leq eRe$ .

$$\rho(x) = \rho(xe) = x\rho(e) = xh$$

Then  $\rho = \rho_b$ . Conversel, for all  $b \in eRe$ ,  $\rho_b \in \text{End}_S(M)$ .

$$\rho_b \circ \rho_c = \rho_{cb} = \rho_{b*c}$$

in  $R^{op}$ . Thus,  $End_R(M) \cong eR^{op}e$ .

(ii) Suppose that  $M$  is minimal and therefore  $M$  is irreducible by (i) we are done.

(iii) If  $M$  is minimal, by (ii) we are done. Assume  $eRe$  is a division ring and  $0 \neq N \leq M$ . If  $eN = 0$ , then  $N^2 \leq MN = ReN = 0$ . It contradicts our assumption. Thus,  $eN \neq 0$ . Take  $n \in N, en \neq 0$  then  $ene = en \neq 0$ . Thus, there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $eren = (ere)(ene) = e$ . Since  $eren \in N$ , this implies  $e \in N \Rightarrow M \subseteq N \Rightarrow M = N$ . Thus,  $M$  is minimal. ■

*Monday, October 29*

**THEOREM 119.** *If  $R$  is artinian and semiprimitive then  $R = \bigoplus A_i$ ,  $A_i$  is simple and artinian.*

**THEOREM 120.** [ARTIN - WEDDERBURN] *If  $R$  is Artinian and simple, then there exists a division ring  $F$  such that  $R \cong M_n(D)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Moreover,  $n$  and  $D$  are unique.*

**COROLLARY 121.** [GENERALIZATION OF ARTIN-WEDDERBURN] *If  $R$  is Artinian and semi-primitive (semi-simple) then  $R \cong \bigoplus M_{n_i}(D_i)$  for some division rings  $D_i$  and  $n_i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Moreover,  $n_i, D_i$  are unique.*

**DEFINITION 122.** A ring  $R$  is called primitive if there exists a faithful irreducible  $R$ -module  $M$ , i.e.  $\text{Ann}(M) = 0$ . An ideal  $A$  of  $R$  is called primitive if  $A = \text{Ann}(R)$  for some irreducible  $R$ -module  $M$ .

**REMARK 123.** •  $R/A$  is primitive since  $M$  is a faithful irreducible  $R/A$ -Module.

• If  $R$  is primitive, then  $R$  is semi-primitive. Since  $J(R) = \bigcap \text{Ann}(N) = 0 \subseteq \text{Ann}(M)$

**PROPOSITION 124.** *If  $R$  is Artinian and simple, then  $R$  is primitive.*

*Proof.* Since  $R$  is Artinian, there exists a minimal left ideal.  $A$  is irreducible by minimality.  $\text{Ann}(A)$  is an ideal of  $R$ . Since  $R$  is simple,  $\text{Ann}(A) = 0$  and  $A$  is faithful. ■

**REMARK 125.** Let  $R$  be primitive and  $M$  a faithful irreducible  $R$ -module.  $D = \text{End}_R(M)$  is a division algebra.  $M$  is also a  $D$ -module by  $\varphi \in D$ .  $\varphi x = \varphi(x)$ . Moreover,  $\forall r \in R$ ,  $\varphi(rm) = r\varphi(m)$ . Thus, we get  $R \rightarrow \text{End}_R(M)$  by  $r \rightarrow \varphi_r : M \rightarrow M$  by  $r \cdot m \rightarrow 1m$ . Since  $M$  is faithful,  $R \rightarrow \text{End}_D(M)$  is injective. What we need now is to show that this map is surjective.

**DEFINITION 126.** An  $R$ -module is called **semisimple** if every submodule  $N \subseteq M$  is a direct summand, i.e., there exists  $N' \subseteq M$  such that  $M = N \oplus N'$ .

