

Review from last lecture:

Assume that $H \trianglelefteq G$ of index 2. Let ρ be an irreducible representation of G , with character χ_ρ .

Let λ be the character of G induced by the non-trivial character of G/H : $\lambda(g) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } g \in H \\ -1 & \text{if } g \in G-H \end{cases}$.

then two possibilities can occur:

① $\rho_H = \text{Res}_{H+}^G \rho$ is irreducible. Then $\chi_\rho \neq \chi_{\rho \cdot \lambda}$ and χ_ρ and $\chi_{\rho \cdot \lambda}$ are the unique characters of G that restrict to χ_{ρ_H} .

② $\rho_H = \text{Res}_{H+}^G \rho$ is reducible. Then $\rho_H = \varphi_1 \oplus \varphi_2$, with φ_1 and φ_2 inequivalent representations of H of the same dimension. Moreover, $\chi_\rho = \chi_{\rho \cdot \lambda}$ and there is no other irreducible representation of G whose restriction to H contains φ_1 and/or φ_2 .

Application: Knowing that A_7 has 9 conjugacy classes and that the irred. reprs of S_7 have dim. 1, 1, 6, 6, 14, 14, 14, 14, 15, 15, 20, 21, 21, 35, 35; find the complete list of degrees of the irreducible char. of A_7 .

► If $\deg \chi_\rho$ is odd $\Rightarrow \chi_{\rho_H}$ must be irreducible $\Rightarrow \chi_\rho \neq \chi_{\rho \cdot \lambda}$.

Induced Representations

In This section we study induced representations from a subgroup. We have seen in The previous lecture That every representation of G restricts To a representation of $H \leq G$ on The same space. We are going To reverse This construction, and produce a representation of G for each given representation of $H \leq G$.

There are 2ways To define induce representations. We discuss all of them, and we show Their equivalence.

DEFINITION #1 Let H be a subgroup of G (not necessarily normal) and let (τ, W) be a representation of H .

Consider The vector space

$$\mathbb{X} = \{ f: G \rightarrow W, f(gh) = \tau(h^{-1})f(g) \quad \forall g \in G, h \in H \}.$$

[It consists of functions from G To W (\leftarrow The representation space of τ) that behave "well" under right Translation by H .]

We define a representation ρ of G on \mathbb{X} by :

$$[\rho(s)f](g) = f(s^{-1}g), \quad \forall f \in \mathbb{X}, \forall g, s \in G.$$

Elements of G act on \mathbb{X} by left Translation. To check that this action is well defined, we prove That

$$[\rho(s)f](gh) = \tau(h^{-1}) [\rho(s)f(g)] \quad \forall s, g \in G, \forall h \in H, \forall f \in \mathbb{X}.$$

Then $f \in \mathbb{X}$ and $\varphi(f) = (\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_k)$.

So φ is a vector space isomorphism, and therefore

$$\dim(\mathbb{X}) = \dim(W^{\oplus k}) = k \dim W = \frac{|G|}{|H|} \dim V. \checkmark$$

Let's construct an explicit basis of \mathbb{X} .

Fix a basis $\underline{w}_1, \dots, \underline{w}_n$ of W ($n = \dim V$). For all $j = 1, \dots, k = \frac{|G|}{|H|}$ and all $l = 1, \dots, n = \dim W$, define an element of \mathbb{X} by:

$$f_{j,l} : \bigoplus_{i=1}^k g_i H \rightarrow W, g_i h \mapsto s_{ij} t^{\tau(h^{-1})} \underline{w}_e.$$

This function is identically zero on the cosets $g_i H$ with $i \neq j$, and takes the values

$$f_{j,l}(g_i h) = t^{\tau(h^{-1})} \underline{w}_e$$

on $g_j H$. In other words, $f_{j,l}$ is the inverse image
of the k -tuple $(\underline{0}, \underline{0}, \dots, \overset{\text{up}}{\underline{w}_e}, \underline{0}, \dots, \underline{0}) \in W^{\oplus k}$.

