

8.12. Orthogonality relations of characters;

Character table.

8.12.1 Orthogonality relations — (cont.)

isotypic decomposition of some rep V .

$$V \cong \bigoplus \alpha_\mu V^{(\mu)}$$

$$\Rightarrow X_V = \sum_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu} X_{\mu}$$

$$\alpha_{\mu} = \langle X_{\mu}, X_V \rangle = \int_G \overline{X_{\mu}(g)} X_V(g) dg$$

if $V \cong L^2(G)$ of a finite group.

$$X_V(e) = \dim V = |G|$$

$$X_V(g \neq e) = 0$$

$$\alpha_{\mu} = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_g \overline{X_{\mu}(g)} X_V(g) = \frac{1}{|G|} \left(\underbrace{n_{\mu} \cdot |G|}_{g=e} + \underbrace{0}_{g \neq e} \right) = n_{\mu}$$

$$|G| = \sum_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu} \cdot \dim V^{\mu} = \sum_{\mu} n_{\mu} \cdot n_{\mu} = \sum_{\mu} n_{\mu}^2$$

Projection onto isotypic subspaces

$$P_{ij}^\mu := n_\mu \int_G \overline{\chi_{ij}^{(\mu)}(g)} T(g) dg$$

$$P_{ij}^\mu P_{kl}^\nu = \delta_{\mu\nu} \delta_{j,k} P_{il}^\nu$$

$$T(h) P_{ij}^\mu = \sum_k M_{ki}^{(h)} P_{kj}^\mu$$

Define $P^\mu := \sum_{i=1}^{n_\mu} P_{ii}^\mu$

$$P_\mu := \sum_{i=1}^{n_\mu} P_{ii}^{(\mu)} = n_\mu \underbrace{\int_G dg \overline{\chi_\mu(g)} T(g)}$$

$$P_\mu P_\nu = \sum_{i=1}^{n_\mu} \sum_{j=1}^{n_\nu} P_{ii}^\mu P_{jj}^\nu = \delta_{\mu\nu} \sum_{ij} \delta_{ij} P_{ij}^\nu = \delta_{\mu\nu} P_\nu$$

$$(P_\mu^* = P_\mu)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_\mu^+ &= n_\mu \int_G \chi_\mu(g) T^+(g) dg && \text{unitary: } \chi_\mu(g) = \sum \lambda_i \delta_{gi} \quad |\lambda_i| = 1 \\ &= n_\mu \int_G \chi_\mu^*(g^{-1}) T(g^{-1}) dg && \chi_\mu(g^{-1}) = \sum \lambda_i^{-1} = \sum \bar{\lambda}_i \\ &= P_\mu \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow projectors onto isotypic subspaces

$$\forall \psi \in V: T(h) \underbrace{P^\mu \psi}_{\psi} = T(h) \sum_{i=1}^{n_\mu} P_{ii}^{(\mu)} \psi = \sum_k M_{ki}^{(h)} \underbrace{P_{ki}^{(\mu)} \psi}_{\psi}$$

$$P^\mu \psi \in \mathcal{H}^\mu$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}(P^\mu) &= \langle \psi, P^\mu \psi \rangle = n_\mu \underbrace{\int_G dg \overline{\chi_\mu(g)} \chi_\mu(g)}_{c_\mu} = n_\mu c_\mu \end{aligned}$$

$$= \dim (\mathcal{H}^\mu \cong K^{c_\mu} \otimes V^\mu)$$

8.12.2. Character table of finite groups

For finite groups,

We can define a set of class functions

$$\delta_{C_i}(f) = \sum_{g \in C_i} f(g)$$

where C_i is a distinct conjugacy class.

$\{\delta_{C_i}\}$ is also a basis for the class functions

$L^2(G)$ class.

From above, $\{x_\mu\}$ is a basis of $L^2(G)^{\text{class}}$

Theorem. The number of conjugacy classes of a finite group G = the number of irreps.

