

Representation Theory, lecture 29, 08 October 2015

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Let $M = \text{span} \{v_1, v_2\}$ with S_3 acting by

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 v_1 &= v_1, & s_2 v_1 &= -\frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{3}{2}v_2 \\ s_1 v_2 &= -v_2, & s_2 v_2 &= \frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{1}{2}v_2 \end{aligned}$$

In matrix form

$$s_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad s_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad s_1 s_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$s_2 s_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad s_1 s_2 s_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = s_2 s_1 s_2$$

where the last equality follows from

$$s_2 \cdot s_1 s_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \\ -\frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{4} & \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then $M \otimes M$ has basis $\{v_1 \otimes v_1, v_1 \otimes v_2, v_2 \otimes v_1, v_2 \otimes v_2\}$

and

$$s_1(v_1 \otimes v_1) = s_1 v_1 \otimes s_1 v_1 = v_1 \otimes v_1$$

$$s_1(v_1 \otimes v_2) = s_1 v_1 \otimes s_1 v_2 = -v_1 \otimes v_2$$

$$s_1(v_2 \otimes v_1) = -v_2 \otimes v_1$$

$$s_1(v_2 \otimes v_2) = v_2 \otimes v_2$$

in matrix form!

$$\text{and } s_2(v_1 \otimes v_1) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{3}{2}v_2\right) \otimes \left(-\frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{3}{2}v_2\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(v_1 \otimes v_1) + \frac{3}{4}(v_1 \otimes v_2) - \frac{3}{4}(v_2 \otimes v_1) + \frac{9}{4}(v_2 \otimes v_2)$$

$$s_2(v_2 \otimes v_2) = \left(\frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{1}{2}v_2\right) \otimes \left(\frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{1}{2}v_2\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(v_1 \otimes v_1) + \frac{1}{4}(v_1 \otimes v_2) + \frac{1}{4}(v_2 \otimes v_1) + \frac{1}{4}(v_2 \otimes v_2)$$

If $s_2(v_1 \otimes v_1 + \lambda(v_2 \otimes v_2)) = v_1 \otimes v_1 + \lambda(v_2 \otimes v_2)$ then

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$$\frac{1}{4}(1+\lambda) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{3}{4} + \lambda \frac{1}{4} = 1$$

$$\text{and } -\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad -\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = 0.$$

So $\lambda = 3$ and $\mathbb{C}(v_1 \otimes v_1 + 3(v_2 \otimes v_2))$ is a submodule of $M \otimes M$.

Furthermore this is the only copy of the trivial representation on $M \otimes M$.

Now

$$s_2(v_1 \otimes v_2) = \left(\frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{3}{2}v_2\right) \otimes \left(\frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{1}{2}v_2\right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4}(v_1 \otimes v_1) - \frac{1}{4}(v_1 \otimes v_2) + \frac{3}{4}(v_2 \otimes v_1) + \frac{3}{4}(v_2 \otimes v_2)$$

$$s_2(v_2 \otimes v_1) = \left(\frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{1}{2}v_2\right) \otimes \left(-\frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{3}{2}v_2\right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4}(v_1 \otimes v_1) + \frac{3}{4}(v_1 \otimes v_2) - \frac{1}{4}(v_2 \otimes v_1) + \frac{3}{4}(v_2 \otimes v_2)$$

So if

$$s_2(v_1 \otimes v_2 + \lambda(v_2 \otimes v_1)) = -(v_1 \otimes v_2 + \lambda(v_2 \otimes v_1))$$

then $-\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} = 0$, $-\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}\lambda = -1$, $\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4} = \lambda$, $\frac{3}{4} + \lambda \frac{3}{4} = 0$.