It's clear that this is a basis, because $\{\varphi(f_{j,l})\}_{\substack{j=1-k \\ l=1-n}}$
are a basis of $W^{\oplus k}$ and φ is an isomorphism.

DEFINITION #2 Let (t, W) be a representation of H .

We define a representation (θ, V) of G which is induced from (t, W) .

As a vector space, $V = \bigoplus_{i=1}^k g_i W$.

$$\rightarrow [f(s)f](gh) = f(s^{-1}gh) = t(h^{-1})[f(s^{-1}g)] = t(h^{-1})[g(s)f(g)]$$

We call $(g, \bar{\chi})$ the induced representation of (t, χ) from H to G , and we write $\bar{g} = \text{Ind}_H^G t$.

Remark: $\dim(\text{Ind}_H^G t) = \dim t \cdot [G:H] = \dim t \frac{|G|}{|H|}$.

Proof- Choose representatives $g_1, \dots, g_K \in G$ for the left cosets, so that

$$G = g_1 H \uplus g_2 H \uplus \dots \uplus g_K H.$$

[We have denoted by \uplus the disjoint union of sets].

By construction, $K = [G:H] = \frac{|G|}{|H|}$.

We notice that every element $f \in \bar{\chi}$ is completely determined by its values at g_1, g_2, \dots, g_K .
Indeed, for all $s \in G$, we can write

$$f(s) = f(g_i h) = t(h^{-1}) f(g_i).$$

$$s = g_i h \text{ for some } h \in H \\ \text{and } i=1 \dots K$$

It follows that the map

$$\varphi: \bar{\chi} \rightarrow W^{\oplus K}, f \mapsto (f(g_1), f(g_2), \dots, f(g_K))$$

is injective. It's easy to show that φ is also surjective:
if v_1, \dots, v_K are any elements of W , we can define

$$f: G = \bigcup_{i=1}^K g_i H \rightarrow W, g_i h \mapsto t(h^{-1}) v_i.$$

Remember that g_1, \dots, g_k are representatives for the left cosets of H in G (so that $G = \bigcup_{i=1}^k g_i H$).

For all $i=1\dots k$, $g_i W$ is a "formal" vector space

with operations $g_i \underline{w}_1 + g_i \underline{w}_2 = g_i (\underline{w}_1 + \underline{w}_2)$

and $c(g_i \underline{w}) = g_i c \underline{w}$. Clearly, $g_i W$ is isomorphic to W as a vector space.

If H is normal, $g_i W$ carries a representation of H defined by $h \cdot g_i \underline{w} = g_i \tau(g_i^{-1} h g_i) \underline{w}$, but - in general - we won't assume H to be normal.

So $g_i W$ should just be regarded a vector space.

We let G act on $V = \bigoplus_{i=1}^k g_i W$ as follows:

if $s \in G$, there is a unique index $i' \in \{1\dots k\}$ s.t. $s g_i \in g_{i'} H$ (say that $s g_i = g_{i'} h$). then we set

$$\Theta(s)(g_i \underline{w}) = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ s g_i = g_{i'} h}}{g_{i'} t(h)} \underline{w}.$$

Notice that $\Theta(s)$ permutes the subspaces $\{g_i W\}_{i=1\dots k}$ of V , and carries $g_i W$ into $g_{i'} W$ if $s g_i \in g_{i'} H$.

Let's verify that Θ is a well defined representation of G on V : $\Theta(s_1) \Theta(s_2) g_i \underline{w} = \Theta(s_1 s_2) g_i \underline{w} \quad \forall s_1, s_2 \in G, \forall \underline{w} \in W, \forall i = 1\dots k$.

