

Examples: (Tables copied from last lecture)

1)  $G = C_3 = \langle x \rangle$

$g_i$ $ Z(g_i) $	e	x	$x^2$	
$\chi_1$	1	1	1	$\rightarrow W_1$
$\chi_2$	1	$\omega$	$\omega^2$	$\rightarrow W_2$
$\chi_3$	1	$\omega^2$	$\omega$	$\rightarrow W_3$

$\langle r | r^3 = e \rangle$

$C_3 \leq D_3$

Coset reps are e, f.

$W_1 = \langle e + r + r^2 \rangle$

$W_1 \uparrow_{C_3}^{D_3} = \langle e + r + r^2, f + fr + fr^2 \rangle$   
 $= U_1 \oplus U_2$

2)  $G = D_3 = \langle r, f | r^3 = e, f^2 = e, fr = r^{-1}f \rangle$

$g_i$ $ Cl(g_i) $ $ Z(g_i) $	e	r	f	
$\chi_1$	1	1	1	$\rightarrow U_1$
$\chi_2$	1	1	-1	$\rightarrow U_2$
$\chi_3$	2	-1	0	$\rightarrow U_3$

$W_2 \uparrow_{C_3}^{D_3} = \langle e + \omega r + \omega^2 r^2, f + \omega fr + \omega^2 fr^2 \rangle$   
 $= U_3$

Example 3:

$G = A_4$

$g_i$ $ Z(g_i) $	id	(12)(34)	(1 2 3)	(1 3 2)
$\chi_1$	1	1	1	1
$\chi_2$	1	1	$\omega$	$\omega^2$
$\chi_3$	1	1	$\omega^2$	$\omega$
$\chi_4$	3	-1	0	0

$A_4 \quad S_4$

$\psi_1 = \chi_1 \downarrow_{A_4} = \chi_2 \downarrow_{A_4}$

$\chi_3 \downarrow_{A_4} = \psi_2 + \psi_3$

$\psi_4 = \chi_4 \downarrow_{A_4} = \chi_5 \downarrow_{A_4}$

$\psi_1$   
 $\psi_2$   
 $\psi_3$   
 $\psi_4$

4)  $G = S_4$  :

$V \downarrow S_4$   
 $A_2$

$g_i$ $ C(g_i) $ $ Z(g_i) $	$e$	$(1\ 2)$	$(1\ 2)(3\ 4)$	$(1\ 2\ 3)$	$(1\ 2\ 3\ 4)$
$\chi_1$	1	1	1	1	1
$\chi_2$	1	-1	1	1	-1
$\chi_3$	2	0	2	-1	0
$\chi_4$	3	1	-1	0	-1
$\chi_5$	3	-1	-1	0	1

## 5.1) Restriction

Defn 1: Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Then any  $\mathbb{C}[G]$ -module  $V$  can be regarded as a  $\mathbb{C}[H]$ -module, in which case we denote it by  $V \downarrow H$  (or  $V \downarrow_H^G$  or  $\text{Res}_H^G(V)$  or  $\text{Res}_H(V)$ ) and call it the restriction of  $V$  to  $H$ .  
• If  $V$  has character  $\chi$ , then  $V \downarrow H$  has character  $\chi \downarrow H$ .

Note:  $\chi$  irred  $\not\Rightarrow$   $\chi \downarrow H$  irred.

Prop 1: Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  and  $\psi$  a nonzero char of  $H$ . Then there exists an irred. char  $\chi$  of  $G$  s.t.  $\langle \chi \downarrow H, \psi \rangle \neq 0$ .

Pf: Let  $\chi_1, \dots, \chi_r$  be the irred chars of  $G$ . Let  $\varrho$  be the regular character of  $G$ . Then  $\varrho = \sum_i \chi_i(e) \chi_i$ .

Now observe that the reg. module  $\mathbb{C}[G]$  contains  $\mathbb{C}[H]$  is closed under the action of  $H$  (so  $\mathbb{C}[H]$  is a  $\mathbb{C}[H]$ -submod of  $\text{Res}_H(\mathbb{C}[G])$ ).

