

## 8.11 Explicit decomposition of a representation

Let  $(T, V)$  be any rep. of a compact group  $G$ . Define

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

$\mu_{ij}^{(\mu)}$  w.r.t unitary irreps with ON basis of  $V^{(\mu)}$

$$\boxed{P_{ij}^{(\mu)} P_{kl}^{(\nu)} = \delta^{\mu\nu} \delta_{jk} P_{il}^{(\nu)}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(h) P_{ij}^{(\mu)} &= n_\mu T(h) \int_G dg \overline{\mu_{ij}^{(\mu)}(g)} T(g) \\ &= n_\mu \int_G dg \overline{\mu_{ij}^{(\mu)}(g)} T(hg) \\ &\stackrel{hg \rightarrow g}{=} n_\mu \int_G dg \overline{\mu_{ij}^{(\mu)}(h^{-1}g)} T(g) \\ &\quad \mu_{ki}^{(\mu)}(h) \overline{\mu_{kj}^{(\mu)}(g)} \\ &= \sum_k \mu_{ki}^{(\mu)}(h) P_{kj}^{(\mu)} \end{aligned}$$

$$T(h) P_i^{(\mu j)} = \sum_k \mu_{ki}^{(\mu)}(h) P_k^{(\mu j)}$$

$\forall \varphi \in V$ .  $(P_{ij}^{(\mu)} \varphi \neq 0)$ . then

$$\underline{\text{span } \{ P_{ij}^{(\mu)} \varphi, i=1, \dots, n_\mu \}} \text{ (fix } \mu, j \text{)}$$

transforms as  $(T^{(\mu)}, V^{(\mu)})$

## 8.12. Orthogonality relations of characters ;

Character table.

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### 8.12.1 Orthogonality relations —

Recall - a class function on  $G$ :

$$f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}.$$

$f(g) = f(hgh^{-1}) \quad \forall g, h \in G$ . They span  
a subspace  $L^2(G)^{\text{class}} \subset L^2(G)$ .

Theorem The characters  $\{\chi_\mu\}$  is an  
orthonormal (ON) basis for the  
vector space of class functions  $L^2(G)^{\text{class}}$ .

Proof.  $\int_G dg M_{ij}^{(\mu)}(g)^* M_{kl}^{(\nu)}(g) = \frac{1}{n_\mu} \delta_{\mu\nu} \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl}$

Set  $i=j$ ,  $k=l$  & sum over  $i, k$

$$\Rightarrow \int_G dg M_{ii}^{(\mu)}(g)^* M_{kk}^{(\nu)}(g) = \frac{1}{n_\mu} \delta_{\mu\nu} \delta_{ik}$$

$$\sum_{i,k} \Rightarrow \int_G dg \chi_\mu(g)^* \chi_\nu(g) = \delta_{\mu\nu}$$

$\Rightarrow \{\chi_\mu\}$  ON set

Completeness ?

$$\forall f \in L^2(G) \xrightarrow[\{\mu_{ij}^\mu\} \text{ complete}]{\text{Peter-Weyl}} f(g) = \sum_{\mu, i, j} \hat{f}_{ij}^\mu \mu_{ij}^\mu(g)$$

$$\text{of } f \in L^2(G)^{\text{class.}} \quad f(g) = f(hgh^{-1})$$

$$\int_G dh f(g) = \int_G dh f(hgh^{-1})$$

$$\stackrel{u}{=} f(g)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_G f(hgh^{-1}) dh &= \sum_{\mu, i, j} \hat{f}_{ij}^\mu \int_G \mu_{ij}^\mu(hgh^{-1}) dh \\ &\quad \downarrow \\ &\quad \mu_{ik}^\mu(h) \mu_{kl}^\mu(g) \mu_{lj}^\mu(h^{-1}) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\mu, i, j \\ k, l}} \hat{f}_{ij}^\mu \mu_{kl}^\mu(g) \int_G \mu_{ik}^\mu(h) \mu_{jl}^{\mu*}(h) dh \\ &\quad \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{n_\mu} \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl}}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{\mu, i} \frac{\hat{f}_{ii}^\mu}{n_\mu} \chi_\mu(g)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(g) = \sum_{\mu, i} \frac{\hat{f}_{ii}^\mu}{n_\mu} \chi_\mu(g)$$

$$\Rightarrow \{\chi_\mu\} \text{ spans full } L^2(G)^{\text{class.}}$$

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### 8.12.1 Orthogonality relations — (cont.)