If $s_2 g_i = g_{i_2} h_2$, and $s_1 g_{i_2} = g_{i_1} h_1$, Then

$$(s_1 s_2) g_i = s_1(g_{i_2} h_2) = (s_1 g_{i_2}) h_2 = (g_{i_1} h_1) h_2 = g_i(h_1 h_2)$$

so we can write:

$$\Theta(s_2) g_i \underline{w} = g_{i_2} \underbrace{\tau(h_2) \underline{w}}_{\text{in } W} \in g_{i_2} W$$

$$s_2 g_i = g_{i_2} h_2$$

$$\Theta(s_1) g_{i_2} (\tau(h_2) \underline{w}) = g_{i_1} (\tau(h_1) \tau(h_2) \underline{w}) = g_{i_1} \underbrace{\tau(h_1 h_2) \underline{w}}_{\text{in } W}$$

$$s_1 g_{i_2} = g_{i_1} h_1$$

$$\Theta(s_1 s_2) g_i \underline{w} = g_{i_1} \underbrace{\tau(h_1 h_2) \underline{w}}_{\text{in } W}.$$

$$s_1 s_2 g_i = g_{i_1} (h_1 h_2)$$

$$\text{So } \Theta(s_1 s_2) g_i \underline{w} = \Theta(s_1) \Theta(s_2) g_i \underline{w}, \quad \forall \underline{w} \in W, \forall s_1, s_2 \in G$$

$$\forall i = 1 \dots K. \quad \checkmark$$

This shows that (Θ, V) is a well defined representation of G . Clearly V has dimension

$$\dim V = K \dim W = \frac{|G|}{|H|} \dim V$$

and the set $\{g_j \underline{w}\}_{j=1 \dots K=|G|/|H|}^{l=1 \dots n=\dim W}$ are a basis of $V = \bigoplus_{i=1}^K g_i W$. Next, we show that (Θ, V) is equivalent to (φ, X)

EQUIVALENCE OF THE TWO DEFINITIONS

we define a map $T: \mathbb{X} \rightarrow V$ and we show that

1) T is an isomorphism

2) T is an intertwining operator, i.e. The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{X} & \xrightarrow{T} & V \\ g(s) \downarrow & & \downarrow \Theta(s) \\ \mathbb{X} & \xrightarrow{T} & V \end{array}$$

commutes for all $s \in G$.

We know that $\{f_j e\}_{\substack{j=1 \dots k=|\mathcal{A}|/|\mathcal{H}| \\ l=1 \dots n=\dim W}}$ and $\{g_j w_e\}_{\substack{j=1 \dots k \\ l=1 \dots n}}$

are basis of \mathbb{X} and V respectively.

Define $T: \mathbb{X} \rightarrow V$ by $T(f_j e) = g_j w_e, \forall j=1 \dots k, \forall l=1 \dots n$.

Clearly T is a vector space isomorphism.

Next, we show that

$$\Theta(s) T(f_j e) = T g(s)(f_j e)$$

$\forall s \in G, \forall j=1 \dots k, \forall l=1 \dots n$.

LEFT HAND SIDE:

$$\bullet \quad \Theta(s) T(f_j e) = \Theta(s)(g_j w_e) = g_j, t(h) w_e =$$

suppose $v sg_j = g_j, h$

suppose $t(h) w_e = \sum_{m=1}^n a_m w_m$

$$= \sum_{m=1}^n a_m g_j, w_m$$

RIGHT HAND SIDE

- $T g(s) f_{je} = ?$

First, we need to determine $g(s) f_{je}$.

It's enough to understand $(p(s) f_{je})(g_r) \quad \forall r=1\dots k$.

$$p(s) f_{je}(g_r) = f_{je}(s^{-1}g_r) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } s^{-1}g_r \notin g_j H \\ f_{je}(g_j h) & \text{if } s^{-1}g_r = g_j h \end{cases}$$

remember that
f_{je} is supported
on g_jH.

Notice that $s^{-1}g_r \in g_j H \iff g_r \in sg_j H \iff r=j'.$
 $sg_j = g_j h$

Moreover, $s g_j = g_j h \Rightarrow s^{-1} g_j h = g_j \Rightarrow s^{-1} g_j = g_j h^{-1}$.

