

## II.4 Tensor Product of Representations

Let  $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2$  2 Hilbert space, let  $\varphi_1 \in \mathcal{H}_1, \varphi_2 \in \mathcal{H}_2$

Set  $\varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2 : \mathcal{H}_1 \times \mathcal{H}_2 \mapsto \mathbb{C}, \varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2(\psi_1, \psi_2) := \langle \psi_1, \varphi_1 \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_1} \langle \psi_2, \varphi_2 \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_2}$

Then  $\varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2$  is a bi-antilinear map.

( $\Leftrightarrow \varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2(\psi_1 + \lambda \psi_1', \psi_2) = \varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2(\psi_1, \psi_2) + \lambda \varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2(\psi_1', \psi_2)$  and same for  $\psi_2$ )

Let  $\varepsilon$  be the set of finite linear combination of  $\varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2 (= \{ \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j \varphi_{1,j} \otimes \varphi_{2,j} \mid N \in \mathbb{N}^*, \lambda_j \in \mathbb{C} \})$

(Observe  $\varepsilon$  is a Hilbert space)

and define the scalar product  $\langle \varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2, \varphi_1' \otimes \varphi_2' \rangle_{\varepsilon} = \langle \varphi_1, \varphi_1' \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_1} \langle \varphi_2, \varphi_2' \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_2}$

Lemma:  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\varepsilon}$  is well-defined and positive definite.

$$\hookrightarrow \Leftrightarrow \langle \varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2, \varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2 \rangle_{\varepsilon} \geq 0$$

Def.  $\mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2$  is the completion of  $\varepsilon$  with respect to the norm associated with  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\varepsilon}$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  called the tensor product of  $\mathcal{H}_1$  with  $\mathcal{H}_2$ .

Lemma: If  $\{\varphi_{1,j}\}_j$  &  $\{\varphi_{2,k}\}_k$  are orthonormal bases of  $\mathcal{H}_1$  &  $\mathcal{H}_2$ , respectively, then

$\{\varphi_{1,j} \otimes \varphi_{2,k}\}_{j,k}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2$ .

Let  $A_j \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_j)$ , and set  $A_1 \otimes A_2 \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2)$  with

$(A_1 \otimes A_2)(\varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2) := A_1 \varphi_1 \otimes A_2 \varphi_2$  and then by linearity

we define  $A_1 \otimes A_2$  on any element of  $\mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2$ .

$\rightarrow$  Exercise: Prove it's bounded

If  $A_1 \otimes A_2, B_1 \otimes B_2 \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \mathcal{H}_2)$  Then  $(A_1 \otimes A_2)(B_1 \otimes B_2) = A_1 B_1 \otimes A_2 B_2$

and if  $\mathcal{H}_1$  &  $\mathcal{H}_2$  are finite dimensional then  $\text{tr}(A_1 \otimes A_2) = \text{tr}_{\mathcal{H}_1}(A_1) \text{tr}_{\mathcal{H}_2}(A_2)$

Let  $(G, U, \mathcal{H}) (G', U', \mathcal{H}')$  be 2 representations of 2 groups

For  $(a, a') \in G \otimes G'$  we set  $U(a, a') = U(a) \otimes U(a') \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}')$

Then  $(G \otimes G', U, \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}')$  is a linear representation

And if  $\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}'$  are finite dimensional,  $\chi_{U(a, a')} = \chi_U(a) \chi_{U'}(a')$

Prop. If  $(G, U, \mathcal{H}) (G', U', \mathcal{H}')$  are irreducible representations of finite groups then

1)  $(G \otimes G', U, \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}')$  is irreducible.

2) All irreducible rep. of  $G \otimes G'$  is of this form.

Consider now the rep of a single group.

Let  $G \ni a \mapsto U(a) \otimes U'(a) \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}')$

This defines a rep of  $G$ , and if  $U, U'$  are irreducible then  $(U, \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}')$  might be reducible

If  $(U, \mathcal{H})$   $(U', \mathcal{H}')$  are finite dim, then since  $\chi_U(a) = \chi_{U'}(a)$  one gets  
 $U \otimes U'$  is equivalent to  $U' \otimes U$ . The decomposition of  $U = \bigoplus_k \nu_k U^k$  can be  
 computed with  $\nu_k = \frac{1}{g} \sum_a \overline{\chi_U(a)} \chi_{U'}(a) \chi^k(a)$

Remark

Consider 2 irreducible representation  $(U^k, \mathcal{H}^k)$   $(U^j, \mathcal{H}^j)$

Since  $\mathcal{H}^j \otimes \mathcal{H}^k = \bigoplus_p \nu_p \mathcal{H}^p$  and  $U^j \otimes U^k = \bigoplus_p \nu_p U^p$

One can express a suitable basis of  $\bigoplus_p \nu_p \mathcal{H}^p$  in terms of the basis  $\{e_r^j \otimes e_s^k\}_{r,s}$

The coefficients relate to the change of basis are called the

CLEBSCH-GORDAN COEFFICIENTS.

