

Lect 8 Young Pattern and Young Tableau for $SU(N)$ (1)

§ Fundamentals of the permutation group

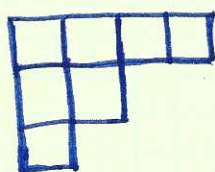
A permutation of n -object can be decomposed into a set of rotations without common elements

$$(\underbrace{a_1, \dots, a_{\lambda_1}}_{\lambda_1}) (\underbrace{a_{\lambda_1+1}, \dots, a_{\lambda_1+\lambda_2}}_{\lambda_2}) \dots (\underbrace{a_{n-\lambda_n+1}, \dots, a_n}_{\lambda_n})$$

We want $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n \geq 0$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = n$.

The class structure is determined by this partition, denoted as

as



λ_1

λ_2

λ_3

This is called Young patterns.

Each young pattern \leftrightarrow one class

of Young patterns \leftrightarrow # of classes, # of representations

For example: for S_3 3-representation / 3-classes



Young tableau: Fill in young pattern; in each row, the # on the right $>$ # on the left, and in each column, # in the bottom $>$ # in the top. # of Young tableau = dimension of Rep.

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad - \quad \dim = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \dim = 1$$

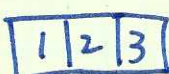
$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & \\ \hline \end{array}, \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \dim = 2$$

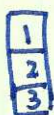
The dimension of Reps can be calculated by $d[\lambda] = \frac{n!}{\prod_{i,j} h_{i,j}}$

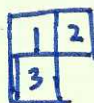
$h_{i,j}$ is the hook number:  \rightarrow  $\Rightarrow d_{\square} = \frac{3!}{3 \cdot 1 \cdot 1} = 2$.


§ Young operator

For a young tableau, the permutation of numbers of each row is summed to P_j , and $P = \prod P_j$. The permutation of numbers in each column multiplied by its parity summed to Q_i and $Q = \prod Q_i$, then $Y = PQ$. For example

 $Y = E + (12) + (23) + (13) + (123) + (132)$

 $Y = E - (12) - (23) - (13) + (123) + (132)$

 $Y = (E + (12))(E - (13)) = E + (12) - (13) - (132)$ (13)

 $Y = (E + (13))(E - (12)) = E - (12) + (13) - (123)$

⊛ Young operator satisfies $Y^2 = \lambda Y$ with $\lambda = \frac{n!}{d}$

where d is the dimension of the representation of the associated

Young pattern. For example $(Y_{\square})^2 =$

$$3 \left[E + (12) - (13) - (132) \right] \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} & E + (12) - (13) - (132) \\ & + (12) + E - (123) - (23) \\ & - (13) - (132) + E + (12) \\ & - (132) - (13) + (23) + (123) \end{aligned}$$

Hence Y is essentially the projection operator

$$e = \frac{1}{\lambda} Y \quad \text{satisfys} \quad e^2 = e.$$

We can use the Y -operator to project to each invariant space. For example, the group algebra S_3 is 6-dimensional. It

can be decomposed as

$$L = Le^{[3]} + Le_1^{[2,1]} + Le_2^{[2,1]} + Le^{[111]}$$

L : group algebra of S_3 .

HW For S_3 : all of $e^{[3]}$, $e_1^{[2,1]}$, $e_2^{[2,1]}$, $e^{[111]}$ are orthogonal to each other, and they are complete. Applying any group operation to Le , it is an invariant space

For general S_n , group, e 's for different Young patterns are orthogonal. But e 's for different young tableau of the same young pattern could be non-orthogonal. In this case, more work is needed to ensure the construction of the orthogonal projection operators " \hat{e} ". Now let's just focus on S_3 .

check

$$\textcircled{1} \quad b^{[3]} = e^{[3]} = \frac{1}{6} (E + (12) + (23) + (13) + (123) + (132))$$

any element leaves $b^{[3]}$ invariant, hence, this is the identity

Rep.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad b_{11}^{[21]} = e_1^{[21]} = \frac{1}{3} [E + (12) - (13) - (213)] \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$b_{21}^{[21]} = (23) e_1^{[21]} = \frac{1}{3} [(23) + (132) - (123) - (21)]$$

$$(12) b_{11}^{[21]} = \frac{1}{3} [(12) + E - (132) - (13)] = b_{11}^{[21]}$$

$$(12) b_{21}^{[21]} = \frac{1}{3} [(123) + (13) - (23)] = -b_{11}^{[21]} - b_{21}^{[21]}$$