isotypic decomposition of some rep  $V$ .

$$V \cong \bigoplus_{\mu} a_{\mu} V^{(\mu)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi_V = \sum_{\mu} a_{\mu} \chi_{\mu}$$

$$a_{\mu} = \langle \chi_{\mu}, \chi_V \rangle = \int_G \overline{\chi_{\mu}(g)} \chi_V(g) dg$$

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

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

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

$$a_{\mu} = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_g \overline{\chi_{\mu}(g)} \chi_V(g) = \frac{1}{|G|} (\overbrace{n_{\mu} \cdot |G|}^{g=e} + \overbrace{0}^{g \neq e}) = n_{\mu}$$

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

Projection onto isotypic subspaces

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$(P_{\mu}^2 = P_{\mu})$$

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

unitary:  $\chi_{\mu}(f) = \sum \lambda_i$ ;  $|\lambda_i| = 1$

$$= n_{\mu} \int_G \chi_{\mu}^{*}(g^{-1}) T(g^{-1}) dg$$

$\chi_{\mu}(g^{-1}) = \sum \lambda_i^{-1} = \sum \overline{\lambda_i}$

$$= P_{\mu}$$

$\Rightarrow$  projectors onto isotypic subspaces

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

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

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

$$= \dim(\mathcal{H}^{\mu} \cong \mathbb{C}^{a_{\mu}} \otimes V^{\mu})$$

### 8.12.2 Character table of finite groups

For finite groups,

we can define a set of class functions

$$\delta_{C_i}(g) = \begin{cases} 1 & g \in C_i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $C_i$  is a distinct conjugacy class.

$\{\delta_{C_i}\}$  is also a basis for the class functions  $L^2(G)^{\text{class}}$ .

From above,  $\{\chi_\mu\}$  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 $\Gamma^1$ irreps $\rightarrow$	$\underline{V^1}$	$\chi_1(C_1)$	$\chi_1(C_2)$	$\dots$	$\chi_1(C_r)$
	$V^2$	$\chi_2(C_1)$	$\chi_2(C_2)$	$\dots$	$\chi_2(C_r)$
	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\dots$	$\vdots$
	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\dots$	$\vdots$
	$V^r$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\dots$	$\chi_r(C_r)$

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

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

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

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

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

There is a dual orthogonality relation

$$\frac{1}{m_i} \overline{\chi_\mu(C_i)} \chi_\mu(C_j) = \frac{|G|}{m_i} \delta_{ij}$$

### Examples

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

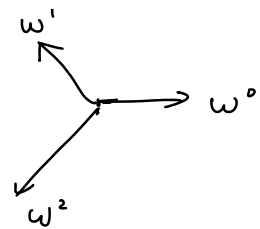
	1	[12]
1 <sup>+</sup>	1	1
1 <sup>-</sup>	1	-1

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

$\# \text{ irreps} = n$

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

	$[\bar{Q}]$	$[\bar{I}]$	$[\bar{Z}]$
$\rho_0$	1	1	1
$\rho_1$	1	$\omega$	$\omega^2$
$\rho_2$	1	$\omega^2$	$\omega^{2 \times 1} = \omega$



$$3. \quad G = S_3$$

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

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

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

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



①  $\mathbb{R}^3$  rep of  $S_3$ :

$$1 = \mathbb{1}_3 \quad (12) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (132) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} a_\mu &= \langle \chi_\mu, \chi_V \rangle = \int_G (\chi_\mu(g))^* \chi_V(g) dg \\ &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_g \overline{\chi_\mu(g)} \chi_V(g) \end{aligned}$$

	$[1]$	$3[(12)]$	$2[(123)]$
$1^+$	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  $S_3$ .  $\dim(L^2(S_3)) = |S_3| = 6$

$$\chi_V(e) = 6$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

	1	σ
1+	1	1
1-	1	-1

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

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

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

antisymmetric 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 § w<sub>1</sub>, ... w<sub>m</sub>!