In the previous notations, $h = h^{-1}$.

So $p(s) f_{je}(g_r) = 0 \quad \forall r \neq j'$ and

$$\begin{aligned} p(s) f_{je}(g_{j'}) &= f_{je}(g_j h^{-1}) = t((h^{-1})^{-1}) w_e = \\ &= t(h) w_e = \sum_{m=1}^n a_m w_m. \end{aligned}$$

We can write:

$$p(s) f_{je} = \sum_{m=1}^n a_m f_{j'm}.$$

Next, we apply T to it:

$$T p(s) f_{je} = \sum_{m=1}^n a_m T(f_{j'm}) = \sum_{m=1}^n a_m g_{j'} w_m = \Theta(s) T f_{je}$$

We have proved that

$$Tg(s)f_{je} = \Theta(s)Tf_{je} \quad \forall j=1 \dots k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ if } l=1 \dots n = \dim W,$$

so $Tg(s) = \Theta(s)T$, $\forall s \in G$ and The isomorphism T is an intertwining operator.

\Rightarrow The representations (ρ, \mathbb{X}) and (Θ, V) of G are equivalent.

\Rightarrow The two definitions of induced representations are equivalent!

Remark: For practical purposes, it's more convenient to use the second definition (i.e. (Θ, V)), although it's less natural ...

Remark: We should also prove that our definitions of (Θ, V) and (ρ, \mathbb{X}) are independent of the choice of the coset representatives $\{g_1, \dots, g_k\}$.
We omit the proof, for brevity reasons.

EXAMPLES OF INDUCED REPRESENTATIONS

EXAMPLE #1 Let $G = S_3$, let $H = \{1, (23)\}$ and let (\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{C}) be the trivial representation of H .

We choose 1 , (12) and (13) are representatives in G for the left cosets of H :

$$G = 1H \uplus (12)H \uplus (13)H$$

with

$$1H = \{1, (23)\}$$

$$(12)H = \{(12), (123)\}$$

$$(13)H = \{(13), (132)\}.$$

We construct the induced representation using the 2nd definition.
In our notations:

$$W = \mathbb{C}; \quad k = 3 = \frac{|G|}{|H|}; \quad g_1 = 1; \quad g_2 = (12); \quad g_3 = (13)$$

and $V = 1\mathbb{C} \oplus (12)\mathbb{C} \oplus (13)\mathbb{C}$.

We write an element of V as

$$\underline{v} = 1x + (12)y + (13)z,$$

and we study the action of $\sigma \in G$ on \underline{v} .

If $\sigma = (12)$, Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta((12)) \underline{v} &= \underbrace{\Theta(12) 1}_{{(12)} 1 = (12) 1} x + \underbrace{\Theta(12)(12)}_{\substack{(12)(12) = 1 \\ \uparrow \\ g_1 \text{ in } H}} y + \underbrace{\Theta(12)(13)}_{\substack{(12)(13) = (132) = \\ (13)(23) \\ \uparrow \\ g_3 \text{ in } H}} z = \\ &= (12) \cancel{t}(1)x + 1 \cancel{t}(1)y + (13) \cancel{t}(23)z = \end{aligned}$$

$$= (12)t(1)x + 1t(1)y + (13)t(23)z =$$

$$\bar{\rho} = (12)x + 1y + (13)z = 1y + (12)x + (13)z$$

$\bar{\rho}$ is the trivial representation

\Rightarrow The matrix of $\Theta(12)$ wrt the basis $\{1 \cdot 1, (12) \cdot 1, (13) \cdot 1\}$ is
 $\Theta(12) \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Notice that $\chi_{\Theta}^{(12)} = 1$.