Selection Rules

Let  $G$  be a group and  $(U, \mathcal{H})$  one representation.

Let  $\mathcal{U}: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}))$  (automorphism 自同構)

with  $\mathcal{U}(a)T := U(a)TU(a)^{-1}$  for  $\forall T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$

one has  $\mathcal{U}(ab) = \mathcal{U}(a)\mathcal{U}(b)$ ,  $\mathcal{U}(e)T = U(e)TU(e)^{-1} = T$

We have a linear rep of  $G$  on a vector space  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$

**⚠  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is not a Hilbert space!**

If  $\mathcal{H}$  is finite then  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  is of finite dimension  $n^2$  and then

$\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  can be decomposed  $= \bigoplus_k \nu_k \mathcal{L}^k$  and  $U = \bigoplus_k \nu_k U^k$

is the decomposition into irreducible rep. with  $(U^k, \mathcal{L}^k) \in \mathcal{L}^k = [(U^k, \mathcal{H}^k)]$

It means  $\exists \phi: \mathcal{H}^k \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^k$  bijective:  $\phi(U^k(a)f) = U^k(a)\phi(f) = U(a)\phi(f)U(a)^{-1}$

Thus we have a decomposition of  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$

which is based on irreducible rep. of  $G$ .

Thm (Selection Rule)

Let  $(G, U, \mathcal{H})$  be a unitary rep and consider  $\mathcal{H} = \bigoplus_k \nu_k \mathcal{H}^k$ ,  $U = \bigoplus_k \nu_k U^k$

Let  $(G, U^j, \mathcal{H}^j)$  be one irred. rep. of  $G$  and

Let  $\phi: \mathcal{H}^j \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  with  $\phi(U^j(a)f_j) = U(a)\phi(f_j)U(a)^{-1} \forall f_j \in \mathcal{H}^j$

Then  $\forall f_k \in \mathcal{H}^k \subset \mathcal{H} \forall f_i \in \mathcal{H}^i \subset \mathcal{H}: \langle f_i, \phi(f_j)f_k \rangle = 0$

EXCEPT if  $(\mathcal{H}^i, U^i)$  appears in the decomposition of  $(\mathcal{H}^j \otimes \mathcal{H}^k) \& (U^j \otimes U^k)$   
 in a sum of irred. rep.

Remark: This result is also related to the Clebsch-Gordan coef. (Wigner-Eckart Thm.)

## II.5 Symmetries and Projective Representation

Consider  $\mathcal{H}$  a Hilbert space, and  $\hat{\mathcal{H}} := \mathcal{H}/\mathbb{C}$

which means  $\hat{\mathcal{H}} \ni \hat{\psi} = \{\psi \in \mathcal{H} \mid \varphi = \alpha \psi \exists \alpha \in \mathbb{C}\}$

This interest of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  is that its elements are in bijection with all pure states, which means with all 1D projection of the form

$$P_{\hat{\psi}} = |\varphi\rangle\langle\varphi| \text{ with } \varphi \in \hat{\psi} \text{ and } \|\varphi\| = 1.$$

For 2 such pure states  $P_{\hat{\psi}}$  and  $P_{\hat{\varphi}}$

the transition probability is defined by

$$\text{Tr}(P_{\hat{\varphi}} P_{\hat{\psi}}) = |\langle\varphi, \psi\rangle|^2 \text{ with } \varphi \in \hat{\varphi}, \psi \in \hat{\psi}, \|\varphi\| = 1 = \|\psi\|$$

Def. A SYMMETRY is a map

$S: \hat{\mathcal{H}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{H}}$  satisfying

$$\text{Tr}(P_{S\hat{\psi}} P_{S\hat{\varphi}}) = \text{Tr}(P_{\hat{\psi}} P_{\hat{\varphi}})$$