Suppose  $\psi$  is irred. Then the corr.  $\mathbb{C}[H]$ -mod.  $V$  is a  $\mathbb{C}[H]$ -submod of  $\mathbb{C}[H]$ . Therefore,  $\langle \varrho \downarrow H, \psi \rangle \neq 0$ , so

$$0 \neq \left\langle \sum_i \chi_i(e) \chi_i \downarrow H, \psi \right\rangle_H = \sum_i \chi_i(e) \langle \chi_i \downarrow H, \psi \rangle_H.$$

and so  $\langle \chi_i \downarrow H, \psi \rangle \neq 0$  for some  $i$ .

We can extend this to reducible  $\psi$  by noting that for some constituent  $\psi_j$  of  $\psi$ ,  $\exists i$  s.t.  $\langle \chi_i \downarrow H, \psi_j \rangle \neq 0$ .  $\square$

Thm 1: (Clifford's Thm) Suppose  $H \triangleleft G$ ,  $\chi$  an irred char of  $G$  and  $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_m$  the constituents of  $\chi \downarrow H$ . Then:

- i) the  $\psi_i$  all have the same degree
- ii)  $\langle \chi \downarrow H, \psi_i \rangle$  is the same for all  $\psi_i$ .

Pf: i) Let  $V$  be  $\mathbb{C}[G]$ -mod corr to  $\chi$  and let  $U$  be an irred  $\mathbb{C}[H]$ -submod of  $V \downarrow H$ . Then  $\forall g \in G$ , the set  $gU = \{gu \mid u \in U\}$  is a subspace of  $V$  and  $\forall h \in H$ , we have  $h(gu) = (hg)u = g(g^{-1}hg)u \in gU$  (since  $g^{-1}hg \in H$ , and  $U$  is a  $\mathbb{C}[H]$ -submod). Thus,  $gU$  is also a  $\mathbb{C}[H]$ -submodule of  $V \downarrow H$ .

Now suppose  $W$  is a submodule of  $gU$ . Then  $g^{-1}W$  is a submod of  $U$  and hence  $g^{-1}W$  is a submod of  $U$ . Hence  $g^{-1}W$  is  $U$  or  $\{0\}$  (because  $U$  is irred) and so  $W$  is  $gU$  or  $\{0\}$ , and hence  $gU$  is irred. Moreover, since

$g$  is an invertible linear trans,  $\dim gU = \dim U$ .  
 Finally, note that  $\sum_{g \in G} gU$  is  $\mathbb{C}[G]$ -submod of  $V$ ,  
 and so  $V = \sum gU$ . Thus,  $V = g_1 U \oplus g_2 U \oplus \dots \oplus g_k U$ .

ii) Exercise.

Prop 2: Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ , let  $\chi$  be an irred char of  $G$  and let  $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_r$  be the irred chars of  $H$ . Then

$$\chi \downarrow H = d_1 \psi_1 + d_2 \psi_2 + \dots + d_r \psi_r$$

where  $\sum d_i^2 \leq [G:H] = \frac{|G|}{|H|}$ .

Equality holds iff  $\chi(g) = 0 \quad \forall g \in G - H$ .

Pf:  $\sum d_i^2 = \langle \chi \downarrow H, \chi \downarrow H \rangle_H = \frac{1}{|H|} \sum_{h \in H} \chi(h) \overline{\chi(h)}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet 1 = \langle \chi, \chi \rangle_G &= \frac{1}{|G|} \left( \sum_{h \in H} \chi(h) \overline{\chi(h)} + \sum_{g \in G-H} \chi(g) \overline{\chi(g)} \right) \\ &= \frac{|H|}{|G|} \sum d_i^2 + K \end{aligned}$$

where  $K > 0$ . □

## 5.2) Induction

Let  $H \leq G$  and let  $g_1, \dots, g_k$  be representatives of the left cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ . Then given a  $\mathbb{C}[H]$ -module  $W$ , we wish to define a  $\mathbb{C}[G]$ -module  $V$  s.t.  $V = g_1 W \oplus g_2 W \oplus \dots \oplus g_k W$ .

