

(Bonus, after orbit-stabilizer and Burnside lectures)

We claimed without proof, before, that

$$\text{Frob}(V_\lambda) := \sum_{\mu} \chi_\lambda(\mu) \frac{p_\mu}{z_\mu} = S_\lambda.$$

Steps to show this:

① Define an inner product on class functions:  
maps on conj. classes of  $S_n$ . Call  $CF_n$   
this space, (to  $\mathbb{C}$ .)

For  $f, g \in CF_n$ ,

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\pi \in S_n} f(\pi) \overline{g(\pi)}$$

$$\left( = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\pi \in S_n} f(\pi) g(\pi^{-1}) \right)$$

Lemma:  $\langle \text{Frob}(V), \text{Frob}(W) \rangle = \langle \chi_V, \chi_W \rangle$   
 $\uparrow$  Hall inner product       $\uparrow$  class fn inner product.

Pf:  $\langle \text{Frob}(V), \text{Frob}(W) \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{\lambda} \chi_V(\lambda) \frac{p_\lambda}{z_\lambda}, \sum_{\mu} \chi_W(\mu) \frac{p_\mu}{z_\mu} \right\rangle$

$$= \sum_{\lambda} \chi_V(\lambda) \chi_W(\lambda) \cdot \frac{1}{z_\lambda}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\pi} \chi_V(\pi) \chi_W(\pi^{-1})$$

(same cycle type as  $\pi$ ).  $\square$

② Define product structure on CF:

Def:  $f \in CF_n, g \in CF_m$ :

$$f \circ g = \text{Ind}_{S_n \times S_m}^{S_{n+m}} f \times g \quad \text{if } f, g \text{ characters,}$$

extend by linearity to all class functions.

Lemma:  $\text{Frob}(f \circ g) = \text{Frob}(f) \text{Frob}(g)$

Pf:  $\text{Frob}(\text{Ind}_{S_n \times S_m}^{S_{n+m}} f \times g) = \langle \text{Ind}_{S_n \times S_m}^{S_{n+m}} f \times g, \psi \rangle$

↑ returns  $P_C(w)$   
for any  $w \in S_n$

"Frobenius Reciprocity"  $\rightarrow$

$$= \langle f \times g, \text{Res}_{S_n \times S_m}^{S_{n+m}} \psi \rangle_{S_n \times S_m}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n! \cdot m!} \sum_{u \in S_n} \sum_{v \in S_m} f(u) g(v) \psi(uv)$$

||  
 $\psi(u) \psi(v)$

$$= \langle f, \psi \rangle_{S_n} \langle g, \psi \rangle_{S_m}$$

$$= \text{Frob}(f) \text{Frob}(g)$$

R = ring of virtual chars - differences of two characters.  $\square$

③ Now have ring hom.  $\text{Frob}: R \rightarrow \Lambda$  preserving  $\langle, \rangle$ 's,

want to show it sends  $\chi_\lambda$  to  $s_\lambda$ . Have:

- $\langle \chi_\lambda, \chi_\mu \rangle = \delta_{\lambda\mu}$  (by generic rep thm)

- $\langle s_\lambda, s_\mu \rangle = \delta_{\lambda\mu}$

Since  $\{s_\lambda\}$  orthonormal  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}}$ , if we can show image of Frob on  $R$  is all of  $\Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}}$ , then Frob:  $R \rightarrow \Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}}$  ring isomorphism, so  $\chi_\lambda$ 's map to  $s_\lambda$ 's (up to sign, which we can check is positive).

$\Rightarrow$  Suffices to show

$$\text{Frob}: R \xrightarrow{\cong} \Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}}.$$

④ Induction and Burnside's:  $\text{tr} (w \text{ acting on } \mathbb{C}[G/H])$   
 Note:  $\langle \text{Ind}_H^G \mathbb{1}_H, \mathbb{1}_G \rangle = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{w \in G} \# \text{Fix}_{G/H}(w)$

since  $\text{ind}_H^G \mathbb{1}_H = \mathbb{C}[G] \otimes_H \mathbb{1}_H \leftarrow$  basis is given by  $G/H \otimes \mathbb{1}$ ,  
 action on  $G/H$  cosets by  $w \in G$ .

So Burnside's says

$$\langle \text{Ind}_H^G \mathbb{1}_H, \mathbb{1}_G \rangle = \# \text{orbits of } G \curvearrowright G/H.$$

Use this understanding on Young subgroups:

⑤ Claim:  $\text{Frob} \left( \text{Ind}_{S_{\lambda_1} \times \dots \times S_{\lambda_m}}^{S_n} \mathbb{1}_{S_{\lambda_1} \times \dots \times S_{\lambda_m}} \right) = h_\alpha$

Pf: Cosets of  $S_{\lambda_1} \times \dots \times S_{\lambda_m}$  in  $S_n$  are words of length  $n$ , content  $\alpha$ .

$S_n$  acts by permuting the entries

Ex: For  $\text{Ind}_{S_2 \times S_2 \times S_2}^{S_n} \mathbb{1}_{S_2 \times S_2 \times S_2}$ , basis is

$$11122233,$$

$$11222323,$$

$\vdots$

$$13221132, \dots$$

$$(12)13221132 = 31221132$$

We have  $\text{Ind} = \mathbb{1}_{S_{\alpha_1}} \circ \mathbb{1}_{S_{\alpha_2}} \circ \dots \circ \mathbb{1}_{S_{\alpha_n}}$

and  $\text{Frob} \mathbb{1}_{S_m} = \sum_{\lambda \vdash m} \frac{P_\lambda}{Z_\lambda} = h_m$  (proven before, or by Murnaghan-Nakayama)

Conclusion follows.  $\square$

⑥ Define  $\eta^\alpha = \text{char of } \text{Ind}_{S_\alpha}^{S_n} \mathbb{1}_{S_\alpha}$ . Define

the virtual character

$$\psi^\lambda = \det(\eta^{\lambda_i - i+j})$$

Jacobi-Trudi tells us

$$\text{Frob}(\psi^\lambda) = s_\lambda$$

So all  $s_\lambda$ 's are in image  $\Rightarrow \text{Frob}: R \cong \Lambda_{\mathbb{Z}}$ .

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