The character table is an $r \times r$ matrix

	E			
	m_1, C_1	m_2, C_2	\dots	m_r, C_r
trivial P^1	v^1	$x_1(C_1)$	$x_1(C_2)$	\dots
irreps \rightarrow	v^2	$x_2(C_1)$	$x_2(C_2)$	\dots
	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
	v^r	\vdots	\vdots	$x_r(C_r)$

$$\int_G dg \overline{\chi_\mu(g)} \chi_\nu(g) = \delta_{\mu\nu} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{c_i \in G} m_i \overline{\chi_\mu(c_i)} \chi_\nu(c_i) = \delta_{\mu\nu}$$

define $S_{\mu i} = \sqrt{\frac{m_i}{|G|}} \chi_\mu(c_i)$ then

$$\sum_{i=1}^r S_{\mu i} S_{\nu i}^* = \delta_{\mu\nu}. \quad S \text{ is a unitary matrix}$$

$$\underline{S \cdot S^+ = \mathbb{1}_r}$$

There is a dual orthogonality relation

$$\sum_{\mu} \overline{\chi_\mu(c_i)} \chi_\mu(c_j) = \frac{|G|}{m_i} \delta_{ij}$$

Examples.

1. $S_2 \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$

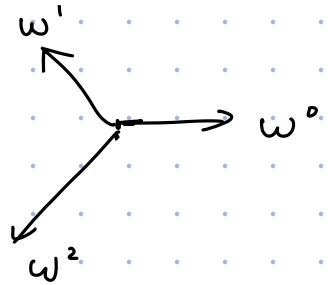
	1	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$
1^+	1	1
1^-	1	-1

2. $G = \mathbb{Z}_n \quad \#\{c_j\} = n$

irreps = n

$$Z_3 : \quad \rho_m(j) = \frac{(\omega_m)^j}{\Delta} \quad \omega_m = e^{i \frac{2\pi m}{3}} \\ = (\omega_1)^{mj} \quad \omega = e^{i \frac{2\pi}{3}}$$

	$[\bar{0}]$	$[\bar{1}]$	$[\bar{2}]$
ρ_0	1	1	1
ρ_1	1	ω	ω^2
ρ_2	1	ω^2	$\omega^{2 \times 1} = \omega$



$$3. \quad G = S_3$$

$\sigma - 2 \text{ cycles}$ $\tau - 3 \text{ cycles}$

$$\sigma \tau \sigma = \tau^2 \quad \tau \sigma \tau^{-1} = \sigma^1$$

	$[1]$	$3[\bar{(12)}]$	$2[\bar{(123)}]$
1^+	1	1	1
1^-	1	-1	1
2	2	A	B
	0		-1

Given a general rep & a character table. How do we find what irreps it reduces into?

① \mathbb{R}^3 rep of S_3 :

$$1 = \mathbb{1}_{S_3} \quad (12) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (132) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\chi_V = \begin{matrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$a_\mu = \langle x_\mu, \chi_V \rangle = \int_G (x_\mu(g))^* \chi_V(g) dg$$

$$= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_g \overline{x_\mu(g)} x_V(g)$$

	[1]	$3[(12)]$	$2[(123)]$	
1^+	1	1	1	
1^-	1	-1	1	
2	2	0	-1	
V	3	1	0	

$$a_{1^+} = \frac{1}{6} (3 + 3 \times 1 + 2 \times 0) = 1$$

$$a_{1^-} = \frac{1}{6} (3 + 3 \times (-1) + 2 \times 0) = 0$$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{6} (3 \times 2 + 0 + 0) = 1$$

$$\chi_V = \chi_{1^+} + \chi_2$$

$$V \cong V_{1^+} \oplus V_2$$

② Regular rep of S_3 . $\dim(L^2(S_3)) = |S_3| = 6$

$$\chi_V(e) = 6$$

$$\chi_V(g \neq e) = 0$$

$$a_\mu = \langle x_\mu, \chi_V \rangle = \frac{1}{|G|} \cdot |G| \cdot \chi_\mu(e) = \underline{\dim V^\mu}$$

