

Recap: define class operators  $\hat{C}_i = \sum_{g \in C_i} g$

①  $\forall h \in G. [h, C_i] = 0$

$\Rightarrow \hat{C}_i$  are intertwiners on any rep. space

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{C_i} & V \\ g \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ V & \xrightarrow{C_i} & V \end{array}$$

restrict to an irrep. then  $\hat{C}_i = \lambda_i^\mu \mathbb{1}_\mu \equiv \sum_{g \in C_i} T^\mu(g)$

take trace,

$$\lambda_i^\mu \cdot n_\mu = n_i \chi^\mu([C_i])$$

$$\lambda_i^\mu = \frac{n_i}{n_\mu} \chi^\mu([C_i])$$

②  $\hat{C}_i \hat{C}_j = \sum_k D_{ij}^k \hat{C}_k$  . restrict to  $V^\mu$ .  $C_i = \sum_\mu \lambda_i^\mu P_\mu$   
 $\cong \bigoplus_\mu \lambda_i^\mu \mathbb{1}_\mu$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_i^\mu \lambda_j^\mu &= \sum_k [D_i]_{jk} \lambda_k^\mu & \psi^\mu &= (\lambda_1^\mu, \lambda_2^\mu, \lambda_3^\mu)^T \\ &\equiv \lambda_i^\mu \sum_k \delta_{jk} \lambda_k^\mu \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_k ([D_i]_{jk} - \lambda_i^\mu \delta_{jk}) \lambda_k^\mu \quad \psi^\mu = (\lambda_1^\mu, \lambda_2^\mu, \lambda_3^\mu)^T$$

$$(D_i - \lambda_i^\mu \mathbb{1}) \psi^\mu = 0$$

to diagonalize all  $\hat{C}_i$ :  $\sum_i \underbrace{(\hat{D}_i y_i - \lambda_i^\mu y_i)}_L \vec{\psi}^\mu = 0$

After obtaining  $\lambda_i^\mu$ :  $\chi^\mu = \frac{n_\mu}{n_i} \lambda_i^\mu \quad \langle \chi^\mu, \chi^\nu \rangle = \delta_{\mu\nu}$ .

$$S_3: \quad C_1 = e, \quad C_2 = (12) + (13) + (23), \quad C_3 = (123) + (132)$$

$$m_1 = 1, \quad m_2 = 3, \quad m_3 = 2$$

	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$
$C_1$	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$
$C_2$	$C_2$	$3C_1 + 3C_3$	$2C_2$
$C_3$	$C_3$	$2C_2$	$2C_1 + C_3$

$$L_{jk} = \sum \rho_{ij}^k y^i$$

$$L_{11} = \rho_{11}^1 y^1 + \rho_{21}^1 y^2 + \rho_{31}^1 y^3$$

$$= y^1 + 0 + 0$$

$$L_{22} = \rho_{12}^2 y^1 + \rho_{22}^2 y^2 + \rho_{32}^2 y^3$$

$$= y^1 + 0 y^2 + 2 y^3$$

$$\Rightarrow L = \begin{pmatrix} y^1 & y^2 & y^3 \\ 3y^2 & y^1 + 2y^3 & 3y^2 \\ 2y^3 & 2y^2 & y^1 + y^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} y^1 + \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} y^2 + \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} y^3$$

$$\lambda^{\mu_1} = y^1 + 3y^2 + 2y^3$$

$$\lambda^{\mu_2} = y^1 - 3y^2 + 2y^3$$

$$\lambda^{\mu_3} = y^1 + 0y^2 - y^3$$

$$\lambda_i^{\mu} = \frac{m_i}{n_{\mu}} \chi^{\mu}([C_i])$$

$$\chi_i^{\mu} = n_{\mu} \frac{\lambda_i^{\mu}}{m_i}$$

$$m_1 = 1, \quad m_2 = 3, \quad m_3 = 2$$

$$\chi_{\mu_1} = n_{\mu_1} \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{3}, \frac{2}{2} \right)$$

$$\chi_{\mu_2} = n_{\mu_2} \left( \frac{1}{1}, \frac{-3}{3}, \frac{2}{2} \right)$$

$$\chi_{\mu_3} = n_{\mu_3} \left( \frac{1}{1}, \frac{0}{3}, -\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$C_2: CSO - I$$

