

Recap:

1. Schur's lemma:

① $(T_1, V_1), (T_2, V_2)$ irreps.

$A: V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ s.t.

$A T_1(g) = T_2(g) A$ then

A zero or isomorphism

Prove by realizing $\ker A$ in A are invariant subspaces.

② $V_1 = V_2 = V, A = \lambda \mathbb{1}_V \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

Proof by noticing $A v = \lambda v$ must hold for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. then the eigen vectors span an invariant subspace.

Quantum numbers = irreps

block structure of H ; selection rules etc.

$\mathcal{H} \cong \oplus D_\mu \otimes H_\mu \quad , \quad T(g) = \mathbb{1} \otimes T(g)^{(H)} \Rightarrow H = H^{(H)} \otimes \mathbb{1}_{V_\mu}$
s.t. $[H, T] = 0$

2. Peter-Weyl: matrix elements of unitary
irreps are orthogonal basis of $L^2(G)$

① orthogonality.

Proof by construct intertwiner

$$\tilde{A} = \int_G T^{\mu}(g) A T^{\nu}(g) dg$$

use the fact $\tilde{A} = \lambda \mathbb{1}_{V^{(\mu)}} \delta_{\mu\nu}$

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

(finite groups $\int_G dg \rightarrow \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_g$)

Proofs see Dresselhaus or any standard textbook.

$$\int_G \overline{\phi_{ij}^{(\mu)}(g)} \phi_{kl}^{(\nu)}(g) dg = \delta_{\mu\nu} \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl}.$$

② completeness.

$W = \text{span}\{\phi\}$ invariant

$$R(h) M_{ij}^{(\mu)}(g) = M_{ij}^{(\mu)}(gh) = \sum_k M_{kj}^{(\mu)} M_{ik}^{(\mu)}(g)$$

$$R(h) \phi_{ij}^{(\mu)}(g) = \phi_{ij}^{(\mu)}(gh) = \sum_k M_{kj}^{(\mu)} \phi_{ik}^{(\mu)}(g)$$

$\Rightarrow W^{\perp} \neq 0$? invariant $\supset V^{(\mu)}$

but $V^{(\mu)}$ is spanned by $\{M\}$. contradiction.

$\Rightarrow W^{\perp} = 0$

$\Rightarrow W$ complete

$$L^2(G) \cong \hat{\oplus} V^{(\mu)} \Rightarrow \text{finite} : |G| = \sum_{\mu} n_{\mu}^2$$

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.

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. $\int_G dg \overline{\chi_\mu^{(\mu)}(g)} \chi_\nu^{(\nu)}(g) = \frac{1}{n_\mu} \delta_{\mu\nu} \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl}$

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

$$\Rightarrow \int_G dg \overline{\chi_\mu^{(\mu)}(g)} \chi_\mu^{(\mu)}(g) = \frac{1}{n_\mu} \delta_{\mu\mu} \delta_{ik} \delta_{ik}$$

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

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

Completeness ?

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

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

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

$$\text{LHS: } = f(g)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS: } \int_G f(hgh^{-1}) dh &= \sum_{\mu, i, j} \hat{f}_{ij}^\mu \int_G \underbrace{M_{ij}^\mu(hgh^{-1})}_{M_{ik}^\mu(h) M_{kl}^\mu(g) M_{lj}^\mu(h^{-1})} dh \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\mu, i, j \\ k, l}} \hat{f}_{ij}^\mu M_{kl}^\mu(g) \underbrace{\int_G M_{ik}^\mu(h) \overline{M_{jl}^\mu(h)} dh}_{\frac{1}{n_\mu} \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl}} \quad \text{P-W} \\ &= \sum_{\mu, i} \frac{\hat{f}_{ii}^\mu}{n_\mu} \chi_\mu(g) \end{aligned}$$

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

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

This helps to find explicit isotypic decomposition

$$\text{of some rep } V \cong \bigoplus_\mu a_\mu V^{(\mu)} \equiv \bigoplus_\mu H^{(\mu)} \quad H^{(\mu)} \equiv a_\mu V^{(\mu)}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

consistent with Peter-Weyl.

because both come from the structure of $L^2(G)$

We can further define class projectors

Projection onto isotypic subspaces

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\text{unitary: } \chi_\mu(g) = \sum_i \lambda_i \quad |\lambda_i| = 1$$

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

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

$$= P_\mu$$

\Rightarrow projectors onto isotypic subspaces

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

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

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

$$= \dim(\mathcal{H}^\mu \cong \mathbb{K}^{a_\mu} \otimes V^{(\mu)}) \quad \text{dimensions match}$$

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 $L^2(G)^{\text{class}} \Rightarrow$

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 Γ^1 irreps \rightarrow	$\underline{V^1}$	$\chi_1(C_1)$	$\chi_1(C_2)$	\dots	
	V^2	$\chi_2(C_1)$	$\chi_2(C_2)$	\dots	
	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots		\vdots
	V^r	\vdots	\vdots		$\chi_r(C_r)$

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

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

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

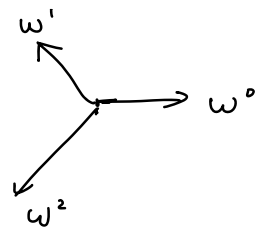
	1	$[12]$
1^+	1	1
1^-	1	-1

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

$\# \text{ irreps} = n$

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

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



$$3. \quad G = S_3$$

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

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

	$[1]$	$3[(12)]$	$2[(123)]$
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 :

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

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_g \overline{\chi_\mu(g)} \chi_V(g)$$

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

$$\chi_V(e) = 6$$

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

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

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