If $\sigma = (123)$, then

$$\Theta(123)v = \underbrace{\Theta(123)1}_{(123) \cdot 1 = (12) \cdot (23)}x + \underbrace{\Theta(123)(12)y}_{(123)(12) = (13) = (13) \cdot 1} + \underbrace{\Theta(123)(13)z}_{(123)(13) = (23) = 1 \cdot (23)} =$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$
 $g_2 \quad m_H \quad g_3$

$$= (12) \uparrow(23)x + (13) \uparrow(1)y + 1 \uparrow(23)z =$$

$$= (12)x + (13)y + 1z = 1z + (12)x + (13)y$$

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 $\nu = \text{trivial}$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta(123) \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and } \chi_{\Theta}^{(123)} = 0.$$

It follows that $\Theta = \text{Ind}_H^G(\text{tr})$ has character

1	(12)	(123)
3	1	0

A quick glance at The character Table of $G=S_3$

	1	(12)	(123)
U	1	1	1
U'	1	-1	1
V	2	0	-1

Shows That $\Theta = U \oplus V$.

Similarly, if we induced t' = sign representation of H we find :

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta'(12) &= (12)t'(1)x + 1t'(1)y + (13)t'(23)z = \\ &= (12)x + 1y - (13)z = \\ &= 1y + (12)x - (13)z\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta'(12) \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \chi_{\Theta'}(12) = -1;$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta'(123) &= (12)t'(23)x + (13)t'(1)y + 1t'(23)z = \\ &= -(12)x + (13)y - 1z = \\ &= -1z - (12)x + (13)y\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta'(123) \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \chi_{\Theta'}(123) = 0.$$

The character of Θ' is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & (12) & (123) \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, hence

$$\Theta' = V' \oplus V_-$$

Example #2

$$G = D_6 = \langle a, b : a^3 = b^2 = 1, b^{-1}ab = a^{-1} \rangle$$

and $H = \langle a \rangle$ (order 3, index 2).

The group H has 3 one-dimensional representations t_1, t_2, t_3 given by :

	1	a	a^2
t_1	1	1	1
t_2	1	w	$w^2 = \bar{w}$
t_3	1	$w^2 = \bar{w}$	w

where $w = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}}$.

Let's induce each of these representations to G .

In every case, $W = \mathbb{C}$ and $V = V = 1\mathbb{C} \oplus b\mathbb{C}$.

[We can choose $\{1, b\}$ as representatives in G for the left cosets of G : $G = 1H \cup bH$, and

$$1H = \{a, a^2, 1\}$$

$$bH = \{ba = a^3b, ba^2 = ab, b\}.$$

Also, for every $i=1, 2, 3$, we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta_i(a)(1x + by) &= \underbrace{\Theta_i(a)1}_{a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a} x + \underbrace{\Theta_i(a)b}_{ab = ba^2} y = \\ &= 1 t_i(a)x + b t_i(a^2)y. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Theta_i(b)(1x + by) = \underbrace{\Theta_i(b)1}_{b \cdot 1 = b \cdot 1} x + \underbrace{\Theta_i(b)b}_{bb = 1 = 1 \cdot 1} y =$$

$\uparrow \uparrow$
 $g_2 \in \mathbb{P}_H$ $g_1 \in \mathbb{P}_H$

$$= b t_i(1)x + 1 b_i(1)y \stackrel{t_i(1)=1}{=} 1 \cdot y + b \cdot x$$

$t_i(1)=1 \quad \forall i=1..3$

The matrices of $\Theta_i(a)$ and $\Theta_i(b)$ w.r.t. the basis $\{1 \cdot 1, b \cdot 1\}$ of V are:

$$\Theta_i(a) \sim \begin{bmatrix} t_i(a) & 0 \\ 0 & t_i(a^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Theta_i(b) \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

When $i=1$, $\Theta_1 = \text{Ind}_H^G(\text{trivial})$ and $\begin{cases} \Theta_1(a) = \text{Id} \\ \Theta_1(b) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{cases}$.

