

EXERCISES 14

1. Recall that the character table of  $S_4$  is:

	(1)	(12)	(12)(34)	(123)	(1234)
$\chi_1$	1	1	1	1	1
$\chi_2$	1	-1	1	1	-1
$\chi_3$	3	1	-1	0	-1
$\chi_4$	3	-1	-1	0	1
$\chi_5$	2	0	2	-1	1

One way to find the 5 irreducible representations of  $S_4$  would be to use the following equalities.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \chi_{\text{triv}} &= \chi_1 \\
 \chi_{\text{alt}} &= \chi_2 \\
 \chi_{\text{std}} &= \chi_1 + \chi_3 \\
 \chi_4 &= \chi_2 \otimes \chi_3 \\
 \chi_3 \otimes \chi_3 &= \chi_1 + \chi_3 + \chi_4 + \chi_5
 \end{aligned}$$

Another way is to write down the Specht representation  $S^\lambda$  for each Young diagram  $\lambda$  with 4 boxes.

For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, 5\}$ , determine the Young diagram  $\lambda$  such that  $S^\lambda$  has character  $\chi_i$ .

2. Consider the Young diagram  $\lambda = (n-1, 1)$ . Prove that the subrepresentation  $S^\lambda$  of  $M^\lambda$  is isomorphic to the subrepresentation  $\{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid x_1 + \dots + x_n = 0\}$  of the standard representation.