

Week 9

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- Announcements.
 - OH on Wednesday at 5:30 PM this week; not Tuesday.
 - There will be extra OH next week pre-exam.
 - Roughly like Monday/Wednesday next week.
 - Midterm will be returned on Wednesday; we can pick them up in-person in his office starting then.
 - There are some grade boundaries: Pass/Fail we can do til Friday, withdrawal we can do til 5:00 PM today.
- Let's finish the conversation about induction/restriction and prove the **branching theorem**.
- Reminder to start.
 - We have two mathematical categories, G -reps and H -reps where $H \leq G$.
 - These categories are related by functors.
 - $\text{Res}_H^G : G\text{-reps} \rightarrow H\text{-reps}$ and vice versa for Ind_H^G .
 - Restrictions are stupidly simple.
 - Inductions, most hands-on, we take copies of W times cosets. Formulaically,

$$\text{Ind}_H^G W = g_1 W \oplus \cdots \oplus g_k W$$

where $k = (G : H)$ and $G = \bigsqcup_{i=1}^k g_i H$.

- In more detail, the action of g on $g_i w$ is that of $g_{\sigma(i)} h_i w$.
- This is a genuinely hard construction.
- A matrix of this thing will be a permutation matrix via

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- Note that

$$g_1 W \oplus \cdots \oplus g_k W \cong \text{Hom}_H(\mathbb{C}[G], W)$$

- Recall that elements of the set on the right above are functions $f : G \rightarrow W$ such that $f(h(g)) = hf(g)$.
- We map between the two via $f(g) \mapsto f(gx')$.
- What is nice about induced representations is that $\dim[\text{Ind}_H^G W] = (\dim W)[G : H]$.

- Moreover, there is a very easy statement, the **Frobenius formula**.

- Recall that

$$\tilde{\chi}_W(g) = \begin{cases} 0 & g \notin H \\ \chi_W(g) & g \in H \end{cases}$$

- With this, we average.

$$\chi_{\text{Ind}_H^G W}(g) = \sum_{x \in G} \tilde{\chi}_W(xgx^{-1})$$

- Essentially, we're taking a whole bunch of conjugates, summing them up, and dividing to get rid of overcounting.

- We now move onto **Frobenius reciprocity**, which is a relation between the functors/relations Ind_H^G and Res_H^G .

- The first point where category theory gets interesting is the notion of **adjoint functors**, which we are about to touch on. It is a very subtle notion.

- Here's version 1 of the statement of Frobenius reciprocity.

- Recall that we have a scalar product on the space of class function, given by

$$(\chi_1, \chi_2) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \chi_1(g) \chi_2(g^{-1})$$

where χ_1, χ_2 are class functions on G .

- Recall that if $\chi_1 = \chi_V$ and $\chi_2 = \chi_W$, then

$$(\chi_1, \chi_2) = \dim \text{Hom}_G(V, W) = \dim \text{Hom}_G \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^k V_i^{n_i}, \bigoplus_{i=1}^k V_i^{m_i} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^k n_i m_i$$

- Then the statement is as follows. If V is a G -rep and W is an H -rep, then

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

- Denoting scalar product in G and scalar product in W of the characters of each representation.

- This is similar to the relation between adjoint maps $V \rightarrow W$ and $W^* \rightarrow V^*$.

- Version 2.

- We have that

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

where the isomorphism is canonical.

- We will not check this last definition; we can tediously do it with definitions, and there's nothing complicated. Rudenko leaves this as an exercise to us.

- Constructing...something: Take $v \in V$, $g \in G$, $\varphi : V \rightarrow W$. We send $g \mapsto \varphi(gv)$.

- We now prove Version 1.

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\chi_V, \chi_{\text{Ind}_H^G W})_G &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g_1 \in G} \chi_V(g_1) \left(\frac{1}{|H|} \sum_{g_2 \in G} \tilde{\chi}_W(g_2 g_1^{-1} g_2^{-1}) \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{|H| \cdot |G|} \sum_{g_1, g_2 \in G} \chi_V(g) \tilde{\chi}_W(g_2 g_1^{-1} g_2^{-1}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{|H| \cdot |G|} \sum_{g_1, g_2 \in G} \chi_V(\underbrace{g_2 g_1 g_2^{-1}}_h) \tilde{\chi}_W(\underbrace{g_2 g_1^{-1} g_2^{-1}}_{h^{-1}}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{|H|} \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{h \in G} |G| \chi_V(h) \tilde{\chi}_W(h^{-1}) \\
 &= (\chi_V|_H, \chi_W)_H \\
 &= (\text{Res}_H^G V, \chi_W)_H
 \end{aligned}$$

From line 3 to line 4: Fix h ; then $g_2 g_1 g_2^{-1} = h$ iff $g_1 = g_2^{-1} h g_2$, so we have overcounted by $|G|$ times. \square

- We now come to the branching theorem at long last.
- Example first.
 - Consider $S_n > S_{n-1}$, where S_{n-1} is the subgroup of permutations fixing n . I.e., $S_3 > S_2 = \{e, (12)\}$.
 - Let λ be a partition of n ; *there's notation for this!*
 - Let $\mu \leq \lambda$ be a Young diagram of a partition of $n-1$.
 - Then
 1. We have

$$\text{Res}_{S_{n-1}}^{S_n} V_\lambda = \bigoplus_{\mu \leq \lambda} V_\mu$$

■ Example: *Draw out pictures*

2. We have

$$\text{Ind}_{S_{n-1}}^{S_n} V_\mu = \bigoplus_{\mu \leq \lambda} V_\lambda$$

■ Example: *Draw out pictures*

- The reason that this theorem is called the branching theorem originates from the following diagram, which (when continued) encapsulates the main idea of the theorem. *picture*
 - This graph helps you understand induction and restriction.
 - Dimensions are the number of paths from the left to a final Young diagram.
 - For example, the dimension of $(3, 1)$ is 3 because there are 3 paths to it (*list them*).
 - Number of paths formula is equivalent to standard Young tableaux!
- Theorem (Branching): The following two statements are true.

$$\text{Res}_{S_{n-1}}^{S_n} V_\lambda = \bigoplus_{\mu \leq \lambda} V_\mu \tag{9.1}$$

$$\text{Ind}_{S_{n-1}}^{S_n} V_\mu = \bigoplus_{\mu \leq \lambda} V_\lambda \tag{9.2}$$

Proof. We'll talk about the general idea of the proof now, and maybe do the details next time.

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(1): Let's look at an example. Here's a YD of S_8 . We want to restrict it down to S_7 . Recall that $\overline{V_\lambda} = \text{span}(S_8 : \Delta(x_1, x_2, x_3)(x_4 - x_5)(x_6 - x_7))$. Now in S_7 , we fix x_8 . Consider subrepresentations of V_λ filtered by degree as follows.

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The proof comes from the fact that if we now take quotients of these subrepresentations, then since x_8 can only appear in three boxes, ... \square

- Practice with the above example and think it through.