$$\boxed{L^2(G) \cong \bigoplus_\mu (\dim V^\mu) \cdot V^\mu}$$

4. V a vector space. S_2 permutes on $V \otimes V$.

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

$$\chi_{V \otimes V}(1) = d^2$$

$$\chi_{V \otimes V}(0) = d \quad (\text{only } i=j)$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} & 1 & a \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ - & 1 & -1 \end{array}$$

$$a_{1+} = \langle x^{1+}, \chi_{V \otimes V} \rangle = \frac{1}{2}d(d+1)$$

$$a_{1-} = \langle x^{1-}, \chi_{V \otimes V} \rangle = \frac{1}{2}d(d-1)$$

$$V \otimes V = \frac{1}{2}d(d+1)V^{1+} \oplus \frac{1}{2}d(d-1)V^{1-}$$

$T_{ij} v_i \otimes v_j \in V \otimes V$. basis for

symmetric tensors. $\frac{1}{2}(e_i \otimes e_j + e_j \otimes e_i)$

anti-symmetric tensors: $\frac{1}{2}(e_i \otimes e_j - e_j \otimes e_i)$

8.13 Decomposition of tensor products of representations.

V carries space of dim n , basis $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$

W m basis $\{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$

$V \otimes W$. dim $n \cdot m$ basis $\{v_i \otimes w_j \mid 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m\}$

$$\sum_i a_i v_i \otimes \sum_j b_j w_j = \sum_{ij} a_i b_j v_i \otimes w_j$$

G -action $f \cdot (v \otimes w) := (f \cdot v) \otimes (f \cdot w)$

rep. $(T_1 \otimes T_2)(f)(v \otimes w) := T_1(f) \cdot v \otimes T_2(f) \cdot w$.

mat. rep. $(M_1 \otimes M_2)(f)_{ia,jb} = [M_1(f)]_{ij} [M_2(f)]_{ab}$

character $\chi_{T_1 \otimes T_2} = \chi_{T_1} \cdot \chi_{T_2}$

① particle of spin j_1 ,

$$\Rightarrow V^{j_1} \otimes V^{j_2} \stackrel{\cong}{=} \bigoplus_{j_3} G_{j_3} V^{j_3}$$

② many-particle system. local Hilbert space

\mathcal{H}_i : spin $1/2$ fermion $= \{\phi, \uparrow, \downarrow, \uparrow\downarrow\}$

$$\mathcal{H} = \bigotimes_i \mathcal{H}_i \Rightarrow \bigoplus_i \overset{\text{ferm}}{\underset{i}{\mathcal{H}}} \longrightarrow \quad \quad$$

\uparrow N. S.

$\underline{G} \otimes U(1) \otimes SU(2)$
space group

Let (V_1, T_1) and (V_2, T_2) be two representations with isotypic decompositions (over field K)

$$V_1 = \bigoplus_{\mu} c_{\mu} V^{\mu} \quad V_2 = \bigoplus_{\nu} d_{\nu} V^{\nu}$$

$$V_1 \otimes V_2 = \bigoplus_{\mu, \nu} c_{\mu} d_{\nu} \underbrace{V^{\mu} \otimes V^{\nu}}_{\text{_____}}$$

$$V^{\mu} \otimes V^{\nu} \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda} N_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} V^{\lambda} \quad (\bigoplus D_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} \otimes V^{\lambda})$$

$$\underline{x_{\mu} \cdot x_{\nu}} = \sum_{\lambda} N_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} x_{\lambda}$$

fusion coefficient

Clebsch-Gordan for
SUSY

$$N_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} = \langle x_{\lambda}, x_{\mu} \cdot x_{\nu} \rangle$$

for Finite groups

$$N_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \underline{x_{\mu}(g) x_{\nu}(g)} \overline{x_{\lambda}(g)}$$

$$m_i = |C_i| = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in C_i} m_i x_{\mu}(C_i) x_{\nu}(C_i) \overline{x_{\lambda}(C_i)}$$

$$N_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} = N_{\nu\mu}^{\lambda} \quad (V^{\mu} \otimes V^{\nu} \cong V^{\nu} \otimes V^{\mu})$$