\Rightarrow the matrix for (12): $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

For (123)

$$(123) b_{11}^{[21]} = \frac{1}{3} [(123) + (13) - (23) - E] = -b_{11}^{[21]} - b_{21}^{[21]}$$

$$(123) b_{21}^{[21]} = \frac{1}{3} [(132) + (23) - (12) - (123)] = b_{21}^{[21]}$$

\Rightarrow (123): $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\textcircled{3}$ The representation based on $e_2^{[21]}$ gives rise to the same Rep

$$\textcircled{4} \quad b^{[111]} = \frac{1}{6} (E - (12) - (23) - (13) + (123) + (132))$$

\Rightarrow the staggered Rep.

§ Tensor for SU(3) group

Consider a 3D complex space, whose vector is a 3-d vector,
complex

$$V_a \xrightarrow{U} V'_a \equiv (O_U V)_a = U_{ab} V_b \quad a=1,2,3$$

U is a 3×3 SU(3) matrix

The rank- n tensor has n -indices, 3^n components,

$$T_{a_1 a_2 \dots a_n} \xrightarrow{U} (O_U T)_{a_1 \dots a_n} = \sum_{b_1 \dots b_n} U_{a_1 b_1} \dots U_{a_n b_n} T_{b_1 \dots b_n}$$

The rank- n tensor span a 3^n dimensional tensor space, which is also invariant under the SU(3) transformation. The n -th tensor components form n -objects for the permutation S_n group. The tensor space is invariant under permutation group S_n . Let me define the rule of the permutation R to the tensor index

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & n \\ r_1 & r_2 & \dots & r_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_1 & \dots & s_n \\ 1 & \dots & n \end{pmatrix}$$

We define the action of R to $T_{a_1 \dots a_n}$ is to change the j -th index

a_j to the r_j -th position \Leftrightarrow the j -th position is filled with

the original a_{s_j} position. For example $R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

Then $R T_{a_1 a_2 a_3} = T_{a_3 a_1 a_2}$ (~~is~~ move the object on the j -th position permutation on positions)

or more generally

$$R T_{a_1 a_2 \dots a_n} = T_{s_1 \dots s_n}$$

* The permutation among the tensor indices and the SU(3) group operation O_u are commutable. — They work on different spaces.

Example: $(12) T_{a_1 a_2} = T_{a_2 a_1}$

$$O_u(12) T_{a_1 a_2} = O_u T_{a_2 a_1} = U_{a_2 b_2} U_{a_1 b_1} T_{b_2 b_1}$$

$$(12) \left[O_u T_{a_1 a_2} \right] = (12) U_{a_1 b_1} U_{a_2 b_2} T_{b_1 b_2} = U_{a_1 b_1} U_{a_2 b_2} T_{b_2 b_1}$$

HW: To prove the general case $O_u R T_{a_1 \dots a_n} = R O_u T_{a_1 \dots a_n}$

Hence, the permutation symmetry of the tensor index is kept when in the SU(3) transformation. For example. Consider

the rank-2 tensor $T_{ab} = \frac{1}{2} \{ T_{ab} + T_{ba} \} + \frac{1}{2} \{ T_{ab} - T_{ba} \}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } T_{ab} &= \frac{1}{2} \{ E + (12) \} T_{ab} + \frac{1}{2} \{ E - (12) \} T_{ab} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \{ y^{[2]} + y^{[1,1]} \} T_{ab} = E T_{ab} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we use the Young operator as projection operator, to project the tensor space into an invariant subspace for the SU(3) transformation. For example, the rank-3 tensor can be

$$T_{abc} = \frac{1}{6} Y^{[3]} T_{abc} + \frac{1}{3} Y_1^{[2,1]} T_{abc} + \frac{1}{3} Y_2^{[2,1]} T_{abc} + \frac{1}{6} Y^{[111]} T_{abc}$$