So $\lambda = -1$ and $\mathbb{C}(v_1 \otimes v_2 - v_2 \otimes v_1)$ is a submodule and is the only copy of the sign representation in M .

$$\text{So } M \otimes M \cong S^{\square\square} \oplus S^{\square} \oplus S^{\square}$$

(because $\dim(M \otimes M) = 4$ and $\dim(S^{\square}) = 2$).

$$s_1 s_2 s_1 (v_1 \otimes v_1) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{3}{2}v_2\right) \otimes \left(-\frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{3}{2}v_2\right) \quad 08/10/2015$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(v_1 \otimes v_1) + \frac{3}{4}(v_1 \otimes v_2) + \frac{3}{4}(v_2 \otimes v_1) + \frac{9}{4}v_2 \otimes v_2$$

$$s_1 s_2 s_1 (v_2 \otimes v_2) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{1}{2}v_2\right) \otimes \left(-\frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{1}{2}v_2\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(v_1 \otimes v_1) + \frac{1}{4}(v_1 \otimes v_2) - \frac{1}{4}v_2 \otimes v_1 + \frac{1}{4}v_2 \otimes v_2$$

$$\text{So } (s_2 + s_1 s_2 s_1)(v_1 \otimes v_1) = \frac{1}{2}(v_1 \otimes v_1) + \frac{18}{4}(v_2 \otimes v_2)$$

$$(s_2 + s_1 s_2 s_1)(v_2 \otimes v_2) = \frac{1}{2}(v_1 \otimes v_1) + \frac{1}{2}(v_2 \otimes v_2)$$

So, on $\text{span}\{v_1 \otimes v_1, v_2 \otimes v_2\}$,

$$s_2 + s_1 s_2 s_1 \text{ has matrix } \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{18}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

and $v_1 \otimes v_1 + 3(v_2 \otimes v_2)$ has eigenvalue 2

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{9}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{2} \\ \frac{12}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{18}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} - 2 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{9}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

is a projection onto $\mathbb{C}\left(-\frac{3}{2}(v_1 \otimes v_1) + \frac{1}{2}(v_2 \otimes v_2)\right)$

which is $\mathbb{C}\left(-3(v_1 \otimes v_1) + v_2 \otimes v_2\right)$

$$s_1 s_2 s_1 (v_1 \otimes v_2) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{3}{2}v_2\right) \otimes \left(-\frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{1}{2}v_2\right) \quad 08/10/2015 \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(v_1 \otimes v_1) - \frac{1}{4}v_1 \otimes v_2 + \frac{3}{4}v_2 \otimes v_1 + \frac{3}{4}(v_2 \otimes v_2)$$

$$s_1 s_2 s_1 (v_2 \otimes v_1) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{1}{2}v_2\right) \otimes \left(-\frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{3}{2}v_2\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(v_1 \otimes v_1) + \frac{3}{4}(v_1 \otimes v_2) - \frac{1}{4}(v_2 \otimes v_1) - \frac{3}{4}(v_2 \otimes v_2)$$

So

$$(s_2 + s_1 s_2 s_1)(v_1 \otimes v_2) = -\frac{1}{2}(v_1 \otimes v_2) + \frac{3}{2}(v_2 \otimes v_1)$$

$$(s_2 + s_1 s_2 s_1)(v_2 \otimes v_1) = \frac{3}{2}(v_1 \otimes v_2) - \frac{1}{2}(v_2 \otimes v_1)$$

So, on $\text{span}\{v_1 \otimes v_2, v_2 \otimes v_1\}$

$$s_2 + s_1 s_2 s_1 \text{ has matrix } \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

and $v_1 \otimes v_2 - v_2 \otimes v_1$ has eigenvalue -2 .

and $\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} + 2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ ~~has~~ is a projection

onto $\mathbb{C}(v_1 \otimes v_2 + v_2 \otimes v_1)$.

$$\text{So } M \otimes M = \mathbb{C}(v_1 \otimes v_1 + 3(v_2 \otimes v_2))$$

$$\oplus \mathbb{C}\text{-span}\{-3(v_1 \otimes v_1) + v_2 \otimes v_2, v_1 \otimes v_2 + v_2 \otimes v_1\}$$

$$\oplus \mathbb{C}\text{-span}\{v_1 \otimes v_2 - v_2 \otimes v_1\}$$

as $\mathbb{C}S_3$ -modules.