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

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

$$\text{G.-action} \quad f \cdot (v \otimes w) := (f \cdot v) \otimes (f \cdot w)$$

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

$$\text{mat. rep. } (\mu_1 \otimes \mu_2)(g)_{i_a, j_b} = [\mu_1(g)]_{ij} [\mu_2(g)]_{ab}$$

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

① particle of spin  $j_1$   
 $j_2 \Rightarrow V^{j_1} \otimes V^{j_2}$   
 $\underline{\underline{= \bigoplus_{j_3} G_{j_3} V^{j_3}}}$

② many-particle system. local Hilbert space

He: spin  $1/2$  fermion =  $\{ \phi, \uparrow, \downarrow, \uparrow\downarrow \}$

$$\mathcal{H} = \bigotimes_i \mathcal{H}_i \Rightarrow \bigoplus_i a_i \mathcal{H}_i \xrightarrow{\text{factori}} \downarrow \quad \text{---}$$

$\uparrow$  N.S.

G  $\cong U(1) \oplus SU(2)$   
space group

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

$$V_1 = \bigoplus_{\mu} a_{\mu} V^{\mu} \quad V_2 = \bigoplus_{\nu} b_{\nu} V^{\nu}$$

$$V_1 \otimes V_2 = \bigoplus_{\mu, \nu} a_{\mu} b_{\nu} \underline{\underline{V^{\mu} \otimes V^{\nu}}}$$

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

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

fusion coefficient  
Clebsch-Gordan for  $SU(2)$

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

for Finite groups

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

$$m_i = |C_i| \quad = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{i \in C_i} m_i \chi_{\mu}(C_i) \chi_{\nu}(C_i) \overline{\chi_{\lambda}(C_i)}$$

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

Examples. 1.  $\rho_m$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_N$   $\rho_m(g) = (e^{i \frac{2\pi}{N} m})^j$

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

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

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

2. irreps of  $S_3$ .

$$V^{1+} \otimes V^\mu \cong \bigoplus_\lambda N_{1^+, \mu}^\lambda V^\lambda$$

$$N_{1^+, \mu}^\lambda = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_i m_i \underline{\chi_\mu(c_i)} \overline{\chi_\lambda(c_i)}$$

$$= \delta_{\mu\lambda}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \underline{V^{1+} \otimes V^\mu} \cong V^\mu$$

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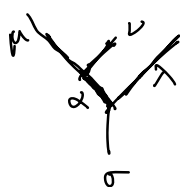
$$\begin{aligned} V^- \otimes V^- &\cong V^+ \\ V^- \otimes V^2 &\cong V^2 \\ V^2 \otimes V^2 &\cong V^+ \oplus V^- \oplus V^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$(V^\mu \otimes V^\nu) \otimes V^\lambda \cong V^\mu \otimes (V^\nu \otimes V^\lambda)$$

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

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

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



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"F-move"

digression.     "Category theory"

TQFT / anyons / top. quantum computation

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

(ref. PRB 100, 115147)

## Summary of key results

① unitary rep. of compact  $G$ .

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

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

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

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

$$\bigoplus_{\mu} S_{\mu} \mapsto \sum_{\mu} \varphi_{S_{\mu}}$$

$$\varphi_{S_{\mu}} = \text{Tr}_{V_{\mu}}(S T(S^T))$$

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

③ characters.

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

ON basis of  $L^2(G)^{\text{class.}}$

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

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

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


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

⑤ # irreps = # conj. class.

	$C_i$	...
$\Gamma_1$		
$\Gamma_2$		
$\vdots$		
$i$		

rows:  $\frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{C_i} |C_i| \chi_\mu(C_i) \overline{\chi_\nu(C_i)} = \delta_{\mu\nu}$

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