**PROPOSITION 127.** *If  $M$  is semi-simple, then every submodule and every quotient module is semisimple.*

**LEMMA 128.** *If  $M$  is a non-zero semi-simple  $R$  module, then  $M$  has an irreducible submodule.*

*Proof.* Take  $0 \neq m \in M$ . Let  $S$  be the set of all submodules that are contained in  $M$  but do not contain  $m$ .  $S$  is non-empty since  $0 \in S$ . By Zorn's Lemma,  $S$  has a maximal element,  $N_0$ .  $Rm = N_0 \oplus N'$  for some  $N'$ . Then,  $N'$  is irreducible. If not, there exists  $N''$ ,  $0 \neq N'' \subsetneq N'$  and  $N_0 \oplus N'' \supsetneq N_0$ . By maximality,  $Rm \subseteq N_0 \oplus N''$  (one line missing here, a contradiction is thrown) ■

**THEOREM 129.** *Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. The following are equivalent*

1.  $M$  is semisimple
2.  $M$  is a direct sum of irreducible modules
3.  $M$  is equal to the sum of all irreducible modules.

*Proof.* (i)  $\rightarrow$  (ii). Let  $M_1$  be the maximal submodule of  $M$  such that  $M_1$  is a direct sum of irreducible modules. Since  $M$  is semisimple, there exists  $M'_1$  such that  $M = M_1 \oplus M'_1$ . If  $M'_1$  is not zero, by lemma, there exists an irreducible submodule  $N \subseteq M'_1$ .  $M_1 \oplus N \supsetneq M_1$ . It contradicts the maximality of  $M_1$ .

(ii)  $\rightarrow$  (iii) Trivial.

(iii)  $\rightarrow$  (i). Let  $N$  be a submodule of  $M$ .  $S' :=$  the collections of irreducible submodules such that  $\sum_{L \in S'} L$  is a direct sum and  $L \cap N = 0$ . If  $N \neq M$ ,  $S'$  is non-empty by our condition.  $S'$  has a maximal element, say  $S_0$  and  $N' = \sum_{L \in S_0} L$ . If  $N \oplus N' \subsetneq M$  there exist  $N \oplus N'$  and  $L' \cap N \oplus N' = 0$ , since  $L'$  is irreducible. Take  $N'' = N' \oplus L'$  and  $N'' \cap N = 0$  and  $N''$  is a direct sum of irreducible modules  $N'' \supsetneq N'$ . It contradicts the maximality of  $N'$ . ■

**DEFINITION 130.** A ring  $R$  is semi-simple if  ${}_R R$  is semi-simple, i.e.  $\forall I$  left ideal of  $R$  there exists  $J$  (left ideal of  $R$  such that  $R = I \oplus J$ ).

**COROLLARY 131.** *If  $R$  is semi-simple, then every  $R$ -module is semi-simple.*

*Proof.*  $M = \sum_{m \in M} Rm$ , thus, it is sufficient to show that  $Rm$  is semi-simple.  $Rm \cong R/N$ ,  $N = \{r \in R, rm = 0\}$ ,  $R$  is semi-simple and therefore  $R/N \cong Rm$  is semi-simple. Thus,  $Rm$  is the direct sum of irreducible modules and we are done. ■

*Wednesday, October 31*

**REMARK 132.** [CORRECTION] In A3Q7, the division algebra must be finite dimensional over  $F$ .

**LEMMA 133.** *Let  $M$  be semi-simple over  $R$ ,  $D = \text{End}_R(M)$  and  $f \in \text{End}_D(M)$ . Let  $m \in M$ , there exists an element  $r \in R$  such that  $r \cdot m = f(m)$*

*Proof.* Since  $M$  is semi-simple, there exists an  $R$ -submodule  $N$  such that  $M = R_m \oplus N$ . Let  $\pi : M \rightarrow R_m$  be the projection. This is an  $R$ -homomorphism and  $\pi \in \text{End}_E(M) = D$ ,  $f(m) = f(\pi(m)) = \pi(f(m)) \in R_m$  (since  $\pi$  is identity on  $R_m$  since its a projection) ■

