

## Summary

- Characters
- Schur's lemma
- Orthogonality of irred. chars (str.)

Def. Character of  $(\pi, V)$  is

$$\chi_{\pi} : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad \chi_{\pi}(g) = \text{Tr}_{\text{End}(V)}(\pi_g)$$

i.e.,  $(e_i)_{i=1}^n$  basis of  $V$ ,

$$(X_{ij}^{(g)})_{i,j=1}^n \text{ repr. mat. of } \pi_g$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \chi_{\pi}(g) &= \sum_{i=1}^n X_{ii}^{(g)} \\ &= \text{sum of eigenvals of } \pi_g. \end{aligned}$$

Rem.  $\bullet \text{Tr}_{\text{End}(V)}(ABA^{-1}) = \text{Tr}_{\text{End}(V)}(B)$

for  $A, B \in \text{End}(V)$

$$\Rightarrow \chi_{\pi}(g h g^{-1}) = \chi_{\pi}(h)$$

$\chi_{\pi}$  is a class function on  $G$ .

const. on each conjugacy class.

$\bullet z$  : eigenval of  $\pi_g$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $g^n = e$ .

$\Rightarrow z^n$  : eigenval of  $\pi_{g^n} = \pi_e = \text{Id}_V$  i.e.

$$z^n = 1. \quad (\text{and } n \mid \text{ord. of } G)$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi_{\pi}(g) \in \mathbb{Z} \left[ e^{\frac{2\pi\sqrt{-1}}{|G|}} \right]$$

Ex. >

Prop.  $\Rightarrow \chi_{\pi \oplus \pi'}(g) = \chi_{\pi}(g) + \chi_{\pi'}(g)$

$\because (X_{ij}^{(g)})_{i,j}$  mat. rep of  $\pi_g$

$(Y_{kl}^{(g)})_{k,l}$   $\sim$   $\pi'_g$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} X^{(g)} & 0 \\ 0 & Y^{(g)} \end{bmatrix} \text{ mat rep of } (\pi \oplus \pi')_g$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Tr}(\pi \oplus \pi')_g = \text{Tr } X^{(g)} + \text{Tr } Y^{(g)} = \text{Tr } \pi_g + \text{Tr } \pi'_g$$

## Examples

- 1-dim rep  $G \xrightarrow{\psi} GL_1(\mathbb{C})$  hom.

$$\rightarrow \chi_{\psi}(g) = \psi(g) \quad \text{Sometimes only this}$$

- $\pi: S_n \curvearrowright V = \langle e_1, \dots, e_n \rangle$  perm. rep.

$$\chi_{\pi}(\sigma) = \text{Tr}_{M_n(\mathbb{C})}(\text{perm. mat for } \sigma)$$

$$= \# \text{ of } 1\text{'s in diag}$$

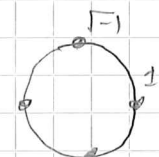
$$= \# \{ i : \sigma(i) = i \} \quad \text{fixed pts.}$$

Ex. of poly.

$$G = \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}. \quad \pi|_G \cong \varphi^{(0)} \oplus \dots \oplus \varphi^{(3)}$$

$$\text{up to } [i] \in G \leftrightarrow \sigma^i \text{ for } \sigma = (12 \dots 4)$$

$$i = 1, 3 \Rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{l} \sigma^i \text{ no fixed pt.} \\ \sum_{k=0}^3 \varphi^{(k)}[i] = \text{sum of } \end{array} \right.$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^3 \varphi^{(k)}[i] = \text{sum of } \begin{array}{c} \text{ } \\ \text{ } \\ \text{ } \\ \text{ } \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{ } \\ \text{ } \\ \text{ } \\ \text{ } \end{array} = 0$$


$$i = 2 \Rightarrow \sigma^2 = (13)(24) \text{ still no fixed pt.}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^3 \varphi_i^{(k)} = 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 = 0$$

Thm (Schur's Lemma)

$(\pi, V), (\pi', V')$  irred. rep of  $G$ .

$T: V \rightarrow V'$  intertwiner.

1) If  $\pi \not\cong \pi'$  then  $T = 0$

2) If  $(\pi \cong \pi' \text{ and } ) T \neq 0$ , then any other intertwiner is sc. mult. of  $T$ .

Pf. Basic idea:  $\text{Im } T, \text{Ker } T, \dots$

- $T$  intertw.  $\Rightarrow \text{Im } T, \text{Ker } T : G\text{-inv.}$

- $\pi, \pi'$  irred.  $\Rightarrow \text{Im } T, \text{Ker } T$  have to be  $0, V, V'$ .

$\Rightarrow T = 0$  or bijective  $\pi \cong \pi'$ .