Defn 1: Let  $U$  be an irred  $\mathbb{C}[H]$ -mod. Then, viewing  $U$  as a submodule of  $\mathbb{C}[H]$  (the regular module), define

$$U \uparrow G = \{gu \mid g \in G, u \in U\}.$$

We call  $U \uparrow G$  (or  $U \uparrow_H^G$  or  $\text{Ind}_H^G(U)$ ) the  $\mathbb{C}[G]$ -module induced from  $U$ .

• For a general  $\mathbb{C}[H]$ -mod  $U$ , we have  $U = \bigoplus U_i$  where the  $U_i$  are irred  $\mathbb{C}[H]$ -submods. Then  $U \uparrow G = \bigoplus (U_i \uparrow G)$ .

• If  $U$  has character  $\psi$ , then the character of  $U \uparrow G$  is denoted  $\psi \uparrow G$ .

Thm 1: (Frobenius Reciprocity Thm:) Let  $\psi$  be a char of  $H$  and let  $\chi$  be a char of  $G$ . Then:

$$\langle \psi \uparrow G, \chi \rangle_G = \langle \psi, \chi \downarrow H \rangle_H.$$

Prop 1: Let  $\psi$  be a char of  $H$ . Then let  $\Psi: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be given by

$$\Psi(g) = \begin{cases} \psi(g) & \text{if } g \in H \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Then } \chi_{\uparrow G}(g) = \frac{1}{|H|} \sum_{y \in G} \Psi(ygy^{-1}).$$

5.3) Repr Theory of  $S_n$ : [following Bruce Sagan - The Symmetric Group]

The conjugacy classes of  $S_n$  are given by cycle types,  
e.g.  $(1 \ 2 \ 3)(4 \ 5)(6 \ 7)(8)$

These are indexed by partitions  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k)$  of  $n$   
where  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ,  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_k = n$  and  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_k$ .  
We write  $|\lambda| = \sum \lambda_i$ , and if  $|\lambda| = n$  we write  $\lambda \vdash n$   
is  $\uparrow$  a partition of

Eg:  $n=4$ : Partitions of 4:

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} (1, 1, 1, 1) & , & (2, 1, 1) & , & (2, 2) & , & (3, 1) & , & (4) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (1)(2)(3)(4) & & (1 \ 2)(3)(4) & & (1 \ 2)(3 \ 4) & & (1 \ 2 \ 3)(4) & & (1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4) \end{array} \quad \text{(cycle types)}$$

Q: How might we find an irred repr corr. to  $\lambda \vdash n$ ?

Let  $S_\lambda$  be the subgp of  $S_n$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} & S_{\{1, 2, \dots, \lambda_1\}} \times S_{\{\lambda_1+1, \dots, \lambda_1+\lambda_2\}} \times \dots \times S_{\{n-\lambda_k+1, \dots, n\}} \\ & \cong S_{\lambda_1} \times S_{\lambda_2} \times \dots \times S_{\lambda_k} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $M^\lambda$  be the module associated to  $\mathbb{1}_{S_n} \uparrow_{S_\lambda}$ .  
This is not generally irreducible.

BUT, we can order the partitions of  $n$  such that

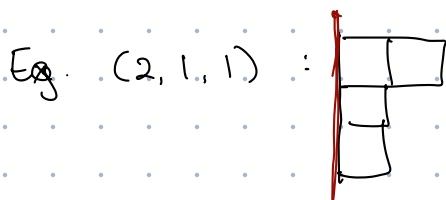
$M^{\lambda^{(1)}}$  is irreducible (call it  $S^{\lambda^{(1)}}$ )  
 $M^{\lambda^{(2)}}$  contains copies of  $S^{\lambda^{(1)}}$  and a unique copy of a new irreducible submodule (call it  $S^{\lambda^{(2)}}$ )  
 $M^{\lambda^{(k)}}$  contains copies of  $S^{\lambda^{(i)}}$  for  $\lambda^{(i)} < \lambda^{(k)}$  and a unique copy of a new irreducible submodule (call it  $S^{\lambda^{(k)}}$ ).