**THEOREM 134.** [DENSITY THEOREM] *Let  $M$  be semi-simple over  $R$  and  $D = \text{End}_R(M)$ . Let  $f \in \text{End}_D(M)$ , for any  $m_1, \dots, m_k$  there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $rm = f(m_i)$ .*

**COROLLARY 135.** *If  $M$  is finitely generated, then the image is onto. Moreover, if  $M$  is faithful irreducible and finitely generated, then  $R \cong \text{End}_D(M) \cong M_n(D)$  where  $n = \dim_D(M)$ .*

*Proof of Density Theorem.* We may assume that  $M$  is irreducible. Define

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(k)} : M^k &\rightarrow M^k \\ f^{(k)}(x_1, \dots, x_k) &\rightarrow (f(x_1), \dots, f(x_k)) \end{aligned}$$

$D = \text{End}_R(M^k)$ , then  $D'$  is none other than the ring of matrices with coefficients in  $D = \text{End}_R(M)$ . Thus,  $f^{(k)}$  commutes with  $D'$  since  $f$  commutes with  $D$  and therefore  $f^{(k)} \in \text{End}_{D'}(M^k)$ .

Since  $M$  is simple,  $M^k$  is semi-simple and we apply lemma to  $f^{(k)}$  on  $M^k$ . It finishes the proof, there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $rm = f(m_i)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . ■

**THEOREM 136.** [ARTIN -WEDDERBURN] *If  $R$  is simple and Artinian, then there exists a division ring  $D$  such that  $R \cong M_n(D)$ .*

*Proof.* There exists a faithful irreducible  $R$ -module  $M$  and  $D = \text{End}_R(M)$ . Assume that we have an infinite linearly independent sets  $\{v_1, \dots, v_k, \dots\}$  in  $M$  over  $D$ .

$$L_k = \{r \in R | rv_i = 0, 1 \leq i \leq k\}$$

We have  $L_{k+1} \subsetneq L_k$  by the density theorem. Since  $R$  is Artinian, it is impossible. ■

**LEMMA 137.** *Let  $D$  be a division ring and  $R = M_n(D)$ , then every irreducible  $R$ -module is isomorphic to  ${}_R D^n$ . Therefore,  $M_n(D)$  has a unique class of irreducible modules.*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be an irreducible  $R$ -module. If  $0 \neq m \in M$ ,  $M = R_m \neq R/N$  where  $N = \{r \in R | rm = 0\}$ . Since  $R$  is Artinian and semi-primitive, there exists  $e = e^2 \in R$  such that  $N = Re$ .

$$M \cong R/N = R/Re \cong R(1 - e)$$

(Recall  $R = Re \oplus R(1 - e)$ ). Since  $M$  is irreducible,  $R(1 - e)$  is irreducible and therefore it is a minimal left ideal.  $R$  acts transitively on  $RE_{1,1} \cong_R D^n$ . Since  $RE_{1,1}$  is an irreducible  $R$ -module.  $\text{Ann}(RE_{1,1}) = 0$  since  $R$  is simple. In particular,  $(1 \cdot e)E_{1,1} \neq 0$ . Pick  $r \in R$  such that  $f_r E_{1,1} \neq 0$ . Define  $\varphi : R(1 - e)$  by  $x(1 - e) \rightarrow x(1 - e)rE_{1,1}$ .  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism and  $\ker \varphi \subsetneq Rf$  and therefore  $\ker \varphi = 0$ . Similarly,  $\varphi$  is onto and thus  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism. ■

**REMARK 138.** Let  $G$  be a finite group.  $\mathbb{C}[G]$  is Artinian and semi-primitive. Therefore, we have

**THEOREM 139.** *Let  $G$  be a finite group. Then  $\mathbb{C}[G] \cong \bigoplus_{n_i} M_{n_i}(\mathbb{C})$ . (proof by Artin Wedderburn).*

**REMARK 140.**  $A_n, SN, GL_2$  state the irreducible representation. Study assignment questions which we got wrong. Finally, a question from class.