Step 1.  $\text{Im } T, \text{Ker } T$   $G$ -inv.

$\therefore v \in V, g \in G.$

$$\pi'_g \underbrace{T v}_{\in \text{Im } T} = T \pi_g v \in \text{Im } T$$

$$\text{If } v \in \text{Ker } T \quad T \pi_g v = \pi_g \underbrace{T v}_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_g v \in \text{Ker } T$$

Step 2.  $T \neq 0 \Rightarrow T$  inj. (see  $\pi'_g \pi_g = 1$ )

$\therefore \text{Ker } T \neq V$  by assumption.

$(\pi, V)$  irr.  $\Rightarrow \text{Ker } T$  must be  $0$  or  $V$ .

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ker } T = 0 \Rightarrow T \text{ inj.}$$

Step 3  $T \neq 0 \Rightarrow T$  surj. ( $\Rightarrow T$  bij.; proves 1.)

otherwise  $\text{Im } T = 0$  by irr. of  $(\pi, V')$

$$\Rightarrow T = 0.$$

Step 4.  $T$  bij.  $\Rightarrow V$  intertwiner  $S: V \rightarrow V'$

$$\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{C} \text{ s.t. } S = \alpha T.$$

$\therefore A = S T^{-1}: V' \rightarrow V', \alpha$ : (any) eigenv. of  $A$ .

$A$  is an intertw.;  $\pi'_g S T^{-1} = S \pi_g T^{-1} = S T^{-1} \pi'_g$

$A - \alpha$  has nontriv. ker. &  $(\pi', V')$  irr.

$$\Rightarrow A - \alpha = 0 \quad \square$$

Step 2.

Averaging maps to get intertwiners

Prop.  $T: V \rightarrow V'$  linear map.

then  $\hat{T} = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \pi'_g T \pi_g^{-1}$  is an intertwiner.

Step 1.  $S: V \rightarrow V'$  is an intertw. iff

$$\pi'_h S \pi_h^{-1} = S$$

Step 2.  $\pi'_h \hat{T} \pi_h^{-1} = \hat{T}$

Cor.  $(\pi, V), (\pi', V')$  irr.,  $T: V \rightarrow V'$  lin.

$\tilde{T}$  as above.

$$1. \pi \neq \pi' \Rightarrow \tilde{T} = 0$$

$$2. V = V', \pi = \pi' \Rightarrow \tilde{T} = \frac{\text{Tr}(T)}{\dim V} \text{Id}_V$$

$\therefore$  1. is from Th'm. 1.

$$2. \begin{cases} \text{Tr } \tilde{T} = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_g \text{Tr}(\pi_g T \pi_g^{-1}) = \text{Tr } T. \\ \tilde{T} \text{ is scalar mult. of Id.} \end{cases}$$

Orthogonality of irred. characters

$\varphi, \psi: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  maps  $\Rightarrow$  Hermitian inn.

prob.  $(\varphi, \psi)_{L^2(G)} = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \varphi(g) \overline{\psi(g)}$

Th'm. 1)  $\pi$  irred. rep.  $\Rightarrow (\chi_\pi, \chi_\pi)_{L^2(G)} = 1$

2)  $\pi'$ : another irred. rep,  $\pi \neq \pi'$

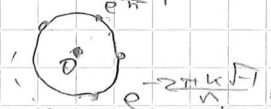
$$\Rightarrow (\chi_\pi, \chi_{\pi'})_{L^2(G)} = 0$$

Example

$$G = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \quad (\varphi^{(k)}, \varphi^{(l)})_{L^2(G)} = (\varphi^{(k-l)}, 1)_{L^2(G)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \varphi^{(k)}(i) \overline{\varphi^{(l)}(i)} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_i e^{\frac{2\pi\sqrt{-1}ki}{n}} e^{-\frac{2\pi\sqrt{-1}li}{n}} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum e^{\frac{2\pi\sqrt{-1}(k-l)i}{n}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (\varphi^{(0)}, 1)_{L^2(G)} = 1, \quad (\varphi^{(k)}, 1)_{L^2(G)} = 0 \quad (k=1, \dots, n-1)$$



Why good?  $(\chi_\pi, \chi_\pi)_{L^2(G)} = 1 \Rightarrow \pi$  irred.

e.g.  $\pi \cong \pi_1 \oplus \pi_2$   $\pi_1, \pi_2$  irr,  $\pi_1 \neq \pi_2$

$$\Rightarrow (\chi_\pi, \chi_\pi) = \sum_{i,j} (\chi_{\pi_i}, \chi_{\pi_j}) = \sum_i (\chi_{\pi_i}, \chi_{\pi_i}) = 2$$