↳ normalization:

$$\langle \chi_{\mu_1}, \chi_{\mu_1} \rangle = \frac{1}{6} n_{\mu_1}^2 \cdot 6 = 1$$

$$\langle \chi_{\mu_1}, \chi_{\mu_2} \rangle = \frac{1}{6} n_{\mu_1}^2 \cdot 6 = 1$$

$$\langle \chi_{\mu_3}, \chi_{\mu_3} \rangle = \frac{1}{6} n_{\mu_3}^2 (1 + 0 + \frac{1}{4} \times 2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} n_{\mu_3}^2 = 1$$

$$n_{\mu_1} = n_{\mu_2} = 1$$

$$n_{\mu_3} = 2$$

Projectors:  $\hat{C}_i \hat{C}_j = \sum_k [D_i]_{jk} C_k$

$$\hat{C}_i \cdot \phi_\mu = \lambda_i^\mu \phi_\mu$$

$$\phi_\mu = \sum_i \phi_\mu(C_i) C_i \\ \equiv \phi_\mu^i C_i$$

$$\sum_j \phi_\mu^j \hat{C}_i \hat{C}_j = \lambda_i^\mu \sum_k \phi_\mu^k C_k$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{j,k} \phi_\mu^j [D_i]_{jk} C_k = \lambda_i^\mu \sum_k \phi_\mu^k C_k$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_k \left( \sum_j [D_i^T]_{kj} \phi_\mu^j \right) C_k = \sum_k \lambda_i^\mu \phi_\mu^k C_k$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_j [D_i^T]_{kj} \phi_\mu^j = \lambda_i^\mu \phi_\mu^k$$

$$\sum_j ([D_i^T]_{kj} - \lambda_i^\mu \delta_{jk}) \phi_\mu^j = 0$$

$\phi_\mu$  are eigenvectors of  $D_i^T$  with basis  $\{C_1, C_2, C_3\}$

$$D_2^T = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & & \\ 1 & 2 & \\ & 3 & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2^{\mu_1} = 3 \quad \phi_{\mu_1} \propto (1, 1, 1)^T \leftarrow \chi_{\mu_1(i)}$$

$$\lambda_2^{\mu_2} = -3 \quad \phi_{\mu_2} \propto (1, -1, 1)^T$$

$$\lambda_2^{\mu_3} = 0 \quad \phi_{\mu_3} \propto (2, 0, -1)^T$$

$$P_{\mu_1} = \alpha_{\mu_1} (C_1 + C_2 + C_3)$$

$$P_{\mu_1}^2 = \alpha_{\mu_1}^2 (C_1^2 + C_2^2 + C_3^2 + 2C_1C_2 + 2C_1C_3 + 2C_2C_3)$$

$$= \alpha_{\mu_1}^2 \left( \underbrace{C_1 + 3C_1 + 3C_1}_{4C_1} + \underbrace{2C_1 + C_3}_{2C_1 + C_3} + \underbrace{2C_2 + 2C_3 + 4C_2}_{4C_2} \right)$$

$$= 6\alpha_{\mu_1}^2 (C_1 + C_2 + C_3) = \alpha_{\mu_1} (C_1 + C_2 + C_3) \\ \equiv P_{\mu_1}$$

$$\alpha_{\mu_1} = \frac{1}{6}$$

	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$
$C_1$	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$
$C_2$	$C_2$	$3C_1 + 3C_3$	$2C_2$
$C_3$	$C_3$	$2C_2$	$2C_1 + C_3$

$$P_{\mu_1} = \frac{1}{6} (C_1 + C_2 + C_3)$$

$$P_{\mu_2} = \frac{1}{6} (C_1 - C_2 + C_3)$$

$$P_{\mu_3} = \frac{1}{3} (2C_1 - C_3)$$

$$P_{\mu_1} P_{\mu_2} \propto C_1^2 + C_3^2 + 2C_1 C_3 - C_2^2 = C_1 + 2C_1 + C_3 + 2C_3 - (3C_1 + 3C_3) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\mu_1} P_{\mu_3} &\propto (C_1 + C_2 + C_3)(2C_1 - C_3) = 2C_1^2 - C_1 C_3 + 2C_1 C_2 - C_2 C_3 \\ &\quad + 2C_1 C_3 - C_3^2 \\ &= 2C_1 - C_3 + 2C_2 - 2C_2 = 0 \\ &\quad + 2C_3 - (2C_1 + C_3) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{C}_2 P_{\mu_1} = \frac{1}{6} (C_1 C_2 + C_2^2 + C_2 C_3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (C_2 + 3C_1 + 3C_3 + 2C_2) = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{6} (C_1 + C_2 + C_3)$$