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*Proof.* Let  $\{(\rho_i, V_i)\}$  be the set of all irreducible representations of  $G$  (i.e.  $V_i$  are irreducible  $\mathbb{C}[G]$ -Module via  $\rho_i$ ,  $\dim V_i = n_i$ ). Each  $\rho_i$  gives a homomorphism from  $G \rightarrow GL(V_i)$  and extended to

$$\mathbb{C}[G] \rightarrow \text{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(V_i) \cong M_{n_i}(\mathbb{C})$$

We can combine them together and get

$$\mathbb{C}[G] \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^l M_{n_i}(\mathbb{C})$$

where  $l = \#$  of irreducible representations of  $G$ , since  $|G| = \sum n_i^2$ . If  $\rho$  is surjective and then it is injective and therefore it is an isomorphism. The surjective comes from the orthogonal relations. This finishes the proof. ■

**PROPOSITION 141.** [FOURIER INVERSION] *Let  $\{u_i\}_{i \in \text{Irr}(G)}$  be an element of  $\prod_{i \in \text{Irr}(G)} M_{n_i}(e)$  and  $u = \sum_{g \in G} u_s s$  such that  $\hat{\rho}_i(u) = u_i$ . Then,*

$$u_s = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{i \in \text{Irr}(G)} n_i \text{Tr}(\rho_i(s^{-1}) u_i)$$

**PROPOSITION 142.** *Let  $u = \sum u_s s, v = \sum v_s s, u, v \in \mathbb{C}[G]$*

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u, v \rangle &= \sum_{s \in G} u_{s^{-1}} v_s \\ \langle u, v \rangle &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{i \in \text{Irr}(G)} n_i \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}(uv)) \end{aligned}$$

**THEOREM 143.** *Let  $(\rho, V)$  be an irreducible representation of  $G$ , then  $\dim V || |G|$ .*

**PROPOSITION 144.** *For any irreducible representation  $(\rho_i, V_i)$ , the set of all irreducible representations of  $G$ , the homomorphism  $\hat{\rho}_i$  maps the center of  $\mathbb{C}[G]$ , denoted  $Z(\mathbb{C}[G])$  into the set of homotheties of  $V_i$  and defines an algebra homomorphism.*

$$w_i : Z(\mathbb{C}[G]) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$



If  $u = \sum_{s \in G} u_s s \in Z(\mathbb{C}[G])$

$$\begin{aligned} w_i(u) &= \frac{1}{n_i} \text{Tr}_{V_i}(\hat{\rho}(u)) \\ &= \frac{1}{n_i} \sum_{s \in G} u_s \chi_i(s) \end{aligned}$$

**REMARK 145.**  $Z(\mathbb{C}[G]) = \langle u_c := \sum_{s \in G} s_c \rangle$  (conjugacy classes).

$$\dim Z(\mathbb{C}[G]) = \# \text{ of irreducible representations}$$

$\{u_c\}$  generates a subalgebra of  $\mathbb{C}([G])$ . Moreover,  $u_{c_1}, u_{c_2}$  is an integral linear combination of  $\{u_c\}$ . Thus,  $\mathbb{Z}\langle u_c \rangle$  is a finite generated  $\mathbb{Z}$ -algebra inside  $\mathbb{C}[G]$ .

**DEFINITION 146.** Let  $R$  be a commutative ring of characteristic 0 (i.e  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a subring). For  $x \in R$ , we say  $x$  is integral over  $\mathbb{Z}$ , if there exists  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0$$

**REMARK 147.** 1. Let  $R = \mathbb{C}$ , the set of all elements which are integral over  $\mathbb{Z}$  is called the set of algebraic integers.