Examples: 1. ρ_m of \mathbb{Z}_n $\rho_m^{(j)} = (e^{i \frac{2\pi}{n} m})^j$

$$\rho_m \otimes \rho_n \cong \rho_{m+n}$$

$$N_{mn}^{\lambda} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{d} e^{i \frac{2\pi}{n} (m+n)d} \overline{e^{-i \frac{2\pi}{n} \cdot \lambda d}}$$

$$= \delta_{m+n, \lambda}$$

2. irreps of S_3 .

$$V^+ \otimes V^\mu \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda} N_{\mu, \lambda}^\lambda V^\lambda$$

$$\begin{aligned} N_{\mu, \lambda}^\lambda &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum m_i \overline{\chi_\mu(c_i)} \overline{\chi_\lambda(c_i)} \\ &= \delta_{\mu, \lambda} \end{aligned}$$

$$\bigoplus_{\lambda} \delta_{\mu, \lambda} V^\lambda = V^\mu$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{V^+ \otimes V^\mu \cong V^\mu}$$

check

$$V^- \otimes V^- \cong V^+$$

$$V^- \otimes V^2 \cong V^2$$

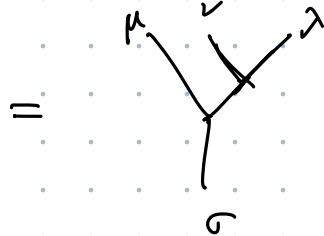
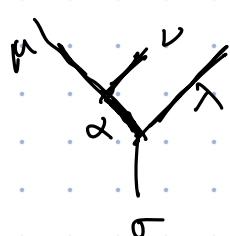
$$V^2 \otimes V^2 \cong V^+ \oplus V^- \oplus V^2$$

$$\underline{(V^\mu \otimes V^\nu) \otimes V^\lambda \cong V^\mu \otimes (V^\nu \otimes V^\lambda)}$$

$$\text{LHS} \cong \bigoplus_{\alpha} D_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha} V_{-\alpha}^{\mu} \otimes V_{-\alpha}^{\lambda}$$

$$\cong \bigoplus_{\sigma} (\bigoplus_{\alpha} D_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha} \otimes D_{\alpha\lambda}^{\sigma}) V^{\sigma} \cong \bigoplus_{\sigma} (\bigoplus_{\beta} D_{\nu\lambda}^{\beta} \otimes D_{\mu\beta}^{\sigma}) V^{\sigma}$$

$$\sum_{\alpha} N_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha} N_{\alpha\lambda}^{\sigma} = \sum_{\beta} N_{\mu\beta}^{\sigma} N_{\nu\beta}^{\lambda}$$



"F-move"

digression : " Category theory "

TQFT / anyons / top. quantum computation

$(x \otimes y) \otimes (z \otimes w)$ → pentagon relation

(ref. PRB 100, 115147)

Summary of key results

① unitary rep. of compact G :

$$\langle \chi_{i_1, j_1}^{\mu_1}, \chi_{i_2, j_2}^{\mu_2} \rangle = \frac{1}{n_\mu} \delta^{\mu_1 \mu_2} \delta_{i_1 i_2} \delta_{j_1 j_2}$$

complete, orthogonal basis of $L^2(G)$.

② (Peter-Weyl) $L^2(G) \cong \bigoplus_{\mu} \text{End}(V^\mu)$

$$i: \bigoplus_{\mu} \text{End}(V^\mu) \rightarrow L^2(G)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bigoplus_{\mu} S_{\mu} &\mapsto \sum_{\mu} \varphi_{S_{\mu}} \\ &= \varphi_{S_{\mu}} := \overline{\text{Tr}_{V_{\mu}}(ST(\varphi))} \end{aligned}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{finite } G: \quad \overbrace{|G| = \sum_{\mu} n_{\mu}^2}^{\text{(dim } V_{\mu} \text{)}} \quad (\dim V_{\mu})$$

③ characters.

$$\int_G \overline{\chi^{(\nu)}(g)} \chi^{(\mu)}(g) dg = \delta_{\mu\nu}$$

on basis of $L^2(G)$ class.