$$= \frac{m_2}{n_{\mu_1}} \chi_{\mu_1}([C_2]) \cdot P_{\mu_1}$$

$$(12) P_{\mu_1} = (12) \cdot \frac{1}{6} (e + \underline{(12)} + \underline{(23)} + \underline{(13)} + (123) + (132))$$

$$(12) P_{\mu_2} = \frac{1}{6} ((12) + \underline{e} + \underline{(123)} + \underline{(132)} + (23) + (13))$$

$$= \chi_{\mu_1} \cdot P_{\mu_1}$$

$$= (-1) \cdot P_{\mu_2} = \chi_{\mu_2} \cdot P_{\mu_2}$$

$$T(h) P^{\mu} = \sum_{i,k=1}^{n_{\mu}} M_{ki}^{\mu}(h) P_{ki}^{\mu}$$

$$P_{\mu_3} = P_{\mu_3}'' + P_{\mu_3}'''$$

$$P_{ij}^{\mu} P_{kl}^{\mu} = \delta_{jk} P_{il}^{\mu}$$

$$T(h) P_{ij}^{\mu} = \sum_{k=1}^{n_{\mu}} M_{ki}^{\mu}(h) P_{kj}^{\mu}$$

$$\Rightarrow P'' \cdot P''' = 0$$

$$P_{11}^{\mu} P_{21}^{\mu} = 0$$

$$\boxed{S P_{kj}^{\mu}, k=1, \dots, n_{\mu}}$$

$$\text{what if } P'' = e - (13) + (12) - (132) \quad ?$$

$$P''' = e - (12) + (13) - (123)$$

$$\text{satisfy the orthogonality relation } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} P_{\mu_3}'' P_{\mu_3}''' = \delta_{12} P_{\mu_3}'' = 0 \\ P_{\mu_1}'' + P_{\mu_1}''' = P_{\mu_1} \end{array} \right.$$

in principle. find more commuting operators  
to lift degeneracies on the group space  $R_G$

$$S_3: \begin{array}{c|c|c} & e & (12) \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline -1 & 1 & -1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} & C_1 & C_2 \\ \hline C_1 & C_1 & C_2 \\ \hline C_2 & C_2 & C_1 \end{array}$$

$$P_{2j}^k: \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = \pm 1$$

$$P_1 = \frac{1}{2}(e + (12))$$

$$P_2 = \frac{1}{2}(e - (12))$$

$$G \supset \mathbb{A}_1$$

$$P_{\nu_i}^{\nu} = P^{\nu} P_{\nu_i}^{\nu}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow P_1^2 &= P^2 P_1^{\nu} = \frac{1}{6} (2e - (123) - (132)) (e + (12)) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} (2e + 2(12) - (123) - (13) - (132) \\ &\quad - (23)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} P^2 = P_1 + P_{-1} \quad \checkmark \\ P_1 P_{-1} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} C_2 + C_2' & \text{CSO-III} \\ \uparrow & \uparrow \\ S_3 & S_2 \end{array}$$

$$(12) P_{\pm}^2 = \pm P_{\pm}^2$$

## 8.14 Representation of $S_n$

(Miller, book Chap 4)

see also 陈金全

contains all proofs  
of the statements  
(11.15 Moore) below.

Basics of  $S_n$ :

$$(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_r) \sim (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_r)$$

$r$ -cycles are conjugate

$S_n$  irreps are defined by vectors

$$\vec{l} = (l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n)$$

$l_i$  the number of  $i$ -cycles

conj. classes  $\Leftrightarrow$  Young diagrams.

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Continue of the group algebra perspective

finding irreps = finding (primitive) idempotents.

For 1D irreps:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \underline{c} = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{s \in S_n} s_n \quad \underline{cs = sc = c} \quad \underline{c^2 = c} \\ (\forall s \in S_n)$$

The subspace  $\{ \lambda c \}$  is an irrep.

$$L(s) \cdot c = sc = c$$

trivial irrep

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \underline{C} = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{S \in S_n} \text{sgn}(S) \cdot S$$