2. The roots of unity are algebraic integers since  $x^n = 1$ .
3. Any algebraic integer in  $\mathbb{Q}$  is in  $\mathbb{Z}$  (By Gauss's Lemma, let  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$  be an algebraic integer, there exists  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $ax + b = 0$ . Since  $x$  is integral over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .  $a = 1$  and  $x = -b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ).
4.  $\forall g \in G$  and any  $(\rho, V)$  a representation of  $V$ , then  $\chi_\rho(g)$  is an algebraic integer.
5. Algebraic integers form a ring in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**PROPOSITION 148.** Let  $x \in R$  a commutative ring of characteristic 0. The following are equivalent

1.  $x$  is integral over  $\mathbb{Z}$
2.  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  is finitely generated as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module.
3. There exists finitely generated sub  $\mathbb{Z}$ -Module of  $R$  which contains  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ .

**COROLLARY 149.** If  $R$  is finitely generated  $\mathbb{Z}$  module, each element of  $R$  is integral over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . In particular, all  $\mathbb{Z}(\langle u_I \rangle_c)$  are integral over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

**COROLLARY 150.** Let  $\rho$  be an irreducible representation of  $G$  of degree  $n$  with character  $\chi$ . If  $u$  is an element in  $Z(\mathbb{C}[G])$  such that  $u = \sum_{c, \text{conj}} a_c u_c$  and  $a_i$  are algebraic integers. Then, the number

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_c \sum_{s \in G, s \in c} a_c \chi(s)$$

is integral over  $\mathbb{Z}$

*Proof.* Indeed, this number is just the image of  $\omega : \mathbb{Z}[\mathbb{C}[G]] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . ■

**THEOREM 151.**  $\dim V \mid |G|$

*Proof.*  $u = \sum_{s \in G} \chi(s^{-1})s \in Z(\mathbb{C}[G])$ . Then, by the corollary,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s \in G} \chi(s^{-1})\chi(s) &= \frac{|G|}{n} \langle \chi | \chi \rangle \\ &= \frac{|G|}{n} \in \mathbb{Q} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\frac{|G|}{n} \in \mathbb{Z}$  and so  $n \mid |G|$ . ■

*Wednesday - November 7, Burnside Thm*

**THEOREM 152.** [THM] Let  $G$  be a group such that  $|G| = p^a q^b$  where  $p, q$  are distinct primes,  $a, b \geq 0$ . Then  $G$  is solvable.  $s$

**LEMMA 153.** If  $N \triangleright G$  and  $N$  is solvable, as well as  $G/N$ , then  $G$  is solvable.

**PROPOSITION 154.**  $p$  is prime then  $\frac{1}{p}$  is not an algebraic integer. (proof on last friday)

**PROPOSITION 155.** Let  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  be the  $n$ th roots of unity. Let  $a = \frac{1}{n} \sum \lambda_i$ . If  $a$  is integral over  $\mathbb{Z}$  then either  $a = 0$  or  $\lambda_1 = \dots = \lambda_n = a$ .

*Proof.*  $F$  is the splitting field of  $a$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $f(x)$  is the minimal polynomial.  $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(F/\mathbb{Q})$ ,  $\sigma(\lambda_i)$  is a root of unity.

$$\begin{aligned} |\sigma(a)| &\leq \frac{1}{n} \sum |\sigma \lambda_i| = 1 \\ N(a) &= \prod_{\sigma \in \text{Gal}(F/\mathbb{Q})} \sigma(a) \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the constant term of  $f \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ .  $|\sigma(a)| = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \dots = \lambda_n = a$ . ■

**PROPOSITION 156.**  *$G$  a finite group.  $S \in G$ ,  $C(S) = p^r, r > 0$ . Then, there exists an irreducible character  $\chi$  such that  $\chi(s) \neq 0, \chi(1) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Further,  $\rho(s)$  is a homothety.*

