

**Exercise 1:**

Let  $k = \mathbb{Q}$  and  $G = \mathbb{A}_4$ . Let  $\chi$  be any one of the three nontrivial linear characters on the normal 2-Sylow group of  $G$ . Show that  $\chi^G$  is the tetrahedral character on  $G$  (which is also the character of the 3-dim. reduced permutation representation of  $G$  on the  $G$ -set  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ).

**Solution:** We have  $H = \{1, (12)(34), (13)(24), (14)(23)\} = \mathbb{K}_4 \triangleleft G = \mathbb{A}_4$  the normal 2-Sylow subgroup of  $G$ . We have that  $[G : H] = 3$ . We know that the three non-trivial characters on  $H$  have dimension 1 ( $H$  is abelian):

	1	$a$	$b$	$ab$
	1	1	1	1
$\chi_2$	1	1	-1	-1
$\chi_3$	1	-1	1	-1
$\chi_4$	1	-1	-1	1

where  $a = (12)(34)$ ,  $b = (13)(24)$ . We want to compute  $\chi_i^G$  for each  $i = 2, 3, 4$ . For this, we will use the formula derived for the extended character, since we are in the good characteristic case. Since  $H \triangleleft \mathbb{A}_4$ , we know that  $\chi_i^G(\mathbb{A}_4 \setminus H) = 0$ . So we need to compute the character over  $H$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_i^G(h) &= \frac{1}{|H|} \sum_{t \in \mathbb{A}_4} \chi_i(\underbrace{t^{-1}ht}_{inH}) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{t \in \mathbb{A}_4} \chi_i(t^{-1}ht) = \chi_i(h) + \chi_i((123)^{-1}h(123)) + \chi_i((124)^{-1}h(124)) = \\ &= \chi_i(h) + \chi_i((132)h(123)) + \chi_i((142)h(124)), \end{aligned}$$

since the left-cosets of  $H$  over  $G$  are given by  $\{1, (123), (124)\}$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} (132)a(123) &= (13)(24) = b; & (132)b(123) &= (14)(23) = ab; & (132)ab(123) &= bab = a; \\ (142)a(124) &= ab; & (142)b(124) &= a; & (142)ab(124) &= aba = b. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, in any case, we get  $\chi_i^G(a) = \chi_i^G(b) = \chi_i^G(ab) = \sum_{\substack{h \in H \\ h \neq 1}} \chi_i(h)$ , and  $\chi_i^G(1) = 3$  for all

$i = 2, 3, 4$ . Hence:

	1	$a$	$b$	$ab$
	1	1	1	1
$\chi_2^G$	3	-1	-1	-1
$\chi_3^G$	3	-1	-1	-1
$\chi_4^G$	3	-1	-1	-1

and  $\chi_i^G(G \setminus H) = 0$ . Thus, for all  $i$ , since  $a, b, ab$  lie in the conjugate class of  $a$  over  $G$ , we get  $\chi_i^G = (3, -1, 0, 0)$  (i.e.  $\chi_i^G(1) = 3$ ,  $\chi_i^G(a) = -1$ ,  $\chi_i^G((123)) = \chi_i^G((123)^2) = 0$ ), which corresponds to the tetrahedral representation of  $\mathbb{A}_4$ .  $\square$