When $i=2$, $\Theta_2 = \text{Ind}_H^G(\chi_2)$ and $\begin{cases} \Theta_1(a) = \begin{bmatrix} \omega & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\omega} \end{bmatrix} \\ \Theta_2(b) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{cases}$

When $i=3$, $\Theta_3 = \text{Ind}_H^G(\chi_3)$ and $\begin{cases} \Theta_1(a) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\omega} & 0 \\ 0 & \omega \end{bmatrix} \\ \Theta_2(b) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{cases}$

Compare these results with the character Table of D_6 :

	1	cc(a)	cc(b)
g_1	1	1	1
g_2	1	1	-1
g_3	2	-1	0

Then it's clear that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Theta_1 = g_1 \oplus g_2 \\ \Theta_2 = g_3 \\ \Theta_3 = g_3. \end{array} \right.$$

Example #3

Let ν be the regular representation of H , so $\nu = \bigoplus_{h \in H} \mathbb{C}e_h$.

Choose $g_1, \dots, g_k \in G$ s.t. $G = \bigcup_{i=1}^k g_i H$.

Let $(\Theta, \nu) = \text{Ind}_H^G (\nu, \nu)$.

then $\nu = \bigoplus_{i=1}^k g_i \nu = \bigoplus_{i=1 \dots k} \bigoplus_{h \in H} \mathbb{C}g_i e_h$.

An element $s \in G$ acts on $g_i e_h$ by :

$$s(g_i e_h) = \underset{s \in g_i}{\underset{\uparrow}{g_i}} \nu(h) e_h = g_i' e_{h/h'}$$

$$s g_i = g_i' h'$$

Claim: (Θ, ν) is equivalent to the regular representation of G .

Denote the reg.-rep. of G by (ρ, \mathbb{X}) . Then $\mathbb{X} = \bigoplus_{g \in G} \mathbb{C}e_g$ and

$$\rho(s) e_g = e_{sg} \forall s, g \in G.$$

We define an isomorphism $T: \nu \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ by

$$T(g_i e_h) = e_{g_i h}, \quad \forall i=1 \dots k, \forall h \in H.$$

Because $G = \bigcup_{i=1}^k g_i H$, T carries a basis of ν into a basis of \mathbb{X} , so

It's invertible. Moreover T is an intertwining operator.

$$\bullet \quad g(s)T(g_i e_h) = g(s)(e_{g_i h}) = e_{sg_i h}$$

$$\bullet \quad T\Theta(s)(g_i e_h) = T(g'_i e_{h''}) = e_{\underbrace{g'_i h''}_{sg'_i}} = e_{sg_i h} \checkmark$$

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 $sg_i = g'_i h'$

\downarrow
 sg'_i

$[\forall s \in G, \forall h \in H, \forall i=1 \dots k]$.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ind}_H^G (\text{regular repr. of } H) = \text{regular representation of } G.$$

EXAMPLE #4. As usual, let $H \trianglelefteq G$, and let $G = \bigoplus_{i=1}^k g_i H$.

$\text{Ind}_H^G(\text{trivial}) = \text{permutation representation associated with the natural action of } G \text{ on the set } \{g_1 H, g_2 H, \dots, g_k H\}$.

If $s \in G$, and $(sg_i)H = g'_i H$, then define $s \cdot [g_i H] = [g'_i H]$.

proof - $V = \text{Ind}_H^G \text{ triv.} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^k g_i \mathbb{C}$; $\Theta(s) g_i a = g'_i \underbrace{r(h)a}_{=a \text{ bc } r=\text{trivial}} = g'_i a$

Now consider the permutation representation associated to the action of G on cosets:

$$U = \bigoplus_{i=1}^k \mathbb{C} e_{g_i H}; g(s) e_{g_i H} = e_{s \cdot g_i H} = e_{g'_i H}$$

$$s \cdot g_i H = g'_i H$$

if $sg_i = g'_i h$

It's clear that the isomorphism $T: V \rightarrow U$, $g_i \mapsto e_{g_i H}$ is an intertwining operator.