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\chi} \chi(1)\chi(s) &= 0 \\ 1 + \sum_{\chi n.t.} \chi(1)\chi(s) &= 0 \\ 1 + \sum_{\chi, n.t.} p^{u(\chi)} q_{\chi} \chi(s) &= 0 \\ u &= \sum_{g \in C(S)} gu(g) \\ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{g \in G} u(g) \chi(G) &= \frac{c(s)}{n} \chi(s) \\ n = \chi(1) &\not\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \end{aligned}$$

So there exists  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $c(s)k + ln = 1$ . Then,

$$\frac{kc(s)}{n} \chi(s) + l\chi(s) = \frac{1}{n} \chi(s)$$

Hence,  $\chi(s) = \lambda$  and  $\lambda^n = 1$ . Thus,  $\rho(s)$  is a homothety and  $\ker(\rho)$  is not trivial. ■

**PROPOSITION 157.** *Let  $G$  be as in the theorem. Then, there exists  $s \in G$  such that  $c(S) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q}$   $s \neq 1$ ,  $|G| = p^a q^b = 1 + \sum c(g)$*

**PROPOSITION 158.**  *$G$  as in the theorem, then  $G$  contains a non-trivial normal subgroup.*

*of Theorem.* By prop 5,  $G$  contains a normal subgroup  $N$ . Then, use induction,  $N, G/N$  is solvable. Lemma implies that  $G$  is Solvable. ■

Let  $G$  be such that  $|G| = pq$ ,  $n_q \cong 1 \pmod{q}$ , then  $n_q | p$ ,  $nq = 1$  so  $p < q$ .

**EXAMPLE 159.**

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## Representations of $A_n$ - Frank Ban

**DEFINITION 160.**

$$A_n = \{\pi \in S_n : \text{sgn} \pi \cong 0 \pmod{2}\}$$

This yields that  $[S_n : A_n] = 2$ .

**DEFINITION 161.** Let  $V$  be a representation of  $G$ . Define  $V' = V \otimes U'$  where  $U'$  maps  $H$  to 1 and  $\bar{H}$  to 1.

**DEFINITION 162.**  $W$  a representation of  $H$ , then  $\bar{W}$  by  $\rho_{\bar{W}}(h) = \rho_w(tht^{-1})$  where  $t \notin H$ .

**PROPOSITION 163.**  $V$  an irreducible representation of  $G$ ,  $W = \text{Res}_H^G V$ , one of the following holds

1.  $V \cong V'$ ,  $W = W' \oplus W''$  such that  $W', W''$  irreducible conjugate and not isomorphic.

$$\text{Ind}_H^G W' = \text{Ind}_H^G W'' = V$$

2.  $V$  not isomorphic to  $V'$ ,  $W$  is irreducible and self conjugate  $\text{Ind}_H^G W = V \oplus V'$ , each irreducible representation of  $H$  arises in one of these ways.

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} |G| &= \sum_{g \in G} |\chi(g)|^2 \\ 2|H| &= \sum_{h \in H} |\chi(h)|^2 + \sum_{t \in H} |\chi(t)|^2 \\ &= |H| \langle \chi|_H, \chi|_H \rangle + \sum_{t \notin H} |\chi(t)|^2 \end{aligned}$$

If  $\langle \chi|_H, \chi|_H \rangle = 2$  then  $\chi(t) = 0$  for all  $t \notin H$  then  $\chi_{v'} = \chi_v$ , then  $V \cong V'$  which implies  $W = W' \oplus W''$ .

If  $\langle \chi_H, \chi_H \rangle = 1$  then  $W$  is irreducible and so  $\sum_{t \notin H} |\chi(t)|^2 = |H|$  which implies  $V' \cong V$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_H^G(\text{Ind}_H^G W) &= W \oplus \bar{W} \\ \text{Ind}_H^G(\text{Res}_H^G V) &= V \otimes (U \oplus U') \end{aligned}$$

■

**REMARK 164.** Consider the permutation representation of  $G$  on  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F})$ . This has dim  $q+1$ . This contains the trivial representation, so remove it, and let this complementary representation be  $V$ .