

Representations of finite groups

Homework #5, due Wednesday, October 14.

1. Describe all irreducible representations of $\mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/2$.
2. Verify orthogonality relations for characters of irreducible representations of cyclic groups $\mathbb{Z}/2$ and $\mathbb{Z}/3$.
3. Check orthogonality relations for characters of irreps of S_3 using the character table derived in class.
4. Let V be the 2-dimensional complex representation of $\mathbb{Z}/3$ where the generator g of $\mathbb{Z}/3$ acts on the basis vectors by

$$g(v_1) = v_2, \quad g(v_2) = -v_1 - v_2.$$

Express V explicitly as a direct sum of irreducible representations. Compute χ_V .

5. Prove that a finite group G is abelian if every complex irreducible representation of G is one-dimensional.
6. Prove that the character χ_V is multiplicative,

$$\chi_V(gh) = \chi_V(g)\chi_V(h), \quad \forall g, h \in G,$$

if and only if V is one-dimensional.