The rank-3 tensor space is decomposed into 4 invariant subspaces. The two in the middle are mixed tensors

$$y^{[3]} T_{abc} = \{E + (23) + (13) + (12) + (123) + (321)\} T_{abc}$$

$$= T_{abc} + T_{acb} + T_{cba} + T_{bac} + T_{bca} + T_{cab}$$

$$y_1^{[21]} T_{abc} = \{E + (12) - (13) - (213)\} T_{abc}$$

$$= T_{abc} + T_{bac} - T_{cba} - T_{bca}$$

$$y_2^{[21]} T_{abc} = \{E + (13) - (12) - (312)\} T_{abc} = T_{abc} + T_{cba} - T_{bac} - T_{cab}$$

$$y^{[111]} T_{abc} = T_{abc} - T_{acb} - T_{cba} - T_{bac} + T_{bca} + T_{cab}$$

What's the dimension in each sector? Each of them forms an irreducible Rep of the $SU(3)$ group. The total dimension $3^3 = 27$.

dimension of $SU(N)$ $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & & \\ \hline \end{array} = \frac{\boxed{N} \boxed{N+1} \boxed{N+2}}{\boxed{3} \boxed{2} \boxed{1}} = \frac{1}{6} N(N+1)(N+2) \rightarrow 10 \text{ dim for } SU(3)$

$\dim \left(\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \\ \hline \end{array} \right) = \frac{\boxed{N} \boxed{N+1}}{\boxed{N+1}} = \frac{N(N+1)(N-1)}{3} \rightarrow 8 \text{ dim for } SU(3)$

$\dim \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array} \right) = \frac{\boxed{N} \boxed{N-1} \boxed{N-2}}{\boxed{3} \boxed{2} \boxed{1}} = \frac{1}{6} N(N-1)(N-2) \rightarrow 1 \text{ for } SU(3)$

$10 + 8 \times 2 + 1 = 27$

General rule for representation of $SU(N)$. —

Each irreducible representation is denoted by a Young pattern, its # of rows less or equal to $N-1$. The dimension of representation is a ratio of two #s.

The numerator is the product of numbers filling in the Young pattern following the rule of

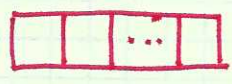
N	N+1	N+2	N+3
N-1	N	N+1	
N-2	N-1		
N-3			

The denominator is the hook #

7	5	3	1
5	3	1	
3	1		
1			

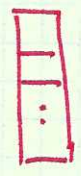
HW: According to the above rule, figure out the dimensions of the following Reps of the SU(N) group.

① one row fully symmetric Rep

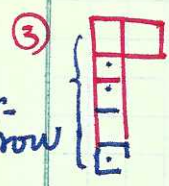


one row r-boxes $\rightarrow \dim = \binom{N+r-1}{r}$

② one column fully anti-symmetric Rep



one column r-boxes $\dim = \binom{N}{r}$



$\dim = \frac{(N+1)N \dots}{r+1} \binom{N-1}{r-1}$

The adjoint Rep is $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{N-1} \\ \vdots \\ \text{1} \end{array} \right.$

$\Rightarrow \dim = N+1 \binom{N-1}{N-2} = N^2 - 1$

(X) Construction of basis of irreducible tensor ~~represent~~ ^{space}

Let us consider the tensor sub space projected by the Young tableau

$$Y_1^{[2,1]} \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & \\ \hline \end{array} \therefore [E + (12) - (13) - (132)]$$

\Rightarrow projection on T_{abc}
 $Y_1^{[2,1]} T_{abc}$ is denote as $\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline c & \\ \hline \end{array}$, i.e., put the i th index of T

input the position denoted by the number " i " in the Young tableau

$$\text{The } \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline c & \\ \hline \end{array} = Y_1^{[2,1]} T_{abc} = T_{abc} + T_{bac} - T_{cba} - T_{bca}$$

Now we fill in 1 2 3 for a, b, c in this Young tableau

① We cannot put a b c with the same numbers.

