

Relationships from the Great Orthogonality Theorem

1. The sum of the squares of the dimensions of all the irreducible representations is equal to the order of the group:

$$\sum_i d_i^2 = h = \sum_i [\chi_i(E)]^2$$

C_{3v}	E	$2C_3$	$3\sigma_v$	$h = 6$
A_1	1	1	1	$d_i^2 = 1$
A_2	1	1	-1	$d_i^2 = 1$
E	2	-1	0	$d_i^2 = 4$
				$\Sigma d_i^2 = 6$

2. The number of irreducible representations of a group is equal to the number of classes.
3. In a given representation (irreducible or reducible) the characters for all operations belonging to the same class are the same.

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4. The sum of the squares of the characters in any irreducible representation equals the order of the group:

$$\sum_R [\chi_i(R)]^2 = h = \sum_{R_c} g_c [\chi_i(R_c)]^2$$

C_{3v}	E	$2C_3$	$3\sigma_v$	$h = 6$
A_1	1	1	1	$(1)(1) + (2)(1) + (3)(1) = 6$
A_2	1	1	-1	$(1)(1) + (2)(1) + (3)(1) = 6$
E	2	-1	0	$(1)(4) + (2)(1) + (3)(0) = 6$

5. Any two different irreducible representations are orthogonal:

$$\sum_{R_c} g_c \chi_i(R_c) \chi_j(R_c) = 0$$

C_{3v}	E	$2C_3$	$3\sigma_v$	
A_2	1	1	-1	
E	2	-1	0	$\sum g_c \chi_i \chi_j$
$g_c \chi_i \chi_j$	$(1)(1)(2) = 2$	$(2)(1)(-1) = -2$	$(3)(-1)(0) = 0$	$2 - 2 + 0 = 0$

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Combining points 4 and 5:

$$\sum_{R_c} g_c \chi_i(R_c) \chi_j(R_c) = h \delta_{ij}$$

Kronecker delta function, δ_{ij} :

$$\delta_{ij} = 0 \text{ if } i \neq j$$

$$\delta_{ij} = 1 \text{ if } i = j$$