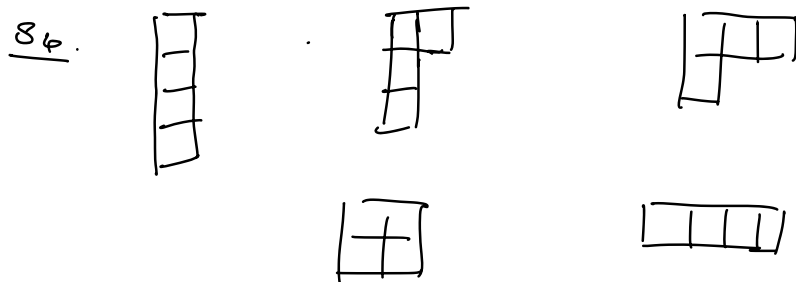
$$CS = SC = \underline{\text{sgn}(S) \cdot C} \quad \forall S \in S_n$$

$$L(S) \cdot C = \text{sgn}(S) \cdot C.$$

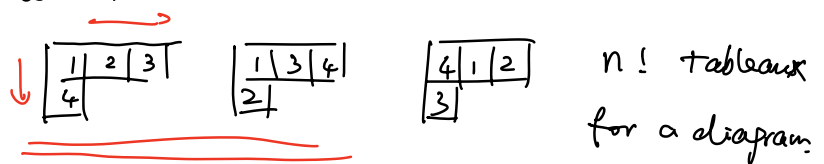
sgn irrep

How to find projectors / idempotents onto other irreps?

$\Rightarrow$  use Young diagrams & Young tableaux.



Young tableaux:



standard tableau: integers increase  
within row & column,

Given a tableau  $T$ . we define two sets of permutations  $R(T)$ ,  $C(T)$

$$T = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline 4 & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$R(T) = \{e, (12), (13), (23), (123), (132)\}$$

$$C(T) = \{e, (14)\}$$

$$R(T) \cap C(T) = \{e\}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc} p \in R(T), & g \in C(T) & pg \text{ unique.} \\ p' & g' & \underline{=} \end{array} \right) (*)$$

$$\underline{p'g' = pg} \Leftrightarrow \underline{g(g')^{-1} = p^{-1} \cdot p' = e} \Rightarrow p = p', g = g'$$

Then we construct two elements of  $R_{S_n} =: R_n$

$$P = \sum_{p \in R(T)} p \quad Q = \sum_{g \in C(T)} \epsilon(g) \cdot g \quad \left( \epsilon(g) = \text{sgn}(g) \right)$$

$$\epsilon \in \{\pm 1\}$$

$$\underline{C = PQ} = \sum_{\substack{p \in R(T) \\ g \in C(T)}} \epsilon(g) pg \quad \underline{=} \quad (*) \quad (\neq 0)$$

Theorem 1.  $C = PQ$  corresponding to a tableau  $T$  is essentially idempotent

The invariant subspace  $R_n C$   
 $(= \{gC, \forall g \in R_n\})$  yields  
 an irrep of  $S_n$ .



That is to say:

$$\textcircled{1} C^2 = \lambda C \quad (\lambda > 0 \text{ integers})$$

$$(\tilde{C} = \lambda^{-1} C \text{ idempotent})$$

$$\underline{p^\mu p^\nu = p^\mu \delta^{\mu\nu}}$$

$$\textcircled{2} C \cdot C' = 0 \quad (C' \neq C, T' \text{ a different tableau})$$

Theorem 2. The dimension  $f$  of

the irrep corresponds to a diagram  
is the number of standard tableaux  
 $f T_i, i=1, \dots, f$

Example.

$$S_4 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \overline{1|2|3|4} \quad \text{trivial} \quad f=1 \\ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \text{sgn} \quad f=1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$S_3 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & \\ \hline \end{array} \right] \quad \left[ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & \\ \hline \end{array} \right] \quad f=2 \quad \text{standard irrep.}$$

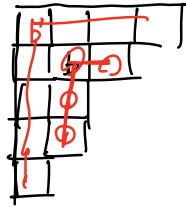
For a given  $T$ ,

$$C(T)^2 = \lambda(T) C(T)$$

$$\lambda(T) = \frac{n!}{f} \quad f: \text{dim of irrep.}$$

$$f = \frac{n!}{\prod_b h(b)} \quad \text{"hook length formula"}$$

$h(b)$ : hook length.



$$h(b) = 4$$

$$h(b') = 8$$

$S_3$ :



$$f = \frac{3!}{3} = 2$$



$$S_2: f = \frac{2!}{2} = 1 \quad \boxed{1} \quad e - (12) \quad \boxed{12} \quad e + (12)$$

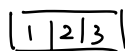
Example

$S_3$ :

① diagrams

standard tableau(x)

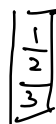
trivial:



standard:



sgn:



② trivial.