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & \\ \hline \end{array} = 2T_{112} - T_{211} - T_{121}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & \\ \hline \end{array} = T_{123} + T_{213} - T_{321} - T_{231}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 3 & \\ \hline \end{array} = 2T_{113} - T_{311} - T_{131}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & \\ \hline \end{array} = T_{132} + T_{312} - T_{231} - T_{321}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 2 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & \\ \hline \end{array} = 2T_{223} - T_{322} - T_{232}$$

These are 8-linearly independent basis. Other fillings do not yield new basis. Relations

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & \\ \hline \end{array} = T_{122} + T_{212} - 2T_{221}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline 3 & \\ \hline \end{array} = T_{133} + T_{313} - 2T_{331}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline c & \\ \hline \end{array} = - \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline c & b \\ \hline a & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline 3 & \\ \hline \end{array} = T_{233} + T_{323} - 2T_{332}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline c & \\ \hline \end{array} - \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline b & a \\ \hline c & \\ \hline \end{array} - \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & c \\ \hline b & \\ \hline \end{array} = 0$$

HW: work out the bases for the other three tensors

Subspaces based on ① The fully symmetric tensor subspace

projected by $Y^{[3]}$

1	2	3
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, ② another mixed tensor

subspace $Y^{[2,1]}$

1	3
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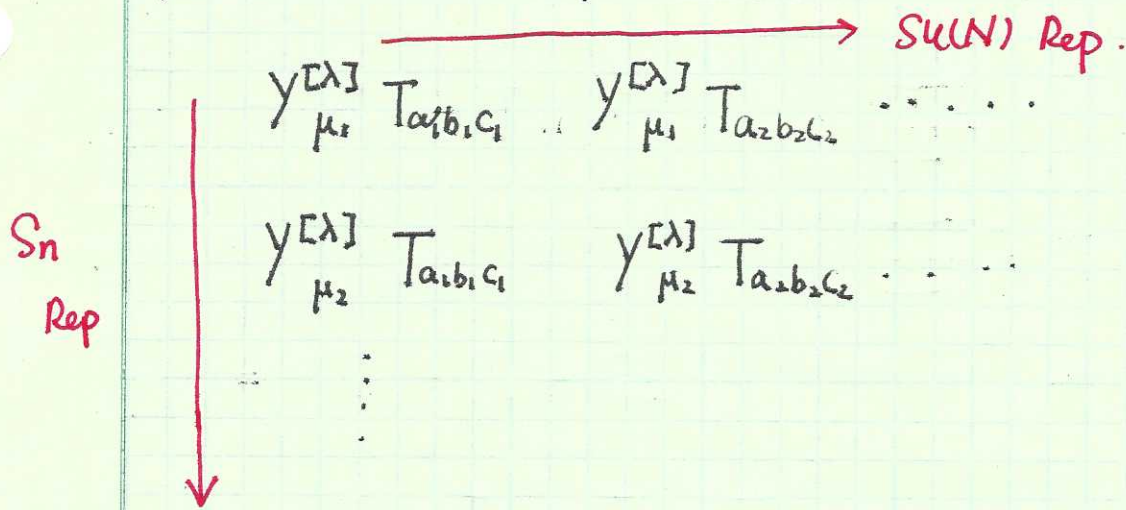
, ③ the fully anti-symmetric one

$Y^{[1,1,1]}$

1
2
3

. (Rank-3 tensors for $SU(3)$ group)

Basically, the idea of using Young tableaux & Young operator to decompose the tensor subspace is summarized as.



S_n
Rep

Different Young tableaux (based on the same Young pattern)

project out equivalent tensor subspaces: $T_{\mu}^{[\lambda]}$ and $T_{\nu}^{[\lambda]}$

Their Young operators $Y_{\mu}^{[\lambda]}$ and $Y_{\nu}^{[\lambda]}$ are connected by permutation

$R_{\mu\nu}$, i.e. $Y_{\nu}^{[\lambda]} = R_{\mu\nu} Y_{\mu}^{[\lambda]} R_{\mu\nu}^{-1}$. Hence the tensor ~~bases~~ representations are equivalent for $SU(N)$.

Actually, these equivalent subspaces form representations for the permutation group S_n , where n is the rank of tensors.