The  $S^{\lambda^{(n)}}$  are called Specht modules.  
 The  $M^\lambda$  are called the permutation modules corr. to  $\lambda$ .  
 (associated to the group  $S_n$ ).

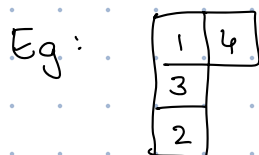
Constructing  $M^\lambda$ :

$M^\lambda = \mathbb{C}$ -span of  $\{\bar{t}_1, \bar{t}_2, \dots, \bar{t}_k\}$  where the  $\bar{t}_i$  are distinct  $\lambda$ -tabloids.

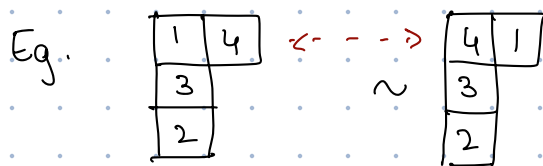
To each partition  $\lambda$ , we can associate a Young diagram which is a left-justified array of boxes consisting of  $\lambda_1$  boxes in the first row,  $\lambda_2$  boxes in the second, etc.



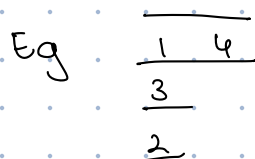
A tableau is a filling of this Young diagram with the numbers  $1, 2, \dots, n$ . (each appearing exactly once)



We put an equivalence reln on the set of  $\lambda$ -tableaux where two tableaux are equivalent whenever all corresponding rows have the same elements.



The equivalence class is called a  $\lambda$ -tabloid, and is denoted without the vertical lines in the Young diagram.



Then  $\pi \in S_n$  acts on the set of  $\lambda$ -tabloids by permuting elements:

$$(1 \ 2 \ 3) \circ \frac{1 \ 4}{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{2 \ 4}{\frac{1}{3}}$$

## Examples:

1) If  $\lambda = (n)$ , then

$$M^{(n)} = \left\langle \overline{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ \dots \ n} \right\rangle$$



This is a 1-dim module, and  $S_n$  acts on this trivially.  
This has character  $1 \uparrow_{S_n}^{S_n}$ .

2) If  $\lambda = (1, 1, \dots, 1) = (1^n)$ , then



$$M^{(1^n)} = \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \overline{=} \\ \overline{=} \\ \vdots \\ \overline{=} \end{array} \right\rangle$$

$\hookrightarrow n!$  tabloids in all.

This is isomorphic to the regular representation of  $S_n$ .  
 $1 \uparrow_{S_{(1^n)}}^{S_n} = 1 \uparrow_{\{e\}}^{S_n} = \mathbb{Q}$  (reg. character)

3) If  $\lambda = (n-1, 1)$ , then



$$M^\lambda = \left\langle \overline{\underline{1}}, \overline{\underline{2}}, \overline{\underline{3}}, \dots, \overline{\underline{n}} \right\rangle$$

This is isomorphic to the defining permutation repn of  $S_n$ .  
 $S_n \curvearrowright \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

Char:  $1 \uparrow_{S_{(n-1,1)}}^{S_n}(g) = |\text{fix}(g)|$ .

The order on the set of  $\lambda$  needed to extract the Specht modules from the  $M^\lambda$  is reverse-lexicographic ordering.

$$(1, 1, \dots, 1) < (2, 1, \dots, 1) < (2, 2, 1, \dots, 1) < \dots < (n-1, 1) < (n)$$