$$p = \sum_{p \in \text{Arr}} p = e + (12) + (13) + (23) + (123) + (132)$$

$$Q = e$$

$$(\tilde{C}^2 = \tilde{C})$$

$$\lambda = \frac{n!}{f} = 6$$

$$\tilde{C} = \frac{1}{\lambda} C = \frac{1}{6} (e + (12) + (13) + (23) + (123) + (132))$$

$$\forall \phi \in S_3 \quad \phi \tilde{C} = \tilde{C}$$

$$\underline{\underline{R_{S_3} \cdot \tilde{C} = \tilde{C}}}$$

sgn :

1
2
3

$P = e$

$Q = e - (12) - (13) - (23) + (123) + (132)$

$$\hat{C} = \frac{1}{6} Q$$

$$\phi \mathcal{C} = \text{sgn}(\phi) \tilde{\mathcal{C}} \quad (\phi \in S_3)$$

$$\{R_S, \tilde{C}\} \quad \text{1D sgn}$$

standard:

1	2
3	

 $T_1$ 

1	3
2	

 $T_2$ 

$$f = \frac{3!}{3} = 2$$

$$\lambda = 3$$

$$T_1: \quad P_1 = e + (12) \quad (12)(13) = (132)$$

$$Q_1 = e - (13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{C}_1 &= \frac{2}{6} P_1 \cdot Q = \frac{1}{3} (e - (12) + (12) - (132)) \\ \tilde{C}_2 &= \frac{1}{3} (e - (2) + (13) - (123)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{c}_i \tilde{c}_i = \tilde{c}_i \\ \tilde{c}_1 \tilde{c}_2 = 0 \end{cases} \quad \underline{\text{check!}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{s_2} \cdot \tilde{C}_1 &= (12)(132) \\ &= (13)(2) \\ e \cdot \tilde{C}_1 &= \tilde{C}_1 = \underline{v_f} \\ \underline{(12) \cdot \tilde{C}_1} &= \frac{1}{3} ((12) - (132) + e - (13)) \\ &= \underline{\tilde{C}_1} \quad (13)(132) = (12)(23) \end{aligned}$$

$$(13) \cdot \tilde{C}_1 = \frac{1}{2} ((13) - e + (123) - (23))$$

$$=: \underline{v_2}$$

$$(23) \cdot \tilde{C}_1 = -v_1 - v_2$$

$$(123) \cdot \tilde{C}_1 = v_2$$

$$(132) \cdot \tilde{C}_1 = \underline{-v_1 - v_2}$$

Matrix rep. of  $V = \text{span}\{v_1, v_2\}$

$$\begin{cases} (12) \cdot v_1 = v_1 \\ (12) \cdot v_2 = (12)((13) \cdot v_1) = (13) \cdot v_1 = -v_1 - v_2 \end{cases}$$

$$M[(12)] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \chi_2(12) = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} (13) \cdot v_1 = v_2 \\ (13) \cdot v_2 = v_1 \end{cases}$$

$$M[(13)] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{\chi_2(13) = 0}$$


$$M[(23)] = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \chi_1(23) = 0$$


$$M[(123)] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{\chi_2(123) = -1}$$


# Example: Character table of $S_4$ .


1. Conjugacy classes?


2. irreps? = # conj. class.

(4)   $f = \frac{4!}{1 \cdot 4!} = 1$  1

(31)   $f = \frac{4!}{4 \cdot 2} = 3$  3

(2)<sup>2</sup>   $f = \frac{4!}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2} = 2$  2

(2)(1)<sup>2</sup>  3

(1)<sup>4</sup>  1

$$|G| = \sum_{\mu} n_{\mu}^2$$

$$1 + 3^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 1 = 24 = 4!$$

	E	$\frac{\binom{4}{2}}{2} = 6$ [(12)]	$\frac{\binom{4}{2}}{2} = 3$ [(12)(34)]	$\binom{4}{3} \cdot 2 = 8$ [(123)]	$\binom{4}{3} \cdot 2 = 6$ [(1234)]
$V^+$	1	1	1	1	1
$V^-$	1	-1	1	1	-1
$V^+$	3	1	-1	0	-1
$V^- \otimes V^+$	3	-1	-1	0	1
$V^2$	2	0	2	-1	0
$V^{R^4}$	4	2	0	1	0

$$S_n \{e_i\} \mathbb{R}^n \quad L = \sum e_i$$

$$L^\perp =$$

$$\underline{V^{\mathbb{R}^n}} \cong \underline{V^+ \oplus V^\perp}$$

$$\langle x^r, x^r \rangle = 1 \Leftrightarrow \text{isrep.}$$