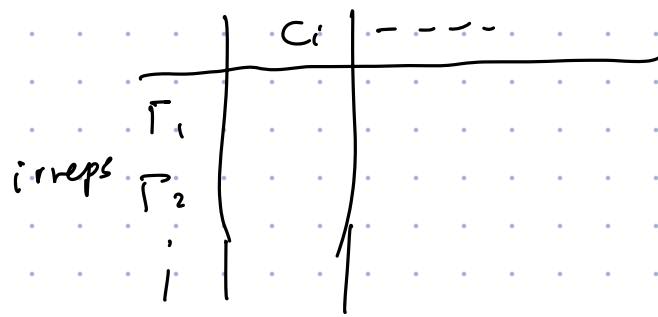
$$④ V \cong \bigoplus_{\mu} G_{\mu} V^{(\mu)}$$

$$c_{\mu} = \int_G \overline{\chi^{(\mu)}(g)} \chi_{\mu}(g) dg = \langle \chi^{(\mu)}, \chi_{\mu} \rangle$$

$$\text{reg. rep. } c_{\mu} = \langle \chi^{(\mu)} - \chi \rangle = \frac{1}{|G|} (\dim n_{\mu}) \cdot |G|$$

$$= \dim n_{\mu}$$

⑤ # irreps = # conj. - class.



rows: $\sum_{C_i \in G} |C_i| \overline{\chi_\mu(C_i)} \chi_\nu(C_i) = \delta_{\mu\nu}$

columns: $\sum_{\mu} \overline{\chi_\mu(C_i)} \chi_\mu(C_j) = \frac{|G|}{m_i} \delta_{ij}$

8.13 Group algebra of finite groups

Refs.

① Fulton & Harris. Representation

theory. (GTM 128)

Sec. 3.4.

* ② Miller. "Symmetry groups and their applications".

Chap 3

Chap 4 symmetric group rep.

* ③ 陈金金. 第二章 群表示基础

"群元既可是算符，又是基矢"

representation : $G \rightarrow GL(V)$

Introduce a new vector space R_G (group ring)

Ring : set with + and \times

① +: commutative ; 0 identity ; -a inverse

② \times : (monoid). associative, identity

③ $a \times (b+c) = a \times b + a \times c$. distributive

§. 13.1. group algebra

Let G be a finite group of order n .

Define n -dim vector space \mathbb{R}_G with basis

$$\{ \mathbf{f}, f \in G \}$$

$$x = \sum_{g \in G} x(g) \cdot g \quad x \in \mathbb{R}_G \quad x(g) \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$x = y \text{ iff } \forall g \in G. \quad x(g) = y(g)$$

$$\underline{x + y} = \sum_{g \in G} x(g) \cdot g + \sum_{g \in G} y(g) \cdot g = \sum_{g \in G} (x(g) + y(g)) \cdot g$$

$$\underline{\alpha x} = \sum_{g \in G} \alpha x(g) \cdot g \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\underline{0} = \sum_{g \in G} 0 \cdot g$$

$$\underline{xy} = (\sum_{g \in G} x(g) \cdot g)(\sum_{h \in G} y(h) \cdot h) = \sum_{g, h} x(g) y(h) g h$$

$$\underline{g^{-1}k} = \sum_k (\sum_g x(g) y(g^{-1}k)) \cdot k = \sum_k xy(k) \cdot k$$

$$xy(k) = \sum_g x(g) y(g^{-1}k) \quad \text{convolution product}$$

$$(f * g)(t) = \int f(\tau) g(t - \tau) d\tau$$

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{R}_G$ is a group ring / group algebra $\mathbb{K}[G]$

$$x(g) \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\downarrow \quad \mathbb{C}[G]$$

$$x(g) \in \mathbb{C}$$